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Walk of memories



Bypass president resigns and switches position

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CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. — Things may get a whole lot trickier for those attempting to garner support for an Emmitsburg/Pennsylvania bypass now that one of the main supporters of the project has resigned his position as president of the Mason Dixon Coalition for a Northern Bypass.

In a letter addressed to the editor and readers of *The Dispatch*, Carroll Valley Borough Councilman William K. Reinke stated that, "As I have visited townships and boroughs in Southern Adams County and spoken to the residents, it has become clear to me that this bypass flies in the face of my ideals as a private citizen and a Carroll Valley Councilman: to represent the will of the people, to manage growth wisely, and to lead with the long term future in mind. In that light, I have resigned

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Enjoy an evening of Christmas spirit

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Enjoy an evening celebrating the true meaning of Christmas at the 19th Annual "An Evening of Christmas Spirit."

"In recent years, absolutely, this event has increased,"

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Richard Abraham (left) and AMVETS Post 172 Commander Kenneth Woldford (right) unveil a monument in honor of the 39 veterans who formed the Fairfield AMVETS post in 1953. The monument and a commemorative brick walk were dedicated at the post on Veterans Day. For the full story, see page 7.

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Mount employee wins gold at Special Olympics

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TANEYTOWN, Md. — Charles Syd Lean of Taneytown has been involved in competitive cycling since he was three years old, riding away with countless medals, awards, titles and trophies. But most recently Syd participated in the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games and left an Olympic champion.

Syd won gold medals in the 15k road race and 40k road race and won silver in the 25k road race in the top-seeded division.

"It was good," Syd simply said of his experience at the Olympics. For three weeks

Syd was in China, training prior to and participating in the Olympic Games, which gave him quite a bit of time to take in the culture.

"It was alright," Syd said of the food, adding that using chopsticks was a bit tricky.

To prepare for the Olympics and all of his competitions, Syd trains four times a week, often cycling the 15 miles to his job at Mount Saint Mary's University, where he works on the grounds crew.

Syd's father and mother, Robert and Tracy, are avid cyclist themselves and go on rides with Syd occasionally, which can test their stamina more than Syd's.

"He's very strong... so it's nothing when he drops me," Robert said. "When he wants

to go, I can't hold his wheel."

That determination and strength seems to be a key in Syd's ability to blow away the competition. At the most-recent Special Olympics Syd faced stiff competition and in the midst of a race, while his coach was shouting advice from the sideline, Syd did the one thing he could, ride hard.

"I'm doing what I'm doing," Syd shouted to his coach, racing away to victory.

With the Olympics behind him, for now, Syd continues

to train for that next competition and makes plans for the future. Although some may consider Syd's intellectual disability just that, a disability, it's not so for his family or Syd, who is as able and determined as any.

After taking his driving permit test 20 times, Syd received his permit and is in the process of clocking his driving time and thinking about which car he may buy; right

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Haunted Asylum was great!

I would like to thank one group for the effort they put into providing us with such outstanding Halloween entertainment ... the people at The Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital for having their first annual Live-Nightmare Haunted Asylum on Oct. 27. It was so professionally done, and the donations went to help needy animals. Emmitsburg has always had a great community spirit, and Dr. Matthews and his staff and their families and friends have certainly lived up to that. It was one of the scariest horror shows I've ever gone to. I was glad I was asked to be a part of it, and I got to watch over the outdoor "bone-fire", which provided a safer place for those to go who could not finish the whole asylum. Then, if the horrors weren't thrilling enough, we had a fire drill. The chainsaw massacre of the caged children, where

the drains were flowing with blood, had set off the alarm! At the end, when I went through, I soon heard myself thinking, "Get me out of here! Oh good, an exit door!" But then they would just keep taking me into some other horror! It was advertised for adults, but I guess I'm not adult enough! I was really scared, and I found it an emotional release when I got to see the execution. At least nothing was happening to me, then!!! Later, I heard people saying that the actors were fantastic. "What actors?" I thought. They all seemed real to me! If you missed it, there's always next year. I think they are planning to add a little flavor, as one of the displays is to have barbequed bones! Thanks, again for having such exciting entertainment, and I'll see you next year.

Elizabeth Buckham
Fairfield, Pa.

We can do better than Bartlett

The gerrymandered Sixth Congressional District ensures that a democrat living in Frederick County will be poorly represented in congress by a republican. That would be easier to take if that republican were of the same high caliber as Sen. Charles Mathias or Rep. Wayne Gilcrest. Unfortunately, that is not our case. Our representative looks backward, does little, and favors selfish special interests.

Republicans, you can do

better than Roscoe Bartlett, PhD. Give us an active, forward-looking candidate with judgment who favors the general public and not the selfish special interests.

Remember, there are those who are old and wise. Then, there are those who are old and otherwise.

You know in which class Rep. Roscoe Bartlett falls.

Harold C. Craig, Jr.
Emmitsburg

President George Washington created Thanksgiving Day in 1789

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation:

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress has, by their joint committee, requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, "to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"

Now therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of November next, to be devoted to the people of these states to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; -- for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been able to establish Constitutions of government for our safety

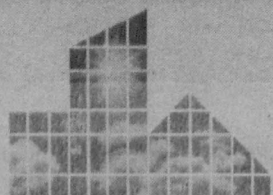
and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; -- for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; -- and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also, that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; -- to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us); and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

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Bypass

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from the Mason Dixon Coalition for a Northern Bypass and withdrawn my support of the project."

Reinke listed several concerns in regards to the building of a bypass in Pennsylvania, including his belief that a bypass would lead to the destruction of agricultural and historical property, would negatively affect residents of southern Adams County with increased congestion and would lead to an excess of commercial development.

With that in mind, Reinke

challenged those in Emmitsburg to consider whether a bypass is the correct answer.

Former Emmitsburg Commissioner Bill O'Neil, a major proponent of the bypass while in office and the person who initially recruited Reinke's support, said that despite Reinke's withdrawal of support for the bypass, he foresees it as an inevitable project.

"The bypass will happen, it's just a matter of where and when," O'Neil said, adding "no matter when you put a road in no one will like it."

With plans to build thousands of homes just north of the Mason-Dixon Line, O'Neil said the by-

pass will be necessary.

"Pennsylvania has not restricted [residential] building...eventually Pennsylvania will be crushed with traffic," O'Neil said.

While in office, O'Neil was a major supporter of the coalition and worked with Reinke on the issue, mainly trying to get federal funding for the bypass. With Reinke's resignation on the table, O'Neil sees Pennsylvania governments as ignoring the problems they will cause.

"We didn't build homes in Pennsylvania," O'Neil said. "They don't want to step up to the plate."

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now it's a smart car, a green one, because it's safe and cheaper on gas.

With the next Olympics a few short years away and

many competitions held between now and then, there is no doubt that Syd will continue to excel in his sport and race away victorious, because as Robert said, "Syd never wants to give up."



- PHOTO COURTESY MOUNT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY

Employees and staff at Mount St. Mary's celebrated that one of their own, Charles Syd Lean of Taneytown, recently won two gold and one silver medal at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in China.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sheriff to meet with citizens

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Frederick County Sheriff Chuck Jenkins will be meeting with citizens to hear their thoughts and concerns on law enforcement issues in Emmitsburg. Jenkins will meet with citizens on Nov. 27 at 7 p.m. in the town meeting room on the third floor of the Emmitsburg Community Center on South Seton Avenue. The Town of Emmitsburg contracts with the sheriff's office to have sheriff's deputies serve as community police officers in the town.

The meeting is part of a series of community meetings the sheriff is holding around the county. Jenkins met with citizens in Sabillasville on Oct. 23 to begin the meetings.

- J. Rada

Christmas

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said Mayor James Hoover.

The celebration will be on Monday, Dec. 3 from 6-9 p.m. It begins with the lighting of the town Christmas tree in front of the Community Center on South Seton Avenue at 6 p.m. The United Church of Christ will be caroling and Hoover will light the tree.

"I don't think there'd be an offi-

cial treelighting if the Carriage House didn't have their activities," Hoover said.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., you can follow Santa and his elves for more caroling. Horse-drawn surrey and hay trailers will carry people through town. You can feast on free hot dogs and cookies. A live Nativity scene will be set up in front of the Carriage House Inn. You can also visit Santa and his elves at the inn. Local singers and musicians will provide the entertainment.

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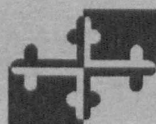
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TOWN NEWS

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus prepares Christmas concert

By SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Christmas is coming, and the Emmitsburg Community Chorus is tuning up for its annual concert on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m., at the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Their performance, which will feature arrangements of familiar carols and other sacred songs, has over the decades come to unofficially mark

the start of the holiday season in Emmitsburg. The concert is open to the public without charge; a free will offering will be collected during intermission.

The chorus is directed by Peggy Burrier, who for 20 years has been Director of Music at Linganore United Methodist Church. She graduated from Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, W.Va. with a degree in vocal music performance, and has sung with numerous choral groups in Frederick and Carroll

counties. She gives private instruction in piano and voice, and teaches general music at Visitation Academy in Frederick. Accompanist Lisa Mattia is also a graduate of Shepherd College. She received master's degrees in business administration and arts administration from Southern Methodist University, and currently oversees daily operation of Phoenix Productions as on-line general manager.

The chorus actually prepares two Christmas concerts. The second program includes some songs which are quite popular and well-known but not suited for the sacred space of the basilica. "We've got a unique arrangement of 'We Three Kings' and some novelty songs," in the secular program, describes Burrier. They will share this program with audiences in nursing homes throughout the area, visiting St. Catherine's Nursing Center in Emmitsburg (Dec. 4), Glade Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Walkersville (Dec. 8), Gettysburg Lutheran Home (Dec. 13), and Homewood at Crumland Farms in Frederick (Dec. 15.)

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus began as the Emmitsburg Community Choir in 1966. R. Diehl Ackerman of the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church was the founder and first director. A mem-



— ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL SR. / THE DISPATCH

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus will unofficially open the Christmas season in town with a Dec. 2 concert at the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. The chorus members are (l to r): Front Row: Shannon Boyle, Marilyn Steigerwald, Cathy Pecher, Peggy Burrier, Kay Barth, Vickie Novak and Eileen Waesche. Middle Row: Mary Barrett-Friend, Ellie Davis, Shirley Waybright, Carolyn Simpson, Kathryn Weikert, Frankie Fields and Shirley Salomon. Back Row: Tom Steigerwald, Nick Mullinix, Harry Brooks, Danny Fritz, Lisa Mattia and Arlene Hofe.

ber of the same church, Margaret "Peg" Franklin, is the only original chorus member who still performs with the group. "They won't let me leave!" she says, adding that she still enjoys it. When Ackerman was transferred from the area, Sister Jane Marie Perrot, D.C., Instructor of Music at St. Joseph College, became director. In 1975, under her leadership, the chorus was invited by the Vatican to sing in Rome for the canonization ceremonies of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Although the chorus carries the name of Emmitsburg wherever it performs, almost from its inception volunteer members have also come from other towns in Mary-

land and southern Pennsylvania. It grew out of cooperation among the Protestant church choirs here, and quickly became a truly ecumenical organization when Sister Jane Marie volunteered to direct the fledgling choir. The Daughters of Charity have been very generous supporters of the group, providing rehearsal and concert space. The chorus also sings for the communitywide Easter sunrise service at the Grotto of Lourdes, and performs in the concert series in Emmitsburg Community Park, and at other venues. New members are welcome. Information: Shannon Boyle, (301) 447-3121 or email sboyle@doc.org.

Mayor Hoover's show a no go on channel 99

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Emmitsburg Town Commissioners turned down Mayor Jim Hoover's

request to use the town's cable channel to broadcast a monthly program highlighting the town.

Hoover wanted to privately produce a 30 minute program each month that highlighted some of Emmitsburg's positive features. He had asked the commissioners for permission to broadcast the program once a week. The show was not intended to be a debate forum or to venture into controversial topics.

Commission President Chris Staiger said that program would be a good way to promote the town but "Unfortunately, I don't think I'm real comfortable for opening us up to that."

The "That" would be whether airing such a program would force the town to broadcast other types of programming under the demands of "equal access."

Hoover asked Town Attorney John Clapp about the issue. Clapp wrote in a letter to the town, "Therefore, just because a local official uses Channel 99 for a particular purpose and in a particular manner (so long as it is for a governmental purpose), this does not give rise to the right of any citizen to also use the station for his or her own purpose. It is a government access channel, not a public access

channel. Whether it be the Mayor or some other government official, the Town has the right to allow such person access to the Channel (again, for government purposes), but may still deny access to the public (which is not, of course, the local government)." However, Clapp also noted situations could still arise that could demand equal access to other parties.

The letter did not soothe the commissioners' concerns. Commissioner Glenn Blanchard said he still thought allowing Hoover's broadcasts could be "opening a can of worms."

Staiger said the situation showed that the town needed to develop a policy for what could and couldn't be broadcast on the government station. Though Comcast owns the station, Emmitsburg controls the content. Currently, the town only broadcasts town meetings and planning and zoning commission meetings.

The commissioners decided not to allow the broadcasts, though they did not vote on the issue.

Hoover hasn't given up on the idea of an Emmitsburg television program, though. "What I need to do now is find another avenue to broadcast the program."

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Emmitsburg's new Mayor McCheese

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Emmitsburg Mayor Jim Hoover will be serving the town, literally, on Tuesday, Dec. 4 when he works behind the counter at the Emmitsburg McDonald's from 5 – 8 p.m. A portion of all his sales that evening will go to the mayor's scholarship fund, which he started this summer with proceeds from the mayor's barbecue competition.

- J. Rada

Town Meetings

Municipal meetings

Town Meeting
November 19, 7:30 p.m.

Parks Committee
November 20, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission
November 26, 7:30 p.m.

Town Meeting
December 3, 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Emmitsburg Town Office, Emmitsburg Community Center, 300A South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg. For information call (240) 629-6300 or visit www.emmitsburgmd.gov.

Habitat Breaks Ground on Its Third Home in Emmitsburg

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Brian and Melissa McKenney and their two children are a step closer to realizing their dream of home ownership. On Oct. 23 Habitat for Humanity broke ground for the McKenney's new home, Habitat's third in Emmitsburg. The house is expected to be under roof before winter so that it can be completed by the end of March 2008.

Local officials participated in the ceremony including Habitat Board President Steve Schleupner, Emmitsburg Mayor Jim Hoover and Robin Summerfield, Western Maryland field representative for Senator Ben Cardin. Habitat Executive Director Da-

vid Ozag recognized Emmitsburg resident Bill Wivell, Habitat's construction supervisor, who will oversee the construction of the St. Joseph's Lane home. Lisa Wease of Thurmont and Leah Sheckles of Emmitsburg, two Habitat home-owners, also attended along with members of the McKenney families and Habitat volunteers.

Melissa McKenney, a stay-at-home mother, is actively involved in community affairs such as Crop Walk and Habitat's We Can Program, an aluminum recycling campaign. Brian McKenney works for East Coast Fire Protection based in Chantilly, VA, installing sprinklers and other fire

protection systems. He is a volunteer firefighter in College Park, MD, and hopes to join the Vigilant Hose Company once they move to Emmitsburg.

The McKenney home is one of 11 homes Habitat plans to complete across Frederick County before the end of 2008. Prior to undertaking the McKenney home, Habitat completed two homes on Academy Court in Emmitsburg in 2005 and 2006. The United Methodist Churches, Mount St. Mary's University and the Habitat Chapter at Gettysburg College collaborated on the 2005 home. The next year Drees Homes built the second home in a one-week blitz.

Seton Center seeks sponsors for deserving families

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Seton Center, Inc. is seeking sponsors for families this Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"We provide three levels of service for families, depending on their needs and on the number of sponsors and resources available," said Sister Ellen Eisenberger, Seton Center administrator. For Thanksgiving, sponsors provide non-perishable food items plus a gift certificate for perishable items. Christmas sponsors can provide either toys and clothing, or food, or all three, for a family.

Volunteer families are matched with a family according to their resources. For ex-

ample, a business or church group may want to sponsor a family with a number of children, whereas a single person may choose to sponsor a single parent with one child.

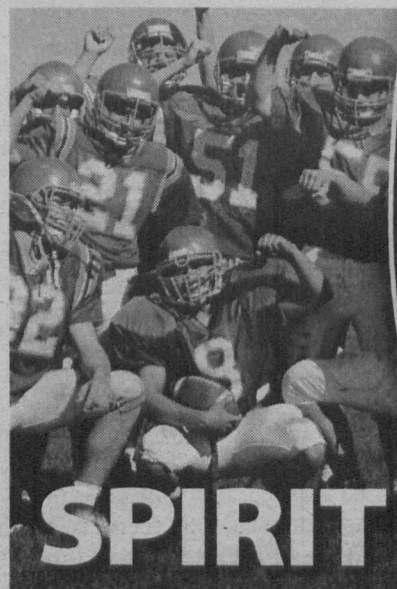
The Seton Center, which has been serving northern Frederick County for approximately 25 years, is a sponsored work of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. The sisters and volunteers are known for their quality service and simplicity, and for serving clients with respect, genuine care, advocacy and creativity.

"This year the people we're seeing have deeper needs because the cost of gas, rents, electricity, heating, medical visits and pre-

scriptions have all increased," Eisenberger said.

Last year at Thanksgiving, Seton Center sponsors provided 60 families (which included 108 adults and 112 children) with food baskets. In addition, sponsors helped more than 130 families at Christmas (213 adults and 260 children).

If you're interested in sponsoring a family, making a cash donation or volunteering to help at Seton Center, call Eisenberger at (301) 447-6102 from 9 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday. Or, e-mail your interest in sponsoring a family to setoncenterinc@doc.org.



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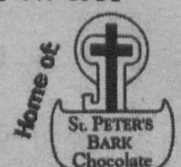
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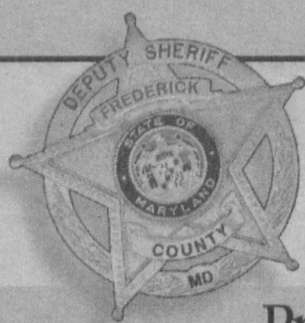
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Preventing drug abuse starts with preventing drug use

By DFC JOHN BARTLETT
Contributing Writer

Preventing drug abuse starts with preventing drug use. Parents need to be aware that kids today are being pressured at an early age to try drugs. From the things they see on television to the pressure from friends at school, kids can easily find themselves in a place that may be difficult for them to say no. Parents should educate themselves on drug trends, so they will be aware of something found in a child's room or in their backpacks. The Drug Enforcement Administration has a good web site at www.usdoj.gov/dea that can help in educating a parent about drugs.

Once a parent is familiar with the different drugs available, the next step is to develop an open line of communication with the kids. The best time to start talking to our kids about the dangers of drug use is at an early age. Drugs harm people. The drugs mentioned above, as well as others, affect the brain, lungs, heart, and immune system. Drug use also causes depression, memory loss, and other cognitive problems, especially in growing children. When a child learns early

in life that drugs harm their bodies, they may be less likely to try them later. Parents also need to let kids know that drugs are illegal. Kids, and especially teens, need to know that if they are around others who have drugs on them, or near them, they can be arrested for possession of the drugs if there is no clear ownership of the drugs. There are various ways parents can communicate the importance of just saying "no". Television news, specials on drug use, books, newspaper articles that highlight arrests for drug possession, and web sites that provide age-related awareness information can all be of good help. Starting early in a child's life with loving information is important in developing a child who will walk away from a drug use offer or be able to openly discuss the issue with the parent.

What are some signs that a child is using drugs? The most-obvious signs of drug use are intoxication, including the smell of alcohol or drugs on breath or clothing, and finding alcohol, drugs or drug paraphernalia. A change in your child's behavior can also be due to drug use. Things to look for include a decline in school grades for no legitimate reason; a lack of interest in school activities develops; signifi-

cant changes in personal habits such as sleep, level of activity, appetite or hygiene; increased irritability; aggression; mood swings; depression; and expressing suicidal thoughts or behavior.

What can be done if a parent suspects a child is experimenting with or using drugs? If a parent suspects a child is using drugs or finds drugs in the child's room, the parent should call the police. The presence of a police officer may be all that is needed to steer a child away from drugs. A police officer may also be able to suggest some ways that a parent can receive help in getting their child off drugs. The Frederick County Health Department has a number of programs to help with drug abuse and education. "The Amazing Families" program is designed to educate preschool children and their families in the area of healthy behaviors and lifestyles in the prevention of alcohol, drug and tobacco use. They also have individual or family counseling programs that help teens who have substance abuse addiction. The Health Department can connect people seeking help with drug issues to different programs within the county such as Catocin Counseling Center in Thurmont, and Crossroad Centers in Frederick. The Health Department is located at 350 Montevue Lane, Frederick, MD 21702, and can be contacted at (301) 600-1029.

It is so important to start talking to our kids early about the dangers of drug use. Parents who take this issue seriously will also live it in front of their kids. Let's put the drug dealers out of business by reducing their buyers!

A Word from the Mayor "Focus on Emmitsburg" still going to happen

In an attempt to identify another way to reach out to the community and talk about issues that affect Emmitsburg, I've been planning on creating and broadcast a TV program "Focus on Emmitsburg". My first choice for broadcasting the program was to use cable channel 99, which requires approval by the town, not just the mayor. Due to concerns raised at the Oct. 15 and Nov. 5 town meetings, no action was taken to approve the request, which means it was denied. I appreciated the article in the Frederick News Post but, it stated that I withdrew my request. I did not. Although channel 99 is no longer an option, the program can be broadcast other ways. The greatest value of using channel 99 is that it's a different media from what I'm currently using. I already write monthly articles in the Emmitsburg Dispatch and I host a weekly radio show on Sunday nights. Over the next several weeks I will continue working with two other individuals who have agreed to assist in the making of "Focus on Emmitsburg". Originally, we planned on beginning our broadcasts in December 2007. Not using channel 99 is expected to cause about a 30-day delay.

On Tuesday Dec. 4, I hope everyone visits the Emmitsburg McDonalds. For three hours, from 5 - 8 p.m., I am going to be a guest employee. This is related to the Community Chicken Bar-B-Que competition that I hosted earlier

this year. The proceeds of the bar-b-que competition are being invested in a scholarship fund. Emmitsburg McDonalds has agreed to make a donation to the scholarship fund for my hours of service. The donation is based on a percentage of the proceeds taken in between 5 - 8 p.m. You can eat in or carry out, but the donation is only based on proceeds from the register that I am running. So don't use drive through, come inside. This will be my first time operating a cash register, so please be patient while you order.

Early this year I also started a youth advisory committee, although we have had three meetings, the committee is still in need of additional members. The primary purpose of the committee is to give the kids in our community a chance to suggest things that they feel would improve the quality of life in Emmitsburg from their point of view. Forming the committee is also a chance to mentor the youth and help them better understand the role of local government. The committee meets once a month. If you or someone you know is interested in participating in this committee contact me.

On Saturday, Nov. 17 everyone is welcome to join other volunteers to help make the pine swags that hang on our light poles. The town of Emmitsburg uses only live decorations. It only takes between two and three hours to make all of the decorations; we begin at 9 a.m. and work inside the town garage on East Lincoln Ave. and Chesapeake Street.

And don't forget, while the holiday season seems to be a time of joy; it is also a time of sadness for many families. The rising cost of utilities, heating fuels, medicines and gasoline put an additional hardship on families already struggling to make ends meet. Check in on your family and friends; make sure they have food and heat and that they are okay. If assistance is needed, there are plenty of anonymous government programs and local organizations available to help. If you need help locating assistance, contact the Frederick County Health Department or contact me.

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REGIONAL NEWS

AMVETS take a "walk of memories" on Veterans Day

By JAMES RADA JR.
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FAIRFIELD, Pa. — They call it a "walk of memories" and it truly is. The brick walk begins at the entrance to the AMVETS Charles J. Gilland Post 172 building where the Fairfield AMVETS and is laid out to the new flag plaza. Along the path, bricks are inscribed in honor of duty, service and family.

"We just walked out here one night after this was done (the flag plaza) and started talking about how we should do something to honor the charter members," said Richard Terry, chairman of the brick committee.

The AMVETS eventually decided to create the brick walk with a capacity for 1,800 regular-size bricks. They also created a monument to the 39 charter members of the Fairfield AMVETS, which was unveiled and dedicated on Veterans Day Nov. 11.

"It took these 39 people to start something that maybe some of us here are finishing," Post Command Kenneth Wolford said during his dedication remarks.

The post raised the funds for the two-ton granite monument and the Gilland Family, for whom the post is named after, did the engraving of the names on the marker.

One of the names is that of Vaughn E. Dagenhart, the first post commander in 1953 and still an active member 54 years later. He and other veterans began talking about creating an AMVETS post in 1951.

"We got a charter in 1953 in Waynesboro, but we didn't have a place to meet," Dagenhart said.



— JAMES RADA JR. / THE DISPATCH

Members of the Emmitsburg American Legion Color Guard participated in the Veterans Day ceremony at the Fairfield, Pa. AMVETS. The color guard fired the gun salute during the dedication of the AMVETS post's charter members memorial and the memorial brick walk.

"Then we heard about an old farm for sale here."

The post members raised the money and purchased the farm in 1955 and met in an old farm house until a building could be built.

"We couldn't borrow enough money to build a building so I volunteered to build it and raise the money," Dagenhart said.

That project took about seven years of work by the members, but the result is a building that they still use today. Building the flag plaza and brick walk took less time, but it still required hard work on behalf of the members.

"Putting up the flag poles, we looked like the marines on Mount Suribachi," said Post Chaplain Richard Abraham.

Abraham also accepted the charter for an AMVETS Riders post, which is only the second such post in Pennsylvania.

"We ride motorcycles for events, raise money, visit other posts, and we can also ride in funeral processions," said Abraham.

Anyone interested in purchasing a brick in the AMVETS walk, call the post at (717) 642-8711

Fairfield Mini Mart seeks permission to sell gas

HAMILTONBAN, Pa. — There may be another gas pumping station coming to Hamiltonban Township.

At the Nov. 7 Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisor's Regular Meeting, Bob Scott, speaking on behalf of Arminder Singh, owner of the Fairfield Mini Mart, approached the board for input on plans to add a fuel pump to the mini mart.

The tentative plans seek to add a single gas pumping unit to the business site, which currently has no gas pump, and leave space for parking directly in front of the mart.

Concerns were voiced as

to the space limitations of the property and a fuel tanker's ability to pull into the parking lot to refill underground tanks without crossing onto adjoining property or blocking the road. Also, the convenience store is currently zoned for conditional use, which could throw hurdles in the path of the expansion as the township can place conditions upon the proposal before approving it.

No definitive decision was made on the proposed fuel station as the plans are still in the works and not finalized.

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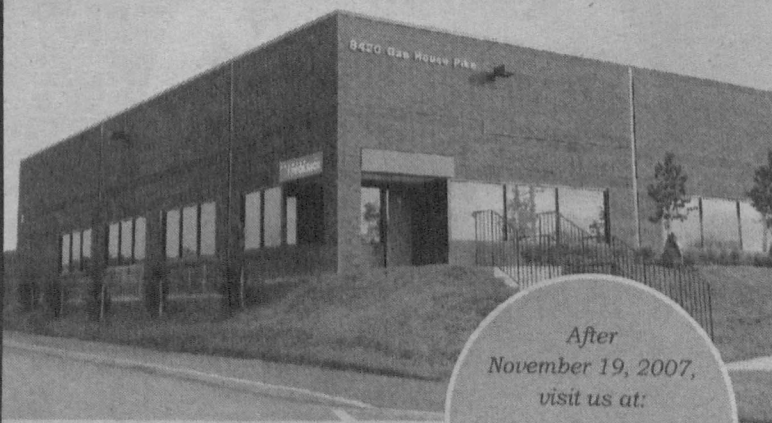


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TANEYTOWN BRIEFS

**Taneytown History Museum
Holiday of Trees Opens to
Public November 24**

TANEYTOWN, Md. — The "Holiday of Trees" display will reopen at Taneytown History Museum on Nov. 24 with a tree decorating contest, silent auction and holiday celebration.

This year's display has also added miniature trees. Visitors can vote for their favorite trees until Dec. 15 at 3:30 p.m.

On Dec. 1, the museum will have special hours to coincide with Taneytown's official tree lighting.

The Taneytown History Museum is open Fridays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays 1 - 4 p.m. Tours are available by appointment. The museum is located at 24 E. Baltimore Street in Taneytown. Admission is free. For more information or to schedule tours call (410) 756-4234 or visit the museum website at www.taneytownmuseum.org.

**Santa House opens
in December**

TANEYTOWN, Md. — The Taneytown Chamber of Commerce's Santa House located in the Taneytown Shopping Center will be open Saturdays and Sundays December 8, 9, 15, 16, 22

and 23. The Saturday hours are: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Sunday hours are noon - 3 p.m. The chamber of commerce is providing pictures with Santa at no charge. A new feature this year is Santa's mailbox. It will be available at the Santa House beginning Dec. 1 to collect letters for the North Pole. The chamber is providing free delivery of Santa's mail so no postage is required.

**Chamber of commerce
fruit sale**

TANEYTOWN, Md. — The Taneytown Chamber of Commerce is continuing the former Taneytown Kiwanis Club tradition of providing the Holiday Traditional Fruit Sale. The fruit is fresh Florida fruit sold by the box (4/5 bushel carton). Fruit will be available for pick up at the Taneytown Shopping Center parking lot on Dec. 8 and 9 (Saturday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon - 5 p.m.). Orders are due by Nov. 23. You may pick up order forms at the Liquor Barn, Ice Cream Shack, or chamber office. Payment is due on pick-up day. For more information or to place an order by phone please contact Roger Diehl at (410) 751-1400 or (410) 984-7815 or Donna Sako at (410) 756-4234 or (410) 371-4265.

★ *Making a Difference***Long makes a difference every day**

BY CHRIS PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. — At the recent annual Thurmont Lions Club Making a Difference Day, Shirley Long was named Thurmont's Volunteer of the Year, but that award comes as no surprise to those who know her.

Uncomfortable with the attention she is receiving about the award, Long, 62, quickly averts her eyes when it is mentioned. But she recovers quickly from her bout with humility when the subject of her most-recent project, Thurmont's Trolley Trail, is raised.

Long's enthusiasm for the project helped her work through the very time-intensive planning, organizing and fundraising responsibilities for the project. But the work was also very "satisfying," she said.

Despite those who thought the project might not work, the Thurmont Lions Club, with Long running the project, worked to rehabilitate an old, approximately one-mile long trolley path into a recreational and exercise path through town. While the basic trolley path project is now complete, another grant is in process that will

hopefully pay for exercise equipment along the path.

The biggest challenge was "trying to make sure we were getting the job done as fast as we could, but that we were not overspending..." she said.

"She's a great volunteer," said Thurmont Chief Administrative Officer Bill Blakeslee. "She and the Lions grabbed this concept (of the trolley) and they did far and above what I thought it would be.... Shirley Long epitomizes the voluntarism of the Thurmont Lions Club. No job is too big for Shirley. There is no job that can't be accomplished."

John Kinnaid, last year's winner of the Volunteer of the Year award, said Long's commitment to the project is like her commitment to everything she does. "I don't think the Lions Club could get a better member than Shirley. She is community minded, works hard and does what she can to make Thurmont a better place to live for everybody," Kinnaid said.

Long was inducted into the Thurmont Lions Club in 1994 as one of its first women members and became president of the club in 2004, the year the Lions celebrated their



LONG

75th anniversary.

She credits her husband, Gene Long, with getting her involved with volunteer work. Gene has also been a significant partner in completing the trolley project, Shirley said of her husband. In fact, Gene has done so much work on the path that one of the bridges will be dedicated to him.

Of course, as with all committed volunteers, Long volunteers whenever needed. For the last eight years, she has worked as treasurer of her church. Though retired from 32 years with the federal government, she brings her considerable experience with accounting and budget to that volunteer job.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Carroll Valley bids adieu to York Adams Tax Bureau

CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. — Following several difficulties with the York Adams Tax Bureau, Carroll Valley Borough has decided to part ways with the bureau and employ a private tax collector.

The alleged problems occurred over the past two years when the YATB claimed they had overpaid Carroll Valley and then demanded that the excess be re-

turned. The Carroll Valley Borough is not alone in their dissatisfaction with YATB, as other municipalities claimed to have experienced similar problems.

At the Nov. 13 borough council meeting the official decision was made to send a letter to YATB and bid them farewell and begin working up a contract with the private tax collector Central Tax Bu-

reau of Pennsylvania. Centax will charge the borough a 1.75-percent commission, but the borough concluded that the advantages of employing Centax outweighed the cost and the cost could be made up.

"We have nothing to loose," said borough council president John VanVolkenburgh.

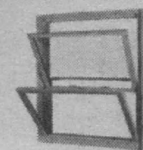
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Grandma's Country Store celebrates its first anniversary

Grandma's Country Store in Gettysburg, Pa. recently celebrated its first year in business on Nov. 1. Owner Barb Tomko and her daughter Heather Buhrman opened the store through inspiration she received from her grandmother Ida Mae Morgan of Yellow Springs, Md. Grandma's Country Store features homemade baked goods, many of which Tomko's grandmother had taught her to make. The store also has many specialty items and items that come from Lancaster like Jake & Amos Products and Leanin' Tree cards. They make homemade cakes to order and also sell items from local crafters. Tomko originally started selling items at local farmer's markets, including Emmitsburg. The response was so good she opened her own store.

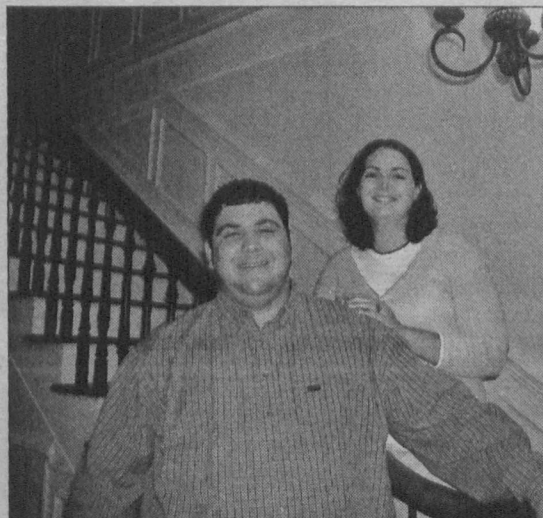
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New Taneytown Chamber of Commerce officers



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The Taneytown Chamber of Commerce has announced its new officers for 2007-2008. They are: Front row (l to r) - President Marlene Titus, First Vice President Cynthia Lamirande, Second Vice President Nancy McCormick, Secretary Linda Dennis and Treasurer John P. Myers, Jr. Back row (l to r) - Director 1 Year Harry Dougherty, Director 3 Year Gary Smith and Past President Lou Jordan. Not pictured: Director 2 Year Raymond Hepner.

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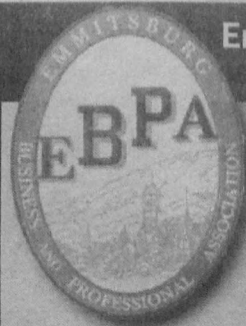
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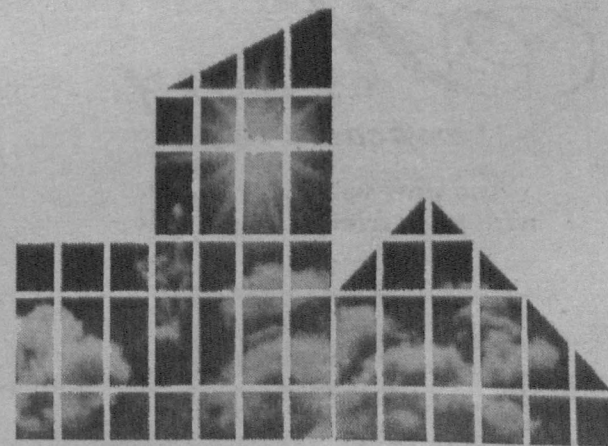
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EMMITSBURG'S BEST DRESSED PARADE THROUGH TOWN

BY JAMES RADA JR.
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Emmitsburg's cutest, ugliest, and everything in between paraded through town on Halloween night as part of the town's annual Halloween parade.

"I like to come out for the trick or treating and the parade," said seven-year-old Dalton Hobbs. He was dressed as SWAT policeman, but he wasn't participating in the parade.

Joan Hobbs of Fairfield, Pa., enjoys bringing her children, but she would like to see things start later than 5 p.m.

"It's hard for working parents to get home and get their kids ready to go by 5 p.m.," she said.

Trick or treating in town ran from 5 - 6 p.m. and then those who wanted to gathered for the parade, which began at 6:30 p.m.

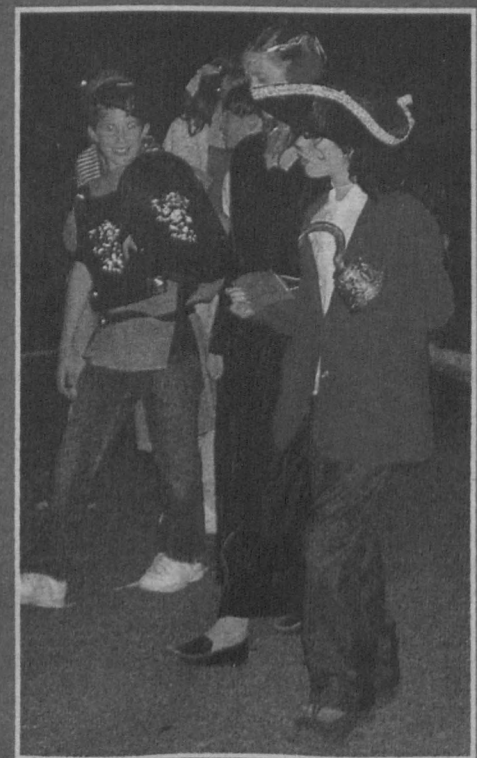
Daniel Schultz found his space along the street and waited for the marchers. "I'm just sitting here watching everyone enjoy themselves. I like watching the kids have a good time," he said.

Beside Schultz, David Stitely said, "This is something the kids can do and have fun with. It's all about the kids."

Following the parade, children enjoyed treats and games. The event was hosted by the American Legion, Emmitsburg Ambulance Company and Emmitsburg Lions Club.



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RELIGION

St. John's Church at Creagerstown Historic District placed on National Register



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The complex of buildings that make up St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Creagerstown have been added to the National Register of Historic Places. The oldest building in the complex dates back to 1834.

CREAGERSTOWN, Md. — Since 1834 St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Creagerstown has been taking shape, building by building. Now, nearly 175 years after the first building, the old brick church, was built St. John's is being recognized as a national historic place.

It all began back in 2004 when Judy Zimmerman and Viola Noffsinger applied for a Maryland Historical Trust grant to help cover the cost of repairs the church needed. The

church was in desperate need of repair and preservation, but it was undecided if the church should be repaired or demolished, until the trust approved the grant and suggested that the church apply to be put on the National Register of Historic Places.

After considering the expansive size of the property, its importance and all of the buildings on the property, it was decided that another building built in 1908, the parish house built in the late 19th

century and the church cemetery be placed on the register as well. Thus, the property was nominated under the name St. John's Church at Creagerstown Historic District.

In August of this year the district was officially placed on the National Register of Historic Places as repairs on the original building continue; another grant has been applied for to cover the continued cost of repairing the building.

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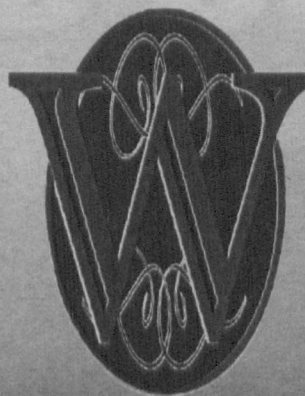


Parishioners of Harriet Chapel, acolytes and Rev. Sally Joyner-Giffin, rector, met with the Rt. Rev. John Rabb, Episcopal bishop of Maryland, on Oct. 7. During the bishop's visit, three people were confirmed, one was received from the Roman Catholic communion and 19 people reaffirmed their baptismal vows. Rabb also blessed the Celtic cross and statue of St. Francis recently placed in Harriet Chapel's Memorial Garden.

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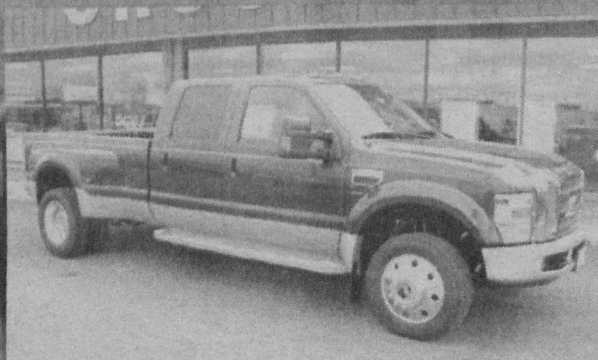
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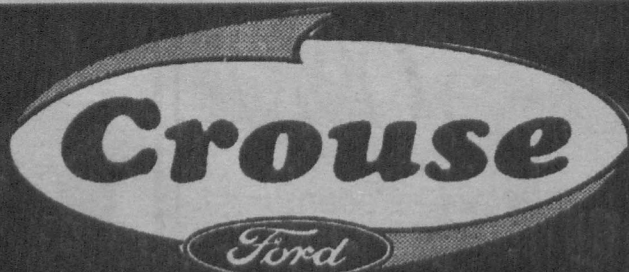


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EDUCATION

Mount St. Mary's named a top Catholic university

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Mount St. Mary's University is one of 21 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada included in *The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College: What to Look for and Where to Find It*.

Mount St. Mary's works to remain faithful to its Catholic identity believing one is fully prepared for life only by addressing the spiritual dimension of the human person. It also supports its four pillars of faith, discovery, leadership and community.

The Newman Guide is a resource for parents and students who place a premium on Catholic identity in education and want to find a school that embodies those aspects in all facets of campus life.

The Mount is included in a category called: "Fighting the Tide" and is described as a "well-established institution that has weathered the vicissitudes of the times and continues to provide a good Catholic education." In two years of research, colleges and universities getting the highest marks were found to have a vibrant culture on campus that respects Catholic moral teaching and offers numerous opportunities for spiritual development.

In 1990, Pope John Paul II issued "Ex corde Ecclesiae," a papal guideline for what constitutes Catholic identity and notes specific ways to achieve that mission. Mount St. Mary's was one of only ten percent of all Catholic institutions who met and exceeded those guidelines as set by the Pope.

Chat with the schools superintendent

FREDERICK, Md. — If you have questions about Frederick County Public Schools, you can pose them to Superintendent Linda Burgee on Dec. 3 from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

The PTA Council of Frederick County, which sponsors the chats, and Dr. Burgee decided to broaden the focus of the sessions from school feeder patterns to countywide education issues after determining that many of the questions asked at previous conversations were the same no matter where they were held. Unless there was an issue specific to a feeder pattern — such as redistricting or overcrowding — parents tended to inquire about more

universal public education topics such as staffing, curriculum, policies, regulations and programs.

All meetings are at 7630 Hayward Road in Frederick.

"Words for Thirds" in north Frederick County



— JAMES RADA, JR. / THE DISPATCH

The Thurmont Grange #409 presented dictionaries to third graders in Emmitsburg Elementary, Lewistown Elementary, Sabillasville Elementary and Thurmont Elementary schools. This was the third year the Grange had made the donations as part of the "Words for Thirds" programs. Above, Helen Troxell passes out dictionaries to the third graders at Emmitsburg Elementary on Nov. 6.




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The (retired) Ecologist

Wisdom from a turtle in Indian summer



BY BILL MEREDITH

Dispatch Columnist

"Israel, you aint got the brains of a sea turtle!"

- Long John Silver, to Israel Hands, in *Treasure Island*

Sometime in 1919 Victor Herbert wrote a song that, for him, was uncharacteristically reflective and melancholy. It was a lovely melody, but it was full of strange chords like mi-

nor ninths and augmented fifths which made it impossible to sing. Apparently it didn't fit any of the shows he was working on, so he laid it aside and forgot about it. Twenty years later, Al Dubin wrote lyrics for it and Tommy Dorsey recorded it, featuring a young vocalist named Frank Sinatra, who could sing impossible songs.

I remember hearing it on the radio, probably on the "Hit Parade" program; it became a jazz standard for a while, but it gradually faded away. It has been a long time since I heard it last, but lately it has been playing in the back of my mind as I walk to the post office or putter in the yard. It's like internal muzak... you hear it in the background

and it's not unpleasant, but it keeps you from concentrating on other things, and you can't turn it off.

Summer... you old Indian summer you're the tear that comes after June-time's laughter....

There doesn't seem to be any consensus about why this time of year is called "Indian summer." The explanations I've seen fall into three main groups. American usage attributes it to American Indians who either did their own harvesting in a brief warm spell after the first hard frost or raided white settlers who were harvesting at that time. British usage centers on the colonial empire in India, when sailing ships took advantage of a period of calm fall weather in the Indian Ocean to export loads of tea. And some writers use it to describe the last years of good health in a person's life, before senescence and senility set in. In any case, it's a brief and bittersweet time; looking forward, the discomforts of winter look worse than they probably will be, and looking backward, the good times of summer look better than they really were. It's a time that encourages melancholy thoughts.

You see so many dreams that won't come true... dreams we fashioned when summer time was new....

Warm weather lasted until the end of October this year. The first hard frost hit my garden on Oct. 29; then after a few days it warmed up again, making the first week of November the beginning of Indian summer. It's a reflective time; not much is happening in the world of nature. Most of the summer birds have gone south; most of the winter birds haven't arrived yet. Driving along Route 15, the fall colors were better than I expected, in view of the drought, but now the leaves are fading and drift-

ing dreamily from the trees. In a week or so, a cold front with wind and rain will come by and bring them all down, and we will be in that forlorn, nameless season when it isn't fall any more but winter hasn't really got here yet. This used to be a grand time for kids; we would rake the leaves into a big pile in the driveway and spend a few days jumping into them, and then we would burn them. In those days every kid carried wooden matches in his pocket, and if you made a small pile off to the side, you could set it afire and then pour water on it and cover it with an old burlap sack, and you could put feathers in your hair and send up smoke signals to all of the other Indians in the neighborhood. The whole countryside would reek with that incomparable acrid smell, an aroma today's kids will never experience.

You are here to watch over some heart that is broken by a word that somebody left unspoken....

We actually had normal rainfall in June, and it looked promising for gardens; but then the drought hit us. The corn in the field behind our house would have reached an elephant's eye only if it was a baby elephant that was lying down for a nap. Between the reduced crop production and the diversion of corn from our food chain to the ethanol factories, the coming winter will be tough on folks with low incomes. Wild plants did a little better; there is a good crop of nuts and fruits to start the local wildlife toward winter. Honeysuckle bushes and poison ivy vines are covered with berries, and crab apples hang heavy on the trees. Even the weeds did well; walking through a field the other day I saw horse nettles covered with tiny tomato-like fruits, poisonous to humans but

nutritious to birds. The ground under trees is carpeted with acorns and walnuts; squirrels are busily running along the utility wires on Lincoln Avenue with walnuts in their mouths, and my lawn and flower beds are pockmarked where they have buried them. But it is not entirely a success story; many plants, under the stress of drought, throw all of their resources into producing fruits and seeds, which leaves them weakened and less likely to survive next year. Brush and undergrowth are stunted; deer will suffer if we have a hard winter, and small birds and animals will have fewer places to hide when predators are about, or to keep warm when the winter storms come.

You're the ghost of a romance in June Going astray...

Fading too soon; that's why I say,

Farewell to you, Indian summer.

Driving along a back road last week, I stopped to pick up a turtle that was trudging across in front of me. Its shell was caked with mud; obviously it had buried itself early to hibernate because of the drought, and the recent rains brought it out for a last snack before going back to bed for the winter. It was old, probably comparable to my age in turtle years; we are both in the Indian summer of our lives, and we both have lived longer than the actuaries would have predicted when we were born. Looking at its eyes, I saw no wisdom; there was only patience and resignation. But perhaps at our age those are traits we both need, as memory fails and joints stiffen. If we resign ourselves to accept what we cannot change, and have the patience to wait, winter will pass and spring will come. Perhaps there was wisdom there after all. Perhaps the song fits us both. Al Dubin must have been a genius to see this 67 years ago.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Joseph's High School Class of 1967

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The St. Joseph's High School Class of 1967 held a reunion dinner at the Carriage House Inn on Sept. 29, celebrating their 40th graduation anniversary. Thirty eight classmates, spouses and guests gathered in the banquet dining room. Music from the 1960's provided the background sound and a memorabilia table displayed pictures recent and past of the Class of 1967. The evening was spent reminiscing over old memories, stories, and class history.

Classmates, spouses and guests attending the reunion dinner were: Ray Baker and Ruth Sanders Baker, Mike and Elaine Baltzell, Ann Barbe Eyler and Don Eyler, Bob and Karen Eckert, Peggy Eiker, Wanda Rogers Glass and Gary Glass, Patty Ott Grimes,



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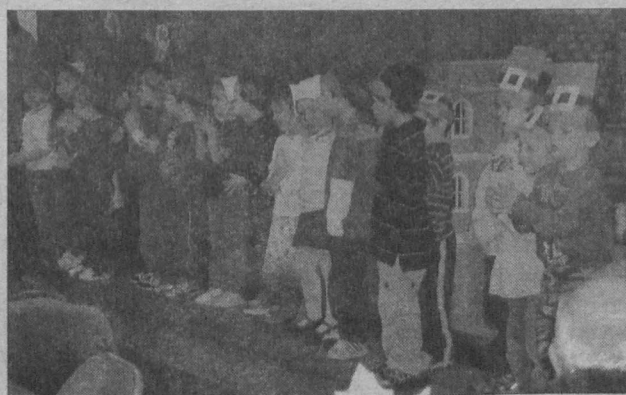
The St. Joseph's High School Class of 1967 held a reunion on Sept. 29 to celebrate their 40th graduation anniversary. Thirty eight people were in attendance at the event.

Joyce Little Grimm, Donna Fitzgerald Demmon, Jane Knox Hubbard, Brenda Lowe Humerick, Julie Neighbors Muenzfeld and Andy Muenzfeld, Tom O'Brien, Maria O'Brien, Eddie and Carol Pryor, Eddie and Nancy Raab, Bob and Joy Remavege, Tom and Susie Rightnour, Jane Stahley

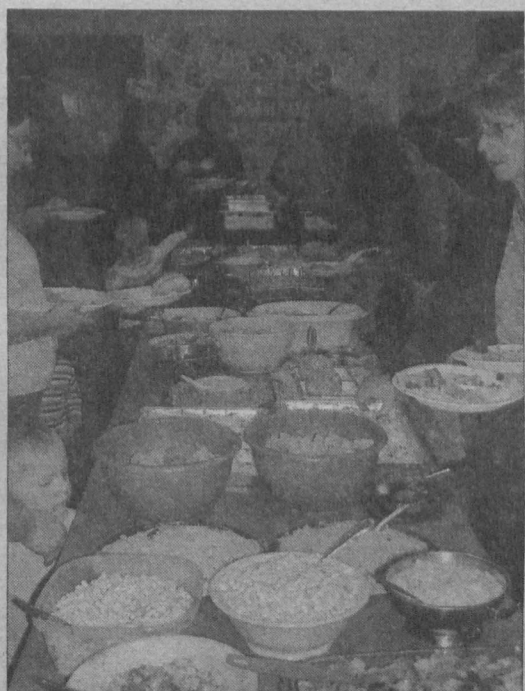
Shorb, Julie Eckenrode Sweeney, Becky Keilholtz Thompson and Bernie Thompson, John and Beth Sherwin, Joe and Jan Welty, and Diane Shields Wivell and Steve Wivell.

The 41st anniversary reunion gathering is scheduled for sometime next summer.

Little ones giving big thanks



Students and staff at the Emmitsburg Early Learning Center welcomed friends, family and local officials to their 11th annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The event was held at the center on Nov. 14 and featured a wide array of foods and desserts. Besides celebrating the holiday, the event also allows Emmitsburg Early Learning Center to thank the community for its support.



- JAMES RADA JR. / THE DISPATCH

WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR PART OF THE COMMUNITY?

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Faine M. Rodgers of Emmitsburg (center) was recently recognized by the Red Cross's Frederick County Director, Bob Brown (right) and Gloria Lewis (left) for donating blood 17 gallons of blood, a feat over 50 years in the making. Rodgers began donating blood in 1955 after learning that blood donors were needed to help children and has since donated blood 136 times. "I'll do it as long as I can," Rodgers said. "I just like to know that maybe I'm helping someone."

Colorfest quilt winner announced



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Nancy Wine of Thurmont won the hand-stitched quilt by Pauline Duble in the center's Colorfest raffle. Greta Lambert of Thurmont won the second prize of \$100 and Melissa Wetzel of Emmitsburg won the third prize of \$50.

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CALENDAR

November 16 to 18 – Weekend Retreat. What is the path God is calling you to follow? The Daughters of Charity invite single Catholic women interested in discerning a vocation as a Sister to spend the weekend in prayer and reflection. The retreat will be held at the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg. RSVP or acquire more information (410) 646-2074, devoc@doc.org, or www.thedaughtersofcharity.org.

November 17 – Country Butchering at Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company. Advance Orders, call (301) 271-4253, (301) 271-4252, (301) 271-3781 or (410) 775-2758. Pick up 6 - 10 a.m.

November 17 – Buffet Breakfast at Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company Activities Building. 6 - 10 a.m.

November 17 – 6th Annual Holiday Celebration Fundraiser "The Journey Continues" 5:30 p.m. - 12 a.m. at the Lynfield Event Complex in Frederick to benefit St. Thomas More Academy's building fund. Tickets \$80; \$75 each when you book a table of 8. Credit cards accepted. (301) 874-9014, fundraising@stmam.org.

November 17 – Christmas Bazaar at the Woodsboro Fire Co. activities building, Coppermine Rd. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. (301) 845-4705, (301) 606-3221.

November 17 & 18 – The Frederick Chorale 31st Annual Feast & Revels at All Saints Episcopal Church 106 W. Church Street, Frederick. Saturday, 6 p.m. and Sunday, 4 p.m. A highly entertaining concert and dinner theatre set in the magical court of Queen Elizabeth 1st. \$45 per person - Advanced purchase required (301) 662-7442, www.frederickchorale.org.

November 17 & 18 – Holiday Sale at Willow Pond Farm 145 Tract Rd., Fairfield, Pa. Complementary food and beverages, a shop full of gifts for everyone on your list. Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 - 5 p.m. Admission is free. (717) 642-6387, www.willowpondherbs.com.

November 18 – Fellowship Baptist Church at 110 Mount Hope Road wants to share God's blessings with you as you listen to Mr. Moffit's ministry through music. 6 p.m. (717) 642-6767, www.fellowshipbaptistpa.org.

November 18 – All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast sponsored by the Taneytown Rod & Gun Club. 7 - 11 a.m. \$6 adults; \$4 ages 8 - 12. (410) 756-4260.

November 18 – 250th Celebration in the Sanctuary of Graceham Moravian Church, 8231 Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont, Md. Serving God and community a year-long celebration thru October 8, 2008. "Thanksgiving in the Country" at 3 p.m.

November 18 – Alternative Gift Fair at Grace United Church of Christ, 25 E. Second St. Fred., Md. (301) 662-3312, www.grucc.com.

November 18 – Basket Bingo to benefit Catocin High School Wrestling Program at the Thurmont Activities Building. Doors open at 1 p.m., Bingo starts at 3 p.m. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. For tickets call Karen (301) 271-2026 or Michelle (301) 271-1830.

November 19 – Youth Orchestra Fall Concert at Frederick Community College's Kussmaul Theater, 7932 Opossumtown Pike in Frederick, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$8 adults, \$4 students and seniors. Tickets available at the door. Call (301) 473-4140.

November 19, 21, & 26 – Panic Attack and Anxiety Programs are being held Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. via teleconference call. To participate call national headquarters (732) 940-9658, www.panicleliefinc.com.

November 21 – Thanksgiving Eve Service sponsored by the Thurmont Ministerium will be held at the Graceham Moravian Church, 8231 Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont, 7 p.m. The Rev. Esther Zeigler, Pastor, Mt. Tabor U.C.C. will bring the message. Please bring along a non-perishable food item as part of their offering. All food items will be donated to the Thurmont Food Bank and the offering plate receipts will be donated to the Thurmont Ministerium.

November 22 – 14th Annual Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner sponsored by The Shepherd's Staff. 12 - 2 p.m. Free. All are welcome. St. John Roman Catholic Church, 45 Monroe Street, Westminster. For more information and donations call (410) 857-5944.

November 22 – Thanksgiving Day Dinner at St. John's Lutheran Church Parish Hall, Black's Mill Rd., Creagerstown. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$15 adults, \$7 ages 7 - 12, \$4 age 3 - 6. Traditional Turkey and Ham dinner. (301) 898-7718.

November 23 & 24 – Christmas Bazaar at Mountain View Ministries, 103 Apples Church Rd., Thurmont. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

November 23, 24, & 25 – Maryland Christmas Show in Historic Frederick, Maryland. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission \$6 for Adults and \$3 for Children 12 and under. Parking is \$1. www.marylandchristmasshow.com.

November 24 – Basket Bingo at Woodsboro American Legion. Games at 2 p.m. Tickets, \$15 advance, \$20 at door. (301) 898-3129.

November 24 – The Unity Healing and Prayer Drumming Circle at 1 West Ninth Street, Frederick. 6:30 p.m. Experience the fun and power of the drumming circle for the entire family! No drumming or music experience necessary, extra drums available. Free. Last Saturdays. www.drumsprits.com, (301) 846-0868.

November 25 – Boulevard Singles Dance at Boulevard & Beyond Caterers, 1011 Baltimore Blvd., West-

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November 27 & 29 – Holiday Boardinghouse Lunches at Willow Pond Farm 145 Tract Rd., Fairfield, Pa. Executive Chef, Madeline creates superb meals drawing on the farm's bounty and seasonal ingredients. Enjoy appetizers, soup, main course, salad, and dessert, followed by demonstrations on quick and easy herbal culinary, craft, and decorating ideas. Reservations required. \$25. (717) 642-6387, info@willowpondherbs.com.

November 28 – Department of Social Services Outreach in Emmitsburg at the CASS Office, Emmitsburg Community Center, 300 S. Seton Ave. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Walk-in only. Apply and recertify for food stamps, energy assistance, and medical assistance.

November 29 – Mount St. Mary's University Chorale: Orfeo at MSM Immaculate Conception Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Join the Mount Chorale and special guest early music instrumentalists and vocalists for a program devoted entirely to the stunning music of Claudio Monteverdi.

November 30 – "Triple Day" Childbirth Education at FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick. Advance registration & payment required. \$110 per couple. (240) 379-6000.

November 30 – FMH BirthPlace Tours & Family Center at Frederick Memorial Hospital, 400 W. 7th St., Frederick, MD. Advance registration required. Free. (240) 379-6000.

November 30 to December 2 – Advent-Winter Retreat for Laity. "Living a Catholic Lifestyle: Wholeness & Holiness in our World Today" directed by Father Jack Lombardi at the Seton Retreat Center in Emmitsburg, MD. To register or for more information call Rose Grimes (301) 831-7708, rosegrimescarmel@aol.com.

November 30 to December 2 – Maryland Christmas Show in Historic Frederick, Md., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Adults \$6; Children 12 and under \$3. Parking \$1. www.marylandchristmasshow.com

December 1 – Christmas Country Craft Fair at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Parish Hall on DePaul St. Emmitsburg. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Crafts, holiday items, homemade baked goods, soups, sandwiches. Breakfast and lunch available.

December 1 – Dance to the 50's and 60's with The "Shades" at Thurmont American Legion Post 168, Thurmont. 8 - 12 p.m. Advance tickets \$10, at door \$12. Cash bar, snacks, over 21, members and guests only. (301) 271-7960, (301) 271-3707.

December 1 – Inside Yard Sale at Thurmont Senior Center, 806 E. Main St., Thurmont. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

December 1 – Annual Christmas Bazaar and Supper at Elias Lutheran Church of Emmitsburg. 12 p.m. Beef, turkey & ham supper

with apple fritters. Crafts, home-baked products, white elephant table. Adults \$11, Children 6 - 12 \$4 Carry-outs \$12.

December 1 – Annual Children's Christmas Party at the Emmitsburg Firehouse on West Main Street. Santa Claus, Khan-du the Magician, face painting, crafts, hot dogs & candy canes, children's Christmas festivities will start early this year at 10 a.m. for the Emmitsburg Lion's Club. For more information, contact Lion Dianne Walbrecker at (301) 447-6962.

December 1 – Holiday Magic at The Children's Museum of Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 North Market Street, Frederick, MD, operated by Fred. Co. Div. of Parks & Rec. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Magic shows at 10:30; 11:30; 12:30; and 1:30. Hands-on crafts and a visit with Santa in the carriage museum. \$5 child; \$3 adult. Program information (301) 600-1650 or visit www.rosehillmuseum.com

December 1 or 8 – "Saturday Express" Childbirth Education at FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick or Frederick Memorial Hospital, 400 W. 7th St., Frederick. \$110 per couple. (240) 379-6000.

December 2 – Annual Christmas Concert at the Basilica, Emmitsburg. Emmitsburg Community Chorus present Christmas music for the season. 3 p.m. Ellie Davis (301) 898-9776.

December 2 – One Stop Shopping Party at Bollinger's Restaurant. 1 - 5 p.m. Featuring vendors from Silpada, Longaberger, Avon, Mary Kay, Stampin Up, Pampered Chef, Creative Memories, and Party Lights. All products available for Christmas delivery. Call (301) 271-3500. www.longaberger.com/lisagoodhart.

December 2 & 9 – "Sunday Run" Childbirth Education at FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick. Advance registration & payment required. \$110 per couple. (240) 379-6000.

December 3 – An Evening of Christmas Spirit at the Carriage House in Emmitsburg; Tree lighting ceremony at 6 p.m. in front of the community center; Horse drawn survey, hay rides, complimentary hot-dogs and cookies, live nativity, entertainment and Santa and his elves 6:30 - 9 p.m. Canned goods and donations accepted for the Emmitsburg Lions Club Christmas food drive.

December 3 – Clothes Closet at Thurmont United Methodist Church, Long Rd., Thurmont. Free clothing and household items for needy families. Newborn to adult. 6 p.m. 1st Monday of each month.

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Through December 20 – Hand Building with Clay. Thursdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown. Register via our secure web site www.wcmfa.org; Registration required. (301) 739-5727. TDD (301) 739-5764.

November 2 to 17 – “Devour the Snow” 8 p.m. Keefauver Center, 157 Lefever Street, Gettysburg, two blocks off Baltimore Street. Abe Polsky's riveting courtroom drama directed by David Deal. Tickets \$12, discounts for seniors over 60, students with identification and groups of 10 or more. Information and reservations (866) 859-5192 or www.gettysburgstage.org.

November 2 to December 14 – Young at Art. Fridays 1 - 2 p.m., ages 4-6. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown. Register via secure web site www.wcmfa.org; registration required. (301) 739-5727. TDD (301) 739-5764.

November 3 to 17 – Art 101 for Kids. Saturdays 1 - 3 p.m., ages 7-12. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown. Register via secure web site www.wcmfa.org; registration required (301) 739-5727. TDD (301) 739-5764.

November 5 to 26 – Gettysburg College Creative Writing. Monday evenings 6 - 8 p.m. at the Adams County Arts Council's art-education center in the Imagination Station classroom, located at 18 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg. Professors Fred Leebron and Kathryn Rhett will co-teach a new class designed for beginning writers. (717) 334-5006, www.adamscountyartscouncil.org.

Through November 6 – Foundations in Calligraphy - The Uncial Hand. 2 - 4 p.m. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown. Register via secure web site www.wcmfa.org; registration required. (301) 739-5727. TDD (301) 739-5764.

November 6 to December 18 – Exploring Watercolor Studio. Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown. Register via secure web site www.wcmfa.org; registration required. (301) 739-5727. TDD (301) 739-5764.

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November 7 to December 19 – Exploring Watercolor Studio. Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown. Register via secure web site www.wcmfa.org; registration required. (301) 739-5727. TDD (301) 739-5764.

November 14 to December 19 – Introduction to Portraiture for All Media. Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. Register via secure web site www.wcmfa.org; registration required. (301) 739-5727. TDD (301) 739-5764.

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November 16 & 17 – Gettysburg Stage presents “An Evening of One Acts and Interludes” at Keefauver Center, 157 Lefever Street in Gettysburg. 8 p.m. For more information, www.gettysburgstage.org or make reservations at (866) 859-6192.

Through November 17 – The Village Dinner Theatre of Gettysburg. Dinner and show 7 p.m., doors open at 6:45 p.m. “Ghost Walks Are Deadly,” a new interactive murder mystery. Friday and Saturday Nights. Prices start at \$29.50 for dinner and show. www.thevillagedinnertheatre.com, (800) 570-4590, (717) 337-0080.

November 17 & 18 – The Frederick Chorale 31st Annual Feaste & Revels at All Saints Episcopal Church 106 W. Church Street, Frederick, Md. Saturday, 6 p.m. and Sunday, 4 p.m. A highly entertaining concert and dinner theatre set in the magical court of Queen Elizabeth 1st. \$45 per person - Advanced purchase required (301) 662-7442, www.frederickchorale.org.

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November 19 – Youth Orchestra Fall Concert at Frederick Community College's Kussmaul Theater, 7932 Opossumtown Pike in Frederick, MD. 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$8 adults, \$4 students and seniors. Tickets available at the door. Call (301) 473-4140.

November 29 to January 5 – The Village Theatre of Gettysburg presents Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol by Tom Mula at 241 Steinwehr Ave. Gettysburg, Pa. Instead of following Ebenezer Scrooge, we join his old partner Jacob Marley on his famous ghostly visitation. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Saturday matinees, 2 p.m., Sunday Matinees 3 p.m. Tickets range from \$8 - \$15. www.tvtgettysburg.com, (800) 570-4590 for tickets and complete schedule.

December 1 – Create a Holiday Ornament Workshop. 12:30 - 2:30 p.m., ages 5-12. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown. Register via secure web site www.wcmfa.org; registration required. (301) 739-5727. TDD (301) 739-5764.

December 2 – Annual Christmas Concert at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton, Seton Ave, Emmitsburg. The

Emmitsburg Community Chorus will present their annual Christmas concert at 3 p.m. Ellie Davis (301) 898-9776.

December 8 – Design a Holiday Card Watercolor Workshop. 12 - 4 p.m. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. Register via secure web site www.wcmfa.org; registration required. (301) 739-5727. TDD (301) 739-5764.

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DESSERT BUFFET: Pumpkin Pie, Chocolate Mousse, Hot Apple Cobbler, New York Cheesecake, Pecan Pie, fresh-baked cookies.

OBITUARIES

Ms. Joan Disburg

Ms. Joan E. Disburg, 51, died Thursday, October 18, 2007 at home in Fairfield, Pa. She is survived by Wendy; two brothers, Jon and Dave, and a number of cousins, aunts, and uncles.

She has been cremated and her ashes will be returned to her hometown in Manilla, Iowa. A memorial service will be held in November.

In lieu of flowers, a scholarship fund has been set up for a speech and/or drama student at Frederick Community College. Mail contributions to FCC Foundation at Frederick Community College, 7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD 21702. In the memo line write: In memory of Joan Disburg.

Sister Joan Gormley

Sister Joan Frances Gormley, age 70, of Emmitsburg, died, Friday October 19, 2007 at Gettysburg Hospital. She was born October 6, 1937 in Philadelphia, Pa., the daughter of the late John F. Sr. and Dorothy E. Hihns Gormley.

She is survived by brothers and sisters, Dorothy Hunt, Patricia Weyler, Linda Rowe, John Gormley Jr., Joseph Gormley, Frank Gormley, Mary Joan Ricker, Kevin Gormley, Julie Gormley and Michelle Taylor as well as her 30 nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers James and Michael Gormley.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Oct. 24 at St. Bernard's Chapel at Mt. Saint Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, with Msgr. Steven Rohlf as celebrant. A brief service and burial was held the same day at Calvary Cemetery, West Conshohocken, Pa.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Gormley's name to the Daughters of Charity, Emmitsburg, or Mt. Saint Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg.

Sister Marcella Scully, DC

Sister Marcella Regina Scully died October 24, 2007 at Villa St. Michael, the province's retirement residence in Emmitsburg. She was 79 years of age and 60 years of vo-

cation. She was a Daughter of Charity and educator. Born in Wildwood, NJ, she was the fifth of six children, to Joseph and Helen Scully.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a sister, Helen Heil and brothers Joseph and Christopher Scully. She is survived by her sister, Rita McAlarnen, brother, Bob Scully and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Oct. 29, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg.

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

Mr. Ronald Cash

Mr. Ronald Curtis Cash, 36, of Fairfield, Pa., died Saturday, October 27, 2007 at York Hospital, York, Pa. Born March 13, 1971 at Fort Dix, N.J.; he was the son of Jack S. Jr. and Shirlee Ann Letts Cash, of Mount Pleasant. He was the husband of June Ann Neisser Cash, married

July 4, 1992.

In addition to his wife, he is also survived by his daughter, Mollie Louise; sisters, Regina Cortez, Audra Bartholomew, Elizabeth Cash, and Sharon Cash; a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ronald Curtis and Nina Letts.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, Oct. 31 at the Keeney and Basford Funeral Home, Frederick. Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, please make monetary donations to Mollie Cash in memory of her father, Ron Cash. Mail to: 7 Blue Gill Trail, Fairfield, PA 17320.

Mrs. Julia Boller

Julia Christine Hollinger Boller, wife of Clyde Boller, of Mount Airy, died Wednesday, October 31, 2007. She was a daughter of Frank Harris and Alla Belle Huff Hollinger formerly of Littlestown, Pa.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children Cynthia

Kirby, Susan Boller, Christina Tsen, Thomas Boller, and Melissa Sadtler; sister, Ruth Starry; eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by brothers and sisters, Catherine, Paul, Jerre, Bernard, Arlene, Ethel, and Harold.

Funeral services were held Nov. 3 at Stauffer Funeral Home, Mount Airy. Burial service was conducted by Ruth Fieldhouse, niece. Interment followed in the Moravian Cemetery in Graceham.

In lieu of flowers, Julia would be pleased for donations to a charity of your choice.

BIRTHS

Gaby and Osman Garcia, Emmitsburg, a son, Oct. 23

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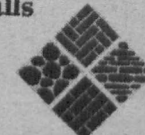
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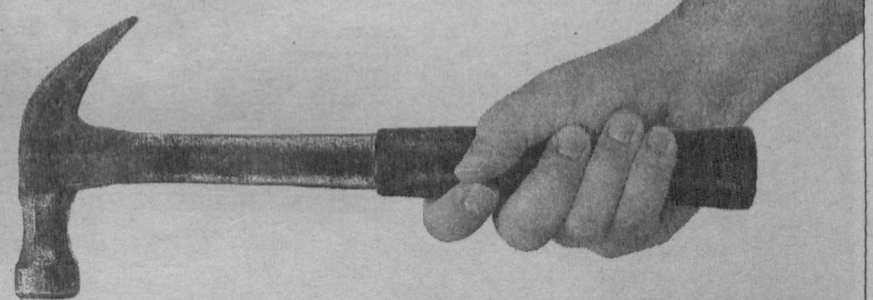
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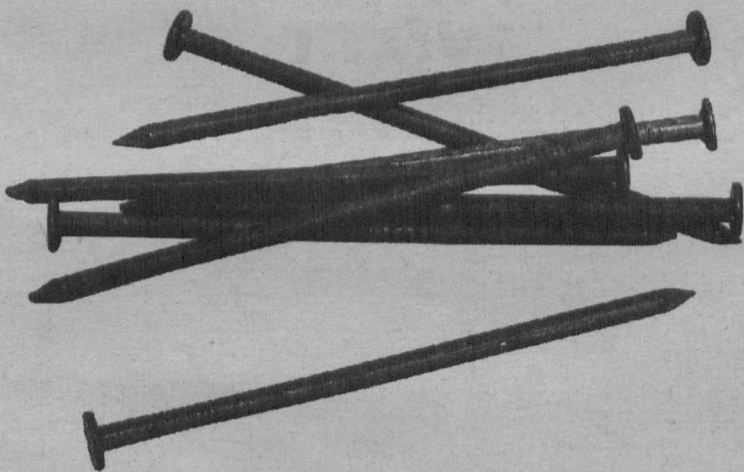
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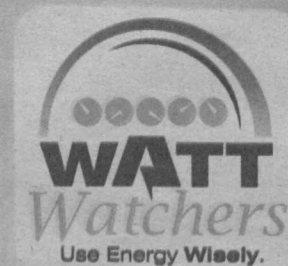
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