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What's in store for Emmitsburg in 2008

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — With a new year comes New Year's resolutions and new goals and Emmitsburg is not different from a person.

"I'd like to see more of the same good things happen for the town," Mayor James Hoover said.

While he said he has no big initiatives in mind for the town, that doesn't mean residents won't be seeing changes starting this month. One change will be the start of the pilot program between the town and Mount St. Mary's University to provide a wide array of free entertainment to residents. Another change will be the construction of a pavilion within the town pool complex.

"Pretty soon, I'll also be discussing walking trails with exercise stations in the community park," Hoover said.

Residents will also see a continuation of water and sewer projects in the town.

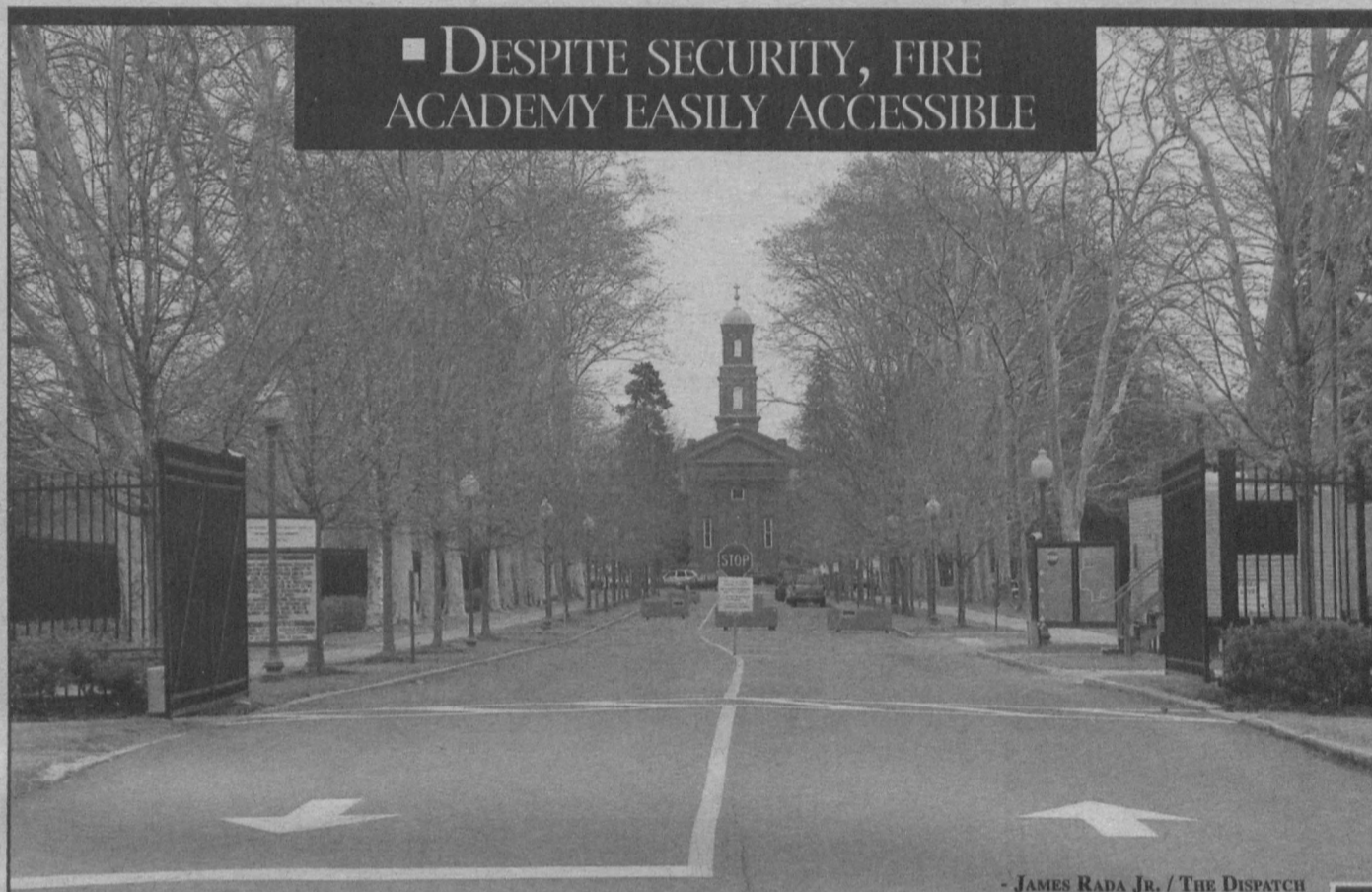
"The biggest thing with sewer and water will be the line work on Lincoln Avenue," Hoover said. He estimated that the line work will begin later in the year.

The town also has plans to bring additional water resources online, but it is growth dependent. Hoover doesn't think it will happen in this calendar year.

Libby Briggs with the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association said the EBPA is working to put together a co-op of local businesses to purchase recycling services at a reasonable cost. Currently, Frederick County provides recycling services for residents but not businesses.

Briggs also said the EBPA is working to develop a computer refurbishing program to keep old computers out of the landfill. Instead, the computers will be refurbished and given to needy families.

■ DESPITE SECURITY, FIRE ACADEMY EASILY ACCESSIBLE



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The main gate to the National Fire Training Academy stands open to visitors. The security check-in to the right is no longer used and visitors are required to check in at the security building at the end of this long entry drive.

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Located in Emmitsburg, the National Fire Academy and the Emergency Management Institute facilities is a federal

government facility. Just a year ago security guards manned a security building at the gate entrance, checking in every incoming visitor and calling ahead to make sure they are expected. But now the booth sits empty and cars freely pass in and out of the gated entrance.

This makes it somewhat easier for visitors to come and visit the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial and other public areas, while still meeting the federal guidelines for security.

"We took security off the

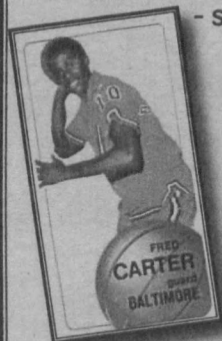
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Lake Kay properties shrinking in size due to erosion

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CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. — When Daniel Patton and his family moved to Carroll Valley five years ago, Daniel and his wife were looking forward to enjoying a smaller, cozier home after the last of their children moved out. And that is just what happened. In fact, Patton's property has continued to grow smaller over the time they have lived there.

The problem is erosion caused by Lake Kay, which the property abuts. Patton enjoys the lakefront property because he has easy access to the lake, which he frequently enjoys via paddleboat. But after five years in Carroll Valley, he has lost

about 10 feet of his property to erosion. He said it is not only a cause for concern for him but for several other homeowners on the west bank of the lake who are experiencing similar problems.

"There's a lot of concern for safety, the trees are pretty much ready to go down," Patton said, pointing to several trees leaning over the water in unnatural angles. Where land once supported the trees from beneath, water now flows, slowly undercutting the roots of the trees, causing the trees to tilt and become unstable making the trees susceptible to falling at anytime and on anyone. Also, on Northern Pike Road, the erosion has begun to undercut the road and drainage pipe, creating a crack in the pipe and a potentially hazardous

situation.

To prevent further erosion and damage, Patton has been slowly shoring up his property line with rocks over the past two to three years, as have several other property owners on the west shore of Lake Kay. It has stopped further erosion, but that can be expensive and ending the erosion all together is a much more complicated issue.

Although the property owners surrounding Lake Kay have access to the Lake's shore, not

all of the properties on the Lake fully extend to the shore, as the borough of Carroll Valley owns, in some cases, several feet of property between the lake and the homeowners property line. Thus, while the shoreline slowly recedes closer to their homes, some of those not owning the shoreline property are waiting until the erosion reaches their property line to take action

"I think they're probably

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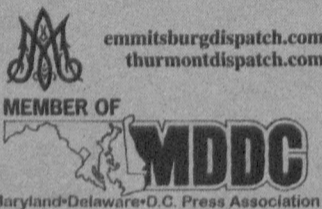
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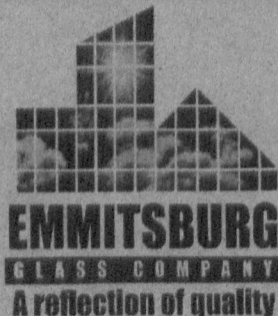
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Former newsman seeks BOE seat

I have decided to cross over and go from journalist (I have been a *Frederick News-Post* columnist for the last three years) to running for office. I have joined 11 other candidates seeking three seats on the county board of education in the Feb. 12 primary election. The six highest candidates will run in the general election in November for the three seats. Although this is a non-partisan election, we will run in the partisan primary. We will be on the Democratic and Republican ballots and on an independent ballot. So, independents can vote in the primary – but only for the school board.

Readers may ask what makes me, a reporter, qualified to run for the school board? True, I have not been a secondary teacher in Frederick County nor a PTA leader, but I have taught writing and journalism at a number of colleges, includ-

ing the University of Maryland and George Washington University. Lately, I have been teaching at FCC and at the Institute for Learning for Retirement. The school board takes at least 30 hours a week, a large commitment for working folks but now that I am retired, I have the time. And what better goal then helping to provide the best public education for our kids that we can afford? I am totally committed to spend as much time as it takes. I think the big issue is to find a way to keep our fine teachers in Thurmont and Emmitsburg from escaping to other higher paying places. We must find a way to pay our teachers who do teach here enough so that they do not have to commute to work from Pennsylvania or West Virginia.

Joe Volz
Frederick

Operation Four Paws a success

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A BIG thank you goes to Dr. Matthews and his wife Nell for supporting us and helping us make this a success as well as pulling off

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Steph George
Erica Green
The Staff at Emmitsburg
Veterinary Hospital

Robbery didn't hurt the business, it hurt the owner

As many of our community may already be aware, The One More Tavern Restaurant and Catering was recently broken into. Money was stolen, and the act seems to have been committed by an individual(s) who would have "insider knowledge" of how we run our business.

To this individual(s): I would like to express a few feelings. First, I am personally very hurt. You did not steal the money from The Tavern, you stole it from myself, my wife, and my baby girl. Second, I am trying to run a business that provides good food, service, and fun at a very reasonable price. Why take advantage of that? Insurance does not cover everything, and it will certainly not cover the insult it has placed on me. Finally, this is no way to organize your life. Obviously you need help, and there are many institutions that want to help you, why abuse us?

To my community: I appreciate all of the business you bring. Unfortunately there are some out there who would like to take that from us. Stand strong! Good will prospers in the end. Thanks also to our local law enforcement who promptly responded to our need, and to all of my loyal customers who I know are looking out for my family's interests.

Additional measures are being taken to ensure these incidents will not happen again. Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me. People with bad hearts, please do not visit my Tavern again. People with good hearts, please visit as often as possible! I truly appreciate, and need, your patronage.

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Larry Shriner, owner
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Security

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gates a year ago, mainly for budget reasons," said Ronald P. Face, Jr, director, NETC Management, Operations, and Support Services with U.S. Fire Academy.

Now security personnel watch the gate via cameras, Face said. In lieu of the manned gate, a series of barriers have been set up on the main road leading to the buildings and a sign directs guests to proceed to the security building on the campus for check in and students to proceed to the registration building.

Since the threat level for the country is generally at elevated (yellow), there is no need to restrict campus access to only essential personnel, according to federal guidelines. Face said

the fire academy has agreements with the Maryland State Police and Frederick County Sheriff's Office for situations where the threat level is raised.

"If that happened, we would hire a number of officers and sheriff's deputies to help us," Face said.

A sign directing incoming traffic acts as a "No Trespassing" sign, according to Face, but the campus could be considered easily accessible as anyone could bypass check in at the security or registration building. However, the campus has video surveillance and Face said that anyone found on campus to not be an employee, student or guest, will be considered a trespasser and "will be prosecuted."

The public is allowed on the campus, particularly to visit the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

"All they need to do is stop in at the security building and sign in, but they will be told that they cannot go anywhere else and that they should go directly from the parking lot to the location and directly back," Face said.

The National Fire Academy is on the grounds of the old St. Joseph College, which closed in 1973. The federal government purchased it for \$3.5 million in 1978 and located the fire academy and what is today known as the Emergency Management Institute, part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, there. About 25,000 students come through the academy classes each year, spending a day to two weeks at a time in Emmitsburg. FEMA became part of the Department of Homeland Security in 2003 and so did the Emmitsburg property.

Lake Kay

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not doing anything because they don't own the property [being eroded]," Patton said. "They'll let the borough come out and fix their own property."

While Patton said he understands that mind set, he would like to see the problem fixed now, rather than later. Thus, as a member of the Carroll Valley Borough Council, Patton has

addressed the council concerning the Lake Kay erosion and presented the board suggestions for solving the issue.

Initially Patton proposed the idea that the town hand over the shoreline properties to the adjacent homeowners, but complicated legal issues would make the process a tricky task, thus Patton suggested that the town provide the rocks to shore up the entire western shoreline.

The council has yet to discuss the issue at hand, but in the

meantime Patton said he hopes something is done before an accident happens and a tree falls and hurts someone.

"I behoove the borough in the early spring to get the trees down," Patton said. "One storm this year may be just enough to bring a tree down."



- STEPHANIE LONG / THE DISPATCH

Though attractive to look at Lake Kay has been eroding its shores, which has raised some safety concerns. On Northern Pike Road, the erosion has begun to undercut the road and drainage pipe, creating a crack in the pipe and a potentially hazardous situation.

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TOWN NEWS

Pre-School Vision Screening Lions District 22-W

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Lions Club members from Emmitsburg; Freedom District, Pa.; Taneytown and Thurmont conducted the second annual vision screening project at the Emmitsburg Early Learning Center on Nov. 7. This was a unique joint service project involving Lions clubs from two regions of the multiple district working together. Eighteen children between the ages of 19 months and four years old were screened.

The children were escorted, one by one, by EELC Director, Julie Scott, to a controlled area. Trained Lions Club photographer, Paul Cannada (Thurmont Club) took two photographs of the eyes of each child.

Past District Governor, Bob Miller, and Lion Stan Hartle read the photographs. Lions Claude Elmore and Don Williams (Taneytown) gave out stickers and ushered the children. Lions Joyce Anthony (Thurmont) and Joe Ritz (Emmitsburg)

checked and recorded the consent forms.

The photo screening process, which uses a Polaroid type camera, identifies or detects factors that causes amblyopia. The photos are sent to an outside ophthalmic imaging center for interpretation. Parents/guardians are informed of the results and, if necessary, a recommendation may be made to see an eye care professional. It should be noted that participating Lions clubs provide this service at no cost to the parent/guardian or the sponsor of the evening.

A new type of camera is being introduced into the Lions Club to perform the screening. It is a Welch/Allyn Sure Sight Vision Screener camera which will be used when training has been conducted for screeners in District 22W. The present camera produces photographs; the new camera will provide a digital reading which gives instant results.

Emmitsburg to have a town planner...again

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — After two years of using a planning consultant to help map out the town's future, the Town of Emmitsburg has decided to fill the vacant position of an in-house planner.

"With new state regulations and the way things are going, I believe there's a need for a planner," Mayor James Hoover said. "I'm also convinced and growing more concerned we are not prepared for the amount of growth that plan to come to us."

The position of town planner has been vacant since the end of 2005 when planner Michael Lucas resigned. The position has been approved in the budget, but not filled, since then. The town has employed Annapolis-based Jakubiak and Associates, which has been instrumental in helping the town planning and

zoning commission update the town master plan.

Town inspector Frank Henry was also assigned some in-house planning duties.

"The planning work that's not his field of expertise," Hoover said during the Dec. 17 town meeting. "That's not an area he feels comfortable in."

However, he also said that

The town has been using a human resources consultant to do the advertising, write up the job description and conduct the pre-interviews. The planner position is expected to pay in the low-\$40,000 range for someone with 5-10 years experience.

"The town currently has five planning positions, two are filled currently and we're looking to fill one more," Hoover said. "There's no desire for me at this time to fill the other positions."

Haller said that once all the changes are complete, he expects filling the position will save the town anywhere from \$40,000 to \$45,000 a year.

Hoover expects the changes to take place within the

next 30-45 days. Jakubiak and Associates will be retained until their work on the town comprehensive plan is complete.

The town commissioners will have to approve of the final choice to fill the position.

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James Hoover
Emmitsburg Mayor

using a planner hasn't worked out as well as he had hoped and so he wants to fill the position of town planner again.

"We want to get someone who'll be up and running within days," said Town Manager Dave Haller.

Emmitsburg Town Meetings

Town Meeting
January 7, 7:30 p.m.
• MSM Presentation
• Review Pay Scale
• Review HR consultant Position

Water Committee
January 15, 7:30 p.m.

Town Meeting
January 21, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission
January 28, 7:30 p.m.
• Presentation by Town Manager regarding Water Resource Plan
• Municipal Growth Boundary
• Land Use Designations

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.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Emmitsburg tree drop offs coming up

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Town of Emmitsburg will be collecting Christmas trees at the sewer plant on Creamery Road on Jan. 12 and 19. Residents can drop off their old Christmas trees anytime from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- J. Rada



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EDUCATION

Emmitsburg Elementary jumps at a chance for state-of-the-art playground equipment



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Emmitsburg Elementary students were jumping at a chance to demonstrate the NEOS, a new type of playground equipment, on Dec. 19. The NEOS offers different games and allows the skill level to be adjusted and to play one or two players. The basic idea is that children jump and move around to hit glowing lights before they turn off.

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The students at Emmitsburg Elementary were jumping up and down and weaving back and forth as they tested their reflexes against a NEOS on Dec. 19.

Emmitsburg Elementary was the first school on the East Coast to host a demonstration of this new playground equipment that is part electronic game and part competitive sport. The NEOS offers different games and allows the skill level to be adjusted and to play one or two players. The basic

idea is that children jump and move around to hit glowing lights before they turn off.

Principal Wanda Severance and physical education teacher Sarah Palmer invited Playground Specialists of Thurmont to give students and staff a first chance to see and play this exciting electronic

game. The demonstration of the NEOS was held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19 with giveaways of pins and t-shirts for the top scorers!

NEOS was also recently demonstrated on the Ellen Degeneres show.

- J. Rada

Mother Seton School makes pitch for better state funding

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Maryland spends about \$28 annually on each student enrolled in a Maryland non-public school, although each of those students saves the state about \$9,700 annually in education costs.

Members of the Mother Seton School community recently met with members of the Frederick County delegation to talk with them about nonpublic education in the state and to show them that such a bargain needs to be supported.

"We wanted to talk with them about nonpublic education funding and comparable ways the state could help nonpublic education without direct funding," said Sr. JoAnne Goecke, principal of Mother Seton School.

For instance, Maryland allows

public school teachers the ability to deduct from their taxes a certain amount of out-of-pocket expenses used for the classes. Nonpublic school teachers don't have the same privilege.

"The board expressed their hopes and desires and the delegates were able to respond to the board as leaders of the school," Goecke said.

Del. Paul Stull and Donald Elliott attended the meeting. Del. Joe Bartlett called in and spoke by phone to the group for about 10 minutes.

New York spends \$303 on each nonpublic student, New Jersey spends \$839 and Pennsylvania spend \$667. Maryland's contribution on to non-public education amounts to

about \$28 per student.

The state's funding comes through textbook and technology funding. This year it allowed Mother Seton School to purchase new textbooks in history, science and literature. However, the amount of money budgeted for this fund has been falling while the number of nonpublic school students in the state has been increasing.

"We wanted to let them know that if it keeps on decreasing how it is going to hurt us," Goecke said.

On the other hand, nonpublic education saves the state about \$1.4 billion each year because of students who don't need to have their education funded through the state.

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I was working at the local Super Thrift in Fairfield in 1966...

... when Dutch Wilson, the local funeral director asked me to go to work for him. Later, John Skiles and his father bought the funeral home in Emmitsburg and I went to work for them. In this business, you are able to help people when they really need your help. I like that. I like making a difference.

The industry has changed a lot in my 40 plus years: more government regulation, more paperwork, funerals are not as formal and we're doing more cremations. Families today are also seeing the wisdom in pre-arranging funerals. It takes the burden off the family and is very cost effective. Things have changed, for the better.

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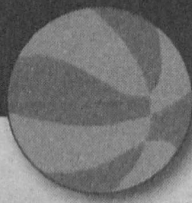


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Dec. 19 - Francis Scott Key 45, Catoctin 41

Kyle Beard had 11 points for Catoctin and Matty Thompson had 10.

Dec. 21 - Catoctin 80, Clear Spring 55

Matty Thompson scored 19 points for Catoctin and Kyle Beard had 15.

Dec. 26 - Catoctin 87, St. Michael's 55

Matty Thompson led Catoctin with 25 points, and Graham Ewing had 12.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dec. 14 - Frederick 69, Catoctin 45

Tara Stackhouse was the high scorer for the Cougars with 9 points.

Dec. 19 - Catoctin 57, Francis Scott Key 56

Tara Stackhouse led Catoctin with 17 points, and Brittany Chmelik and Emily Delauter each had 11 points.

Dec. 21 -

Catoctin 61, Clear Spring 28

Kayla Opel led the Cougars with 14 points.

Dec. 28 - Catoctin 52, St. John's 34

Emily Delauter led the Cougars with 14 points and 10 rebounds, Tara Stackhouse had 12 points, and Kylie Late had 10.

Dec. 29 - Tuscarora 56, Catoctin 44

Kylie late led Catoctin with 16 points.

WRESTLING

Dec. 8 - Catoctin Duals Tournament

Catoctin placed 4th. Dusty Kidd, Chris Sigler, and Thomas Rej received outstanding wrestler awards for their weight classes.

Dec. 14 & 15 - Thomas Davis Memorial Wrestling Tournament

Catoctin placed 5th. Sean Chilson placed 1st with a 7-0 record. Chris Schildt and Garritt Baer each placed 3rd. Dusty Kidd and Jon Sweeney each placed 4th.

Lady Cougars conquer St. John's



- TINA DELAUTER / THE DISPATCH

Kayla Opel scores for Catoctin in their 52-34 win over St. John's at the Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament Dec. 28th.

A Word from the publisher

A call for athletics in our pages



DELAUTER

In this issue, *The Dispatch* has introduced a page dedicated to sports. For a number of years the idea of publishing articles about local athletics has been something we've wanted to entertain and something a number of our readers have asked for.

In the past we published a column, "Outside the Game" written by Mount Professor A.J. Russo. The column often prompted readers to inquire why we didn't carry more local

articles, particularly about the youth in the area. One of many reasons is that sports news requires writers and photographers with special training. In most major newspapers sports is a separate section equal to the size of the regular edition. The subject has its own lingo and if you're not a sports enthusiast, you either read it or you don't.

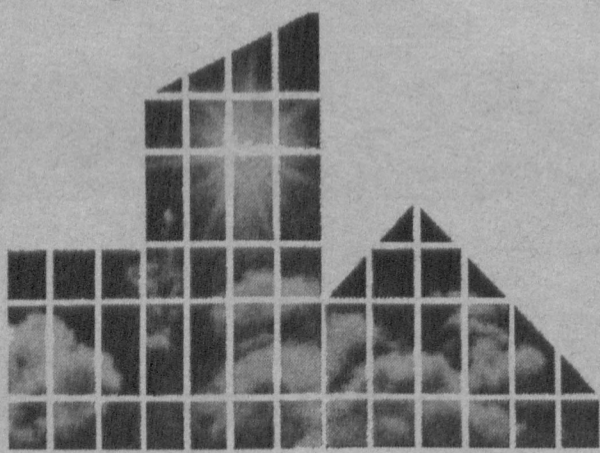
Our budget does not allow us the ability to hire a writer specifically dedicated to sports nor does it allow us to publish pages equal to our regular edition. But, we do think the subject of athletics and physical health is an important part of our society.

Recently Tina Delauter has stepped forward and expressed a desire to help bring some of our youth athletics alive in our pages. Although not a trained journalist or even a sports writer, she's actively involved in a lot of sporting events in our community. However, she needs your help. If you have a story lead, a great photo that you took at a local competition, or can help by rounding up scores or stats, Tina can use your help. You can contact her by phone at (301) 447-3039 or by e-mail at editor@thedispatch.us.

We are thankful for her willingness to take on this work. And, with your help we are once again going to attempt to bring you some sports news.

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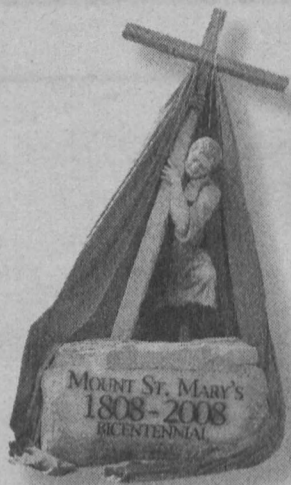
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BY JAMES RADA JR.
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Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a series of articles The Dispatch will be featuring to highlight the year-long celebration of Mount St. Mary's University's bicentennial.

EMMITSBURG, Md. — When Mount St. Mary's basketball coach Jim Phelan traveled to Philadelphia in 1965, he believed he was going to watch potential recruits for his team not break down racial barriers.

"We had won a national championship in 1962 and up until that point, we had no black players," Phelan said. "But black players were starting to play the game more and it was time to recruit them."

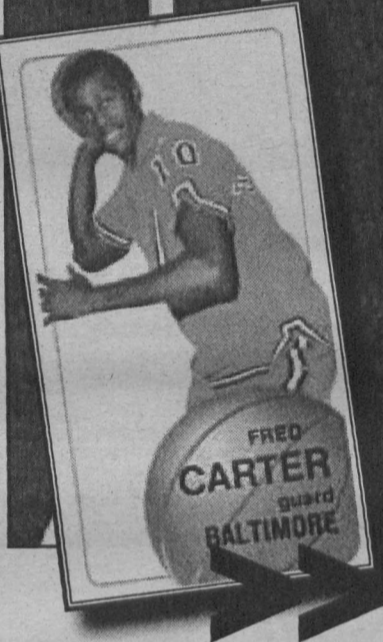
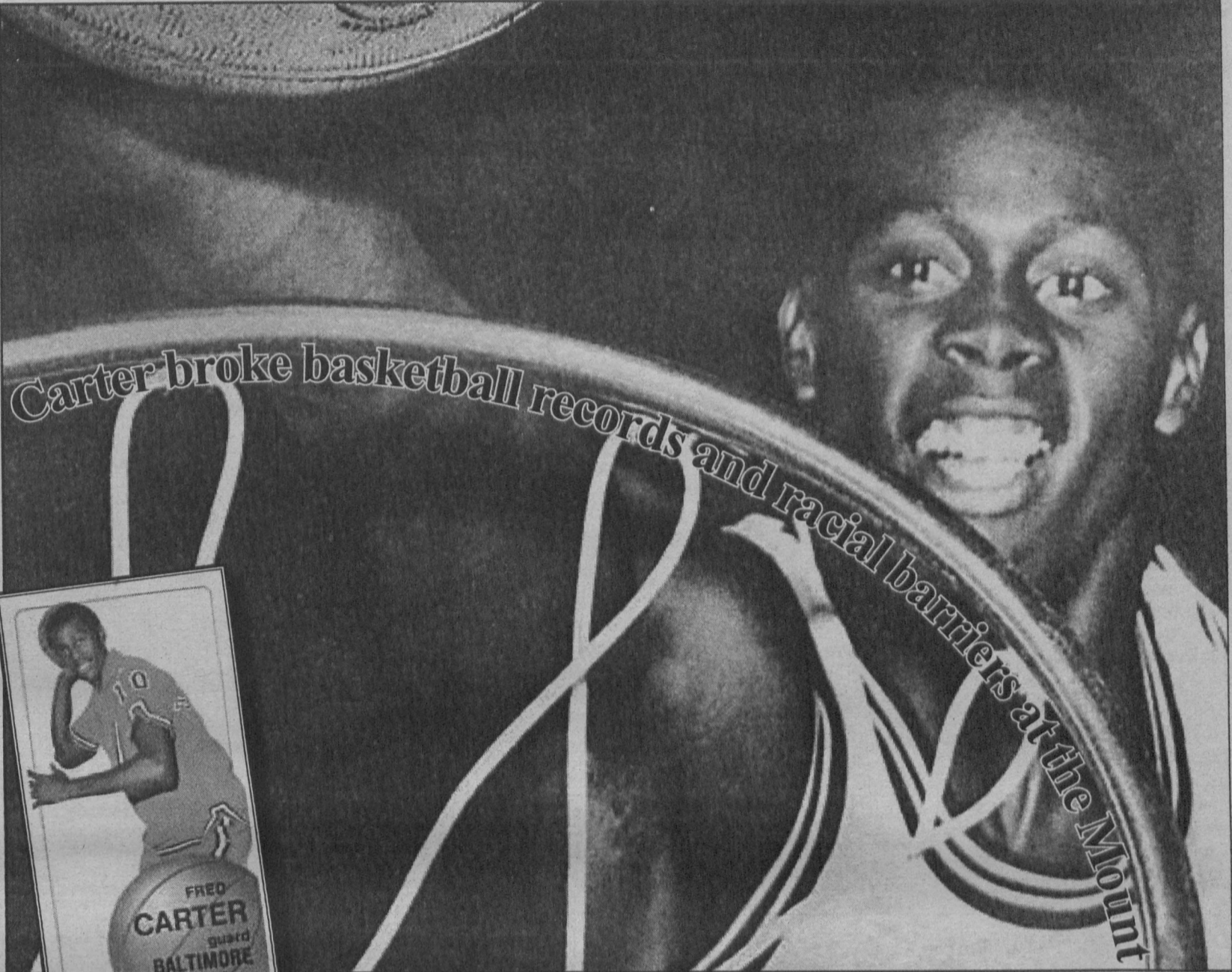
The athletic director had no problem with recruiting black players, but he wasn't sure how much a small, country college would interest them.

Phelan went to see John Baum and Bob Sutor play in a game in Philadelphia, but he came back impressed by a high school dropout named Fred Carter, who had played in the same game. The 6 foot 3 inch tall Carter had gone back to school and was working hard for his high school degree.

Phelan asked Carter if he would be interested in attending Mount St. Mary's. "He said, 'If you can get me in, I'll come,' just like that," Phelan said.

Carter visited the campus and signed on. In the fall of 1965, he took a train to Baltimore where Phelan picked him up to drive back to Emmitsburg.

"I remember coming through Taneytown and Westminster and seeing grass, cows or horses," Carter said during a recent visit to the campus to retire his jersey number. "It's



something that always stuck with me because at the time I had never seen that."

During the drive to Emmitsburg, Carter asked Phelan how many other African-American students attended the Mount. Phelan looked at him and said, "Fred, look in the rear view mirror and you'll see how many we've got," Phelan said.

Under Phelan's coaching, Carter averaged 21.9 points and 11 rebounds in his 84 games at the college. He scored 1,840 points while playing at the Mount.

Phelan said he sat down with Carter to talk to him about being the first black resident. He warned Carter that the girls from St. Joseph College were going to come after him and want to date him because he was African American. Phelan told him, "Don't let them use you."

Phelan doesn't recall any major problems, other than cat-calls, during games except for a game at Randolph Macon College where two students jumped on Carter from the bleachers as he was walking off the floor. His teammates quickly came to his aid, though.

"Fred dominated things for four years," Phelan said. "He basically integrated the (Mason

Dixon) league."

Because of Carter's success at the Mount, the following year, the college had four African American players. African Americans started appearing on other teams in the Mason Dixon Conference as well.

"The Mount meant so much to me in so many ways in terms of growth and development from a boy to a man," Carter said in an article in the *Fredrick News-Post*. "It broadened me and my perspective."

More importantly, he broke down racial barriers at a college that had owned slaves more than a century before. Carter became the first African-American resident student at the Mount, earning the respect of his peers.

The Baltimore Bullets drafted Carter in the third round of the 1969 National Basketball Association draft and Carter went on to play eight seasons of professional basketball with the Bullets, Philadelphia 76ers and Milwaukee Bucks. He later went on to coach the Bucks and the Mount Women's Basketball Team.

Mount St. Mary's retired

Fred Carter averaged 21.9 points and 11 rebounds in his 84 games at Mount St. Mary's. He scored 1,840 points while playing at the Mount. However, he was also the first African-American resident student at the college. (Left) The Baltimore Bullets drafted Carter in the third round of the 1969 National Basketball Association draft and Carter went on to play eight seasons of professional basketball with the Bullets, Philadelphia 76ers and Milwaukee Bucks.

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his 33 jersey in December during halftime of a game against Loyola. Carter spoke during the ceremony before a crowd

of 2,109.

"I love the people here," Carter said as the crowd chanted his nickname, "Mad Dog."



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BUSINESS

Video production comes to Emmitsburg

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Emmitsburg may not have its own television station, but it has a company that can produce television-quality videos for businesses and individuals.

"I know we're a young company and have some pretty stiff competition, but in this Washington DC market, there is some room for an up and coming company like ours who is concerned about making Great Videos," said Conrad Weaver, president of Conjo Studios.

Weaver and his wife live in Emmitsburg where he also established Conjo Studios.

He provides customers with video production, post-production work and other video services. He has produced training videos, live event recordings,



-JENNIFER BUCHHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

Conrad Weaver, president of Conjo Studios in Emmitsburg, provides his clients with video production, post-production work and other video services. He has produced training videos, live event recordings, commercials, web sites and graphic design.

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"We're nuts about customer service because we

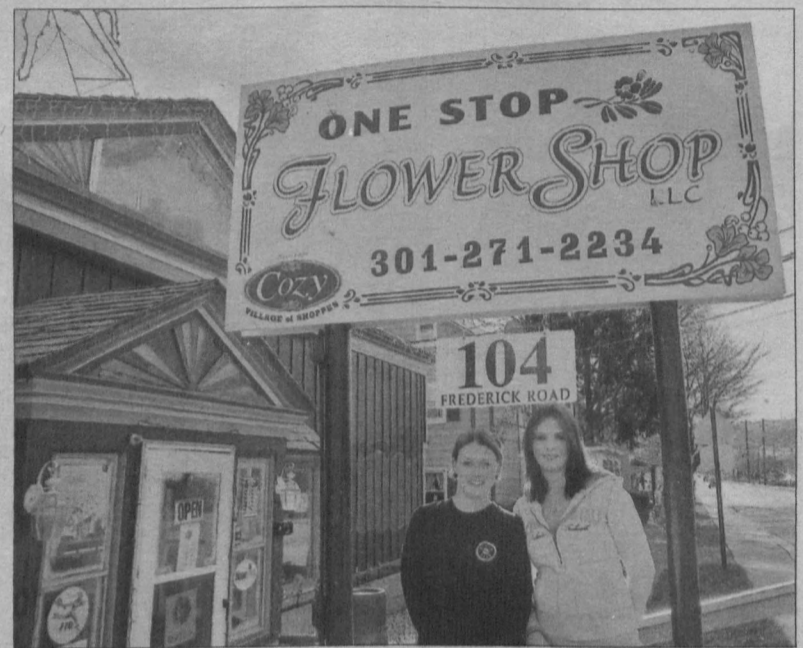
care about our clients' needs," Weaver said. "I will make you look good, that's what I always tell my clients. If I can't accomplish that, I may as well do something else."

Locally, Weaver has done video work for Jim Bass Real Estate Group, The Frederick Rescue Mission, FCF Church, Governor Thomas Johnson High and others.

"It's a great way to make a living," Weaver said. "Meeting great people, being creative, getting paid for it... can't beat that."

- J. Rada

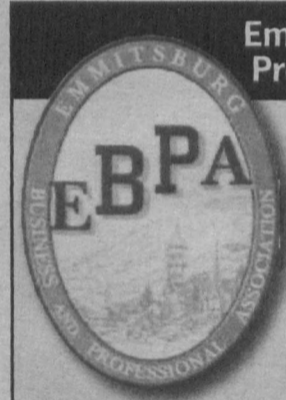
One Stop Flower Shop's business is blooming



-JENNIFER BUCHHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

Robert Mohler and his daughter Bobbie Jo Mohler-Moore opened the One Stop Flower Shop on Frederick Road in Thurmont in September. Their shop in the Cozy Village can provide flowers for everyday occasions, weddings, funerals, anniversaries and churches. One Stop has a gift shop and wedding and party supplies. The store is open Tuesday through Saturday. Call (301) 271-2234 for more information or visit One Stop Flower Shop on the web at www.onestopflowershop.net. Photo- bobbi jo & Megan Kramer.

Emmitsburg Business and Professionals Association Meeting



January 15, 2008

Carriage House Inn
Social at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at 7 p.m. (\$15 cost)

Tim O'Donnell, Co-Chair Emmitsburg P & Z Commission, Catocin Land Trust board member, Emmitsburg Parks and Rec Committee, Emmitsburg Trails Task Force member, International Mountain Bicycling Association member, will be discussing the future of Emmitsburg recreational trail and potential tourism.

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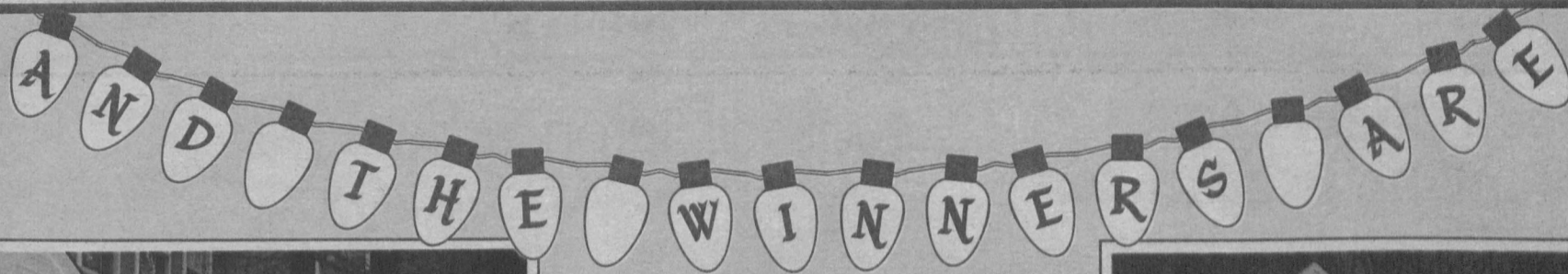
Thurmont First



Main Street Revitalization

January 16, 2008

Cozy Restaurant & Inn
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- 2nd – Timothy and Linda Wivell
4075 Carrick Court
- 3rd – Earl and Mary Rice
659 W. Main Street

Children's Choice

- 1st – Frances and Dorothy Medvid
2 Seton Place
- 2nd – Tim and Sharon Hane
3145 Stonehurst Court
- 3rd – William and Margaret O'Donnell
3 Seton Place

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Karen Coats named Outstanding Researcher

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Illinois State University's College of Arts and Sciences Research Proposal Review Committee awarded Dr. Karen Coats Outstanding Researcher this year representing the College's Department of English. Coats' research makes connections between books, children, and the cultures in which children find themselves. She employs theories of psychoanalytic theorist Jacques Lacan plus a wide variety of linguistic, psychological, sociological, aesthetic, and literary theories to explain these connections. Coats' 2004 book, *Looking Glasses and Neverlands: Lacan, Desire and Subjectivity in Children's Literature* was selected as both a Choice Outstanding Academic

Title and the Children's Literature Association Honor Award for Best Book of Literary Criticism in the same year it was published. In addition, she has a second co-edited book that will be published in 2008, has published 13 other pieces, and has presented 35 conference papers and talks. Coats graduated from Catoctin High School in 1981, earned a B.A. and M.A. Degree in English from Virginia Tech, and a Ph.D. in Human Sciences from The George Washington University. Coats' lives in Normal, Illinois with her husband, Will and daughters, Emily and Blair. She is the daughter of Dawn and Joe Moser of Thurmont and granddaughter of Louise Blair.

Mother Seton School gets help from "Angels Above"

EMMITSBURG, Md. — In keeping with their late parent's dream to always "give back," the six children of Jack and Shirley Little held the 2nd Annual Angels Above Golf Tournament on Oct. 5 at Mountain View Golf Resort in Fairfield, Pa. On Nov. 26, the Littles presented Mother Seton School with a check for \$10,000 for the scholarship fund named in memory of their parents. The Little siblings include: Tony Little, Scott Little, Pam Bolin, Mary Lou Little, Tim Little and Ed Little — all having attended or graduated from MSS.



- Photo Courtesy of Mother Seton School

Brandi Bolin, an 11th grader at Fairfield High and daughter of Pam Bolin, coordinated the tournament and used this for her senior project. Brandi's uncle Tony Little said, "We're very proud of Brandi's hard work that resulted in us meeting our goal this year." Ms. Bolin went door to

door requesting support throughout the towns of Emmitsburg, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Thurmont and Frederick. If necessary, she returned a second time." According to Brandi, "It took a lot of time and gas, but was worth it."

All of the Littles agreed that they would not have been successful without the generous support of their commu-

nity sponsors.

Mother Seton School held an assembly for the Littles including student presentation of gifts for the family, two choral selections and words of appreciation from the principal and board chair.

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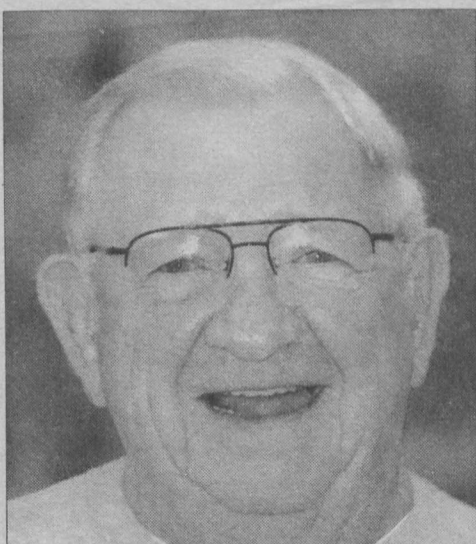
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OBITUARIES



James E. Batterden, Jr.

James Edward Batterden, Jr., age 82, of Westminster, formerly of Emmitsburg and Baltimore, died December 29, 2007 at Lorien in Taneytown.

Born December 25, 1925 in Baltimore, he was the son of the late James E. and Elizabeth (Noonan) Batterden, Sr. He was predeceased by his wife of 51 years, M. Berenice Lee (Brown) Batterden in 2002.

He was a veteran of

W.W.II, serving in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Westminster, and the Knights of Columbus. He was a graduate of Mt. St. Joseph's, the University of Maryland and University of Baltimore. In 1987, he was inducted into the Mt. St. Joseph Hall of Fame, and a member of Who's Who in the East. Batterden was retired as Vice President of O.T. Smith Co. in Baltimore. He also

volunteered at the Westminster Senior Center and was a member of the B.P.O.E. Elks in Westminster.

Surviving are children and spouses, James E. and Angela Batterden III of Harwood, MD, Julia B. and Charles Grimes of Taneytown, Mark L. and Roxanne Batterden of Forest Hills, Md., Mary B. and Jack Sullivan of Jarrettsville, Md., Stephen G. and Sandra Batterden of Rockville, MD, Margaret B. Seidel of Greencastle, Pa,

John O. Batterden of Frederick, and Brigid E. and Jeffrey Hardman of Orrtanna, Pa.; brothers; John T. Batterden of Baltimore, and Charles A. Batterden of Baltimore. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren, one great-grandson, and two nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Robert J. Batterden.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 3, at St. John Roman Catholic Church, Westminster, with the Rev. Msgr. Arthur F. Valenzano celebrant. Interment followed in Deer Park Methodist Cemetery in Smallwood, Md.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mt. St. Joseph's James E. Batterden Scholarship Endowment, 4403 Frederick Ave., Baltimore, MD 21229, or Carroll Hospice, 292 Stoner Ave., Westminster, MD 21157, or Aisling-Franciscan Sisters Retreat House, 4800 Hoffmanville Road, Millers, MD 21102.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.myersdurborawfh.com.

Sister Ambrose Carreras, DC

Sister Ambrose Carreras, DC died Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at Villa St. Michael, the province's retirement residence in Emmitsburg. She was 100 years of age and 76 years of vocation.

The former Margaret Mary Carreras was born in Philadelphia, Pa, one of seven children of Leopold and Margaret Donohue Carreras.

Sister Ambrose is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was offered Dec. 7, 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.

DEATH NOTICES

Ms. Regina Eiker, of Emmitsburg, died Sunday, December 23, 2007. Arrangements are by Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

Mary G. "Jerry" Gerstner, of Emmitsburg. Died December 2, 2007.

BIRTHS

Emily Grant & John Reese, Keymar, a son, Dec. 10

COMMUNITY NEWS

Never too old to believe



- PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN KINNAIRD

Santa Claus paid a visit to the young at heart at the Emmitsburg Seniors Center and heard their Christmas wishes. Pictured are: Front row (l to r) Faine Topper, Mary Topper, Isabelle Falcone, John Kinnaird, and Gwen Hendrickson. Back row (l to r) Ermel Reed, Steve Hendrickson, Jack Topper and Rachel Weiler.

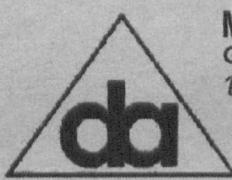
NEWS IN BRIEF

Emmitsburg adopts a needy family

EMMITSBURG, Md.—The Emmitsburg town staff worked with the Daughters of Charity and the Seton Center to adopt a needy family this Christmas. The town employees purchased clothing and gifts for the family and Jubilee Foods supplied the Christmas dinner.

This summer, the town employees all contributed money to purchase food for the Emmitsburg Food Bank. Jubilee Foods assisted the town in that effort by supplying the food at wholesale prices.

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ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Events in January

Happy New Year and welcome to January 2008! It's a Leap Year and an election year so we know it will be filled with surprises. The first month of the year can bring truly wintry weather, so you all need to be careful out there. And if you begin to suffer from "cabin fever", come to the senior center for food, fun and fellowship.

The seniors encourage all eligible persons (50 years and older) to join them for regular program activities and special events. Our lunch program is open to those 60 and older. The center is lovely and the "natives" are friendly! Check us out!

Special events

January 15 - Diabetes workshop, presented by Advanced Diabetic Solutions, 11 a.m. Free cordless talking glucose meters, door prize of \$20. Wal-Mart gift certificate.

January 15 - Meeting Day, blood pressure check with Nurse Steve.

January 21 - Center closed for MLK, Jr.'s birthday observance.

Regular activities

Bowling: Mondays at Taneytown bowling center. Carpool; meet at center at 12:30 p.m.

Strength Training & Conditioning: Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. Dress comfortably, wear athletic shoes. Participants will use small weights. Free.

Bingo: January 2 & 16.

Cards, 500, and Bridge Group: January 9 & 23.

Men's Pool: Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Pinochle: Thursday, 12:30 p.m.

Cards & Games: Friday, 12:30 p.m.

Shopping at Jubilee Foods: Thursday, 12:30 p.m.

Programs are held in the Community Center on South Seton Avenue. Call for lunch reservations 24 hours in advance. The senior center will close whenever county offices are closed. To register for special events or for information, call program coordinator Linda Umbel, (301) 600-6350.

LIBRARY EVENTS

January at the Emmitsburg Library

Storytimes

Babies with Books (birth-24 months with an adult) January 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Two Terrific Storytime (age 2) January 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Head Start Storytime (ages 3-5) January 8, 15, 22, 29 at 9:45 a.m.

Pre-School Storytime (ages 3-5) January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime (all ages) January 9, 16, 23, 30 at 7 p.m.

Children's Programs

Night Owls (ages 9-12) An evening of games, crafts, snacks and lots of laughs. Registration required. January 12 at 2:30 p.m. January 28 at 4 p.m.

Reading Rocks! (ages 10-12) Read your choice of *Joey Pigza swallowed the Key* by Jack Gantos or *There's a boy in the Girl's Bathroom* by Lois Sachar. January 14 at 4 p.m. Registration required.

"Did You Know?" Series (ages 6-12) Celebrate National Pie Day by creating your own pie. January 19.

Dance Dance Revolution

(ages 11 and up) Dance away the winter blues with Dance Dance Revolution January 19 at 2 p.m.

The Book Bunch (ages 6-11) Read and discuss *Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard and Florence Atwater. January 23 at 4 p.m.

ART (Artistic Readers Time)

(ages 3-6) Storytime with fun books and a coordinating art project. January 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Teen Programs

Movie Makers Club (grades 6-12) Learning about directing, writing and acting in movies. January 3 at 7 p.m.

Animé Club (grades 6-12) January 11 at 6 p.m.

Knit 1, Bead 2 (teens and adults) Bring your favorite craft materials, relax, exchange ideas and learn new skills. January 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Leaf Printing (teens and adults) Learn monotype printing using leaves and lace. Registration required. January 17 and 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Healthy Eating to Go

(teens and adults) Learn how to eat healthy foods while you're on the go. January 29 @7 p.m.

Adult Programs

Leaving a Legacy: Write About Your Life Learn to record your personal accounts of life "back when", to share with others. January 7 at 1:00 p.m.

Friends of Library Board

Meeting (adult) January 14 at 7 p.m.

Non-Fiction Book Club

(adult) January 10 at 1 p.m.

Tuesday Evening Book Club

(adults) January 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Knitting Nook

(teens and adults) January 17 at 4 p.m.

Genealogy Focus Group

(teens and adults) January 31 at 7 p.m.

Programs, unless otherwise noted, are held at the Emmitsburg Library in the Community Center on South Seton Avenue. Registration or information: (301) 600-6329.

FAIRFIELD SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Events at the Fairfield Senior Center

All seniors in greater Fairfield are invited to take part in the following events, which are held in the community room in St. John's Lutheran Church on Main Street, Fairfield.

Special Events

January 10 - Senior outing.
January 17 - Going out for lunch.
January 21 - Closed for Martin Luther King Day.

January 23 - Asera Care speaker, 10:30 a.m.

January 24 - "Good Eats" with whole grains cooking class, with Eleanor Pella, nutritionist, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Regular Events

Exercise: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Wear athletic shoes.

Line dancing: Monday and Friday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.


Needlework: Mondays, 10:30 a.m. - noon. Bring the project that you're working on.

Cards and games: Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - noon.

Chat time: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - noon.

Lunch: Monday through Friday, noon. Please sign up 48 hours ahead of time.


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January 4 – Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's Feast Day. Join us in Celebration of Mass 1:30 p.m. at The Basilica National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 333 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg. Light refreshments served after Mass.

January 4 – The Great Bear & the Hunter at Thorpewood. 6 p.m. (rain/snow date: January 5.) James Heilman, a retired planetarium director and astrophotographer, will be here to take us on a tour of the night sky! \$20 (301) 271-2823.

January 4 & 11 – "Where's the Instruction Manual?" Baby Care Basics class at FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick. Advance registration and payment required. \$65 (240) 379-6000.

January 5 – "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.

January 6 – Catholics Returning Home. St. Joseph's Church, 100 N. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg will conduct an ongoing series, Catholics Returning Home, on six consecutive Sunday afternoons from 1:15 – 3 p.m. at the Parish Hall on DePaul Street, beginning January 6. These sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who

are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. For more information, contact Mary Myers (301) 447-2712 or e-mail bensongaragedoors@yahoo.com.

January 6 & 13 – "Sunday Run" Childbirth Education at FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick. Advance registration and payment required. \$110 per couple. (240) 379-6000.

January 7 – 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.

January 8 – "Becoming a Love & Logic Parent®" Parenting Skills Class at FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick. (5-consecutive weekly sessions) Advance registration and payment required. \$75 individual; \$85 couple (in same household). (240) 379-6000.

January 8 – "New Mother Get Together" New mothers and babies (ages 6 weeks-9 months) at FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick. Meet for fun and learning. Advance registration and payment required. \$65. (240) 379-6000.

January 8, 22, and 26 – FMH Birth Place Tours. Guided tour of BirthPlace & Family Center at Frederick Memorial Hospital, 400 W. 7th St., Frederick, MD. Advance registration required. Free of charge. (240) 379-6000.

January 9 – Safe-n-Sane Meeting in the media center at the High School. Jr. and Sr. parents are encouraged to come to the meeting. Dinner, dance & silent auction will be in March.

January 10 – Thurmont Mom's Club meets the second Thursday of each month at Graceham Moravian Church, Rocky Ridge Rd. 10 a.m. (301) 271-5415.

January 12 – Winter Trails Free Snowshoe Day at Liberty Mountain. This is a great place to try snowshoeing during Winter Trails 2008. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Snowshoeing and cross country skiing both provide exercise. Enjoy a day on snow. For information call (717) 642-828 or www.wintertrails.org.

January 12 – Wine Appreciation Class at Adams County Winery's farm winery. Wine education, wine tasting, delicious food and fun. 6 - 8 p.m. Reservations are required. Admission fee. For information (717) 334-4631, www.adamscountywinery.com.

January 12 – "Small Wonder" Sibling Class (Ages 3 - 5) at Frederick Memorial Hospital, 400 W. 7th St., Frederick. Advance registration and payment required. \$35. (240) 379-6000.

January 12 – "Where's the Instruction Manual?" Baby Care

Basics Class at FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick. Advance registration and payment required. \$65 per couple. For more information, call (240) 379-6000.

January 12 – Texas Hold'em at Boulevard and Beyond, 1011 Baltimore Blvd. (Rt. 140), Westminster. 6:30 p.m. Register at westminsteroptimist.org. Benefits the "Just Say No" to drugs program. John (410) 857-7666.

January 16 – "Tours for Twos" siblings at FMH BirthPlace Frederick Memorial Hospital, 400 West 7th Street, Frederick. Advance registration and payment required. \$20. (240) 379-6000.

January 19 – 5th Annual Emmitsburg Burns Night in JoAnn's Ballroom at the Carriage House Inn, 200 South Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, Md. 6 p.m. Come celebrate the birth of the great Scottish poet and composer, Robert Burns. Proceeds go to the Building Fund of the Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center, Emmitsburg. \$50 per person, \$25 is a tax-deductible donation to EOPCC. Chefs John and Paul will prepare various Scottish dishes. We will have a bagpiper. For more information, contact Bill O'Toole, (301) 447-2690, (301) 471-1551, otoole@msmary.edu, or www.burnsnite.com. (Snow date January 20.)

January 19 – Home Wine-making Class. Learn how to make wine at Adams County Winery from John, the Vintner. 1-3 p.m. Reservations required. Admission fee. (717) 334-4631, www.adamscountywinery.com.

January 19 – "Comfort Measures Plus" at FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick. Natural pain management techniques. Advance registration and payment required. \$30. (240) 379-6000.

January 19 – Parzow Auctions in the e-ventplex at The Frederick Fairgrounds, Frederick, Md. (301) 977-6741. www.thegreatfrederickfair.com.

January 23 to 25 – Girls Softball signups at the Thurmont Middle School. 6 - 8 p.m. \$70, player's birth certificate. The Catoctin Recreation Council. 8U, 10U, 12U, 15U. Frederick County Girls' Softball League. Register by February 15, 2008. For more information contact Bob Marlow (301) 271-7063 or Mike Walters (301) 271-7040.

January 25 – Basket Bingo at the Guardian Hose Company's activities building carnival grounds. 5 p.m. \$20. Proceeds to benefit Thurmont Community Medical Support fund. For tickets call (301) 271-4020 or any Thurmont Lions Club member.

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January 12– Young Artist Piano Competition. The Frederick Symphony Orchestra competition is open to advanced, middle and high school pianists who reside in the state of Maryland. \$35. For information, (301) 663-8476. www.fredericksymphony.org.

January 18 – Cirque Le Masque at the Majestic Theater. 7:30 pm. The awe and spectacle of a three-ring circus-live on stage. For ticket information (717) 337-8200, www.gettysburgmajestic.org.

January 19 – Black Violin at Mount St. Mary’s Knott Auditorium, Emmitsburg. Musical Hip Hop Group. 9 p.m. For more information call (301) 447-5274

or Mayor James Hoover at (240) 629-6300.

January 20 – House Concert at Thorpewood with Cliff Eberhardt. 2 p.m. \$20. BYOB. To register call (301) 271-2823 or e-mail info@thorpewood.org.

January 23 – Neil Berg’s 100 Years of Broadway at The Weinberg, 20 West Patrick St. Frederick, Md. 8 p.m. Give the gift of the Weinberg with tickets to 100 Years of Broadway. Award winning composer and lyricist Neil Berg brings the Great White Way to Frederick. Relive the magic and the music of South Pacific, Beauty and the Beast, Rent, The Wiz, and more. \$35, \$30, \$20. (301) 600-2828, www.weinbergcenter.org

January 24 – Jeff Cohen at Mount St. Mary’s Knott Auditorium, Emmitsburg. Speaking on

“An inside view of contemporary media: War, Race and the Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.” 7 p.m. For more information call (301) 447-5274 or Mayor James Hoover at (240) 629-6300.

January 25 – PEAC Talent Show showcases thirty-five home-schooled children in this free, public performance staged by the Parents Educators of Adams County. Held at Cross Keys Village-The Brethren Home Community at 6:30 p.m. Call (717) 624-5203.

January 25 to 27 – Innkeeper’s Civil War Grand Ball and Dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Gettysburg Hotel. Dance class on Saturday in preparation for the dinner dance with music provided by Music Americana. Period dress encouraged. (717) 337-1334.

January 26 – Hills of Home with Doc Watson, David Holt, and Richard Watson at The Weinberg, 20 West Patrick St. Frederick, Md. 8 p.m. Get ready for an evening of old-time mountain music and wisdom. Doc is revered as one of the world’s best bluegrass and folk musicians. \$30, \$25, \$20. (301) 600-2828, www.weinbergcenter.org.

January 30 – Little Women – the Broadway Musical at the Majestic Theater. 7:30 pm. Louisa May Alcott’s beloved story is a family favorite. For ticket information (717) 337-8200, www.gettysburgmajestic.org.

February 2, 3, 9, 10 – “Two Rooms” 8 p.m. Gettysburg Stage, Kefauver Center, 157 Lefever Street, Gettysburg. When an American university professor in Beirut is captured and held hostage by terrorists for three years, his wife tries to find her own ways to cope with the stress. Reservations suggested (866) 859-5192, www.gettysburgstage.org.

February 2 to 4 – “Amadeus” Jack B. Kussmaul Theatre, Frederick Community College. The classic confrontation between the mediocrity of Antonio Salieri, established composer in the court of the Austrian Emperor, and genius and child prodigy Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Fredericktowne Players. Tickets: \$6 - \$20. (240) 315-3855, www.Fredericktowneplayers.org.

February 4 – The Village Dinner Theatre of Gettysburg auditions at 241 Steinwehr Avenue, Gettysburg, Pa. 12 - 6 p.m. Auditions for new company members. (800) 570-4590 www.thevillagedinnertheatre.com.

February 3 – Common Ground on the Hill Concerts Series. 9 p.m. Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, Westminster. “Santa Cruz River Band,” Southwestern folk music. 410-857-2771.

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February 6 – Maryland Arts Day. Conference and statewide advocacy and grassroots campaign organized by Maryland Citizens for the Arts in support of state funding for the arts and for the Maryland State Arts Council. Bus leaves Frederick at 7:30 a.m. for meeting with legislators in Annapolis. Local artists, arts patrons, and other interested individuals can sign up by calling the Frederick Arts Council at (301) 662-4190.

February 7 – Nicaraguan Mural Artist. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Adams County Arts Council’s arts learning center, The Imagination Station, 18 Carlisle St, Suite 201, Gettysburg. Internationally recognized Nicaraguan Primitivista mural artist Jose Ignacio Fletes Cruz will offer a painting demonstration. (717) 334-5006.

February 9 – Myq Kaplan Comedian at Mount St. Mary’s Knott Auditorium, Emmitsburg. 9 p.m. For more information call (301) 447-5274 or Mayor James Hoover at (240) 629-6300.


February 9 – Valentine’s Weekend Ghost Tour sponsored by Ghostly Images of Gettysburg. Tour departs from the Jennie Wade House, 548 Baltimore Street. 7 p.m. For ticket information (717) 334-6296, www.gettysburgbattlefieldtours.com.

February 12 – Trinity Irish Dance at the Majestic Theater. 7:30 pm. Powerhouse performance by Mark Howard’s champion Irish dance troupe. For ticket information (717) 337-8200, www.gettysburgmajestic.org.

February 14 – Anne of Green Gables at the Majestic Performing Arts Center. For ticket information (717) 337-8200 www.gettysburgmajestic.org.

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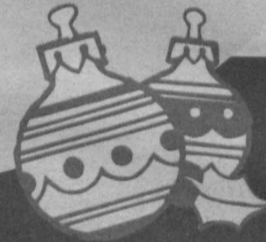
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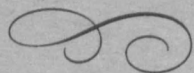
For the next 43 years, the fountain exceeded Motter's prediction that it would be an "ornament to the town, and a gratification to all who may behold." The fountain plays an integral part in countless oral histories, from little boys who lost teeth when they crashed their bikes into it, to starry-eyed lovers who passed away blissful hours listening to the magical sounds of its falling water.

Unfortunately, the fountain's location at the center of crossroads would be its downfall in the age of the automobile. The fountain was repeatedly struck by autos in the 1920s. On July 24, 1927 it was damaged so badly that the town council voted for its removal. On Aug. 23, the fountain was purchased as "scrap iron" for \$30 and taken to the Catocin Furnace where it was eventually melted down as part of the WWII scrap iron recycling effort.

The decision to purchase a stock fountain laid the groundwork for the belief by some that the fountain on 7th and Market Streets in Frederick was the old Emmitsburg fountain. It is not. It is an identical twin to the fountain that once stood proudly in our town's square. To learn more about the history of the fountain visit www.emmitsburg.net.



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