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Precautions, prayer and patriotism follow attacks on New York and Washington

BY RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER
Dispatch Writer

On Tuesday, September 11, 2001, four airliners were hijacked and used in the worst terrorist attacks in United States history.

As events unfolded that morning in New York and Washington, Emmitsburg too, like the rest of the country, was not isolated. Residents and businesses began following the news shortly after 8:45 a.m. when the first hijacked Boeing 767 flew into the north side of Tower 1 of the World Trade Center (WTC) in New York City. All eyes were focused after a second hijacked Boeing 767 crashed into the southeast corner of Tower 2. At approximately 9:40 a.m. a hijacked Boeing 757 flew into the Pentagon and another 757 crashed in Shanksville, Pa.

The news media's continuous replay permanently fixed in our minds the collapse of both towers occurring around 10:00 a.m., destroying all lower buildings around the towers by falling debris, causing thousands of deaths and injuring countless people.

Precautions

As the events unfolded it was unclear what would follow. Precautions were immediately put in place in the local area.

Due to the organized attacks, procedures were issued for all Fire, Rescue, and EMS stations in Frederick County. Departments were placed on Condition Yellow Alert. All leaves



One of the many signs of patriotism seen in Emmitsburg since the September 11 terrorist attack is this flag displayed on the home of Tom Humerick on West Main Street.

A Dispatch Photo

for employees were canceled for the next seven days. All off-duty shifts were placed on standby.

Stations were locked down and units were instructed to remain in the station unless on an emergency. Stations were fully staffed and manned 24 hours a day.

In Emmitsburg Vigilant Hose Company (VHC) Chief Frank Davis, with the cooperation of Ambulance Company 26, moved all units and personnel to the Fire House. Working in conjunction with an emergency response plan for the whole community, Davis

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Chris Stahley resigns as town commissioner

A STAFF REPORT

In a letter to Mayor William Carr dated September 12, 2001, Commissioner Chris Stahley resigned his position as commissioner of the Town of Emmitsburg.

"In all fairness to the citizens of Emmitsburg," he said, "I feel I cannot fulfill my duties because of my work schedule, civic commitments, and my two children."

Mr. Stahley is a 911 Dispatcher for Frederick County and has been an active member of the Vigilant Hose Company since he was 18.

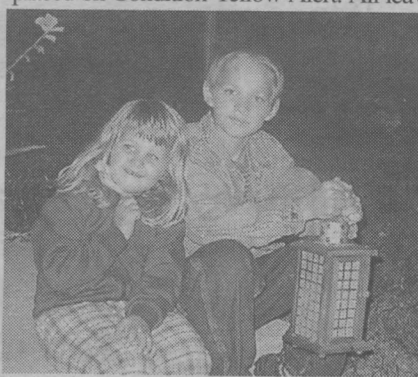
He was elected commissioner in the spring of 2000 and was serving as the liaison to the Streets Committee. Mayor Carr accepted the resignation

with regret and thanked Mr. Stahley for what he has done for Emmitsburg.

David Vaughn has been appointed to fill the position until elections are held in April 2002. He will be sworn in at the October 1 Town Meeting.

"I'm overwhelmed that they asked me," Mr. Vaughn said, "and I am anxious to get started. I know I have a lot to learn."

He said he knows a lot of people are depending on him and he hopes to prove to them that he would have been a good candidate. Mr. Vaughn ran for the office of commissioner in April 2001 and made a strong showing, winning 72 votes. Incumbents Patrick Boyle, with 106 votes, and Cliff Sweeney, with 95 votes, won that election.



On Sept. 14th Shantel and Justin Buchholz, children of Robert and Faith Buchholz, joined the town's candlelight vigil in front of their home on South Seton Ave. "We lit the candle to show our respect for the citizens who have died," Justin said.

Letters to the editor



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

Young people respond to tragedy

I would like to let you know that there are four girls in my neighborhood (Northgate and Irish Town Ct.) who have collected more than \$50.00 for the American Red Cross. They saw that the school was collecting spare change and thought that they could go door to door to collect change to help.

I am a proud parent of one of the girls and think that it is a great idea that they had. The girls who collected are Mariah Hill, Colleen Heaton, Amber McManus, and Ashley Barto

MICHELLE HILL
Emmitsburg

Safe and sane plans for graduation

As the school year opens, a significant number of young people look forward to marking a milestone in their lives—the final year of high school, culminating in graduation with its pomp and ceremony and celebration. Excessive celebration after graduation sometimes leads to dangerous situations.

There are measures which can prevent some of the tragedies that occur following graduation. One such measure is sponsored by the program Safe and Sane, which doesn't hinder the exuberance, but provides an alcohol-free and conflict-free setting. Following the

graduation ceremonies, Safe and Sane offers plenty of food, activities, games, prizes, fun, and chaperones.

Safe and Sane will be hosting events throughout the year to raise funds for the graduation celebration. Please watch for these events and help support this program.

For information on this year's Safe and Sane program benefiting Catoclin High School graduates, please contact Brenda Nowell at 301-271-4214 or Pam Eyler at 301-271-1015.

KATHY FLEMING SHIRBACH
Emmitsburg

A call for flag etiquette

With everyone trying to support our country, I see a lot of flags hung the wrong way. The blue field must be in the upper left corner when you are facing it. Would you please look into printing an article on flag etiquette.

I understand everyone wants to do what they can but it looks disrespectful to have your flag hung wrong. I know

most people are simply uninformed and an article would do a world of good. God Bless America!

SHIRLEY GREENE
Rocky Ridge

(Editor's note: for more about our flag visit www.usflag.org.)

Help us be proud to be Americans

The Emmitsburg Lions Club has opened a "DISASTER RELIEF FUND" at the F&M Bank in Emmitsburg. We have on deposit \$1,500.00 which we are expecting to grow with your contributions.

You may stop in at F&M to make your donation or you may mail a check to Emmitsburg Lions Club Disaster Relief Fund, PO Box 1182, Emmitsburg, Md 21727.

If there are any children who would like to donate to this fund, please stop at F&M. We would be proud to receive your donations no matter how small,

just mention Emmitsburg Lions Club "DISASTER RELIEF FUND" and your monies will be deposited in said fund.

We have set a cut-off date of October 16, 2001, to forward all proceeds to the proper agency receiving funds for relief work in the wake of the September 11, 2001, attack on our country and the world. Any donations received after this cut-off date will remain in the Emmitsburg Lions Club "DISASTER RELIEF FUND" for future use in Disaster Relief.

Town News

A STAFF REPORT

An ordinance that would have allowed an auction house in the village zone of Emmitsburg was not approved at the September 10 town meeting. The vote was a 2-2 tie.

Town resident Amy Phillips said she opposed the ordinance because of the increased noise and traffic she thought an auction house would bring to the area. "Although Main Street is a business area, we also live here," she said, "and this is a quality of life issue."

Commissioner Jim Hoover said he did not think an auction house would cause harm to the quality of life. Parking issues will be resolved by the business, he said and the auctions will be held inside. "We want to encourage other businesses here in Emmitsburg," he added.

Mr. Hoover and Mayor William Carr voted for the ordinance, and Commissioners Patrick Boyle and Cliff Sweeney opposed it. Commissioner Chris Stahley was not present.

Town manager David Haller said the ordinance can be reheard.

In other business the council voted 4-0 to accept Ordinance 01-19, an Employee Salary Chart which will standardize the wages of town employees in relationship to those of other municipalities in the county. "We need to be competitive or we will not be able to keep

good employees," Commissioner Hoover said. Mr. Hoover initiated the development of the salary chart in August 2000 so that the town government will always treat town employees fair as to pay raises and rate of pay. The salary chart includes 9 grades with 12 steps within each grade. For example: Grade 1 begins with an annual base pay of \$16,640. The hourly rate is \$8.00. Step 1 of grade 1 would be \$8.28 an hour for a total annual salary of \$17,222.40. As long as the employee performs the same job he/she will stay in the same grade and progress to the higher levels. Step 12 for grade 1 provides an annual salary of \$21,097.49. at \$10.14 an hour.

The Council also adopted a policy regarding meeting attendance regulations. The mayor and commissioners may each miss seven meetings per year without penalty. This includes agenda, town, special and committee meetings if called at least 72 hours in advance. With the eighth missed meeting, the official will have his/her salary reduced by \$100. The person's salary will be reduced by an additional \$100 for every additional meeting missed during that one year period. The year runs from July 1 to June 30 and will be retroactive to July 1, 2001.

For other town news visit emmitsburg.net

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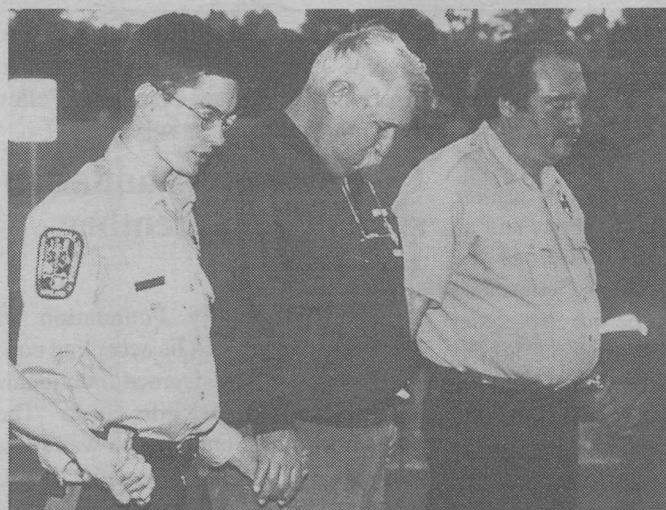
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said, "Not knowing what to expect, we could manage all our resources better by being together in the event of a major incident." Not only could they effectively man equipment and cover shifts, but services such as food, sleeping arrangements, and information were not duplicated.

Another visible sign of precautions being taken in Emmitsburg was seen at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Government agencies were placed on highest alert. As part of increased security measures, the Frederick County Sheriff's Department was put on guard at the entrances to the site. Under government contract, the sheriff's department assists with security on the premises. The increased protection, which continues, has been provided with manpower working on off shift hours. The FEMA facility is primarily a training facility and classes have been suspended until October 8.

Around 11:00 a.m. on September 11 it was reported that a plane went down at Camp David, the Presidential Retreat located in the Catoctin Mountains. The report proved to be false and, according to Park Superintendent J. Mel Poole, "the report was probably based on events of the prior day during which Thurmont's Guardian Fire Company responded to smoke on the mountain."

However, due to increased security measures, portions of Catoctin Mountain Park were closed from September 11 until 17, including Park



The Emmitsburg Ambulance Company held a prayer vigil Friday evening. R.J. Matava, an EMT Basic and Mount student led the group in prayer. Also shown are Tom Humerick and Joe Pelkey, members of the company.

Central Road and several hiking trails. The park was reopened on the 17th but closed the next two consecutive weekends due to meetings being held at Camp David with President Bush.

Prayers and Patriotism

Campus Ministry at Mount Saint Mary's College relocated the normally scheduled noon mass on September 11 from the small Queen of Peace Chapel in Pangborn Hall to the main campus

Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. The church was packed and petitions were offered of names of family members and friends assumed to be in the affected areas of New York and Washington, D.C.

Later that afternoon the children's Armata Bianca prayer group, which meets each Tuesday afternoon at St. Joseph's Church, was preceded by a special prayer service. The service was held by Pastor Fr. James Kiernan and the Vincentian priests. Entire families, including fathers and mothers returning home early from work were in attendance.

Having proclaimed September 13 a National Day of Prayer, President Bush asked all Americans to spend Friday's lunch hour at a house of worship in prayer for the victims of terrorism. The Emmitsburg Council of Churches announced that the Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church would be opened for prayer.

By the end of the week, various forms of prayer and patriotism emerged throughout the town. Many homes and businesses displayed the flag and small flags were placed by the town on the street lights. A note appeared on the doors of Emmitsburg residents asking individuals to step outside and light a candle at 7:00 p.m. Friday night.

Emmitsburg Ambulance Company held a prayer vigil lining the Ambulance property with luminaries. Earlier that day the company responded to a forum to extend their thoughts and prayers to the families and friends of the New York Fire Department and New York Police Department who suffered the loss of loved ones.

Ambulance members, including chief Steve King and Company president Joe Pelkey, gathered and were led in prayer by R.J. Matava, EMT Basic.

Among the group was Tom Humerick, ambulance driver and EMT. Humerick, a retired chief gunner's mate in the Navy, knew individuals at both the Pentagon and WTC, all of whom are safe. When asked what he thought about the casualties among the FDNY he said, "It's a shame. They were doing their job and nobody knew it was going to happen."

A full size American Flag stretches across the front porch of the Humerick home on Main Street.



Approximately 18 members of the Bethany United Methodist Church UMYF in Ellicott City, along with their chaperones, stopped in Emmitsburg to share in the candlelight vigil on Friday evening, September 14. The group was traveling to Summit Lake Camp for a weekend retreat. Alice and Mike Boyle of East Main Street provided lighted candles to the church group as they shared time to show the world that Americans are strong and united together against terrorism.

Photo courtesy Alice Boyle

VHC helmet collection nets \$20,387

RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER
Dispatch Writer

Like all of America, the men and women of the Vigilant Hose Company (VHC) were deeply saddened by the September 11th terrorist attacks and the resulting impact on our country.



Rhonda Myers, Fairfield, Pa., drops money into firefighter Vince Boyle's helmet during FDNY fundraiser held September 26 and 27.

Emmitsburg's all-volunteer fire and rescue department took steps to begin direct support to one of the families of fallen firefighters who died at the site of the World Trade Center.

On Wednesday and Thursday, September 26 and 27, in front of the fire station on West Main Street, members of the department accepted financial donations to assist in the effort.

By the morning of the second day \$10,000 had already been collected. The company then decided to support two families. By the end of the day the firemen had collected \$20,387. The money will go directly to help a widow of a NY fireman with 6 children and a

second widow with 10 children.

"We all were touched and wanted to help in making a difference. Our members felt that this was an ideal way to help a grieving family of a heroic firefighter in the aftermath of this great national tragedy," said Davis. "We're in it for the long run, too, with many additional support efforts planned."

Davis told the *Dispatch*, "The response was unbelievable, it was one of the most heart touching things I've ever experienced. But living in Emmitsburg all my life I should have expected it. The community always pulls together."

President Tim Clarke stated "There exists a number of coordination actions yet to

be completed to assure that this effort is handled with honor, dignity, and respect."

While the specific family has not yet been disclosed to Vigilant members, the details are expected to be finalized this week with organizations closest to the support efforts in New York.

Donations are still being taken and are tax deductible. Receipts are available. You can contact the VHC at P.O. Box 171, Emmitsburg, MD 21727

President Bush to lead National Memorial Service to honor fallen firefighters

President Bush will lead the 20th annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service on Sunday, October 7 in honoring the 99 firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2000. Two firefighters who died in previous years will also be honored. The public service will be held at the National Fire Academy.

A special tribute will also be paid to the more than 300 New York City firefighters who perished at the World Trade Center on September 11.

The Memorial Service is the culmination of Memorial Weekend activities held at the National Fire Academy campus. Families and coworkers of the honored firefighters will attend Family Day activities on Saturday, October 6, with a public Candlelight Service scheduled for 6:30 Saturday evening. The Sunday Memorial Service will begin at 10:00 am.

"We hope everyone across the Nation will join in remembering America's fallen fire heroes," said

Chief Ronald J. Siarnicki, Executive Director. "The greatest tribute we can pay these men and women is to increase our efforts to prevent similar losses from occurring in the future."

Thousands are expected to attend the public tributes in Emmitsburg. The 20th Annual Memorial Service will also be broadcast live via satellite. Satellite coordinates are posted on the Foundation's web site, along with detailed Memorial Weekend information.

For more information, contact the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation at 301 447-1365 or visit our web site at www.firehero.org.

I gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which I must stop and look fear in the face...I say to myself, I've lived through this and can take the next thing that comes along.

— Eleanor Roosevelt

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Thoughts while driving to work

BY MARK CHENEY

Mark is an airline pilot for Southwest Airlines. He attends the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church and shared these thoughts about resuming flying after the recent terrorist events with the congregation September 16th. We appreciate his willingness to also share his letter with our readers.

Sorry to communicate by letter. It is a week where people put their wants and needs aside. I would rather participate in person but when my airline called and asked me to work this weekend I could not say no. So even though I would rather be at home setting rivets [Mark is building an airplane] with Denise, or sleeping through an old movie, I am here in Tampa, FL.

I would like to share some simple thoughts that were running through my mind like water over a waterfall—clear one moment and then crashing down and going in a thousand directions the next. All while driving down I-70 in the predawn darkness Saturday morning.

Our kids have asked if I am afraid to go back to work. My answer is no. It is not that I am a brave or courageous person; I just will not let my life be dictated by some unseen evil. If I am afraid then their act of terror has its desired effect and I will not let that happen. I will not let the ripples go out. I will stop

the ones that I can stop. I refuse to be afraid so I am not afraid.

I think of all the different faces I see. They do not look like me, talk like me or act like I do. Most have a concept of God that is different from mine—who says I am right anyway? All these different people laugh and cry and love and hurt just like I do. I will not let my anger dictate my thinking toward my fellow human beings. If I speak to them rather than react with anger or fear, then I will stop another ripple, and may gain a friend as a bonus.

As these thoughts churned over the waterfall in my mind while driving to the airport, for some reason I looked up at the sky. Sitting there was a brilliant sliver of a moon with an equally bright star beside it, both against a now pale blue sky just before sunrise. It took a minute to see the beauty and recognize the bit of grace bestowed on me. It would be seen in New York exactly as I was seeing it. I tried by force of will to make one of the exhausted rescue workers or anguished loved ones look up and see what I saw. I know it sounds silly, but that is what our daughter Kim would have done and it was all I could think of to do at the moment. Grace must be a very small thought to a lot of people right now.

Walk peacefully in God's grace.

Commentary

At times like these we seek comfort in words. Many have been written and spoken since the hijacked planes were flown by the terrorists into the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon on September 11. The fourth plane overtaken by the terrorists slammed into the ground in Pennsylvania, missing its mark of another national symbol.

Three weeks later we struggle to know what to say. The *Dispatch* rarely carries national news on its pages because it is a paper of record just for our small town and surrounding area. But the events of September 11 cannot be ignored.

Throughout this issue you will see how our community responded to the attack on our country. The quiet prayers and candlelight vigils that were held; disaster relief funds begun by local churches, clubs, and organizations; the efforts of four young girls in their neighborhood to respond to the tragedy; signs and flags placed everywhere expressing patriotism; the thoughts of an airline pilot going back to work; journal entries of two Mother Seton School students which give us some insight as to what our young people are

thinking; and the words of our "retired ecologist," writing "Of butterflies and bombs ..." urging us "...to become aware of how our world really is, to survive in it, and to make it a better place."

You will also notice, as you turn the pages, that despite heavy hearts and an even greater uncertainty about the future, life in Emmitsburg continued pretty much as it had before September 11. You will read about people honoring those who have faithfully served their churches or organizations for many years; of those planning activities for our youth; of a ribbon-cutting ceremony of a new business in town; and of clubs and organizations that continue to meet and do good things for our community.

The calendar of coming events in Looking Ahead is so full of October events that we regret we are not able to publish this month all of the notices you have sent us regarding activities scheduled for November. But this is a good sign that we are getting on about our business of being a small community. And it is our hope that each of us will be proud of where we live, especially when the world sees President Bush

here in Emmitsburg on October 7, leading the nation in honoring the fallen firefighters at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial service.

Community Foundation starts the September 11th Fund

The Community Foundation of Frederick County will be accepting contributions from concerned individuals and will forward the gifts on to "The September 11th Fund" which was started by the New York Community Trust.

Persons who will benefit from this fund will be those who were affected by the terrorist attack in both New York City and Washington, D.C.

"We need to pull together as a community and show our support by backing our thoughts and prayers with a sharing of our resources," said Community Foundation Chairman, Seymour B. Stern. "This fund will truly be Frederick County's gift to the relief efforts."

Donations may be sent to The Community Foundation of Frederick, 312 East Church Street, Frederick MD 21701.

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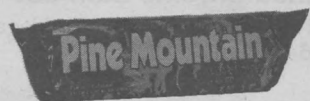


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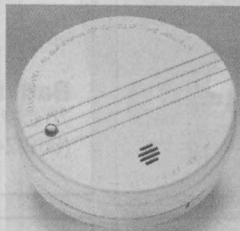
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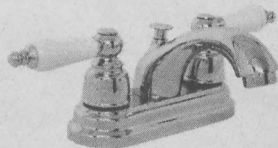


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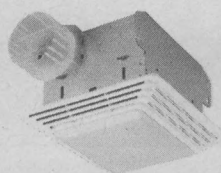


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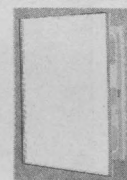


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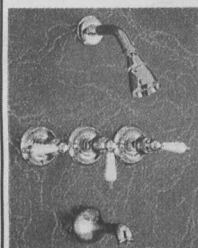


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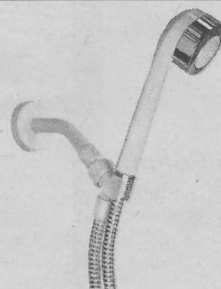


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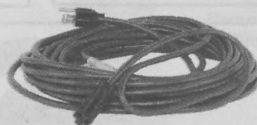
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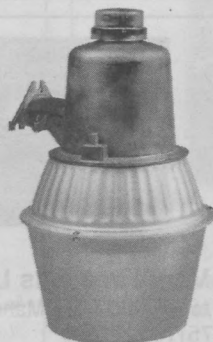


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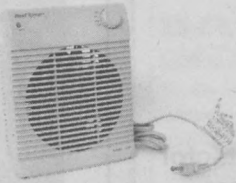


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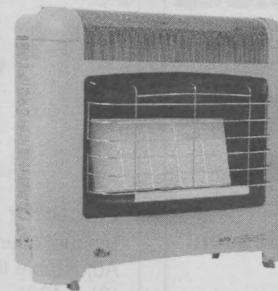
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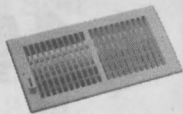


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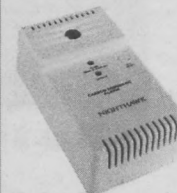


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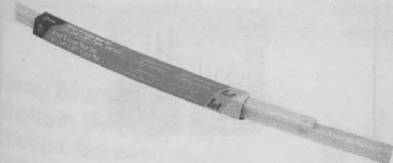
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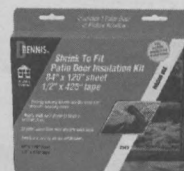


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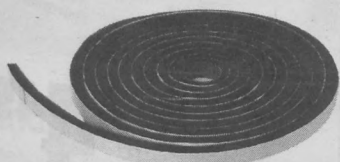
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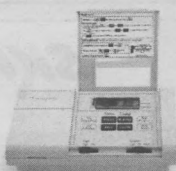
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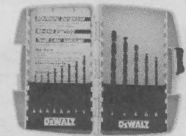
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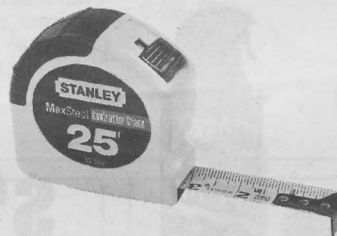


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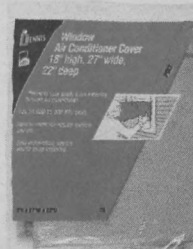
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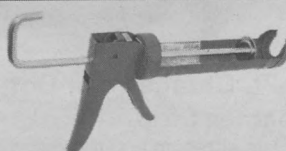
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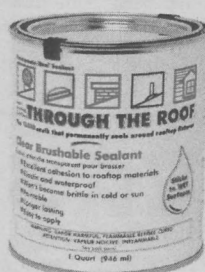
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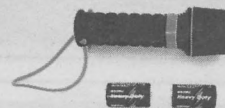


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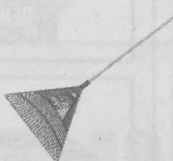


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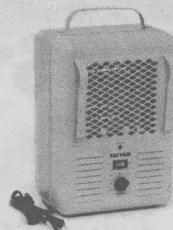


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Tree well winners announced

A STAFF REPORT

Winners of the tree well contest sponsored this summer by the Silver Fancy Garden Club were announced at a meeting held by the garden club September 20th. Frankie Fields, chairperson of this special project to beautify Main Street in Emmitsburg, presented certificates of appreciation and prizes to the following persons:

Carol and Larry Pavek, 101 East Main Street, first place, \$25; Theresa White, 311 West Main Street, second place, \$15; Harriet Buhrman, 17353 Mountain View Road who adopted tree wells at 511, 517, and 521 West Main Street, third place, \$10; Teresa, Gary, and Amanda Sanders, 126 East Main Street, fourth place, \$5; Nancy Tyler, 305 West Main Street, Honorable Mention; and Jamie Reginier, 21 & 31 East Main Street, Special Appreciation.

Mrs. Fields thanked all the people who participated in the project saying she felt their efforts had made Emmitsburg's Main Street a beautiful

sight. She also pointed out that several of the people who adopted tree wells did not live within the town limits. "Their willingness to come into town and care for the flowers all summer was very much appreciated," she added.

Mayor William Carr, who attended the meeting, also expressed the Town's appreciation to the Silver Fancy Garden Club for adopting Emmitsburg's Main Street as a special project.

Tree wells not adopted by residents were planted by the garden club. Coordinators for this special project were Frankie Fields, Bea Keilholtz and Ann Ruppert.

The Silver Fancy Garden Club was organized in 1954 when five women from Emmitsburg, wanting to share their interest in gardening, invited other women to form a garden club. They chose the name "Silver Fancy," the original name of the land east of what is presently known as Emmitsburg in the year 1757.

The club today has 23 active members who live in Emmitsburg and



Winners of the Treewell Contest were announced by the Silver Fancy Garden Club September 20th. The winners are, from left, Carol Pavek, 1st place; Harriet Buhrman, 3rd place; and Teresa Sanders, 4th place. Not shown Theresa White, 2nd place; Nancy Tyler, Honorable Mention; and Jamie Reginier, Special Appreciation.
A Dispatch Photo

Taneytown. Continuing yearly projects include the planting and care of flowers in tubs on the squares of Emmitsburg and Taneytown, a monthly Garden Therapy program at Carroll Lutheran

Village Health Center in Westminster, and the monthly placement of flower arrangements at the Taneytown Library and at the Emmitsburg Library (bi-monthly).

Recruiting now for the 2002 girls softball season

Emmitsburg Girls Little League Softball is looking for players 7 to 12 years old for next season. We currently have a 9 to 12-year-old team that we are trying to recruit players for and we have an interest in starting a 7 to 9-year-old minor league this year.

The 9 to 12-year-old team plays against Taneytown, Brunswick, and Thurmont. Last season, the girls traveled only once to Taneytown and Brunswick, the majority of their out-of-town play took place in Thurmont.

Emmitsburg Girl Softball offers many opportunities for girls to increase their health, fitness, and confidence. It also allows the girls extra time to spend with their friends while meeting many new ones and creating life-long memo-

ries.

Any girls aged 7 to 12 that are interested in playing softball in the 2002 season or that may have questions about it, should call Lisa Krom at (301) 447-6844 or Pat and Terri Little at (301) 447-6759.

We are hoping to be successful in developing a 7 to 9-year-old team and in recruiting many new faces for the current 9 to 12-year-old team. In order to get prepared for the 2002 season we would like to hear from anyone interested by November 1st. This will not be the sign up for the season, just an indication of what lies ahead for Emmitsburg Girls Little League Softball.

Christmas assistance for Catocin area

The Salvation Army and CASS will take applications for those in need of Christmas assistance on Tuesday, October 16, 10 am to 8 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Community Center, 300 S. Seton Ave. The office will be closed for lunch from 12 - 12:30 p.m.

Assistance will be toys and clothing provided for children from birth to grade 8. Applications from families whose children attend the following schools will be accepted: Lewistown, Sabillasville, Thurmont, Emmitsburg Elementary Schools, Thurmont Primary School, and Thurmont Middle School.

You must bring the following information when you apply: proof of all income and household expenses; picture ID or birth certificate; and social security card. For each child: birth certificate, social security card, and clothing and shoe size.

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Gene Rosensteel retires from Lions Club

A STAFF REPORT

After 18 years' service, George Eugene Rosensteel retired from the Emmitsburg Lions Club at its September meeting. Gene, a quiet, unassuming, and totally dedicated man maintained perfect attendance achieved by subordinating personal occasions to his membership commitment.

Gene is a charter member of the Emmitsburg Lions and served as its first president when the club was formed in 1982. He was instrumental in organizing local programs reflecting the Lions Club mission of service to the community. Early on, Lions programs included a Christmas Food Drive for the needy, which is still active, supporting district fund raising drives, raising funds for diabetes research. In 1983, the Lions sponsored a White Cane Day on which contributions were collected from area churches and donated to the Wilmer Eye Institute in Baltimore in support of corneal transplant programs.

In 1983 the Emmitsburg Lions Club took over the Community Day celebration at the request of the Emmitsburg Council of Churches who previously had run the event for eight years. This year the Lions held the 19th Annual Community Day celebration, which remains true to the original intent of a day to focus on the community, its families, and children.

Over the years, serving in one capacity or another, but always present and actively engaged, Gene helped organize other Lions programs and projects such as the Emmitsburg Health Fair and the Eddie Little Van Fund.

It is difficult to talk of Gene separately from the Lions, but he has had a busy life apart from the club. He is a life-long resident of Emmitsburg, living away from home only during the Korean War era when he served on



GENE AND SYLVIA ROSENSTEEL

destroyers of the 6th Fleet in the European theater and the 7th Fleet in the Pacific theater.

Gene graduated from St. Euphemia's and from St. Joseph's High School in 1950 and in 1952 he married Sylvia Long. Their 50th wedding anniversary is coming up soon. They have five children; Vincent Eugene, Yvonne Sylvia, Eric Lee, Milissa Marie, and Owen Edward. They have 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Gene worked in his father's charter bus service in Emmitsburg and then as a machinist for the Landis Tool Company in Waynesboro. In 1963 he purchased the bus service and became active in town affairs. In 1966 he was appointed Postmaster of the Emmitsburg Post Office where he served 26 years before retiring in 1992. Gene will move from his home on West Main Street to Fairfield where, he says, he will get down to work on organizing and recording his family history, using as a guide Sylvia's work on her family history.

Visit the Lions on emmitsburg.net

Girls Scout registration time

It's that time of year again, Girl Scout registration time. As the school year starts so does the Girl Scout year. The Emmitsburg area offers five different troops at four different age levels for everyone from Kindergarten to Seniors in high school. We have four troops who meet at the Community Center and a Brownie troop who meets at Mother Seton School. We have trained leaders who try very hard to help the girls have a fun time while learning.

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New principal for Catoctin High School



ANN BONITABITUS

A new principal welcomed students to Catoctin High School this school

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Ms. Bonitatibus was appointed by the Frederick County Board of Education after serving most recently as principal at New Market Middle School. Prior to New Market, she held the position of assistant principal at Frederick High School and at Thomas Johnson High Schools. Originally from Erie, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Bonitatibus moved to Maryland to begin her teaching career in math and English. She now resides in Adamstown with her husband.

Mrs. Bonitatibus has attended many local community events this summer to introduce herself to community members in a variety of different settings. "It's obvious to me that the community

takes great pride and ownership in what happens here [at the high school]," she said. "If given the opportunity I would like to come to the Emmitsburg community and discuss the activities and opportunities of Catoctin High School with parents and organizations."

The new principal plans to spend the first year following through with the many plans that are already in progress for Catoctin. She notes that Catoctin is an "academically rigorous school with a rewarding environment for students." It's an exciting opportunity to be here and see so many wonderful programs and students who are highly involved in their school, both academically and in extracurricular activities," said Mrs. Bonitatibus.

Emmitsburg Chain of Life affirmation planned

Once again, on Sunday, October 7th, people of all denominations will gather for the Annual Emmitsburg Life Chain, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Emmitsburg town square.

This will be preceded by a 2:00 ecumenical prayer service at St. Joseph's Church (just north of the square).

Since 1987, the Life Chain program has expanded to over 900 cities nationwide. With signs in hand, our sole purpose is to provide a peaceful, prayerful, and non-political visual statement by our local Christian Community that abortion is grievously wrong.

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St. Catherine employees of the month



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St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month for July 2001 is

Aaron Erdley. Aaron has been employed at St. Catherine's since January of 2001.

According to his co-workers Aaron's future vocation of becoming a minister assists him in demonstrating a deep compassion for the residents. He is very courteous, attentive, and soft-spoken.

Aaron attends care plan conferences and contributes valuable care giving ideas pertaining to the individual resident. He has a caring way of convincing residents to allow him to assist in their care giving without the resident becoming resistant.

Aaron's approach with the residents is excellent. Aaron is very deserving of the honor of employee of the month. Congratulations, Aaron.



SHIRLEY BENNETT

St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month for August

2001 is Shirley Bennett. Shirley has been employed at St. Catherine's since August of 1994.

According to her co-workers Shirley has a great respect for the residents and treats them with the respect and dignity they deserve. She has a wonderful relationship with the residents and knows them well. Shirley is always willing to help out wherever she is needed. She is a wonderful role model in her love and dedication to the residents. Shirley conveys her thoughts frankly and honestly when she is trying to remedy a situation with a resident or a team mate. She is generous with her time, her gifts, and her compassion. Shirley often offers suggestions to support the nursing assistants and the Director of Nursing. Shirley is very deserving of the honor of employee of the month. Congratulations, Shirley!

Births

Congratulations to these new parents:

Jennifer Higgs and Bruce Bassler, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Aug. 13

Dolores LiGone, Emmitsburg, a son, August 18

Brittney Kerns and Tommy Hughes, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Aug. 23

Missy and Ham Phillips, Emmitsburg, a daughter, August 23

Beverly Vanessa Jordan, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Aug. 26

Lisa Thorne and Michael Mehaffie, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Aug. 28

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Justice Department rules in favor of fire company's tip jars

By WAYNE POWELL
Information Officer

It's been a long struggle but the good news just received by members of the Emmitsburg's Vigilant Hose Company (VHC), was well worth the wait: The Tax Division of the U. S. Department of Justice has decided to let stand an earlier court decision to allow the fire company to keep all tip jar proceeds. The fund-raising program was established nearly ten years ago by the Frederick County Board of County Commissioners.

"Many wonderful people helped us [with the legal process begun in February 1999] all along the way, and we couldn't have done it without them," said VHC President Tim Clarke. "Some probably felt we were wasting our time, but we felt it was the right thing to do for our community and the county as a whole."

The IRS position had been that the Vigilant Hose Company, by complying with the county ordinance, entered into a business relationship [therefore taxable] with local restaurants and taverns where the tip jars were placed. The U.S. District Court Judge ruled that the relationship between the non-profit Vigilant Hose Company and the establishments in no way constituted a business rela-

tionship between the two entities as defined in earlier case law, thus awarding a refund of more than \$37,000.00, with interest—the previous taxes paid by the Vigilant Hose Company. This decision has now been upheld.

More importantly, the decision, based on tax years 1995 and 1994, excludes the Vigilant Hose Company from having to pay taxes on the same income generated from prior and subsequent tax years. The court's decision could have far-reaching effects on other non-profit entities in Frederick County, such as boys' and girls' clubs, school PTA's, and other fire, rescue, and ambulance services, many of which are supported by tip jars.

Tip-jars are a legalized form of gambling in Frederick County where commercial establishments split the revenues with local non-profit groups. Each non-profit may enter into such arrangements with up to three establishments. Tip jars are like a lottery with tickets where winning numbers can provide a purchaser with a cash prize. The county government provides oversight to assure proper conduct on the part of approved establishments involved. To help local fire and ambulance companies, the Frederick County Commissioners established the funding

(See VHC on page 10)

Sleep Inn grand opening celebration



A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Sleep Inn and Suites hotel in Emmitsburg. The hotel is a member of Choice Hotels International, the second largest hotel chain in the country. Participating, from left, were Parnie Verenis, VP of the North Market Area; Bud Otis, aide to Congressman Bartlett; Charles Ledsinger, Jr. president and CEO of Choice Hotels International; Buzzy Hess Jr., Pam Hess, Dale Hess Sr., members of the Hess Hotel Group, owners and builders; and Mayor William Carr.

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Horse Lovers:

The Thurmont Riding Club will be holding Pony Rides at the Thurmont Colorfest, Saturday, Oct. 13 and Sunday, Oct. 14. The rides will begin at 8:00 a.m. and continue until approximately 6:00 p.m. in the area directly across from the Town Park, behind the bowling alley. Photos will be sold.

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Great show and great weather bring crowds to Community Show

The 45th annual Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show was held on September 7, 8 and 9 at the Catoclin High School in Thurmont. With great weather throughout the weekend, there was an attendance of over 8,000 people.

The Friday evening program opened with 28 community civic organizations represented in the flag ceremony. Rev. James Fisher gave the invocation. The "Final Four Quartet" sang four selections. Members of this group include Jesse Love, Mark Eyler, Dale Hooper, Steve Purcell and Wayne Hooper. Julie Roop, a member of the Catoclin FFA Chapter and 1st place State winner, recited the FFA Creed. Remarks were given by new Catoclin High Principal Mrs. Ann Bonitabitibus, who spoke highly of the community participation in the Community Show.

Twenty-five individuals representing Thurmont's 250th anniversary committee and Town Commissioners were introduced by Master of Ceremonies, Victor Jagow. The persons honored were: Eileen R. Waesche, Edward G. Hobbs, Wayne E. Hooper, Kenneth R. Oland, Martin Burns, George W. Wireman, Ernest Tresselt, Jane Tresselt, Larry K. Freshman, Lori M. Zentz, Nancy Rice, Victor R. Jagow, John Kinnaird, Dennis Smith, Ann Cissel, Daryl Smith, Jolane Souris, Joseph Wolfe, Josie Royer, Dottie Green, Maxine Troxell, Irene Miller, Erin Dingle. Also honored were James F. Black and Donald L. Lewis, former Mayors of the Town of Thurmont.

Mayor Eileen Waesche announced



Bea and Vernon Keilhotz check out the competition. Each received ribbons in home crafts and vegetables

Brooke Hoffman and Jacob Flohr, both of Emmitsburg, as the 2001-2002 Catoclin FFA Ambassadors. Over 550 exhibitors entered over 2500 exhibits at this year's show.

The annual baked products auction followed the program with Roger Rothenhoefer and Mike Miller serving as auctioneers. The Grand Champion Cake, a chocolate cake, was baked by Sue Flohr and sold to Mountaingate Family Restaurant for \$500.00. The Reserve

Champion Chiffon cake was baked by Maxine Troxell and was purchased by Creative Colours Auto Body of Middletown for \$140.00. The Champion cherry pie was baked by Jean Keilholtz and the Reserve Champion peach pie was baked by Glorae Green. The Grand Champion dinner rolls were baked by Glorae Green and Reserve Champion muffins were baked by Maxine Troxell. The 2001 cake sale netted almost \$5,000.00, which is a new record for the show.

Other department champions include: Fresh Fruits - Fran Black; Fresh Vegetables; Richard Masser; Home Products Display - Gretchen Smith;



Ken Maier of Frederick Honey Company describes a bee hive to interested kids.

Canned Fruit Glorae Green; Canned Vegetables - Karen Myers; Jellies & Preserves - Walter Brown; Pickles - Elizabeth Groves; Meat - Leslie Cool; Sewing - Walter Brown; Flowers & Plants - Roxanna Lambert; Arts, Paintings & Drawings - Nancy Rice; Crafts - Harold Wildasin; Photography - Amy King; Corn - Rodman Myers; Small Grains and Seeds - Harold Long; Eggs - Nancy Grimes; Nuts - Mary S. Willhide; Poultry & Livestock - Danny McAfee; Dairy - Ashley Lenhart; Hay - Grace McAfee; Junior Department - Sam Basely; Youth Department - Laura Adamovicz; Blue & Gold Jacket Contest Stacey Ridge; Sheep - Ashley Lenhart; Swine - Steve Little; Beef - Dawn Willard; Goats - Kelly Wright.

The Thurmont Grange served over 650 turkey and ham dinners in the school cafeteria.

A large crowd attended the concert by the United States Air Force Band "Silver Wings" in the auditorium. George W. Wireman, chaired this event.

On Sunday, the Dairy Show was held with Ashley Lenhart showing the grand champion Holstein heifer. The reserve champion Ayrshire heifer was exhibited by Samantha Valentine. Pat Beachey judged the show. The grand champion of the adult goat show was Kelly Wright. The junior champion of the goat show was Jamie Wright.

The decorated animal contest was held on Sunday, with first place being awarded to Taylor Clarke, with her decorated lamb; second place was awarded to Colt Black with his decorated goat and third place was awarded to Michael Smith, with his decorated dog. Serving as judges were the new FFA Ambassadors, Brooke Hoffman and Jacob Flohr.

Winners in the 22nd annual Catoclin Horseshoe Pitching Contest were: 1st, Roy Wivell and James Miller; 2nd, Dick Glass and Ronald Hahn and 3rd, Ben Ogle and Richard Valentine.

The 22nd annual log sawing contest was held with

the winners as follows: Children's division: 1st, Colt Black and Jamie Wright; Men's Pairs - 1st, Steven Little and Shawn Favorite; Men's & Women's - 1st, Shawn Favorite and Linda Favorite; Children's singles - 1st, Seth Sweeney; Women's Singles - 1st, Jessica Lambert; Ladies Pairs - 1st, Mrs. Lynn and Lindsey Puvell; Men's Singles - 1st, Mark Valentine.

The Blue and Gold FFA Jacket contest winners were: Best of Show (3,000 limited editions to State Presidents), Stacey Ridge; Best of Show Achievement Award (with 38 competition pins), Eric Troxell. A total of 67 jackets were exhibited.

Also on Sunday, there was a karate demonstration which was given by area youth in the new gymnasium.

The 4th annual book sale by the Thurmont Library was again very successful.

Another highlight of the show was the display of old pictures of the Town of Thurmont by John Kinnaird and Dennis Smith; a button display by the Mackley family; old quilts by area residents and quilting by Dorothy Valentine and Elizabeth Fuss. The souvenir committee, chaired by Daryl Smith, sold over \$1800.00 of Thurmont's 250th anniversary souvenirs.

The barnyard Olympics, petting zoo, and face painting by the Thurmont Junior Grange were new to the show this year.

The Creager Home furnishings donated a La-Z-Boy Recliner and a second recliner at cost to benefit the Ag in the Classroom trailer. The 1st place

New FFA Ambassadors



Jacob Flohr, son of Karen and Michael Flohr and Brooke Hoffman, daughter of Mike and Kathy Hoffman were recently named the FFA ambassadors for the coming year. Both are from Emmitsburg. FFA ambassadors represent the chapter at local functions and educate the public about FFA.

When asked what made her most proud of being an FFA member Brooke said, "I am part of America's largest and most important industry."

When asked how being an FFA member would help him in his future Jacob said, "It will help me prepare for a career in horticulture."

recliner was won by Kay Kennedy of Thurmont; 2nd place, Fred Young of Fairfield; 3rd place (country ham) was won by Dot McAfee of Foxville; 4th place was a Longaberger basket by the Stackhouse family of Thurmont; 5th place, Pampered Chef stoneware, was won by Wanda Dennis; and 6th place (\$50.00) cash to Sonny Funch of Tuscarora, Maryland. The Ag in the Classroom trailer then went to the Thurmont Elementary School after the Community Show for one week. Next year, the trailer will go to the Emmitsburg Elementary School.

On Sunday afternoon, Don Barnes and Debbie Williams performed country music selections which were enjoyed by those in attendance.

President Rodman Myers, stated that the Community Show is an agricultural educational event and is a total community effort. Many volunteers give many hours to make the show something the Catoclin School district can be proud of. These efforts are appreciated by the show sponsors - Thurmont Grange; Emmitsburg Grange; Catoclin FFA Chapter, Catoclin FFA Alumni, The Maryland State Grange and the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board.

The 2002 Community Show dates are September 6, 7, and 8 at Catoclin High School in Thurmont, Maryland.

Celebrating 50 years in the priesthood



Joining Fr. Michael Kennedy, C.M., center, for his special celebration are his brothers, Fr. John Kennedy, C.M., left, and Brother Thomas Kennedy, F.S.C.

Photo by Raymond Buchheister for the *Dispatch*

On Sunday, September 23, a Mass of Thanksgiving was held at the Basilica Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for Fr. Michael J. Kennedy, CM, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Fr. Kennedy, the Shrine's chaplain, and also previous pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Emmitsburg was ordained May 19, 1951, in Northampton, Pa. Fr. Kennedy is the son of Michael and

Nellie Kennedy, emigrants from Ireland. Joining him for this special celebration were his brothers Fr. John Kennedy, CM, a Vincentian priest for 52 years, and Brother Thomas Kennedy, F.S.C. who took his vows 59 years ago.

A reception hosted by the Blessed Virgin Sodality was held at St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

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mechanism to offset operating costs rather than burdening the public with additional taxes. All funds raised from tip jars go directly into emergency equipment and vehicle needs.

The timing couldn't be better as the company needs to replace a major heavy-duty rescue truck, Squad 6, at a cost in excess of \$440,000. "Our current Squad has served the greater Emmitsburg community well for more than 23 years now, but recently we've had to make frequent major repairs to it just to keep it road worthy for emergency response activities," Clarke said.

Clarke praised the efforts of Former County Commissioner Bruce Reeder whose outstanding encouragement and support saw this drawn-out process to a successful conclusion. Reeder, along with other past commissioners, was willing to prepare and sign a formal letter to the Internal Revenue Service clearly stating that the original intent of the ordinance was not to create a taxing burden for non-profit organizations.

Next Deadline
October 20

Local business leaders hear about Maryland Smart Growth program

A STAFF REPORT

Michael Nelson, assistant secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources addressed nearly 40 members and guests at the September 18 meeting of the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association. George Houston, president of Mount Saint Mary's College, hosted the meeting at his home.

Mr. Nelson, who heads the capital loans and grants program for the DNR, said the department provides funding to counties and municipalities to acquire open space land, but not to maintain it. That is left up to the counties or municipalities, he said.

Mr. Nelson is responsible for implementing several components of Governor Glendening's Smart Growth initiative. "We have identified and mapped available green spaces throughout the state, using satellite imaging

technology," he said. Mr. Nelson told the group that this green infrastructure of the State of Maryland contains roughly two million acres of undeveloped land and is characterized as a system of Green Hubs (large habitat areas) that are linked together by linear corridors of land called Green Links. The goal is to save those lands through targeted acquisitions and easement.

Mr. Nelson said the Department of Natural Resources is willing to initiate talks with Frederick County to buy and preserve 525 acres of the Frederick watershed.

Following Mr. Nelson's presentation, the business association presented checks to Robert Rosensteel for the Tribute to a Friend College Scholarship Fund and the Community Foundation of Frederick County's September 11 Fund.



Mike Nelson, second from left, assistant secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, was guest speaker at the September meeting of the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association. From left are Tim Blazer, Frederick County Planning Department; Mr. Nelson, George Houston, president of Mount Saint Mary's College, who hosted the meeting at his home, and Robert Rosensteel, who accepted checks from the EBPA for the Tribute to a Friend College Scholarship Fund and the Community Foundation of Frederick County's September 11 Fund.

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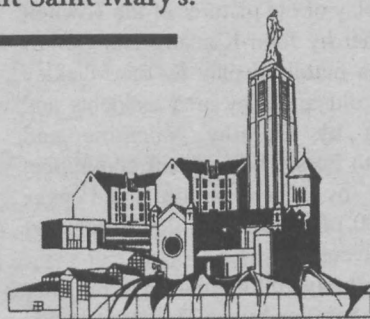
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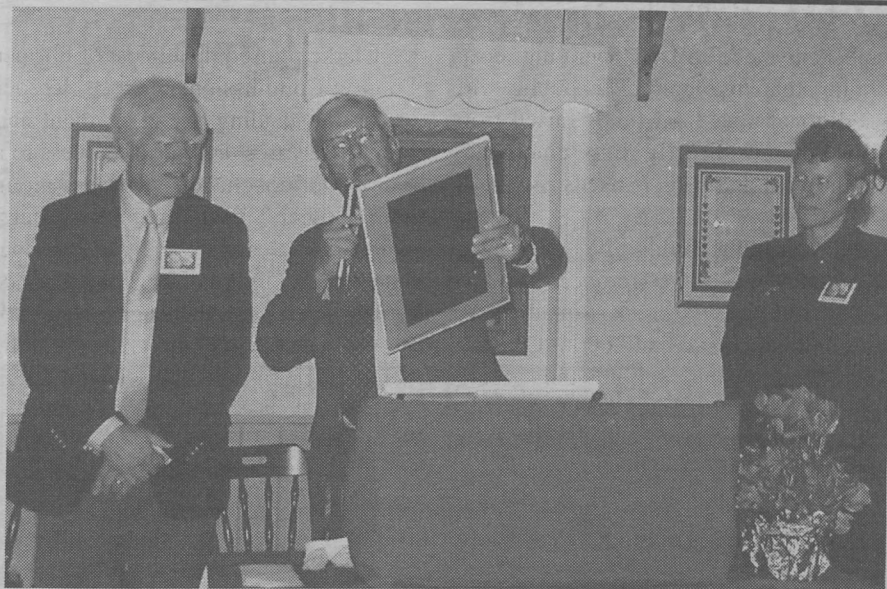
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The Rev. Ben Jones, left, received a light roasting during the celebration of his 20 years of service to the Emmitsburg and Taneytown Presbyterian churches. Carl Griffiths, Master of Ceremonies, presented Rev. Jones, a noted artist, with two paint-by-number canvases so he could have more time to work on his sermons. Stacy McArthur looks on.
A Dispatch Photo

Celebration given for Rev. Ben Jones

Benjamin Jones's twenty years of inspiration and dedication to his congregations at the Emmitsburg and Taneytown Presbyterian churches was celebrated on September 28 by a gathering of a hundred-plus parishioners and friends. The ballroom at the Carriage House was the site of a fun-filled evening.

In addition to delicious food, the tables were graced with beautiful fall flowers and at each place, a bookmark favor featuring a poem written for the occasion.

During dessert, the guests were entertained by a barbershop quartet, Friends R Four.,—only to be (almost)

surpassed by the "Singing Nuns." Disguised in full habit were Bonnie Fuss, Pam Gowen, Carol Gehlsen, and Leslie DePaula singing their own version of "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy."

Carl Griffiths, from the Taneytown Church, did a wonderful job as Master of Ceremonies. Many kind words were spoken, but the event was not without its lighter moments. Mayor Bill Carr related tales and Professor Bill Meredith spun a few yarns covering the years of Ben's ministry. Ben's sons-in-law provided an amusing "inside the family" look.

The evening was climaxed by the presentation of a French folding easel to Ben, a well-known artist.

CROP Walk for world hunger, food bank, and New York relief.

By PAUL HARNER
President, Council of Churches

The Emmitsburg Council of Churches' annual CROP WALK will be held on 7 October this year. The WALK will start at the Memorial Park pavilion (behind post office) at 1:30 PM and will proceed through the Saint Joseph's Provincial House grounds and around the National Emergency Training Center, including the park area around Tom's Creek, covering 2.5 miles. For those hearty ones who would like more, the marked path may be traversed as often as one can endure it.

The idea of the WALK is for the walker to sign up sponsors who will

donate to HELP OUR FOOD BANK, PROVIDE FUNDS TO ALLEVIATE WORLD HUNGER AND HELP THE NEW YORK RELIEF EFFORT. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds will support the local Food Bank and ten percent will go towards the New York relief effort. The remainder will go to Church World Service to help in the fight against world hunger.

Sponsor sheets can be obtained from assigned individuals at each church or by getting one from Saint Joseph's Rectory on Monday through Friday. (For those of you who are interested, the time involved in taking the WALK does count towards Community Service.)

Pilgrimage for Sea Services to be held

The Daughters of Charity are pleased to host the "Annual Pilgrimage for the Sea Services" Eucharistic Celebration in Honor of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on Sunday, October 7, at 3:00 p.m.

The Most Reverend Edwin F. O'Brien, S.T.D., Archbishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services will preside as the principal celebrant and homilist for the Eucharistic Liturgy. Music will be provided by The Naval Academy Catholic Midshipmen Choir from Annapolis. This special pilgrimage is sponsored by the generosity

of a committee of twenty-eight retired Naval Officers. Admiral James D. Watkins, USN (Ret.) is Chair of the Sponsoring Committee that reestablished this event in 1998. Admiral Watkins has been closely associated with the Shrine and the Daughters of Charity since 1975. He helped to establish the celebration of "A Day for the Navy" and the patronage of Mother Seton of those in the sea services.

The public is cordially invited to attend the liturgy and the reception which follows. There is no admission charge and ample parking is available at the Basilica.

Emmitsburg Area Churches

Incarnation United Church of Christ

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

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Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

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

100 N. Seton Avenue
Weekly services: Monday - 7:30

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

Pastor: Reverend James O. Kiernan, C.M.
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St. Anthony Shrine

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

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Mass schedule: Saturday, 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend James W. Hannon

Trinity United Methodist Church

Trinity United Methodist Church was founded in 1833. The present sanctu-

ary was built in 1807. Trinity has been a religious presence in Emmitsburg for 168 years.

313 West Main St.
Services 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Wade A. Martin

Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church

Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church has been a part of the Emmitsburg Community since before the American Revolution.

The original meeting house stood about a mile north of Emmitsburg along the Gettysburg Rd. The grave of Samuel Emmitt, founder of Emmitsburg, is located in the old cemetery.

415 West Main St.
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Pastor: Reverend R. Benjamin Jones

Tom's Creek United Methodist Church

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

100 West North Avenue
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Interim Pastor: David. S. Knodel

Library Events

BY SUE CARDELLA
Children's Librarian

It seems that the summer's heat is behind us, and we are now waking up to chilly mornings. The children are, by now, firmly ensconced in the school year. The warm colors and crisp air of autumn hint urge us to enjoy the fine weather while it is here, for we know that winter will soon be upon us. Your branch library offers fun, knowledge, and relaxation for the cooler months.

Many people are taking a look at their family's past and are attempting to organize their tangible memories. In October we offer a program geared toward that task. Creative Memories, for teens and adults, will guide you in organizing and preserving your family photos and stories. Bring eight to ten photos and a pair of scissors. This program will be held on Monday, October 15 at 7 p.m. Registration is requested.

Perhaps you are considering adding a pet to your family, or you already have one and want to learn more. Critter Care will feature a representative from the Frederick County Humane Society who will talk about pet care and kindness. Join us on Wednesday, October 17 at 7 p.m. Registration is requested.

Teen Read Week is October 14-20. A Teen Coffeehouse will be held on Monday night, October 15, at the Market Street Café in Frederick. Teens may read a poem, bring artwork, play an instrument, or just enjoy the scene. Call the branch to register or for more info. Seventeen Magazine is sponsoring The Teen Read Aloud Project, in which teens participate in their library's storytime hour by reading aloud to children. Again, call for more info. In addition, each branch library will give away a copy of The Hobbit. Teens may enter the drawing each time they visit the library during Teen Read Week.

In addition to the special events we will continue with our regular programs. One of the regular programs is Family Storytime at 7:00 Wednesday evenings and 10:30 Thursday mornings. Once a month, on the third Tuesday, we have Babies with Books, a program for babies to two-year olds, which introduces babies to language, rhythm, music, and concepts. New babies receive a free book.

For information or to register for any program, call 301-447-2682. We hope to see you soon.

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Little League News

Little League Recap and Update
BY DEAN TORGERSON

The 2001 season was a big success from opening day with the Oriole Bird to the league picnic. The girls softball won Districts and went on to host the Maryland State Junior Softball Championship tournament. Davey Wantz's Red Sox (Little League Baseball) came in first in their division for the second year in a row and the Astros (Minor League Baseball) came in first in their division with a record of 12-3.

As we look forward to preparing for

the 2002 season, the league is asking that anyone interested in volunteering to be a manager/coach or league officer come to the next league meeting which is scheduled for October 3 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the press box above the concession stand at the little league field. During this meeting we will be electing league officers as well as managers and coaches for the 2002 season.

The league would like to thank all those who have volunteered their time and the generous financial support of our sponsors. Hope to see you on October 3.



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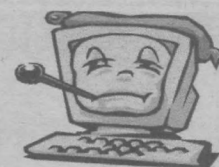
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Northgate Homeowners meeting held

The Annual Northgate Homeowners' Association meeting was held Wednesday, August 22, at the Emmitsburg Pizza Hut. The Association provided pizza and soft drinks.

President Paula Compton reported that \$12,000 was spent to refurbish and bring the tot lot up to code this past spring; and then opened the meeting for discussion.

The following suggestions were made by the residents: (1. Investigate the possibility that trees be planted along the grassy strips between the curb and the sidewalk in the development. (2. An updated copy of the by laws and covenants be mailed to

homeowners, along with a list of current residents.

Cats and dogs wandering loose and the late-night barking of dogs were a concern of many of those present. A notice will be sent to remind homeowners of the leash law.

Election results: Bill Rapp was re-elected treasurer. Wayne Guss and Debbie Books are two new Board Members. Paula Compton and Pete Gunyula will continue their terms. Dean Lieb was thanked for his 4 years of service on the Board.

Board Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Pizza Hut. All Northgate homeowners are welcome.

American Legion Auxiliary meeting held

By LOIS HARTDAGEN
Membership Chairman

The September meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held at Kumps Dam. The Regular members and the S.A.L. also held their meeting at the park. Refreshments were served by the Post prior to the meeting. Refreshments from now on will be served prior to the meetings even when they are at the Post during the winter months.

In the absence of the Secretary, the President called the Roll of Officers and read the secretary's report from the August meeting. The treasurer gave her report and the report was accepted subject to audit.

The Department and District bulletins were read by the President.

The Chaplain, Patty Troxell, reported that member Jennie Motter had recently passed away. A donation will be made at a later date to a charity designated by the family.

The Membership Chairman, Lois Hartdagen reported we have 70 members paid for the year 2002.

A thank you note from Betty Goulden was

read.

Under old business the sandwich sale was tabled until our secretary, the chairman, is present. The two- year pocket planners were a discussed and it was reported that they are in and now on sale for \$2.50 each. To purchase one, contact Lois at 301- 447-2669.

Under new business, a District Meeting will be held on September 22, 2001, at Hampstead Post. Patty Troxell, Anna Adams, Melva Hardman and Lois Hartdagen will be attending, leaving about 11:30 a.m.

A letter from Mary Reston was read regarding Sandi Dutton, former Md.Department President, going in as National President in the year 2004. A fund raising campaign has been started to raise funds for her year as National President to help defray costs of her travel, etc. Several fund raisers were suggested by the Fund Raising Committee, but our Auxiliary voted to use our own methods of raising money for this occasion.

The hours of service were then taken by the President.

In the drawing, Valarie Ryder's name was called for \$29.00. Next month's drawing will be for \$30.00.

VFW Auxiliary meeting held

By DOLORES HENKE
Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to Emmitsburg VFW Post 6658 was held recently at the Post Home. President Mary Topper presided. Following the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and other correspondence, the Treasurer's report was given and bills presented. A new member, Crystal M. McKenzie was voted into the organization.

The President informed the members that \$100 from the Auxiliary and \$100 from the men of the Post had been sent to Dottie Hough, Director of Volunteer Services at the V.A. Medical Center to purchase "canteen books" to be given out to the veterans in the event the Auxiliary is unable to make their monthly visit.

The date of December 9 has been selected to hold the annual Christmas Party for the veterans. Further discussions were held on the Bingo scheduled for October 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Emmitsburg

Vigilant Hose Company building. The President requested of the members donations of prizes and finger foods to be sold that evening. The money from this project will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for local shut-ins, those in nursing homes, and also will help defray the expenses associated with the Veterans' Christmas Party at Martinsburg.

Chaplain Gloria Bauerline requested from the members information for her monthly report which includes visits to the sick, get-well and Mass cards sent, donations, as well as hours accumulated in helping with other activities. Dolores Henke won the monthly draw prize; refreshments for the members at the meeting were prepared by Mary Bowne.

Refreshments for the Post meeting will be served by Rita Byard, Mary Topper and Bea Umbel. The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be October 4 at 8:00. District President, Brenda Evans, will be present for this meeting. Refreshments for the October 4 meeting will be prepared by Rita Byard..

The (retired) Ecologist's Corner: of butterflies and bombs

BY BILL MEREDITH
Dispatch Writer

“... time and chance happeneth to us
all.” *Ecclesiastes*

History records that on August 12, 1785, Samuel Emmitt met with a group of local citizens at Hockensmith's Tavern and marked off a group of lots from his estate to create the town of Emmitsburg. It is further recorded that as the evening went on, Mr. Emmitt was toasted enthusiastically and often. Perhaps this is the reason the streets of the town are off several degrees from a perfect east-west direction; however, they are close enough to it to determine that when our new house was built parallel to Lincoln Avenue, it would face approximately north.

That is why, as I sat on my porch one afternoon some 226 years later, I was appropriately positioned to spot a Monarch butterfly as it caught an updraft and soared over the old house where we used to live. It had been a hot day and there was no wind, but the air was moving in local eddies as it cooled off; and the Monarch came toward me with all the purposefulness of a paper airplane, scarcely moving its wings and wobbling back and forth as it slowly lost altitude. It might have been asleep and running on autopilot. By the time it reached the yard it was only a few feet above ground zero, and it glided over the walk and onto the porch as if it expected the front door to open and let it pass through the house and on out the back. When that didn't happen, it showed its first sign of awareness; it began to flutter back and forth, conveying a sense of increasing urgency as it looked for a way to get past the house. It tried going up, but the ceiling was in the way; then as it explored the front of the house and the side walls of the porch again, its actions seemed to pass from urgency to desperation. The only

open path was to go back the way it came, but it clearly was determined not to do so. That was North, and it had been there; it was South or bust. I finally got up and chased it back out into the yard, and then fortune changed in its favor; a breeze caught it and carried it up and over the house. I walked around to the back yard and watched it drift placidly, irresistibly southward until it was out of sight.

It is driven entirely by instinct; it has no awareness of where it came from or where it is headed. But it will husband its meager fuel supply, soaring when the wind is in its favor, tacking against it when necessary, hunkering down to wait if the weather gets bad. Flying actively only to get around obstacles, it will move inexorably toward a secluded valley in the mountains of central Mexico, where it has never been before. The odds are not in its favor; most likely, it will be mistaken for a meal by a naive young blue jay, or get battered to pieces in a storm, or die in one of the thousand other ways nature offers. Yet there remains that one small chance that it will complete the journey and spend its winter amid thousands of its kind who also beat those odds, hanging on a butterfly tree and creating a scene of beauty beyond description.

As living beings, the butterfly and I have some things in common. We need food and shelter to survive; we share a drive to perpetuate our species. But beyond these generalities, our worlds are very different. In the butterfly's world there is no right or wrong, no good or evil; there is merely survival or death. Some animals eat, and some are eaten. Some seasons are mild; some bring storms, droughts or other calamities. Whatever happens, the butterfly will be only dimly aware; its actions are governed by instincts that are programmed in its DNA, honed and perfected by the fact that they allowed its

ancestors to survive. In my world, there are still a few instinctive activities, but most of the behavior of my species is based on conscious decisions; we have a brain capable of learning, and the freedom knowingly to select actions that will help or harm others. The upside of this is that we humans have the ability to create things of great beauty or utility. The downside is that we may create great evil.

In our rhetorical attempts to express our revulsion at events such as the terrorist attacks of September 11, we sometimes refer to the perpetrators as animals. This is not a valid comparison; no animal could have, or would have done such a thing. Evil is a human quality, and the potential for it exists in all of us. We see evidence of this in the threats and vandalism to Moslem citizens and institutions in our country that followed the terrorist attacks. This is why we must be especially conscious of how we respond in the weeks and months ahead.

There is no question that a response must be made, but it should consist of actions that will not make things worse in the long term. Some of our leaders appear to be aware of this; their statements have begun to educate the public of the complexity of combating an enemy who is faceless, fanatical and dispersed among civilian populations. Unfortunately, others have responded with simplistic bravado and wild-west metaphors that seem designed to prepare the public for conventional military retaliation. Such an approach might result in the capture or death of some known terrorists, but the inevitable civilian casualties would brand us morally as no better than the terrorists ourselves; and they would exacerbate the anti-American sentiment that provides the terrorists with their most effective support.

Amid the rush to declare war without knowing whom it was to be

declared against, many voices were heard lamenting that our world has changed and will never be the same. Such voices are naive at best. We were appalled; we were horrified, we were outraged when the terrorists struck us; but only those who have been living in cocoons should have been surprised. We did not know precisely when, where or how, but we had to know an attack was coming. Both our intelligence forces, inadequate though they may be, and the attackers themselves have been telling us this would happen for at least the past decade. So the world did not change on September 11; only our awareness of reality changed.

At times like these the butterfly world, with its freedom from making decisions and its simple, direct emphasis on survival, looks attractive; but we cannot go there. We are stuck in our own world, complex, dangerous, contradictory as it is. We must use our intelligence (the human, not the military kind) to become aware of how our world really is, to survive in it, and to make it a better place. We do have that choice. It was good to see flags flying, patriotism, not blindly militaristic but consciously aimed at protecting our safety and freedoms, is a value we sometimes have lost in more cynical times. It was good to see the outpouring of support and generosity that occurred after the attacks; too often we have been self-centered and uncaring when times were better. These are the qualities our leaders must foster if we are to have a chance of winning the struggle we are in.

Note: Readers who attend the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church may recognize the "butterfly story" at the beginning of this article; it is from an essay written several years ago, and has been quoted occasionally by Rev. Ben Jones.

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Obituaries

Infant Sierra Benton

Infant Sierra Janae Benton, five months, of Emmitsburg, died Friday, Aug. 24, at Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, Pa.

Born March 17, 2001, in Rockville, she was the daughter of Sirreginald and Joy Reeves Benton.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by one brother, Joshua T Reeves; paternal grandparents, Reginald Grant of Suitland, and Wilhemina Benton of Atlanta, Ga.; maternal grandparents, Paul and Robbie Freeman Raynes of Mount Airy; one uncle, Lemuel V. Benton, Alexandria, Va.; and one aunt, Heidi E. Raynes of Mount Airy.

A memorial service was held Aug. 29 at Stauffer Funeral Home, 1621 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, with Pastor Mike Albro, chaplain of Frederick Rescue Mission, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Frederick Rescue Mission, 419 W South St., Frederick, Md. 21701.

Sister Theodora Baumgartner, D.C.

Sister Theodora Baumgartner, Daughter of Charity, died Sunday, September 2, at Villa St. Michael where she had been a resident since 1998. Sister Theodora was 78 and a member of the Albany Province of the Daughters of Charity.

The former Mary Adelaide Baumgartner was born in Baltimore and entered the Daughters of Charity in 1943. She graduated from Seton High School in Baltimore in 1940 and received a bachelor's degree in science from St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg in 1951.

With a varied ministry in education, health care, social ministry, and the foreign missions, Sister's career spanned 58 years. Her first assignments were in education, teaching at St. Ann's School, Bridgeport, Conn., 1944-1951; St. John's School, Albany, N.Y. 1951-1956; and one year at Seton High School, Baltimore, 1956-1957.

The following ten years [1957-1967] were spent in the Bolivian missions in South America where she taught and worked among the poor.

After her return to the U.S., Sister Theodora was stationed at DePaul House of Studies, Jamaica Estates, N.Y. 1967-1969; St. John Center, Utica, N.Y. 1969-1972; Laboure Center in Boston, 1972-1975; and from 1975-1981 at St. John's Parish Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. Sister spent the next two years [1981-1983] at DePaul Center in Vineland, N.J. She was then appointed local superior at St. Louise House in Albany, a duty she held until 1989. From there Sister was assigned to Good Samaritan Hospital in

Pottsville, Pa., where she worked until 1998 as a receptionist, her last active duty. Sister Theodora then retired and moved to Villa St. Michael in Emmitsburg.

Daughter of the late John Hampton and Theodora Clarke Baumgartner, Sister is survived by one brother J. Hampton Baumgartner Jr. and his wife Ann of Bethesda (MD), eight nieces and nephews and eighteen grandnieces and grandnephews, all of Madison (NJ), and numerous cousins.

A Mass of Christian burial for Sister Theodora was offered at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 5, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Interment was in Emmitsburg.

Sister Denise Burke, DC

A Mass of Christian burial for Sister Denise Burke, DC, health care administrator, was offered at 11:00 a.m., Friday, September 7, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg. Sister Denise, who was 87, died of congestive heart failure, Tuesday, September 4, at Villa St. Michael, the province's retirement residence in Emmitsburg.

Born in Baltimore, the former Mary Josephine Burke graduated from Seton High School in 1932, entered the Daughters of Charity in 1933, was given the name Sister Denise and pronounced her first vows in 1938.

She earned a bachelor of science degree from St. Joseph's College in Emmitsburg in 1949, and a masters degree in hospital administration from St. Louis University in 1951. Sister was a member of the American College of Hospital Administrators and the American Association of Hospital Public Relations.

Sister Denise's 67-year career as a Daughter of Charity began in New York as an elementary teacher at St. Vincent Home in Albany [1935-1943], followed by one year St. Mary's School, Troy. However, teaching was not Sister's field and she was offered the opportunity to change from education to health care. In 1944 she was sent to St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester to study nursing, three years later received her diploma, and remained at St. Mary's working as a nurse until 1949. She returned to Emmitsburg and began preparation toward the degrees needed for hospital administration. Sister began her residency in hospital administration in 1950 at St. Raphael Hospital, New Haven, Conn., moving in 1951 to St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore as assistant administrator. In 1952 she was appointed administrator of St. Agnes and remained there until 1958. From 1958-1964 Sister administered Providence Hospital in Detroit, Mich., and DePaul Hospital, Norfolk, Va., from 1964-1966. In 1967 she returned to the Baltimore area as administrator of Jenkins Memorial Home [now St. Elizabeth's Home for Nursing Care]. Upon comple-

tion of this appointment in 1973 Sister Denise was assigned to U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home in Washington, D.C., as Administrative Officer in the Nursing Service Department, a position she held until the Daughters of Charity withdrew from the Soldiers' Home in 1980. Her next duty was as nurse-infirmarian at Villa St. Michael in Emmitsburg (1980-1987). She then returned to St. Agnes Hospital to work in the pastoral care department until 1996, due to failing health, Sister Denise retired to Villa St. Michael.

Daughter of the late Walter Francis and Alice Mullen Burke, Sister was predeceased by two brothers, William and Walter Burke. She is survived by nephews Patrick and William Burke and niece Denise Burke, all of Baltimore; nieces Stephanie Hurley, Forest Hill, Md., and Susan Sim, Lebanon, Pa.

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

Sister Mary J. McGinley, DC

Sister Mary Jerome McGinley, Daughter of Charity, 73, died on September 11 at Villa St. Michael, the province's retirement residence in Emmitsburg.

Born in Philadelphia, the former Teresa McGinley was the daughter of the late John and Margaret Durning McGinley.

Sister Mary Jerome graduated from the West Philadelphia Catholic Girls School in 1946 and entered the Daughters of Charity in 1947. She was given the name Sister Mary Jerome and pronounced her first vows in 1952.

Sister Mary Jerome earned an associate in business degree, majoring in education from St. Joseph College, Emmitsburg, in 1961. She also attended Tufts University, Medford, Mass.

Sister Mary Jerome's 53-year career as a Daughter of Charity began in 1949 at St. Patrick School, Richmond, Va., as an elementary teacher, followed by eight years as a nursery school teacher at Laboure Center, Boston, Mass., from



SR. MARY JEROME MCGINLEY DC

1950 to 1958. Her next teaching assignment, from 1958 to 1964, was at the Holy Cross School, Lynchburg, Va., after which she returned to St. Patrick's School, Richmond, Va., from 1964 to 1970. Sister Mary Jerome also taught at St. Martin School, Baltimore, Md., from 1970 to 1972 and at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Washington, D.C., from 1973 to 1974.

Sister Mary Jerome was assigned a non-teaching duty in 1974 in the medical records department of Sacred Heart Hospital, Cumberland, Md., and remained there until 1977. She spent 11 years, from 1978 to 1989, as a special projects director at the Jenkins Memorial Home, now St. Elizabeth's Home for Nursing Care, in Baltimore. She returned to Sacred Heart Hospital, Cumberland, and worked in quality assurance from 1989 to 1991.

Sister Mary Jerome was then assigned to St. Joseph's Provincial House, where she began working towards establishing an adult literacy center to serve the residents of surrounding Frederick and Adams counties. In October 1991, the Marguerite Naseau Literacy Center emerged. She soon had to enlist the services of others sisters and lay volunteers to assist with the burgeoning enrollment. She worked closely with the Frederick Literacy Council and had reciprocity between Up-County Family Center sharing literacy materials, ideas (See Sr. McGinley on page 16)

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Mike McGrath, Former editor of *Organic Gardening* magazine, hosts "You Bet Your Garden," a weekly call-in gardening show aired on National Public Radio. He writes gardening columns for the *Philadelphia Daily News* and for *Greenprints*, a quarterly gardening publication. Mr. McGrath has appeared on the PBS-TV series "Your Organic Garden," the Discovery Channel's "Home Matters" and numerous other television programs. He is the editor of the book *The Best of OG*. His lecture topic is "Getting Ready to go Organic Next Year."

Judy Glattstein is an instructor at tire New York Botanical Gardens and Faculty Coordinator of the Cook College Professional Education Program at Rutgers University. She is also a Garden Consultant specializing in naturalistic designs incorporating

native and exotic plants. In addition to bulbs, Ms. Glattstein's areas of expertise include native plants and plants for problem sites. She has lectured at the Royal Horticultural Society's Great Autumn Show in London, the Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College, and in Kobe, Japan, where she was the keynote speaker at a symposium on "Improving Urban Life With Plants." Her Rites of Fall topic is "Bulbs for All Seasons."

Workshops conducted by Adams County Master Gardeners will address Weed Identification, Bonsai, Water Gardening in a Five-Gallon Container, Building a Thyme Bench, and Wintering Over Dahlias and Perennials.

Local merchants are providing a wide variety of excellent door prizes. In addition, all seminar participants will receive a free package of Premier quality Dutch bulbs provided by the Royal Dutch Flower Bulb Wholesale Association.

The seminar will be held Saturday, October 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Adams County Agricultural & Natural Resources Center, 670 Old Harrisburg Rd., Gettysburg. The \$35.00 fee (by October 10) covers the program, refreshments, and lunch. The late registration fee October 11-19) is \$45.00. For further information and a registration form call 717-334-6271, Ext. 319.

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and volunteer staff.

She was a member of the Emmitsburg Coalition for a Better Community and chaired a Literacy Task Force formed to meet one of their concerns.

During her 11 years with the literacy program, Sister Mary Jerome helped many learn to read and write for the first time, prepared others for a GED, and helped others learn English as a Second Language. She acquired and added a special program of computer exercises for stroke victims and those with impaired mental functions. She also began a computer literacy program for residents and staff in the St. Joseph's Provincial House complex. Sister Mary Jerome obtained grants and donations to ensure the program remain free to the students until March 2001, when she became too ill to continue her direction of the center.

She is survived by a sister, Sister Edith McGinley, DC, of Wilmington, Del.; a brother, John McGinley of

Cape May Court House, N.J.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by three brothers and a sister.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 15, 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 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727

It was our great pleasure to have known her. She was a very gracious and wise lady whom will be missed terribly by all who knew her. She always had a smile for everyone and deep reservoirs of faith to pass on.

If you or anyone you know is interested in literacy or learning how to use a computer, please have them call Sister Lucille Baker to set up an appointment at 301-447-3121.

Reminder: VHC Open House Thursday, October 11, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

New Forest Society to assist in collection of acorns

The New Forest Society, Inc., a local environmental group, will assist in the collection of acorns and seeds for the Growing Native Project, sponsored by the Potomac Watershed Partnership. The collection will take place Saturday, October 20th from 9:00 am to 12 noon!! This project is an effort to collect acorns and seeds for the state nurseries.

Why do they need seeds and acorns you ask? Well, this past spring Community Commons and its partners alone planted more than 3000 trees and shrubs along area rivers and streams, all of which were purchased from the state nursery.

With all of the stream restoration

projects going on the nurseries are running low on seed stocks. This event will help them get ahead for the upcoming tree planting season and enable us to purchase seedlings from them in the future.

The group is excited to have the opportunity to collect the seeds that will one day be planted along rivers and streams in our watershed. If you are interested in working with this project call Elizabeth Prongas of the New Forest Society at 301-271-2826.

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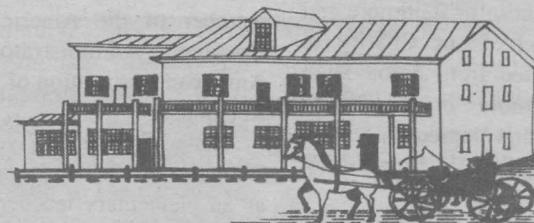
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Rocky Ridge News

By EMMA KEENEY
 Dispatch Writer

October Birthdays: Happy Birthday wishes to Kenneth Frushour Sr., Becky Eiker, Kimberly Dinterman, Kathy Frushour, Franklin Stambaugh, Wanda Smith, Blanche Sayler, Daniel Kaas, Larue Sumner, and Chelsea Dintermann.

On Saturday October 13, and Sunday October 14, the Willing Workers of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church of Rocky Ridge will hold Ridgefest at the Mt. Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge. Early Saturday morning they will start boiling apple butter, which will be for sale later in the day. For advance orders call 301-271-2880. The Rocky Ridge firemen will have their famous fried ham sandwiches for sale on both days. Soup,

sandwiches, pies, etc. will be available both days. Be sure to visit the Country Store.

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Happy Birthday wishes to Larry Cook, Elenora Putman, Chad Wolfe, Scott Ritchie, Ralph Eyler, Dawn Hobbs, Richard Eichelberger, Orvil Smith, and Patsy Rice.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Nancy and Ronnie Anders, Toby and Carrieann Eyler, and Gary and Mary Portner.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Elmer Stottlemeyer. He lived and farmed near Rocky Ridge for many years.

The Rocky Ridge Fire Company will start Bingo on November 3rd.

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St. Anthony Shrine/OLMC News

By ANN MARSHALL
Dispatch Writer

All weekday Masses until further notice will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church while necessary repairs are made at St. Anthony Shrine. Weekend Mass schedules and times of confession remain unchanged.

On Octoberfest Sunday, October 14, there will be no 11 a.m. Mass at

OLMC because the church parking lot will be used for Colorfest cars. Instead, there will be an extra Mass at 11:15 a.m. at St. Anthony's.

Disaster Relief Collections from the Sister Parishes, St. Anthony Shrine and OLMC, amounted to over \$4,000.

The Annual Emmitsburg Life Chain, to affirm the sacredness of all life and to protest the evil of abortion,

will be held at the square in Emmitsburg on Sunday, October 7, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. It will be preceded by a 2 p.m. ecumenical prayer service at St. Joseph's Church, just north of the Square. Signs will be provided to those participating. Over 900 cities nationwide now join in this peaceful, prayerful gathering.

Confirmation Preparation Classes for 2002 began in September. Anyone who wishes to join is urged to call the Religious Education Office asap, 301-271-4409, to determine eligi-

bility.

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The Second Town Meeting of Parishes (St. Anthony's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel) held at OLMC Parish Center on September 25. Discussion centered on the future needs and plans of the faith communities especially in light of the decreasing number of priestly vocations and the increasing need for space for services and educational activities.

OLMC Annual Labor Day Festival showed a profit of \$9,033. Prize winners were: \$100 each, George O'Donnoghue and Robert Reed; hand-made table, Jane Sprague; Afghan, Kathy Dowling; Watercolor Painting, Chuck Collins.

The Religious Education Fundraiser, a Basket Bingo and Spaghetti Dinner on September 9, raised over \$1600 for class resource materials. Credit for this success goes to Chuck and Robin Collins, the Knights of Columbus, the Confirmation students, and many other generous volunteers.

The Knights of Columbus plan a 50's style dance at OLMC Parish Center on Saturday, November 10, music by The Shades. Tickets at \$25 per couple are presently offered only to members of the two parishes and their families and friends. BYOB, set-ups and snacks provided. Tickets still available on October 13 will be sold to the general public. Call Phil Walko at 301-271-4119 or Chuck Collins at 301-271-3062 for further information.

New Policy on Pulpit Announcements and Bulletin Submissions: Have your material in the parish office by Monday afternoon.

Congratulations from OLMC Parish to Konnor Alexander Sowell, son of Alex and Karren Sowell, who was baptized in the Catholic Faith on Sunday, September 9, 2001.

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What is CASS?

By BILL DERBYSHIRE
Catoctin CASS Coordinator

The initials CASS represents an agency called Community Agency School Services.

CASS is a public, not for profit, agency affiliated with Frederick County Schools and strongly linked with Frederick County Health Department, Frederick County Department of Social Services, Frederick County Juvenile Justice, and Citizen's Services of Frederick County.

Frederick County has eight CASS Coordinators each working in one of the eight feeder school districts in the county. The Catoctin CASS office is located in the Emmitsburg Community Center, 300 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. Bill Derbyshire (Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical) is the CASS coordinator in the Catoctin feeder school district. The Catoctin feeder school district includes the following schools: Emmitsburg El., Thurmont El., Thurmont Primary, Sabillasville El., Lewistown El., Thurmont Middle and Catoctin High..

The primary services that CASS provides are the following: 1) to evaluate a family situation and then to provide recommendations and referrals to agencies that can be of support to the family - this

service is free and confidential and the only criterion is that the family must have a school-aged child attending public, private or home schooling, 2) to develop programs that are helpful to families such as after school programs, parent support groups and drug education programs, and 3) to develop relationships with other helping agencies in order to coordinate services as much as possible for example: counseling, health care, affordable housing, childcare, food bank, holiday assistance, parenting groups, after school programs and summer programs.

At present the Catoctin CASS Program consist of the following agencies that are available to meet families in the CASS office:

Heartly House (301-662-8800)- provides domestic violence Counseling, 24 hour hotline, legal services and group counseling.

Frederick County Mental Health Services (301-694-1755) - provides mental health services for children and their families.

Behavioral Health Partners (301-662-3223) - provides mental health services to children, families and adults.

Frederick County Department of Social Services - the Families NOW Program (301-694-2469) provides intensive in-home support to help stressful sit-

uations in the home so parents feel more in control - Outreach Services (301-694-2451) - every second and fourth Wednesday of the month (9 a.m. to noon) providing application for housing services, energy assistance, food stamps, medical assistance, pharmacy assistance, TEMHA, child care assistance and other services

Frederick County Health Department - Women's Health Clinic (301-631-3377) meets every forth Wednesday of the month, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. - provides GYM exams, pregnancy testing, STD screening, and information on reproductive and health issues - fees are assessed on a sliding scale basis. Also Home Health Nursing program is available as well by calling 301-631-3388

Frederick County Housing and Community Development (301-694-1062) -application for Section 8 county housing, rental assistance in collaboration with social Services anal Emmitsburg Home Ownership Program.

Community Action Agency (call Fonda Gormer at 301-447-2810) providing assistance for families with housing concerns.

Frederick County School Board Psychological Services (24-2361250) and **Pupil Personnel Services** (301-644-5228)

Catoctin CASS Program also collaborates with other programs in the area such as Up County Family Center, After School Adventures (Frederick County Parks and Recreation after school pro-

gram in collaboration with MSM's College, Emmitsburg Elementary School and the Town of Emmitsburg), ADHD educational tapes, Gateway Community Services and Seton Center.

CASS also recruits volunteers to assist with childcare when parent groups are in operation, and for administrative tasks in the office. For more information about volunteering call the Catoctin CASS office at 301-447-3611.

Expansion of medical insurance coverage for children

The Frederick County Health Department and CASS would like to announce the expansion of medical insurance coverage for children in Maryland.. Effective July 1, 2001, the Maryland Children's Health Program will offer health coverage to children in families above 200% through 300% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Many of the newly eligible children will be enrolled in HealthChoice, the state's Medicaid program. Applications may be obtained by calling the Catoctin CASS office or the Frederick County Health Department and ask to speak with Gale Bard (301-631-3348) or Judy Honnan (301-631-3341).

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Mother Seton School news

BY VAL MENTZER
DISPATCH WRITER

The Mother Seton School column during the beginning of the brand new school year is usually filled with stories of opening day smiles, kindergartners making their way to the first day of their new educational journey, and fresh stories of wonderful events occurring at the school. Although all of these wonderful things are occurring, and we are blessed with a beautiful school, beautiful students, families, and staff, it is difficult not to be preoccupied with grief and sadness for the victims of the tragedies in New York, D.C., and Pennsylvania.

Normally, MSS holds a liturgy to celebrate the beginning of a brand new school year. This year, that liturgy was planned for September 12. The planning for this liturgy takes place a couple of weeks in advance - definitely in advance of what tragically followed. Our New School Year Liturgy, "Companions On The Journey," quickly became a liturgy dedicated to the families and victims of the tragedy.

Many of our families, students, and staff have expressed the need to offer help to those ailing people. As a Christian Community, we know that the one form of help that is most needed is prayer. So as a total MSS Community, we offered our prayers on September 12.

During religion class, our middle school students were writing in their

journals their thoughts about the incident. I would like to share those thoughts with you:

A Nation Changed -Tara Wiggins

I am changed and will never be the same from what happened on the date of September 11, 2001. My heart goes out to all the people that have died, are lost and are injured. But I am also sympathetic to all of the family of the victims of this horrible terrorist act. I feel insecure now and a part of me will never be right again. I know now what people in other countries go through now, and I give them my prayer. As I watched the plane crash into the tower, I was filled with grief, terror and sympathy. The shock still hasn't sunken in, yet. I say to myself that this never happened - but it did. One thing that makes me feel better is that God is with them watching over them and their families. Another good thing is to see the people coming together to help the people by giving blood. People are helping to find their friends and to save people. Now I want to help but I don't know what I can do. My heart goes out to the people whose families were on the plane that crashed to save other people. They gave their own lives to save others. May they rest now in the arms of the Lord. I hope that all the people who are stranded in other countries may make it back safely to their families.

Attack On America -Artie Crum

I was very sad. I was listening to the radio and they played sound clips of when the tower collapsed and you could hear screams of people dying - blood curdling screams. I started to almost cry. I was pretty ticked off at the people who did this. But I was scared. After a while though, I wasn't scared. Because I knew God was in control of my life. And then I thought what people were thinking in the planes and buildings and I bet they had peace because they weren't thinking about their new stereo or skateboard, but they knew they were going to heaven with Jesus Christ. Even those who don't believe in God, they knew where they were going, too. It gave me peace to think I know Jesus is up there and loves me. I have peace to know if I die right now, I will go with God my savior. I have peace in my heart. If those of you who need insurance that God is really there, just say "God help me", and believe and realize that he has gotten another person into His kingdom.

I have sought repose everywhere,
and I have found it only in a little
corner with a little book.
-St. Francois de Sales

Colorfest time

Visit the Thurmont Grange Hall, located near the carnival grounds in Thurmont during Colorfest., Oct 13 and 14. Members will be selling hand-dipped ice cream with flavors being vanilla, chocolate, butter pecan, black raspberry, mint chocolate chip and cherry vanilla.

They will also be selling ham sandwiches, chicken salad sandwiches, hot dogs, soft drinks, milk, bottled water, apple cider, baked goods, crafts and yard sale items and cookbooks, including the new Frederick County Pomona Grange cookbook. Stop by for some good and reasonably priced food, and ice cream. Outside seating will be available.

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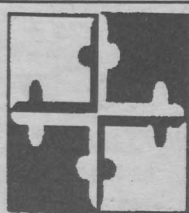
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From the Desk of Dr. Bonita J. Portier, D.O.: Tinnitus: Ringing in the Ears

Nothing is perhaps as disconcerting and bothersome as ringing in the ears, also known as tinnitus. Sometimes the ringing is so loud it overpowers one's thinking. Sometimes the ringing in the ears is louder than the music one is trying to listen to or harmonize with. Sometimes the ringing can keep one awake at night. Musicians, movie stars and regular folk cope with tinnitus.

What is this ringing? What does it mean? Most of the time tinnitus is a disease of the mitochondria of our ears. Also too much fluid build up in the small tubular balance arches of the hearing system can cause ringing or roaring. Ringing in the ears usually is a sign that we are going deaf in the affected ear. This can be a long drawn out process. Tinnitus, ringing in the ears, can be high pitched, roaring or crackling. Tinnitus can be constant, pulsating, or intermittent. Sometimes there is dizziness that goes with the ringing.

Mitochondria are tiny cells within each cell of our body, giving energy and efficiency to us. These cells, inherited from our mothers, can be damaged by noise, changes in air pressure known as barotrauma, medicines, illnesses, and trauma. If you read the labeled side effect of your medicines, you will see tinnitus frequently listed. This does not mean the medicines are not good. Life

saving aspirin and antibiotics are often causes of ringing in the ears. Discuss with your doctor if a medicine causes ringing in the ears. Medicines may need to be changed or stopped.

When healthy, our ears can detect minute changes in loudness. 1/40 of a shift up or down is detectable. A baby will find a soft click reason for startle even if we did not hear the click at all. A baby will turn to a whisper, while we will holler back "WHAT?" Unless born with a hearing problem, little children hear us just fine, with NO need for us to raise our voices.

Why are we going deaf? Why do we have ringing? Noise trauma has many sources. We sleep with a fan or air conditioner humming loud at us. The wind roars in our ears as we sail the open road. TV's, BOOM boxes with head phones make the sounds even more intense. Vibrations everywhere. At work, heavy machines screech and roar as we produce our way of life. Ear protectors, yes, the employer did provide them, but...

Physical trauma is another source of ear injury. Q-tips, pens, keys are all handy to batter the tympanic membrane or fracture the tiny hairs protecting our ears, as well as scarring the canal. Head trauma or any kind can cause hearing loss, tinnitus.

There is a disease of the ear system

called Meniere's Disease. Symptoms include ringing or roaring in the ears, hearing loss, dizziness, nausea. Caused by an injury or an illness from a virus or bacteria, a cascade is started that becomes a steady march to deafness. As serious as the hearing loss is, the most paralyzing aspect of Meniere's disease is the severe dizziness and loss of balance. Pressure build up in the labyrinth system of the ear, the balance arches can no longer tell us which way is up, down or sideways. Some treatments are available, often with little relief. Some of these treatments include diuretics, lithium, anti-nausea medicines, antihistamines and even surgery. There have been no cures with any of these approaches.

Rarely, ringing in the ears can be our first signal of a tumor of the 8th cranial nerve. While these are benign or non cancer tumors, the disruption caused by these growing nodules can be quite severe when pressure is placed on areas needed for hearing and on parts of the brain affecting our mood or motor control. A hearing test done at the Ear Nose and Throat specialist will help see if hearing loss is present one side more than the other. If the evidence suggests a deeper look is needed then an MRI of

the brain will help determine the absence or presence of an 8th cranial nerve tumor. If a tumor is present, then only the very experienced neurosurgeon should be sought. Deformities and loss of motor function can follow corrective surgery.

Ringing in the ears can be a little or a very big problem. If there is ringing in the ears, then a hearing test is in order. Be kind to your ears and minimize injury as much as possible. Do not stick items in your ear or dig in your ear. Many times a dry ear will feel like there is wax or a bug. Allow your physician or care provider to inspect. Then if there is something there, it can be removed in the office, or with ear drops. If the ear is dry, then olive oil dripped into the ear now and then will relieve that sensation. Avoid noise trauma, train you ear to listen to softer sounds and not necessarily surround sound. If there is a sudden hearing loss, see your physician immediately. If there is hearing loss and a hearing aid is indicated, go for it. Being a part of your family and work place is much too precious to lose. Start saving now for those non-covered hearing aids. Just because insurance does not pay for them, does not mean they are not essential. May we live long enough to need our hearing aids.

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Looking ahead

October 2, 4, 8, & 14

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Saturday, October 6

An all-you-can-eat Buffet Breakfast at Tom's Creek United Methodist Church on Tom's Creek Church Road (off Route 130 between Taneytown and Emmitsburg) will be held from 6 a.m. - 11 a.m. featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, home fries, sausage, chipped beef and sausage gravies, fruit cocktail, coffee, and juice. Adults \$5, ages 5-10 \$2.25. Bake and Craft table available. Advance orders for sausage, pork chops, and scrapple can be made by calling 410-756-6878 or 301-447-6384.

Sunday, October 7

The Daughters of Charity's "Annual Pilgrimage for the Sea Services" Eucharistic Celebration in Honor of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton will be held at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 3:00 p.m. The public is invited.

Sunday, October 7

Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service at the National Fire Academy, 10 a.m. Public is invited.

Tuesday, October 9

Old Fashioned Bingo, sponsored by the Auxiliary to VFW Post 6658, will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Vigilant Hose Company building. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments available.

Thursday, October 11

The Vigilant Hose Company will hold its traditional Fire Prevention Week Open House at the fire company, East Main Street, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sat. & Sun., October 13 & 14

The Thurmont Riding Club will be holding Pony Rides at the Thurmont Colorfest. The rides will begin at 8:00 a.m. and continue until approximately 6:00 p.m. in the area directly across from Town Park, behind the bowling alley. Photos will be available. FMI; call 717-762-1032.

Sat. and Sun. October 13 & 14

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church Festival

will be held at Mt. Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge. On Saturday enjoy an apple butter boiling demonstration. Apple butter will be available for sale (advance orders accepted by calling 301-271-2880). The Rocky Ridge firemen's famous fried ham sandwiches will be on sale both days. Flea markets, crafts (free space available by calling 301-271-2135), good home-cooked food, a country store and more will be yours to enjoy.

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The 26th annual Sabillasville Community Fair will be held from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Sabillasville elementary school, 6 miles north of Thurmont on Maryland state route 550. The fair is sponsored by the Northwestern Frederick County Civic Association.

The fair features the display and sale of crafts, antiques, agricultural produce and baked goods. Chicken corn soup and other country favorites are available. Dog obedience demonstrations will be conducted by members of the Blue Ridge Summit K-9 center. A live emu exhibit is a feature of the fair as well as an exhibit by the fisheries division of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Frank Gavin, bird rehabilitator, will have his birds of prey on exhibit both days. On Sunday there will be a car show from 11am - 4 pm featuring antique, custom, street rods and trucks. Trophies given to all classes. Music will be performed by local musicians. There is no admission charge and parking is free.

For information call 301-241-3687

Sunday, Oct. 21

A good old country breakfast at the Taneytown Rod and Gun Club, 12380 Shoemaker Rd from 7 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Menu is pancakes, sausage, eggs, toast, sausage gravy, chip beef gravy, pudding and hominy, fried potatoes, hot apples, hot cheese. Fruit cocktail, orange juice, coffee, tea. Adults \$5.00 youth 8 to 12 \$3.50

Saturday, November 3

Tom's Creek United Methodist Church's Turkey and Oyster Supper will be held from 1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. at the church on Tom's Creek Church Road

Saturday, November 10

The Emmitsburg Senior Citizens' Fall Bazaar will be held 8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Center.

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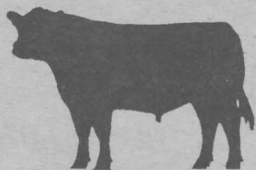
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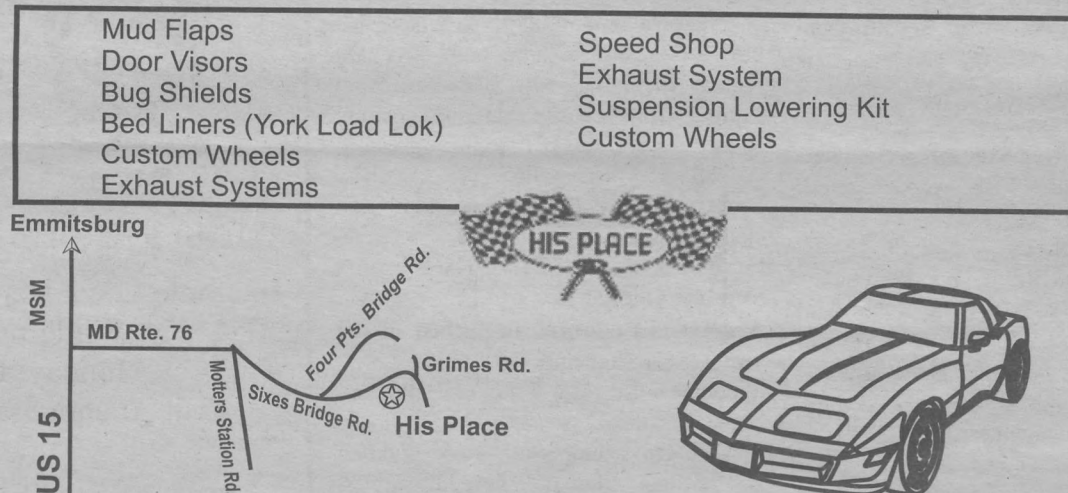
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