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Notice

In April the residents of Emmitsburg will elect a mayor and two commissioners. I would like to serve as your mayor and I am asking for your support to elect me as your mayor for the next three years.

Commissioner
Jim Hoover

Vigilant Hose Company supports FDNY families.

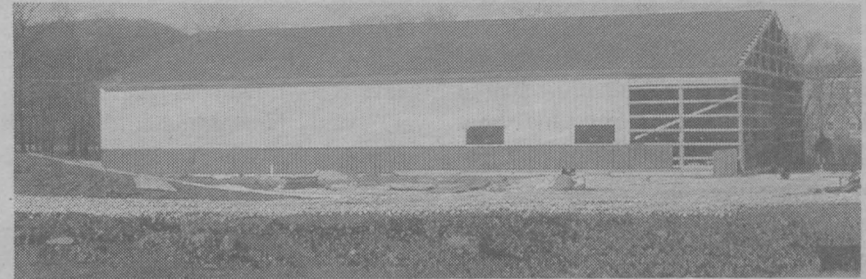
BY WAYNE POWELL
Vigilant Hose Company
Public Information Officer

In early December Chief Frank Davis and President Tim Clarke headed to NYC to present 2 checks to the families of firefighters lost in the WTC collapse. Due to outstanding community support the fire department was able to support a second family and the support is expected to continue as the VHC has "adopted" the families. Each family received checks for \$12,500.

We've been holding up on the release of names to assure a degree of privacy for the children. Now that the mainstream media has disclosed names, VHC can now announce support to the families of FDNY Firefighter Frank Palumbo who with his wife had 10 children and also to the family of East Rutherford Volunteer Firefighter Dennis Taormina who with his wife had 2 children. Taormina was an office worker in the WTC who died in the event.

Davis and Clarke were treated like
(See VHC on page 5)

His Place, Inc. relocates to Emmitsburg Industrial Park



The new home of His Place, Inc., an automotive service shop being built in the Emmitsburg Industrial Park, will be open for business sometime in the spring.

BY JOE TATELA
SPECIAL TO THE DISPATCH

If there is one great truth in life to recognize, it is that everyone should know a good mechanic. Emmitsburg area residents should take comfort in the fact that they have one. His Place, Inc. is a family-owned, complete automotive service shop that has been operating in the area for nearly thirty years. They are currently located on Sixes Bridge Road but will soon be relocating to the Emmitsburg Industrial Park on Creamery Way, near Emmitsburg Glass Company. Construction of their new facility is currently underway by J.W.L. Contractors of Schuylkill Haven, Pa.

Photo by Raymond Buchheister

The building itself is scheduled to be completed sometime in late January and the new garage should be in full operation sometime in the spring.

The shop, owned and operated by the Kuhn family, William C. Kuhn Jr. and son, William C. Kuhn III, is a licensed Maryland Inspection Station, with ASE Certified mechanics. They are a full-service garage, complete with the latest diagnostic equipment and certified welding. They cover everything from alignments to transmissions, having the capability to do any and all general automotive repair.

The talent and expertise for general automotive maintenance comes from years of instruction and practice.

(See His Place, Inc. on page 8)

Ambulance Company suspends billing program — Fire and Rescue Association completes investigation

BY RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER
Dispatch Writer

After one month of billing for ambulance transportation and service, the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company (EAC) has suspended its fee-for-service program at the request of the Frederick County Board of Commissioners. The decision came after a series of letters between the two organizations and a meeting on November 15th.

In a letter dated November 8th from commissioner president David Gray, the company was told, "If this billing

by EAC continues, the County Commissioners will consider suspending the Company's operation and having Central Alarm discontinue requests to the Company for ambulance service." The County also halted the company's operation appropriations, telling them they were ineligible for the funds until the client billing ceased. The letter stated that they were very reluctant to take these actions; however, they couldn't allow the billing program without County authorization.

According to the Ambulance Company's President Joe Pelkey, the EAC continues to record patient infor-

mation for billing, but has suspended the actual billing process. He told the *Dispatch* that it wasn't the company's intention to upset anyone. The entire membership made the decision as an alternative to keep Emmitsburg residents from paying higher taxes by being forced into the consolidated two-tiered tax system. The Ambulance Company continues to be concerned by the tax structure for fire and rescue services in Frederick County.

Under state law, the Board of County Commissioners is required to

(See Ambulance on page 9)

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.

Yes, Virginia, we still use coal and so does Santa!

Seeing my doctor's stocking in a Christmas wall display, I said to another patient, "I wish I had some coal for it." We laughed, and then she told me that a few years ago she had threatened her son with Santa only leaving coal in his stocking if he wasn't good. He asked, "What's coal?"

I was shocked and began to reminisce about the truck delivering coal in the huge basement bin, and how "Poppy" had to shovel it into the furnace to keep us warm.

We both agreed that's something

the children of today usually don't experience, since, except for Santa, coal is mainly used commercially!

We decided this next generation will experience their share of shocking revelations which come with maturing, especially with the advent of computers and e-mail.

Just think, someday they may ask, "Have you written your letters to Santa yet?" and their grandchildren will probably ask, "What's a letter?"

MARY-ELIZABETH BUCKHAM

It's a Wonderful Life... In Emmitsburg

This was my fourth Christmas in Emmitsburg and every year during the holidays when the lights on Main Street are aglow, draped in greenery and red bows, I can't help but think of "Bedford Falls," the fictional town that is the backdrop for the classic movie, *It's a Wonderful Life*.

Like Bedford Falls, Emmitsburg is a family town where many generations of families have chosen to stay. Some have left only to return after experiencing the "Big City." When I try to describe Emmitsburg to my sophisticated city friends, I always say, It's an enchanting little village surrounded by the Catoctin Mountains—a town that

boasts one traffic light—one policeman—one grocery store—and five churches! Ecumenical is not just a word here—it's a way of life. Reaching out to others, neighbors helping neighbors, has long been a tradition in Emmitsburg.

With all the sorrow that overshadowed our country in 2001, I just want to begin this new year by acknowledging blessings we sometimes take for granted. For me, living here has certainly been a blessing. It truly is "a wonderful life" in Emmitsburg.

MARION LEE
Emmitsburg

Community Show committee offers thanks

Thanks to everyone who helped make the 45th annual Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show a big success. The new Catoctin High School principal, Mrs. Ann Bonitabitus, Vice Principal, Robert Viti, and Athletic Director, Thomas Sherald worked very closely with the Community Show Committee and we thank them for their cooperation. Jessica Zentz, Maryland State Grange Princess sang the "Star Spangled Banner" beautifully during the opening ceremonies.

Victor Jagow, a member of the 250th Thurmont Anniversary Committee gave a brief history of the formation of the committee and introduced 25 individuals who were presented certificates by the Community Show for their involvement in planning activities throughout the year.

The Thurmont 250th anniversary

exhibits displayed in the old gymnasium by John Kinnard, Dennis Smith and the Mackley family were outstanding and most likely will be back again next year.

Many thanks also to the individuals and businesses who supported our show booklet by purchasing advertisements, supporting the cake auction, the Thurmont Grange Dinner, —and the Catoctin FFA Alumni Chicken Barb-B-Que and the Beef, Sheep, and Swine Show.

The committee certainly appreciates the many persons who entered exhibits and displays. Our thanks also to all the volunteers who helped with the entries, judging, and getting the Show ready for the opening events.

The concert held on Saturday evening which featured the U.S. Air

(See letters on page 3)

Town News

Council passes sign ordinance

After several months of study the town council adopted a modified sign ordinance as part of the building and construction section of the Code of Emmitsburg.

The intent of ordinance #01-03 is to produce signs which are non-obtrusive and blend with the character of the village zoning district. The purpose of the signs is to advertise to pedestrian traffic and vehicular traffic.

The following are some of the major changes of requirement.

1. All hangers for signs shall be in the form of a bracket and be made of metal.

2. All signs will be no larger than thirty inches long by twenty-four inches high and will not protrude from the building farther than thirty-six inches.

3. On multi-story buildings, signs shall be installed so that the top of the sign shall be even with the bottom of the second story window.

4. Signs may not be lighted other than by means of indirect lighting.

5. Flat signs (one-sided signs attached directly to a building) shall not be located anywhere above the bottom of the second floor window and no

window or part of a window shall be covered by any sign, supporting structure, or part thereof.

6. All signs must have zoning administrator approval before issuance of any permits.

7. Temporary signs/banners will be approved by the town zoning administrator. No temporary sign/banner shall be displayed for a period longer than forty-five days. Temporary signs/banners must maintain thirty-day consecutive days between use or display of sign/banner being displayed or re-displayed, at the same location or property.

The complete Ordinance 01-03 is available at the town office. Other sections of the ordinance apply to the approval of the placement of signs prior to installation on one-story building; free-standing signs; conditions for "grandfathering" current signs; and non-conforming signs.

A unique feature of the ordinance calls for all signs to be catalogued and recorded on film or video tape for use in future litigation regarding the legality of the sign.

Senior housing planned for Emmitsburg

Buckeye Development, Inc., a Frederick company, is proposing development of senior citizen housing in Emmitsburg.

The property, located south of the Community Center on South Seton Avenue, seems to be ideal for the senior housing.

The proposed housing would be for people 55 years or older that are considering retirement or senior retirement homes. Through the suggested covenants, owners would enjoy snow removal, some property maintenance such as lawn care, and access to the Emmitsburg Senior Center and adjacent medical clinic.

The town's Planning and Zoning

Committee has been approached. A recent meeting dealt with possibilities for a text announcement to accomplish zoning for the proposal.

The town council which has the final authority to the development has discussed the proposal but has not yet determined a final decision. The plan will be further explored at the January town meeting which is open to the public.

Senior housing has become a popular concept throughout Frederick County. This proposal could offer one solution to some of the problems of adequate senior housing, in the town of Emmitsburg.

Water plant soon to be operative

The final phases of construction and opening of Emmitsburg's new water treatment facility will take place in mid January.

Previous concerns regarding mechanical and operational difficulties have been successfully addressed. Cooperative efforts by the Maryland Department of Environment, Johnson Construction Co., Arro Engineering Co. and the town engineering consultants have contributed to the successful resolution of problems recently experienced. A major problem, that

was not anticipated was the cleaning of the water supply main from the reservoir to the new water plant.

The new plant will be put into operation the second week in January. Representatives from all companies participating in the construction will be present for the start up. The town will not accept the plant from the contractor until it has successfully produced quality water over a 14-day period.

Light it and they will come, a magical night . . .

Emmitsburg tree lighting ceremony a brilliant success.

A STAFF REPORT

Approximately 200 people turned out for the December 3 tree lighting ceremony of the town's Christmas tree on the square in Emmitsburg. The mayor gave a brief but reflective welcome opening our minds to the spirit of Christmas.

Children from the 4th and 5th grades of Emmitsburg Elementary School's art classes taught by Thora Stith contributed some very nice all-weather Christmas stars they had made especially for the tree.

The gathering, consisting of all ages, joined in caroling led by the choir of Incarnation United Church of Christ of Emmitsburg. Other Christmas music was provided by local DJ Denny Ebaugh who also served as the Master of Ceremonies for the event.

The half-hour program was suggested by the publishers of the *Dispatch* who presented the idea to the Hance family and asked if they would include a tree lighting in their traditional "Evening of Christmas Spirit."

The program was to begin at 6:00 p.m.. Only a mom and her daughter were there at 5:50 p.m. Denny Ebaugh began playing Christmas music and people started coming around every corner of the square...it was wonderful. Herb Gingell, president of the Emmitsburg Lions Club said, "This is the kind of thing we've been looking for for 21 years. It's just great."

Santa did a "drive by" in his hay wagon and led the crowd to the Carriage House Inn. "We estimated that the crowd swelled to 400 as indicated by the free hotdog count," said



Area residents gathered on the square for the tree lighting and an "Evening of Christmas Spirit," sponsored by the Carriage House Inn.

Bob Hance. Hot chocolate and cookies, many baked by the Senior Citizens of Emmitsburg and other individuals, were enjoyed by the crowd.

Santa was overwhelmed by multiple lap sittings and requests. His wagon was commandeered for hay rides. Outside there were also a petting pen and live Nativity Tableaux. Inside musical groups from the Provincial House, Mount Saint Mary's College, St. Joseph's Parish, Sandy Soffe and students, and the Carriage House Inn staff provided entertainment until 9 o'clock.

This year for the first time "Santa's

Elves" in the guise of members of the Mount Saint Mary's Rugby team appeared and under the direction of the CHI wait staff soon restored order to both the outside and inside of the restaurant.

"This has been a community affair. It is wonderful how so many groups contributed, but I did think that elves would know that the fork goes on the left," remarked one unidentified observer.

Letters from page 2

Force "Silver Wings" Band was terrific. A big thank you to George Wireman for coordinating this event.

The Community Show is sponsored by Thurmont and Emmitsburg Granges, the Catocin FFA, The FFA Alumni, and the Maryland Agricultural

Fair Board. The dates for next year's show are September 6, 7, and 8 at Catocin High School.

Rodman Myers
Community Show Committee

A thank you to Santa's Helpers

The Hance family wishes to send a special thank you to all "Santa's Helpers" who were involved in an "Evening of Christmas Spirit."

Denny and Elaine Ebaugh, Frank Schmursal and family, Audrey Glass and the UCC Choir, Don Briggs and MSM Rugby boys, Emmitsburg Senior Citizens, Bob Gauss Jr., Bo and Jean

Cadle, St. Joseph's Singers, Sandy Soffe and students, Andy Rosenfeld and MSM Choir, Silvie Damsky, Nathan Tyler, Linda Shields, Provincial House Choir, Jeff and Brian Glass, Carroll and Sherry Hann, Mayor Carr and town commissioners

Jim, Bob and Jean Hance

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*The staff of the
Dispatch wishes you
a Happy New Year!*

Commentary

Community space: a fourth dimension

This year 2001 has brought more than a fair share of challenges. The tragic events of September brought an unfamiliar reality—these events of war invaded our national space. In addition, every state, county, town, village, and household experienced its own feeling of violation of space. The anxiety of immanent threat to our space that affects the daily lives of people in Europe and Middle Eastern countries, a threat most of us have not experienced has become our new reality.

Our lives have been changed, the issues we deal with are different. Our way of dealing with the challenging issues created by the tragic events has changed—well, maybe not as much changed as brought out of storage like an old uniform. As in the past, we as a nation geared up to answer a call. The responses were varied and heartfelt and we thought more deeply about our personal well-being and the well-being of every person in our country and every person on the planet who was threat-

Police report

November summary police report

During the month of November, there were thirty-five vehicle traffic stops made by members of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, thirty-three of them made by the resident deputies. This number does not reflect the stops made during a selective enforcement card. Eleven cards were opened for selective enforcement using radar. Five cards were opened for follow-up investigations. Fifteen cards/investigations were opened for Patrol Checks in Emmitsburg, 6 by patrol deputies and 9 by the resident deputies. Four cards were opened by off-duty officers working security at the Sleep Inn on weekends.

On 09-11-2001, the World Trade Center was attacked. Members of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office and Troopers from the Maryland State Police have been working around the clock to supplement the security force at FEMA. This has continued throughout the months of October and November, and will be extended through December. On several occasions, one or more of these officers have assisted or backed up calls in Emmitsburg.

The Community Center was broken into twice during the month of November. A juvenile was found to be

in the possession of a set of keys taken from the Community Center several months ago, and was charged with theft. There remains a problem with so many people using the Community Center, with the building being locked when everyone has left. A couple of the outer doors have been found unlocked on numerous occasions. It appears that they do not close with enough force to properly latch or lock when they close. Nightly checks are being made by the resident deputies.

Criminal investigations:

Burglary - 1
Destruction of Property - 2
Disorderly Conduct - 4
Dispute - 2
DUI - 2
Juvenile Complaint - 2
Mental Subject - 3
Noise Complaint - 2
Request Officer - 8
Suspicion Vehicle - 5
Theft - 4
Warrant Service - 2
Traffic Duties:

The resident deputies are utilizing both stationary and moving radars. Several locations in town have been selected for setting up stationary radar sites. The moving radar may be used at any time and at any place in town while the patrol vehicle is moving.

ened by this madness.

Despite these sobering events we can report good news—some local human responses. Two community-wide events gave us pause to think about what's going on here.

On December 3, a simple tree-lighting ceremony on the square was attended by over 200 people from Emmitsburg and around. The evening had a storybook quality. People enthusiastically joined in the caroling, children sang, and there was smiling and greetings going on as hasn't been seen in a long time. The Carriage House Inn-sponsored event was billed as "An Evening of Christmas Spirit," and indeed it was.

On Sunday, December 9, the Emmitsburg Community Chorus presented its annual Christmas Concert. Usually the audience consisted of a handful of relatives of the singers, but this year it was different. Here, too, over 200 people came to the Basilica of the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, to hear this resolute band of music makers. Two hundred! That implies 20

relatives per singer if past metrics apply. Hardly. No—something else is going on; you can sense it.

The geometrical space of our village, its two-dimensional streets, its three-dimensional church steeples, exists along with another dimension, a fourth. This 4th dimension is purported by many to be time. It is instructive to think, starting with the events of the past few days in December, that this other dimension lies in the space of our culture and society—of learning how to live together. We have been challenged with an opportunity to respond to doubt and distrust and for these moments have responded by reaching out across our personal boundaries toward others, not secreting ourselves behind the masks that we normally wear.

May the spirit of these days extend to us all over the days to come. For we may discover a space within which we can keep our community strong and a place where people live together well.

VHC from page 1

honored guests by both departments after meeting with the families. They spent the daytime with firefighters of FDNY Engine 219 and the late afternoon and evening with firefighters of the East Rutherford VFD. Both Frank and Tim are available for their specific insight on their amazing experiences -- many very powerful stories.

Other VHC News -

Just last Saturday, VHC placed into service a new Thermal Imaging Camera, a revolutionary new tool that can spot victims in smoke-filled rooms. Made by Bullard Manufacturing of Kentucky, the camera can see body heat via infrared technology developed for the U.S. military that can save lives of both citizens and firefighters alike.

"This is something we have wanted to include in our arsenal of life-saving equipment and we are grateful to both the county government and the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association for their support in helping us to acquire this much needed

camera," Fire Chief Frank Davis said.

"This is technology transfer from the military and these units are state of the art," said Walter Murray, Director of Support Services for the county's Department of Fire and Rescue Services. The unit can detect foot prints of a person who just walked by from the heat left on the floor.

The camera, one of two purchased through the countywide fire, rescue, and emergency medical services operating budget, will be carried on Tower 6, VHC's 100' aerial tower. The other camera will be placed in the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department.

Donation for New Rescue Truck

Members of Mother Seton School's Student Council presented a check recently to the Vigilant Hose Company of Emmitsburg to assist with the purchase of a new heavy rescue vehicle being built by Pierce Manufacturing of Wisconsin to replace old Squad 6. Expected in late May, at a cost of nearly \$450,000, it will replace the current 24-year-old rig.

Student Council Donation to VHC



The Mother Seton School Student Council held a special Tag Day fund-raiser to benefit the Emmitsburg Vigilant Hose Company. A check was presented to Mr. Wayne Powell, Public Information Officer for the Company, at the December 6th School Liturgy. We are proud of our students for choosing to share with Fire Safety Personnel and those Great American Heroes and Heroines.

Shown above, from left, are Wayne Powell, VHC Public Information Officer; Cortney Krauss, Student Council Treasurer; Sister Mary Catherine, MSS Principal; and Christopher Forrence, Student Council Vice President.

Photo courtesy Val Mentzer

Five Generations



Mrs. Mary F. Carter, a 35-year resident of Emmitsburg, is celebrating the birth of Robert Andrew Manry Jr., her great-great grandson. Shown here, right to left, are Mrs. Mary F. Carter, Mrs. Mary P. Long, Mrs. Donna Manry, Mr. Robert Andrew Manry and Master Robert Andrew Manry Jr., completing five generations.

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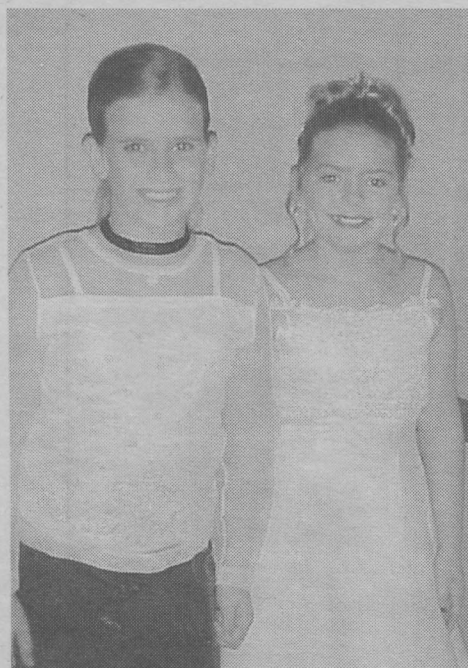
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Ashley Barber, left and Victoria Long

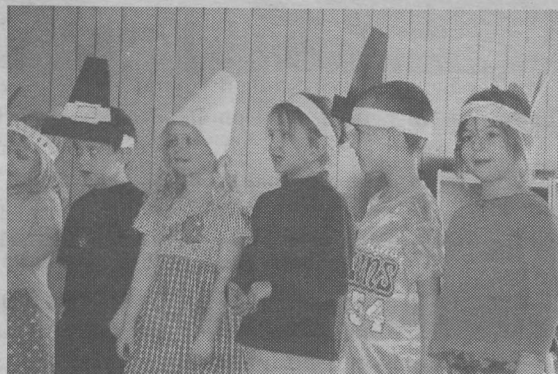
Ashley Barber and Victoria Long, both 5th graders at Emmitsburg Elementary School recently participated in a National All American Talent Competition held November 23rd, 24th and 25th at the Eisenhower Inn in Gettysburg, PA.

Ashley competed in the Formal Modeling category and is the daughter of Jeff and Bobbi Jo Barber of Emmitsburg.

Victoria competed in the vocal solo competition and was awarded 1st place. Victoria has been invited to perform in Atlantic City in 2002. She is the daughter of Angela and Pete Forest of Emmitsburg.

Ashley and Victoria are dance students of the Servant Dance Studio in Gettysburg. Congratulations to our local students!!

Child Care's Thanksgiving Luncheon



This photograph of Shirley Sharrer's kindergarten students from Emmitsburg Elementary School failed to print last month. The group gave a recitation and led the children's grace at the luncheon.

Emmitsburg Elementary School students make ornaments for town Christmas tree



Art students at Emmitsburg Elementary School display their ornaments which were placed on the town Christmas tree. The students are members of Mrs. Monoglio's 4th grade class and were instructed by Thora Stith, art teacher

Photo by Thora Stith.

Community Chorus presented annual Christmas Concert

BY HAROLD CRAIG
Special to the Dispatch

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus gave its 38th Annual Christmas Concert on December 9 at the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. The Chorus sang 16 selections, yet the program ended all too soon. Whether traditional or contemporary, the joyous music cheered and uplifted the audience of more than 200.

The Chorus of 20 singers includes: Shannon Boyle, Harry Brooks, Fred Crum, Judy Crum, Ellie Davis, Harold Ditzler, Brenda Eyler, Frankie Fields, Ken Fields, George Fisanich, Peg Franklin, Fifi Grenchik, Tom Grenchik, Edie Long, Vickie Novak, Regina Pleno, Bill Riffle, Ann Ruppert, Bill Ruppert, and Cliff Sweeney. Pat McElroy accompanied them superbly at the Yamaha piano.

The Director of the Chorus, Loren

Roth, brought out the best in their voices, balanced the Chorus, and maintained an exacting tempo, which, according to Mozart, is most essential and most important in music. In short, the program "They Shall Call His Name Emmanuel" was a success. The Chorus will start in February to prepare for its Spring Concert.

Mr. Roth is also organist at the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church, Director of the Fairfield Singers, and owner of the graphic design firm Ragged Edge Design. Ms. McElroy is choir director and organist at Bendersville Lutheran Parish, Bendersville, PA. Her husband, the Rev. Mr. Robert McElroy, is Pastor of the three churches in the Parish.

To join the Chorus or learn more about it, call Loren Roth at 717-642-8500 or Shannon Boyle at 301-447-3121.

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Emmitsburg Library book club meets

The Emmitsburg Branch Book Club met on November 9, 2001, at Natalie Williams' home. After refreshments, Esther Robinson led the discussion of Eudora Welty's autobiography, *A Writer's Beginnings*.

In her book, Welty explained that many of the ideas for both her novels and her short stories came from memories of her past. The suggestion was

then made that each member of the group write down a memory. The "memories" were collected and the story that resulted from them follows.

Those participating were Natalie Williams, Esther Robinson, Katie Warthen, Jean Cadle, Donna Cuseo, Caryl Austrian, Annetta Rapp, and Ruth Richards.

Stories...upon reflection

By Ruth Richards

My life has been no more ordinary nor any more exciting than most. I grew up, married and had children, six daughters. We had our good times, peppered a bit with bad times. Each of these six girls married and went her separate way. Finding myself on the path to 100, I suggested that we have a little reunion. No husbands, no children. We had only a few days together and tried to make the most of that time.

One evening after a lovely dinner that the girls had cooked in unison, we stayed at the table talking. Not surprisingly memories began pouring forth. I suggested that we do this in an orderly fashion and Lucille could hardly contain herself. She wanted to be first.

She jumped in—well of course she didn't jump, but she was determined to be first. She had a memory that had seemingly been with her forever. Although we had heard it many times, she wanted to tell it again.

Very early in life—anything before sixty is early to me—I had been given a pair of gold earrings with green stones. Lucille had admired them many times as did they all. I had never told anyone who had given them to me, and I wasn't about to reveal that secret now. All the girls had tried them on, as daughters do when looking through their mother's jewelry box. Each one had coveted them. Lucille especially wanted them as she claimed they matched her eyes. Finally before Lucille left home, I relented and gave

them to her. Lucille had been a bit of a maverick in the family and one day she announced that she was going to become a Catholic. She chose St. Anthony as her Patron Saint.

This is Lucille's memory. One of her friends had died and somewhat as a tribute to this friend, Lucille wanted to "dress up" for the funeral. With other finery she wore the earrings that had been mine. Shortly into the funeral Lucille touched her ear as we do when wearing earrings, and horror of horrors one earring was missing.

After the funeral she and others searched the places she had been and finally the earring was found, somewhat tucked into the collar of the coat of a friend she had hugged.

Of course Lucille was relieved and joyous, but she went further with her story. "St Anthony had found it, she said. She had prayed to him and he had answered her prayer.

When Lucille had finished Beth said, "My turn, My turn!! Beth's story was one which we all remembered and had ourselves told many times to each other and elsewhere.

Beth was planning her wedding and because we all knew Beth to be the "beauty" in the family, we knew that she would be a beautiful bride. She

wanted everything to be perfect as of course we all did.

There were showers and more showers. All the merry making that makes a wedding memorable. At one of the showers the soft background radio music was interrupted by the announcement of the shooting of President Kennedy. Beth cried, "Oh, my wedding—my wedding."

A hush fell upon the room. There is no denying that a cloud had been cast over the festivities, as there had been over all the country. But of course the wedding wasn't canceled. Beth was as beautiful a bride as we all knew she would be; the guests had a wonderful time at the reception. We bid her and John "Goodbye" and they left for their honeymoon.

She later told us that she has the lingering feeling that the South was unwelcome to them. The South thinking the North was blaming the South for Mr. Kennedy's death.

The girls were all at home when their father died. Both money and location made it necessary that we move. Shortly after the death Ginger was married and left home. Both the death of her father and moving was sad, she said. However, there was a new beginning. (See Ruth Richards on page 9)

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
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His Place, Inc. from page 1

Passion and a great sense of history come from passing down automotive and business abilities from one generation to the next. When William Kuhn Jr., the father, founded the business in 1969, he had no way of knowing that his son, Bill, would take over anything other than just the family name. But he also inherited the gift and gumption for automotive work, a good business sense, and a moral backbone that deeply connected with both the customers and the local community.

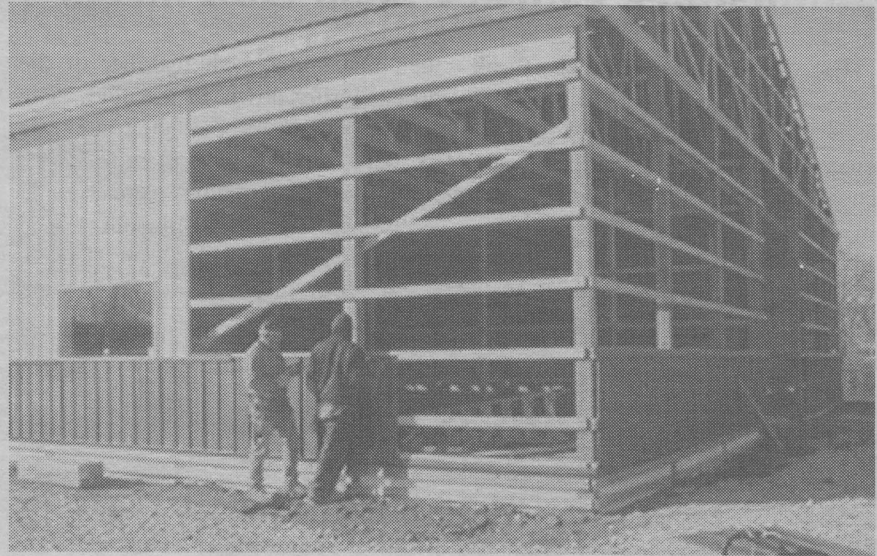
The business was moved north from Germantown in the early 1980's to the Kuhn Farm (established in 1963) on Sixes Bridge Road to be closer to family. William Kuhn Jr. eventually passed down to his son Bill the operation of the business, although he still takes part in occasional work at the shop. Both of Kuhn's children are Emmitsburg natives, graduates of the Mother Seton School and Mount Saint Mary's College. His daughter Jennifer is currently teaching in Seattle. His wife Judy has served Frederick County as an educator and counselor for twenty-eight years. Bill's wife Sonja is active in advancing the business through its website design and maintenance. The shop, in short, is a family affair.

The business is also a community affair, giving back to the community and customers that support them. The

shop supports its local community by donating money to the Emmitsburg Endowment Fund, which provides scholarships to local children for the purpose of furthering education. Additionally, they are members of the Emmitsburg Professional Business Association, a local organization dedicated to promoting growth in the Emmitsburg area.

The company owners have also found a unique way to bring the past to life. Their other interest lies in the restoration of old cars. Their latest project is the restoration of a 1932 Chevrolet, originally owned by Emmitsburg native George Danner. "We intend to restore the car to its original condition and have it on display in our new showroom, throughout its various stages of restoration," said Bill Kuhn III. "We promised George, who's now deceased, that we would do this for him and his family. Hopefully we will be able to display the car again in the Fourth of July Parade, as it was once done in the past," he said.

Besides bringing the past back to life for both cars and area residents, His Place, Inc. is extending its services out nation-wide. The company recently became a "Napa Autocare Center," which means their repairs are warranted nation-wide for twelve months or twelve-thousand miles. "Our repairs were warranted before. But now, if



Tom Henderics, left, and Keith Johnson of J.W.L. Contractors install siding on the new His Place garage.

Photo by Raymond Buchheister

something goes wrong with your car on vacation, say, in Florida, you will be able to find any Napa Autocare Center and have your car repaired there—providing that it pertains to a previously warranted repair," said Kuhn.

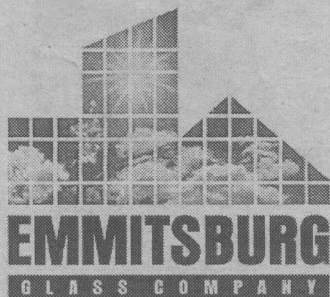
Part of what makes His Place, Inc. such a valuable local business is the training and dedication of its employees. Because it is family owned and operated, the pride of perfect work becomes as important as a namesake. The Kuhns offer a very thorough and supportive in-house training program for their employees. Besides Bill, his father, and the family, Robert Wantz Jr. has also contributed to making the business flourish. Wantz is a graduate of Catocin High and son of Robert and

Theresa Wantz of Emmitsburg. "Bob has a great future at His Place," said Kuhn, "Already, within six months, he has received his Maryland Inspection License and taken six ASE Certifications. He really cares about what he's doing."

And so do the Kuhns. Like any good father, the elder Kuhn still advises his son about the business, and together the two of them have formed the perfect business partnership—one built on heritage, hard work, family, and generosity. Just ask them when you see them together sometime, and they'll each tell you: "It's His Place."

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Roly poly pets a no-no

Obesity, the condition of being significantly overweight, has been identified as the most common form of malnutrition in dogs and cats in the United States. Unfortunately, many diseases are also caused by or made worse by our pets' being overweight. In dogs, diseases associated with obesity include arthritis, breast tumors, back problems, respiratory or breathing problems and skin diseases. In overweight cats, diseases such as diabetes, hepatic lipidosis or fatty liver disease, and diarrhea have been shown to be much more common.

Treatment of obesity, however, can be a tricky and frustrating exercise in futility if not taken seriously and with veterinary medical supervision.

Effective weight loss regimens use calorie restricting diets combined with the latest trends in adding fiber and quality protein to enhance our pets' metabolisms while decreasing their pangs of hunger. But let's not put our pets on the latest high fiber, high protein fad diets yet.

Weight control in our pets starts with a complete physical exam by their veterinarian. This may lead the veterinarian to test for certain hormone conditions such as an underactive thyroid which might predispose your pet to obesity. After your pet has been examined and necessary medical tests have been run to rule out medical conditions, your veterinarian may prescribe a special diet to help your pets lose those excess pounds. These special diets are made to help your pet lose weight while maintaining their energy levels and lean muscle to assist with

their weight loss. Computer programs are also available to assist your veterinarian in developing a safe and gradual weight loss program to further assure the health of your pet. Be aware that losing weight too quickly can actually cause your pet to become ill. Periodic or monthly rechecks will be necessary to monitor your pets' progress as they gain new vitality and assure their weight loss programs are effective.

Remember, your pets rely on you for their health care and well being, so they can live long, happy, and active lives! Please feel free to call us at Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital so we can enroll your pet in our weight loss program. Your pet may even be eligible to win a year's supply of a Purina pet food and become more healthy as a bonus!

Stories from page 7

ning for her and for the sisters. That helped to cheer her.

Ginger had another memory she wanted to tell. She remembered the first time she had ever danced with a boy. She was 13, and she'll never forget that they danced to Barbra Streisand singing, "People." Did I really agree to Ginger going to a dance when she was 13?

The enthusiasm was waning. We left the table, had a bedtime snack and promised to assemble the next day and continue our memories.

The first memory that day was Julia's. She began by announcing that she had two memories and wanted to tell them both. One was of shopping with me and the other was a sledding story. As it turned out they were very brief. Julia was always to the point.

The first recollection was of shopping at Safeway. She didn't know what we were buying. It may have been sandwich meat for school lunches. She said the butcher gave her a piece of bologna, and oh it was so good. (All that fat and salt Yummy!)

The other was of putting one skate on a board and zooming down a hill. That was all she said. I wish she had told more as I don't remember that at all.

That part of Julia's story may well have happened during the time of Carolyn's story, which was also about sledding and entailed a great amount of work by the girls' father.

Carolyn remembered their father cutting down trees in the woods behind our house. I don't know how many trees he cut but it seemed to take a long time. Some were big and some were small, but eventually they had been cut, and a sled run was finished.

"She said, 'it seemed to take a long time but finally the path was clear, and we had years of flying down the hill on cold snowy days. It was great fun—the

climb back up the hill wasn't."

We were coming to the end of what had been a fun family exercise, but hadn't heard from Anne, yet. She had a memory that we could all identify with. She told of applying for a job advertised in the "Washington Post" "Alan called to tell me that I got the job. I ran to tell mother, ripped the newspaper to shreds and scattered them around the room. I was that happy."

We thought the evening had ended when the telephone rang. Jennifer, our new neighbor, having heard that the girls were home, wanted to come over and meet them. I told her about our story telling and she had one she wanted to tell.

She recalled a Christmas Eve, when her family had come together to unwrap gifts, and eat the traditional filet of beef. She said, "We were opening gifts but mother stopped to take the roast out of the oven and put it on the kitchen table, then returned to the gift opening. The smell of the beef was tantalizing. When the rest of the family went to the kitchen to help get the dinner on the table, there was no roast. Everyone thinking it had been hidden, looked everywhere. Alas, there was no roast.

"Prince our lovely old dog, sat looking pleased with himself. Actually he was smiling as if to say, 'Thank you for a lovely Christmas dinner.' Every bit of the roast was gone and the pan had been licked clean. We scrounged the freezer and the fridge for OUR Christmas dinner."

Now it was over. Jennifer felt welcomed into the neighborhood. The girls were happy to have been home and with each other. Would we do this again? Where will we all be next year? Everyone voted these three days as having been one of the best of all reunions.

Ambulance from page 1

regulate all fire and rescue services with the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (FCVFRA). Commissioner Gray stated that EAC had not requested authority to charge for ambulance services. In 1996, the County Commissioners authorized Walkersville Volunteer Rescue Co. to undertake a pilot study of ambulance billing, which has been approved by the FCVFRA. The County Commissioners recently issued a request for proposals to retain a billing consultant. Countywide billing is expected to go into effect next year.

EAC chose to begin billing now rather than wait and suffer from a lack of funds in 2003. The decision to begin what they call a "fair and equitable program" came after many months of discussion by the company. A flat fee of \$300 for hospital transport was developed using HICFA federal standards for billing methods.

The FCVFRA stated in a letter dated April 29th that VHC and EAC would only be eligible for the minimum funding of \$6000 in 2003. EAC currently receives \$53,550 for opera-

tional expenditures, which comes out of the general tax fund. In the consolidated two-tiered tax proposal, a recommendation was made to require the tax district to fund all expenditures. Emmitsburg is not a tax district. When Frederick County Commissioners assured ambulance leaders it would maintain their full operating appropriation, EAC agreed to suspend billing. EAC will not resume billing until it has provided notice of its intention to do so to the FCVFRA.

The suspended billing comes on the heels of a three-month investigation established to determine the company's ability to meet call volumes. The fact-finding commission was delayed by the events of September 11, and Dale McGuire had to relinquish his position as chairman due to the extenuating circumstances. Region II EMS Council member and professor at Frederick Community College, Marshall Botkin, also a panel member, was appointed to take his place. Other members include Charles Burkell, Robert Cumberland, and Phil Postelle. The commission is expected to present a recommendation to FCVFRA sometime in December.

A toast...

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Mount Loses Friend in Dr. George Williams

On December 3, 2001, Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary lost a great friend and professor when Dr. George Williams of Frederick passed away after a long and hard-fought battle with a brain tumor.

Born September 28, 1950, in Wheeling, W.Va., he was the son of Ursula Williams Durbin of Wellsburg, W.Va., and the late Russell Luther Williams.

Dr. Williams came to the Mount in the fall of 1989 as an associate professor and chair of the department of government and international studies. He later served as the faculty's athletics representative to the CAA. In his 11 years at the college, Dr. Williams touched the hearts of his students and co-workers, and although his loss will be deeply felt by the community, many of his friends cannot help but chuckle every time they remember him as they knew him.

Dr. Williams was a man who lived out his beliefs about God, society, family and friendship. He went out of his way to take time to counsel and befriend any student who came to his door, as well as faculty and staff. Those who worked with him in any capacity quickly became part of the family, sub-

ject not only to his caring nature and intelligent insights, but also his practical jokes, wit and persistence.

A funeral mass for Dr. Williams was held on December 5, at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. The service was a fitting tribute, bringing together so many elements of his life. Father Jim Donohue was the celebrant of the Mass, comforting those in attendance and invoking the memory of Dr. Williams' Christian example and courage in the face of adversity. Brandt Urban, Class of '00, performed a saxophone solo. Dr. Jack Campbell and daughter Stephanie Ann Williams completed the service with eulogies that celebrated Dr. Williams' role as friend, mentor and loving father.

Dr. Williams is survived by his mother and daughter, as well as his wife Judy Ann Utt Williams; brother, James Luther Williams and wife Debra of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; two nephews, James Thomas Williams and Steven Michael Williams; his mother-in-law, Josephine Utt, of Morgantown, W.Va.; and two brothers-in-law, Harold E Utt and wife Donna of Buford, Ga., and Carl R. Utt and wife Vanessa of Columbia.

Mount students participate in town's activities



Members of the Mount's Rugby team served as the clean-up crew following the Carriage House Inn's "Evening of Christmas Spirit." Shown in front row from the left are Clark Cathey and Edgar Rodriguez. In back row from left are Phil Rothschild, Chris Mitchell, Steve Werner, Matt Zeigler, Nick Angyelof, and Justin Menno.

A Dispatch Photo



Members of the Mount Saint Mary's chorus, under the direction of Andy Rosenfeld, sang during the festivities at the Carriage House Inn's "Evening of Christmas Spirit." Bonnie Sanders is their accompanist.

A Dispatch Photo

Mount Graduate's Dog Finds Celebrity, Career in DC

Mount graduate (2000, English), and local dog trainer Michele Giarrusso's dog Barney the Beagle-Mix has found fame as an actor in Washington, DC. Barney had a starring role as an old farm dog in the Washington, DC Arena Stage's 2001 fall production of the classic play, *Of Mice and Men*, which ran from November 3 to December 9.

Responding to a casting call for "old dogs" in the Washington City Paper, trainer Michele Giarrusso of Capitol City Dog Training, Fairfield, Pa., secured Barney an audition immediately. Beating out several other dogs and trainers, Barney and Miss Giarrusso were given the role following their audition. Miss Giarrusso states, "The role of the 'old dog' may not be as challenging as working in a dog-act for Barney, but it is the most stressful job

to-date for him. The Arena theater holds 500 people, and he worked with a large cast and crew. But with Barney's experience and training, he performed his role professionally."

A native of Kent Island, Maryland, Barney has been performing since he was just six months old. He started out doing tricks at local nursing homes then graduated to competing in dog Agility. He recently finished a summer stint performing twice a day at a local farm park. A former student of the Capitol City Dog Training school, Barney is an expert at obedience, tricks and agility-despite his less than athletic body.

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The (retired) Ecologist's Corner:

Looking forward and back, and starting the year on a serious note

By BILL MEREDITH
Dispatch Writer

The sea was wet as wet could be, the sand was dry as dry;

You could not see a cloud because no cloud was in the sky.

No birds were flying overhead... there were no birds to fly.

—Lewis Carroll

The year 2001 is gone, and I guess many would say, "Good riddance," on the assumption that beginning a new year means having a chance to start over. It's a nice thought; would that it were so. Unfortunately though, as someone has said, the past is prologue; we can make New Year's resolutions, but in order to achieve them we will have to overcome the consequences of a lot of goofs and misjudgments we made last year and before. And even if we overcome our own foul-ups, we are still limited by the effects of what other people have done. That's one of the consequences of living in an ecosystem; we're affected by what others do.

The passing of an old year and the beginning of a new one should be a time of retrospection and an occasion for optimism. So far, I've managed the retrospection part, but the optimism is proving to be harder to achieve. I spent the first 67 years of my life writing dates that began with 19__, and now before I've even begun to get used to starting them with 20__, here it is, 2002. To anyone older, there's no need

to explain the confusion this causes, or the sense of disorientation that goes with it; and I suppose it's not possible to explain it to anyone much younger. My generation survived the Great Depression, World War II, the cold war, Viet Nam and Watergate; and having made it through all those times, we thought we had earned the right to be optimistic. But so far, the new millennium hasn't offered us much encouragement.

I didn't accomplish much in 2001; the only saving grace is that, being retired, I didn't have to accomplish much. I managed to meet the monthly deadlines for the *Dispatch*, although usually at the last minute; I made some music with the Mount's jazz band; the garden did well in spite of the drought; I planted some trees, and my average golf score dropped by two strokes. I added one species of bird, a snowy owl, to my life list, which should qualify as an accomplishment; the longer the list gets, the harder it is to find species that aren't already on it.

On the whole, though, birdwatching was not a success last year. I saw only 124 species of birds in 2001; and while that number might impress people who are not knowledgeable about the subject, for a birdwatcher of any experience it is a disappointment. To put it in perspective, there have been several times in the past that I've seen over 100 species in a month, and I can recall two times when I saw 100 in a single day. In

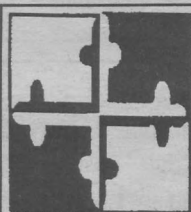
part, age is the explanation; I can't hear high-pitched sounds as well as I used to, my visual reflexes are slower, and I don't have the energy to get out into some of the habitats I used to visit. These factors probably explain why I recorded only 10 species of warblers, even though many of them are getting scarcer. Part of it was the weather; because of the drought, I saw only 19 species of waterfowl in the area, and those in fewer numbers than in previous years. But weather and decrepitude are not the entire explanation; a worrisome part is symptomatic of the ecological problems facing a distracted world. Bird populations are declining everywhere. For the first time since I started keeping daily records, I did not record a yellow-billed cuckoo—a large bird, with a voice you can hear half a mile away, that used to appear every day on my summer lists. I saw only one pheasant, and no bob-whites; both used to be common in the field behind my house. The year's lists show only two sightings of the indigo bunting, a brightly colored, noisy little bird that I used to see on every walk in the summer months. Red-eyed vireos, Maryland Yellowthroats, towhees, wood pewees and tanagers were seen and heard less often. All of these are

declining throughout the country; my observations simply corroborate the national trends.

There are some well-known explanations for the declines in bird populations: habitat destruction and toxicity from industrial wastes and pesticides are obvious problems. But it is easy to oversimplify and potentially inaccurate to generalize about such things. From the times when canaries were used to detect gases in coal mines, birds have been available as a warning that we ourselves are in danger. All of the reasons for their present decline in numbers can be lumped under one heading: their ecosystem is becoming unbalanced and is losing its stability. And the root of our own problems lies in the fact that we live in that same ecosystem; if the birds are in trouble, we are too.

Things couldn't have come to a head at a worse time. The political establishment that came to power a year ago had an anti-environmental bias to begin with; and now, with politically motivated tax cuts followed by an unexpected war, the budget surplus we were told would last 20 years is gone. At a time when we should be spending money to improve food distribution, reduce the emissions of industrial pol-

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Retired Ecologist from page 11

lutants and curb population growth, we are forced to divert it instead to pay for blowing up caves in Afganistan and flying fighter planes in circles over Catocin Mountain 24 hours a day.

It is inaccurate to say that Nero fiddled while Rome burned (the violin wasn't invented until several centuries later), but it is true that underlying problems got worse because he ignored or didn't recognize them. We are in a similar situation now. No one can deny that we have serious immediate problems, but we seem to be dealing successfully with them; the Afgan war so far has gone better than anyone predicted. But while finishing that task, we must not repeat Nero's mistake by ignoring the more serious underlying problems that ecologists have been warning us about for decades.

My only basis for optimism now is that the war on terrorism may teach us a larger lesson. The 3,000 or more lives lost on September 11 were not trivial, yet many times that number are lost each year in auto accidents, to say nothing of the murders that occur daily in any large city, while life goes on as usual. And yet the loss of those 3,000 lives, plus four airplanes and three buildings, produced major disruption in an economy valued in the trillions of dollars, in a nation of over 280 million people, with ripple effects extending throughout the entire world. The lesson is to remind us how fragile our social and economic systems are; and the hope is that somehow we as a voting public may come to realize that the world ecosystem is equally fragile. If the birds can help teach that lesson, perhaps there still may be time for optimism.

Messages...

A New Year's Revelation: Trust God

BY PASTOR WADE MARTIN
Trinity United Methodist Church

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3: 5-6

Nobody ever said that the Christian life is or would be a walk in the park. For many of us it can seem more like walking over hot coals, or like wondering in a lifeless desert.

God wants us to trust him, and he gives us plenty of reasons why. But how soon we forget! Throughout the history of Israel, God reminded his people of how he delivered them from their slave masters in Egypt, against seemingly impossible odds, but they continued to turn away from God.

There is a story about the only survivor of a shipwreck who was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements, and to store his few possessions. But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened; everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger. "God how could you do this to me!" he shouted.

The next day he was awakened early in the morning by the sound of a

ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary

"Nobody ever said that the Christian life is or would be a walk in the park."

man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

We often struggle to find time for God and we get discouraged when things are going bad. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering, even when we are stranded on our own uninhabited island.

So how can we learn to trust God?

When we eat right and exercise, we expect to become thinner and healthier. But to reach this goal we have to be persistent; we keep working at it. We can't expect to be healthy if we don't do what's needed continually. The same is true of our spiritual lives. We won't be able to face difficult experiences if we aren't persistent about being with God through prayer and studying God's Word. Unfit souls are easily overwhelmed by life's challenges.

Remember, as with a friend, when we do what's needed continually, spending time with God, we learn to trust him, and when we trust in the Lord with all our heart he will get us through the tough times and make our paths straight.

Obituaries

Sister Nancy Focht, DC

Sister Nancy Focht, Daughters of Charity and educator, died of supra nuclear palsy on Monday, November 26, at Villa St. Michael, the province's retirement residence in Emmitsburg. She was 71. A Mass of Christian burial was offered on Saturday, December 1, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg.

Born in Baltimore, Sister Nancy entered the Daughters of Charity in 1949, and pronounced her vows in 1954. She earned a bachelor's degree from St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg in 1963, and a masters degree from The Catholic University of America in 1970.

In 1950, Sister Nancy began her 45-year career in education at St. Patrick's School, Richmond, Va. as an elementary teacher. This was followed by a year as a substitute teacher at St. Anthony's School in Emmitsburg. From 1953-1959, she taught elementary grades at St. Joseph School in Martinsburg, W.V. She returned to Emmitsburg in 1959 and taught at Mother Seton School for eight years. She was appointed principal in 1967, and remained there until 1973. Her next assignment was as an elementary teacher at Holy Cross Regional School in Lynchburg Va., where she taught for three years before being appointed principal, a position she held until 1985. This

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Emmitsburg Area Churches

Incarnation United Church of Christ

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

124 West Main St.

Sunday service: 10 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Rev. Ted Haas

301-447-2270

Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

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

100 N. Seton Avenue

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

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

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

301-447-2326

St. Anthony Shrine

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

16150 St. Anthony's Road

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

Pastor: Reverend James W. Hannon

Trinity United Methodist Church

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

years.

313 West Main St.

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

Pastor: Reverend Wade A. Martin

Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church

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

415 West Main St.

Service 11:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend R. Benjamin Jones

Tom's Creek United Methodist Church

10926 Simmons Road

Sunday Services at 8:15 and 10:30

Pastor: Rev. Bill Warehime

301-447-2693

Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

100 West North Avenue

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

Interim Pastor: David S. Knodel

301-447-6239

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

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was followed by a three-year term as principal at St. Ann's School in Fayetteville, N.C., then a return to St. Joseph School in Martinsburg, W.V., in 1988 for a five-year term there as principal. Her last assignment in education [1993-1994] was as a tutor at St. Dominic School in Baltimore.

Sister Nancy returned to Emmitsburg in 1994 in failing health but was able to work for a year in the mail room at St. Joseph's Provincial House before retiring to Villa St. Michael.

Daughter of the late Hans and Anna Felbinger Focht, Sister Nancy is survived by a brother, John Kenneth Focht, and a sister, Patricia Focht of Baltimore; a step-brother, Charles Focht, Baltimore; three step-sisters, Marie Yingling, Union Bridge, Md., Patricia Kadan, Baltimore, Dolores Lough of Berryville, Va., and several nieces and nephews.

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

Mrs. Florence Knott

Mrs. Florence Mary Knott, 80, of Waycross Court, Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, Nov. 27, at York Hospital, York, Pa.

She was the wife of Allen R. Knott.

Born May 29, 1921, in Thurmont, she was a daughter of the late Cecil and Lottie Shorb Krietz.

She was a member of St. Anthony's Shrine of Emmitsburg.

Surviving in addition to her husband are three daughters, Joyce Orndorff and husband Paul of Rocky Ridge, Mary Topper and husband Jack of Emmitsburg, and Gloria Brashear of Orlando, Fla.; six grandchildren, Jean Marie Joy and husband Barry, Jeffrey D. Topper and wife Teresa, Sandy Umbel and husband Chad, all of Emmitsburg, Douglas Orndorff and wife Teresa Wivell of Fairfield, Mark Topper and wife Sherry of Rocky Ridge, and Richard Brashear and wife Lori of Florida; 12 great-grandchildren, Zachary Topper, Jay Topper, Justin Andrew, Benjamin Andrew, Brian Topper, Stephanie Andrew, Erica Orndorff, Courtney Topper, Kayla Umbel, Melanie Topper, Luke Brashear and Rilyn Brashear; one sister, Rose Ridenour of Thurmont; and one brother, Frank Krietz of Emmitsburg.

She will also be remembered by daughter Gloria Brashear's friend James Blackburn.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Marie Sharrer and Theresa Lingg; and two brothers, Bud Krietz and Gene Krietz.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Nov. 30, at St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg, with her pastor, the Rev. James Hannon as celebrant.

Interment was in St. Anthony's Shrine Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Mr. Christopher Ott

Mr. Christopher Glenn Ott, 33, of 13921 Graceham Road, Thurmont, died Monday, Dec. 10, at his home.

Born April 24, 1968, in Gettysburg, Pa., he was a son of Richard A. Ott Sr. of Thurmont, and Jenna Lea Harbaugh Ott of Emmitsburg.

Mr. Ott was a 1986 graduate of Catocin High School. He had been employed with Mason Dixon Auto Parts, Taneytown.

He was a NASCAR fan.

Surviving in addition to his parents are one sister, Melanie A. Plunkard of Hagerstown; two brothers, Richard A. Ott Jr. and wife Lori of Taneytown, and Patrick J. Ott and wife Jordan of Marshfield, Wis.; paternal grandfather, Charles C. Ott of Emmitsburg; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Private funeral services and interment was held in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Mr. Ott's name may be made to Mother Seton School Building Fund, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, Md. 21727.

Robert E. Dailey & Son Funeral Home, Thurmont, provided funeral arrangements.

Juliettee Rowe Carter Carr

Juliettee Rowe Carter Carr of Rockville died Thursday, November 22, 2001. She was the wife of the late James W. Carter, Jr., mother of the late James W. Carter III; aunt of Edward G. Rowe, Yellow Springs, Ohio; and Michel L. Rowe of Lebanon, Illinois.

Services were held Saturday, December 1 at DeVol Funeral Home, Washington, D.C.

Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Mr. Albert Masser

Mr. Albert Silas Masser, 93, of Edgewater, Fla., formerly of Emmitsburg, died Monday, Dec. 3, in Edgewater.

He was the husband of Mary Agnes Koontz Masser who died April 2, 1997.

Born Nov. 14, 1908, in Eyler's Valley, Frederick County, he was a son of the late Harry L. and Mary Delauter Masser.

Mr. Masser was a member of Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg.

He worked for Masser Trucking/Pony Express as a truck driver and also at Moore Business Forms and Frederick County Public Schools as a night watchman and custodian. He had been retired since the mid-1970s.

Surviving are four children, Linda A. Malinowski and husband Chester of Edgewater, Lewis S. Masser and wife Sherry of Fairfield, Pa., Karla J. Eshleman of Thurmont, and Abby B. Zanella and husband Jack of Emmitsburg; seven grandchildren, Steven Pittinger and wife Barbara, Teresa Hobbs and husband Karl, Amanda Masser, Lewis Masser Jr., William Masser, Maria McKinney and husband Byron, and Samuel Albert Zanella; six great-grandchildren, Tyler Jesse Hobbs, Benjamin Pittinger, Byron McKinney Jr., Richard McKinney, Sherry Therese Masser and William Masser Jr.; two brothers, Mahlon M. Masser of Sabillasville, and Chester H. Masser of New Windsor; and one sister, Elsie Smith of Key West, Fla.

Mr. Masser will also be remembered by his friends Tom Wantz, Bob Mort, Monroe Hewitt and Dave Muench, all of the Emmitsburg area.

Mr. Masser was preceded in death by three brothers, Harry G. Masser, Ralph D. Masser and Austin F. Masser; and three sisters, Mary Martin, Myrtle Andrews and Vada Hahn.

Funeral services were held Dec. 6, at Skiles Funeral Home, 210 W. Main St., Emmitsburg. Dr. Harry T. Fogle officiated.

Interment in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Frederick County Unit, 1393 Progressway, Suite 908, Eldersburg, Md. 21784.

Mr. Charles Glacken Sr.

Mr. Charles Thomas Glacken Sr., 71, of Albert Rill Road, Hampstead, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, at Carroll County General Hospital, Westminster.

He was the husband of Evelyn D. Glacken, his wife of 52 years.

Born June 28, 1930, in

Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late James and Carrie Lookingbill Glacken.

Mr. Glacken had worked for the Maryland highway department for more than 32 years.

He was a member of Reisterstown Lodge 1577, Loyal Order of Moose.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons, Charles Thomas Glacken Jr. and Ronald Lee Glacken, both of Westminster; one daughter, Linda Diane Canapp of Hanover, Pa.; three grandchildren, Charles Thomas Glacken III, Gary Wayne Glacken and Diana Marie Canapp; four brothers, James Glacken of Taneytown, Paul William Glacken of Gettysburg, Pa., George Franklin Glacken of Westminster, and Leroy Glacken of Union Bridge; and two sisters, Margaret Zepp of Florida, and Ruth Ellen Martin of Middleburg.

Funeral services were held at noon Saturday, Dec. 22, at the funeral home, with Deacon Charles E. Barnhart Jr. officiating.

Interment was in Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Finksburg.

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Library News

By SUE CARDELLA
Children's Librarian

So, here we are already, with the first column of the new year. As always, the passing of time seems to move at the speed of lightening. The first months of 2002 will surely be a transitional time for our library. While we will continue with most services and programs, there will be some additions and changes.

One change is that we will now ask that you register for all programs. Registration may be in person or by phone. Programs, in order to be held, will need at least five participants. You may pick up a storytime schedule at the library. Please note, there will not be a pre-school storytime the first week of the year (the 2nd and 3rd of January).

Our regular programs are as follows:

Pre-school storytimes- most Wednesdays at 7 p.m., and most Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. (for ages 3-5)

Babies with Books- the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. (for newborns to 24 months) most months

Once a month there will be a special **Family Storytime**. This month it will be Tuesday, January 15 at 4 p.m. with guest storyteller, Joanne Hay.

Our next adult program will be **Valentine Vittles**, on Monday, February 4 at 7 p.m. John Hovde of the Carriage House Inn will demonstrate how to prepare a special meal for your valentine, including chocolate fondue.

We are also in the process of developing an Emmitsburg Teen Advisory Board. Members will assist in planning and producing programs of special interest for teens. Interested teens (grade 7 and older) should contact me (Sue Cardella) at the library.



CAROLYN MAGURA

Also, there will be some changes to our staff. Carolyn Magura has been promoted to a position in the Maryland Room at the main branch, which will reopen in its new location in the spring. Carolyn has been our adult programmer at this library for about three years. We held our "going away" luncheon for her on December 11, with our entire staff and the library board in attendance, at the Carriage House. While she will be missed by this community and by her co-workers, we all wish her the best in this new position. At this point, her replacement has not been announced.

We are all excited that a new position has been added to our library staff. The position is that of another children's librarian. That position has been filled, and Cheryl Dudak will join us around the middle of December. So, stop by and say "hi" to Cheryl.

Please note that the library will be closed on Monday, January 21, for Martin Luther King Day. For more information or to register for programs call us at 301-447-2682. And Happy New Year!

St. Catherine's employee of the month



STACEY DAVIS

St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month for December 2001 is Stacey Davis.

Stacey is employed as our Assistant Activities Director/Coordinator. According to her coworkers, Stacey was nominated as employee of the month because of her excellent ability to recruit volunteers. Stacey's commitment not only benefits our staff but our residents as well. Her dedication and "going the extra mile" really lifts the spirits of the nursing staff. Stacey sets a great example for others on how to give support to her co-workers. Stacey is very deserving of the honor of employee of the month. Congratulations Stacey!

New circulation clerk at Emmitsburg Library



Tiffany Delauter, right, new circulation clerk at the Emmitsburg Branch of Frederick County Public Libraries, assists patron Myra Derbyshire.

A Dispatch Photo

Tiffany entered library work via customer service experiences with City Bank and Cellular1. She received her basic training and orientation at C. Burr Artz Library in Frederick. "I love this work," she said. "This is a perfect place for me. I've always been an avid reader. Everyone here has been great," she continued. "I love this little community."

Tiffany is looking forward to

working in the programs being planned by the library. "These guys are really good," volunteered Myra. "I wanted more information about *The Chronicles of Narnia* and they were able to find it right away."

The library hopes to get more local teen-agers involved in reading and Tiffany is looking forward to working with them.

New iBistro Catalog coming to Frederick County Public Libraries

Frederick County Public Libraries welcomes citizens of Frederick County to the twenty-first century with mouse power and the introduction of Sirsi's iBistro Electronic Library. This brand new online catalog will be up and running by the end of January and will provide patrons with easy online access to library holdings and services.

Using iBistro, searching for information and materials can be easily done in an FCPL library branch or from the comfort of home or office. Password-protected access to personal accounts will allow library users to check their account status, renew items, and place holds on titles in the database via www.fcpl.org. Just a click on the catalog icon will bring iBistro's powerful search capabilities, account information, links to bestseller lists and important information about Frederick County Public Libraries right into homes, offices, and laptops. Available wherever there's a hookup, FCPL and iBistro will provide an impressive connection to information in the 21st century.

FCPL Associate Director, Beth

Pelle, who is managing the migration to the iBistro system, says, "User friendliness and empowerment of patrons were key factors in our choice of a library management system. Sirsi's iBistro addresses many of the needs and requests of Frederick County library patrons and heralds a new beginning for FCPL in meeting those needs." Staff are undergoing intensive training on the new system and they look forward assisting FCPL patrons with one-stop access to online information and resources through iBistro.

For further information about iBistro, please call the library at 301-694-1613.

BOOKS

To use books rightly is to go to them for help; to appeal to them when our own knowledge and power fail; to be led by them to wider sight and purer conception than our own, and to receive from them the united sentence of the judges and councils of all time, against our solitary and unstable opinions

—Ruskin

Notes from the log of the Reel Excel II



Captain Jeff Smith (kneeling at right) with the catch of the day and the fishermen who chartered his boat for an offshore fishing trip last summer. Those surrounding the tuna are from left, Randy May, Tony Eyler, June May, John Stouter, Bobby Long, Cory Pitrone, and Mike Little.

Photo courtesy Jeff Smith

BY CAP'N JEFF SMITH
Special to the Dispatch

May

This year has been the most productive of all years fishing in ocean city. In May we started fishing for makos and what we found was tons of blue sharks, with fish up to 9 feet long. Along with the sharks was bluefish, so no problem getting bait. The makos were there, but the blue sharks got to the boat first, so it was hard to catch the makos, but we managed to put a 100+lb. mako on the boat that day.

June

We caught 2 makos the next weekend in the tournament at Bahia Marina. The first one was 100 lbs. and the second one was definitely in the money of the tournament so far. We brought the fish in, it tipped the scales at 193 lbs. which was good for third place. We held in for the money until the last day of the tournament. Then the last fishing day there was a 200 lbs. mako weighed in and it took

us out of all 3 levels we were winning. We fished the first and second day of the tournament and that was the third day which was our lay day, you fish 2 out of 3 days. The rest of June was excellent fishing also with mako ranging from 100 lbs. to 200 lbs. We put one mako on the boat each trip, except for one day when the anglers decided to release 2 mako sharks that were under 100 lbs. This month our largest fish caught, was a 358 lbs. thresher shark. That fish fought long and hard on the 301 lb. outfit. Eleven miles away and 7 hours later we got the fish in the boat. The angler took a couple of days to recover and he said he could not use his arm at all the first day after landing that fish.

July

The only thing to be said about this month is TUNA, TUNA, TUNA, AND MORE TUNA. Bluefin mainly with yellowfin toward the end of the month.

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Rocky Ridge News

BY EMMA KEENEY
Dispatch Writer

January Birthdays: Best Wishes to: Anthony Harris, Chris Day, Barry Eiker, Chris Angleberger, Robbie Eyler, Josephine Dinterman, Will Dinterman, Pauline Sharrer, Jeanie Angleberger, Penny Eyler, Christine Hurley, Brian Hahn Jr., Brenda Shriner, Dave Wiles, and Jennifer Dinterman.

January Anniversary: Congratulations to Vicky and Louis Powell

The Mt. Tabor Youth Fellowship held a candlelight service on Dec 16. A Festival of Lessons and Carols was presented by the youth. The Fairfield Flute Choir played several carols.

Pastor James Russell of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church spoke on the theme of "From Darkness into Light."

The Youth choir sang the Anthem "What Child is This": Pastor James led the prayers. Pastor Esther Zeigler of the UCC spoke on "Looking For God In the Wrong Places." Following the Benediction everyone sang "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" to end a beautiful and inspiring evening.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Ellen Flohr, who passed away December 5.

Church of the Brethren News
BY PATSY FREE

Birthdays: On this month's birthday list are Deidre Beard, 1/1 Jeni Baker, 1/1; Sidney Moser, 1/11; Russell Moser, 1/20; Mary Andrew, 1/20; Dick Glass, 1/23; and Josh Eyler, 1/26. Best wishes.

Anniversary: Congratulations to Russell and Sidney Moser, 1/12.

We would like to wish the readers a Happy and Safe New Year and encourage you to worship at the church of your choice. If you do not have a home church or would just like to visit with us, our services are Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Everyone is welcome to attend the Brethren Church.

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Anthony Shrme/OLMC News

Father James Hannon, who has been serving the sister parishes of St. Anthony Shrine and Our Lady of Mount Carmel for almost a year, will be officially installed as pastor on Sunday, January 27, 2002, at the 9:30 Mass at SAS. Bishop Francis Malooly, vicar for Western Maryland, will preside at the Mass and installation service.

The U.S. Catholic Bishops called for a National Day of Prayer for Peace

on January 1, 2002. Parishioners honored this request and memorialized the tragedies of 9/11 with a prayer service on New Year's Eve at 11:30 p.m. at OLMC Church. After praying and ringing in the New Year, breakfast was served and there was a festive celebration at the Parish Center.

Beautiful Christmas Decorations in each Church were made possible by Christmas Memorial donations. Many

parishioners remember all the deceased members of their families with a generous contribution. There were 138 memorials at SAS; 76 at OLMC. Names of donors were published in the December 23 Bulletin

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

Yvette Leith, Coordinator of Religious Education, has resigned

after 18 years of dedicated service to the youth of our churches. During those years, she wore many hats, working as a volunteer, a fundraiser, a youth minister, you name it. She was thanked and honored with a shower of cards during the Parish Christmas Party on Sunday, December 16. Yvette has relocated to 29 Mary Street, Cumberland, MD 21502.

Ray Williams won the beautiful chest built and donated by the Reavers for a parish raffle. Congratulations to Ray who is a new member of our Knights of Columbus Council.

Bev Zienda and Colorfest, Inc. donated the profit from their November Appreciation Dinner (just over \$500) to OLMC Church. The Parish tenders them many, many thanks for their generosity.

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

Offertory Envelopes for 2002 have been mailed. If you have not received envelopes and would like to, please call the Parish Office, 301 447 2367. Children's envelopes are also available (start a good habit while they are young) and may be found in the rear of the Church.

Congratulations from St. Anthony Shrine Parish to Tierney Elizabeth Ann Monaghan, daughter of Robert and Heather Monaghan, who was baptized in the Catholic Faith on December 8, 2001.

Congratulations from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish to Matthew Raymond Carroll, son of Robert and Michelle Carroll, who was baptized in the Catholic Faith on December 16, 2001.

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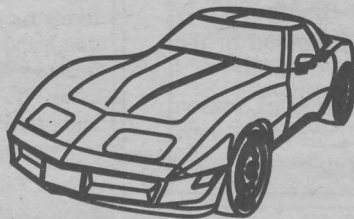
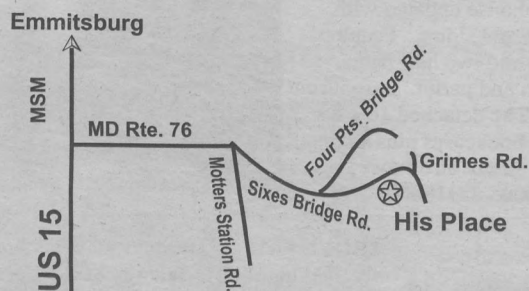
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Thurmont Cooperative holds annual stockholders meeting

By JERRY LILICH
General Manager

On December 13th, 2001, 250 people attended the annual stockholders' meeting of the Thurmont Cooperative, Inc. The meeting was held at the New Midway Fire Company and an excellent dinner was served. The business meeting received the manager's report, which showed a loss for the fiscal year 2000-2001 of \$22,000.00 on sales of just over \$2.3 million.

Three directors were elected for three-year terms: Robert Black, Dennis

Mathias, and Jack Heflin. The patrons and guest were entertained by an excellent program performed by the Gospel Travelers.

On December 17th, the newly constituted board met and elected officers for 2002. Those elected were: President, Rodman Myers; Vice-President, Robert Black; Secretary, Paul Baumgardner; Treasurer, Jeff Wivell. Also named were: Jerry Lilich as General Manager/Assistant Secretary, and Mary Ann Sharer as Assistant Manager/Assistant Secretary.

Thurmont Senior Center Bus Tours

Trip schedule for the year 2002

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February 20, 2002 (Wednesday)
Ladies' Night In A Turkish Bath
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Price: \$52.00 Deposit: \$10.00
Balance Due: January 5, 2002. Depart Frederick 8:45 a.m. Thurmont 9:15 a.m., Emmitsburg 9:30 a.m.

Return Frederick 5:45 p.m. Thurmont 5:15 p.m., Emmitsburg 5:00 p.m.

March 17, 2002 (Sunday),
Born Yesterday
Eichelberger Performing Arts
Center, Hanover, Pa.

This famous American comedy classic enjoyed one of the longest runs in Broadway history. Vulgar, egotistic junkman, Harry Brock, has come to a

swanky hotel in Washington to make crooked deals with government big-wigs.

Dinner included at the Dutch Country Restaurant. Choice of entree: Baked Ham, Turkey, or Roast Beef. Include choice with final payment.

Price: \$46.00 Deposit: \$10.00
Balance Due: February 15, 2002

Depart Frederick 1:15 p.m.
Thurmont 1:45 p.m. Emmitsburg 2:00 p.m.
Return Frederick 7:45 p.m.
Thurmont 7:15 p.m. Emmitsburg 7:00 p.m.

April 17, 2002 (Wednesday)
Amish Day Tour, Lancaster, Pa

This tour includes Amish farmlands tour with guide; Bird-in-Hand Farmers' Market; Kitchen Kettle Village for shopping & lunch (on your own); Intercourse Cannery; National Christmas Center; a Pennsylvania Dutch family-style dinner in an Amish home.

Price \$62.00 Deposit: \$10.00
Balance Due: March 15, 2002

Depart Frederick 7:30 a.m.
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Thurmont

Clinic Location: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church Parish Hall, 103 North Church Street
Appointment: (301) 694-3733
Clinic Hours:
Thurs., Jan. 10, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 24, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Gettysburg

Clinic Location: Gettysburg College Musselman Stadium, West Lincoln Avenue
Appointment: (717)-337-6469
Clinic Hours: Thurs., Jan. 7, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Thurs., Jan 21, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Weinberg Center announces movie series

Bringing back its glory days as a 1920's movie palace, the Weinberg Center's "Movie Time at the Tivoli" series will be screening classic cinema productions, beginning the new year with the Third Annual Family Cartoon Festival on January 18. Woody Allen's *Annie Hall* will follow on January 22. Future Movie Time events include a Sunday family matinee presentation of a Charlie Chaplin double feature with *The Tramp* and *Modern Times* (February 8), the 1954 classic *Sabrina* (February 14), *Kiss Me Kate* in its original 3-D format (March 5) and the all-time favorite *Gone With the Wind* (March 16).

To request a 2001-2002 season brochure or to purchase tickets for upcoming events, please contact the Box Office at 301-228-2828 (228-2838 TTY), Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and one hour before performances. Tickets can also be ordered online through the theater's Web site at www.weinbergcenter.org.

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Coping with the winter blues

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)

BY BILL DERBYSHIRE, LCSW-C
Catocin CASS Coordinator

Seasonal Affective Disorder, often referred to as SAD, is a psychiatric disorder in the category of Mood Disorders in the Diagnostic Statistical Manual (DSM) - IV. Symptoms of SAD are similar to Major Depression with the exception that there is a distinct pattern of onset of symptoms that correlates with a season of the year, typically during the winter. Symptoms of Major Depression include some or all of the following:

- Depressed mood most of the day, nearly every day
- Markedly diminished interest or pleasure in all or almost all activities
- Significant weight loss when not dieting or weight gain
- Insomnia
- Fatigue or loss of energy
- Feelings of worthlessness or excessive or inappropriate guilt
- Diminished ability to think or concentrate or indecisiveness nearly every day
- Recurrent thoughts of death or recurrent thoughts of suicide.
- Signs of agitation as observed by others

If you have five or more of these symptoms during a particular time of the year (usually beginning in the fall and lasting into the winter) year after year, then perhaps you suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder. Typically your general physician can make this diagnosis; however a psychiatrist is specifically trained to assess mood disorders. Some licensed psychologists, social workers, and professional counselors can also assess for this disorder.

There are several potential forms of intervention to help relieve the symptoms of SAD. A primary approach, perhaps somewhat preventive, is a holistic approach that includes the following:

- Regular exercise - at least three times a week, each time to include a minimum of 30 minutes of aerobic exercise (walk, run, swim, bike, etc.)
- Drink no or very little alcohol - Alcohol is a depressant
- Join activities that includes involvement with others such as volunteer work
- Expose yourself to nature light as much as possible
- Avoid activities where you are isolated
- Eat well balanced meals
- Participate in activities that provide spiritual support
- Think about how the "glass is half full" - think positive.

Other interventions can possibly include light therapy, anti-depressant medication and professional counseling. These interventions should be discussed with a qualified and licensed therapist or physician.

SAD can not necessarily be "cured" but can be managed in such a way that the symptoms become minimized.

If you have the winter blues, take charge and become proactive. If you have any questions you can call the Catocin CASS office at 301-447-3611.

The next column will focus on school health issues.

Gumption Enterprises and Levi's By Design Aid Up-County Family Center in the True Spirit of the Holiday Season

BY ERIKA LAVOIE
Up-County Staff

Gumption Enterprises, a family-run service garage in Woodsboro, Md., is collecting new toys to assist the Up-County Family Center in ensuring a joyous holiday season for all. Their goal is to collect 35 toys for distribution this holiday season. Tommy & Patti Worsley, owners and proprietors of Gumption Enterprises, are graciously offering 4 quarts of 10W30 motor oil to their clients who bring a new toy to their Woodsboro location. Specializing in Volvo automobiles, the garage is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Anyone interested in receiving their services or contributing a new toy should contact the Worsleys at 301-898-9300.

Another generous local business, Levi's by Design, is gathering new clothes, toys, and other essentials at the store in the Gettysburg Outlets to assist the Up-County Family Center.

Freja Fuller, Levi's manager, is excited about the opportunity to give back to the community. Employees from Levi's will not only be aiding in the gathering of gifts, but volunteering time at the center. This is a prime

example of action based on the philosophy that it takes a community to raise a child. Anyone interested in assisting Levi's by Design with contributions can contact Freja at 717-337-2330. Levi's by Design offers a variety of Levi's apparel, from their famous jeans to casual slacks and shirts, at outlet prices.

Up-County, in Emmitsburg, provides educational services for the community. This includes ABE/GED, Flexible High School, and Home Teaching. In addition there are employment and computer programs available for parent(s), both male and female, of children under the age of 4. Up-County's staff provide encouragement and support through education, developmental day care and parenting programs. Basic life skills (such as cooking and budgeting), computer classes, and job readiness are also offered.

Up-County is also a place that welcomes and nurtures all families (regardless of income) who are raising young children. These services help strengthen the family. Up-County is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and can be contacted at 301-447-2810.

CASS seminars set to assist with job search needs

Beginning January 2002, CASS will be offering seminars to assist you with your job search needs.

January 8, 5 p.m. - Networking - Learn how to make the most of your job search by communicating effectively and using informational interviews as job search strategies.

January 15, 5 p.m. - Resumes - Learn step-by-step procedures, tips and techniques that capture your valuable assets that will win interviews and

aim toward your new career.

January 22, 5 p.m. - Successful Interviewing - This essential seminar includes preparation, interviewing styles, answers for common interview questions and ideas for follow-up.

January 29, 5 p.m. - Mock Interviewing - An opportunity to meet with all interviewing specialists in a practice interview and receive feedback.

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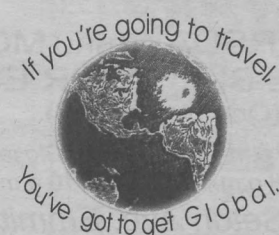
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Mother Seton School news



TERRY SMITH

BY VAL MENTZER

An Award Winner!

Congratulations to Mrs. Terry Smith! Mrs. Smith is the Mother Seton School Administrative Assistant - and so much more! She was awarded the Archdiocesan Medal of Honor for her untiring, generous, and dedicated service in her parish of St. Joseph, Taneytown! The ceremony was held at St. Paul/Resurrection Parish in Ellicott City on Saturday, December 8, 2001.

Of course, at MSS, Mrs. Smith is also untiring in her deeds for our stu-

dents! From the Front Office, to the Bingo Committee, to the Carnival Committee, to the Calendar Committee - Mrs. Smith does it all! We are very proud and honored to have you at MSS!

Congratulations, Mother Seton School Alums!

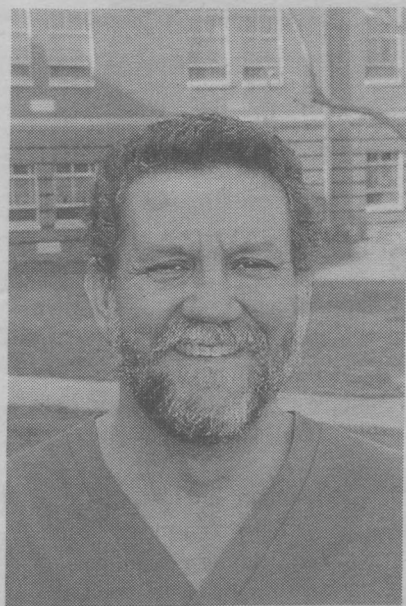
Former Graduates of MSS and now Members of the Junior Class of Catocin High School, Ben Hanning, Adam Portier, Vince

Testa, and Brenda Scheider, were inducted into the National Honor Society on November 20, 2001. Morgan Williams, also former Graduate of MSS, serves as Vice President of the National Honor Society at Catocin.

Looking Ahead to the MSS Open House

An Open House for the 2002-2003 School Year will be held on February 10th at 2:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium. If you are interested in attending, please call the Front Office at 301-4473161.

St. Catherine's employee of the month



JOE ABELL

St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month for November is Joe Abell. Joe has been employed as a GNA since May of 2000. According to his co-workers, Joe was nominated as employee of the month because he is patient and respectful of our residents and associates. He always puts the residents first and is very thoughtful with his actions.

Joe is a very dedicated employee who sets a great example for others on taking pride in their work and supports coworkers in daily tasks. Joe is a leader and often improves quality of life for residents by making suggestions on how to make their lives more comfortable. Joe is very deserving of the honor of employee of the month. Congratulations, Joe!

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American Legion Auxiliary

BY LOIS C. HARTDAGEN
President

The December meeting of Francis X. Elder Unit #121 was held at the Post Home with 10 members in attendance.

The President, Lois Hartdagen presided and roll was called of the Officers present. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were given by Penny Adams and Anna Adams respectfully. The Secretary's report was approved as read. The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

Patty Troxell, the Chaplain, reported she had delivered a fruit basket to Kathleen White Shorb after her hospital stay. She also reported that she and Lois had traveled to Topton, Pa. to see Auxiliary member, Ruth Etheridge, who is a resident of the Lutheran Home there. They took greetings from the Auxiliary.

Lois Hartdagen, membership chairman, reported our goal is 134 and we have 122 into Department with seven to send in.

A thank you note was read from the Emmitsburg Little League thanking the Auxiliary for their recent donation.

Under old business the President thanked everyone who went to the St. Catherine's Nursing Home for Veterans day. Fruit baskets and citations were

given to the Veterans residing there. Thanks to Joyce Sanders for making the fruit baskets.

The Christmas gift to the Post was discussed and a monetary amount was decided on. The President also thanked the decorating committee. Gene Valentine for getting our live trees and Patty Troxell, Anna Adams, Mary Goetz, Nancy Haines and Lois Hartdagen, for decorating inside and out.

The VA training and picture ID's for Martinsburg is put on hold for now. Our Post's month is February to play bingo with the patients.

The District meeting at Post #11 in Frederick was attended by Anna Adams, Melva Hardman, Mary Goetz, Patty Troxell and Lois Hartdagen. On their way home from Frederick, they stopped to pay their respects for departed Auxiliary Member from Post #168, Reva B. Fisher.

Under New Business, the proceeds from the monthly collection at meetings was given to the Treasurer to deposit. Also everything is well under way for the Annual Auxiliary Christmas Party to be held on December 12th at the Post.

The Hours of Service were then taken by the Secretary.

VFW Auxiliary news

BY DOLORES HENKE
Secretary

The Ladies Auxiliary to Emmitsburg Memorial Post 6658 enjoyed dinner at the Carriage House Inn on December 6, 2001, to celebrate the Christmas holidays. Seventeen members were present.

Following dinner, a brief meeting was held with President Mary Topper presiding. Because of the occasion, the minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's Report were not given.

President Topper advised that nine students from Mother Seton School participated in the essay contest sponsored by the Auxiliary, the topic of which is, "Is Freedom Free?" The first place winner of this contest will receive \$100; second place, \$50; third place \$25; the other students who participate will receive \$10. The men of Post 6658 will match these amounts. The judges for the contest will be Jean Cadle, Ruth Richards and Dolores Henke. The winner of the "Voice of Democracy" essay contest sponsored by the Auxiliary was Catocin High School student, Thomas Hood. The topic for this contest was entitled,

"Reaching Out to America's Future." Mr. Hood received \$100 from the VFW Auxiliary, and the men of Post 6658 matched this amount. The Auxiliary made a donation to the "Tree of Hope" sponsored by St. Joseph's Provincial House; Gwen Topper was chairman of this project. This money will go to a fund for the men and women who suffered in the September 11, 2001 disaster.

The Chaplain, Gloria Bauerline, gave a report as follows: a donation in memory of member, Reba Fisher, who died recently, will be sent to her favorite charity. A donation in memory of Emmitt Norris, husband of member Vita Norris, will be sent to his favorite charity. A Perpetual Mass Card was sent to Joyce Orndorf, in memory of her mother, Florence Knott.

A brief discussion was held on the December 10 visit to the V.A. Medical Center in Martinsburg at which the annual Christmas party will be held. President Topper advised that members will be needed to make up 90 fruit baskets on December 9 which will be given to the ninety veterans visited. She also requested cakes and cookies for this affair.

Letters to the editor from page 3

Lions Club thanks supporters for successful Christmas Party

HO - HO - HO - The Emmitsburg Lions Club Annual Children's Christmas Party was a huge success. A very special thanks to the Vigilant Hose Company for providing their facility. Several members of the Fire Company were present when we started to set up, and they insisted they help. We are very grateful for their support.

We would also like to send a very special thank you to Trout's Jubilee Food Store in Emmitsburg for their donation of Hot Dogs and Condiments. Also to Stroehmann for their donation of Hot Dog Rolls.

Thanks also to the following:

To Lion Rich Kelley and his son

Kevin for providing photos for our event.

To the Girl Scouts for their assistance with the children in the making of Christmas Crafts.

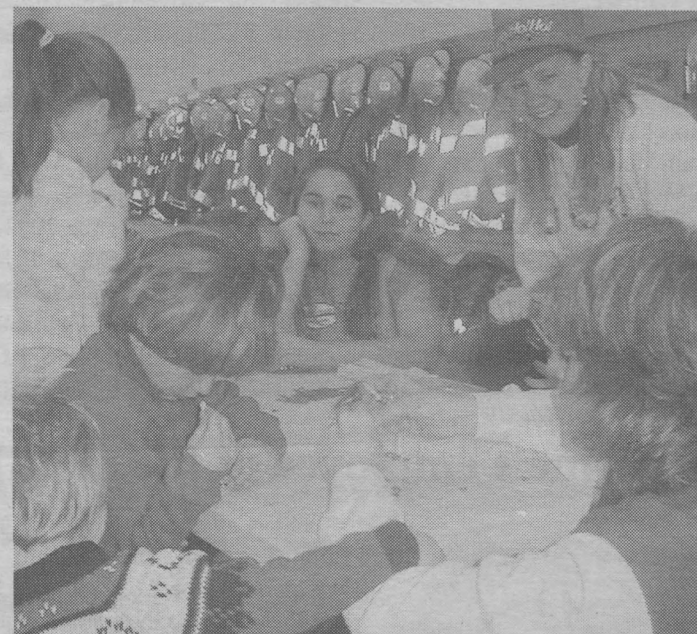
To Maggie The Clown for her entertainment and Face Painting.

And last but not least to SANTA for making that long trip to be with us.

We hope we have made Christmas a little brighter for all Emmitsburg residents, and we will certainly be back again next year.

Merry Christmas, and a Joyous Holiday to All.

EMMITSBURG LIONS CLUB



At the Lions Christmas party local Girl Scout Hayley Schnibbe, center, helps Ginger Compton and her children Becky and Tyler make ornaments as Robin Gauss looks on.

A Dispatch Photo

Local elves give town a 'swagger'

The swags are made, the tree is up, and the greens are hung. Without the support of our local government, and individuals, this undertaking could not be possible. Thanks to All.

We would like to thank our local government, and the following individuals for their participation and dedication in making Emmitsburg the most beautiful "Down Home Christmas Community" ever.

Thank You: Makers of the Swags: Betty Ann & Guy Baker, Rodney, Laurie and Addie Wivell, Cindy, Jess, April and Leann Adams, Julie Davis, Joann Boyd, Dot Davis, Lois Hartagen, Vernon, Bea, and Carolyn Keilholtz, Diana and Elizabeth Hoover, Cathy and Anna Smith, Eva Miler, Linda and Austin Umble. Hangers of the Swags and Roping: Lois Delp, Ann, Kris, and Herb Gingell, and Mayor Carr.

A very special thanks to the Town Crew who helped in every aspect of our endeavor: Jim Click, Chris Wantz and Dave Wantz. Without your help this project would not have been possible.

A wonderful addition was Christmas caroling around the beautiful Town Tree, with decorations provided by the Emmitsburg Elementary School 4th and 5th Grade. Making it happen were Bo and Jean Cadle, bringing back memories of the past. Leading the songfest was the United Church of Christ Choir. Dennis Ebaugh served as Master of Ceremonies. Thank You

ANN GINGELL
Emmitsburg Decorating
Committee

Stultz Fitness Training to hold Open House January 11 and 12

BY: LINDA STULTZ
Certified Fitness Trainer

Mark Your Calendars!! January 11 & 12, 2002, 10 am to 2 p.m. for my 2nd Annual Open House. Take this opportunity to do something for yourself and your family and have fun doing it.

Take the first step toward more energy, better health and keeping that New Year's Resolution. The holidays usually add a few pounds and the new year seems to be the time for a fresh start.

In today's busy world, many people put themselves last. Work, family and many other commitments keep our schedules so full, sometimes we forget how important it is to take care of our health. While we think we are doing all we can for work, family and everything in our lives, we could do even more and in a more energetic and complete way if our body is in the best condition it can be. Our body needs exercise and nutritious food to acquire energy. Some people feel too tired to go for a walk or play with the kids. What they don't realize is that their lack of energy comes from their sedentary lifestyle. The more exercise you get, the more energy you have. I know they work hard and many people tell me they get "all the exercise they need" at work. That's not the case.

People need a steady, continued workout to achieve the health benefits most of us want. Many of my clients tell me they thought they got enough exercise before, but now they can see the difference in how they feel and their energy level since they started a regular workout program.

So many diseases, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, depression, arthritis, fibromyalgia, cancer and many more problems can be improved and even prevented if we take care of ourselves by eating properly and exercising regularly. Doctors recommend exercise for a reason, but so many people never take their advice. Ask your doctor about exercise and the specific benefits you can get from it.

Everyone can feel better physically and mentally from exercising. Take a few minutes for yourself and visit my facility. We can work together to get you started on a program designed just for you. I am conveniently located 5 minutes from Emmitsburg, 10 minutes from Fairfield and 15 minutes from Gettysburg on Boyle Rd. Stop by during the Open House or call for more information at 717-334-6009. If the Open House hours are not convenient for you, give me a call to schedule a FREE consultation. Hope to see you there. Keep Moving, you'll be glad you did.

Christmas tree recycling offered

The Frederick County Recycling Office will be conducting their annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program. Residents are encouraged to take their Christmas trees to one of the designated sites from December 26, 2001, through January 26, 2002. Frederick County will process trees only at the listed locations.

The Christmas Tree Recycling Sites will be located at:

Ballenger Creek Park, lower parking lot.

Kempton Park, lower left parking lot.

Middletown Park, Middletown Park Recycling Center:

Point of Rocks, Ruritan Club.

Thurmont, Eyler Road Recycling Center.

These sites are for Christmas tree drop off only. No other materials are accepted at these locations.

Christmas trees can also be dropped off at our regular yard trimming collection sites located at:

Reichs Ford Road Landfill, yard trimming area, Mon.-Sat. 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Walkersville's Heritage Farm Park, yard trimming collection site, Devilbiss Bridge Road.

Brunswick's 13th Avenue Yard Trimming Collection Site.

Residents' Christmas trees will be processed into valuable organic mulch. This mulch will be available free for pickup at our regular yard trimming collection sites.

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Members of the Emmitsburg Historical Society discuss the status of current projects in support of a new book documenting the Emmitsburg area history. The book will be published in 2006 on the 100th anniversary of the last history written on Emmitsburg. Recently the group discovered that the date historically attributed to Emmitsburg's founding, 1757, was incorrect; 1786 being the correct date. Unfortunately, the reliance on the old date means Emmitsburg missed celebrating its 200th anniversary in 1986.

All in a day's party . . .

Zora centennial holiday celebration mishaps and their substitutions

BY MARY-ELIZABETH BUCKHAM
Zora Resident

Due to the drought, the Union and Confederate Troops could not have a campfire for their two-day Civil War Encampment held November 10 and 11. Luckily it wasn't cold as they sat around the logs drinking their McDonald's coffee!

The cannon couldn't be fired as the buildings were too close and there was the risk of window breakage. So I tried to make as much noise as I could hoping no one would notice the lack of this advertised attraction. Believe it or not, no one asked about the cannon!

The horses couldn't come, so I put my saw horses by the fence in case I was asked about the cavalry. That seemed to pacify the visitors.

The face painter was ill, so the kids could choose to take a balloon with a Mickey Mouse face on it. They were pacified, too.

I had asked the Carroll Valley Police Department to direct traffic, but since we did not have the number of customers I had expected, they caught speeders instead. So, if you got a ticket then, it's because you were supposed to stop!

Unfortunately, the previous Thurmont Band Director had not told the new one of their November 11th presentation date, so the 80-member band couldn't come. Just think, each of those could have had up to four or more relatives to come to hear them. See, we could have had a traffic jam!

The Pit Beef & Pork sold out early. Luckily, one person didn't buy one, say-

ing it was stuffed with too much meat. That left one for me and Catty. He acted as if I should have brought 2!

I had gone around gathering up the walnuts so people wouldn't fall over them, and I had dumped them in a huge pile for the squirrels. On the day before the event, I looked out to see the squirrels really busy. They were burying the walnuts right in the places where people would walk.

The Emmitsburg Volunteer Firemen were busy fighting fires, so Santa had to drive the fire truck all by himself. Some kids were concerned about seeing him behind the wheel until I told them that his sleigh license is also good for fire truck driving.

I had ordered an elf to walk long the road with bells to help draw customers in. A brown wooly ALF came, with bells!

Zora Village survived, and so did I.

Coming soon to fields near you

BY LISA KROM

We have already started meeting and planning for the up and coming season. We need you, the parents and children of the community, to be thinking about spring, too, so we may continue to plan.

Registration will be held soon. It makes our job easier if you sign up early. We would like to start a new softball program for girls ages 7 and 8, but we need to hear from you to know if this would be possible.

Please call Lisa Krom at (301) 447-6844. I'll be anxious to hear from you.

Mythological Fort Henry

The History of Emmitsburg East of Flat Run & the Families Who Called It Home

BY MICHAEL HILLMAN
A Dispatch Writer

Editor's note: These interesting and informative articles—and others—about what happened in the greater Emmitsburg area and who populated the region can be read on www.emmitsburg.net

Introduction

The first history written of Emmitsburg, published in 1878 in the Emmitsburg Chronicle, focused almost exclusively on Samuel Emmitt and his descendants, ignoring the roles and history of the vast majority of individuals and families who also called the Emmitsburg area home. Unfortunately, this error of omission has been carried forward into every subsequent history of Emmitsburg.

Contrary to local folklore, Emmitsburg was never home to a revolutionary era fort called "Fort Henry," but in many ways, the history of the land that bore the name "Fort Henry" is much richer than folklore had ever attributed to the imaginary fort.

This article focuses on the history of the land called "Fort Henry," upon which today sits everything within the town limits east of and north of Flat Run, including the communities of Silo Hill and Emmitt Gardens.

The First Settlers

Some years before the founding of Emmitsburg, a thrifty colony of Scottish-Irish Presbyterians, settled in this area. Called the Tom's Creek Hundred, these families were used to hardships, and of industrious and economical habits.

By most accounts, John and Elizabeth Wilson were the first family to settle in the Flat Run area of eastern Emmitsburg. Sometime prior to 1733, they emigrated to the area, choosing land lying in a gently sloping valley on both sides of Flat Run. The Wilsons had all any frontier family could ever hope for: the soil was rich from years of seasonal flooding, and Flat Run provided a reliable source of clean fresh water year round. The Wilsons never felt the need to acquire a deed for their land, which they called "Wilson's Fancy." However, in 1742, the rate of settlement began to change and the neighborhood began to get crowded. In 1751, several years after Robert's death, his wife, Elizabeth, sold "Wilson's Fancy" to William Porter.

John Douthet arrived in the Flat Run area of Emmitsburg in 1742.

Unfortunately, we know little about John other than that he settled just north of Robert Wilson on 50 acres of land he called "Douthet's Chance" (the Northgate area). Eight years later, in 1750, John sold his land to Alexander McKeen and moved onto parts unknown. Alexander McKeen donated the land upon which the first Presbyterian church in the Emmitsburg area was built. (presently the site of the Presbyterian Cemetery on Welly Road.)

Conrad Hockersmith, joined the settlement on Flat Run in 1743 when he settled on land just to the east of the Wilsons, "between the two branches of Middle Creek of Toms Creek, "about a mile and a half east of the center of Emmitsburg, which he called "Low Mill." Fifty years later Hockersmith would suggest changing the name of the area from Poplar Fancy to Emmitsburg.

"Carrollsbury," a massive track of land originally granted to Charles Carroll on September 2, 1732, which lay south and west of the Williams homestead, remained undivided until 1757. That year Charles Carroll sold 2,260 acres to Samuel Emmitt. Samuel established his homestead around the forks of Toms Creek, Middle Creek and Flat Run, two miles southeast of present-day Emmitsburg and almost immediately began to sell off to William Shields parts of his holdings, including 106 acres referred to as "Shields Addition," upon which now lies the western half of Emmitsburg.

[It would not be until May 1786, that the first reference to a town, which would later become Emmitsburg, appears in a deed for 55 acres from Samuel Emmitt to his son William, "to extend the limits of the new town, now Emmitsburg."]

The Williams Family and the Birth of Fort Henry

In 1753, the parents of Jane [Williams] Shields joined the growing community of what was then called Tom's Creek Hundred. Like countless other settlers, the Williamses moved west in hopes of finding good, yet inexpensive land, land they would never have been able to afford back in their home countries. Undoubtedly drawn to the area to join their daughter, they were helped by William Shields, their son-in-law and noted surveyor, to acquire one of the finer farms then in existence: Wilson's Fancy, the former homestead of the Wilsons. The property was renamed "Wilson's Round About."

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Looking Ahead

Saturday, January 5

Feast Day for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Mass will be held in the Basilica at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 6,

Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton announces that there will not be a 1:30 mass.

Sunday, January 20

A Good Old Country Breakfast at the Taneytown Rod & Gun Club, 12380 Shoemaker Rd 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. If the Snow Emergency Plan is in effect the breakfast will

be January 27th, 7:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. Menu is pancakes, buckwheat cakes, sausage, eggs, toast, sausage gravy, chipped-beef gravy, pudding, hominy, fried potatoes, hot apples, hot cheese, fruit cocktail, orange juice, coffee, tea. Adults \$5.00, Youth 8 to 12 \$3.50. For more info call (410) 751-1685 Godfrey Miller or Florence.

January 21

Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be closed and will reopen Wednesday, February 6.

Girls Softball pre-registration planned

Emmitsburg Girls Little League Softball is recruiting players 9- to 12-years-old for next season. Any girls of these ages that are interested in playing softball in the 2002 season or that may have questions about playing, should call Lisa Krom at 301-447-6844 or Pat and Terri Little at 301-447-6759.

This will not be the official registration. We are trying to determine how many girls are interested in playing this year.

A Little League meeting will be held Wednesday, January 9, at the United Methodist Church in Emmitsburg at 7:00 p.m.. Anyone is welcomed to attend.

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In addition to Jane, John and Mary had seven other children: Thomas, Mary, Margaret, Martha, Eleanor, Ester, and Henry. While we know little about John and Mary Williams, and their older children, we do know much about their youngest child, Henry.

Upon the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, Henry, then 33, was elected second lieutenant of one of the two companies raised in the immediate area belonging to the regiment commanded by Col. John Eager Howard, commonly referred to as "The Flying Camp Battalion." Henry's company, was commanded by Capt. William Blair. Henry's uncle, William Shields, commanded the second company. [The Emmitt brothers served as privates in the two companies.]

When Capt. Blair fell mortally

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

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

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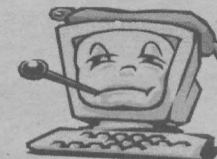
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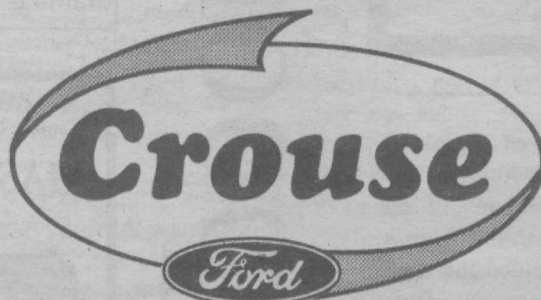


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