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Mayor Hoover's scholarship fund established

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – All the chicken barbecuing and burger flipping at McDonald's has paid off. Emmitsburg students now have another aid in financing their education. Mayor James Hoover and his wife Diana have established The Mayor Jim Hoover's Emmitsburg Scholarship Fund at The Community Foundation of Frederick County.

Graduating high school seniors, students who are home-schooled, and older returning students residing in Emmitsburg are eligible for the scholarship. The first one will be awarded for the 2008-2009 academic year.

"We wish everyone could afford to advance their career and education. I know how expensive and difficult it is for kids and their families," Hoover said, referring to his three children who are attending college or trade school. "With the Community Foundation's experience and expertise in administering scholarships, we will be able to help citizens in the Emmitsburg community."

During the past few months, Hoover has hosted a chicken barbecue competition and been a guest employee at McDonald's to raise the money needed to start the scholarship. Now that it is a reality, those efforts will continue to make sure the scholarship is fully funded.

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Todd Wivell sent to serve in Afghanistan

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EMMITSBURG, MD. – For one local man, recently deployed to serve a tour of duty in Afghanistan, the decision to serve his country was not a difficult decision, nor was it one he has backed down on, even after 14 years of service.

TSgt. Todd Wivell, a lifelong resident of Emmitsburg, joined the United States Air Force in 1994, following in the footsteps of his father and uncle, who both served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. For Wivell, his decision to join the force came about, in most part, due to one woman.

"My grandmother Elsie Wivell, who passed away last year, was extremely patriotic and

instilled in me the pride of being free and being an American," Wivell said. "I wanted to join those who were already defending that freedom and felt like joining the USAF was a great way to do it."

Over the last 14 years, Wivell has been on active duty, filling many different roles, first as a security forces specialist and most recently in public affairs. Currently, Wivell is stationed at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina, where his wife and four children live as well.

With his deployment to Afghanistan, Wivell faces what any soldier does, worries about himself and those he's leaving behind, yet he has found a

way to deal with the stress of deployment.

"I have talked it over with my family extensively and ensure them I will do everything I can to be safe while I am away. They all know that they are in my thought and prayers and I look forward to seeing them again soon," Wivell said.

Emmitsburg is my home and will always mean something to me.

Todd Wivell
Technical Sergeant, USAF

And even though Wivell's service has taken him thousands of miles away from Emmitsburg, he said, it will always be home.

"Emmitsburg is my home and will always mean something to me," Wivell said. "Being from Emmitsburg and its good people who made me the person I am today."

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CHS students thankful for help

As students of Catoctin High School, Kyle Russell and I, Nick Jensen, were presented with a fundraising opportunity. We were inspired and challenged to raise as much money as possible for two causes; Tay-Sachs Disease and the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund. The student body of Catoctin High had one week to raise the money. Kyle and I went to local churches, businesses and door to door within Emmitsburg. We were greeted by so many generous people. The entire project through Catoctin High School raised over \$4,000 for these two good causes. Through

the kind-hearted contributions of the people of Emmitsburg, Kyle and I were able to raise just over \$1,000 of that total. We are very grateful for your help.

The money raised was split between the two organizations. You may not know it but local families, perhaps your neighbor, are assisted by both of these organizations.

For more information on either of these good causes, go to www.ntsad.org and www.freedomalliance.org/about.htm.

Nick Jensen and Kyle Russell
Emmitsburg

A Word from the Mayor
Lots to do in Emmitsburg this year

Although the weather may not feel a lot like spring, now is the time for planning warm weather events. As I look at my calendar, I see several weekends already planned for family and community activities this summer. Starting as early as April this year, the town will be providing yard waste recycling on the first and third Saturdays through November 2008. Beginning mid June this year, the farmers' market will open for its fifth season. Planning for this year's farmers' market and soliciting for vendors has already begun. Changes are being considered so the market may be open to a larger variety of vendors. If you are interested or know of someone that may be interested in becoming a vendor or have a suggestion for the market please contact me or Amy Naill at the town office. Also in June, the parks and recreation committee will begin this year's concert in the park series. The committee expects to hold four concerts this year. Each concert will be on a Friday evening beginning at 7 p.m. in the Community Park band stand, just below the town pool. Speaking of the town pool, again this year the town will host four pool parties which will begin in July. Pool parties are also held on Friday evening's beginning at 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

And don't forget, we still have two more activities scheduled at the Mount. On Mar. 28 and Mar. 29 the town is invited to attend the comedy shows. These shows are part of the "Powerful Partnership" between the town and Mount Saint Mary's. The only cost to the residents is a canned food item to be donated to Mount Saint Mary's food drive. These are two good comedian acts. If you are able, I hope you take advantage of this opportunity.

In addition to town-sponsored events and activities, we also have some other community events. On June 28, 2008 the Emmitsburg Lions Club will host their annual

Community Day. This year, the Lions Club is making plans to relocate their event to Community Park where they will make use of the bandstand and the pavilion. In August, I will host my second Mayor's Community Bar-B-Que. You will soon see more advertisement on this activity looking for competitors and listing the date, time and events that will take place. I really enjoyed hosting this event last year. The scholarship fund has been finalized and a scholarship will be given out this year. In September, the annual Emmitsburg and Thurmont Community Show will take place. As always this event will be held at Catoctin High School. The Emmitsburg and Thurmont Community Show has been going on for more than 50 years. It's an event that may be taken for granted but, it's the one single event that showcases north Frederick County without any biases to one community or the other.

Of course there are many other activities and fundraisers that our churches and our civic and non-profit organizations host all year long. Each of these organizations have fundraisers to raise money which they put back in to the community by providing services or making donations to families or individuals to improve the overall quality of life in our community.

As we all know, the cost of commercialized family entertainment has become too expensive for the average family to be able to occasionally enjoy but, all the above listed items are free of charge or very reasonably priced so everyone can have an opportunity to have a good time. So, look for advertisements around town, in *The Dispatch* and on cable channel 99 and ENJOY your summer!

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Emmitsburg Mayor

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An Emmit returns to Emmitsburg

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — One of the sons of Emmitsburg may soon make his way back to Emmitsburg, just a mere 150 years or so since he last visited.

In 2002, a woman in Pennsylvania sent a letter to the Emmitsburg Area Historical Society, informing the group that she had a portrait of William Cole Emmit, the son of Emmitsburg's founder, and wanted to know if the society would at all be interested in acquiring the painting. But because of a delivery error, the letter went unanswered for two years until Michael Hillman, president of the society, got involved.

For a year straight Hillman tried to track down the woman and her husband, who had moved in the years since she wrote the letter, to no avail. He knocked on doors in the couple's old neighborhood trying to see if someone knew where the couple had moved and he searched the internet for help. Finally, after some tips and several phone calls, Hillman got in touch with the portrait owners. "They were thrilled," Hill-

man said. "They thought no one cared and that's why they hadn't received a response."

The owner said they were still interested in giving the portrait to the historical society, but Hillman told them he felt it would be best to give it to the town of Emmitsburg since he knew the government would always exist, whereas the society may one day dissolve and the painting could fall into someone else's hands.

The owner, who wished to remain anonymous, agreed and Hillman approached the city council with the news at the Feb. 18 meeting.

Emmitsburg's city council was thrilled with the news and agreed to draft a resolution to be signed at the Mar. 3 meeting. The town has agreed to abide by a few conditions at the owners' request, that the town would be the owners of the portrait and never sell the portrait. And, if the time comes when the town no longer desires to own the portrait



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it would be given to Mount St. Mary's University archives.

The portrait also comes with a letter written in 1855 by Emmit to his sister and a 1908 letter that his niece wrote, explaining his connections to Emmitsburg.

Emmit was born in 1800 and resided in Emmitsburg until moving to North Carolina, where he married the governor's daughter, Henrietta, and became a major in the military. He did not have any children.

Hargadon wins 7th district

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Local dentist Michael Hargadon is the Republican Party candidate for Congress in Maryland's 7th District.

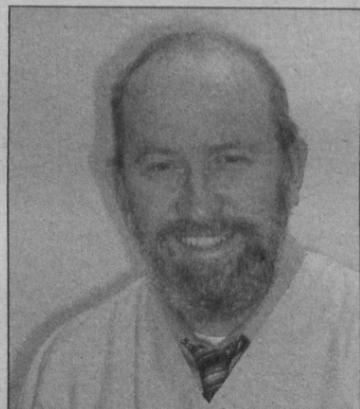
If you're not familiar with the 7th district, it may be because Frederick County is not part of it. The district extends from Morgan State University in Baltimore City, west through the Catonsville-Woodlawn corridor and most of Howard County.

Though one of Hargadon's dental offices is in Emmitsburg, his home is in Woodstock within the 7th district.

Hargadon said he made the decision to run for the nomination after he tried calling his future opponent five times and received no call back.

"So I spent \$100 to register my name and \$50 in cards for my campaign," Hargadon said.

He finished the primary election night with 73.4 percent of the vote. As one of seven Ron Paul Constitutional government congressional candidates throughout the state, Hargadon credits his win to his contacts in the southwest corridor and the grassroots effort



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within the Paul supporters in Maryland.

Hargadon will face incumbent Democratic candidate Elijah Cummings in November. Cummings received 93.1 percent of the Democratic votes or 95,604. Hargadon's vote total was 10,293.

Hargadon said he's spoken to previous Republican candidates in the district and whether they spent \$5,000 or \$100,000, they always seem to only get 25 percent of the vote. "So the feeling is I'm going to get 25 percent of the vote," Hargadon said.

Hargadon has created a web site to introduce voters to him and the issues he stands for www.hargadonforcongress.com.

Town Meetings

Planning Commission
 February 25, 7:30 p.m.
 • Thurmont Regional Planner, Denis Superczynski
 • Land Use Designations
 • Transportation

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

Town Meeting
 March 17, 7:30 p.m.

Scholarship

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Students interested in applying for The Mayor Jim Hoover's Emmitsburg Scholarship may do so by filling out the Community Foundation's Universal Comprehensive Scholarship application, available at www.cffredco.org. Applications are due at the Community Foundation's office at 312 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland, 21701, by 5 p.m. on March 1, 2008. Additional information may be obtained by calling (301) 695-7660.

"Education is vital to the future success of the community, and The Mayor Jim Hoover's Emmitsburg Scholarship Fund will ensure that success, one scholarship at a time," Hoover said.

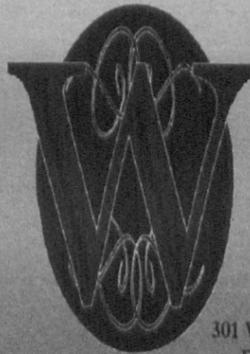
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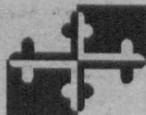
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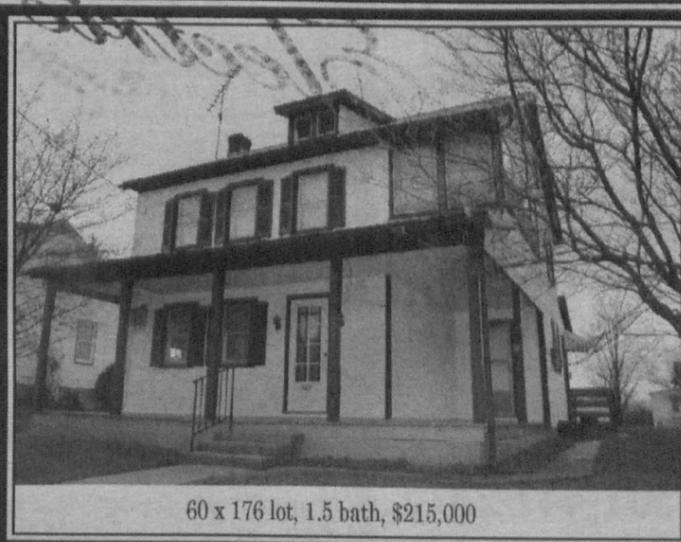
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TOWN NEWS

Moving to return a fountain to Emmitsburg

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Emmitsburg town fountain represented the spirit of the community for nearly half a century it sat in the town square. It was an idea conceived by the community and brought to fruition by community donations. Once built, it was operated by the town government and brought about beauty to the town square as can be seen in old photographs.

Now, a group of community members hope that history can repeat itself as they work to bring the fountain back to Emmitsburg.

"The community paid for the fountain originally and gave it to the town," said Mike Hillman with the Greater Emmitsburg Area Historical Society. "It is my view that the same thing should happen today. We are trying to follow the spirit of what happened originally."

He has been meeting with community leaders and businesspeople to establish a committee that will oversee the project of bringing the town fountain back to Emmitsburg.

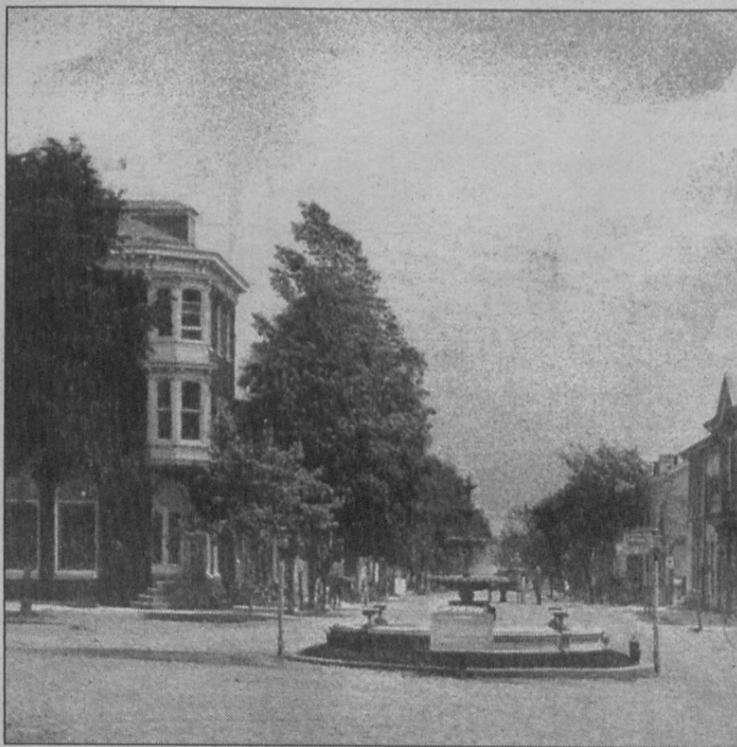
"I think it would be a great way to preserve a piece of the town's history," said Emmitsburg Mayor James Hoover. "To have the original fountain come back would be great, but the next best thing would be to get a duplicate of the fountain made."

The original fountain was dedicated in July 1885 and graced the square for more than 40 years, until it was hit head on by a Taneytown driver and finally removed in 1927. After extensive research, the historical society believes that the remaining pieces of the iron fountain were probably melted down in the war effort.

Though originally cast by a York, Pa. company, the current owner of the molds is Robinson Iron in Alabama. To have the same fountain recast and installed will cost \$70,000 plus some additional cost for plumbing and electrical work.

Obviously, the fountain can't be placed in the center of the town square, but there are four options for a new placement. According to Hillman, the new fountain could be placed at one of the corners of the square, in front of one of the churches in town, in front of the community center or in Community Park.

Hoover said he favors the Community Park site because



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The Emmitsburg town fountain was dedicated in 1885 and graced the center of Emmitsburg until 1927 when it was destroyed by a car crash. Now a group of citizens are trying to raise money to have a new fountain cast from the original molds. The new fountain would be placed on display somewhere in Emmitsburg.

that is where the fountain would be able to attract the most attention.

Hillman and the volunteers he is working with are trying to establish a fund with the Community Foundation of Frederick County to gather the funds

to pay for the fountain.

For the history of the fountain, see Mike Hillman's article, "The origin and fate of Emmitsburg's town fountain" in "Our Town" which was part of this issue of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*.

Mayor measures town staff against other municipalities

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Following up on questions raised about the number of town employees in Emmitsburg, Mayor James Hoover conducted his own check of Maryland municipalities and tried to find town's that matched the size and services of Emmitsburg.

"I knew I wouldn't find someone who was exactly identical, but I was hoping to find someone close," Hoover said.

Hoover's survey looked at 25 municipalities across the state that were within about 25 percent of the Emmitsburg's population. Hoover then had a member of the Emmitsburg town staff asked the municipalities nine questions to further refine the services the municipalities offer their residents.

"I originally thought I would leave out towns that have a police force, but then I discovered I wouldn't have been able to look at half the towns I looked at."

Emmitsburg contracts for its community policing, but around 60 percent of the small municipalities Hoover looked at had their own police forces.

The survey questions also asked whether the towns had a

town manager, town clerk and town planner. Did the town have a pool and a sewer plant? How much park acreage did the towns have?

"I think when you add up the resources of most municipalities and what we offer, most of us are pretty close," Hoover said.

One thing that can be misleading is that services that are contracted out won't show as additional personnel on the payroll, but they still cost the town. In Emmitsburg, for instance, the town recently hired a planner whose position, with benefits included, will probably cost the town around \$55,000. However, when the town contracted out that position in 2007, while it could say there was no additional employee, the town paid \$85,000 for the planning services.

"It's a matter of perspective," Hoover said. "While other towns look like they have a small staff, it really isn't."

The results left Hoover feeling comfortable with staffing levels in Emmitsburg, but it also made him realize that many small municipalities are trending more toward contracted services.

"So many other areas are relying more and more on contracted services for their day-to-day operations. I was surprised by that," Hoover said.

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For more information on TransIT Services and transportation alternatives, call the TransIT office Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (301) 600-2065 or visit our website at www.co.frederick.md.us/transit.

Keep up to date on Fort Ritchie developments

CASCADE, Md. – Corporate Office Properties Trust has launched a new web site for Fort Ritchie at Cascade, a mixed-use development on the 591-acre former Army post in Cascade, Maryland. On the site, you'll find images and information on the development plan, environmental stewardship, historic high-

lights and preservation, the new community center, and photos of current available space. There are also links to local websites, a vendor registration page (for consideration of appropriate bidding opportunities), the latest news and events, and more. The web site address is: www.fortritchie.com.

Local libraries sponsor Celtic music concert

EMMITSBURG, Md. – Irish eyes are sure to be smiling – and toes will certainly be tapping – at this year's Celtic Celebration, presented free to the community by the Emmitsburg and Thurmont branches of Frederick County Public Libraries.

The popular event will feature renowned hammered dulcimer artist Maggie Sansone, who performed to a standing-room-only crowd at last year's festival, along with the talented Sue Richards on harp and Andrea Hoag on fiddle. A high-stepping troupe of Irish dancers will round out the performance.

Due to last year's record-breaking attendance, the Celtic Festival has relocated to Mount St. Mary's Knott Auditorium, with easy access from Route 15, plenty of free parking, comfortable seating, and excellent acoustics. The performance takes place Mar. 19 at 7 p.m. Admission is free and registration or tickets are not required.

"There are fans of traditional Celtic music all over the place – but most of us need to travel a long distance to experience it," comments

Susan Cardella, Library Associate II at the Emmitsburg branch, one of the event's key planners. "This is an unusual event for the Thurmont and Emmitsburg area – the only one I know of, even though this northern part of the county is rich in Celtic heritage."

Susan expects a large turnout, given the popularity of last year's festival, and Erin Dingle, Thurmont branch manager, is equally optimistic. "Everyone is Irish in March! It's the perfect time for all ages to get in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day and enjoy some beautiful Celtic music and dancing. As in the past, we hope that the Emmitsburg and Thurmont communities, as well as other communities, enjoy this program as both an entertainment opportunity and a cultural event."

For further information about the Celtic celebration, visit www.fcpl.org or contact the Em-



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Maggie Sansone, who played the hammered dulcimer to a standing-room-only crowd last year returns this year for the library's Celtic Celebration.

mitsburg Branch Library at (301) 600-6329.

Maple sugaring at Strawberry Hill Nature Center

FAIRFIELD, Pa. – It's a chilly winter morning, but the adults and children gathered in the circa-1790s log cabin at Strawberry Hill Nature Center and Preserve are warm and happy. A fire is burning in the stone fireplace, they have pancakes on paper plates in their laps, and Strawberry Hill's educational coordinator Eddy Rubin is playing the guitar and singing songs about the old-fashioned art of maple sugaring.

Rubin's quirky lyrics review the main points of tapping maple sap and boiling it down

into syrup, and the audience joins in the refrain (All together now: "Maple syrup! Maple syrup! Oh that's sweet! What a treat!"). The singing is followed by a rendition of game show "Name That Syrup" in which participants perform a blind taste test to determine which syrup is authentic, and which is merely flavored corn syrup.

Next, everyone heads out into the quiet, winter forest to tap a maple tree, gather sap from already-tapped trees, and watch as the syrup is slowly cooked down the old-fashioned way – over a wood fire. At the end of the ninety-minute program, participants can taste the sweet syrup right out of the pot.

It's all part of the fun dur-

ing Strawberry Hill Nature Center and Preserve's annual Maple Sugaring program. The dates for this year's program are Saturday, Feb. 16, 23, and Mar. 8 and 15. Reservations are required. For more information, call Strawberry Hill at (717) 642-6840.

A mile up the road at the Mt. Hope United Methodist Church, Strawberry Hill volunteers will be cooking up their annual pancake-and-sausage breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon each Saturday during Maple Sugaring. Admission to the all-you-care-to-eat breakfast is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children ages 6 to 12, and children under 5 are free. No reservations are required, and all proceeds benefit Strawberry Hill programs.



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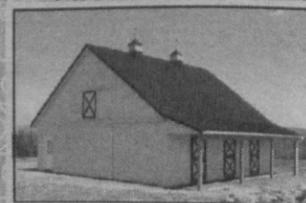
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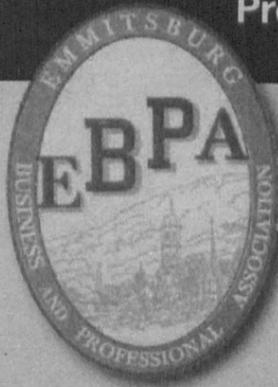
Capital Women's Care donates \$1,300 to March of Dimes



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Katie Wachter, a medical assistant at Capital Women's Care, presenting a \$1,300 check to Nancy Wiley with the March of Dimes at a luncheon on Jan. 30. Capital Women's Care, Frederick OB/GYN Division is committed to supporting the March of Dimes and healthy babies. Since 1998 the practice has been a Spirit Station sponsor of the annual "March for Babies." Capital Women's Care supports an employee committee that organizes fundraisers all year long and all proceeds benefit the March of Dimes. Fundraising activities are supported by the doctors, providers and employees, and include lunches, plush animal and candy sales, silent auctions, sports pools and raffles.

Emmitsburg Business and Professionals Association Meeting



March 18, 2008
 Carriage House Inn
 Social at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. (\$15 cost)
 John Feisler, executive director of the Frederick County Tourism Council, will speak to the group following dinner.

Thurmont Economic Development Meeting



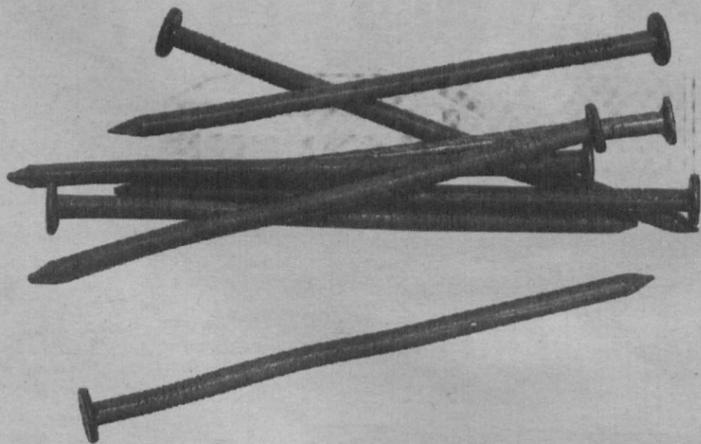
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EDUCATION

5th grade quilters create "security blankets" for Project Linus

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Readers of newspaper comics are probably familiar with the "Peanuts" strip and its cast of characters. Linus is the little boy who carries his baby blanket with him at all times. Project Linus is a national organization whose goal is to provide such a "security blankie" to any child who needs one because of illness, surgery, or other emergency. This year some Emmitsburg Elementary School fifth graders are doing their part by making quilts to give to the cause.

Dawn Franzese, an instructional assistant at Emmitsburg Elementary, organized the Quilt Club. She has been making quilts and afghans for Project Linus for years. She wrote a grant proposal, which was approved, requesting funding from the Gladhill Gifts for Education. The students volunteer their lunch and recess time to discuss, design, and work on the quilts. Although the club is not part of their regular studies, they use math and reading skills to accomplish the projects.

Franzese says she typically has



- PHOTO COURTESY OF DAWN FRANZESE

5th graders at Emmitsburg Elementary recently completed a quilt to donate to the Linus Project. The Quilt Club (L to R) Ciara Woodby, Amber Moberly, and Sarah Knott, is funded by a grant from Gladhill Gifts for Education.

three girls and three boys involved for six weeks. Using sewing machines either purchased at auction or borrowed from other Emmitsburg Elementary teachers, she teaches the students sewing basics and how to use the machines. They choose their fabric, much of it donated by other quilters, and make two quilts. Dur-

ing the last week, the students also design and sew a pillow for themselves

The sewers write a message on the back of each quilt to the child who will receive it. "Our students get really excited about [knowing] that their creations are going to other kids in need," Franzese said.

New Forest Society awards Mother Seton \$1,000 grant



- PHOTO COURTESY OF MOTHER SETON SCHOOL

Elizabeth Prongas presented Mother Seton School with a \$1,000 grant from the New Forest Society during the Business and Community leaders Luncheon on Wednesday, January 30. The grant will support environmental education goals of the Green School Project. Pictured above are (l to r): Gordon Love, assistant principal and chair of Green School Project at Mother Seton School; Sister JoAnne Goecke, principal and Elizabeth Prongas, New Forest Society.

Frederick County kindergarten and pre-kindergarten registration

FREDERICK, Md. — Registration for Frederick County Public Schools fall 2008 kindergarten and pre-kindergarten classes at local elementary schools:

- Tuesday, Mar. 4 from 1-4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 5 from 5-8 p.m.

Although registration will continue on school days from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., early registration is encouraged so schools have time to predict accurate class sizes and hire adequate staff.

To enter kindergarten in fall 2008, a child must be 5 on or before September 1, 2008 and pre-kindergarten students must be 4 on or before September 1, 2008.

Those registering a child will need the child's:

- immunization record
- proof of date of birth
- proof of residency

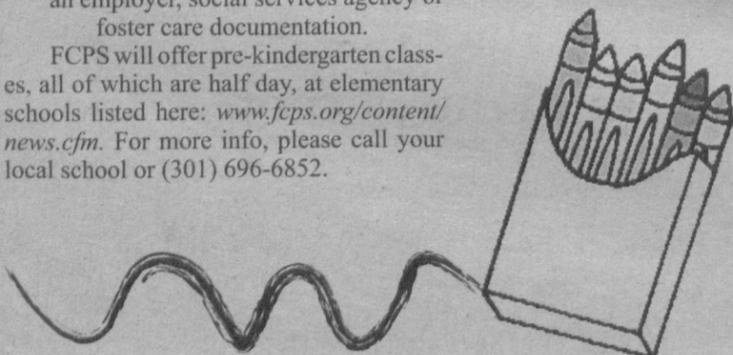
All FCPS kindergarten classes are full-day programs, generally 9 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays.

Pre-K students are selected based on criteria such as eligibility for free or reduced-price meals or factors that increase a child's risk of not being successful in school. Proof of eligibility is required.

For pre-K students, also bring one of the following if you are planning to have your child enter with automatic priority status based on free or reduced-price meal eligibility:

- 3 consecutive pay stubs from the past six months or
- a W2 form showing 2007 earnings or
- a letter, on letterhead, stating the applicant's family income from an employer, social services agency or foster care documentation.

FCPS will offer pre-kindergarten classes, all of which are half day, at elementary schools listed here: www.fcps.org/content/news.cfm. For more info, please call your local school or (301) 696-6852.



Thurmont's Masonic Lodge announces its annual scholarship

THURMONT, Md. — Thurmont's Acacia Lodge #155 is offering a senior from the Catoctin High School attendance area a \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year over four years of continued education with passing grades from an accredited college or university). This scholarship is available to all graduating high-school-level seniors (from a Maryland State accredited public, private, and/or home-school program) that reside

within the Catoctin High School attendance area.

Applications will be judged upon the following criteria in order of importance:

1. Participation and leadership roles in community and/or school activities.
2. Content of a personal resume.
3. Academic record and/or special achievements.
4. Need for financial assistance.
5. Evaluation by school official

and/or mentor.

6. Organization, appearance, and completeness of the application.

Scholarship application forms are available at the Catoctin High School Guidance Office and the Thurmont Public Library. Interested students must complete an application and return it to the location where it was obtained, on or before April 30, 2008. For more information, e-mail the lodge at justiceje@aol.com.



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EDUCATION

Sing about the Mount's bicentennial

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Mount St. Mary's University Chorale needs lots of voices to join with the Maryland Symphony Orchestra to sing songs of celebration about the Mount.

Singers are needed to participate in a special concert/postage stamp dedication on April 26 in the Knott Arena.

The Maryland Symphony Orchestra will be performing Beethoven's Choral Fantasy, for the choir, orchestra, vocal soloists, and featuring as pianist the Mount's own Dr. John Wickelgren and Beethoven's 5th Symphony. Both of these works premiered in the same concert in 1808, the same year the Mount began operation.

The choir will also be performing — a cappella — Henryk Górecki's motet, Totus Tuus, a gorgeous setting of Maria Boguslawska's

poem that held deep significance for Pope John Paul II.

In order to balance out the orchestra, the chorale needs to be expanded from 35 to at least 70 singers. According to Andrew Rosenfeld, associate professor of music at the Mount, both the Górecki motet and the choral parts for the Fantasy should be fairly easy to learn.

Rosenfeld has scheduled three Monday evening rehearsals (Mar. 3, Apr. 7, Apr. 21) to learn the choral parts. The rehearsals will begin at 7:30 p.m. and run between an hour to an hour and a half. There is also a dress rehearsal with the orchestra on Friday, Apr. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Music will be provided and no cost is involved. For more information, contact Rosenfeld at (301) 447-5308.

- J. Rada

Essay Contest Winners Announced

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Mother Seton School competed in the annual VFW Patriot's Pen essay contest sponsored by Emmitsburg VFW Post 6658 and Auxiliary to Post 6658, Emmitsburg. The competition strives to foster patriotism, to promote Americanism, and to support educational activities.

Conducted nationwide, this VFW-sponsored youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy. Contestants write a 300- to 400-word essay on a given topic. This year's theme was: "Why I Am an American Patriot".

Dolores Henke, VFW Auxiliary secretary and contest chairwoman, presented plaques, certificates and monetary awards to the following winners at the local level: 1st Place — Alexandra Nigida, 2nd Place — Avelina Hemingway and 3rd Place — Rose Samples.

In her winning essay, Alexandra Nigida wrote: "A patriot isn't someone who simply



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Alice Blonkowski, Mother Seton School language arts teacher (left); Dolores Henke, VFW Auxiliary secretary (2nd from left) and Sis. JoAnne Goecke, principal (right) congratulate the Mother Seton School winners of the VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. Rose Samples (3rd from left) won third place. Alexandra Nigida (3rd from right) won first place and Avelina Hemingway (2nd from right) won second place.

has a flag hanging outside of their house or someone who can name all 50 states or their capitals. A person who can truly thank God every night for their home, their country, their life and hope is a patriot."

Avelina Hemingway was selected first place winner in the Lt. Peter Zouck VFW Post 521 located in Owings Mills, Md., and received a monetary award from the Post and the Auxiliary.

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This event will be free and open to the public but tickets are required.
Tickets are not yet available. For more information call 301-6122 x4475.

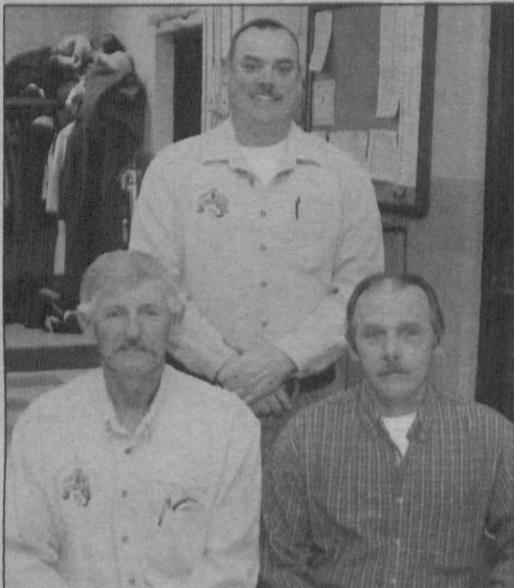
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Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company holds Annual Banquet

The Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company held its annual banquet at the fire station in Rocky Ridge on Jan. 18. The new line officers are Chief Steve Whetzel (standing), 1st Asst. Alan Hurley (left) and 2nd Asst. Luke Humerick (right).



The 2007 Top 10 Responders were (seated, l to r) Bonnie Hurley (103 calls), Leon Stover Jr. (101), Matthew Moser (98) Tom Myerly (78) and (standing, l to r) Christina Hurley (66 calls), Dennis Mathias (62 calls), Rebecca Ott (61 calls, not pictured), Paulette Mathias (57 calls), John Reese (56 calls) and Donald Kaas Jr. (50 calls).



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SPORTS

Thurmont hosts 2007 Cougar Challenge

THURMONT, Md. — In December, the Catoctin Youth Association Wrestling Club hosted the Cougar Challenge Wrestling tournament at Catoctin High School. This tournament was an official state championship qualifier and a Top 100 Kids event. The tournament drew over 350 youth wrestlers from over 30 clubs across six states. The

competition was fierce and many of the CYA wrestlers placed in the top three to move on to the Maryland State Championship to be held at Loyola Blakefield High later this month. For more information on CYA wrestling please visit our website at www.cyawrestling.net.

Thurmont's winners from the Cougar Challenge were:

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| • Gage Randall | 1 st place | 7 & under | 55 lb. |
| • Josh Small | 3 rd place | 7 & under | 60 lb. |
| • Dennis Pittinger | 3 rd place | 7 & under | 70 lb. |
| • Jack Kelly | 4 th place | 7 & under | 70 lb. |
| • Caleb Sier | 1 st place | 7 & under | 75 lb. |
| • Noah Ruby | 1 st place | 8 & 9 | 85 lb. |
| • Dylan Dodge | 3 rd place | 8 & 9 | 85 lb. |
| • Payne Harrison | 4 th place | 8 & 9 | 105 lb. |
| • Ryan Springer | 1 st place | 8 & 9 | unlimited |
| • Joey Puvell | 4 th place | 10 & 11 | 80 lb. |
| • Charlie Perella | 4 th place | 10 & 11 | 85 lb. |
| • Kurt Sanders | 3 rd place | 10 & 11 | 95 lb. |
| • Dan Biser | 1 st place | 10 & 11 | 120 lb. |
| • Charlie Perella | 2 nd place | 12-14 | 85 lb. |
| • Joey Puvell | 3 rd place | 12-14 | 85 lb. |
| • David Stone | 4 th place | 12-14 | 85 lb. |
| • Collin Schildt | 4 th place | 12-14 | 150 lb. |
| • Eric Stone | 2 nd place | 12-14 | 160 lb. |



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Gage Randall of Thurmont captured the age 7 and under, 55 lb. weight class wrestling title at the 2007 CYA Cougar Challenge. Gage was one of a number of local wrestlers who competed and won awards in the tournament.

Doyle signed with Sacred Heart University

By TINA DELAUTER
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. — On Feb. 6, Catoctin High School quarterback D.J. Doyle signed a letter of intent to play football for Sacred Heart University, a Division I-AA school located in Fairfield, Connecticut.

"It's been 17 years since a CHS football player received an offer from a Division I school," said Head Coach Doug Williams. "D.J. is a talented, hard working individual who had the determination to make it happen."

Catoctin's Athletic Director Tom Sherald couldn't be happier. "The chances of a young man receiving a Division I scholarship like this are few and far between," he said.

Playing at the varsity level all four years, D.J. has been a stand-out on the Cougar football field. He was named first-team quarterback in his junior year and first-team safety in his senior year. Last summer he was chosen for an All-star team by Frederick High coach Vince Ahern to represent the Baltimore Ravens in a National 7-on-7 tournament in Houston, Texas. He also received an invitation to attend the National Scholar Athlete banquet which will be held in Baltimore next month.

For D.J., the recruiting pro-



— TINA DELAUTER / THE DISPATCH

On Feb. 6, Catoctin High School quarterback D.J. Doyle (center) signed a letter of intent to play football for Sacred Heart University, a Division I-AA school in Connecticut. Seated beside Doyle are his parents Shannon and Brad Doyle, and sister Robbie. Standing from left are CHS Athletic Director Tom Sherald, Principal Jack Newkirk, and head coach Doug Williams.

cess began during his junior year. It was a hectic time for his entire family. They submitted highlight films to many schools. "It was an ongoing, tough process," said Williams. "D.J.'s father sacrificed a lot of time and effort to expose D.J. to the next level."

D.J. is projected to play safety for Sacred Heart, and will be majoring in business. "It's a relief to have made a decision," he said. "I'm

grateful to God, my parents, and my coaches."

"We're glad to see his hard work and determination finally pay off," said Shannon Doyle, D.J.'s mother. "We're looking forward to watching him play at the college level."

When asked how she felt about D.J.'s signing, D.J.'s sister Robbie said "I'm very happy for him, but I'm going to miss him a lot."

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• Thursday, February 21, 6 - 8 p.m.

• Tuesday, February 26, 6 - 8 p.m.
• Thursday, February 28, 6 - 8 p.m.

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For more information contact Tim Wiles (301) 898-0070 or Brian Cox (410) 775-0163 or you can email mdpredators12b@comcast.net.

SPORTS

Lauren Beckley represents Fairfield well on the courts

BY DRAKE D'ANGELO
Contributing Writer

FAIRFIELD, Pa. — As the snow begins to melt and the weather starts to warm, Lauren Beckley continues to stay red hot on the basketball court. Beckley is a 2006 Fairfield graduate in her sophomore year at Shippensburg University. During her high school career at Fairfield, Beckley was a two-sport All-State selection

in basketball and volleyball. She holds the record in basketball for career points in the York/Adams county area with 2,258 points.

While at Shippensburg, Beckley has continued scoring baskets at a record pace. On Saturday, February 2, 2008, Beckley reached the 1,000-point mark and is the first woman in Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference history to score 1,000 points as a sophomore. This historic game was Beckley's 49th,

and she finished with 23 points and 14 rebounds leading her team to victory over rival Slippery Rock. Beckley is second currently in scoring average in the nation with 22.2 points per game average. She also leads the PSAC in rebounds per game with 11.0. The Lady Raiders are 16-5 this season and look to qualify for the NCAA Division II Tournament behind outstanding play from Fairfield graduate Lauren Beckley.

LOCAL SCOREBOARD High School Sport Scores

BOYS BASKETBALL – VARSITY

Feb. 5 - Catoclin 65, Clear Spring 61
Matty Thompson led the Cougars with 22 points, followed by Justin Albright with 19, and D.J. Doyle with 10.

Feb. 6 - Century 70, Catoclin 39
Trey Thompson had 19 points for Catoclin, and Kyle Beard had 10.

Feb. 8 - Williamsport 46, Catoclin 31
Matty Thompson had 10 points for Catoclin.

BOYS BASKETBALL – JUNIOR VARSITY

Feb. 5 - Clear Spring 55, Catoclin 43
Nick Nowaczyk had 13 points for the Cougars.

Feb. 6 - Century 48, Catoclin 41
Kolby Maly had 10 points for Catoclin.

Feb. 8 - Williamsport 48, Catoclin 39
Landon Routzahn had 12 points for Catoclin.

BOYS BASKETBALL – FRESHMEN

Jan. 31 - Catoclin 54, Linganore 53
Landon Routzahn led the Cougars with 19 points, followed by Nick Maxey with 14.

Feb. 4 - Catoclin 58, Boonsboro 30
Sean Reaver led Catoclin with 10 points.

Feb. 6 - Catoclin 74, Middletown 24
Landon Routzahn had 16 points for the Cougars, and Nick Maxey had 14.

Feb. 11 - Catoclin 68, Linganore 29
Landon Routzahn had 16 points for Catoclin, and Brandon Hertel had 11.

GIRLS BASKETBALL - VARSITY

Jan. 31 - Middletown 50, Catoclin 21
Hannah Metheny had seven points for the Cougars.

Feb. 5 - Catoclin 60, Clear Spring 31
Tara Stackhouse led the Cougars with 14 points, followed by Brittany Chmelik with 13, and Katelyn Keilholtz with 12.

Feb. 8 - Williamsport 43, Catoclin 42
Hannah Metheny led the Cougars 18 points and 9 rebounds, and Emily Delauter had 10 points and four steals.

GIRLS BASKETBALL – JUNIOR VARSITY

Feb. 5 - Catoclin 43, Clear Spring 10
Megan Peomroy had 12 points for the Cougars.

Feb. 8 - Catoclin 30, Williamsport 26
Katie Lambert and Devan Dewees each had seven points for Catoclin.

WRESTLING – VARSITY

Feb. 7 - North Hagerstown 63, Catoclin 9
Travis Kokoski had a pin, and Thomas Rej won 6 - 1.

Feb. 9 - Catoclin 48, South Hagerstown 30
Catoclin had 8 of 9 wrestlers with pins in the win.

Feb. 9 - Brunswick vs. Catoclin
Catoclin lost to Brunswick. Sean Chilson and Travis Kokoski both had wins.



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Discover "The Way Forward", a conference for lay ministry, at the Mount

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Celebrate the fourth anniversary of Mount St. Mary's University's Callings Conference and the 10th anniversary of the Central Maryland Formation Day with The Way Forward, a conference exploring the call to lay ministry in the Catholic Church.

On March 6 and 7, 2008, join local and national presenters for a look at the future of lay ministry. On March 8, the 10th Annual Central Maryland Formation Day will explore the challenge of bringing the teaching of Christ to a new millennium, with keynote speakers and 28 workshops for catechists, youth ministers, liturgy volunteers and others.

Highlights of the three days include:

March 6: Anne Buening, the first married laywoman appointed by Cardinal Keeler to serve as pastoral life coordinator of a parish in the Archdiocese of Baltimore will speak about her role. Herm Trabbic, founder

of The Institute for Sunday Liturgy for the Elderly, will give a presentation on how to initially respond to a call, and then walk the path of discerning that call.

March 7: Vice President for the Association of Catholic Colleges, Dr. Michael Galligan-Stierle will speak about the role of the Catholic university in promoting the call to the lay ministry. Other guests include Dr. Kathleen Cahalan, a theology faculty member of St. John's University in Collegeville, MN, as well as Fr. Frederick Miller a theology faculty member at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Dr. Rich McCord, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, will review the bishops' document on lay ministry.

March 8: Central Maryland Formation Day will begin with a keynote delivered by Ed Gordon, secretary for Catholic education in the Diocese of Wilmington. Workshops will include "Connecting Kids with Prayer," "The Way Forward for

Liturgical Music," "Care for the Sick and Dying: What Role Do We Play?" and "Looking Back, Looking Forward: The Baltimore Catechism."

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OBITUARIES



**Stanley C. Mazaleski, Ph.D.,
December 1, 1933 –
February 8, 2008**

Stanley Charles Mazaleski, Ph.D., age 74 of Emmitsburg, died Friday February 8, 2008, at Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was born December 1, 1933, in Pittston, Pa., the son of Esther Johnson Mazaleski of Harleysville, Pa. and the late Henry Mazaleski. He grew up on the family farm in Clark's Summit, Pa. He was the husband Charlotte B. McNulty Mazaleski, his wife of 50 years. He attended and volunteered at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Basilica in Emmitsburg. He was in the U.S. Navy and served in Korea.

He graduated with his Ph.D. Preventive Medicine & Public Health, Oklahoma University 1968; MSSPH Environmental Science, Oklahoma University, 1966; Graduate School, Cell Biology, University Texas, 1965; B.S. Biology & Education, University Scranton 1964; Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School 1952; United States Navy Aviation Electronics School Middleton, Tenn.; United States Navy Combat Air Crewman School, Barber's Point, Tenn. 1953.

He worked in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington D.C., Industrial Hygienist USEPA Headquarters and Environmental Health Scientist 1977-1982; U.S. Public Health Service, National Institute Safety & Health, Scientist (LCDR) and Criteria Manager 1973; Director, Chautauqua County

Drug Consortium BOCES, Ashville, N.Y. 1972; Health & Drug Coordinator, BOCES, Dix Hills, N.Y. 1971; U.S. Veterans Administration Hospital, St. Louis, Mo., Supervisor Spectrographic Lab Human Hypertension & Trace Metal Metabolism, GS-13 Research Biologist & Research Instructor in Medicine, Washington University, 1968; Assistant Professor of Biology, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Ariz.; Research Biologist, Veterans Administration Hospital, St. Louis, Mo. After retirement he worked as an Environmental Toxicologist and Nutritional Consultant and a school bus driver for the Frederick County Public Schools.

In addition to his wife he is survived by daughter, Charlene Ann Sigg of Lisbon, Ohio; daughter and son-in-law, Charmane and Guy Nesbitt of Sabillasville, Md.; sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Kimberly Mazaleski of Harpers Ferry, W.V. and Carlton and Lisa Mazaleski of Emmitsburg; grandchildren, Bradley and Casey, Ryan and Holli, David and Matthew Nesbitt, Grace, Nicholas, Sean, Carson and Carli Mazaleski; great grandchildren, Carter and Isaac Nesbitt.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 47 DePaul Street, Emmitsburg with Fr. Michael J. Kennedy, C.M. as celebrant. Interment followed in New St. Joseph's Cemetery.

The family received friends Tuesday, Feb. 12 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 4 - 8 p.m. at Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home, 210 W. Main Street, Emmitsburg. A wake service was held Feb. 12 at 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the funeral home to help pay for final expenses. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.myersdurborawfh.com.

Experience Emmitsburg Lenten series

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Emmitsburg Council of Churches presents the Community with Jesus. Lenten Series every Sunday evening of Lent at 7 p.m.

- **Feb. 24** — Elias Lutheran Church, 100 W. North Ave., Barbara Anderson (301) 447-6239.
- **Mar. 2** — St. Joseph's Parish, 47 DePaul St., Rev. Jon Greenstone (301) 447-2326.
- **Mar. 9** — St. Anthony's Parish, 16159 St. Anthony Rd., Rev. Wade Martin (301) 447-2367.
- **Mar. 16** — Emmitsburg Presbyterian, 415 W. Main St., Fr. Vincent O'Malley (301) 447-2413.
- **Mar. 23** — Easter Sunrise Service at The Grotto, Rev. Reg Rice.

DEATH NOTICES

Mr. James Clayton Blood, of Rocky Ridge, died Saturday, February 2, 2008.

Mrs. Hazel Pauline Bruchey, of Keymar, died Saturday, February 2, 2008.

The family received friends from 2 - 4 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. Feb. 5, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 11802 Liberty Rd., Libertytown, Md.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 6 with Rev. Ernest Thayil, pastor of Catoctin United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment followed in Chapel Cemetery, near Libertytown.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the New Midway Fire Co., P.O. Box 67, New Midway, Md. 21775. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at www.hartzlerfuneral-home.com.

L. Marie Sites, of Fairfield, Pa., died Sunday, January 27, 2008.

A memorial mass was celebrated Jan. 31 at 10 a.m. from St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fairfield with Father Michael Messaro celebrant. Interment followed in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Fairfield.

Memorials can be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 256 Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320 or Fairfield Fire Company, 106 Steelman St., Fairfield, PA 17320. Arrangements were made by The Monahan Funeral Home, Fairfield.

Edward Meade Fuss, formerly of Emmitsburg died, January 24, 2008.

Funeral services were held at the Case-Baird Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Peter Wendell officiating. Burial was in the Lauderdale Memorial Park Cemetery.

Norma E. Riggeal, of Fairfield, Pa., died Thursday, January 24, 2008.

The family received friends at the funeral home Jan. 28 at 10 a.m. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Suzanne Elliott officiating. Interment followed in Flohrs

Cemetery, Cashtown.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of the Good Shepherd, 1075 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325 or Green Acres Home, 595 Biglerville Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Arrangements were made by Monahan Funeral Home, Fairfield.

BIRTHS

Amanda and Eric Blohm, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Jan. 8.

Jennifer and Travis Eyler, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Jan. 18.

Lisa Blessing and Patrick Cashour, Keymar, a son, Jan. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hurley, Sr., Keymar, a son, Jan. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Milbourne, Rocky Ridge, a son, Jan. 25.

Emily Mitchell and Daniel Bosko, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Jan. 27.

Sister Mary Catherine Moan, DC

Sister Mary Catherine Moan, DC died Monday, February 4, 2008 at Villa St. Michael, the province's retirement residence in Emmitsburg. She was 93 years of age and 73 years of vocation. She was born in Baltimore, to Francis M. and Emma Teresa Keenan Moan.

Sister is survived by a sister, Doris C. Woods, and brothers William Moan and Rev. Francis X. Moan, S.J.,

all of Baltimore and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial will be offered at 11 a.m., Feb. 7, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, for Sister Mary Catherine Moan, DC. Her brother, Rev. Francis X. Moan, S.J., will be the main celebrant at her funeral Mass.

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



C 10-43: For Your Information Community deputies serving Emmitsburg

Prevent of robbery

BY DFC JOHN BARTLETT
Contributing Writer

The *American Heritage Dictionary* defines robbery as: *To steal (from) especially by using or threatening force.* The level of force or threat of force does not have to be great to meet the statutory elements of the crime. Robbers and their victims can be friends, relatives, or total strangers. Most robberies happen with one robber and one victim – lasting no more than one minute. Most people probably think the majority of robberies occur at banks, late night retail establishments like gas stations, or convenience stores. However, most robberies occur “on the street” (44.5 percent), directed against a person.

According to the *2006 FBI Uniform Crime Reports*, 447,403 robberies were reported to law enforcement at the approximate rate of one per minute in the United States. That number is an increase of 7.2 percent from 2005. Robbery losses in 2006 amounted to \$539 million, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Robbery is a violent crime and the weapon of choice is a firearm (42.2 percent). Knives or a cutting instrument is second (8.6 percent). The arrest rate for robberies is extremely low. The nationwide clearance rate for arrests in cities was 25.2 percent. One

reason the arrest rate is low is because most robbers and victims are strangers and identifying the robber is difficult. Robbery is mainly a nighttime crime. Most robberies occur between 8 p.m. and 3 a.m. in most areas. Dozens of robbery studies have shown that robbers like isolation, prefer lone victims, good escape routes, and few people around that can provide information on their identity.

Robbery prevention methods differ depending on the setting. Listed below are some suggestions to keep in mind to decrease your chances of being robbed.

Prevention on the road:

- Keep your doors locked and windows rolled up.
- Stay alert and aware of your surroundings – especially at intersections and stop lights (if someone suspicious approaches, honk your horn or attempt to drive off).
- Park in well lit areas.
- If you are being followed, do not drive home or get out. Drive to the nearest police station or open business.
- If you're out shopping, especially at night, take someone else with you.

Prevention at home:

- When you move into a new home, change the locks.
- Keep your curtains or shades closed at night.
- Keep outdoor lights on at night.
- Do not allow strangers into your home. If they need help, keep the door locked and call the police for them.

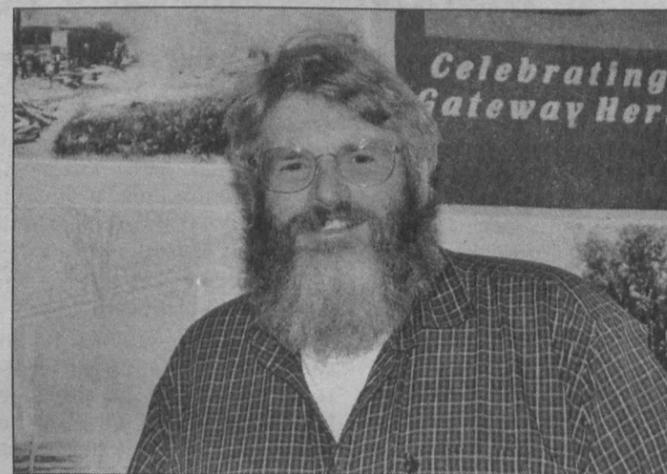
• If you come home and find your door open or find that things appear out of place, don't go in your home. Leave and call the police.

If you are robbed, what should you do? First, stay calm. Do not make any sudden movements to upset the robber. Do exactly as you are told and do not resist. If you have to move or reach, tell the robber what you are going to do and why. Try to get a good look at the robber so you can describe him later. Do not be a hero. It would be better to lose some money than being hurt or killed. Most robbers are looking for fast cash and want the incident to happen as quickly as possible.

What should you do after a robbery? After you have allowed the robber time to leave, call the police. Try to remember what the robber had on, if he had facial hair, and the length of his hair. Try to remember his direction of travel or if he left in a vehicle. If you are an employee at a store, lock the doors. All this information will help when the police arrive and start a look out for the individual.

The most-important thing to remember if you find yourself the victim of a robbery, stay calm and do exactly as you are told. However, I hope these prevention tips keep you all from ever having to experience this type of crime. Be safe!

★ Making a Difference



— CHRIS PATTERSON / THE DISPATCH

Kinnaird's home is where his heart is

BY CHRIS PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. – The man who takes the pictures is not usually the person in them, but John Kinnaird, nevertheless leaves an imprint that will long be remembered in the town of Thurmont.

Kinnaird, 53, is a big, burly-looking fellow, with a Grizzly Adams-type beard and thick, curly and graying hair. When you learn he's a first-generation immigrant born in Aberdeen, Scotland, his unique look all makes sense.

And though he may appear intimidating (and often try to be), he is not. Indeed, he is appreciated profoundly for all the things he does for the town that most people never even realize. He is a humble man, people say, with a heart as big as he is.

The list of things he does is too long to mention, but they include the winter nights he plays the role of Santa Claus for many a town's child, and often the adults as well. There are hours helping with every activity from Halloween in the Park to the annual Thurmont 50s and 60s Night. Then there's his work on the town's planning and zoning commission and the historical society for many years. He also created and maintains the town web site.

And there are literally thousands of pictures he takes of the town or copies for residents and puts into the historical archives. Not to mention the hundreds of photos every Christ-

mas of the town's children with Santa that are printed and given free to families.

“He is like a one man band, but always makes sure that he gives credit to all that work with him,” said Shirley Long, Thurmont's Volunteer of the Year. “He is kind, compassionate, a good leader and always ready to help.”

So many of the jobs Kinnaird does for the town are not glamorous or prestigious. But, as Thurmont Chief Administrative Officer Bill Blakeslee said, Kinnaird “does the kinds of things that greatly improve the quality of life in Thurmont.”

In fact, Kinnaird is one of the main reasons that the town earned its coveted Main Street designation. That is largely because of the many pictures Kinnaird took for the application process, Blakeslee said. Also, many of the things he does are at his own expense, both financially and in terms of time from his family and business as co-owner of R.S. Kinnaird Memorials, he added.

“John was the first Lion's Club Volunteer of the Year, and deservedly so as he participates in many, many of the volunteer events in Thurmont,” Blakeslee said. “He is a strong supporter of all activities that make Thurmont the great place it is.”

Long followed Kinnaird as Thurmont's second Volunteer of the Year. She said she was truly humbled by receiving the award after Kinnaird.

“John is just the epitome of a caring community person. When I was selected, I felt like what I do is nothing compared to what John does,” she said. “But when I told him that, he was so quick to say to me, ‘We all do what each of us can do’ and that's what it's all about. And that's just John.”

When asked what motivates him, Kinnaird's response is simple. There is only one reason he does all the things he does for his town, he said.

Though he did not move there until he was seven, Kinnaird considers Thurmont his hometown, he said. “It is honestly the best town I have ever been in. I say that over and over again and people don't believe me but no matter where I work it's always nice to come back to Thurmont.”

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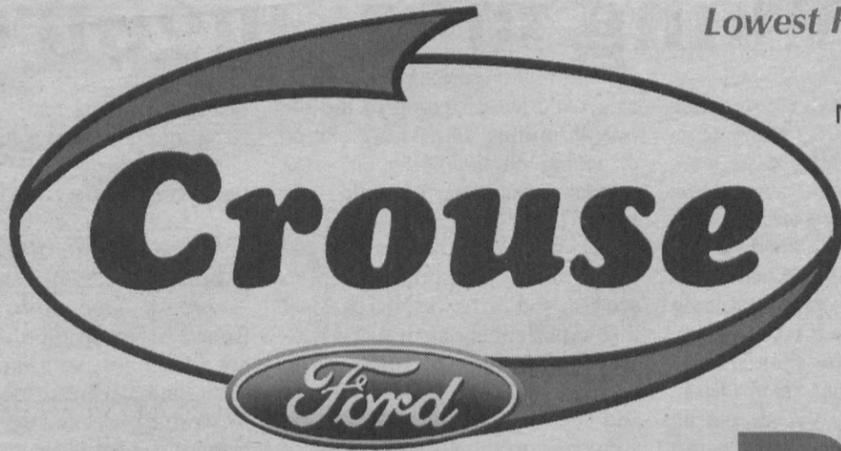
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The (retired) Ecologist

Of men and moon-walking mockingbirds



BY BILL MEREDITH

Dispatch Columnist

"We carry in that region known as the unconscious certain patterns inherited from ancient days."
...Robert Ardrey

I saw my first mockingbird in the spring of 1953. I was taking a course in ornithology then, so I was on the lookout for any unfamiliar bird; but in fact I had been looking for mockingbirds for years. The old song, "Listen to the Mockingbird," could still be heard on the radio when I was a child, so I always looked for them; but I never found one. The reason was that they were not common in West Virginia then. They originally lived in the southern states where winters were mild, and gradually extended their range northward, as many species of plants and animals had been doing since the Ice Age ended 12,000 years ago. They probably arrived in Emmitsburg

a good deal earlier by coming up the Coastal Plain and avoiding the mountains, so they were abundant when we moved here in 1957.

Mockingbirds live here the yearround, but they haven't adapted very well to the winter food supply. Their basic food consists of insects and berries, and they find enough of these to survive; but they really are not well suited to the usual fare at feeders. They will peck at suet, but seeds are not on their approved diet. However, this year I have had one regularly among the customers at my feeder because the Christmas greenery in our kitchen window box included several branches of holly that were covered with red berries.

Male and female mockingbirds look alike, but I knew the one outside my window was a male because of his behavior. As the days lengthened late in January there came a day when he perched in the tree by the driveway, stared at my wife's car, and then began attacking his reflection in the windshield and rear-view mirror. To him, the reflection represented another male mockingbird, a rival who must be driven out of his territory. Earlier in the winter, he might have been willing to tolerate its presence, but now things were changing. His physiological processes were

like a row of dominoes; touching the first one set off a chain reaction. The lengthening days were detected by cells in the suprachiasmatic nucleus of his brain, which informed his pineal gland, which sent signals to his testes and adrenal glands, which started pumping hormones into his bloodstream... and suddenly he was infuriated by the sight of another male. There was no thinking involved, and he certainly couldn't have been aware of how silly he looked. Trying to stand on the windshield and peck at his reflection, he started sliding backward; he tried to walk forward, but his feet had no traction on the glass, so he continued pecking as he moon-walked downward, tail first, until he tripped over the wiper blade and sprawled on the hood. And then, since his reflection was still there, he flew back up to the top of the windshield and repeated the whole performance. This went on for five or ten minutes until he noticed that there was another male mockingbird in the mirror of my truck, and charged off to battle it. Later in the day I saw him locked in mortal combat with the mirror of the neighbor's car across the street.

In my grandparents' time, country folk believed it was an omen of death if a bird pecked

at a window. Listening to the old people milling about after church or sitting on the porch on a hot Sunday afternoon, I would hear things like, "Shame about old Mr. Jones, wasn't it? I knew he was going to die; last spring I went to see him and there was this cardinal that kept flapping against the window and pecking to get in." The speaker would be deadly serious, and the other participants in the conversation would nod solemnly in agreement, ignoring the fact that Mr. Jones was 96 years old and had cancer for the past two years.

In spite of such superstitions, territorial behavior was familiar to biologists as far back as Aristotle, who observed birds chasing each other out of their nesting territories. Birds are active in the daytime and easy to watch, so there were accurate records of what they did; but why they did it was a different matter. Most interpretations were anthropomorphic; obviously, the bird that could drive competitors out of its territory and have the food supply for its own family would be better off, so most people assumed that birds figured this out by logical reasoning. In the 1930s a new wave of biologists began to interpret behavior that was present in all members of a species as inherited adaptations to their environment rather than conscious thought, but their studies were interrupted by World War II.

Mammals were harder to study; many of them are active at night and even in daytime they are more elusive than birds. Before the 1950s, much of what was known about their behavior was learned from watching animals in zoos, where they were confined to small spaces. But in the '50s portable movie cameras and tape recorders became available, and a number of young biologists began to make groundbreaking discoveries about animal behavior. Jane Goodall's studies of chimpanzees got the most publicity, but there were

dozens of others that were equally enlightening. It soon became clear that territorial behavior was commonplace.

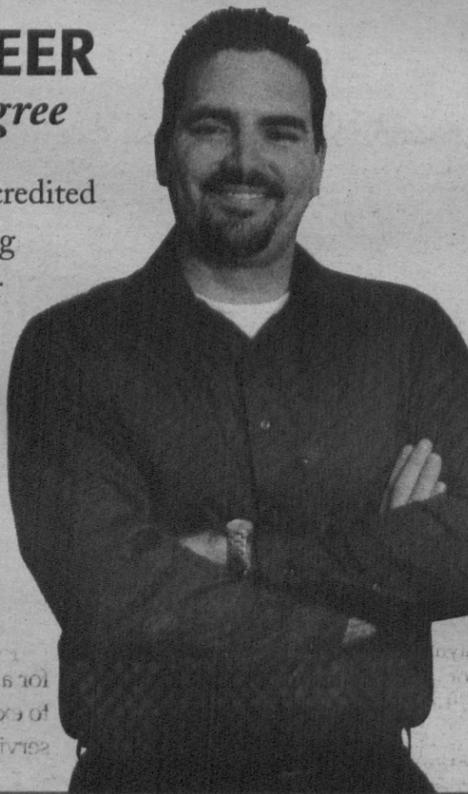
Much of the general public became aware of this through a best-selling book entitled *The Territorial Imperative*, written by Robert Ardrey in 1966. Ardrey was not a biologist; he had a degree in anthropology, but made his living by writing plays and movie scripts. Naturally, he was interested in the roots of human behavior, and the new studies of animal behavior intrigued him. The thesis of his book was that territorialism is an inherited form of behavior that evolved in humans just as it did in many other animals, and in modern life this is manifested in our tendency to gain property and defend it against trespassers, be they nosy neighbors, burglars, or invading armies from another country. According to this view, most wars are the result of territorial behavior.

Ardrey's book stirred up a lot of controversy. Some of the criticism was from specialists who quibbled about his use of terms like "instinct," which have very precise and limited definitions among scholars. Other critics said Ardrey's claims were based only on anecdotes and assumptions, and there was no experimental evidence for human territoriality; and still others claimed that even if a territorial urge of some kind did exist in people, Ardrey's arguments were oversimplified. The controversy died down after a while; behavioral scientists admit that the possibility of human territorialism is an intriguing concept, but definitive proof that Ardrey was either right or wrong is yet to emerge. The only lasting effect is the expression, "territorial imperative," which has become part of our vocabulary. And, of course, there are a few people of my age who remember that the title of the first chapter in Ardrey's book was "Of Men and Mockingbirds."

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Community CALENDAR

February 21 – Spring 2008 U-12 Travel Team sign-ups at Lewistown Elementary School, 11119 Hesson Bridge Rd., Thurmont, Md. Maryland Predators Baseball Club tryouts. To be eligible you may not turn 13 prior to May 1, 2008. 6-8 p.m. For more information contact Tim Wiles (301) 898-0070 or Brian Cox (410) 775-0163, e-mail mdpredators12b@comcast.net.

February 21 – Grief Support Group meets for the next six weeks (Tuesdays) in the Gettysburg Hospital Pastoral Care Conference Room. 2 p.m. To register call Barbara Schmitthener at (717) 334-2012.

February 21 – Silver Fancy Garden Club. Please join us to learn "Tips for Easier Gardening." Trinity Lutheran Church, Taneytown, 12:30 p.m. Light refreshments served. For more information contact Susie Heck (410) 756-1113 or Susie@infopathways.com.

February 23 – Henn Basket and Pottery Bingo at Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. 6 p.m.; bingo at 7 p.m. Tickets for 20 games are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Specials, raffle and food and drink are also available. All are invited. To order tickets call (301) 447-3161.

February 23 – Optimist Club Oyster Feed at the Gettysburg Fire Hall. All you can eat Oysters. 12 - 3 p.m. For tickets contact a member or Mark Grazulewicz at (717) 337-3620.

February 23 & 24 – Bernese Mountain Dog Show in the eventplex at The Frederick Fairgrounds, Frederick, Md. (301) 831-1081. www.thegreatfrederickfair.com.

February 26 – St. John's Christian Preschool Open House, 15 North Church Street, Thurmont. 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall of the church. Learn about the school, and the curriculum for ages two-, three- and four-year-old programs and view classes in session. Registration for new students held, Tues., March 11, 8 - 12:30 p.m. For information, call (301) 271-4109.

February 26 – Teen Esteem: I am Because I Can at Gettysburg Hospital Community Room. An interactive program for girls 11-14 and a parent or significant adult in a child's life. Issues that impact a young girl's life will be discussed. Enjoy a cooking demonstration followed by a light meal. 6 - 8 p.m. Registration fee \$5 per person. To register call (800) 840-5905.

February 27 – Green Forum at The Emmitsburg town office meeting room. 7 p.m. Developing Healthy Yards. Panel discussion about naturalizing yards (less turf) Creating native plant beds, Chris Pax; Welcoming butterflies, Jim Gallion; Backyard Buffer Program, Free native trees for swales and stream edge.

February 28 – Overeaters Anonymous, a fellowship of individuals recovering from compulsive overeating. Thursdays, 7 - 8:15 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church, Rm. 109, 703 W. Patrick St., Frederick. Please call ahead to verify time and location. For more information visit www.frederickregionoa.org or call (301) 694-3554.

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February 29 – Emotional Intelligence – The Essence of Leadership presented by Leadership Adams Hanover, this is the first of a series of five sessions based on Daniel Goleman's five components of Emotional Intelligence. For information call John Rinehart at (717) 357-7177 or e-mail rinehart1@comcast.net.

February 29 – A Woman's Purse is the first Purse Auction at the Gettysburg Country Club. Sponsored by the United Way of Adams County. Proceeds benefit ACCYS Independent Living Program which assists young women transitioning from foster care to independence. Live and silent auction of purses of all kinds. 6 - 9 p.m. Tickets \$25 and includes hors d'oeuvres, dessert and a glass of bubbly. For reservations call (717) 334-5809.

February 29 – Serving the Latino Community is the topic of the workshop sponsored by the Latino Services Task Force, an affiliate of Healthy Adams County. The workshop is designed to help you assist the Latinos in our community. 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resources Center. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. To register call Judy Chambers at (717) 334-6271.

March 1 – Fried Oyster, Chicken and Ham Dinner at the Taneytown Firemen's Activities Building on Memorial Dr., Taneytown. Sponsored by Grace United Church of Christ, Taneytown. 12 - 5 p.m. Adults \$13, Children 5 - 12 \$5, under 5 free, Carry-outs \$14. Call (410) 756-2302. Buses welcome!

March 1 – 21st Annual Cancer Society Benefit at the Thurmont American Legion, 8 Park Ln., Thurmont, Md. Sponsored by Relay for Life Team, The Golf Club. Featuring StickTime. 8 - 12 p.m. Tickets \$10. 21 or older. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. For ticket information contact Lisa Reed at (301) 241-4175 or Lynn Ott at (301) 447-3060.

March 1 – 7th Annual Winter's Palette at the Historic Gettysburg Hotel. Area restaurants, bakeries and caterers will feature their tastiest specialties and bite size samplings. 6:30 p.m. A silent and live auction will also be held and the event will culminate with the announcement of the winner in the "Ice at the Palette Event." Ticket sales are limited and may not be available at the door. For tickets call the Chamber office at (717) 334-8151.

March 1 – Annual Spring Supper and Bazaar at Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg. 12 p.m. The supper includes beef, turkey, ham, apple fritters, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, stewed tomatoes, applesauce and cake. Crafts, Home-baked products and a White Elephant table. Adults \$11; Children 6 - 12 \$4; Carry outs \$12.

March 1 – Catoctin Trail Hike in the beautiful, scenic Catoctin Mountain Park from visitor center. Meet at Fountain Rock Park at 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Participants under the age of 18 should be accompanied by an adult. Ages 12 and older. \$15 per parent pair, \$10 per child and individual over 18 years of age.

March 1 & 2 – Handcraft Unlimited Craft Show at The Frederick Fair Grounds. For more information (717) 656-4849, www.thegreatfrederickfair.com.

March 2 – March Madness Men's Basketball League at Catoctin Recreation Center, 408 E Main St., Thurmont. 12 - 4 p.m. Sign up now for this unique 6-week basketball league. Ages 18 years and older. \$22 for individual, \$100 per team. To pre-register call (301) 600-2936.

March 2 – Basket Bingo at the Lewistown Fire Hall, Hesson Bridge Rd. to benefit Lewistown Elementary School PTA. Food provided by the Lewistown Fire Department and a bake table provided by the PTA. 11:30 a.m. Tickets \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. To purchase tickets, please call Tina Hafler (301) 898-1070.

March 2 – Country Breakfast at Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Dept. Complex Activities building, Coppermere Rd. All you can eat breakfast. 7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. for more information call (301) 898-5100.

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

March 3 – Little Luau at Catoctin Recreation Center, 408 E Main St., Thurmont. 6 - 7 p.m. Shake those winter blues and join us for our Luau. Make a "cool" Hawaiian craft, and play some island games. Ages 3 - 5 years. \$10. To pre-register call (301) 600-2936.

March 6 – Pastel Fantasy at Emmitsburg Community Center, 300 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. 5 - 7:30 p.m. Using pastels you will reinvent and draw dream-like imagery. Ages 13 - 17 years. \$20. To pre-register call (301) 600-2936.



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February 22 – Storytelling at the Majestic, Gettysburg, Pa. Nationally acclaimed African-American storyteller Charlotte Blake Alston and the John Blake Jr. Jazz Quartet. Family-oriented performance. 7 p.m. Tickets: \$7 - \$10. Available online at www.gettysburgmajestic.org or at the door.

February 22 – Lincoln at Gettysburg weekend sponsored by the Bed and Breakfasts INNside Gettysburg. For information call the Lilghtner Farmhouse at (717) 337-9508.

February 22 – Sunderman Chamber Music Concert featuring the Verdehr Trio will be held at the Paul Recital Hall at Gettysburg College. 8 p.m. For information call (717) 337-6815 or visit www.gettysburg.edu/sunderman_conservatory.

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February 23 – 2nd Annual Freedom Fund Gala "Join the Journey" to benefit the Greater Gettysburg Area NAACP at the Gettysburg Hotel. 9 - 12 p.m. Guest speaker Mrs. Jennifer C. Bloomquist, Assistant Professor Africana Studies at Gettysburg College. Cash bar and photos 6:30 p.m. Dinner and Program 7:15 p.m. Dance 9 p.m. Semi Formal attire. Donation \$60 per person. For tickets call (717) 334-1518, ext. 265 or (717) 359-7242 or order on line at www.greatergettysburg.org/free.com.

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Our Town

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Callers

■ Ruth O. Richards

We had to move on. Four people in a four-room house just wasn't working. And then, John's sister came to live with us. Crowded!!

George Wilhide found us a small acreage near the College and we were all excited. Money – deeds – plans and finally The Gettysburg Construction Company's contract – We were ready to begin. Our new house had generated a lot of curiosity. We had chosen plans for a modern house and everyone wanted to see it. We were aware that as it progressed there were stop-ins to satisfy curiosity and why not? The biggest attraction it seemed was the large number of windows on all sides both upstairs and down. "Who would want so many windows? So much sun, such a lot of curtains – go and look at it."

We moved in Labor Day of 1954. We hardly had begun to settle when on the Saturday after Labor Day, early, the doorbell rang. Who is calling at this hour? I was still in my robe. I answered the door and who should be standing there but two women from Emmitsburg. Did they come to call at this hour? Oh, no. They were on their way to Frederick and needed a bathroom – both of them – and wondered

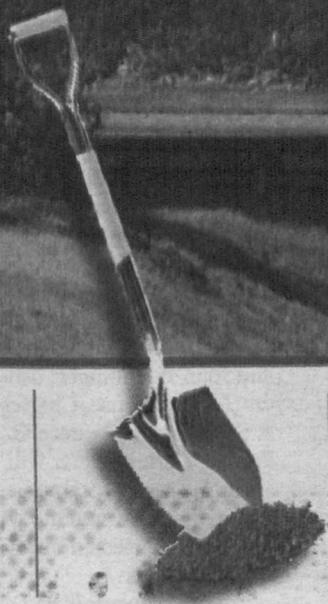
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Why Emmitsburg is "Our Town"

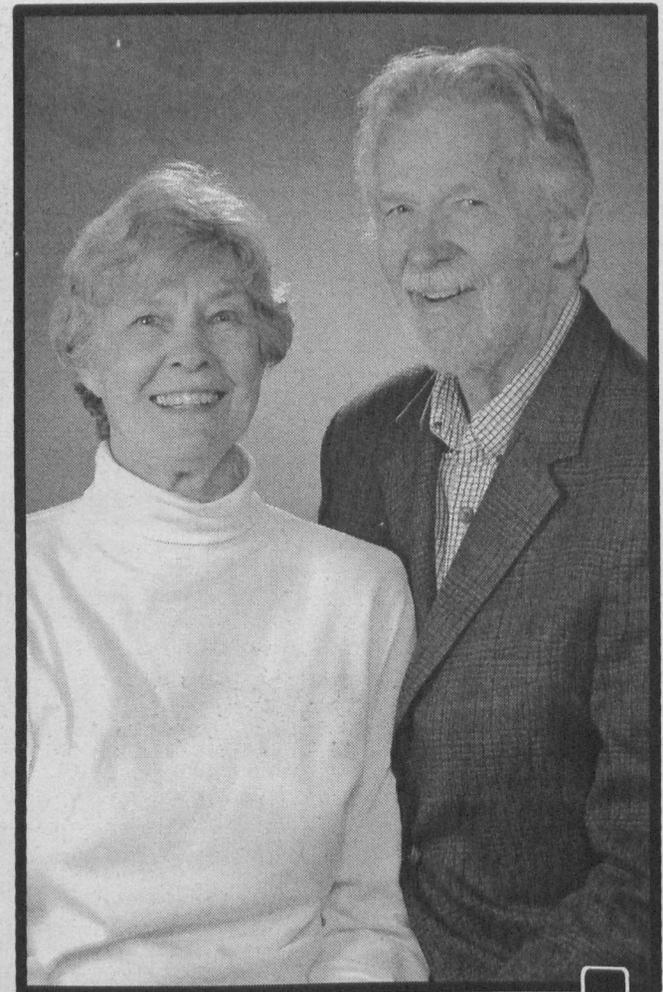
I used to live in Chincoteague, Va., where custom held that "Once you got Chincoteague sand in your shoes, you would always come back." Well, I'm not sure what was in my shoes (ground glass? road tar?) that brought me back to my hometown to attend to the last years of my parents' lives. But return I did to a little German town that gave me claustrophobia as a young person. I had been impressed by visits to my mother's home in South Carolina where there were broad streets shaded by trees and almost every house had a porch that people actually sat on. We had no porch to lounge upon and most nights sat in our living room along with patients waiting to see "Doc," my father, who was the town doctor.

I had left grumbling about narrow streets and limited growth opportunities and returned to discover that people and their lives are really the important part of any town. My wife Jean accompanied me in this venture back home. She had come a long way from St. Louis, Mo. I was deeply concerned how this "city slicker" would adjust to the Emmitsburg lifestyle, so I showed her the nightlife. I took her out dining and dancing to The Palms. Yes, dancing, there weren't many patrons that night so we all began having a good time singing and dancing to the music from the jukebox. After all it was almost New Year's Eve (or had it passed?) --whatever.

We set about joining in the life of the town and went into business as publishers of *The Emmitsburg Regional Dispatch* and transformed ourselves into a new entity called *bojean* that took us into the heart of the community. As reporters, we moved throughout the community for almost nine years reporting on the state of the people and savoring their uniqueness, goodwill, and our connection with them. We still value those connections.

We heard from people – got an earful, I think the saying goes – and learned from their letters, phone calls, and brief encounters in Jubilee or the library or the post office some important things. They were pleased to have a local source of news, they enjoyed reading about each other, and there is a shared sentiment and fondness among Emmitsburgians, near and far, for our town. These thoughts, and our coming home experiencing the reconnection with the community, are to us evidence of the power of roots.

■ Bo Cadle



Jean and Bo Cadle.

■ Robert A. Rosensteel, Sr. / The Rosensteel Studio

Looking Back on Emmitsburg

This column offers a retrospective view of Emmitsburg through the eyes of *The Emmitsburg Chronicle*, which first appeared on June 14, 1879, published by Samuel Motter. In 1909 the paper became known as *The Weekly Chronicle*. It continued regular publication, allowing for a 5-year hiatus during World War II, until Feb. 9, 1977.

100
years ago
February 1908

ENJOYED EXCELLENT SLEIGHING

On Friday evening a party of Emmitsburg people went to Woodsboro in several sleighs and were most hospitably entertained at the hostelry conducted by Mr. James Smith. The trip was made over the new route, by way of LeGore's bridge and the roads were in a most excellent condition. The following made up the party from Emmitsburg: Mr. and Mrs. Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart Annan, Misses Ruth and Rhoda Gillelan, Rachael Shulenberger, Bessie Horner, Bruce Morrison, Messrs. A.

A. Horner, William Rowe and Andrew Annan. At Woodsboro they were met by the following ladies and gentlemen from Liberty: Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Halbert Stone, the Misses Carrie Stone, Edna Jones, Edith Welsh, Messrs. Albert Thomas, Swope Jones, Leo Smith.

TOOK TO THE TALL TIMBER

On Saturday afternoon about six boys and several men were seen roosting on the sycamore tree near the upper entrance to Mountain View Cemetery. Underneath the tree was a wild heifer, and while she stayed there the men and boys were satisfied with their lofty perch. When the animal decided to associate with her kind in Mr. Eylers' barnyard, and after

it was ascertained that she would not leave those confines, spectators in the grandstand adjourned.

50
years ago
February 1958

AMATEUR TALENT SHOW SET

Plans were progressing nicely for the annual Talent Show to be sponsored by the Emmitsburg Lions Club, General Chairman J. Ralph McDonnell announced this week. The chairman said that sufficient talent was being registered to produce about a two-hour show and that those intending to participate in the event should register immediately as only a certain number can be accommodated.

The show will take place next Friday evening in the Emmitsburg Public School starting at 8 o'clock. Boy Scouts are presently selling tickets to the affair that proceeds of which will help finance the local troop's summer camping trip.

Committees in charge of the affair are: Refreshments, Paul W. Claypool, chairman, William C. Morgan and William Strickhouser; tickets, B. J. Eckenrode, chairman, Joseph Haley, Ralph D. Lindsey, Charles R. Fuss and George R. Sanders; gate sellers, Joseph W. Sullivan and John J. Hollinger; ushers, Lester Crouse, Charles F. Stouter and Clarence G. Frailey. Carlos Englar will act as master of ceremonies during the show and the winners will be selected by an applause meter.

Prize Money will be

awarded as follows: First place \$25, second, \$15 and third \$10. Admission will be: Adults 75 cents, children, 35 cents.

TOWN DIGGING OUT

Snowbound about summarizes the present status of the entire Emmitsburg district. The blizzard which started with snow early last Saturday and continued throughout Sunday wreaked havoc in the area with its zero temperatures and gale-like winds.

While the snowfall wasn't too heavy as snows go, only about 12 inches, the frigid temperatures and wind added to the misery and difficulty of the entire community. Schools remained closed until Thursday and then opened on a partial basis accommodating mostly children living in and near

town. School busses were unable to penetrate the rural roads as also were oil trucks, mail carriers etc.

Perhaps the hardest hit group of people were the farmers, many of whom still are stranded. Food and other necessary commodities have become almost exhausted and some families are in dire straights. Many rural homes are without water because of frozen lines, wells and springs. For days doctors have been unable to navigate the rural roads and at this writing many sick people still are without medical attention.

Late yesterday Gov. McKeldin ordered the National Guard to assist road crews where possible and the County Commissioners announced emergency aid would be given destitute families by phoning the Country Roads Board.

Life on an Emmitsburg farm with the Sanders family



Mary Jo Botham

Recently I asked my mother to relate some stories of her growing up in Emmitsburg. She told me she couldn't remember too many memorable ones. Then the proverbial dam broke because I have heard A LOT of stories now! Funny how hard it is to imagine our parents as mischievous children. I claim no fault of my own for my behavior as a youth; I have someone to blame now!

My mother, Joan Sanders, daughter of James C. Sanders and Catherine (Rider) Sanders was born and raised in and around Emmitsburg. The first home she was raised in was part of a 25-acre farm. Having so many brothers and sisters, 10 in all, (two of whom died in infancy), and being among the youngest of her family, she lived a sheltered life. I have since come to appreciate her adventurous spirit! Joan wasn't going to be told what she couldn't do! Of course she was also told not to cross a pasture where a cow was kept, not a good idea! Her memories of being tossed over the fence by said cow are still very vivid. My mother and her younger sisters were just a mite spoiled also. Her older sister Dorothy helped with the housework, as it was easier to do it herself than to have the help of her much younger sisters.

Joan doesn't remember much about the Great Depression. I suppose growing up on a farm and being quite young during that period, she grew up without luxuries. But there was always food on the table and thanks to feed sacks, which in those days were decorated with an

assortment of patterns, clothing to wear. The Sanders' farm, had room for two cows, pigs, an assortment of chickens, ducks and, what my mother refers to as the "pet turkey." The pet turkey became the main course one Thanksgiving. It must have been a traumatic episode in her young life, not to mention it wasn't particularly pleasant for the turkey either – but as it was her Uncle Irish, well fortified with some strong spirits, who was the one appointed to accomplish the horrific deed since no one else had the heart to do it!!!

While they had the farm, her father also worked full time (nights) at St. Joseph's in the machine shop. The good sisters would bring a tin of food for his dinner and often times what he did not eat would be taken home for the family. He would get up and walk the three or so miles back and forth daily to work, more often than not in the dark. Eventually her father did purchase a vehicle; however, he did not like to drive so his legs were his major mode of transportation. Joan remembers a chance encounter he once had on his journey home with a skunk. Needless to say, that particular set of clothes never saw the light of day again!

The Sanders clan moved from the farm into town when Joan was about 10 years old, mostly because the boys were grown up and on their own. Several joined the CCC. Due to her father's health, he was no longer able to do the farm work. She remembers the Sisters sending him to Baltimore to be treated for ulcers, and he suffered from them most of his life. They moved to Main Street in a home beside the movie theater and resided there for about six months until the house at 309 N. Seton was built. On Main Street, the only running water was a sink in the living room. In the backyard sat the "outhouse."

The house at 309 N. Seton was paid for in cash by my grandfather and occupied by the Sanders family from the time it was built sometime in the late 30s until the property was sold in 2004.

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Callers

if I'd mind if they stopped here.

Who were these women? One was Ruth Pepler, the daughter of our first landlady, Mrs. Patterson, and Helen Annan, a self-appointed elite woman. Both of West Main Street.

I don't remember which bathroom I showed them to, upstairs or down, but when they emerged with smiles of gratitude, I asked them if they'd like to see the rest of

the house. "Oh, yes!! If it isn't too much trouble" So I gave the tour.

Satisfied, they thanked me and took off in the car. I watched as they exited the driveway down front and they didn't turn toward Frederick. They turned right and went back to Emmitsburg. Do you suppose those women had used the excuse of "the bathroom" just to see my house?

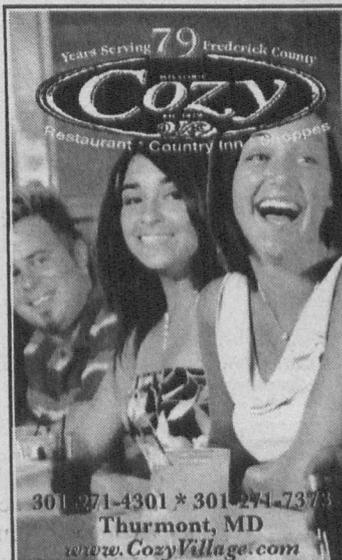


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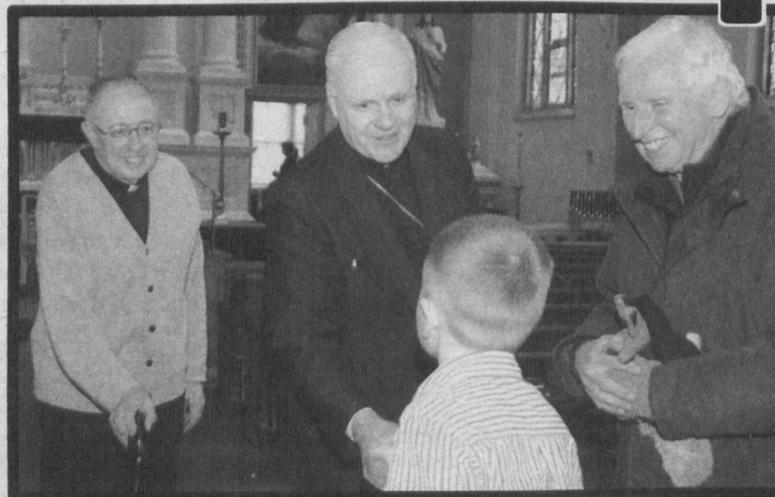
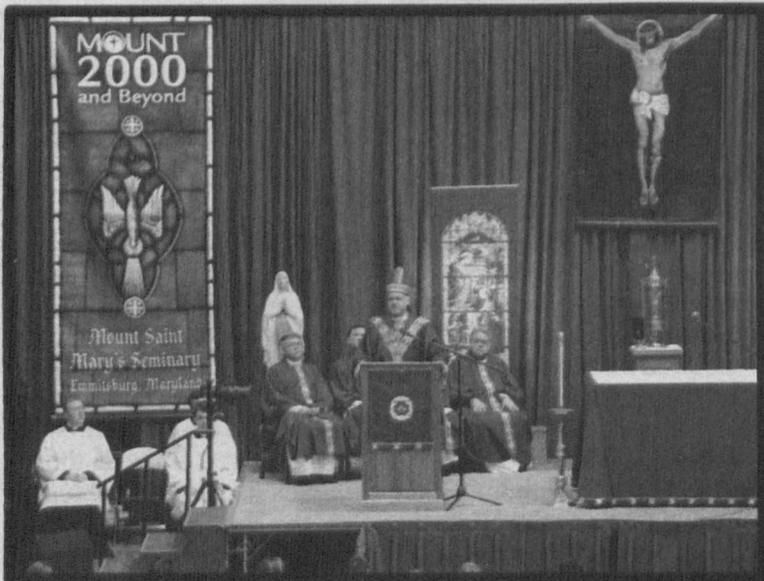
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Archbishop of Baltimore visits Emmitsburg

Mount 2000 – Seek the Face of Christ, a Eucharistic centered retreat for high school and college age Catholics, was attended by 1600 young adults from 15 states. Rev. Edwin Frederick O'Brien, Archbishop of Baltimore, celebrated the final mass. The 13th annual retreat was hosted by Mount St. Mary's University and took place Feb. 8-10.



Above Right: Most Rev. Edwin Frederick O'Brien, 15th Archbishop of Baltimore, greets one of St. Joseph's Catholic Church's young parishioner during his visit to the parish on Sunday, Feb. 10. Associate Pastor, Rev. Stephen Trzeciecki, C.M. (L) and Rev. Paul Murphy, C.M. (R) showed O'Brien around. Archbishop O'Brien also celebrated the mass of the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes at the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, the oldest known replica of the revered French shrine. The feast was the 150th anniversary of the apparitions at Lourdes in 1858. O'Brien was appointed Archbishop by Pope Benedict XVI on July 12, 2007. He succeeded Cardinal William H. Keeler who served as the 14th Archbishop of the nation's oldest diocese from 1989-2007.



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Someone knew a boy in the band



Photo courtesy of Sue Sanders

In January, we asked if anyone knew anything about an undated photo of the Emmitsburg band. Well, someone recognized a family member in the picture. The gentleman in the bowler hat with the tuba is Herbert Ashbaugh. Since Ashbaugh died in 1934 and he is a young man in this photo, a good guesstimate of the date would be in the 1880s or 1890s.

Emmitsburg had a town fountain for 42 years

Editor's Note: Most of the information in this article originally appeared in the June 23, 2004 Emmitsburg Dispatch. Hillman also credits historical society members for much of the research for this article.

Mike Hillman

With the on-going effort to rebuild the Emmitsburg town fountain (see the article in the Feb. 21, 2008 issue of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*), it seems appropriate to look back and see how Emmitsburg came to have a town fountain and why it disappeared.

One of the most intriguing historical mysteries of the past half-century in Emmitsburg is the question of the whereabouts of the fountain that once graced the town square.

Just about every old-timer has an opinion about what happened to it, from its removal to Frederick to its dismantling and dispersal on the mountainside.

Fountain traces roots to 1881 pandemic

The story of the fountain began in 1881 when a cholera pandemic broke out in India, spreading rapidly. Public health officials in this country demanded that unsanitary conditions in densely populated areas be addressed. In May 1881, the Frederick County Board of Public Health conducted an inspection in Emmitsburg.

Its report documented unsanitary conditions, and directed the town to correct them, especially drinking water quality. The town immediately appointed a committee to investigate the feasibility of a central water supply.

In May 1883, a town meeting was held to determine if funds could be raised for an Emmitsburg Water Company. The town decided to move forward and elected John Donoghue as the first president. On July 12, the town gave the Emmitsburg Water Company the right-of-way to lay water pipes.

Newspaper editor raises idea of a fountain

Samuel Motter, editor of *The Emmitsburg Chronicle*, first raised the subject of a fountain. On June 21, 1884, he wrote, "The water mains, delayed by the rains, in their entrance to the town, are yet ... surely coming ... and yet we learn naught of any movement towards procuring the fountain ... on the square."

On July 15, the council passed an ordinance to bring the fountain question to a town referendum. Although the referendum results cannot be found, an Aug. 23 *Chronicle* article stated, "A

meeting to take ... action towards raising the necessary funds, was held at the Engine House on Friday the 15th, for procuring a fountain to adorn the square ..."

The final design selection and fountain purchase dates are still unknown, but presumably were before Sept. 27 when contractor E. G. Smyser, owner of Variety Iron Works, York, Pa., arrived to prepare for installation.

The Smyser fountain selected was a stock item. Several years later, Frederick City opted for the same three-tier model. Purchase of the same "off the shelf" fountain fueled the belief years later that the Frederick fountain which now stands at 7th and Market Street was the old Emmitsburg one.

On Sept. 17, 1884, Samuel Motter, president of the "Fountain Appreciation Committee," received official permission to erect a fountain in the square. On Sept. 27, installation work began.

It is not known when the fountain was officially installed, but it is likely that 1884 was the date for its unveiling.

On July 3, 1885, the 100th anniversary of the town's founding, the fountain was officially turned over to Emmitsburg. The council immediately turned it over to the Emmitsburg Water Company.

An island in a sea of traffic

While ornamental in nature, the fountain nevertheless fulfilled an important role as a water source for the horses still used for moving goods and services. The town square served as a crossroad for travelers headed south from Gettysburg, north from Frederick, and west from Baltimore to Pittsburgh. Unfortunately, the fountain's location at the center of this crossroad was also its downfall. At first, with a five mile per hour speed limit within the town, cars could easily maneuver around the fountain.

As the number of cars grew, so too did traffic in the square. To help alleviate growing congestion, the state paved the square around the fountain with concrete.

The economic boom of the 1920s brought more cars and trucks, and more collisions with the fountain. Guidepost and chains installed to protect it made multiple axle truck navigation even more difficult. To make matters worse, the fountain's original pro-

ponents were dying and upkeep diminished accordingly.

The end came quickly. On Sunday, July 24, 1927, I. F. Haffley drove his Chrysler into the fountain, all but destroying its cement basin.

On Aug. 9, the council decided, "to sell and remove the fountain" and replace it with a stone pillar, atop of which stood a blinker light.

The fountain was dismantled on Aug. 23. Lancelot Jacques purchased the upper part for \$30. He originally planned to install it on his estate at Catocin Furnace. The Depression scuttled Lancelot's development plans, along with it his plans for the fountain.

Polly Baumgardner Shank remembered seeing the fountain in the woods off old Route 15 next to the furnace until the beginning of World War II.

"In the fall, when there were no leaves on the trees, you could see the old fountain leaning on its side in the woods, as if someone just dropped it there. Every time we went to Frederick, my father would point to it and say, 'There's the old Emmitsburg fountain,'" Shank recalled.

The Emmitsburg ledger lists the proceeds from the 1927 sale of the fountain as "fountain and scrap iron." It seems that the fountain suffered the same fate as all scrap metal at the beginning of World War II: it was melted down and used for the war effort.

Little evidence about fountain's true fate

Frederick fountain

The most frequently repeated tale about the fate of the fountain was that it was moved to Frederick and now stands at 7th and

Market Street. This is an easy story to understand, since the two fountains were identical.

Comparing a 1930 fountain photograph with a turn of the century photograph from the Frederick Historical Society clearly shows growth in surrounding trees that could have resulted only from decades of growth, not years.

In addition, the foundry markings on the Frederick fountain, "E. G. Smyser and Sons," date its manufacture to sometime after 1887, three years after the installation of the Emmitsburg fountain. This conclusion is based on the fact that following E. G. Smyser's death in 1887, the company name changed to E. G. Smyser & Sons.

This particular story appears to stem from a 1965 edition of *The Emmitsburg Chronicle* which stated the "(Emmitsburg) fountain was installed on N. Market St., Frederick."

In February 1974, the *Frederick Post* carried an article designed to put the rumor to rest. Instead, the *Post* story fueled a new rumor, one that claimed a man name Mitchell purchased the fountain and took it to Frederick. This, too, is not true.

Stackhouse planter

A follow-up article written by the same *Post* author just a week later erroneously proclaimed, "Lost Emmitsburg Fountain Found at St. Anthony's."

The article claimed that a planter was "part of the missing water fountain which once stood at the Emmitsburg town square (and) had been found at the home

of... Warren Stackhouse on St. Anthony's Road."

Comparing a photograph of the planter with one of the fountain led that reporter to conclude, "It appears the Stackhouse fountain is the second tier of the original." Even a cursory examination shows that the Stackhouse fountain was simply a flower planter.

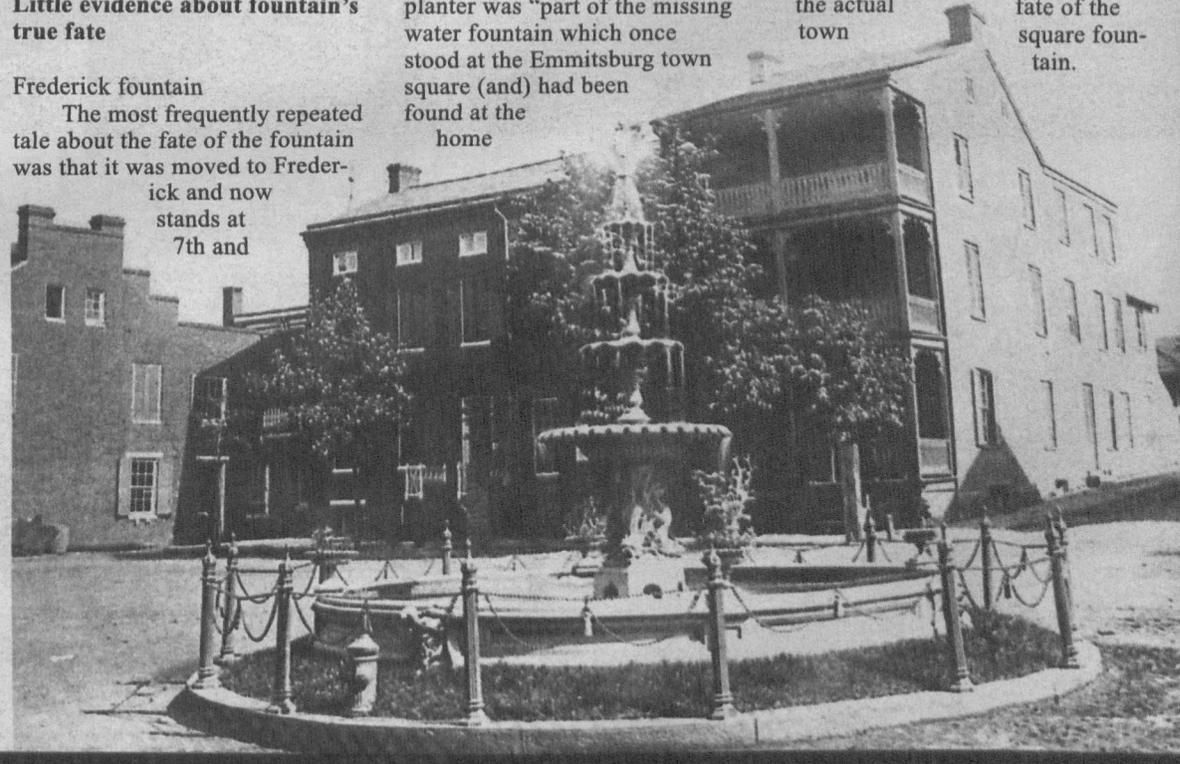
The planter was later sold at auction as "part of the fountain of Emmitsburg." The Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association subsequently purchased it. In 1994 they had it installed outside the community center, with a plaque erroneously identifying it as part of the original town fountain. The planter remains there today.

Still on the mountain

Another story claims that the fountain is still on the mountain. Some say it is in one piece and still working, while others say it has been broken apart and scattered.

This story is based on the second fountain once located in Emmitsburg. This one-tiered fountain, in front of the Emmit House, was removed sometime during the 1920s to make way for the dough-boy statue. Simple photographic comparisons invalidate the idea that this was the original fountain.

Members of the Emmitsburg Area Historical Society continue to follow leads through Internet searches, old documents, and company records to determine the actual fate of the town square fountain.



Zurgables offers old-time service with top-notch knowledge



Libby Briggs

For you who grew up in the Emmitsburg area, I confess, I'm envious. Though you may want to leave or do leave, your experiences growing up here will give you a quality - traction. Nestled among ancient mountains and stream-crossed valleys, you have quietly done a grand job of keeping a charming lifestyle in a beautiful setting. It sounds easy, but often beauty, out of expediency, gives way to the more streamlined life style.

From reading and talking to long-time residents like the late Mrs. Tokar, I can picture with much fascination a busy town of long ago. A tree-lined Main Street with its many stores. Back then,

"going green" was a way of life for people who took the time to gather in the morning over a cup of coffee or pause in the afternoon for conversation. Those days are gone, but that spirit still survives in some of our businesses. One of them is Zurgables Brothers hardware store. Zurgables is a pillar; it is Emmitsburg's oldest operating business.

I have to admit I was a little timid about my first visit to Zurgables when I pulled off the paved road onto the gravel parking lot. There is something about the change to a gravel surface, whether it's a parking lot, a lane or road - we're talking country. I knew what I needed and had rehearsed what I was going to ask for, "the thing at the end of that other thing to make that pressure to prevent any more leaks."

Opening the door I was greeted, "What can we help you with?" That's different; someone is actually asking if they can help me! OK, here we go, stumbling through what I had rehearsed mixed with sign language I received this enormous smile and a "Let's go look at this" and a "What do you think you'll use it

for?" and a "Where do you think the leak's coming from?" After five years, I have yet to have any of the Zurgable guys tell me "I don't know," but they have been challenged. Not that I have tried to stump them. It just seems that my limitations are magnified in times of need. What kind of stain should go on the fence? What kind of brush should I use to paint plaster? Salt for the icy season, salt for the water conditioners, battery chargers, the best type of paint for the basement floor, wicker furniture paint, extension cords, bird feeders and feed or corn. Nothing fancy, concrete floors and block walls. No distractive veneer; they don't need it; they've got service and the knowledge.

My favorite season is just around the corner, because I'm really happy "playing" in the dirt. Dirt-wise, we have a yard, I suspect like most Emmitsburg yards, that presents a wee bit of challenge. It seems red clay and a web of mature tree roots will only



Left to Right: Mark Zurgable and Tony Orndorf help customer Dave Wantz, Jr., from Emmitsburg, with a paint purchase.

grudgingly give way to new plantings. In my impatience, Zurgables offers a timely alternative starting with its aisles of pots. Filling pots with a mixture of sand and potting soil, and then choosing from their wide selection of flowers, tomatoes or vegetables has become rite of spring for a quick transformation of an otherwise dull porch and stoop.

Driving through Emmitsburg on one of our damp and blustery days, it is easy to visualize Main Street and Seton Avenue alive again with a flowering pot or two in front of each home. We can make it happen. Visit Zurgables, located at 16663 Old Emmitsburg Road. You'll always get a warm welcome and maybe even a cup of coffee to boot.

Do you know who this dazzling couple is?



Here's another pic to jog your memories. This picture was taken in the 1950s in Emmitsburg. Any guesses as to who is pictured and where they are standing? Send your guesses to jrada@thedispatch.us or call (301) 447-3039.



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Eyler, Stephanie
Fogle, Devan
Guariglia, Michael
Hagelin, Julie
Kime, Taylor
Kokoski, Heather
Little, Zachary
Miller, Daniel
Mullenex, Courtney
Myers, Taylor
Parker, Ceth
Rissler, Candace
Routzahn, Lane
Smith, Kaitlyn
Stackhouse, Tara
Thompson, Laura
Whetzel, Amanda
Wurdeman, Ryan

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9th Grade

Albert, Ashley
Alvarez, Roberto
Atzrott, Derric
Baer, Cady
Baer, Daniel
Baker, Miranda
Barbour, Eric
Benjamin, Alison
Bewley, Travis
Bihl, Rebecca
Brehm, Ashlea
Burrier, JC
Carter, Austin
Cole, Morgan
Conn, Seth
Dower, Megan
Ellison, Michael
Faust, Elizabeth
Fisher, Seth
Fogle, Christina
Forster, Mitchell
Frankel, Catherine
Gelwicks, Chelsea
Georgoff, Meghan
Giffin, John
Gouker, Diana
Grimes, Miranda
Grissom, Kaitlyn
Grumblatt, Elaina
Heaton, Nicholas
Helt, Jennifer
Hemler, Molly
Herbert, Brandon
Herbert, Kaitlyn
Hobbs, Eric
Howard, Luke
Humerick, Brandon
Hurt, Joshua
James, Joan
Keller, Logan
Kirsch, Anthony
Krietz, Zachary
Lambert, Laura
Ledger, Shelby
Lenhart, Kayla
Lind, Matthew
Lindahl, Graham
Little, Carrie
Little, Sarah
Manning, Elise
Maxey, Kellam
Merico, Caitlin
Boyer, Michelle
Metal, Kelley

Michael, Danielle
Michalik, Theodore
Miller, Tyson
Norris, Tanner
Nowaczyk, Craig
O'Neill, Joseph
Olson, Priscilla
Ott, William
Packer, Ronnie
Parker, Cynthia
Portner, Johnathan
Rader, Rebecca
Ray, Justin
Reaver, Sean
Reese, Jessica
Rhodes, Alicia
Rippeon, Kelley
Rockwood, Timothy
Roelkey, Michael
Routzahn, Landon
Sanders, Ashleigh
Seltzer, Natasha
Shaffer, Robert
Shook, Adam
Sloane, Tiffany
Smith, Nelson
Spahr, Randall
Stansbury, Lauren
Stouter, Brandon
Stull, Dylan
Thom, Nicole
Thomas, Brittany
Tomasini, Justin
Travis, Cynthia
Tressler, Cody
Trevorrow, Alexanne
Triplett, Bradey
Wachter, Sarah
Waldron, Joshua
Wantz, Sabrina
Weddle, Brandi
Williams, Nicole
Wolf, Christopher

10th Grade

Adamovicz, Mason
Alvarez, Joseph
Ammenheuser, Chad
Bailey, Jessica
Barto, Ashley
Baseley, Samuel
Baseley, Sara
Behrendt, Evan
Boller, Jessica
Borek, Chelsea
Brandenburg, Cody
Cavanagh, Amanda
Cobb, Christopher
Dabbs, Joseph
Deweese, Devan
Eastridge, Alyssa
Eldridge, Jessica
Everhart, Stephanie
Flanigan, Stacey
Free, Jessica
Fuller, Carolyn
Gautney, Matthew
Gilliam, Cody
Gregory, Breanna
Hanvey, Ashlee
Hanvey, Jozefa
Hertel, David
Hildebrand, April
Hoffman, Jenna
Jacks, Mackenzie
Jurkowski, Henry
Kirkland, Carl
Kline, Amanda
Knott, Chad
Lam, Thanh

Lambert, Kayte
Larsen, Mark
Lee, Jessica
Little, Jessica
Little, Tiffany
Llewellyn, Alexander
Long, Alisha
Lowe, Cody
Maly, Kolby
March, Amanda
Marine, Max
Mathis, Benjamin
McGuire, Erin
Medve, Nicole
Meunier, Lynly
Michalik, Michael
Miller, Dale
Miller, Garrett
Moxley, Victoria
Nesbitt, Matthew
Nichols, Chloe
Norris, Sarah
Oertel, James
Owens, Alec
Peomroy, Megan
Poole, Lauren
Rand-Campbell, Amanda
Rebert, James
Scalese, Isaac
Scheider, Ethan
Schwab, Dylan
Sexton, Brittany
Sheppard, Samantha
Smith, Ashley
Stouter, Kaitlin
Stouter, Rachael
Sweene, Kathleen
Szabados, Derek
Tingler, Kevin
Trey, Dustin
Weant, Ian
Weaver, Taylor
Wetzel, Andrew
Whetzel, Megan
Whitbred-davis, Victoria
Wiles, Donald
Wivell, Levi
Woodby, Patrick
Wright, Katie

11th Grade

Alvarez Chaves, Diana
Baird, Dillon
Barber, Amanda
Barber, Ashley
Beachley, Margo
Beebe, Amanda
Bonnie, Justin
Brashears, Laura
Brown, Ashley
Bull, Stacy
Burgess, Evan
Butler, Tiffany
Carter, Kevin
Clark, Jennifer
Cochran, Smantha
Cook, Tabitha
Cool, Samantha
Crabill, Wayne
Crone, Aaron
Cubbedge, Reilly
Davis, Jenna
Delauter, Emily
Derbyshire, Myra
Douglas, Sabrina
Englar, Todd
Ewing, Graham
Facemire, Kelsey
Fahnstock, Jared
Farmer-long, Victoria

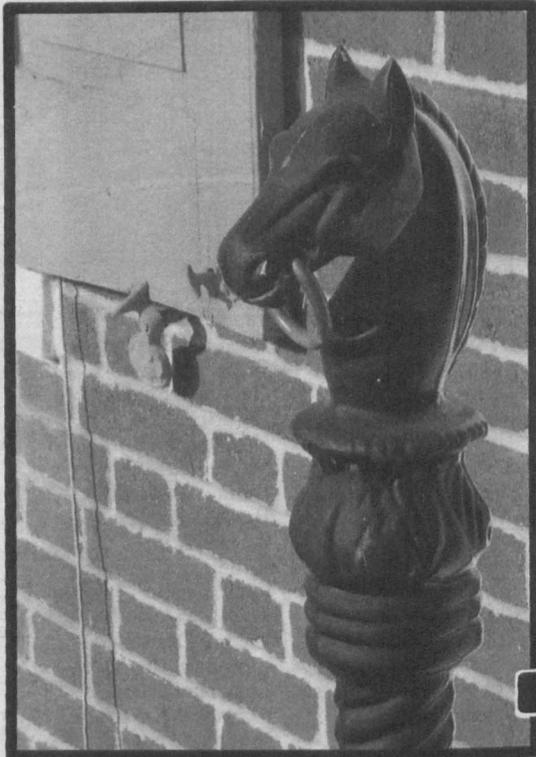
Favorite, Amber
Fields, Jacob
Fields, Morgan
Free, Tara
Gammie, Christine
Gartrell, Sara
Grimm, Jared
Gue, Leanna
Haines, Kimberly
Harley, Mason
Healy, Vincent
Heaton, Colleen
Jurkowski, Timothy
Keilholtz, Katelyn
Kelly, Lauren
Kober, Kelsey
Krouse, Kimberly
Lawyer, David
Lee, Jennifer
Legore, Jamie
Lenhart, Nathan
Lewis, Kevin
Lindahl, Grant
Little, Shawn
Malcolm, Andre
Martin, Rebecca
McGrath, Stephanie
McGuire, Bryce
McNair, Chad
Morgan, Amanda
Myers, Robert
Neumann, Joshua
O'Brien, Chelsey
Olson, Megan
Orndorff, Jaime
Petrill, Shane
Poole, Michaela
Putman, Kevin
Reaver, Lizbeth
Reckley, Jessica
Rich, Jacob
Richards, Rebecca
Ricketts, Kyle
Roberts-Wilstrout, Danielle
Roman, Kourtney
Roop, Mehrle
Scalese, Jonathon
Schildt, Christopher
Schneider, Nicholas
Seiss, Katie
Shafer, Ahsley
Sier, Robert
Smith, Bryan
Steiner, Kristy
Thompson, Ryan
Tregoning, Jacob
Triplett, Kevin
Tumulty, Paul
Van der Scho, Naomi
Walters, Jasmine
Watson, John
Weagley, Ariel
Wilt, Bradley
Wivell, Charity
Wivell, Kelsey
Wolfe, Michael
Woods, Kasey
Yingling, Elizabeth
Zimmerman, Marley

12th Grade

Baseley, Brett
Beall, Steven
Beard, Deidre
Beard, Kyle
Benjamin, Hillary
Blake, Hilary
Borek, Matthew
Bowers, Emily
Buckley, Hannah

Buhrman, David
Coleman, Ashley
Cool, Elyssa
Cool, Richard
Cordell, Adam
Del Frate, Angela
Dignan, Alyson
Dove, Sarah
Doyle, Darrel
Edleblute, Rebecca
Ehman, Kaitlyn
Engelberg, Rachel
Fauconnet, Paul
Franklin, Stephanie
Frech, Olivia
Georgoff, Stephanie
Hamrick, Eric
Hashemzadeh-irani, Margaret
Hays, Kaitlyn
Heidel, Megan
Hemler, Emily
Hogan, Erin
Keller, Harry
Kidd, Dusty
Lawyer, Mary
Linton, Evan
Lipscomb, Jennifer
Lipscomb, Jessica
Manahan, Kassandra
McFerren, Shirley
Miller, Amanda Lee
Miller, Amanda Rose
Miller, Chelsey
Mitchell, Emily
Murrell, Ryan
Nash, Katie
Opel, Kayla
Owens, Stephen
Plaza, Nicole
Portier, Joel
Rickerd, Michael
Ridenour, Samantha
Rivera, Jessie
Robinson, Mary
Roche, Julianne
Roman, Joshua
Rubeling-Kain, Jury
Sandman, Stefan
Schaller, Nicholas
Scharp, Benjamin
Shank, Justin
Shields, Katherine
Shuff, Kirstin
Snyder, Kenneth
Spahr, Molly
Sparkman, Paul
Squires, Catherine
Swain, Justin
Sweeney, Adam
Thompson, Matthew
Tibbs, Gerald
Tomasini, Taylor
Topper, Kassondra
Topper, Sarah
Travis, Gerald
Tylicki, Philip
Unger, Travis
Watt, Tyler
Weikert, Amber
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Wider, Ra'
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Wilt, Ryan
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Wolf, Johnathan

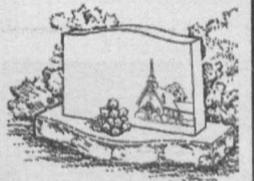
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