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# THE DISPATCH

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## THE LAST WORD

### 'The Dispatch' prints last edition

BY JAMES RADA JR.

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Due to a lack of continued support from local businesses, the community at large and the economic recession, *The Dispatch* is going out of print.

*The Dispatch's* advertising income is down 50 percent, yet the costs to run the publication continue to escalate. Because the company is so small, there is nothing more to cut. The company has a staff of about 15 people, but only three are paid positions. Without a news editor, administrative person who also handles inside advertising sales and subscriptions, and a graphic designer/reporter, you have no newspaper.

"We are being forced to shut down our operations at this time," said Publisher Raymond Buchheister. "We are at a crossroad; the advertising losses are so large that owners and investors are not able to make up the difference. It's simple; we do not have enough income to cover our costs."

Another thing that helped make the decision was the poor response to the publisher's editorial that ran in the Oct.

16 issue.

"We got the impression that our news service is not appreciated by the majority," Buchheister said.

The editorial called for a response and provided six ways readers could help their hometown newspaper. Five of the six did not require someone to write a check. About 10 people responded with letters, and a total of six people were willing to pay for the publication they receive. The monetary support totaled \$389.80, which will be sent back to these contributors.

*The Dispatch* received no response from town governments, businesses or a significant number of individuals. Emmitsburg Mayor James Hoover was the only government official to respond with a phone call. He offered some suggestions and said he supported the publication.

"The people have spoken," Buchheister said, "What are we to think about this response to a newspaper that is received in 15,000 local homes and businesses?"

The company has primarily been a service to the community and has made no profit, but rather has suffered losses, especially the last three years. The majority of

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### Remembering those who protect us



Veteran James Sanders salutes the American flag as the Emmitsburg American Legion Color Guard prepare to fire an 18-gun salute in front of the American Legion Post 121 on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The guard also fired similar salutes at the cemeteries in town where veterans are buried and Doughboy statue on West Main Street.

- ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL, SR. / THE DISPATCH

### TOWN NEWS

### Mount's education programs nationally recognized

EMMITSBURG, Md. - Mount St. Mary's University has received accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education for its education programs. NCATE also announced they will use the Mount's program as a model for other institutions seeking accreditation.

"The NCATE accreditation places the Mount in an elite group of universities and colleges offering a teacher education program that has met demanding national professional standards for educator preparation," said David Rehm, the Mount's vice president of academic

affairs.

NCATE is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the accrediting body for colleges and universities that prepare teachers for work in elementary and secondary schools. Through its peer review process, NCATE ensures that accredited institutions produce competent, committed, and professional teachers who possess the necessary knowledge, skills and dispositions to help all students learn.

"After a 4-year process, the education department is honored

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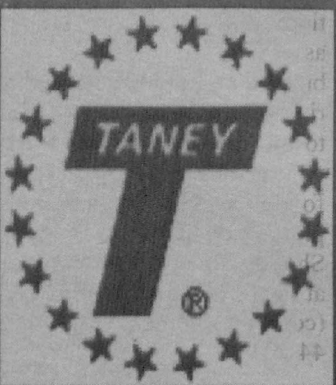
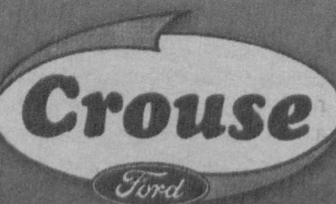
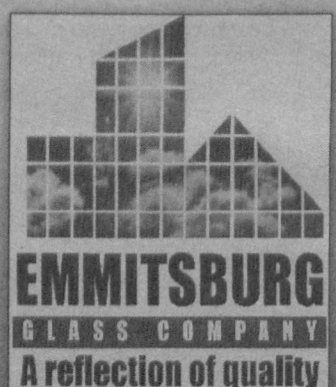
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### A FINAL NOTE

## Don't think of it as goodbye. It's until we meet again.

It's time to say goodbye and as anyone knows that's not always an easy thing to do.

I've been reporting on the news in Northern Frederick County and Southern Adams for nearly three years. It's been a rewarding time for me, but now the Dispatch Newspapers are closing up shop.

Professionally, the reasons for my regret are simple. Emmitsburg, Thurmont and the surrounding towns will no longer have a news source. The non-dailies include little or no news reporting of this area. The dailies generally don't cover this area unless there's something bad happening. *The Dispatch* bridged that gap giving readers plenty of local news you wouldn't find elsewhere, from the nice things happening at the local schools to debates in town government over taxes and spending.

Now these communities

won't have a newspaper that is willing to look beyond the fluff to the stories that mean something to you. The larger newspapers might write about crime in general, but what about crime trends in your town? That's something *The Dispatch* did. We looked at the issues of growth and the impacts on the community. We waded into the debate about Emmitsburg's founding date. We investigated the treatment of a Thurmont Police officer at the hands of the Frederick County States Attorney office.

While Frederick, Urbana and Linganore command the attention of the bigger papers because of the number of people in those areas, we focused on Emmitsburg, Thurmont, Fairfield and Carroll Valley because those are the areas where our readers live.

Now who will tell those stories?

Personally, I'll miss being part of the communities we served. I knew what was going on in Thurmont and Emmitsburg better than what's going on where I live. I know more people here than in my own community.

That's who I'll miss most, the people I've come to know, either through regular contact or when I was lucky enough to write their stories.

So others have said many times, "Let's not say, 'goodbye.' Let's just say, 'until we meet again.'"

James Rada  
-News Editor

*The Dispatch Community Newspapers* has worked hard to fill a void in northern Frederick/southern Adams county. A void in real news about events that

impact people's lives. During the past six years, we've covered local elections, local government issues, and development concerns in depth. We've covered community events, and brought you thought-provoking and enjoyable reading. Now, costs have forced us to close up shop. We know that the demise of *The Dispatch* will leave a void. Should circumstances change, we would consider reopening the doors, and recommitting to bringing you the news that you may not receive through any other medium. But for now, we want to thank our advertisers, our investors, our tireless staff, and Ray and Jen Buchheister, who dedicated so much time and energy to make the paper a reality for all of us. We are all thankful to have been a part of your lives.

Joyce Demmitt  
-Managing Editor

### A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

## Being thankful for Emmitsburg

I think November is a great time of year. The weather is great; not too cold and definitely not too hot. It is the beginning of the holiday season and it surely is a time to show thanks. As a child growing up with three brothers and a sister in a single-parent home, we did not have the money to celebrate holidays, but I remember how important Thanksgiving was. Although Diana and I are able to provide more for our

kids and we spoil them more than necessary, I now share and have a better understanding of the views and values my mother has for Thanksgiving.

I see Emmitsburg as a unique community. Born and raised in Baltimore, I never saw the community spirit that I see and feel in Emmitsburg. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the Town of Emmitsburg and I am very grateful to those who donate their time, service

and money to the community. There are dozens of businesses, residents and civic organizations that are dedicated to the Emmitsburg community. The Town of Emmitsburg has seven active committees that are made up of volunteers whose only form of compensation is recognition for the work they do and a simple thank you, which unfortunately they do not hear enough.

Each year, the town also

asks several businesses and civic organizations to donate towards community activities. Without these community minded individuals and organizations some programs and activities would not be possible. I want to wish all of the volunteers and donors a very happy holiday season.

James Hoover  
Emmitsburg Mayor

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Applauds the 'Dispatch's' high standards

There's a lot of care communicated in the *Dispatch* for the people in Emmitsburg and the surrounding towns. Its mission to provide "news and opinions in the service of truth" is commendable. This was obvious in the October 16, 2008 edition. It was nice to see a personal letter from the mayor to ease any fears residents might have regarding the town in the economic crisis. And it was refreshing to read the recent letter to the editor thanking God and cheering Americans on for their gas conservation.

Truth was also at the root of Jesus' ministry. He came to serve mankind. He shared the truths of God's Kingdom and spoke clearly about the way to heaven. Without these truths and the giving of His own life, His hearers and we would be helpless. God sent His only Son, Jesus to die on the cross to bear the

punishment for our sin. Three days after His crucifixion, He rose from the dead. Through Jesus, we can have the forgiveness of sins and an unbroken relationship with God. His promise holds fast for any who will call upon His name. The Bible records these truths and the historical events of Jesus' life. God in His love preserved His Word over thousands of years so that we can know the truth.

It's admirable that the *Emmitsburg Dispatch's* conviction is to be dedicated to truth in serving the community, especially in a day and age where bias reporting and "a good story", no matter what the content, appears to be the primary goal of the news media. I'm glad the *Dispatch* holds to a higher standard and cares for its readers.

Janice Airey  
Taneytown

## Many are called, few chosen

Dr. Gianna Talone-Sullivan's messages coincide with others received around the world. Since Fatima, October 13, 1917, Matthew Kelly in Australia, Mother Eugenia Ravasio in Italy, and Georgette Faniel in Canada have received messages. Theresa Werner in Lubbock, Texas had locations and messages May - August 1988. Events peaked August 15, 1988 when 20,000 people gathered at St. John Neumann's witnessed a series of solar miracles and heavenly visions. Thousands cheered as the sun pulsated, swirled and gave off bursts of light. Visions of Jesus, Mary and Saints were seen in the sky, a mystical doorway to heaven was photographed. The moon changed colors and healings were reported.

The references to people gathering to pray the rosary as a cult, is without foundation. The Sullivans have brought dignity and hope to mankind through their devotion and dedication providing assistance to those who seek it. Unwed mothers, the sick, the

depressed, those who suffer from despair, alcoholism, drug addiction, and those without sufficient health insurance have been helped. The Mission of Mercy volunteers give their time and talents to provide much needed care.

It is written "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

The Sanhedrin condemned Jesus only to find out they were wrong to kill this Just Man. Thomas, the apostle, doubted the resurrection of Christ, only to be confronted by Him in the upper room. Noah, was ridiculed and cursed for building the ark but he, his family and God's animals were the only ones left after the flood.

"...Many are called but few are chosen."

C. Swam  
Fallston, MD



## Last Word

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the newspaper's costs are pay-roll, printing and postage. The costs for printing and postage have increased dramatically over this time. *The Dispatch* had been working to change the company to not-for-profit, which would have significantly reduced the postage costs and brought the operating budget into the black, but the economic recession has overwhelmed these efforts.

Buchheister said two things make this decision especially hard: having to lay off employees and his concern that the community will not be informed of important issues.

"Having to lay off three paid employees, especially at this time of year is difficult," Buchheister said. "These employees have been loyal and

have become family to us. Their work has given the community its local newspaper. I also have a concern that the local community will no longer have a real news service. A newspaper requires trained reporters that are working for the people to deliver factual information about government, businesses, and institutions, which are the large elements that shape and form small communities. Without a watchdog, the community isn't safe. Without a real newspaper dedicated to serving truth, the people have lost their voice. That is my greatest concern, for I feel I have failed in my efforts to help provide this service to which everyone has the right."

Buchheister attributes the last three years of the publication's existence to 10 local business owners who have provided capital for the company

in 2006.

"These business owners understand the importance of what a newspaper means to the community," Buchheister said. "They have contributed their time in meetings and have contributed monetarily so that the community could have this news service. They are the ones that have made this possible. Without them the publication would not have stayed in print as long as it has."

*The Dispatch* is not the only newspaper that has been hit by the sagging economy. The *Frederick News-Post* laid off 16 employees on Nov. 3 or about 7 percent of their total workforce. The company attributed the cuts to a sour economy, the stockmarket crash and banks slowing lending. *The Gazette* newspapers, owned by the Washington Post Company, eliminated 23 positions, about 14 percent of its

workforce earlier this year. The company said falling ad revenue and rising newsprint prices contributed to the employee terminations.

Raymond and Jennifer Buchheister have owned and operated *The Dispatch Newspapers* for the past six years. *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* printed its first edition on June 2002. Its predecessor was *The Emmitsburg Regional Dispatch*, which Bo and Jean Cadle owned and operated for eight years. The Buchheisters grew the paper from a monthly with a circulation of 3,000 to a twice-a-month paper distributed to 9,000 residents and businesses. The Buchheisters started *The Thurmont Dispatch* on August 4, 2005 and distributed it twice a month to 6,000 people.

The Emmitsburg Dispatch, Inc. and *The Dispatch Newspapers, LLC* was the first local modern newspaper company in

Emmitsburg to incorporate full color, employ degreed journalists, conform to the style standards of newspaper journalism and graphic design and to be accepted as members into the Maryland-Delaware-DC Press Association. Along the way, the newspapers also won awards for their excellence in writing.

*The Dispatch Newspapers, LLC* will continue to remain a business and retain trademark rights to all the newspapers it published. There are no plans to resume printing the papers at this time, unless something dramatic happens or a financial backer comes forward. The owners will consider selling the company. *The Dispatch* offices will remain open at 9 East Main Street in Emmitsburg part time through December to complete business transactions until the doors close on Dec. 31.

## Seton Center seeks Thanksgiving, Christmas sponsors for families

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

"With the economy down, and many people being unemployed or under-employed, this year's holiday program will be especially crucial to many families," said Sister Ellen Eisenberger, Seton Center administrator.

For Thanksgiving, sponsors provide non-perishable food items plus a gift certificate for perishable items. Christmas sponsors can provide either toys and clothing, or food, or all

three, for a family. Cash donations are also needed for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"Needs have been increasing the past few years, and this year needs are greater than ever because of higher gas and heating costs, plus the employment situation," Eisenberger said.

Last Thanksgiving, Seton Center sponsors provided 80 families (which included 157 adults and 160 children) with food baskets. In addition, sponsors helped 137 families at Christmas (233 adults and 243 children). In 2006, the Seton Center provided for 60 families

at Thanksgiving and 130 families at Christmas.

To sponsor a family, make at cash donation or volunteer to help at the Seton Center, call Eisenberger at (301) 447-6102 from 9 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday. Or, e-mail your interest in sponsoring a family to [setoncenterinc@doc.org](mailto:setoncenterinc@doc.org). Thanksgiving donations must be delivered to the Seton Center at 16840 S. Seton Ave. Emmitsburg, MD 21727 by 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 21, and Christmas donations must be made by 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12, 2008.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

## Hunting for the hungry

THURMONT, Md. - With the economy heading toward recession, local food banks have seen the demand for their services increase. One of the more-expensive items for food banks to provide is meat.

One deer can feed 200 people and venison is nutritious.

Because of this, the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Food Banks are willing to accept deer meat from hunters if it is processed properly.

That can be accomplished with the help of Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry, which is a state-recognized organization that helps cover the cost of processing for venison that will be sent to food banks.

Under the program, farmers and hunters deliver deer and

other game meat to participating meat processors. Donations from churches, clubs, businesses and individuals cover the costs of processing, packaging and freezing the meat. Food banks can then pick-up the venison free of cost.

In addition, hunters can deduct the cost of the deer from their taxes.

For local hunters, they won't have to go far to drop off their deer. Shuff's Meat Market at 12247 Baugher Road in Thurmont is a participating butcher in the program.

For more information on the program, call (301) 739-3000 or visit the Internet at [www.fhfh.org](http://www.fhfh.org).

- J. Rada

## Committee searching for cemetery information

EMMITSBURG, Md. - The Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery Committee has an ongoing project to collect and assemble the history of the Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery located on Waynesboro Pike, west of Emmitsburg.

In 1973, the cemetery was named Mountain View Cemetery. It was transferred from the Frailey Family and incorporated as the Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery, Inc., with the late Samuel Hays as the director.

Searches of court records, Emmitsburg histories, interviews with families and land

records have been made. There appears to be very little recorded information on local cemetery history.

If you have any information; photos, documents such as old deeds, bills of sale for burial sites, any historical materials and/or writings pertaining to the subject cemetery and are willing to share copies the information with the Committee, please contact Mary Catherine Shields (committee secretary) at (301) 447-2109 or Eric Glass (committee president) at (301) 447-2129.

- A. Stanzione



EMMITSBURG, Md. - The annual Emmitsburg Christmas Decorating Contest will most likely be held the week before Christmas, according to the Emmitsburg Parks and Recreation Committee. All households are encouraged to compete and prizes will be awarded to the top three decorators in each category. Categories include Best Decorated, Children's Choice and Best Decorated Business. A Cub Scout group has been asked to judge the Children's Choice category. Adult judges are still needed.



## Mount

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to be recognized in this field," says Barbara Martin Palmer, chair of the

Mount's Education Department. "Supporting the department was the entire Mount community along with our Professional Development Schools and Partner Schools in Frederick County, Maryland. I extend a heartfelt thank you to the many people who contributed to our successful review."

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## TOWN NEWS

## Emmitsburg Chorus preparing for Christmas season

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Emmitsburg Community Chorus is preparing for its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m. in the Basilica at the Provincial House in Emmitsburg.

The concert will offer music from Mozart's *Alleluia* and Handel's *Hallelujah, Amen* (from *Judas Maccabaeus*, Part 3) as arranged by Russell Robinson to Joel and Russell Nagy's calypso-style *Tell Everybody You Know* and Standard Award winner from ASCAP Mark Hayes' arrangement of *Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas*. The men in the chorus will present the medley *Celebrate the Child* arranged by Tom Fettke and followed by the women of the chorus

presentation of a *Garland of Carols* arranged by Linda Spevacek.

During the intermission, director Peggy Burrier will perform selected songs of Christmas to share with the guests while a free will offering will be collected to support the work of the chorus.

Other music the chorus will present during the holiday season for residents at area nursing homes and assisted living.

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus has been performing in Emmitsburg for more than 45 years. In 1975, under the direction of Sister Jane Marie Perrot, the chorus had the privilege of singing at the canonization of Saint Eliza-

beth Ann Seton in Rome, Italy. Chorus members come from all over the state of Maryland and neighboring states, including Virginia and Pennsylvania.

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus concerts are made possible by a grant from the Frederick Arts Council and are supported by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency funded by the state of Maryland and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Emmitsburg Community Chorus is incorporated as a non-profit and tax-exempt corporation. All gifts and donations to the chorus are tax deductible.

The contact person for the chorus is Vickie Novak at (301) 271-2885.

## Rebecca Pearl showcases new painting on Emmitsburg

BY STEPHANIE LONG  
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THURMONT, Md. — When Rebecca Pearl was trying to decide what subject to paint next, she found inspiration in a somewhat unlikely place, the newspaper, and took off on a discovery of her own.

A series of articles printed in *The Dispatch* by Mike Hillman examined the history of Emmitsburg and its much-debated founding date became the inspiration for Pearl's new painting.

After reading one article in particular, which dealt with the town fountain in Emmitsburg, Pearl decided she wanted to bring it back to life on canvas and began

her next project. Pearl spent countless hours talking to Hillman and examining old photos of the fountain in order to piece together a picture of a time long since passed.

"I tried to recreate a scene the way that it was, preserve it," Pearl said. "In that way it helps the community have more of an appreciation for how things evolved and it also acknowledges the people whose ancestors helped to build these towns."

From start to finish the process was an enlightening one for Pearl. Looking at all of the old photos of Emmitsburg was a bit "creepy" for Pearl, yet it gave her a sense of what Emmitsburg was like and put her in touch with the past and the people, a key in painting something good, Pearl said.

"You wonder, 'Who are they, what were they doing there?'" Pearl said. "It's kind of fun because you kind of get in touch with some of the souls of the past. You are never dead until you're forgotten."

After doing four or five versions, Pearl was left with "The Emmitsburg Fountain 1886", a painting Hillman couldn't be happier with.

"I think it's fantastic. It's something Emmitsburg's long since needed," Hillman said. "When I die and think of Emmitsburg, this is the picture I'll see."

The painting was officially presented at the Night on Main Street Thurmont event held Nov. 7, with proceeds benefiting Hope Alive.



- COURTESY OF REBECCA PEARL

"The Emmitsburg Fountain 1886" is the newest painting by Thurmont artist Rebecca Pearl. She got the idea for the painting after reading an article about fountain in *The Dispatch*.



## EYE ON EMMITSBURG

## Emmitsburg commissioners should have cut fees more



BY PATRICK  
JOY

Dispatch  
Columnist

A few weeks ago, Ryan Homes approached the town about removing or reducing the sewer surcharge. A \$14,000 charge on each new sewer tap was instituted to help fund rehabilitation of the aging sewer lines in town. Ryan's argument was that in the current market, they are unable to sell any homes. Ryan stated that if the town would remove the surcharge, they would reduce the base price on all their models by that same amount. The town refused at the time because they felt that the surcharge money is needed to fund the future sewer line repairs a priority for the town. This they felt was in the best interest of the community.

But is this really the case? The surcharge was approved when the housing market was booming and imposing an additional revenue stream made sense. But times have changed. The housing market has stagnated. If no houses are sold, the town does not receive any money from the surcharge. Additionally, the town will not receive the regular tap fees, building fees or yearly property taxes. How does this \$0.00 revenue stream help fix our sewer lines?

An additional consideration is the real possibility that if Ryan is unable to sell homes, they will pull out as the building of the Brookfield development. At that point not only will the town not receive any money, we will also have another unfinished development in town. What builder with any business sense will want to take over in a town where two builders pulled out of developments? The builder of Southgate pulled out in 2006. One unfinished development is economics, two is a pattern.

One final consideration, high fees impact more than just residential development. As part of the comprehensive plan, the town has emphasized the need for additional business development. Emmitsburg has empty land by the Sleep Inn that is perfect for a national

chain restaurant. (My choice is Waffle House but that is only because breakfast food is the best food). However exorbitant tap fees and surcharges make an already expensive project untenable. The town also has a vacant property along East Main Street. The high fees keep any business from opening there. Start-up money is tight in any new business but having to come up with upwards of \$50,000 in just town and county fees would discourage any entrepreneur.

The simple fact is that the town does need new sewer lines but higher fees will not get us there. We need to ask the same question the town commissioners asked "What is in the best interest of the community?" High fees, vacant lots, empty storefronts and two unfinished developments or new businesses providing jobs and new citizens paying taxes? The town council has now lowered some fees but raised others so the overall reduction is minimal. What they have done is comparable to rearranging the deck chairs on the titanic. It may look good but does not get you nearer to your destination. At this rate, we may get a new sewer but it will be at the cost of unfinished developments and empty lots and store fronts.

## Celebrating 490 years of service



- COURTESY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY

On Saturday, November 1, 2008, the Daughters of Charity, family, and friends gathered at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton to honor sisters for their life of love in-flamed service in the spirit of Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. The total combined years of service among the sisters is 490 years. Sister Mary Teresa Doyle (70 years of service) was instrumental in implementing the production of the Green Scapulars in 1953. Today, Sister Camilla Harant (70 years of service) actively moves about Villa Saint Michael performing administrative duties. Still another assists with chapel services and the list goes on. Front row (l to r): Sister Anne Joseph Edelen (70 years); Sister Mary Patrick Costello (50 years); Sister Mary Teresa Doyle (70 years); Sister Genevieve Kureth (70 years); and Sister Mary Louise Brown (50 years). Back row (l to r): Sister Julia Walsh (70 years); Sister Sandra Goldsborough (50 years); Sister Eileen Donoghue (40 years); Sister Camilla Harant (70 years). Missing from photo is Sister Helen Gertrude Carroll (50 years) who is from the Northeast Province.

## Lions Club annual Christmas party on Dec. 6

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Children's Christmas festivities will start early this year for the Emmitsburg Lion's Club. The Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held this year on Saturday, Dec. 6, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Vigilant Hose Firehouse on West Main Street, Emmitsburg.

The Lions will assist children in making holiday crafts and their own holiday ornaments. (Parents, just remember to be surprised when you are given that ornament as a gift.) Crafters will also help children

make birdseed and peanut butter pine cones to feed to their feathered friends during the winter. Other Lions will be available to paint your children's face with tidings of the season.

At 11 a.m., Khan-Du the Magician will fascinate young and old alike.

Following the show, hot dogs and hot chocolate will be available

until the party ends. It wouldn't be a Christmas party, though, without Santa! He will make an appearance after everyone gets a chance to eat. Each child will receive a special photo with Santa as well as a treat of candy canes and an orange. Come join us for a fun-filled Christmas party. As always, this event is free of charge and open to the public.

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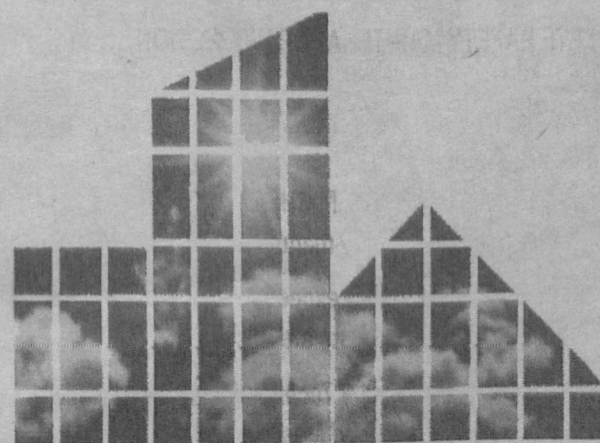
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## Mount Soccer loses in NEC Championship

WEST LONG BRANCH, N.J. — Fairleigh Dickinson defeated Mount St. Mary's in the Northeast Conference (NEC) Championship Game at the Great Lawn on Sunday, 7-2.

Chris Wheeler (Newcastle, Australia/St. Francis Xavier) recorded both goals for the Mount (9-10-1), who was playing in its third NEC title match in program history. Mount St. Mary's also advanced to the NEC Championship Game in 1994 and 1999.

Wheeler, who earned a spot on the All-Tournament team, scored in the 13th and 42nd minutes to notch his 11th and 12th goals of the year, tying the Mountaineers Division I record for goals in a season. Even Hytten (1990) and Simon Hodkin (1997) also registered 12 tallies in the squad's Division I era. The NEC Rookie of the Year finished his first season in Emmitsburg with 12 goals and three assists for 27 points.

Senior Vinnie Berry Berry (Helensburgh, Scotland/St. Patrick's), an All-NEC first-team selection, dished out an assist on Wheeler's first tally while freshman Kyle Patrick (Hershey, Pa./Hershey) recorded the helper on Wheeler's second score. Berry and senior Steve Pathroff (North Ridgeville, Ohio/St.

Ignatius) joined Wheeler on the All-Tournament team.

Samson Malijani, the NEC Tournament Most Valuable Player, posted three goals and an assist to pace the Knights (13-5-2) to their sixth NEC Tournament championship and first since 2003. Segio Munoz added a goal and two assists while Majdi Zaineh made nine saves in the winning effort.

Fairleigh Dickinson scored three of the final four goals to end the first half and never looked back to upset Mount St. Mary's hopes of its first NEC Tournament crown.

Mount St. Mary's was playing in its fifth NEC Tournament and first since 1999. The Mount, who was picked to finish ninth in the league's preseason coaches' poll, posted its most wins in a season since 2000 and will return 34 of its NEC best 36 goals next season after only two goals were scored this season by a junior or senior.

Berry finished his career with seven goals and 11 assists for 25 points. Along with Berry, Pathroff, C.J. Cover (Joppa, Md./Fallston) and Joshua Barnaby (Takhoma Park, Md./Archbishop Carroll) played in their final collegiate matches.

- Mount St. Mary's Sports Information

## REGIONAL NEWS

BY JENNIFER BUCHHEISTER  
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Imagine waking up one day and not being able to walk. Your family gets you a wheelchair but then you have a problem getting around your house because it is not handicap accessible. This may seem unrealistic to some, but individuals who have multiple sclerosis live with this reality everyday. Multiple sclerosis is a chronic autoimmune disease of the central nervous system which interferes with the nerve pathways and causes muscular weakness, loss of coordination, and speech and visual disturbances.

A group of local individuals understand these challenges personally and have dedicated themselves to providing a solution. MS House, Inc. is a non-profit organization working to resolve this all too common problem for individuals living with MS. Their mission is to develop and operate a residential facility for persons with multiple sclerosis. The facility is envisioned to provide care that fulfills the needs of persons with various stages and challenges of MS, including the need for 24 hour care.

Cassie Wilhide of Taneytown was diagnosed with MS in 1995. A former teacher and LPN,

Wilhide also worked with hospice and familiar with what proper care giving required. While attending many symposiums and groups for MS patients, she realized that a facility that provided full-time care for MS patients was something that was missing in this area. This reality was confirmed with others in the area and the group became fully operational four years ago. Wilhide and the others have received professional guidance and have continued to move forward to make their dream a reality. Currently they are seeking individuals or organizations willing to donate 20 acres for the development of a full-care facility supporting those individuals living with MS.

Jane Hubbard of Emmitsburg was diagnosed with MS in 1987 and is also on the Board of MS House Inc. "Having somewhere to go where MSers can be taken care of and where they would have the support and medical support that they need is so important especially for families who have MS family members" said Hubbard.

The state-of-the-art facility will be designed to meet the needs of the patients. Handicapped-accessible rooms, 24-hour care (if needed), physical therapy, occupational therapy, a pool for therapeutic use, transportation services, on-site neurological support,

all with the primary focus to help MS patients and their families

Currently, exclusive-care facilities are not available to persons with MS. The only available alternative, at present, are nursing homes or assisted-living facilities. Because many MS patients are younger and have full mental capacity, nursing homes and assisted-living facilities are not suitable options. MS House, Inc. will offer a viable living alternative.

MS House Inc. is also holding a raffle to continue to raise funds for this project. Hubbard, who had the raffle idea, said, "We still need help." She encouraged others to get involved.

Raffle tickets are available at Gateway Liquors and Candy Store and Shamrock Restaurant in Thurmont, Ott House, Mountain Liquors, Antique Mall and Paul's Pit Stop in Emmitsburg, Richie's Diner and Taneytown Auto Parts in Taneytown. Prizes include 1<sup>st</sup> - \$5,000, seller of winning ticket receives \$200; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$100 and a gift certificate to the Ott House, Emmitsburg; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$50 and a gift certificate to the Carriage House Inn, Emmitsburg; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$50 and a gift certificate to the Shamrock Restaurant, Thurmont; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$50 and a gift certificate to Baugher's, Westminster; 6<sup>th</sup> - \$50 and a gift certificate to Richie's Diner, Taneytown.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

## Share your growth ideas with the state

BALTIMORE, Md. - The Maryland Department of Planning and the Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development in Maryland launched a new online survey for citizens to comment on growth and development.

The survey is called "Smart Growth Listening Sessions Online" and follows a series of public Smart Growth Listening Sessions that were held in September to get input on sustainable growth, a healthy environment, regional development and transportation. It allows

members of the community who cannot attend scheduled sessions the opportunity to participate in the discussion.

Those who wish to participate in the survey can visit MDP's website at [www.mdp.state.md.us](http://www.mdp.state.md.us) and click on the icon for Smart Growth Listening Sessions Online.

The Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development in Maryland was formed under House Bill 773 signed into law during the 2007 session of the Maryland General Assembly. Its 21 members are

charged with studying a wide range of growth and land use issues affecting Maryland.

MDP promotes growth that encourages vibrant, livable communities, preserves and protects the environment, safeguards historical and cultural resources and makes efficient use of State resources. The department also provides data, trend analysis, research assistance and policy development and implementation support for local governments, communities, businesses and organizations.

## 'Holiday of Trees' will return to Taneytown

TANEYTOWN, Md. — The "Holiday of Trees" display will open on Nov. 29 and end Dec. 13.

The event will feature a tree-decorating contest, silent auction and a special exhibition, "Hallmark Star Wars" ornament collection. The display

will be held at the Taneytown History Museum on 24 East Baltimore Street.

The Museum will also be collecting can goods and non-perishables for the Taneytown Food Pantry throughout the event. The Museum is open on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1

p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. On December 6 they will extend their hours from 5 to 7 p.m. Tours are available by appointment. Admission is free. For more information call (410) 756-4232 or visit their website at [www.taneytownmuseum.org](http://www.taneytownmuseum.org).



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## Catoctin High School's Junior Varsity football team has undefeated season

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THURMONT, Md. — Catoctin High School's junior varsity football team was able to work together for an undefeated season this year.

"They all played as a team and not as individuals," said Coach Kurt Stein. "We have a lot of good players and all of them were unselfish and didn't hog the ball. They shared the glory."

The Cougars not only went undefeated 9-0, but five of those wins were shut outs. The team defeated its toughest competition, Smithsburg, who was also undefeated at the time, 37-0. Their widest margin win was 55-0 against Wil-

liamsport. Their closest games was 38-12 against South Carroll.

Though teamwork is the biggest reason they went undefeated, the team also had some strategies.

"We're a run-first offense and we had a well-planned defense," said Stein. "But we were really just trying to get the players ready for varsity."

Some of the JV team's players already moved up to varsity and received a chance to play in the playoffs. Players who moved up were running back and outside linebacker Eric Barbour, running back and middle linebacker Austin Carter, offensive lineman and defensive lineman Nick Krstanovic, quarterback and outside linebacker Nick Maxey, run-

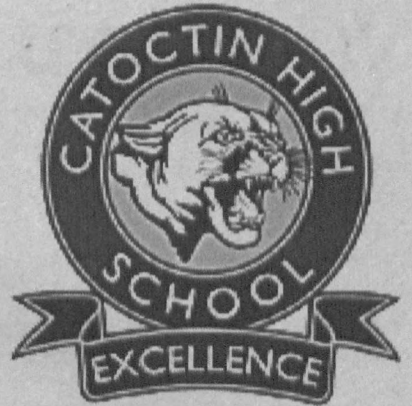
ning back and defensive back Deven Patterson and running back and safety Landon Routzahn. Three of those players in particular also stood out to Stein throughout the season; Routzahn, Carter and Maxey.

"They definitely stood out and led the team in stats," said Stein.

Routzahn led the team with 17 touchdowns throughout the season, Carter wasn't too far behind with 12 and Patterson had eight. Defensively, J.C. Burrier stood out with eight quarterback sacks, Barbour with five and Maxey with four interceptions.

The remaining members of the team are Travis Bewley, Mason Francis, Milton Frech, Jordan Greenup, Kurt Hasselhoff Jr., Nick Heaton, Brandon

Hertel, Brandon Humerick, Zach Krietz, Kellam Maxey, Craig Nowaczyk, Jonathan Portner, Shane Reed, Tim Rockwood, Bobby Staley and Cody Tressler.



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#### Girls softball signups

THURMONT, Md. — The Catoctin Recreation Council will hold signups for girls' softball on January 21 - 23, 2009 from 6 - 8 pm at Thurmont Middle School. The cost of registration is \$75 and you MUST have a copy of the

player's birth certificate. Signups will be for the following age groups: 8U (born in or after 2000), 10U (born in or after 1998), 12U (born in or after 1996), 15U (born in or after 1993). Games are played in the Frederick County Girls'

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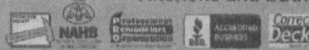
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## EDUCATION

# Veterans Day breakfast honors servicement and women

BY ANGELA STANZIONE

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FAIRFIELD, Pa. — Over 130 veterans were honored during a breakfast at Fairfield High School on Nov. 11 for Veterans Day.

"We are so honored to have veterans here. It isn't often we get to honor veterans on the actual Veterans Day," said Bill Chain, superintendent of Fairfield Area School District. "The school district wanted to honor our community veterans and we've always had the children learn about them and the music groups learn patriotic songs, so it's very natural for us to have them come in our doors."

The breakfast also included music from the high school band and show choir, a presentation of colors by Gettysburg High School's JROTC, songs by Fairfield Elementary third graders, prayers by FASD's Business Manager Mark Sewell and guest speaker retired Major General William J. Davies.

"Keep in mind that not all veterans have been in war, but we all share a common bond and that is the oath that we are willing to die defending our na-

tion," said Davies. "There's been hardly any day that's gone by that I haven't thought about the sacrifices they've made to save the liberties we cherish."

According to Chain, the event will be annual and the district is already thinking of ways to improve it. Chain also asked any veterans who had time after the breakfast to go around to different classrooms and share stories of their experiences.

"I want to connect Veteran's Day with student learning," said Chain.

Not only was the event a good way to connect learning, but it was a good way to connect the community and its veterans.

"This is the first time anyone has done anything personal for the veterans, in around 34 years," said Chuck Doyle a veteran of the United States Navy.

Carol Bishop, a retired Army wife, also agreed that the event was "wonderful" and had a "personal" feel to it. The intimacy of the event touched many of the veterans.

"Seeing the honor guard brings back many memories; goosebump memories. It's very special," said Bob Whisser, a veteran of the United States Navy.

According to Chain the



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Members of Gettysburg High School's JROTC present the colors to community veterans at a Veterans Day breakfast. The breakfast was held at Fairfield High School and had over 130 veterans in attendance.

breakfast was free thanks to many sponsors. The Mountain View Golf Club, Ed Reely PGA Professional, Liberty Mountain Resort, Feedbag Catering, AMVETS Riders, Williams Chain and FASD, L & S Furniture

Sales, Sons of AMVETS Squadron, Charles J. Gillian, AMVETS Post 172, Fairfield Landscaping, Charles J. Gillian Home Association, Pam Mikesell and the Fairfield Lions Club all sponsored the event. The breakfast

was also made possible by the Fairfield School Cafeteria and Maintenance staff, Charla Acker the school secretary, the Fairfield Middle School Student Council, Chairperson Tina Crevier.

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Students in Mrs. Rippeon's third-grade class at Emmitsburg Elementary School get dictionaries from members of the Thurmont Grange. Pictured left to right are: Bob Wiles with the Thurmont Grange, Tristan Grimes, Mrs. Rippeon, Timmy Wetzell, Brittnee Brown and Helen Troxell with the Thurmont Grange. The Thurmont Grange provided the free dictionaries as part of a service project to support education. This is the third year the Grange has distributed dictionaries to third-grade students in Emmitsburg and Thurmont.

## MSS students "Make a Difference"



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Students at Mother Seton School recently collected 2,173 canned foods for the Make a Difference Day organized by the Thurmont Lions Club. In addition to food, \$160 in gift cards were also donated. Shown above are volunteers moving the donations from the utility trailer to the Emmitsburg Food Bank. With growing numbers of families needing food assistance, volunteers at the Food Bank were delighted, according to Alban Little, Thurmont Lions Club.

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# Infinity Global Travel celebrates 10 years

BY ANGELA STANZIONE  
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TANEYTOWN, Md. — Chris Ohanian has worked in the travel business for 28 years from New York to Baltimore and for the past 10 years, in Taneytown.

Ohanian opened Infinity Global Travel in 1998 and though he is now in a smaller and slower paced environment than other cities he has worked in, Taneytown still brings something different for him.

"It's worked out well," said Ohanian. "In New York, I worked for large agencies, but here I'm running my own business. I have more responsibilities and have more things to consider, for instance marketing, besides just planning trips."

Ohanian's business is evenly split between vacation and business travel. When he first opened Infinity, he had very few customers but in the past 10 years has grown

to around 250 to 300 clients.

"We had EVAPCO and some others, but slowly we grew and I think we're doing quite well," said Ohanian. "When I started it was only me, no employees, but there has been a continued growth each year."

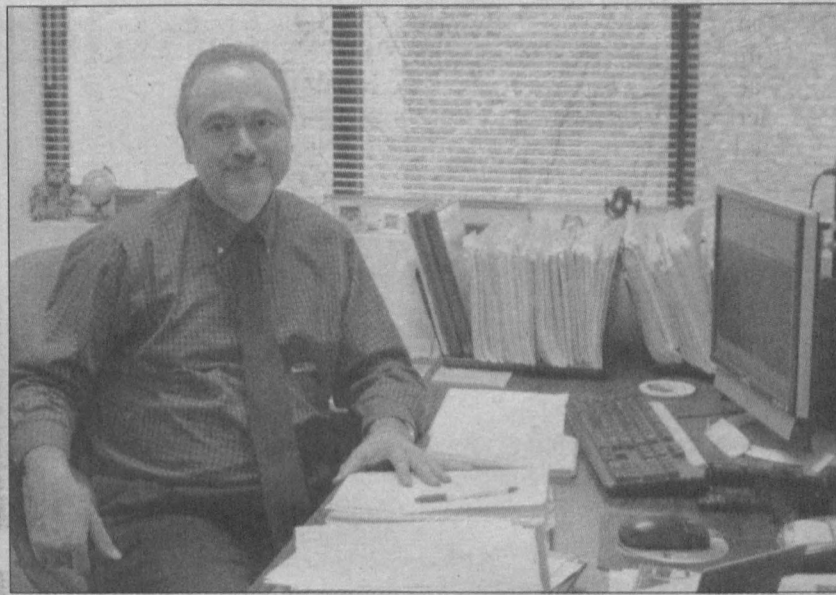
Besides business growth, Ohanian has something else to be proud of — his service.

"We take care of our clients. We're advocates for them. We watch out for them as far as pricing and different arrangements," Ohanian said. "We're enthusiastic about the trips our clients will take."

The excitement for others' travel comes from the excitement Ohanian has had in his own ventures.

"I've traveled a lot. I never thought I'd be a travel agent, but it comes from my own attitude toward travel. I have an appreciation for it," said Ohanian.

According to Ohanian, his most-exciting travel booking was



Chris Ohanian, a travel agent for 28 years, is the owner of Infinity Global Travel, which is celebrating its 10-year anniversary.

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for Walter Cronkite in the spring of 1985.

Like most small business owners, Ohanian's number one

goal for the future is to slowly continue to grow his business.

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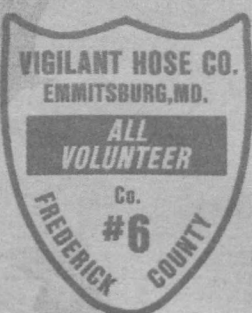
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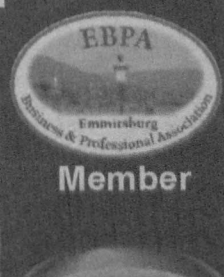
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## Local Realtor wins award

WAYNESBORO, Pa. — Trish Rowe was named number one Realtor in Pennsylvania under Exit Realty in 2007 and so far for the months of April, July and August in 2008. She has also recently won an award at a Realtor convention in Tennessee.

The Bronze Award is given to Realtors with high sale accomplishments throughout the United States and Canada. Rowe was among the less than 50 Realtors to receive the award at the National Exit Convention. She also holds the title of "top agent" for Exit Realty and "National

Realtor" for the Graduate Realtor Institute.

Rowe's mission statement is "You can trust Trish" and she will provide "expert guidance and focused service with a personal touch." Rowe has been involved with realty for over 20 years and with Exit Realty for around two and a half years. Rowe is currently studying Pennsylvania law to become a broker. For more information visit her website at [www.trishrowe.com](http://www.trishrowe.com).

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## BUSINESS

## Local businesses help makeover new home

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SOUTH MOUNTAIN, Pa. — A Waynesboro home will be featured on the popular ABC show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" in January 2009.

Matthew and Blasia Drumm and their three sons were the lucky recipients of a new home at 12881 Loop Road in Quincy Township. The family was chosen based on their care and work with disabled children through the Challenger Little League Program, according to an ABC news release. The couple dedicated their lives to disabled children after two of their sons were born with autism. The Drumms' home and surrounding area were previously used as a dumping ground, unbeknownst to the family, and due to financial hardships the family was not able to make any improvements on their own according to the release.

Though the show isn't set to air for a couple of months, the house was made over from Nov. 7 — 14 while the family vacationed

in DisneyWorld. Local businesses were asked by ABC to lend a hand in the process.

Dan Ryan Builders of Frederick was asked to build the house, Scott Blaney of Frederick and his company Always Painting was asked by Ryan Builders to provide murals and SpaceCrafters Inc. of Thurmont was asked to provide closets.

"I never could have anticipated how our entire team, along with our amazing building partners, would embrace this project and this family," said Dan Ryan, owner and president of Dan Ryan Builders, in a news release. "I am truly humbled by their generosity."

Catoctin Mountain Orchard also helped supply food to ABC's crew, workers and volunteers involved in the project.

According to Bob Black, owner of the orchard, they delivered 12 bushels of apples, 18 gallons of apple cider with a small coffee maker to heat it, 12 quarts of Catoctin apple sauce, 24 cans of peaches, apple butter and several pints of preserves on Nov. 10. On Nov. 12 the Thurmont Ambulance

Company used Catoctin apples to bake 250 apple dumplings for the crew.

"We are happy to have helped the crew with "food energy" as they completed this wonderful home for this deserving family," Black said.

Other local contributors that helped feed the crew included Copper Kettle, Best Way Pizza, Main Street Deli, 7Ps Deli, The Butcher Shoppe and Starbucks in Chambersburg Pa.; local Girl Scouts; Chick-fil-A of Hagerstown; Fudruckers; Antrim House Family Restaurant; and The Orchards Restaurant. Forestry students at Penn State Mont Alto helped with landscaping. Other companies that helped build the house were Cranford Contractors, Inc., DL George, 84 Lumber, Builders First Source, Ben Lewis Plumbing and Prime Manufacturing.

"Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" airs at 8 p.m. Sundays on ABC. The theme of its sixth season is "heroes in the community." For more information on the Drumm family's home visit [www.drbextreme.com](http://www.drbextreme.com).



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Members of the crew that renovated the Drumm home for the ABC television series Extreme Makeover line up after finishing their work on the house in Waynesboro, Pa.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Local Business Woman Wins Award

SABILLASVILLE, Md. — A local business woman was recently awarded "Best Accessorized Room Design" by the Association of Design Education.

Laura Meredith, of the ith Design Group located in Sabillasville, attended the ADE's annual three-day conference in Mystic, Conn. from September 17-19. At the conference Meredith was able to submit entries and be judged in differ-

ent categories.

Meredith moved to the East Coast in 1995 and became involved with interior decor, landscape design and construction management. She began doing personal projects but it eventually led to her career and development of the Meredith Group.

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## The (retired) Ecologist

## Curious thoughts about curiosity



BY BILL MEREDITH

Dispatch Columnist

*"I think, at a child's birth, if a mother could ask a fairy godmother to endow it with the most useful gift, that gift would be curiosity."*

... Eleanor Roosevelt

*"If a child is to keep his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in."*

... Rachel Carson

According to MNSC (Meredith's New Seasonal Calendar), fall ended on Nov. 6 this year. That was the Day the Leaves Came Down, bringing us into that un-named and mildly dreary season between fall and winter. The days are about the same length now as they are in early spring, which confused our mockingbird; his hormones got stirred up, and he started attacking the rear-view mirror of our car like he did last spring, defending his territory by trying to chase his own reflection away. He has been eating pokeberries, and has left purple stains all over the car, much to my wife's displeasure even though that is her favorite color.

I was late getting the bird feeder out, but it didn't seem to matter. There had been no juncos or goldfinches in the yard

yet this fall, but within the hour they were flocking around the feeder as if they knew it was scheduled to be out that day. They didn't know, of course; they found it because their survival depends on being curious and investigating any new things that appear in the area where they live. Most animals are curious to some degree, but they vary according to the requirements of their lifestyles, and since curiosity is an essential part of our own makeup, we find them more or less interesting. For example, rabbits are surrounded by edible vegetation, so they don't have to look for food; their survival depends more on knowing where to hide. So while they may be cute and cuddly, they aren't notably curious (Peter Rabbit to the contrary); hence they are less interesting than squirrels, which are the embodiment of curiosity. Squirrels must search for what they eat, so in order to survive they are always poking their noses into odd places. Their curiosity may make them pests, but it also makes them interesting in an almost human-like way.

While some amount of curiosity is probably present in all higher animals, it is most highly developed in humans; in fact, I believe it is one of the fundamental qualities that make us human. Unfortunately, we are not all born with equal amounts of it. Eleanor Roosevelt was right; it is a gift greatly to be desired. Children who have it are like squirrels, always getting into things and being pests. In former times, when children were to be seen and not heard, it sometimes seemed that one of the chief

objectives of the educational system was to stifle curiosity. But while some amount of order and discipline is necessary in a classroom, maintaining these conditions at the expense of curiosity is a poor trade-off. Once closed, minds are hard to re-open. Politicians like to preach about the need to improve science teaching, but what we really need is to foster curiosity in our classrooms. Rachel Carson knew this; she was writing before political correctness made it improper to refer to all children as "he," but she knew what was important. If more teachers followed her advice, it would go a long way toward solving the problems our educational system faces.

At the college level, I found curiosity to be one of the most-reliable means of predicting success in my students. Some got good grades by memorizing facts but never wondered why things happen, while others would get so fascinated pursuing a new idea that they neglected to bother with learning the background information. The latter group could be frustrating at times... they were probably the ones that were always getting in trouble in elementary school... but they were ultimately the most rewarding to teach. It took patience, but when I could convince them to develop some self-discipline, they were the ones who went on to the most-successful careers. Contact with them was the thing I missed most when I retired.

Recently I was able to revisit such a group. A friend who is teaching a course in Environmental Writing at Mount St. Mary's asked me to come

and talk to her class about how topics are chosen and why such writing is important. These are matters I had taken for granted, since I started writing late in life, but they are basic questions for students who have not yet accumulated a variety of experiences to draw from. So I sent them an article I had written a year ago about the forest on the Mount campus, and suggested that we walk up the mountain to see it.

It was a small class of eight students; they were not majoring in science, but they had curiosity in abundance, and made up for what they didn't know by asking questions. The path up the mountain is a lot steeper than it used to be when I took my own classes up there, but pausing to rest gave us time to talk about writing. It was easy to explain how I choose topics: simply being curious about the things I see and read makes it inevitable that I will encounter at least one thing worth writing about during the month's time between deadlines. Other questions came from all directions. The route we took was so steep because it followed a geologic fault that lifted the mountain up 300 million years ago. The path itself was a logging trail,

formed by hauling firewood down to the college in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and severely eroded over the years. We saw biodiversity in the variety of trees, shrubs and mosses, and soil being formed by leaf litter. We found a few American Chestnut saplings, still struggling to survive the blight that arrived in the 1920s. We walked through what looked like a war zone, where trees had been killed by gypsy moths and the forest was beginning to grow back by succession. We speculated about the impact that human activities will have on it in the future, and I found I did not have to explain why environmental writing was important. The class period was over too quickly.

Those students were among the lucky ones; they made it through the educational system with their curiosity intact. I have no idea whether any of them will become writers, or what other careers they may enter, but I would bet that they will succeed. And it is a high-stakes bet; the future of this country depends on producing enough minds that have the curiosity to ask the right questions and solve the problems before us.

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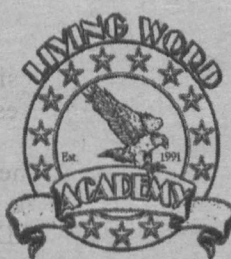
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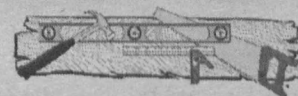
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## DEATH NOTICES

Mrs. Ida B. Eyler, of Thurmont died Friday, November 3, 2008.

Graveside services and interment were held at 1 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 8, in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg with Rev. Stephen Trzeciecki officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorial contribution may be made to Frederick County Humane Society, 7512-D Industry Lane, Fred-

erick, MD 21704 or Hospice of Frederick County, P.O. Box 1799, Frederick, MD 21702.

Arrangements were made by Stauffer Funeral Home, P.A.

**Phyllis Louise (McKinney) Long**, of Fairfield, died Monday, November 3, 2008.

Private funeral services and interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements were made

by The Feiser Funeral Home Inc, 302 Lincolnway West, New Oxford, Pa.

**Mrs. V. Ruth Lovering**, of Fairfield, Pa. died Wednesday, November 12, 2008.

The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Mon., Nov. 17 at the Monahan Funeral Home, 27 E. Main St., Fairfield, Pa. Funeral Services were at 8 p.m. with the Rev. Terry Hoke officiating. Interment followed in the Loma Vista Cemetery, Fullerton, Calif.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 3293 Gettysburg, PA 17325 or to VNA-Home Health Hospice, 39 N. Fifth St., Gettysburg, PA 17325.

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## EVENTS

**Nov. 21 through 29 – Frederick Festival of Greens.** Cultural Arts Center. 15 W. Patrick Street, Frederick. Decorated wreaths and trees, choral music, live theater, holiday movies and children's activities. No charge. Information and complete schedule: [www.frederickartscouncil.org](http://www.frederickartscouncil.org) or contact Frederick Arts Council at (301) 662-4190.

**Nov. 22 – Christmas Bazaar.** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Woodsboro Fire Co. Activities Building, 10307 Coppermine Rd. Woodsboro. Crafts, homemade goodies, sandwiches, slippery potpie and more. Pre-order quarts of potpie by Nov. 19. (301) 845-2978.

**Nov. 22 – Impressionistic Fall Landscaping Painting.** 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Emmitsburg Community Center, 300 South Seton Ave. Emmitsburg. Learn basic theories and techniques. All materials provided. One-day class. 16 and older. \$25. Registration: (301) 600-2936 or [www.recreator.com](http://www.recreator.com).

**Nov. 22 – Holiday Book Sale.** 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Emmitsburg Library. \$1/bag. Information: (240) 629-6329.

**Nov. 22 – 7th Annual Remembrance Illumination.** Dusk. Soldiers' National Museum. Luminary candles on each Civil War grave testify to the sacrifices made here in 1863. 1195 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg. Information: (717) 338-1243 or [www.gettysburgfoundation.org](http://www.gettysburgfoundation.org).

**Nov. 23 – The Great Westminster Train Show.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Agriculture Center, 700 Agriculture Center Dr., Westminster. Displays, sales, food. Information: Richard Liebno (410) 848-4929.

**Nov. 25 – Salvation Army Community Thanksgiving Dinner.** Noon to 6 p.m. 223 West 5th St. Take-outs not available. Information: (301) 662-2311.

**Nov. 26 – Community Thanksgiving Eve Service.** 7 p.m. Hosted by Harriet Chapel, Episcopal Parish, 12625 Catocin Furnace Road, Thurmont. The Rev. Elza Hurst, Pastor, Lewistown United Methodist Church will bring the message. Everyone is invited. Please bring a food item for the Thurmont Food Bank. The plate offering will be given to the Thurmont Ministerium. Information: (301) 271-4554.

**Nov. 27 – Thanksgiving Dinner.** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church of Creagerstown, Parish House. Adults \$15, children \$7, under 5 \$4.

**Nov. 28 through Dec. 13 – 2nd Annual Carroll County Festival of Trees.** Noon to 9 p.m. (M-F), 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Sat.), 1 to 5 p.m. (Sun.). Sears court, Town Mall of Westminster. Benefits The Shepherd's Staff. Theme: "Around the World." Information: (410) 857-5944, [www.shepstaff.org](http://www.shepstaff.org).

**Nov. 29 – 21st Annual Gettysburg Christmas Parade.** 6 p.m. Join Adams County Prevent a Litter Society in the parade with your leashed dog. Meet at Gettysburg Area Middle School, Lefever St. off Baltimore St. 6:30 opening festivities. 7 p.m. Parade begins. Information: (717) 642-5135.

**Dec. 1 – Festival of Trees.** 5 to 7 p.m. Taneytown Museum, 24 E. Baltimore St. Choral groups. (410) 751-1100.

**Dec. 1 – Taneytown Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.** 6 p.m. In front of Taneytown Police Station, 120 E. Baltimore St. Entertainment provided by the Taneytown Elementary School Chorus, Taneytown Brownie Troop and Cub Scout Troop. Angel Concession, 5:15 p.m. Downtown shops open until 9 p.m.

**Dec. 3 through 7 – 11th Annual Festival of Wreaths.** 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Carroll Arts Center, 91 W. Main St., Westminster. Display and silent auction of hundreds of uniquely decorated theme wreaths. Information: Sandra Oxx (410) 848-7272.

**Dec. 3 & 7 – Western Maryland Railway Museum.** Sundays 1 to 4 p.m., Wednesdays 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. 41 N. Main St., Union Bridge. Closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. Railroad memorabilia, archives and pictures. Other days by appointment. Information: (410) 775-0150.

**Dec. 4 & 5 – Saving Money During the Holidays.** Thursday, 7 to 8 p.m., Friday 1 to 2 p.m. Maryland Cooperative Extension Office, 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick. Cost \$3. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Call (301) 600-1599 for class availability.

**Dec. 5 – Bus Trip to Georgetown.** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit a private art museum located in the former residence of David and Carmen Kreeger and travel to the historic Dumbarton House Museum. \$60. (HS members \$50). Bus leaves Riverview Plaza Shopping Center (near Target) on Urbana Pike, Rt. 355. Registration forms available at the Historical Society, 24 East Church Street, Frederick, (301) 663-1188 or [www.hsfinfo.org](http://www.hsfinfo.org).

**Dec. 5 through 7 – Holiday Tour.** Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Carroll County Farm Museum, 500 S. Center St., Westminster. Holiday theme decorations, farmhouse tours, Santa, food, wagon rides on the weekend. Information: (410) 386-3880.

**Dec. 5 & 12 – "Where's the Instruction Manual?"** FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick. Baby Care Basics Class. Advance registration and payment required: \$65 per couple. Information (240) 379-6000.

**Dec. 6 through 14 – Mayberry Mill Arts, Crafts and Gifts Show.** Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 3001 E. Mayberry Rd., Westminster. Information: (410) 848-6213.

**Dec. 6 & 7 – Christmas Studio Show and Sale.** Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shiloh Pottery, 1027 Brodbeck Rd., Hampstead. Handmade stoneware pottery, crafts, demonstrations and food. Farm animals and studio tour. (410) 239-8888.

**Dec. 6 – 4th Annual Christmas Craft and Flea Market Show.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. New Windsor Fire Department, 101 High St., New Windsor. Christmas crafts, collectibles, baked goods and food. (410) 857-1209.

**Dec. 6 – All-Breed Dog Show.** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Allstar Events Complex, 2638 Emmitsburg Road, near Gettysburg. Free admission, spectators welcome. On-site parking \$5 per vehicle; free parking after noon. Information: Fran Calverase (717) 369-5868 or visit [www.cake.net](http://www.cake.net).

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**Dec. 6 – Holiday Magic.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children's Museum of Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 North Market St., Frederick. Hands-on crafts and visit with Santa in the carriage museum. Child \$5, adult \$3. Information: (301) 600-1650, [www.rosehillmuseum.com](http://www.rosehillmuseum.com).

**Dec. 6 – Children's Holiday Tea.** 10:30 a.m. Emmitsburg Library. Storytime, tea and cookies for children age 3 and up. Registration required. Information and registration: (240) 629-6329.

**Dec. 6 – Roast Beef, Turkey and Ham Supper** with apple fritters. Noon. Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg. Crafts, home baked products, white elephant table. Adults \$11, children 6-12 \$4, Carryouts \$12.

**Dec. 6 & 13 – "Saturday Express" Childbirth Education.** Frederick Memorial Hospital, 400 W. 7th St., Frederick. \$110 per couple. Information: (240) 379-6000.

**Dec. 7 – St. John Christmas Bazaar.** 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. St. John Catholic School, 43 Monroe St., Westminster. Indoor flea market, raffles, baked goods, shopping for children, Santa, bingo and lunch. Information:

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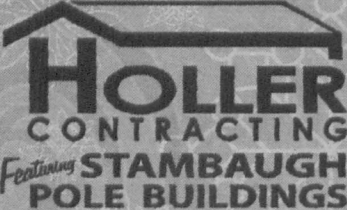
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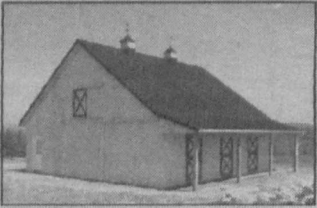
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# Arts @ Entertainment CALENDAR

## CONCERTS

**Nov. 22 – John Michael Montgomery** and special guest Katie Armiger. 8 p.m. The Weinberg Center Box Office, 20 W. Patrick Street Frederick, MD 21701. \$38, \$32, \$25. For Tickets: (301) 600-2828.

**Dec. 7 – Wind and Jazz Ensemble Concert.** 3:30 p.m. Knott Auditorium, Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg. Featuring works by Broege, Handel, Tichele, Lauridsen, J.S. Bach and others. Admission is a non-perishable food item to be donated to local food banks.

**Dec. 5 – Robin and Linda Williams and Their Fine Group.** 8 p.m. The Weinberg Center Box Office, 20 W. Patrick Street Frederick, MD. From The Grand Ole Opry to A Prairie Home Companion to festivals and countless other venues nationwide, Robin and Linda never cease to wow audiences with their extraordinary musical gifts and friendly, down-home style. At the Weinberg, the award-winning duo and their band will perform a fantastic feast of holiday tunes, serving up a hearty blend of bluegrass, folk, and old-time and acoustic country. \$25, \$22, \$20. For Tickets: (301) 600-2828.

**Dec. 6 – Weinberg Winterfest.** 2 p.m. The Weinberg Center Box Office, 20 W. Patrick Street Frederick, MD. Ho, ho, ho, who wouldn't go? Join us for an afternoon of holiday fun and a very merry sing-along with the mighty Wurlitzer and Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Free with

any cash or canned food donation to the Frederick Community Action Agency. Free. For information: (301) 600-2828.

**Dec. 10 – Student Instrumental and Vocal Recital.** 4 p.m. Knott Auditorium, Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg. Year-end concert of masterworks. No charge.

**Dec. 14 – Chorale Advent Concert.** 3 p.m. Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg. Lessons and music for Advent and the Christmas season. No charge. Free will donation accepted at the door.

## STAGE

**Nov. 22 and 23 – "Little Egypt."** Gettysburg Stage, Keefauver Center, 157 Lefever St., Gettysburg. A tale of lusty love and hustlers, romance and discovery. Information: 1-866-859-5192, [gettysburgstage@hotmail.com](mailto:gettysburgstage@hotmail.com) or [www.gettysburgstage.com](http://www.gettysburgstage.com).

**Nov. 20 through 23 – "The Birthday Party."** 8 p.m. Mount Theatre Mainstage. Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Bradley Conference Room. Harold Pinter's first full-length play captures the paranoia of the absurd and the pathos of tragedy, displaying the deterioration of one man, and everyone around him. Tickets \$5.

**Dec. 13 through 15 – The Nutcracker.** Dec. 13, 2 and 8 p.m.; Dec. 14, 2 p.m. The

Weinberg Center Box Office, 20 W. Patrick Street Frederick, MD. A Frederick holiday tradition in its 29th year featuring guest artists from the New York City and Suzanne Farrell Ballets. Megan Fairchild and Andrew Veyette from the New York City Ballet, dancing the roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Cavalier. Alexander Ritter from the Suzanne Farrell Ballet and New York City Ballet. Tickets: \$25, \$23, \$11. For Tickets: (301) 600-2828.

**Dec. 19 through 21 – A Christmas Carol.** Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 20, 2 and 7:30 p.m., Dec. 21, 2 p.m. The Maryland Ensemble Theatre and The Fun Company bring back to Frederick audiences our holiday favorite. Join Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future in this heart-warming tale of the joy of discovering the true meaning of Christmas. Adults \$22, Seniors and Students \$20, Children \$12. For tickets: (301) 600-2828.

## MOVIE

**Nov. 28 – The Wizard of Oz (1939)** 2 p.m. and 9 p.m. The Weinberg Center Box Office, 20 W. Patrick Street Frederick, MD. Frosty Friday! Adults \$6, Senior, Students (7-17), Children, \$4. For Tickets: (301) 600-2828.

**Nov. 29 – The Big Lebowski (1998)** 8 p.m. The Weinberg Center Box Office, 20 W. Patrick Street Frederick, MD. Movie time at the Tivoli. Celebrate the 10th anniversary of this quirky delight from the Coen brothers, featuring Jeff Bridges and an all-star cast. Adults \$6, Senior, Students (7-17), Children, \$4. For Tickets: (301) 600-2828.

**Dec. 6 – Holiday Inn (1942).** 8 p.m. The Weinberg Center Box Office, 20 W. Patrick Street Frederick, MD. Movietime at the Tivoli. Enjoy this holiday classic on the big screen! Catch the holiday spirit with Fred Astaire and Bing Crosby in Irving Berlin's timeless classic. Adults \$6, Senior, Students (7-17), Children \$4. For tickets: (301) 600-2828.

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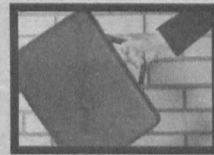


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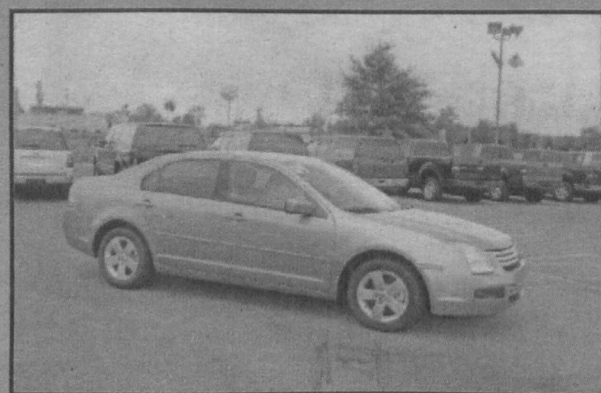
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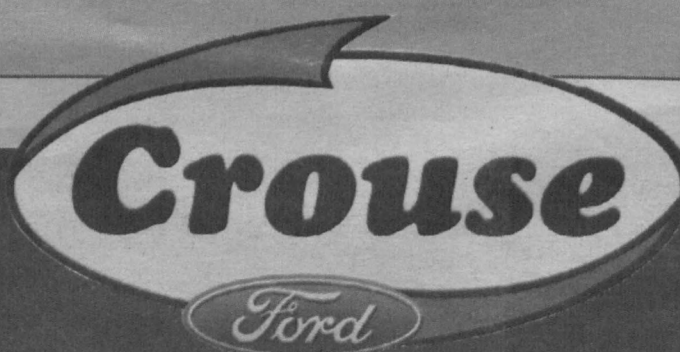


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