

## Honest contractors

**Friday, Nov. 10, 2006**

I moved to this area three years ago and bought a home in Hughesville that was built in 1997. About one year after moving in, we discovered a leak coming from the ceiling. We assumed it was our roof so I contacted three roofers in the area.

The first two immediately told me I needed a new roof and it would be thousands of dollars. I couldn't believe a house built in 1997 would already need a new roof. Then came along the third roofer. He came in went up to the attic and went on the roof and said I didn't need a new roof. The wood and insulation are both dry and there is no evidence of a leak anywhere, but at the most you could use some new boots on the roof because of the sun beating down on them, he said. (The home inspector when we purchased the house had already told us that they were going to need to be replaced.)

That was two years ago, and again after Ernesto came through we had a ceiling leak in another room and immediately called them to come out and take a look. Once again, we were told we didn't need a new roof, that everything looks dry. He said his brother-in-law was in that business and he would call him and find out what he thinks. So I would just like to thank J. Hunt Construction in Lusby for being the honest people they are and to let other people know there are still honest people out there.

Diane Howells, Hughesville

## **Finding an honest contractor**

**Wednesday, April 11, 2007**

Last Nov. 10, you published a letter from a lady who wrote about her experiences dealing with local contractors. After calling in two other contractors to repair a roof leak in her home, who told her she needed a new roof, the third contractor turned out to be the "honest contractors" of J. Hunt Construction. In her letter, Diane Howells explained that the contractors of J. Hunt Construction told her she only needed certain repairs and not an entire new roof.

I recently contacted this same company for a roof leak in our home and want to commend the fair and honest way they conducted their business. The repairs on our roof were completed, and we couldn't be more satisfied.

I would like to thank J. Hunt Construction in Lusby for being the honest people they are ...

And I'd like to thank Ms. Howells for taking the time to write the letter.

Ida V. St. Hill, Waldorf