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Emmitsburg Glass Co. and East Industrial Park co-owner Sheridan (Dan) Reaver receives the first EBPA "Distinguished Business Award" April 16. The award was presented by Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. (L), Emmitsburg Mayor James E. Hoover (not shown), and EBPA President Don Briggs (R). See related story on p. 11.

Candidate Forum; Few surprises and only minor skirmish

Staff Report

A forum for town board of commissioners candidates held Thursday night, April 15, at the Emmitsburg Community Center allowed those running to present their perspectives on a number of issues. More than 50 people attended.

Sponsored by The Gazette and the Frederick County League of Women Voters, the forum was held in the Emmitsburg Community Center town meeting room. All 5 candidates vying for two seats on the board of commissioners attended. Reverend Robert E. Steinke, host of

"Faith in the Community" on Adelphia Cable Channel 10, served as moderator.

Candidates included (in alphabetical order by last name) Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg (COPE) vice president Harold Craig, Stanley Mazaleski, COPE president William O'Neil, incumbent Commissioner Clifford L. Sweeney, and Dianne Walbrecker.

There was an initial disruption caused by apparent COPE members bringing political signs into the meeting room in violation of a town ordinance. Then a member of the audi-

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EPA and MDE given incorrect information

By Richard D. L. Fulton
Staff Writer

Copies of a fax sent to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and an email sent to the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) establish that Harold Craig and someone claiming to be Bill O'Neil pro-

vided incorrect information to the agencies.

Letters claim 11 spills in September 2003

A fax dated Oct. 20, 2003, was sent to MDE by Harold C. Craig, Jr., who is also vice president of COPE; while an undated, unsigned email was sent to EPA bearing the name

Bill O'Neil, who is also president of COPE.

The EPA forwarded the "unsigned email" to the MDE. Since the email is unsigned, it cannot be established if O'Neil himself sent the letter or if someone else sent it using his name. Neither correspondence refers to either individual as a COPE member, or as an officer

of COPE.

Both communications claim there were 11 sewage spills in Sept. 2003, and that the spillage discharged into Tom's Creek.

Michael H. Lucas, Emmitsburg town planner, said, "There were never 11

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Mount St. Mary's may change name

By Richard D. L. Fulton
Staff Writer

Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary Board of Trustees may change the name of the college and seminary to Mount St. Mary's University.

Mount President Thomas H. Powell told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, "The name Mount St. Mary's is sacred" and would not be affected by the change. Only the institution's present des-

ignation as a college would change. "If we are to compete for students and faculty in a market in which many colleges are changing their designations to university, if we are to stay competitive, we must do the same," Powell said.

Mount St. Mary's has 5 post-graduate degrees and 4 campuses. Graduate students comprise 27 percent, or nearly one-third of the student body. Powell noted, "The percentage of our faculty

with terminal degrees (the highest degree they can receive in their respective fields) exceeds recognized standards (for assuming university status). We are fully engaged in graduate programs. We are currently a university by any measure."

According to Powell, "Our three main components, the college, the seminary and the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes need a name to better unify us as one." He added, "This (university)

designation is critical if we are to attract additional, international students." The seminary would still be referred to as Mount St. Mary's Seminary, but would otherwise fall under the new university designation along with the college.

At their March meeting board members discussed the possible name change, and will formally consider the change on June 7. If the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Emmitsburg Dispatch encourages its readers to express their thoughts and opinions about issues that appear in this publication or affect the community. Letters must be exclusive to the Dispatch and should be no longer than 300 words in length. They must be signed and include the writer's address and phone number to be used for verification. The Dispatch reserves the right to edit for content and space. Deadline for letters is the 15th of each month.

Sweeney corrects errors

I recently submitted a paid campaign advertisement to *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* which outlined my concerns over the activities of Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg, Inc., known as COPE, its president Bill O'Neil and vice president Harold Craig. Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Craig are candidates for the town board of commissioners.

Since the article was published, I have received a credible threat from an individual claiming to be a member of COPE which was investigated by the police. I have no reason to believe Mr. O'Neil or Mr. Craig put the caller up to it.

I also received a letter from Harold Craig, urging me, in strong and legalistic terms, to apologize for my comments in a paid advertisement or else.

I was mistaken about several things that were printed and would like to correct these errors.

Under the subhead "Craig calls developments 'refugee camps,'" I was correct in stating that Mr. Craig had referred to the new people coming to town as "refugees from the county," but he did not state they were moving into refugee camps. Based on his reference to outsiders as "refugees," I presumed the inference was that he would view the developments they moved into as "refugee camps." I was mistaken in including the reference to "refugee camps" as part of his quote. To be more specific, Mr. Craig wrote in a letter to the editor published on October 10, 2003 in the *Gazette*, "We (Emmitsburg) have already taken in more than our share of refugees from other jurisdictions."

I recognize that COPE is not a public entity, and not compelled to release to the public generally membership rosters. I have been told by Mr. O'Neil that members of the

public may attend COPE meetings. I'm still concerned, however, about how many of its members live outside Emmitsburg and have no real vested interest in the community.

I heard from a couple of Emmitsburg residents that my reference to Mr. Craig's being a single male without a family was intended to infer something about sexual preferences. This was not my intention. My statement was intended only to convey that, being elderly and without family, he really has no vested interest in the future of the community. Perhaps that is or isn't fair to presume, but that is my opinion.

Other factual errors I made include: Harold Craig's age. He is 73, not 77. I misidentified Lisa Elder as Art Elder's niece: she is his cousin. Another point needing clarification is that Dot Davis did reside in Emmitsburg before she moved into the Emmit Gardens development.

Finally, under the sub head "Craig/O'Neil may cause us tax hike!" Bill O'Neil did not write a letter the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). He sent an email to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) containing false information.

—Clifford Sweeney
-Emmitsburg

Town needs plans, including adequate public facilities ordinance

The latest episode of the growth soap opera revolves around the decrepit state of the municipal sewer system.

Repair bids are double estimated costs and a consent decree has now been received from MDE. An approved annexation has successfully been brought to referendum by COPE, Inc., while the developer attempts to change a key provision related to that decrepit sewer system. The town strategy is to seek to get out of the sewer infrastructure issues by using fees charged to developers to pay for repairs.

Indeed, every "growth" plan presented by the town's staff has been carefully crafted to provide a revenue stream to the town necessary to underwrite the projected cost of repairs. So are the

days of our lives.

The residents of Emmitsburg must demand a coherent sewer repair plan delineating the course of repairs and projected funding. Recognizing the defunct state of the current sewer system, the town commissioners must enact an adequate public facilities ordinance to provide a structure promoting on-going repairs at the expense of those benefiting from annexation and development.

The town must take a harder line before allowing any access to a municipal water and sewer system. That represents our strongest bargaining chip, since use of the town's resources by developers eliminates the need to design a well and septic system that will pass county and

state requirements, while allowing for higher density and larger profits.

The town commissioners must enact an ordinance requiring an automatic referendum on any approved annexation in order to guarantee that annexation agreements are judged in the best interests of the residents.

Finally, the town commissioners must pass an ordinance stating that no subdivision shall be permitted within the town's proposed growth limits as stated in the comprehensive plan unless the property has been annexed and provided with municipal water and sewer connections.

—Christopher Staiger
Emmitsburg

What are we trying to preserve?

The campaign for two commissioner seats is heating up in Emmitsburg. With less than a month to go, emotions are running high and it seems we are in for an interesting ride.

Understandably, this year's election will be an emotional one. It is being billed as an election that will determine Emmitsburg's future. Each candidate seems to be drawing on nostalgia for the past to present a guide for the future. The only issue on the table is development and growth. No other issues have been discussed by any candidate with any regularity. So here it begins. To develop or not to develop sparks deep emotions to be sure. We have seen this in our area newspapers' opinion sections. People in town, for good reason, have strong feelings on either side of this debate. But, unlike in the past, neither side has shown any interest in dealing with this issue in a civilized manner. Rather, the combatants prefer to wage the battle, not in the public forum, but in the newspapers and through other outside agencies. This is not healthy.

According to Commissioner Cliff Sweeney, his opponents Bill O'Neil and Harold Craig sent letters to environmental enforcement agencies (O'Neil wrote to the federal Environmental Protection Agency and Craig wrote to Maryland Department of the Environment) to complain about recent sewage spills. While the spills are a hazard to our health and the health of our waterways, the Town is vigorously addressing the problems which have led to them. Addressing the sewer situation should have remained a local issue, so that all repairs could be made as quickly and cheaply as possible.

Instead of working with the Mayor and Town Council to resolve this problem, Mr. Sweeney claims Msrs. O'Neil and Craig went over the heads of our elected officials and have brought in outside agencies unnecessarily. The actions of O'Neil and Craig to date have afforded no improvement to our sewer system, but have subjected the town to the possibility of steep fines and threats of more. It is true that the letters were sent, but why they were sent is a matter of speculation. Was this circumvention of the town government designed to stop growth in Emmitsburg without proper debate among the residents? Did this action bring more harm than good? Is this what we can expect from our candidates and possibly our future leaders?

When Mr. Sweeney's comments were published in a paid ad in *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, it caused quite a stir. But, what happened next was quite a bit more. It appears that an individual claiming to be a member of Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg (COPE) made a threatening telephone call to Mr. Sweeney. The Frederick County Sheriff's Office investigated. What are we coming to? Emmitsburg is as polarized as I have seen in my 10 years living here. While people in town have had disagreements over many issues, we usually debated them in a civilized manner. Will Emmitsburg remain true to its roots? Will it be the town we have all so vigorously tried to preserve? Or will we allow it to be just another town where people do not trust one another or lack the kind of civility needed to properly resolve our problems?

—Ted Brennan
Emmitsburg

Forum

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ence bellowed "Libel!" when the issue of a paid political advertisement in The Emmitsburg Dispatch was brought up. Besides these 2 incidences, the forum ran with surprising dignity, given the heated exchanges among 3 candidates in the days leading up to the event.

Most of the issues addressed by the candidates appear in the Voters Guide in this issue of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* on p. 10, and in an article entitled "Emmitsburg Election May Center on Growth Issues" in the March edition of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* (available in the on-line archives at www.emmitsburgdispatch.com)

Mazaleski asked the community to reflect upon the days when people helped people, and to get away from material things and society's absorption with TV and video games. "What do you have if you have all the stuff and you lose your soul?" He said, "We (as a community) have to come together and get a common goal."

Mazaleski is also concerned about drinking water quality, particularly the potential presence of toxins such as lead, and about the possibility of disease spread through wastewater system spillage. "Borrow (the money) and get it (the infra-



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structure) fixed," he said, adding, "Take the money and run with it."

O'Neil voiced concerns about the town going the way of a "credit card economy," adding that the community should seek federal and state funding to help pay for rehabilitation of the infrastructure, and address future infrastructure issues as well. "(Fixing things now) will not address situations 20 years from now," he said.

"Emmitsburg is at a crossroads in history," according to O'Neil. "The taxpayers are the boss," he said, adding, "When I moved here, it seemed it was the other way around." O'Neil also envisions the establishment of a non-profit organization that

would coordinate assistance to help elderly and low-income citizens maintain their properties.

Incumbent Sweeney stated the commissioners have been working to address the infrastructure problems. "Increasing taxes is not an option," according to Sweeney. "In order to fix things we need grants and bonds, and to try to have new developments help pay for sewer problems."

Sweeney was disturbed about the neighbor against neighbor turn-of-events in the town. "I've been threatened and had (campaign) signs taken down. I've received letters threatening lawsuits," he said, adding, "We can't have this group COPE control

Emmitsburg."

Some of Craig's major concerns are traffic, the health risk posed by sewage spills, and drug abuse. "The traffic will not stop. It's horrible here." He noted the sewer situation is a major health problem. Craig stated the police and Sheriff's Office budgets need to be increased to help address the drug abuse problems. "Since I moved here in 1966 there has been a terrible drug problem."

Craig also defended COPE, saying, "COPE is for the town and is only a threat to do-nothing commissioners."

Walbrecker wants to see drug and substance abuse addressed. Answering a question about the degree of drug

abuse in the community, Walbrecker responded, "Absolutely 100 percent positively, yes, we have a drug problem here," adding, "We have a problem here, folks." She included alcohol abuse as well.

Walbrecker wants the town government to "reach out" and involve more members of the community. She also expressed concern that people moving into the community were not being made to feel welcome.

None of the candidates was willing to take a stand for zero growth, although each one talked about some type of managed growth. Everyone agreed that the rehabilitation of the wastewater collection system is a priority.

Mount

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board approves the name change, it will also make a decision on the effective date.

In the interim, Powell will discuss the proposed designation change with the Mount community. He will continue to hold "town hall meetings" to address the issue, according to Kate Charuhas, Mount Saint

Mary's College Associate Director of Marketing and Public Relations.

"The president is also hosting a number of smaller informal gatherings at his home for the purpose of gathering comments on the proposed change. He is always willing to continue the discussion," Charuhas told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*.

Frank DeLuca, Vice President of the Department

of Advancement, said although there has been much support for the name change, "I have also heard from a few who have expressed concerns about the change to university and, rest assured, I am weighing their thoughts seriously as I prepare my final recommendation to the board."

Charuhas said that research by George Dehne & Associates, a higher educa-

tion marketing and strategic planning firm based in Old Saybrook, CT, indicates more than two-thirds of prospective students said they plan to enroll in a public or private university.

"Dehne also found that educational institutions designated as universities were more highly regarded by employers than those designated as colleges," she stated.

Charuhas also noted,

"Several other Maryland educational institutions that have recently changed their names from college to university include Towson University, Salisbury University, and Frostburg State University. According to Higher Education Publications, Inc., Arlington, VA, more than 180 colleges nationally have changed their designations from college to university."

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EDITORIAL

Lawsuit threatened: A publisher's duty to the truth

The Emmitsburg Dispatch holds itself accountable for everything published in its news columns. This is why we work hard to verify news reports as best we can — as we did for the front page article in today's edition about incorrect information given to the EPA in an unsigned email bearing the name Bill O'Neil and to the MDE in a fax sent by Mr. Harold Craig. In a news report entitled "Commissioner takes aim at competitors" published April 8 in the Walkersville/Thurmont *Gazette*, Mr. Craig does in fact identify Mr. O'Neil as the author of the letter to the EPA.

But this newspaper cannot always independently verify what others report to us. Advertisers have the right to see their own words in print.

In a paid advertisement in the April 1, 2004 issue of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, Commissioner Cliff Sweeney discussed, among other things, Mr. Bill O'Neil, Mr. Harold Craig, their membership in COPE and their stand on certain development issues facing the town.

Following publication, I received communications from both Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Craig. They both asserted that certain statements Mr. Sweeney made concerning them, COPE and their positions were incorrect. Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Craig indicated they might sue Mr. Sweeney, and possibly this newspaper, over the perceived inaccuracies in Mr. Sweeney's

advertisement. They asked that we publish their rebuttal, not as a paid advertisement, but at no charge to them.

We tried to work out an agreement so that they would not sue the newspaper, but, through no one's fault, it seems that it's not clear if we have ultimately been successful. We have nevertheless decided to print their rebuttal to Mr. Sweeney, as well as our own investigative piece, which we began writing before hearing from either Mr. O'Neil or Mr. Craig. Our readers would be better served if they read the news story on page one and make their own judgments.

The major question is, did the correspondence from these two letters in any way bring about the proposed fines and tap restrictions, as Commissioner Cliff Sweeney suggested in his paid advertisement? The *Emmitsburg Dispatch* could not verify that it was in fact the letters that prompted MDE's actions—this is still being investigated. MDE did tell us however, that they were working with Emmitsburg up to this point. The facts are that the sewer plant was over capacity eleven (11) times in September; there weren't eleven (11) sewage spills. It's serious that the sewer plant was over capacity that many times, but there is a difference between being over capacity and actually overflowing sewage. Furthermore, MDE stated that sewage overflow from the two September spills did not reach Tom's Creek as the letters stated.

The "unsigned email" bearing the name Bill O'Neil and the fax sent by Mr. Craig make statements about Emmitsburg's town government. It's common knowledge that Emmitsburg has been suffering from infrastructure problems for many years, but the town is taking action. Nearly 3000 linear ft. of sewer trunk line are scheduled to be replaced this year. Last year the town established a sewer and water enterprise fund which separates tax dollars from money generated from sewer and water services. The money in the enterprise fund is designated solely for sewer and water expenditures. The town recently increased sewer and water tap fees and added a surcharge to sewer tap hookups. The surcharge money is to be used specifically for making repairs to the sewer line delivery system.

Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Craig have not sued the newspaper over this matter and it is not clear if they will do so. The newspaper does not believe it has acted improperly and will, therefore, defend its actions if sued. It is heartening to report that several people who have heard of the dispute have offered to pay the paper's legal fees in the event of a lawsuit. They want to be sure Emmitsburg will continue to have its own Town newspaper.

I'll keep you informed.

—Raymond Buchheister
Editor & Publisher

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spills in Sept. (2003)," adding, "We exceeded the design capacity on several occasions in Sept. but they did not all result in spills. Exceeding design capacity doesn't threaten the environment directly and does not imply there was a spill."

Town Manager David Haller's Oct. town manager's report also reflected that the treatment plant sustained 11 over-capacity incidences during Sept. "We got 10.4 inches of rain during the month of Sept.," he stated, adding, "We exceeded the plant's design limits on 11 days."

Haller provided *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* with a

list of spills reported in 2003. The report indicates there were 9 spillage incidences for the entire year, only 2 of them in Sept. One was a 157,000-gallon spill to Flat Run as part of a two-day incident Sept. 3 and 4; the other was a 300,000-gallon spill to Flat Run on Sept. 23.

Reports to MDE indicate that on Sept. 3 and 4 the area

received 2.8" of heavy rain, overwhelming the treatment plant and resulting in the spillage. The second incident report also notes that there was 3" of rain before the system developed problems, resulting in spillage near Emmit Gardens.

Regarding the claims in the Craig fax and the "unsigned email" that raw sewage was discharged to Toms Creek, according to an MDE document, no spill in Sept. flowed into Toms Creek. In a letter dated 11/18/2003, a field inspection report prepared by MDE stated (in reference to the two Sept. spillage incidences), "The overflows would not reach Tom's Creek, but Flat Run (instead). No sewage overflows from the plant flowed into Tom's Creek, according to records."

Sweeney ad re-opens MDE/EPA letter questions

In the April 1 issue of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, Clifford Sweeney paid for a political advertisement that, among other things, stated, "Craig and O'Neil wrote a letter to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) giving false information that may cause us tax-paying Emmitsburg citizens who live here fines and hardships." Sweeney continued, "Just because of a group called COPE, the state MDE is in the process of taking enforcement action."

In a letter to *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* dated April 5, Craig states, "He (Sweeney) blamed me and Bill O'Neil for writing MDE to ask what they are doing to stop the town from violating the law...As a matter of fact, Bill O'Neil did not write to the MDE at all."

In a second letter to the newspaper dated April 7, Craig submitted a "rebuttal" political advertisement that he suggested be printed "free of charge" in *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* in order for the newspaper to avoid being sued for "libel." In

fact, as Sweeney admits, his advertisement did contain some factual errors. We are today publishing Sweeney's correction as a letter to the editor entitled "Sweeney corrects errors" on p.2.

In Craig's proposed ad, Craig states, "He (Commissioner Clifford Sweeney) is attempting to smear COPE for actions taken by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to prevent the dumping of raw sewage into Flat Run. COPE agrees with this action, of course, but is not responsible for it, having had no communications with MDE whatsoever."

Craig's MDE letter, sent by fax and dated October 20, 2003, was directed to Jack Brown, Water Management Administration, Compliance Program, MDE. The "unsigned email," undated, does not bear the name of the individual to whom it was sent, but states, "I respectfully request that the Environmental Protection Agency (federal EPA) dispatch the appropriate personnel to investigate..."

Nevertheless, the "unsigned email" sent to EPA does bear an MDE fax stamp at the top. The "unsigned email" was not sent directly to MDE, but the email certainly ended up there. MDE spokesman Richard McIntire confirmed that MDE had received the "unsigned email" from EPA. The federal EPA does not necessarily act on local complaints, but forwards them to the applicable state agencies for follow-up enforcement or investigation.

David Sternberg, spokesman for EPA's Region III office, said, "Generally speaking, we would contact the state to discuss who would take the lead." Although EPA does have independent authority to pursue complaints, Clean Water Act enforcement is a delegated program, he said. This means the agency relies a

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great deal on state-level enforcement. In the case of the Emmitsburg sewer plant, MDE already had the lead.

Letters call for enforcement action

Both correspondences call on the agencies to which they were sent to take action against the town.

The "unsigned email" stated to EPA, "The Town of Emmitsburg, MD continues to discharge raw sewerage into Tom's Creek and did so eleven (11) out of thirty (30) days during the month of Sept. 2003." Similarly, Craig stated in his letter to MDE, "The Town of Emmitsburg continues to issue building permits for houses, even though it discharged raw sewage into Toms Creek eleven (11) out of thirty (30) days in Sept. 2003."

Craig's letter further asked, "Please advise what your organization is doing to compel the town to cease and desist from this unlawful dis-

charge of raw sewage into Tom's Creek..."

The "unsigned email" continued, "Given this flagrant and repeated violation, I respectfully request that the Environmental Protection Agency dispatch the appropriate personnel to investigate this matter further to ascertain whether or not the town is in violation of the Clean Water Act and other applicable federal laws."

While EPA defers such complaints to the MDE, the MDE informed Craig that the agency was already well aware of the situation in Emmitsburg.

In a response dated Nov. 4, 2003, addressed to Craig, Robert M. Summers, director of the Waste Management Administration of the MDE, wrote, "MDE has been in discussion with Emmitsburg...MDE anticipates soon reaching an agreement with Emmitsburg concerning the North Sewer Trunk Rehabilitation and other collection system improvements as required to eliminate collection system

inflow and infiltration."

In fact, the town previously entered into a consent order with the MDE in 1998. According to the MDE, the town complied with and met the terms of that order, but continued to violate the treatment plant permit's capacity limitations and suffered a number of "unlawful sanitary sewer overflows," primarily due to the intrusion of wild water into the collection system.

Craig maintains information was not false

In a letter to the editor published April 15 in the Walkersville/Thurmont Gazette, Craig wrote, "Emmitsburg Mayor James Hoover and Commissioner Clifford Sweeney have accused me...of furnishing false information to the (MDE)...I deny these false and malicious accusations...As a concerned citizen, I wrote on Oct. 20, 2003, to MDE in good faith, the following, 'The town of Emmitsburg...discharged sewage into Toms Creek

eleven out of thirty days in September, 2003.'"

Letters surfaced in January 2004

Reports of letters to EPA and MDE surfaced at the Jan. 2004 town meeting. Commissioners expressed their outrage at what they felt were false and misleading statements reported to environmental enforcement agencies.

Commissioner President Patrick B. Boyle told the board members at the meeting, "Letters have been sent to the MDE and EPA. My concern is the factual information was not completely accurate."

He said, "For 11 days the plant operated over-capacity (in Sept. 2003), not spillage. That information was not correct. We did not have 11 spills (as reported in the MDE and EPA letters written by one or more COPE members)."

Boyle pointed out that false reports to federal and state agencies "places some jeopardy on the operator's license," adding, "I don't know what his (referring to

one of the writers) political agenda was, but he certainly didn't do the town any favors."

Commissioner Clifford L. Sweeney said, "If they send another letter, they should make sure the information is correct. They could have cost the treatment plant operator his job or license."

Mayor James E. Hoover said, "The MDE has suggested putting the town under a consent order (to help address the wastewater collection system problems)," adding, "Giving (the agency) improper and inaccurate information does not help the situation."

Dispatch questions go unanswered

The Emmitsburg Dispatch handed O'Neil and Craig a list of questions pertaining to the MDE and EPA correspondences, following the candidates' forum April 15. Neither has responded. Craig stated the next day that he did not have time to review and respond to the questions. There was no response from O'Neil.

A RESPONSE TO CLIFF SWEENEY'S APRIL 1 ADVERTISEMENT BY BILL O'NEIL AND HAROLD CRAIG

THE TRUTH: With the exception of two Founding members, only Emmitsburg citizens can be voting members of The Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg, Inc. (COPE).

THE TRUTH: COPE is a civic organization created to promote the welfare of Emmitsburg. It is an open organization and its monthly meetings are held in the conference room of the Emmitsburg Public Library and are open to the public. COPE works to improve the quality of life for all Emmitsburgians by promoting sensible planning and development, and supports the preservation, maintenance and improvement of Emmitsburg's educational, environmental, historical, natural, recreational and scenic qualities.

THE TRUTH: Harold Craig, like Bill O'Neil, supports business development and growth and the creation of a by-pass to alleviate traffic. Mr. Craig never said that he supports "zero growth and zero traffic." Mr. Sweeney also misquoted Mr. Craig regarding refugees fleeing over development elsewhere. Mr. Craig, like Mr. O'Neil, believes that we can have too much of a good thing and that Emmitsburg has experienced enough residential development. We need to effectively deal with failing sewers that leak millions of gallons of raw sewerage into our streams.

THE TRUTH: Mr. Sweeney negatively comments on Mr. Craig as being, "a 77-year old single man" (Harold Craig is 73-years old) and asks, "Where is his family and children?" Does Mr. Sweeney intend to inquire this of others living in Emmitsburg as well: widows, widowers, divorcees, priests, sisters, and students? Let's put a stop to the mud slinging, Mr. Sweeney.

THE TRUTH: Neither Lisa Elder (Art Elder's cousin, not his "niece"), nor any COPE members, collected signatures for the annexation petition from

anyone outside of Emmitsburg. The signatures, reviewed by the Mayor, are on public display in the town office.

THE TRUTH: Mr. Sweeney falsely reported that Mr. O'Neil wrote a letter to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). Mr. Craig, not Mr. O'Neil or COPE, wrote a letter to MDE. Nor did Bill O'Neil review, edit, or comment on such a letter. Lastly, Bill O'Neil has never been in contact with MDE.

THE TRUTH: Harold Craig's letter to MDE cited the town manager's summary of the October 6, 2003 town meeting as summarized on the town website: www.emmitsburg.net/towngov/minutes/2003/oct_6.htm. Voters should review this website and compare it with the information contained in the letter which inquired about MDE efforts to compel the town to cease and desist from this unlawful discharge of Tom's Creek, a tributary of the Monocacy, the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay.

THE TRUTH: As for COPE wanting to fill the Emmitsburg Committees with "out-of-town-people," it was Mr. Sweeney and the current Commissioners who appointed a Gaithersburg resident to serve on the Town Ethics Committee.

THE TRUTH: Mr. Sweeney, in his ad, said that Dottie Davis has "turned her back on Emmitsburg!" Dottie Davis never has, nor ever will, turn her back on this community. Without fail, she and her family have given their all for this community, whether at the Fire department, with COPE, or in church. Her concern, and that of COPE, with regard to Well #7 is that sewerage overflows the site when Flat Run overflows which may contaminate the well. Also, well #7 has high concentrations of manganese and sulphur.



-RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER/THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH

Mayor switches party affiliation

Emmitsburg Mayor James E. Hoover announced April 16 that he is dropping his Independent Party affiliation and joining the Republican Party.

Hoover made the announcement at the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA) meeting held at the Carriage House Restaurant, Emmitsburg. "It's my honor," he said, "to change my party to Republican at this time."

Attending the luncheon was state Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., numerous members of the business community, board of commissioners members, and candidates vying for commissioner positions in the upcoming town election.

Hoover said he chose to switch parties because of the "tremendous support" the Ehrlich administration has shown the town. "They have helped us every step of the way," he said.

Governor Ehrlich commented, "We are not on a political campaign to have everyone in Maryland become a Republican," adding, "although that would be okay with me."

This is the second time Governor Ehrlich has visited Emmitsburg during Mayor Hoover's administration.

Commissioner Sweeney threatened over political ad

Staff Report

Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners member Clifford L. Sweeney was allegedly threatened "with physical harm" April 2 by an anonymous Emmitsburg resident who left his phone number on Sweeney's caller ID.

Sweeney said he received a "threatening phone call" after his paid political advertisement ran in the April 1 issue of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*. His political campaign advertisement addressed issues he has with certain members of Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg (COPE) including

Bill O'Neil and Harold Craig, COPE's president and vice-president, and each a candidate for commissioner in the upcoming election. *See related story "Documents establish incorrect information given to EPA / MDE" on p. 1, and the editorial on p. 4, of this issue.*

Sweeney told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, "He (the caller) said he has lived in Emmitsburg for years and had been a member of COPE since it was started, and that he didn't like the article that came out." According to Sweeney the caller was yelling and was obviously upset.

"I told him that I have a

right to an opinion and that COPE members have said worse things about me (than anything brought up in the political advertisement)," Sweeney stated, adding, "He then yelled 'I have friends in the military that would take care of,' and then I hung up (before the caller could complete the alleged threat)."

Sweeney then consulted Mayor James E. Hoover and Board of Commissioners President Patrick B. Boyle, who both advised him to call the police.

Deputy First Class (DFC) Jennifer Bailey, spokesperson for Frederick County Sheriff's

TOWN NEWS

Heavy rains cause another sewage spill

Emmitsburg and Thurmont plants overwhelmed

Staff Report

April showers may bring flowers for some, but for the alfalfa fields near Route 15 in Emmitsburg, showers can bring sewage as well.

The wastewater collection system was inundated by intense rain starting around 7:00 p.m. Mon. April 12, into Tues. April 13, with residual effects Wed. April 14 until around 11:00 a.m. Daniel Fissel, plant operator, told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, "We had 1.6" of rain on the average Mon. through Tues., and 2.08" at the water plant location."

He said that in spite of the deluge of more than 4.5 million gallons of combined sewage and wild water (rainwater infiltration into the aged, decrepit collection system), the treatment plant had pretty much handled the situation. But the collection system was ultimately overwhelmed.

A gravity-fed, forced-main wastewater transmission line between the treatment facility and Route 15 was overloaded. Fissel said it vented an estimated 32,000 gallons of diluted wastewater into an alfalfa field between the plant and Route 15. Plant staff estimates spills by applying a formula based on field measurements.

Fissel said staff treated the spill with lime to kill pathogens, and the clean-up crew dealt with the debris

(solids). "I don't think any of it reached a stream," he stated. He further estimated that, according to field tests, the sewage had been diluted with rainwater by as much as 90 percent before being discharged.

The heavy rain also overwhelmed the Thurmont wastewater facility. Plant Superintendent Randy E. Eyler said the system spilled 40,000 gallons of diluted sewage Mon. April 11. He said the spill predominantly "just pooled on the ground." The MDE is presently reviewing the Thurmont wastewater collection system.

Taneytown's relatively new wastewater treatment plant went on-line in 2000. Plant Supervisor Charles W. Stitely said there were no known spills in spite of the wastewater flow increasing to 3 million gallons during the heavy rain. Normally the plant receives between 400,000 and 500,000 gallons.

Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) spokesman Richard McIntyre said, under state law, failure to report an incident could result in severe penalties ranging from up to \$1,000 a day (under MDE administrative penalty assessments) to up to \$25,000 a day (under criminal law).

The town is presently engaged in negotiating the terms of a proposed MDE consent order to address rehabilitation of the deteriorating collection system pipelines.

Office, told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that DFC Gary Cline and Deputy Kevin Eyler responded to Sweeney's home at 6:27 p.m. to investigate the complaint.

Bailey said they traced the suspect's identification and location by "running the phone number (the caller had left on Sweeney's caller ID) through emergency communications." The deputies then drove to the suspect's home to talk with him.

"They advised him (the caller) that the victim (Sweeney) did not want him to

call again, and that there was an appropriate place to vent, such as at a public meeting." She noted that the suspect told the deputies he would not call again and "was apologetic" about the incident.

Commissioner Sweeney told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that the police had said the suspect was apologetic. Sweeney decided not to file charges because the caller apologized to police for his actions. *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* has elected not to publish the name of the suspect allegedly involved

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in the incident because no formal charges have been filed. The suspect is neither O'Neil nor Craig.

Scott Rolle, State's attorney for Frederick County, informed *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that threatening a public official, including local commissioners, could carry a prison sentence of up to 3 years and a penalty of up to \$2,500. Using a phone for purposes of harassment could carry a sentence of up to 3 years and a penalty of up to \$500, as stipulated in the Maryland Code.

When it comes to lodging veiled threats against an elected official or using a phone to harass others, Rolle cautioned, "It's advisable to keep one's temper in check."

COPE President William O'Neil stated that the individual who called Sweeney is not a COPE member. "He has been supportive of COPE but is not a dues-paying member," O'Neil said.

Police warn COPE member about removal of campaign signs

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office also responded last week to a complaint in Emmitsburg that a resident was illegally removing campaign posters.

Commissioner Sweeney told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that someone had been removing his campaign posters from various locations around town. Sweeney is the incumbent candidate running for one of two commissioner seats open in the April 27 election.

A couple who saw a person removing signs called Sweeney from their cell phone.

Sweeney estimated that 25 signs had been removed, admitting that some had been posted on telephone poles. He also commented that the suspect also "went onto Bollinger property" to remove one or more signs.

Deputy Bailey told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that police contacted the suspect and worked out an "understanding," whereby the suspect agreed to return the removed signs to Sweeney and refrain from removing any additional ones.

According to Bailey there is a regulation prohibiting unauthorized removal of political campaign signs from private property. "Some were taken down off of telephone poles," she stated, adding, "But (the suspect) should not have removed the signs."

William O'Toole, who identified himself as a member of the Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg (COPE), admitted to *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that he had removed some of the signs from telephone poles, but claimed he only "took down four." "It's against the law posting on telephone poles," O'Toole remarked.

Sweeney reported that "Mrs. O'Toole returned 4 of the posters that had been taken down to me at the candidate forum (held April 15)." It is not known who else, if anyone, was involved.

Utility companies generally frown on, or expressly prohibit use of their poles for posting advertising of any kind. However, Bailey said, private citizens cannot legally remove posters once they are up. She said the person involved in the incident should have contacted the town, the candidate posting the signs, or the utility company, to try to have them removed.

To date no charges have been filed in this incident.

Emmitsburg Pharmacy robbed Police have suspect — charges pending

Staff Report

The Medicine Plus Pharmacy, 191 Silo Hill Rd., was robbed at knifepoint Mon. April 12. The suspect escaped with an unspecified amount of drugs.

A young white male holding a knife and demanding drugs confronted pharmacist Karen Golden and clerk Loretta Shorb around noon. Golden told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* the suspect appeared to be in his late teens or early 20s.

Neither Shorb nor Golden was verbally threatened with physical harm if they did not comply with his demands. However, they said

that the young man had "a knife showing" during the robbery and "appeared threatening."

Golden said after they gave him the drugs, he ran to the back of the strip mall, in the direction of Silo Hill. She did not see him get into a car.

Because the Frederick County Sheriff's Office is still investigating the incident, Golden could not release the amount or type of drugs involved. She noted that the man seemed to have a "specific list" of drugs he wanted, but neither demanded nor took any money.

The pharmacist did not recognize the man and could not say if he was a local resi-

dent. According to Golden, the incident lasted 3 to 5 minutes. Police responded to the 911 call within 5 minutes.

Deputy First Class Jennifer Bailey, Frederick County Sheriff's Office, said several deputy units and a canine team were sent to the pharmacy. Bailey's information on the incident corroborated Golden's statements to *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*. She added that the suspect was reported to be wearing a dark blue hooded sweatshirt and tan pants. He did not wear a mask.

Bailey said police have a suspect in mind, but no arrests had been made as of April 15.

Commissioners increase parking fees

Staff Report

The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners voted April 5 to increase parking meter rates and parking permit fees to help offset property tax increases.

Parking meter fees will increase from 25 cents for two hours to 25 cents per hour, and from 10 cents for 48 minutes to 10 cents for 15 minutes. Six-month parking permit fees will increase from \$75 to \$115.

Town Planner Michael H. Lucas told the commissioners that the town's current meter rates were "exactly half of Thurmont's and less than half of other surrounding municipalities." He added, "The staff

does not feel that the town should adopt any particular municipality's rate, but it does seem reasonable to consider an increase, given the fiscal constraints we are likely to face in the next year."

Lucas noted that the parking meter revenues are approximately \$14,400 annually. The new meter rates would effectively double that amount to about \$28,800. These figures do not include revenue generated from parking permits.

"This would be the equivalent of a 4 percent increase in our property tax rate of 36 cents per \$100 of assessed value," Lucas stated.

The town presently has 133

parking meters. Lucas said the cost to retrofit the meters for the new rate would be about \$10.00 per meter, \$1,330 total.

Town Manager David Haller said, "User fees (such as parking meter fees) are fair fees. They have less impact for those on a fixed income because people can choose not to use (the service)," as opposed to a property tax increase which "is not something you can choose not to use."

Haller also noted that revenue generated through parking fees helps pay for after school programs. "Use fees are a good way to raise funds," he said.

Election judges appointed; annexation referendum vote to be in May

Staff Report

The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners voted April 5 to appoint 3 election judges and 1 alternate to oversee the April 27 town election.

Selected to serve as election judges were Rita Byard, Carolyn Pavek and Kathleen "Katie" Warthen. The commissioners appointed Maria Henry as an alternate judge. Mayor James E. Hoover noted

that the appointed judges are all town residents and registered voters.

Emmitsburg will hold its election Tues. April 27, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., at the Resident Deputies Office, the Old Town Hall, 22 E. Main St. Registered voters will elect 2 town commissioners.

Regarding the pending Bollinger annexation referendum vote, Mayor Hoover stated, "We did not meet the time

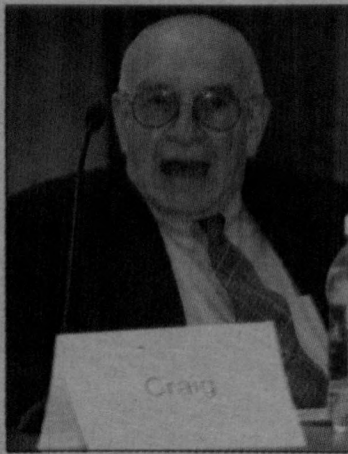
frame for getting the referendum on the ballot" for the April 27 election. Hoover said there was not enough time left for the town to place the necessary advertisements telling residents about the referendum. He added, "We will do that (hold the referendum vote) immediately after the next 30 days." That special ballot vote will be held Tues., May 25.

The annexation of the 20.3-acre Bollinger tract became

effective Feb. 11. The Board of Commissioners approved it by a 3-1 vote Feb. 2. Commissioner Art Elder, a Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg (COPE) member, voted against the annexation. Mayor Hoover signed off on it Feb. 11. The tract is located off Irishtown Rd. and is owned by Josh Bollinger, Rosemary Bollinger his mother, and Harriet Gigeous, Josh Bollinger's aunt.

Members of COPE have led the effort to overturn the annexation. They needed 208 verifiable names, or 20 percent of the total number of registered voters, to have the annexation issue placed on the ballot for public consideration. The county Board of Elections lists 1,042 registered voters in Emmitsburg. The mayor and the town clerk, Donna Despres, were able to verify 261 names, 53 more than actually needed.

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Harold Craig

Biography:

Born in Washington, D.C., 1930. Earned B.A. in Economics at American University. Served in U.S. Army. Earned LL.B. (law degree) at Washington and Lee University. Passed Virginia Bar Exam. IRS Tax Law Specialist for 38 years. Resident of Emmitsburg over 37 years. Trustee of Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church. A founder and Vice-President of COPE. Member of Friends of the Library, Emmitsburg Area Historical Society, New Forest Society, etc.

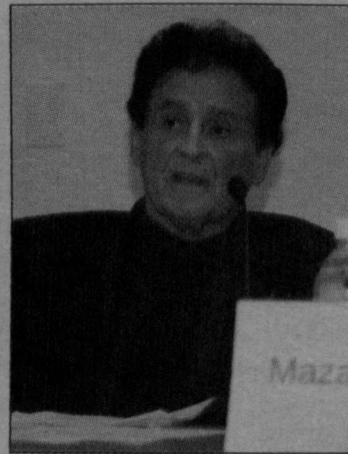
1. Qualifications. What are your qualifications for holding the office of commissioner for the Town of Emmitsburg? Why do you think you would be a good Town commissioner?

A good education and long experience in legal and governmental matters. My sole interest in seeking the position is the welfare of the Town. I have no conflicting financial interests.

2. Purpose. What are your particular motives for running for this office? What particular good do you hope to do for the Town?

To work with Commissioner Elder and the Mayor to preserve the best of Emmitsburg while improving the rest, including longstanding sewer, water, traffic and school problems. Unfortunately, these problems have been made worse by

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Dr. Stanley Mazaleski

Biography:

My name is Dr. Stanley Mazaleski. My wife, Charlotte, and I have four children. We've been visiting the Emmitsburg area for 30 years so we know the area well. I am presently employed by the Frederick County school system, and was previously employed by the U.S. EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, and by the Veteran's Hospital.

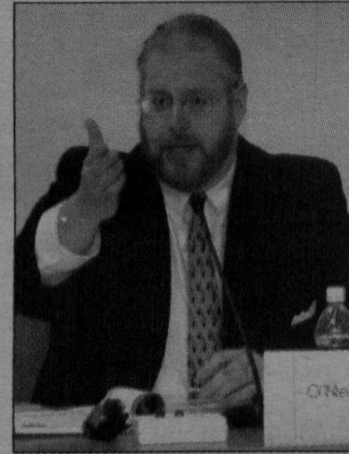
1. Qualifications. What are your qualifications for holding the office of commissioner for the Town of Emmitsburg? Why do you think you would be a good Town commissioner?

My experience as a medical researcher and environmental scientist will be applied to helping the town and its wonderful people. I have three degrees; BS in education and biology, MSSPH in sanitary science, and PhD in preventive medicine and public health. I also used to be in naval air defense. I would like to see an epidemiological study of the use of lead in home plumbing in town.

2. Purpose. What are your particular motives for running for this office? What particular good do you hope to do for the town?

As a very experienced and educated environmental health toxicologist and nutritional scientist, I will raise

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William B. O'Neil, Jr.

Biography:

William B. O'Neil, Jr., 45, married 19 years, wife, Marlene; children: Jennifer, 16; Billy, 11. Employed for 5 years as Federal Affairs Representative, Blue Cross Blue Shield SC. Formerly Special Assistant, County Executive; Chief of Staff, County Council Member, 6 years. Director, Legislative Affairs, Pettit & Martin, 4 years. Legislative Director, Congress, 10 years. B.A., Political Science, Penn State. President, COPE. Member, Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association, Friends of the Library

1. Qualifications. What are your qualifications for holding the office of commissioner for the Town of Emmitsburg? Why do you think you would be a good Town commissioner?

I will tirelessly serve Emmitsburgians with the respect, courtesy and attention they deserve and firmly believe that the taxpayer is the boss. My background and experience will enable me to repair our sewers, reduce traffic and foster an open government that will be more friendly and responsive. As your servant, I will use my experience to solve our sewer crisis, reduce traffic, attract new businesses, and hold the line on taxes.

Additional qualifications: U. S. Congress, House Public Works and Transportation Committee, U. S. Congress, House Water Resources Subcommittee, Federal and County Departments of

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Clifford Sweeney

Biography:

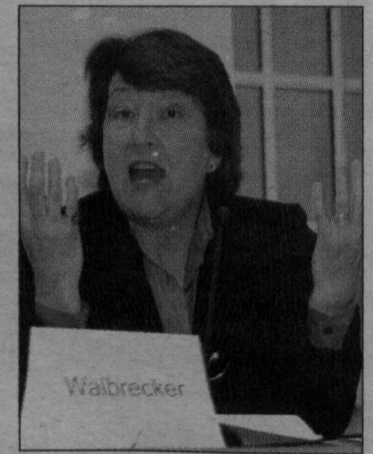
Clifford Sweeney, 39, married to Elizabeth Ott Sweeney; children: Amanda, 18; Chad, 15. I'm a member of St. Joseph's Church, active in fund-raising and in the choir at the church. My family traces its roots back to the early 1800s in Emmitsburg. I've been involved with little league for 12 years, and am a member of the Knights of Columbus and served as past president and member of the Emmitsburg community chorus. I'm employed by W.F. Wilson & Sons, and have been a town commissioner for eight years.

1. Qualifications. What are your qualifications for holding the office of commissioner for the Town of Emmitsburg? Why do you think you would be a good Town commissioner?

Besides being a commissioner for eight years, I am, or have been, a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Parks and Recreation, Pool and Streets, and also been town treasurer. I'm a construction foreman who puts in water and sewer lines for a living. I know how much it costs and what it takes to fix the infrastructure problems. I'm very active in the community. I also helped get 500 acres of watershed land. I also started an after-school program for our kids, and numerous community events. I know what it takes to be a commissioner in this town.

2. Purpose. What are your particular motives for running for this office?

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Dianne Walbrecker

Biography:

Dianne Walbrecker, 48. Willis, Mandy, Buddy and I moved here in July 1991. Growing up in Reston, Virginia gave me practical ideas on town planning and design. I started my business, Getting It Write, in 1985. We do training courses for FEMA on emergency management and leadership, and write books and articles. I have served on numerous town and civic committees since moving here. B.A., Psychology, George Mason University. Masters, Performance Improvement, in progress

1. Qualifications. What are your qualifications for holding the office of commissioner for the Town of Emmitsburg? Why do you think you would be a good Town commissioner?

I will make an effective commissioner because I believe in serving people and working together. I'm a good listener, a hard worker, and get the facts and try to examine all angles creatively before making a decision.

I've been involved in Emmitsburg since we moved here. I began going to town meetings right away and have never stopped. I volunteered at school on the PTSA, was elected VP of the Business and Professional Association, appointed to the Board of Appeals and the Planning and Zoning Commission, wrote articles for the Dispatch, and was heavily involved in the 1998 Comprehensive Plan.

2. Purpose. What are your particular motives for

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years of neglect and residential overdevelopment.

3. Town management. Do you think the Town should be managed differently? If so, what positions, functions and/or procedures would you change?

Yes. Public business should be open and available to the public. Further, the police need to enforce the speed laws. It is risking your life to cross Main Street.

4. Town's facilities. Which essential things need to be purchased, replaced or repaired so that Emmitsburg can remain a desirable place to live?

Infrastructure (roads, schools, sewers, water) needs to be upgraded, particularly the sewer system. The Town needs a bypass, since we have a road system dating from horse and buggy days.

5. Funding. From what sources do you think the Town should seek funds to pay for essential Town needs, would you seek:
a. an increase in the property tax rate? or
b. another kind of tax? If yes, what kind? or
c. some other means? If yes, what kind?

To the extent possible, from grants and low interest loans. As a last resort, an increase in taxes.

6. Planning. The Town has started to review its 20-year plan.
a. What specific changes would you suggest?
b. If you think the Town should grow geographically, why does it need more land? What purpose do you think the Town may have to annex property?

Encourage low-impact business. Annex land suitable for business in order to increase the tax base. Balance bedrooms with jobs.

Mazaleski

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funds, write grants, do epidemiological studies on lead, copper, and other metal toxins and on the effects of human exposure and resulting adverse health effects.

3. Town Management. Do you think the town should be managed differently? If so, what positions, functions and/or procedures would you change?

I believe there should be more competitive and timely bidding on contracts and increased fund-raising efforts.

4. Town's facilities. Which essential things need to be purchased, replaced or repaired so that Emmitsburg can remain a desirable place to live?

We should make the effort to locate more available grants and donations to aid in sewer and water line repairs, and to replace old lead and copper lines. We should seek federal and/or state funding for a bypass, and help in establishing terrorist-attack emergency evacuation routes. MDE has imposed a limit of 20 hookups a year but you can't have zero growth based on that.

5. Funding. From what sources do you think the Town should seek funds to pay for essential Town needs, would you seek:
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There should be no increase in property taxes, possibly even decreasing property taxes by using the new home sewer hookups to help pay for old sewer and water lines in need of repair.

6. Planning. The Town has started to review its 20-year plan.
a. What specific changes would you suggest?
b. If you think the Town should grow geographically, why does it need more land?

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O'Neil

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Environmental Protection, County Planning and Zoning.

2. Purpose. What are your particular motives for running for this office? What particular good do you hope to do for the town?

Harold Craig and Bill O'Neil will give Art Elder the help he needs to "preserve the best and improve the rest" that Emmitsburg has to offer by: repairing leaking sewers; reducing traffic & building a bypass; improving water quality & resources; ending residential over-development; attracting new businesses & creating jobs.

3. Town Management. Do you think the town should be managed differently? If so, what positions, functions and/or procedures would you change?

Every citizen must be treated with courtesy and respect. Town agendas will provide details for items, not just a title. All information provided to the Mayor and Commissioners at town meetings will be posted on a hearing room bulletin board and made available on the Internet. The press will be given copies of materials provided to the Mayor and Commissioners before town meetings. The last person to speak at town meetings will be a taxpayer.

4. Town's facilities. Which essential things need to be purchased, replaced or repaired so that Emmitsburg can remain a desirable place to live?

89% of our sewer system regularly leaks millions of gallons of sewerage into streams indirect violation of state and federal laws. My experience in securing funds for public works projects will get the money needed to repair our sewer system and build a bypass to reduce traffic in town.

5. Funding. From what sources do you think the Town should seek funds to pay for essential Town needs,

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What particular good do you hope to do for the town?

I'm running for office to help get the town infrastructure fixed, get a bypass, and to help address crowded schools. I'm running to bring Emmitsburg together as a community. With the new families here in Emmitsburg we can bring the new and old together and create a greater community.

3. Town Management. Do you think the town should be managed differently? If so, what positions, functions and/or procedures would you change?

I think the town has come a long way since I've been in office. The former town manager before did nothing for the town. I was one of the commissioners who hired the new manager, who brought order to the town. The town was broke and had no money. He helped us go from paper money to real money. The town needs more information given to the public at town meetings.

4. Town's facilities. Which essential things need to be purchased, replaced or repaired so that Emmitsburg can remain a desirable place to live?

The town's sewer and water lines need repair. We need to bring wells #4 and #7 on-line, leak test the sewers for wild water, upgrade the sewer plant, and finish our parks. We also need to replace the water lines and fire systems on DePaul, and North and S. Seton.

5. Funding. From what sources do you think the Town should seek funds to pay for essential Town needs, would you seek:

a. an increase in the property tax rate? Or
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c. some other means? If yes, what kind?

c. We already are making the developers pay an extra \$3,500 per house and impact

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Walbrecker

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running for this office? What particular good do you hope to do for the town?

To ensure that Emmitsburg blends the best of both worlds; experience in government with the small-town friendliness of a community that wants to maintain its way of life. To ensure that we do not become another sprawling metropolis by using my people skills, education, creativity, and willingness to work hard.

3. Town Management. Do you think the town should be managed differently? If so, what positions, functions and/or procedures would you change?

Tension exists between the town staff and residents. Many residents I have talked with believe that the town is not at all interested in serving them. Conversely, many staff I have talked with feel the residents have no idea what pressures the staff faces daily. It's not time to place blame; its time to fix the problem. Clear job performance specifications, an analysis of work processes, and customer service training are first steps toward solutions.

4. Town's facilities. Which essential things need to be purchased, replaced or repaired so that Emmitsburg can remain a desirable place to live?

Repair: Old infrastructure lines, Main Street sidewalks, subdivision roads in need, broken streetlights. Redesign: Town Square for better traffic flow. Create: Off street parking for Main Street to attract more businesses and customers. Remove: Parking meters in front of homes on Main Street. Add: Walking and bike trails.

5. Funding. From what sources do you think the Town should seek funds to pay for essential Town needs, would you seek:

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c. some other means? If

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Mazaleski

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What purpose do you think the Town may have to annex property?

The town should routinely review its 20-year plan and coordinate the plan with the county master plan. We have to put an end to the truck and car convoys passing through residential areas. Some of these streets have lots of small kids roaming around and some have no sidewalks. There is a high risk here for fatal accidents. I want to see an increase in drug abuse awareness, and in bringing back the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic to our schools. The community needs terrorist attack survival training. We should annex property already surveyed and planned, but otherwise treat the town as "sacred ground."

O'Neil

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would you seek:

- an increase in the property tax rate? Or
 - another kind of tax? Or
 - some other means? Or
- yes, what kind? Or

Given FEMA's unique

relationship with Emmitsburg and the impact it has on our infrastructure, we must seek out and secure federal funding for needed sewer repairs and road construction. For example, the Water Resources Development Act authorizes and funds the construction of various water-related projects. Similarly, money is available for roads projects. As my past professional experience is with the very committees providing funds, I would be effective in making our case before Congress.

6. Planning. The Town has started to review its 20-year plan.

a. What specific changes would you suggest?

b. If you think the Town should grow geographically, why does it need more land? What purpose do you think the Town may have to annex property?

It took Emmitsburg 200 years to reach a population of 2,200 — and 4 years to add 1,400 people. 361 new homes at 4 people per home = 1,444 more people, 722 more cars (2 per home), 120 students added to Emmitsburg ES (1 per home), and 6 portable classrooms, not including the existing 3.

We need an Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance that determines what roads, sewers, sidewalks, and services must be in place before growth can ever resume, and requires developers to pay for their projects' infrastructure needs.

The only reason to annex property is for commercial business development.

Sweeney

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fees 1,000 dollars. For one new house it costs 11,500 dollars for water sewer and impact fees. We are looking for any grants or loans available for water, sewer, streets and parks. I am against raising taxes to fund infrastructure improvements to address issues resulting from the impact of new developments. Developers and developments (development home buyers) should pay for these.

6. Planning. The Town has started to review its 20-year plan.

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b. If you think the Town should grow geographically, why does it need more

land? What purpose do you think the Town may have to annex property?

All the infrastructures and figures need updating. We need to update the maps of the town to the way it exists now. We need to look into what future land to annex, if such is needed for future development, and we need to look at water use. The town needs land to develop new water sources. We need to add more commercial property and green spaces to the 20-year plan. I think the town needs to annex property too as part of any managed growth strategy. To shut the town down totally, banning annexation and suspending residential development, will destroy it.

Walbrecker

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yes, what kind?

As a general principle, the people receiving the benefit should pay for those services. The current impact fee surcharge is a good example of developers and new residents paying for burdens they will create on infrastructure. In the past, our town has delayed needed maintenance to avoid raising

taxes. This practice just ends up costing residents more in the long run. The current move to a water and sewer enterprise fund should alleviate those problems.

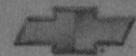
6. Planning. The Town has started to review its 20-year plan.

a. What specific changes would you suggest?

b. If you think the Town should grow geographically, why does it need more land? What purpose do you think the Town may have to annex property?

The town must seek out citizen input for the Comp Plan update. While this planning document has the power to shape our future, the ball was dropped last time. Our town ordinances were never updated to match the goals outlined in the plan. This must be done.

As a member of the town's P&Z Commission from 1998-2003, I was very involved in the previous plan and believe it is an extremely solid work. It needs to be updated, but concepts like mixing service businesses with residential development and having interconnecting series of bike trails and sidewalks are still valid today.

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East Industrial Park to bring new businesses, more jobs- Emmitsburg Glass Company to construct larger facility

Richard D. L. Fulton
Staff Writer

Emmitsburg East Industrial Park on Creamery Rd. is home to a growing number of businesses. Those already established continue to thrive, according to their respective owners.

Sheridan (Dan) and Gregory Reaver own the Creamery Road Park. The Reavers also own the Emmitsburg Glass Company, located at 2 Creamery Way. Presently included in the 7-lot industrial park site are Emmitsburg Glass, J & R Transport, Inc., which owns two lots, HydroMax, Inc., and His Place. Reaver said a sixth lot has recently been sold to Tamarac Design, Inc., Westminster.

Tamarac Design, Inc., presently located at 519c Old Westminister Pike, Westminster, specializes in custom stair and railing manufacturing. The company presently has 14 employees off-season, and as many as 30 in-season.

Tamarac President Edwin Bell said, "We could be relocated to Emmitsburg within a year." The firm, which currently operates from office and storage buildings cumulatively amounting to some 8,500 square feet, plans to construct a 22,000 to 26,000 square foot building at the 2.85-acre tract in the Emmitsburg East Industrial Park.

Bell cited the main reasons for wanting to relocate his company to Emmitsburg as "the expense of operating in Westminster, the difficulty of finding a new site in that area, and the reception they have received by the Emmitsburg administration." He added, "The town (management) has been terrific."

He said the company plans to hire more employees and expand the services they offer. "We'd like to hire more (local) skilled help after we get everything together. We

offer really decent wages and benefit packages."

J & R Transport, Inc., headquartered at 209 Sandy Spring Lane, Thurmont, has purchased two 1.5-acre lots at the industrial park during the past 3 years. J&R Transport President Jay Swope said his company acquired Lot 3 about 3 years ago and Lot 4 during the latter half of March 2003.

The transport company, primarily involved in moving construction goods throughout the Mid-Atlantic, has 35 employees. Swope said the company has grown "continuously for the past 5 years," and he expects the trend to continue.

"We presently store our trucks on Lot 3. One of the main reasons we purchased the land was for the easy access the trucks would have in reaching Route 15," he stated. J&R Trucking purchased Lot 4 recently "as an investment." The company is apparently considering moving its headquarters eventually to the industrial park, but has not yet made that decision.

HydroMax, a company specializing in water purification and desalinization systems, relocated from McHenry, MD, and has been at the industrial park for 3 years. The company office is located at 4 Creamery Way.

HydroMax has 5 employees, but may be hiring more later this year. According to President Fred Reidenbach, "This year it looks like we'll be growing and have to add on a couple of more hands-on, technical type positions."

Although his company "services an international market," most of their business lies within the Washington, D.C., Frederick and Baltimore region. "The location to Emmitsburg got us closer to our home market, provides less congestion, and is more accessible (than the former McHenry location)," Reidenbach stated.

His Place, a local automotive service and restoration business in the area for nearly 30 years, is owned and operated by the Kuhn family, William C. Kuhn Jr. and son, William C. Kuhn III. The company was originally established on Sixes Bridge Rd., where they still maintain a shop.

His Place co-owner William C. Kuhn, III said the company established their Emmitsburg East Industrial Park location 2 years ago, having purchased approximately 1.5 acres. The automotive services operate from a 60-foot by 100-foot building.

"We will be looking to expand on the building," Kuhn said, "and possibly may need more help." Business has tripled since the relocation. "People couldn't find us at the Sixes Bridge Rd. site."

One lot now remains to be sold in the industrial park. Reaver said, "We receive one to two inquiries a month," from various parties interested in possibly acquiring the remaining lot.

Regarding the Reavers' efforts to fill-out the industrial park and explore options for relocating the

Emmitsburg Glass Company, Dan Reaver said, "The municipality has been very helpful up to the point when they began to consider a building moratorium." He stated, "Ever since we have been here, the town has wanted commercial development," adding, "It looked like we were going to have to fight against that (a moratorium possibly blocking commercial development)."

Reaver told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that the current facility, a 13,000 square foot, two-story building, has been sold to W.F. Delauter & Son, Thurmont. The Glass Company will now be leasing the structure until they obtain a new location. Reaver said, "We have an 18-month lease now (with W.F. Delauter & Son), with a stipulation to extend if there is a problem relocating."

Selling the existing facility and planning a move were necessary primarily because, as Reaver stated, "We need to build a larger building and we will be looking for a new home over the next year as a result of anticipated expansion and an increase in employees."

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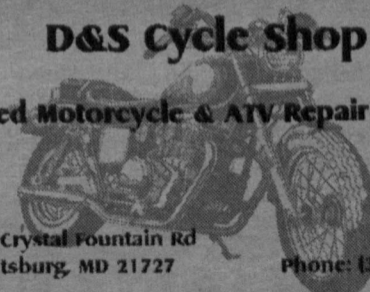
ferent parcels we own (for possible relocation sites)." Frederick-based Fox & Associates will be conducting feasibility studies at the potential sites, including a two-lot tract owned by Emmitsburg Glass across from Mother Seton School, to determine which site would best serve the glass company's needs. The company is also considering the remaining, un-sold tract at the East Industrial Park as a possible new location.

Reaver and his 3 brothers and their brother-in-law established Emmitsburg Glass Company in 1988 as Emmitsburg Panes Inc., at Castle Farms. They had 2 other workers. The company has been at its present location for about 7 years, and has 75-80 employees.

The Emmitsburg Glass Company primarily provides glass service for large-scale operations, such as office complexes, hotels, and institutions. "However," Reaver said, "We also have a service department to handle the glass needs of residential homeowners or small businesses. We will handle all local glass needs and are here if they need us."

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Town mourns loss of teen killed in auto accident



Ashley Nicole Regnier

Staff Report

As a family mourns, area residents left bereavement gifts at the Emmitsburg Family Barber Shop on E.

Main St. in tribute to 16-year old Ashley Nicole Regnier of Fairfield, one of three teenagers killed in an April 10, five-car accident on Carrolls Tract Rd. in Hamiltonban Township, PA.

The other two teens killed were Erika L. Cox, 14, Ortanna, and Jarod D. Stone, 16, Gettysburg. The driver of the car in which the teens were passengers survived the accident. Regnier's mother, Jaime, lives on E. Main Street, Emmitsburg, and operates the barbershop. Her father, James, resides in Fairfield. Regnier was a student at Fairfield High School.

A viewing was held Wed., April 14, at the Monahan Funeral Home. The funeral service was held Thurs., April 15, at the Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg.

Vigils were held in memory of all 3 students at Fairfield High School Mon., April 12, and on Fri., April 16, at the scene of the accident.



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OBITUARIES

Mr. Edward Owen Adelsberger

Mr. Edward Owen Adelsberger, 54, E. Main St., Emmitsburg, died April 8 at York Hospital, York, PA. Born Aug. 9, 1949, he was the son of James O. Adelsberger and the late Loretta Sanders Adelsberger.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Warthen Adelsberger; 4 children, Seth, Ben, Leah, and Megan; 3 brothers, Ken, Roy and Greg; 1 sister in law, Deborah; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Adelsberger graduated from St. Joseph's High School, Emmitsburg, Mount St. Mary's College, and the University of Maryland School of Social Work. For 28 years he worked as a social worker at Rock Creek School in Frederick, serving students with special needs. He served 2 years in the U.S. Army. In the mid 70's he was director of the Emmitsburg Teen Center. During the 80's Adelsberger served 6 years on the Emmitsburg Town Council as Parks Commissioner. During that time, he commissioned the Master Parks Plan for the Town of Emmitsburg.

A mass of Christian burial was held April 12 from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with his pastor, the Rev. Vincent O'Malley as the principal celebrant and Rev. Stephen Trzeciecki as homilist. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Loretta Adelsberger

Mrs. Loretta C. Adelsberger, 74, W. Main St., Emmitsburg, died April 8 at Washington County Hospital, Hagerstown. She was the wife of James O. Adelsberger, her husband of nearly 56 years. Born April 14, 1929, she was the daughter of the late George Henry Sanders and Agnes Goulden Sanders.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, where she was a member and president

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality for over 30 years. She received the Archdiocese of Baltimore Medal of Honor in 2002 for her dedicated service.

Loretta served many Emmitsburg organizations during her life. She was a fund-raiser for the St. Joseph's High Athletic Association and Emmitsburg Little League, den mother for the Cub Scouts, and an Election Board judge. She had retired from Mother Seton School, where she worked as a chef in the convent for the Daughters of Charity.

Survivors include her husband; 3 sons, Ken, Greg and Roy; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; 1 brother, Richard Sanders; and 1 sister, Elizabeth Owens.

Funeral service were held April 12, with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. Her pastor, the Rev. Vincent O'Malley, was principal celebrant and the Rev. Stephen Trzeciecki was the homilist. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Mark A. Carson

Mark Allan Carson, 39, St. Anthony's Rd., Thurmont, died April 10 at his home. Born June 27, 1964, he was a son of Mary Patricia Little Carson and the late John Dallas Carson, Sr., who died in 2000.

Mr. Carson owned and operated Carson's Billiards, the business started by his father. He was a member of Post 168, Sons of the American Legion, Thurmont. He had belonged to both the Catoctin Valley Pool League and the PA Tri-Town Pool League. He was a communicant of St. Anthony's Shrine Parish Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg.

Survivors include his mother; 1 brother, Brian D. Carson of Thurmont; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

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Obituaries

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A memorial mass was held April 17 at St. Anthony's Shrine Parish Roman Catholic Church. His pastor, the Rev. James Hannon was the celebrant. Interment was private.

Rev. Carl Fives

The Rev. Carl J. Fives, 88, Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, died Mar. 14 at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, PA. He was born March 14, 1916, in Honesdale, Pa., son of the late Paul E. and Gertrude Reilly Fives. He graduated from Honesdale High School in 1934, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Mount St. Mary's College in 1938, his Licentiate of Sacred Theology from Catholic University in 1945, and was ordained by Bishop William Hofey of the Diocese of Scranton at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in 1942.

He was appointed a full professor at Mount St. Mary's College in 1976 where he was a member of the teaching faculty from 1942 until 1990. In 1985 he received the President's Medal; and in 1999 he received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from The Mount. In 1998 the Rev. Carl J. Fives Alumni Scholarship Program was founded recognizing him for 6 decades of outstanding and tireless service to Mount St. Mary's.

Survivors include 2 sisters-in-law, Mrs. John Fives and Mrs. Paul Fives; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Mar. 19 at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, Mount St. Mary's College, with the Rev. Raymond Harris as celebrant. Interment was in Mount St. Mary's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Mildred Gardner

Mrs. Mildred Madeline Utz Gardner, 88, formerly of Thurmont, died April 2, at Homewood at Crumland Farms, Frederick. Twice married, she was the wife of the late John Bernard Utz and the late Thomas Gardner. Born Dec. 18, 1915, in Emmitsburg, she was the daughter of the late George Norman and Myrtle M. Ferguson Holtz. Mrs. Gardner graduated from Thurmont High School in 1932.

Survivors include her son, Larry B. Utz; 1 step grandson, Leonard Zentz; and 2 step great-grandsons, Brian and Logan Zentz; 2 sisters, Blanche P. Keeney and Betty Jean Burgess; 1 brother, Paul W. Holtz; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held April 6 at Robert E. Dailey & Son Funeral Home, Thurmont. The Rev. Ruth Ann Ward, Weller United Methodist Church, Thurmont, officiated.

Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, near Frederick.

Mrs. Grace Hankey

Mrs. Grace Evelyn Rhodes Hankey, 70, Emmitsburg, died Mar. 28 at her home. She was the wife of Ralph Lester Hankey Sr., who died in 2002. Born Sept. 25, 1933, in Thurmont, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Catherine Ridenour Rhodes.

Mrs. Hankey worked in custodial and food service for the Frederick County Board of Education for more than 30 years. She attended St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Emmitsburg.

Survivors include 6 children, Ralph L. Hankey, Jr., Robert W. Hankney,

John L. Hankey and Stephen G. Hankey, Mary Smith, and Crystal Heward; 10 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and 5 brothers, Charles Ridenour, Clarence Ridenour, Marg Ridenour, Roger Ridenour, and Jim Staub.

Funeral service were held Wed. March 31, at Skiles Funeral Home, Rev. Stephen P. Trzeciecki officiating. Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick.

Miss Ruth Long

Miss Ruth Virginia Long, 82, Emmitsburg, died Mar. 19 at her home. Born May 4, 1922, she was the daughter of the late John Abraham and Edith Emma Long. She attended Emmitsburg Elementary School and later graduated from the Maryland School for the Deaf (MSD), Frederick. She worked for MSD for about 5 years. She was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ in Thurmont, and also attended activities at the Senior Center in Emmitsburg.

Survivors include 2 sisters, Edith Miller and Mary Fisher.

Funeral services were held Mar. 23 at Trinity United Church of Christ, Thurmont, the Rev. Leslie Sims and the Rev. Jeffery Gehris officiating. Interment was in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Sister Mary Bernard Robinson, D.C.

Sister Mary Bernard Robinson, 83, died March 29 at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg. The former Mary Josephine Wregg was the daughter of William and Mary Simons Wregg. After high school, she attended St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg for 2 years before entering the Daughters of Charity in 1941. She received her bachelor's degree in 1946 from St. Joseph College, and a master's degree from Catholic University in 1957.

Sister served as a missionary in

Bolivia for 38 years, working both in schools and at Hospital Elizabeth Seton in Cochabamba. She returned to the U.S. in 1994 and continued her Hispanic ministry work. In 2001, Sister Mary Bernard became a resident of the Villa.

A Mass of Christian burial was offered March 31 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg.

Sister Madeleine Wheeler, D.C.

Sister Madeleine Wheeler, 87, died March 18 at St. Louise House, Albany, NY. Sister was one of 7 daughters of the late Ferdinand Chetard Wheeler and Nina Mari Barr. She graduated from St. Joseph College, Emmitsburg, in 1937 and entered the Daughters of Charity a month later.

In 1939 Sister began her teaching career at Immaculate Conception High School in D.C. In 1951 she was transferred to St. Joseph High School, Emmitsburg. From 1955-73 she taught at St. Joseph's College. She received her masters in Home Economics Education from Simmons College, Boston. In 1959 Sister became Chairman of the Home Economics Dept. at St. Joseph's College. She was instrumental in starting the Emmitsburg Senior Citizens group in 1966.

Sister earned her Ph.D. in Family Economics in Home Management at

age 55. In Albany she started an outreach center at St. Mary's Parish and a chapter of the Ladies of Charity.

Survivors include 2 sisters, Sister Elaine, D.C., and Sister Jean Marie, D.C. A Mass of Christian Burial and interment took place in Albany.

Ms. Joan Williams

Ms. Joan Cecilia Williams, 57, Fort Washington, died Mar. 26. Born Nov. 3, 1946, in Emmitsburg, she was the daughter of Kathleen E. Williams of Emmitsburg, and the late Martin R. Williams.

She graduated from St. Joseph's High School, Emmitsburg, in 1964 and from Prince George's County Community College with a paralegal associate of arts degree.

She worked as a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker. She was a member of St. Columbus Catholic Church of Oxon Hill, and a member of its choir. She was a member of National Black Catholic Association.

In addition to her mother, survivors include a daughter, Veronica E. Smith; a son, Caldwell Jackson IV; 5 grandchildren; 3 sisters, Lois Bowman, Mary James, and Marie L. Williams; 3 brothers, Patrick H. Williams, Martin R. Williams and Richard E. Williams.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Mar. 31. Interment was in St. Anthony's Catholic Church Cemetery, Emmitsburg.



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Looking Ahead

Apr. 23- Tibetan monks to perform. Sacred music and dance for world healing at 8 p.m. at Mount St. Mary's Knott Auditorium. Performance features multiphonic singing, wherein the monks simultaneously intone three notes of a chord. They also utilize traditional instruments such as a 10-foot long dungchen trumpets, drums, bells, cymbals and gyaling horns. Mount seeking \$5 donation to benefit monks. To reserve seats call the Office of Campus Activities 301-447-5849.

Apr. 24- Teen Dance. From 7-10 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company. The dance is a monthly event featuring refreshments, contests and prizes. Held for youth ages 11-17. Cover charge is \$5.00. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Parents are required to drop children off and pick them up at the door. Youth are required to stay in the building until a guardian arrives to pick them up. Information: 301-447-6626.

Apr. 24, May 1, 8- Catoctin FFA Bedding Plant Sale. From 9-11:30 a.m. at Catoctin High School greenhouses located through the schools back gate by the baseball field. Many types of high quality flowering and vegetable bedding plants will be available. Agriculture students produce plants at school. Money raised benefits the Catoctin FFA and horticulture programs. Information: Leave a message for Mr. Beavan at 240-236-8117.

Apr. 25- "One Voice" to perform. Students from Washington Bible College under the name of "One Voice" will be performing at Trinity United Methodist Church on West Main Street in Emmitsburg. All are invited to attend this event. Information: Bill Wivell at 301-447-3766.

Apr. 25- Basket/Cash Bingo. 25th Thurmont AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Longaberger Basket and Cash Bingo. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Doors open at 12:00pm and bingo starts at 1:30pm.

For tickets call Diane at 301-447-6921. Please leave a message.

Apr. 27- Emmitsburg Election. 7 a.m.-8 p.m. ballots to be cast at Resident's Deputies Office (Old Town Hall) on 22 East Main St. Registered voter's to elect 2 town commissioners to serve a term of 3 years and 5 months.

Apr. 30- Pampered Chef & Basket Bingo. 7 p.m. at Thurmont Carnival Grounds-Activities Building. Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. 25 Games with "Filled Prizes" Proceeds to benefit

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May 2- Basket/Cash Bingo. 1 p.m. at Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Co. activities building, Rocky Ridge. Doors
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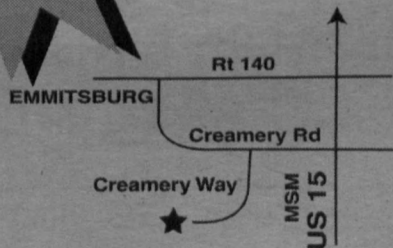
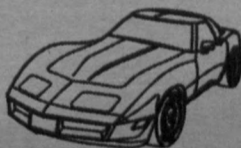
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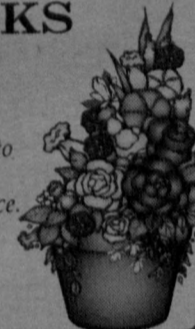
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May 3- Town Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Emmitsburg town office on the second floor of the community center. All residents are encouraged to attend.

May 8- "Doors Open Gettysburg." 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tour of battlefield homes and buildings normally off-limits to the public. Event will have a free shuttle service between sites. Sponsored by the Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg. Information: 717-7334-0772 ext. 225.

May 9- MD-PA Horse Show Circuit. Show is open to all types of horses, registered and non-registered. Thurmont Riding Club, Thurmont. Information: 717-762-1032.

May 14- Golf Outing. 8:45 a.m. tee off at Glade Valley Golf Course in Walkersville, MD. Cost per person is \$100, which includes all golf fees, lunch and a bucket of range balls. If you are unable to attend the tournament, please consider sponsoring a hole for \$100. Proceeds to benefit 2004 Catoctin Safe-N-Sane. Information: Anne Reaver at 301-447-2245 or 301-447-2509.

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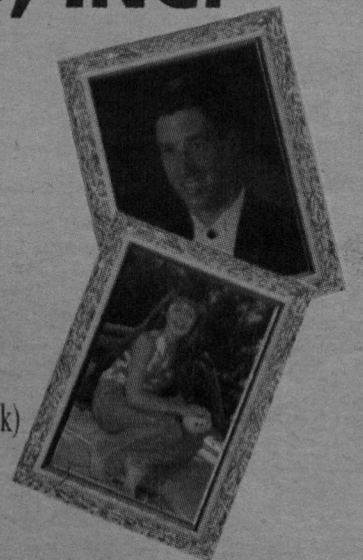
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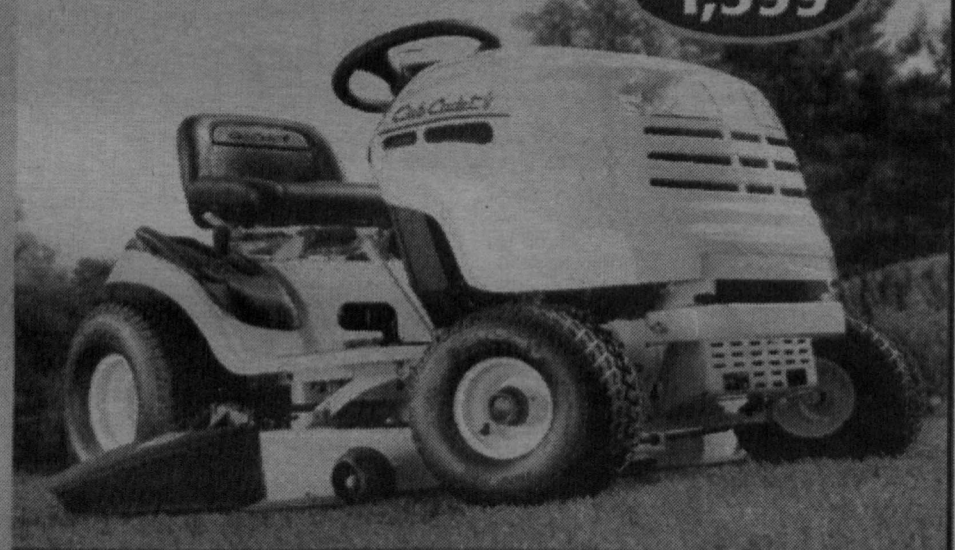


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