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Concerns over parking loss thwart town square improvements

Richard D. L. Fulton
Raymond Buchheister

By not approving turning lanes and refusing to eliminate any parking, the commissioners recently killed the mayor's plans to beautify the town square at their June 7 meeting.

Mayor Hoover's plans for the town square included adding decorative brick, trees, grass areas and park benches to beautify the square and make it a place where people would want to sit and talk with friends and neighbors. But those changes, coupled with adding turn lanes to deal with commuter traffic, would have robbed the square of many, if not all, of its parking spaces.

The mayor had already received school board approval to locate new parking on Emmitsburg Elementary property on West Lincoln Avenue between the swimming pool and

the fire company to replace those lost on the square.

Susan Glass, owner of the Ott House, said her customers want the convenience of parking in front of the restaurant. "I need people coming through the front door, not the back. If you take away the (Main Street) parking, you will take away the businesses."

Board President William B. O'Neil, Jr. was not enthusiastic about losing Main Street parking spaces. "I'm concerned about the negative impact on those businesses," he said.

O'Neil expressed a view shared by the other commissioners and citizens present, support of "those enhancements that do not involve losing parking."

SHA recommended turning lanes in 1997

Discussions about town square changes go back several years. In 1997 the streets committee first contacted the State Highway Administration (SHA) about particularly heavy morning and evening commuter traf-

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Flag Day

The communities of Emmitsburg and Thurmont jointly sponsored a ceremony to retire flags from service on Monday, June 14, Flag Day. Ten Emmitsburg municipal flags were among those retired. Four displayed an outdated seal. The remaining six were new flags, ordered and made during a lengthy debate about the accuracy of the town's founding date. In November 2003, town commissioners approved an official seal that includes both the town's founding and incorporation dates. The six new flags included only the incorporation date, and were never put into service. The flag burning ceremony is held annually, alternating between Emmitsburg and Thurmont. This year's ceremony was held in Emmitsburg's Memorial Park

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Mount St. Mary's now designated University

Staff Report

On June 7 the Board of Trustees of the former Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary voted unanimously to change its name to Mount St. Mary's University. The

change was announced at a press conference the next day.

Generally, an institution is called a university if it grants higher graduate degrees, like Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy. Colleges award undergraduate or bachelor

degrees. Only persons with graduate degrees teach students who earn them.

Truly a university

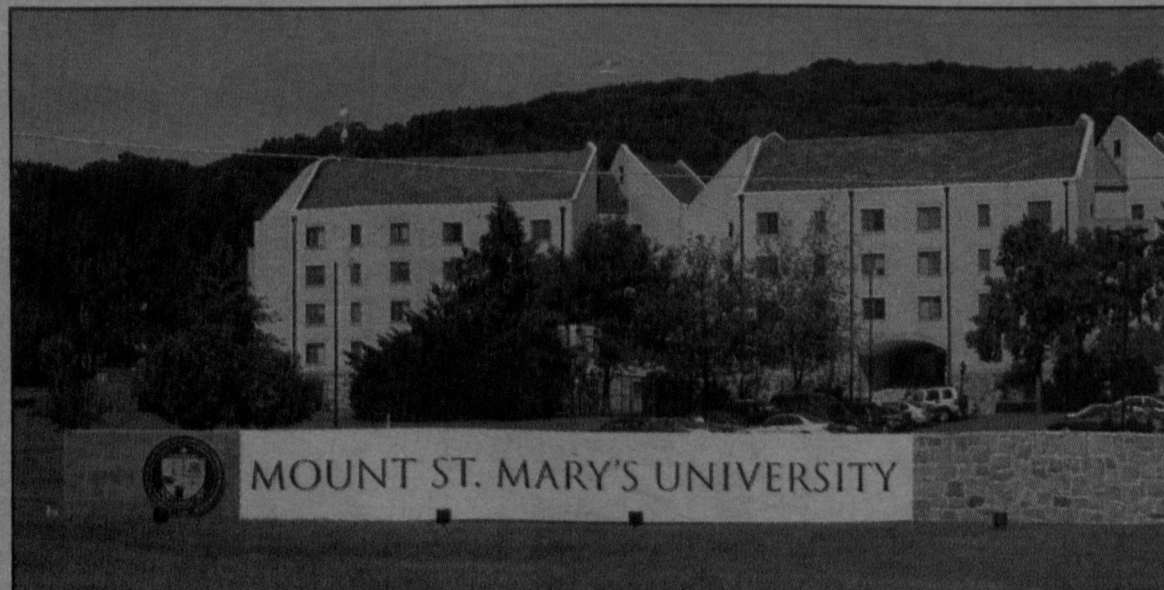
Mount President Thomas H. Powell declared, "We are a university by any measure.

The percentage of our faculty with terminal degrees exceeds recognized standards." A terminal degree is the highest a person can earn in his or her field.

"We are fully engaged in graduate programs, and our three main components, the college, the seminary and the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, will benefit greatly from a name that better unifies us as one."

Competition

Powell referred to something that has become a fact of life for educational institutions: "We compete for students and faculty" and "university" is a more attractive title than "college" for employers and graduate



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Community Day

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The origin and fate of Emmitsburg's Fountain

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Medicare prescription discount cards

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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.

COPE — here to help, here to stay

The first time I visited Emmitsburg in 1966 I liked what I saw. There was a "For Sale" sign on my house to be, and I immediately called the agent to buy it. I thought that Emmitsburg was beyond the developers' zone of optimism and that it would

Sun seems always shining at the Emmitsburg P.O.

Today I went into the post office to weigh and mail some letters. I was not feeling especially cheery. But as I was leaving, somehow I felt good.

Now this was not the first time I experienced this. So I reflected on it a while and realized that the lovely, friendly, helpful and cheerful ladies serving me behind the counter changed my whole perspective.

I think anyone who feels down should find some excuse to visit the Emmitsburg Post Office. The smiles and friendly words you get there may change your whole day.

Thank you so much, ladies.
—Shirley Steo
Emmitsburg

stay the same livable place when I retired. I was wrong on both counts. I could not foresee that a building moratorium in Frederick City would send the get-rich-quick crowd up here.

I can appreciate that the Bollingers and (Patrick) Boyle wish to maximize the return on their real estate in this area. I cannot understand why Mayor Jim Hoover and former Commissioner Ted Brennan would come here and proceed to promote overdevelopment.

Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg, Inc. (COPE) was formed to combat overdevelopment and promote the welfare of the town. The majority of the residents favor COPE, while the special interests are attempting to demonize it.

Despite Mr. Brennan's scare-tactic prediction that Emmitsburg will die unless his version of growth is adopted, Emmitsburg will continue to thrive and improve with COPE's support. Unlike the developers, COPE is here for the long run to address our problems, not create them.

—Harold C. Craig, Jr.
Emmitsburg

100 Years Ago "In this place" From *The Emmitsburg Chronicle*

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

Post Office Clerk injured

June 3, 1904 — On Monday morning whilst Mr. Edgar Moser, Clerk in the post office in this place, was trying to split a stick of wood, the axe flew off the handle, and the handle, with terrific force, struck Mr. Moser's left foot, inflicting a painful wound.

New Constable and Lamp-lighter

June 3, 1904 — The Board of Town Commissioners has appointed William Daywalt, constable and lamplighter. The new officer has entered upon the discharge of his duties.

A Collision

June 3, 1904 — On last Friday night two teams collided on West Main Street. One team was driven by Mr. Nicholas Baker, of this place, and the other by Mr. Joseph Eyler, of near town. Mr. Baker was thrown out of the buggy to the ground and was picked up and carried into the storeroom of Messrs. J. T. Hays & Son in an unconscious condition. Dr. D. E. Stone was called in, and rendered medical aid, and after regaining consciousness Mr. Baker was taken to his home. He was not seriously injured and was able to be about the next day. His buggy was considerably broken. Mrs. Joseph Eyler, who was in the buggy with her husband at the time of the accident, was slightly injured from the sudden jar caused by the vehicles coming in contact with one another. Mr. Eyler was not hurt.

Fountain to be repaired

June 10, 1904 — The Town Commissioners are having the Fountain on the Public Square in this place, repaired.

Pen-Mar's Great Opening Day

June 10, 1904 — The regular season at Pen-Mar Park will commence on Wednesday, June 22d, and this will be the first opportunity given to the general public to see the great improvements that have been made in the park for the season of 1904. Many changes for the better have been made at that resort since last season and a number of additional and novel amusements have been provided for the benefit of the excursionists.

Fountain renovation a marked improvement

June 24, 1904 — Mr. Editor: I deem it only a matter of simple justice to give public expression to the almost unanimous commendation and appreciation of the action of the Burgess and Commissioners of the old Burg in taking charge of, and renovating the Fountain, erected by the ladies, at great cost of time and labor, of which we have been and are justly proud. Yes, it has been much admired, and will be much more appreciated, as the changes made are marked improvements and add greatly to its attractiveness. Who can look upon it and not feel his heart throb with increased interest and love for the place of his birth or adoption. We rejoice at the inauguration of a new administration inspired with the purpose of devoting themselves to the work of giving us a clean, orderly and progressive town. All honor then to those in authority who stand for all that makes for the comfort, protection and good of the community. CITIZEN

Biblical bugs

Bill Meredith's "Cicada" story reminded me that I, too, have experienced several "locust years," most in West Virginia. In Mason County, you were either Christian or nothing, as there were no other religions there. Therefore, "they" said unusual events were either superstition or biblical. "They" also said the locusts were like the locust plague in the Holy Bible. That is why the "bug" says "Faay-ro, Faay-ro" all day and night.

—Mary Ellen Cummings
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University

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schools, according to a recent study by George Dehne & Associates.

The same study revealed that two-thirds of the students surveyed were electing to attend institutions designated as universities, not colleges. "I believe in my heart of hearts," Powell said, the name change "will help us recruit students."

Months in the planning

Thomas G. O'Hara, chairman of the 33-member board of trustees, said, "We have been working on this for at least six months ... there was a very substantial debate that ended up in a unanimous vote."

In the preceding months the Mount held discussions across the campus, and with alumni and community groups. "We had substantial support from the Mount com-

munity," he said.

Jen Martin, president of the Student Government Association, "From the student perspective, the name change was at first intimidating. It conjured up visions of lecture halls and classes so large you would only be known by your student ID."

"But we are not going to be a huge university," Martin said. "We are broadening ourselves with this name change."

Powell confirmed Martin's words: "Measures will be made to ensure that students continue to attend small classes and receive personal attention from their professors. The trustees and administration would like Mount St. Mary's enrollment to grow incrementally, reaching 2,000 undergraduate students in 2015."

The Mount currently has 1,400 undergraduate students; the seminary has 150 men preparing for the priesthood. O'Hara predicted the

Mount would now emphasize its global connections and its service as a graduate school.

The Mount's new name became effective immediately on June 7, and that afternoon a banner was placed over the old college entrance sign with the new name, "Mount Saint Mary's University."

"Today, one of America's oldest Catholic colleges became its newest university," observed Duffy Ross, director the Office of Communication. Mount St. Mary's College was founded in 1808.

Town square

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fic in the square. Cars from Pennsylvania travel south through the square to reach Frederick, Gaithersburg, and Washington, D.C. Other commuters travel east to reach Westminster and Baltimore. At that point SHA recommended turn lanes.

In July 2003 Mayor Hoover contacted the SHA directly and asked for a turn lane plan draft. John M. Concannon, SHA assistant district engineer, and Neil C. Parrott, SHA traffic engineer, presented the turn lane plan to the town commissioners at their June 7 meeting.

Traffic flow suggestions

Parrott reviewed several options to help alleviate traffic congestion and delays at the Seton Avenue and Main Street intersection. Possibilities included improving traffic light timing, installing loop detectors to sense waiting cars, incorporating pedestrian push buttons, and creating turning lanes.

Traffic light timing

Parrott noted that there are "50 to 55 cars using the intersection during evening peak hours, and 55 percent of those are trying to turn left (from South Seton Avenue onto West Main Street)." Traffic coming south on North Seton is more moderate, but drivers must contend with northbound traffic trying to turn left at the intersection.

During both morning and evening peak traffic periods, "more than 20 vehicles line each approach of MD 140 (Main St.)," according to Parrott.

The state traffic engineer pointed out that there are no "presence detectors" on Main Street to notify the signal computer that cars are waiting to turn left onto South Seton.

SHA's first suggested improvement is the installation of "split (traffic light) phasing" for the Seton Avenue traffic, which would stop motorists in opposing lanes so that vehicles could turn without dealing with oncoming traffic.

Alternating traffic light turning time would allow free-flow of cars, "improve the intersection's efficiency, and reduce delays," Parrott told the commissioners. Improved traffic flow through the intersection could also reduce side street use which has built up to bypass the congestion.

Sensors detect waiting cars

Installing "near side loops" on Main Street would improve opportunities for traffic to turn off Main Street. Near side loops are detectors that sense when vehicles are waiting to make a left turn. They notify the signal computer to extend the green light time for those motorists.

The current traffic light has a delay to allow pedestrians to cross before the light turns green, even if no one is waiting to walk across the street.

Pedestrian push buttons

Installing pedestrian push buttons at the intersection "will allow the signal to maintain a shorter minimum green time for the side streets." The signal will be able "to respond faster to actual traffic needs," Parrott stated.

Former board president Patrick B. Boyle suggested the town consider allowing right turns on a red signal at the intersection to increase the traffic flow rate. But, due to restricted visibility, the decision was made to allow right turns on red only during non-peak traffic times.

Turning lanes

The board favorably received SHA recommendations, except for turning lanes, which would eliminate some or all of the parking spaces within and adjacent to the square. When they rejected the turning lanes, the commissioners also stifled the mayor's plans for beautifying the square, despite the likelihood of alternate parking along West Lincoln Avenue.

Limited plans to proceed

The commissioners approved SHA seeking funding for the town square traffic flow improvements. State "Fund 85" money available to the SHA could be used for all of the proposed improvements except creating the turning lanes. Parrott said that "Fund 85" money is available for "immediate" projects, and some of them could be completed in less than a year.

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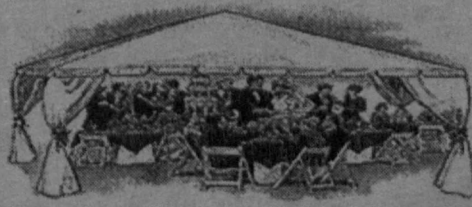
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EDITORIAL

Emmitsburg in international spotlight Thanks to Commissioner Mike Cady

Emmitsburg is in Frederick County, but often residents, businesses, and local officials feel disconnected, being so far north of Frederick. One man who truly cares about Emmitsburg is Frederick County Commissioner Mike Cady.

When Cady was sworn in to the office, he promised to visit north county and to attend three of Emmitsburg's municipal meetings, a promise he's kept. The same can't be said for any other county commissioner.

This commissioner doesn't come just to update the town about county business and take back complaints. Nor does he travel north only when there is a photo opportunity, the most recent being the governor's two visits to Emmitsburg and the opening of the newly renovated community center.

Commissioner Cady attends community events, and was the only county commissioner at last year's Emmitsburg Community Day. He was also at the Mother Seton School Carnival several weeks ago. And that's not all.

In a few weeks Emmitsburg will host an international event, the 7th World Weightlifting Championships for University and College Students. The event

is sure to garner Emmitsburg and Mount St. Mary's University a good deal of positive publicity. The attention will not just be local. ESPN will cover the competition and it is sure to draw a host of other print and TV news media.

More importantly, Mr. Cady has brought an international event to Emmitsburg that has never before even been held in the United States. This isn't just a regional weightlifting competition, but a world championship event for college age men and women from every country, some of whom will travel to Greece this summer as Olympians. Without his perseverance, this event would be taking place somewhere else.

Mike Cady has competed and coached weightlifting for more than 40 years. He loves the sport and wants to promote it and be around it. He made certain that the competition would be held here, rather than somewhere else like the University of Maryland. Mr. Cady believes that nothing on the face of the earth promotes world harmony more than Olympic sports. He cites the 2000 games' opening ceremony when North and South Korea marched together under the

same flag as evidence of his conviction.

Commissioner Cady hopes to build on this legacy, and Emmitsburg will become part of a harmonious tradition. The theme is "World Harmony" and countries from every continent will participate.

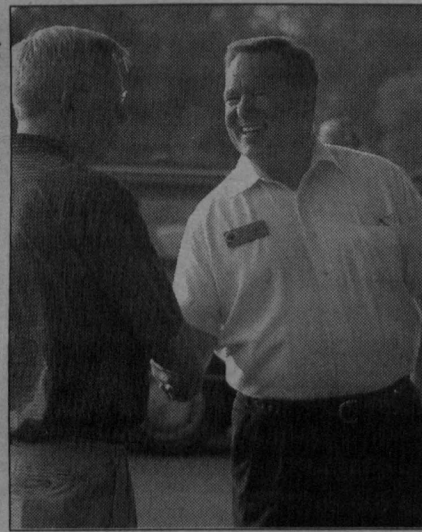
He has invited President George Bush to speak at the June 30 opening ceremony. This is the same date the United States is scheduled to turn over the government of Iraq to the Iraqi people. Cady believes the opening ceremony would present a wonderful opportunity for the president to make this announcement and symbolically include the athletes from Iraq. The State department notified Cady that the U.S. embassy in Jordan has issued travel visas for an Iraqi delegation of seven individuals, five of whom are athletes.

The White House has not turned down the invitation, and Cady remains optimistic that the president will attend.

President Bush may not speak at the opening ceremony, but if he does that will just be icing on the cake. Commissioner Cady knows Emmitsburg is in Frederick County and so will the rest of the world.

For Mike Cady this is a job well done. We need to acknowledge his efforts and show our appreciation by attending some, or all of the events. For area residents, this is a chance to be spectators at a sport we may never have seen before and to be part of an international qualifying event for the Olympics.

—Raymond Buchheister
 Editor & Publisher



—RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER/THE DISPATCH

Commissioner Mike Cady (R) and Mount President Dr. Thomas Powell greet one another at last year's Emmitsburg Community Day.

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The Farmers Market will open Friday, June 25 and operate through Friday, October 22, 2004. Come out and support the Farmers Market. Vendors will take special orders for available items not on hand.
 www.emmitsburgmd.gov

I really admire bees' sense of common responsibility...Although sometimes individual bees fight, basically there is a strong sense of unity and cooperation. We human beings are supposed to be much more advanced, but sometimes we lag behind even small insects.

—Dalai Lama

22nd Annual Emmitsburg Lions Club
Community Day

Saturday July 3, 2004 – Fireworks rain date, July 5

Community Center events

Food: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Chicken barbecue, hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, spring water

Traditional Games: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tug of war, egg toss, sack race, watermelon and pie eating, fishing rod casting, face painting

Closest to the Pin Golf Contest: 2 to 4 p.m.

Ambulance Building

50/50 Bingo: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

72 prize drawing at 8 p.m.

Vigilant Hose Company

Tower 6 demonstrations and rides: 2 to 4 p.m.

Parade 6 to 7 p.m.

NOTE: New parade route. Assemble at Piggy Dukes on North Seton Ave., proceed south and go left onto DePaul St., right onto Federal Ave., right onto East Main St., and, finally, left onto South Seton Ave. to the Community Center.

Program 7 p.m.

“Theme: Historic Emmitsburg Welcomes the World”

Welcome by Lions President

Star Spangled Banner

Invocation

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Introduction of Mayor and Town Commissioners

Introduction of Special Guests

Speaker: Frederick County Commissioner Michael Cady
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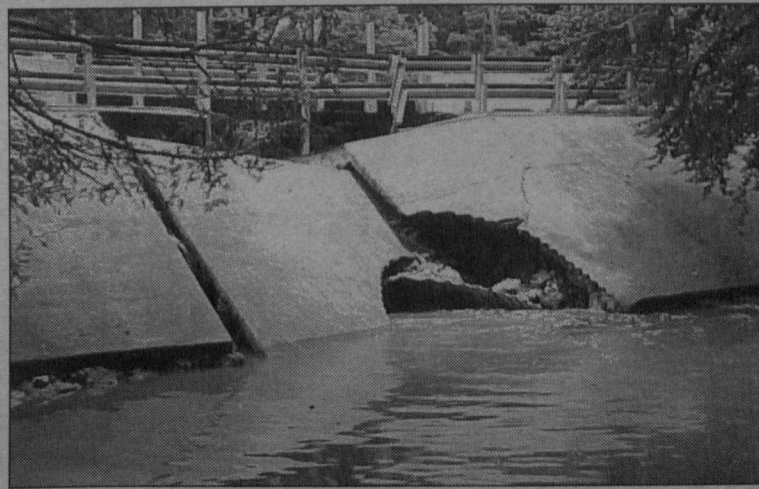
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will include all ball fields behind the Community Center. You may view from the Community Center parking lot and the elementary school sidewalk, but no closer to the firing line.

Parking

Parking allowed in back of the Community Center and along the circle drive in front of the elementary school and in the parking lot behind.

No parking along S. Seton Avenue adjacent to the National Emergency Training Center.



Catoctin Hollow Road bridge after a severe storm on Monday, June 14. Photo courtesy Frederick County Highway & Transportation Department.

Severe storm damages local roads

Heath Nicholas Carey
Contributing Writer

On Monday, June 14, torrential rainfall of 4.06 inches within one hour caused serious local road damage, affecting county and park traffic.

Erosion under a temporary bridge on Catoctin Hollow Road forced Frederick County Highways and Transportation Department to close the road. Road shoulder erosion damaged the gravel section of Manahan Road in Catoctin Mountain Park, making it unsafe for cars. Severe shoulder and culvert erosion narrowed the Foxville-Deerfield Road near the Owens Creek picnic area.

The Catoctin Hollow Road bridge, located at the first Big Hunting Creek overpass travel-

ing south from State Route 77, has no historical significance; however, its loss has created a four-mile detour for Cunningham Falls State Park visitors.

“Bridge reconstruction is scheduled to begin mid-July with a completion target of late August to early September,” anticipated Engineer Manager Robert Shen, Office of Transportation Engineering, “if the weather cooperates and does not cause any further damage to the proposed building area.”

Tim Fabian, Cunningham Falls State Park ranger, remarked, “The original two-lane bridge was damaged by heavy rainfall last May. Afterward, they installed a one-lane temporary bridge, which was again damaged and repaired after rainfall brought by Hurricane Isabel in September 2003.”

The Catoctin Hollow Road will be closed indefinitely pending bridge completion. Motorists are urged to follow posted detour signs. For questions about park road conditions, call Catoctin Mountain Park, 301-663-9388 or Cunningham Falls State Park, 301-271-7574.

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TOWN NEWS

Pembroke residents ask town to withhold developer's escrow funds

Richard D. L. Fulton
Managing Editor

Buckeye Development will have to wait to get back the escrow funds for swales in its Pembroke Woods housing development.

Residents charge that storm water management swales were not designed properly. Emmitsburg Town Planner Michael H. Lucas says they are

making "more of an appearance complaint."

Residents' claim

To the contrary Pembroke Woods residents say the issue is one of capacity, rather than drainage rate or aesthetics. They say the swales overflow and flood adjacent properties long before percolation, the absorption of water into the ground, occurs.

Developer's claim

Buckeye says the swales are draining storm water according to state specifications.

"The water disappears within 12 hours, while the state says it can take up to 48 hours," according to Fran Denmark, Buckeye's project development manager.

"I've addressed everything the homeowners association presented to me," she said and asked Emmitsburg's Board of Commissioners to release the phase one and two storm water management escrow funds.

Town calls meeting.

The town could be obligated to return money held in

escrow, Lucas pointed out, because Frederick County's David Crable approved the swale work. Crable is design review engineer with the County Department of Development

The controversy moved Emmitsburg's Board to call for a meeting of the residents, with county and town staff members.

Residents speak out

Pembroke resident Rich Kapriva told the commissioners at their June 7 meeting that there are plans to improve the reportedly malfunctioning swale between 3230 and 3240 Stonehurst Court.

"However," he said, "until completed and evaluated, the results are unknown."

Resident Hugh McElroy, also opposed to releasing the escrow, said the swales were "over-designed," producing "a backyard we cannot use" as a result of flooding when the swale retains too much water before it percolates.

Swales not whole story

Other issues for the residents include rehabilitation of the walking trails and consistent resurfacing of the development roads. The town retains financial assurances

for completion of the walkways and paths, as well as money that can be applied to road improvements.

Kapriva said, "The walking paths ... are clearly not of the quality" homeowners had expected. A path that starts in Stonehurst Court "has had several pieces of equipment run over it, is crumbling in several places, and it still floods at a few locations when it rains."

"The road system within Pembroke Woods phase one is another embarrassment to the community," Kapriva said. "The

roadway has never been in a state of completion."

Kapriva added: "Emmitsburg must let this developer know, and put others on warning ... that they will be held to deliver on the expectations they laid out during their sales presentation to both the homeowners and the town."

Jen Staiger, Pembroke Homeowners Association secretary, asked the Board not to release the money until all swale modifications and other work have been completed and assessed. "Don't give away our last bargaining chip," she urged.

NEW BRIEFS

MD changes route of Lions' Community Day Parade

Generations of small town Americans have enjoyed their community parades since their towns were mere villages. Emmitsburg citizens were and are no different in that respect. But this year officials at the Maryland's State Highway Administration (SHA) nearly quenched the Town's Community Day parade, a treasured annual event sponsored by the Lions' Club.

This year, says Mayor James E Hoover, the SHA was reluctant to approve the Lion's Club parade along the route taken in the past. "An agreeable solution" was finally negotiated with the State agency which is allowing the parade to proceed along a slightly modified route.

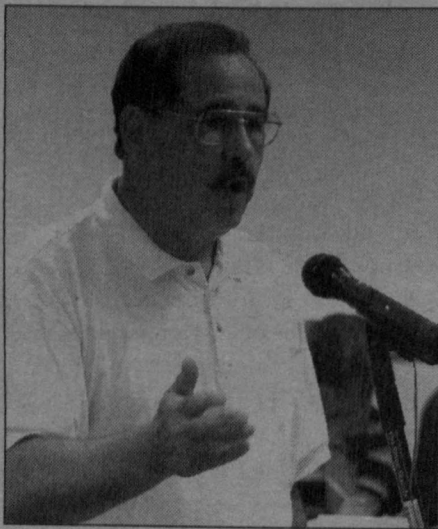
Regarding Town celebrations, Hoover told The Emmitsburg Dispatch, "The State is becoming stricter. Main streets are no longer to be used for parades and events."

In the past Main Street and Seton Ave. were closed for the parade. This July 3, the parade route will generally remain the same, but will not include West Main St. The parade will start near the Northgate subdivision on North Seton Ave., proceed south and go left onto DePaul St., right onto Federal Ave., right onto East Main St., and, finally, left onto South Seton Ave. to the Community Center.

Storm forces glider down on Town property

A severe thunderstorm at about 3:15 p.m., June 1, forced a Fairfield-bound glider down


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THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH
Rick Kapriva speaks out at the June 7 town meeting urging commissioners not to release escrow funds to Buckeye Development until they meet promises of sales agreement.



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on Town property, according to the Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

The glider was being flown by Christopher O'Callaghan, 45, of Frederick, when it was spotted coming down in a field on Emmitsburg water and sewer property along Creamery Rd., east of Rt. 15 North.

A Town employee first noticed the descending glider, a Schempp-Hirth model Ventus-2bx.

Deputy Kevin Eyler responded and was told by pilot O'Callaghan that he made the emergency landing to escape the storm. He said he would compensate the Town for any damage to the field. The pilot then called for someone to come and remove the glider.

No charges were filed by police. The Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) was notified but took no action because the glider did not crash but made a controlled emergency landing.

Grass clipping removal, mulch them for Town garden?

Town Commissioner Art Elder recently noted that he has been receiving a number of complaints from residents because the trash service will not pick up their bags of grass clippings.

Apparently, the failure by the garbage collectors to take the clippings is the result of confusion over the service contract. The hauler told the Town staff it would no longer take the clippings to the County landfill.

"There seems to be a conflict with who is doing what with regard to the garbage contract," Mayor James E. Hoover said. "Hopefully within the next week (mid-June) we will have a positive answer."

In the meantime Town Commissioners Board President William B. O'Neil, Jr., suggested that Town staff look into setting up a community mulching site for residents to take their clippings to, possibly in conjunction with a community garden project.

O'Neil noted there would be a natural, symbiotic relationship between a mulch site and a community garden. Town Manager David Haller said he would look into Walkersville's mulch site operation for information about how the relationship might work.

Smile! You're on Candid Emmitsburg!

The Emmitsburg Town staff has been looking into televising Town meetings as a means of making local government more accessible to the general public.

The Town Board of Commissioners recently complied with Mayor James E. Hoover's request that money be put in the Fiscal Year 2005 budget to purchase and install cameras to televise meetings.

The meetings would be telecast on Cable Channel 99, in the same way as the election forum before this year's election.

If the budget is finally approved with the line item for televising meetings, the project could be advertised for bids some time after July, Hoover told The Emmitsburg Dispatch. "I'd like to see it completed in the next six-to-nine months."

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OBITUARIES

Mr. William Greco

William Dominic Greco, 67, Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, died May 26 at his home.

Born March 17, 1937, in Thurmont, he was a son of the late Dominic G. and Laura Bond Pauff Greco.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg; a graduate of St. Joseph's High School and Mount St. Mary's College. He taught for 10 years at Mount St. Mary's and belonged to the Teachers Association and the Knights of Columbus, Brute Council 1860, Emmitsburg.

Survivors in addition to his wife, Mary Lou Dukehart Greco, are three children, William James Greco, Amy Heilig and Christopher Greco; eight grandchildren; two step-grandsons; and one brother, Dr. George Greco.

A Mass of Christian burial was held May 29 from Mount St. Mary's College Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, Dr. David W. Shaum as principal celebrant.

Interment was in Mount St. Mary's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Mr. Robert Francis Little

Robert Francis Little, 90, South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, died May 30 at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg.

Born Feb. 14, 1914, in Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late John W. and Minnie Bowman Little.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and the Holy Name Society. He was a cook and receiving clerk at St. Joseph's Provincial House, retiring after 47 years of service.

Survivors include his wife, Anna May Krietz Little; three sons, Ronald Francis Little, John

W. Little, and Phillip V. Little; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial was held June 2 from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with his pastor, the Rev. Stephen P. Trzeczieski, C.M., as principal celebrant.

Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Loretta Smith

Loretta Anna Adams Smith, 79, East Main Street, Emmitsburg, died May 21 at home.

Born Feb. 21, 1925, in Fairfield, Pa., she was a daughter of the late Earl and Thelma Sanders Adams.

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

Surviving in addition to her husband Edward are three children, Linda Clingan, Betty Stambaugh and Karon Shorb; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Doris Winebrenner and Frances Dutrow.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held May 24 from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with her

pastor, the Rev. Stephen P. Trzeczieski, C.M., as principal celebrant.

Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Mr. Larry Eckenrode

Larry David Eckenrode, 54, Taneytown Pike, Emmitsburg, died June 5 at Hanover Hospital, Hanover, Pa.

Born April 8, 1950 in Gettysburg, Pa., he was a son of the late Maurice D. Eckenrode and Oneida Selby Eckenrode.

Mr. Eckenrode worked for G.L. Chronister Trucking of Mechanicsburg, Pa, and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie 2226, Littlestown, Pa.

Surviving are three daughters, Tammy Eckenrode, Tina Delph, and Lesley Lawrence; one granddaughter; one brother, Robert Eckenrode; four sisters, Pat Crum, Milly Brawner, Roxy Rill, and Debbie Moreland; his companion Linda Rollette and her daughter, Rachael; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held June 8 at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Jon Greenstone officiating.

Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery, Harney.

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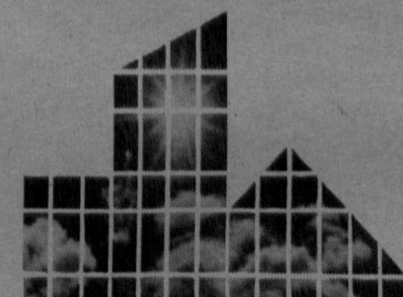
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The origin and fate of Emmitsburg's town fountain

Mike Hillman
Special to the Dispatch

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

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

Fountain traces roots to 1881 pandemic

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

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

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

Emmitsburg Water Company the right-of-way to lay water pipes.

Newspaper editor raises idea of a fountain

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

On July 15, the council passed an ordinance to bring the fountain question to a town referendum. Although the referendum results cannot be found, an August 23 *Chronicle* article stated, "A meeting to take ... action towards raising the necessary funds, was held at the Engine House on Friday the 15th, for procuring a fountain to adorn the square ..."

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

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

and Market Street was the old Emmitsburg one.

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

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

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

An island in a sea of traffic

While ornamental in nature, the fountain nevertheless fulfilled an important role as a water source for the horses still used for moving goods and services. The town square served as a crossroad for travelers headed south from Gettysburg, north from Frederick, and west from Baltimore to Pittsburgh.

Unfortunately, the fountain's location at the center of this crossroad was also its downfall. At first, with a five mile per hour speed limit within the town, cars could easily maneuver around the fountain.

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



square around the fountain with concrete.

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

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

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

The fountain was dismantled on August 23. Lancelot Jacques purchased the upper part for

\$30. He originally planned to install it on his estate at Catoclin Furnace. The Depression scuttled Lancelot's development plans, along with it his plans for the fountain.

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

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

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

Little evidence about fountain's true fate

Frederick fountain

The most frequently repeated tale about the fate of the fountain was that it was moved to Frederick and now stands at 7th and Market Street. This is an easy story to understand, since the two fountains were identical.

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

In addition, the foundry markings on the Frederick fountain, "E. G. Smyser and Sons," date its manufacture to sometime after 1887, three years after the installation of

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Town fountain

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the Emmitsburg fountain. This conclusion is based on the fact that following E. G. Smyser's death in 1887, the company name changed to E. G. Smyser & Sons.

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

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

Stackhouse planter

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

The article claimed that a planter was "part of the missing water fountain which once stood at the Emmitsburg town square (and) had been found at the home of...Warren Stackhouse on St. Anthony's Road."

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

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



town fountain. It planter remains there today.

Still on the mountain

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

This story is based on the second fountain once located in Emmitsburg. This one-tiered fountain, in front of the Emmit House, was removed sometime during the 1920s to make way for the doughboy statue. Simple

photographic comparisons invalidate the idea that this was the original fountain.

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

Editor's Note: The research for this article was the work of the entire membership, Mike Hillman is the President. The Emmitsburg Area Historical Society meets 7 p.m. on the 3rd

Monday of each month at the Emmitsburg Community Center. For the unabridged version of this article, go to the Emmitsburg Area Historical Society web site, www.emmitsburg.net/history/.



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EDUCATION

Head Start brings school back to the Emmitsburg Community Center

Susan Allen
Staff Writer

The Emmitsburg Community Center building was originally the home of the town's public school. But until this year, no students had attended class there since 1973. Now a yellow school bus arrives each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m. Recent renovations created a classroom and play space for some of the community's youngest pupils, the three-and-four-year-old members of the Head Start preschool program.

Teachers "Miss Kathy" Robinette, "Miss Lois" Gaver, and "Miss Elly" Jenkins greet the children at the playground gate. The boys and girls enter the classroom, hang up their jackets and book bags, and head for the big blue rug at the far end of the classroom. It's morning circle time, and each child has his or her own spot on the rug. Miss Kathy calls the roll, and several children choose "jobs" for the day — feeding the fish or passing out cartons of milk, for example.

A visitor entering the classroom, located on the lower level of the center's south wing, might feel a bit like Dorothy arriving in Munchkin land. Tables, chairs, computer desks, and toilets — all sit low to the floor, sized for young children. Bulletin boards and easels are low enough for small hands to reach. Brightly-colored posters and student art projects decorate the walls. Artwork hangs from the ceiling.

The room is arranged in "learning centers," a standard practice in early childhood education. Each child chooses, with some direction from teachers, different activities for the day. One day he might choose art and blocks; she might select computers and "housekeeping," also known as dress-up play.

Over the course of a week, each child explores all the centers. More than one person can choose the same activity, so children learn important lessons about cooperation, sharing, and taking turns. There are three computers for student use, two of them donated by Mount St. Mary's College.

Before its move, the Emmitsburg program was based in the Up County Family Center. An expansion grant from the U. S. government paid for the new location, according to county director Pat Rosensteel. The new

classroom has at least one-third more floor space, estimates Kathy Robinette.

Previously there was no playground, so children and teachers walked to the town park. On chilly or wet days the children couldn't play outside.

Now, Mrs. Robinette says, "It has to be a really bad-weather day to keep us inside."

The new playground, just outside the classroom, has a soft-surfaced space for the jungle gym, and a black-topped area for riding scooters and tricycles. There is enough room inside to "park" the toys.

Locating Head Start in the community center has additional advantages. The library is just two floors up. The class attends story time every Tuesday, and teachers check out books for classroom use.

Emmitsburg Elementary School is nearby, and the children go there for special programs (see related article, "Reading on Eagles' Wings," on p. 10 in this issue). Five four-year-old Head Start pupils attend the afternoon pre-kindergarten class. For others, Head Start class continues until 3:00 p.m., including an afternoon nap.

County planners made a conscious decision to locate Head Start in the south wing with the Senior Citizens Center to allow for inter-generational activities. At their May meeting, many seniors admitted they were skeptical of the arrangement at first. They worried about noise, and that the children might not stay in their classroom.

"But we never hear them," said President Lucille Valentine.

"Except when they're doing something in the kitchen," added another senior, "and that's not often." Head Start's resident cook, Sherry Bastain, leads cooking activities with the children.

Before Easter the seniors invited the class over to dye eggs, which everyone enjoyed. During Senior Center Week, May 7-15, accordionist Lloyd Fiedler played for both groups. The children gave a rousing performance of "The Chicken Dance" before returning to their classroom.

The wall separating the two program areas includes a unique feature. Four interior windows, at varying heights, allow the children to see into the senior center, and the adults to peek in at the Head Start class.

Adjustable vertical blinds in the windows allow privacy. The Head Start teachers refer to the seniors as "grand-friends," a term the children have also adopted.

Family involvement has always been an essential part of the Head Start program. Families meet monthly at the center. Teachers and staff members make regular home visits and telephone contacts. Parents can volunteer in the classroom, accompany the class on their monthly field trips, and serve on advisory committees.

In Emmitsburg, Head Start has strong support from its families and the community. Mount

"Reading on Eagles' Wings" enriches students' learning

Susan Allen
Staff Writer

In early 2003 Jennifer Harbaugh, community liaison at Emmitsburg Elementary School (EES), created a reading project for Head Start students, "Reading on Eagles' Wings," named for Emmitsburg Elementary's mascot, the eagle.

The children came to EES every other week for approximately an hour. Each visit had a theme, often related to character-building. Mrs. Harbaugh read a book or poem, followed by a related craft and a snack. Sometimes she included a song or movement activities to music.

At the end of the school year, Mrs. Harbaugh applied to the Community Foundation for a Gifts for Education grant to enhance the project. The Community Foundation of Frederick County, Inc. manages and distributes funds donated by individuals and organizations throughout the county. Gifts for Education grants are funded through donations to Frederick County Public Schools. Mrs. Harbaugh received a \$500 grant to purchase books and supplies.

She also approached Scholastic Inc., a children's publishing and media company with a base and a warehouse in Frederick. Scholastic donated 50 books the children could keep along with resource books for Mrs. Harbaugh to use for lesson planning. The company also sends notices of warehouse sales to her so that she can purchase more books at a discount.

St. Mary's College has been "very supportive," says Kathy Robinette. Catocin High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America club (formerly Future Homemakers of America), advised by Mrs. Janet Warren, sponsors four special events each year for Head Start students. There is also an annual family festival at Pinecliff Park in Frederick.

The federal government funds Head Start, a nationwide "early intervention" program for preschool children from low-income families. Start. Department of Health and Human Services poverty level annual guidelines determine eligibility. Families whose children have special needs due to disabilities are also eligible for services.

Head Start began in 1965 as a summer program to prepare children for school. Now children receive nutritious meals (both

breakfast and lunch in Emmitsburg), routine health screenings, and other assistance along with appropriate educational experiences.

Frederick County has offered Head Start for 36 years and now serves 262 children. It is administered by the Citizens Services Division of Frederick County Government. The Emmitsburg center is one of 15 located throughout the county. Most centers operate on half-day ten-month schedules. Emmitsburg and two others offer year-round full-day services.

This is just the fourth year for Emmitsburg Head Start. Prior to 2000, eligible families had to send their children to the Thurmont center.

For more information, contact Pat Rosensteel or Ann Silverman at the central office, 301-694-1024, or visit the website, www.co.frederick.md.us/Head-Start.

"I'm a good shopper," says Jennifer. "I've been able to stretch that \$500 a long way."

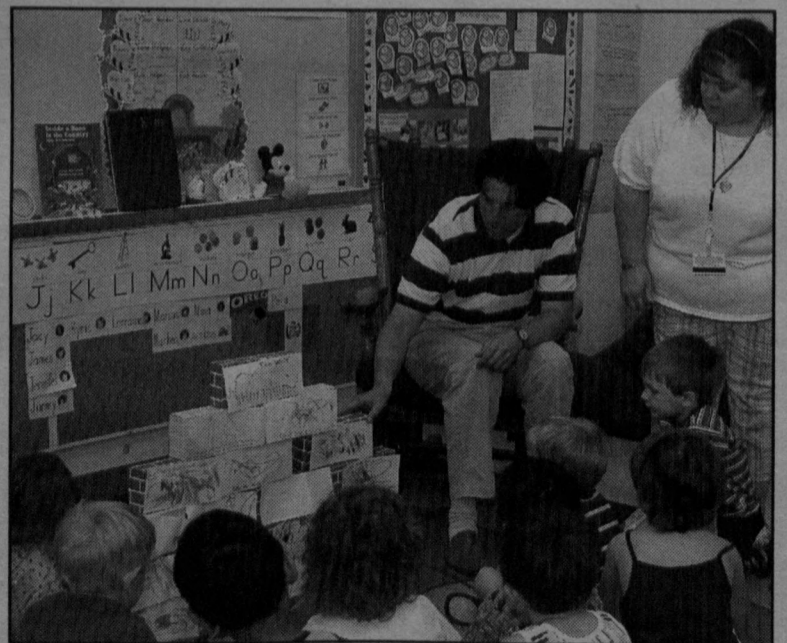
Bret Bedell, "Mr. B," a teacher specialist who comes to EES three days a week, also helps with the project.

The reading program is very important for preschool children on several levels. It helps provide beginning reading skills. Children become familiar and comfortable with "the big school" and its expectations. At each visit students receive a "take-home" packet including a letter to their

colleague in another county school inspired Mrs. Harbaugh to undertake this project. Before her selection as community liaison, Jennifer worked at EES in aide positions with fifth grade special education, kindergarten, and pre-kindergarten.

"I really saw a need in Emmitsburg to start teaching reading skills earlier," she said.

A native of Rocky Ridge and a graduate of Catocin High School, Jennifer knows the community well. She graduated from Frederick Community College in



—JENNIFER BUCHHEISTER/THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH
Jennifer Harbaugh (R) creator of the program "Reading on Eagles' Wings" assists specialist Bret Bedell as he uses building blocks to illustrate a concept for Head Start students.

parents that includes other activities and reading tips to use at home to reinforce the lessons taught by Mrs. Harbaugh and Mr. Bedell.

A similar program started by a

May 2000, and has been attending Mount St. Mary's College since then, majoring in elementary education. If her planned timetable holds true, she expects to do student teaching in 2005.

MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

MOUNT ST. MARY'S BECOMES A *University*

One of America's oldest Catholic colleges is now its newest university.

In a unanimous vote of its 33-member Board of Trustees, Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary officially became Mount St. Mary's University on June 7.

The Mount's 1,400-acre campus is home to more than 1,400 undergraduate students, as well as Mount St. Mary's Seminary—the second-largest seminary in the country—preparing more than 150 men for the priesthood; and the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, America's oldest replica of the Lourdes shrine in France. The mountain shrine attracts hundreds of thousands of pilgrims each year from all over the world.

In addition, the Mount offers accelerated and weekend bachelor's degree completion programs, as well as master's degree programs in business and education, through its Division of Continuing Studies—with campuses in Frederick, Hagerstown and Westminster.

Graduate students make up 27 percent, or nearly 1/3 of the student body. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching already classifies Mount St. Mary's as a Master's I College/University, which is defined as "an institution, typically offering a wide range of baccalaureate programs that is committed to graduate education through the master's degree."

To support the change in designation, the Mount will develop new institutional logo and identity programs—including those for athletics—that will debut in the coming months. The Mount will also undertake an aggressive marketing, advertising and branding campaign to capitalize on the excitement surrounding its change to "university" status.

Mount St. Mary's is exempt under a charter granted by the Maryland General Assembly from Maryland Higher Education Commission approval of institutional name changes.

"The board of trustees and administration would like Mount St. Mary's enrollment and programs to continue to grow incrementally, with enrollment reaching 2,000 undergraduate students in 2009," Powell said. "Yet measures will be made to ensure that students continue to attend small classes and receive personal attention from their professors."

Additionally, other than moderate price increases like those that have characterized Mount St. Mary's in the past, no significant increase in tuition will occur as a result of the designation change. Mount St. Mary's remains committed to offering a quality education at an affordable cost.

Reflections from the Mount community



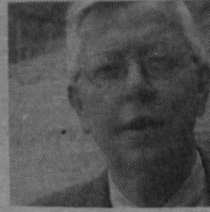
"The word university conjures images of huge auditorium lectures and faceless students known only by an ID number. That is not what the Mount is or will ever be. It is the people, not the name that makes the Mount what it is today. The designation change will offer students more opportunities than ever before—through new masters and doctoral programs."

Jennifer Martin, C'05, President, Student Government Association President



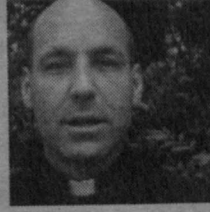
"The reason the Mount stands strong is because of our foresight to see the need for change and our ability to implement the change. Thirty years ago we admitted women, for this I am forever grateful. I now wear many hats at the Mount—as an alumnae, married to an alumni, and as a parent of a current Mount student. I am also an employee. But regardless of "the hat" I wear, I truly believe this change is a very good thing for the Mount."

Maureen C. Plant, C'82, Director of Annual Giving



"As we prepare for our third century of service, this designation change will serve us well. We are a university by any measure. The college, the seminary and the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, will benefit greatly from a name that better unifies us as one."

Thomas H. Powell, President



"As someone said recently, the essence of our institution remains the same, the designation change is to help further that essence and mission. For 200 years, faith and holiness have been sought here—from Fr. Dubois to Mother Seton—and we have, thankfully, given saintly people to the Church. No doubt, this will continue!"

Father Jack Lombardi, Chaplain and Director, National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes

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July 11-15 (ages 7-12)

July 25-29 (ages 13-17)

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June 20-23 (ages 8-18)

Resident: \$380

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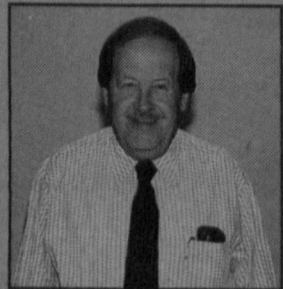
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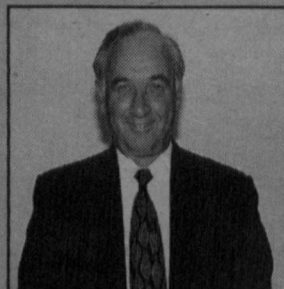
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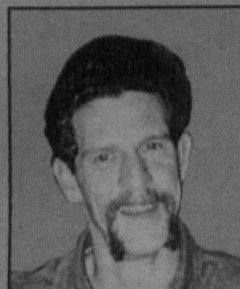
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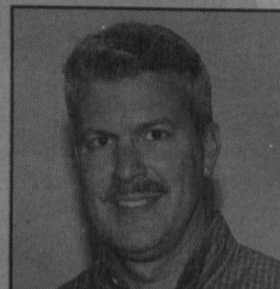
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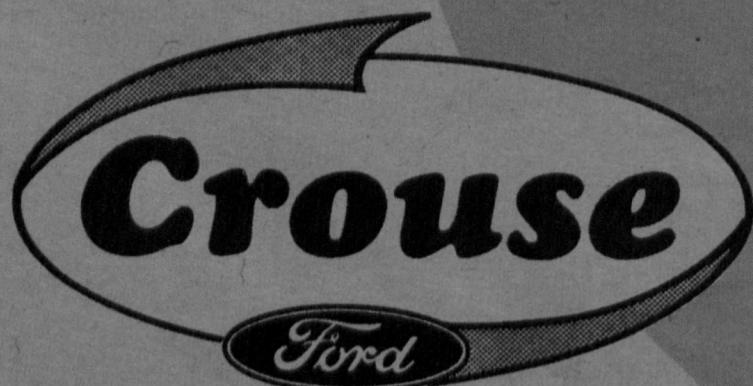


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Outside the Game "I went to a fight, and a hockey game broke out."

A.J. Russo
Sports Editor

Many years ago (or maybe it was last year), in an ice-filled arena near you, after a lack-luster first period, NFL coach Neil Stravinski barged through the locker room door. The players, still breathing hard, sweat streaming from their hair, looked toward the entrance.

"I've seen more action from my daughter's ballerina class!" the coach barked. Most of the players bowed their heads and stared at their skates, trying hard to avoid eye contact.

The pseudo sergeant pointed at a burly guy with long scraggly black hair and an ugly smile... well, let's just say he could spit with his jaw clenched. "Canuzo, you tink dese fans came to see you score goals or do triple lutzers out there? Well, do ya? Eh?" He was screaming.

The big goon looked up at his mentor as if he was being told to go sit in the corner for not eating all his vegetables.

The leader scanned the room. "No... you and I and every hockey fan in this arena came to see some fightin'. That's what we pay you for-to enforce. You do want a pay check, don't you, Canuzo?"

"Yes sir," Canuzo whispered meekly.

"Well, get out there and earn your millions."

The coach turned and looked around at the rest of the players, then back at Canuzo. "And Bendoza ... he's scored his last goal. Right, Canuzo? If I don't see him carried off on a stretcher before this next period is over, you're gonna be lookin' for a job with the Ice Capades. Am I clear?"

"Yeah, coach."

As the old joke goes, "I went to a fight, and a hockey game broke out." Fighting has long been a part of hockey, though its role within hockey and the specialization of those called enforcers or goons, has definitely changed. In the day, hockey players lived by some simple on-ice rules. If you stuck a guy with your stick or blindsided him, you were liable, or in most cases obligated, to drop your gloves and go at it.

The enforcer's role eventually evolved into protecting the skilled players.

Today, he is almost a professional fighter, training for the job in the minors—which usually includes a regimen of boxing. Usually strong and big, he can do damage with bare knuckles, but generally has problems with the skills of the game.

This past season I watched in embarrassment as replay after replay showed Vancouver's Todd Bertuzzi's criminal sucker punch and face slamming that broke Colorado's Steve Moore's

neck. And then I listened with even more humiliation as commentator after commentator defended the action.

"Fighting is just a natural part of the game of hockey," NHL supporters said. "Fans come to see players throw some punches. If a brawl doesn't break out, people who paid good money to see the sport will go home disappointed."

No other major sport (except boxing) condones fighting. In fact, in all other athletic contests, players involved in major skirmishes are punished. Time to clean up the game.

Note: All characters except Bertuzzi and Moore are fictitious.

A.J. Russo, Ph.D., is a professor at Mount St. Mary's College and author of eight novels. The former head coach of men's lacrosse at RIT and Mount St. Mary's, Russo is currently head coach of Hood College's men's lacrosse team, scheduled to play its first season in 2005. Published titles include science thriller, "The Healer," available through Amazon.com; related short stories, "Dah-Link," published Dec. 2003; and a novel entitled "Spliced," published in April. His opinions do not necessarily reflect those of Mount St. Mary's College or Hood College.

Catoctin Mountain Park Summer Activities

Catoctin Mountain Park offers a wide variety of programs and volunteer opportunities during the summer months. This national park, so close to home, has a great deal to teach us about the history of our area, and how we can help maintain this valuable natural resource.

Campfire Programs – Saturday evenings during June and July, 9:00 p.m.; Saturday evenings in August and September, 8:30 p.m., Owens Creek Amphitheater

Rangers will focus on the National Park Service and the natural and cultural history of Catoctin Mountain Park.

Deer – One Piece of the Forest Mosaic – Saturdays, June 26, and July 17, 2:00 p.m., Visitor Center

Each plant and animal contributes to the success or demise of the forest ecosystem. For some, a deer sighting is the most rewarding part of a park visit, while others believe the population is out of control. Join a ranger for a half-hour program focusing on the role and function of deer in Catoctin Mountain Park.

Blacksmith Shop Demonstrations – Sunday, July 18 and Saturday, August 14 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Blacksmith Shop in Camp Round Meadow

Before the days of mass production, every community needed a skilled blacksmith. The

smithy forged nails and hardware, sweated wagon rims, shod horses and repaired broken metals implements. The blacksmith shop played a vital role in the Catoctin

Recreational Demonstration Area. Hardware and tools needed to build the cabin camps were manufactured on this forge, actively used for over 40 years. The volunteer blacksmith demonstrates and explains how metal is heated and shaped into useful and decorative objects.

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Catoctin Mountain Park, 6602 Foxville Road, Thurmont, MD, is one of 387 units administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. For more information about the park, activities and volunteer opportunities, go to the website, www.nps.gov/cato or call the Visitor Center, 301-663-9388.

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HEALTH

Medicare prescription discount cards — a good option?

Joyce Demmitt
Copy Editor

Medicare prescription discount cards are now available. Benefits began June 1. Participation is voluntary and anyone with Medicare can purchase a card. The Medicare card may be a good option for some people, but not for others.

Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people 65 and over, and for the disabled. Individuals 65 and older, who are eligible for Social Security, automatically qualify. Medicare Parts A, B and C provide different types of medical coverage.

To allow for more competition in the U. S. marketplace, the federal government has authorized more than 40 national and 33 regional companies (including insurance companies, health maintenance organizations, and AARP - formerly known as the American Association of Retired Persons) to issue Medicare-approved prescription discount cards. The cards' sponsors largely finance the discount program. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services will handle consumer complaints about the cards, 1-800-MEDICARE.

Seniors can purchase only one Medicare card, but can retain other discount prescription cards, including those from individual pharmaceutical companies.

The card costs approximately \$30 per year, and will yield a savings of 11-17% off the retail price

of prescriptions. Medicaid beneficiaries are not eligible, but many with lower incomes are eligible for a \$600 credit.

The current Medicare drug discount program is transitional, and lasts from June 1, 2004 until January 1, 2006, when Medicare Part D drug benefit plan is scheduled to go into effect.

Cards cover different drugs

Because determining which card provides the best discount for an individual's prescriptions is not straightforward, Medicare officials and consumer groups urge seniors to take their time and research options.

Drugs covered vary from one company's card to another. Drugstores do not accept all cards, nor do mail-order pharmacies.

Medicare does not require that plans cover every drug suitable to treat a particular medical condition. It is time-consuming, but critical, for consumers to check the plans carefully to see if their drugs are included.

Consumers can change Medicare cards only once a year, but companies can change drug prices or change drugs covered at any time during the year.

Some seniors have already found out that their prescriptions might actually cost more with certain companies' cards. The Medicare card discount may not be as good as those offered by existing state programs, union plans, consumer groups, or individual drug

companies.

A May 4, 2004 *New York Times* article pointed out as well that "Prices available with the new drug cards are, in many cases, higher than those available to any consumer using online pharmacies."

The \$600 credit

A \$600 credit is available in 2004 and 2005 for persons with limited income: \$12,569 or under for singles, \$16,862 for married couples. There is no enrollment fee for the Medicare card and no questions about personal assets. Any money not used in 2004 will roll over into 2005. The credit can be used anytime, at any pharmacy. Individuals will have a 5% co-pay for generic drugs, 10% for brand-name drugs. This program also ends December 31, 2005.

Seniors cannot receive the \$600 credit if they receive outpatient prescription drug coverage from any of the following: Medicaid, Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program, Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program, TRICARE for Life (military health insurance); employer group health plans; FEHBP (federal employees or retirees health insurance).

Navigating the prescription card maze

At a June 1 meeting at the Frederick Elks Lodge, both Frank H. Bailey, State Director of AARP Maryland, and Sharon Lynn, Frederick County Department of

Aging, SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program), characterized the Medicare card program as "complex and confusing." They urged everyone to seek help before deciding to purchase.

By using the Medicare website, www.medicare.gov, individuals can select prescriptions they currently use and learn which companies' cards offer those drugs. There is also a toll-free Medicare number, 1-800-633-4227.

The AARP website, www.aarp.org, includes articles and tips for selecting the most useful card. AARP, formerly known as the American Association of Retired Persons, is a national non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of those 50+.

Locally, Sharon Lynn is available to help seniors choose the best prescription drug card. Call 301-631-3522 to make an appointment.

Medicare Part D - the next step

Medicare Part D, the prescription drug benefit program, is scheduled to go into effect January 1, 2006.

Frank Bailey pointed out costs and the plan's major gap in coverage known as the "doughnut hole."

Participation in the plan will be voluntary. However, individuals who decide to enroll after the initial 6-month window (November 2005 - May 2006) will pay a 1% penalty for every month not enrolled.

The average monthly premium will be \$35, with a \$250 deductible. Medicare will pay 75% of the first \$2,250 costs. Then the gap — between \$2,250 and \$5,100, enrollees themselves must pay all drug costs.

After \$5100, Medicare will pay up to 95%. Enrollees will pay \$2 for generic drugs, \$5 for brand-

name drugs, or 5% of the drug cost, whichever is greater.

Lower income individuals will not pay premiums, will pay less for prescriptions and will have no gap in coverage.

AARP is negotiating with the federal government to make changes in Part D allowing the Secretary of Health & Human Services authority to negotiate prices with drug manufacturers; permit drug importation from Canada; and raise the asset test for enrollment. If these changes are not made, AARP may take legal action to delay implementation.

Existing Maryland prescription programs for low-income individuals**Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program**

covers "all medically necessary prescription drugs," but it is designed for very low income, low asset persons. Income levels can be \$900/month for singles, \$1,041/month for married couples. Asset levels cannot exceed \$4,000 for singles, \$6,000 for married couples. There is no cost to receive benefits, but there is a small co-pay for each prescription and refill.

Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program

is designed for Medicare enrollees with income slightly above the federal poverty level: \$1,358/month for singles, and \$1,852/month for couples. There is no asset limit. The State of Maryland buys drugs and re-sells them to participants. There is a co-pay for each prescription and refill. Call 800-226-2142 for information or either of these programs or visit www.dhmm.state.md.us/mma/mpa p.

Senior Prescription Drug Program

is available for Medicare beneficiaries 65 and older with no drug coverage. The annual income for an individual must not exceed \$27,930 or \$37,470 per couple. There is a \$10 monthly fee. The plan covers up to \$1000 of drugs per year. There is a \$10 co-pay for generic drugs, \$20 for brand-name, \$35 for non-formulary. Contact Care First, 800-972-4612, or the Frederick County office of Maryland's Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), 301-694-1604.

Maryland Medbank Program

serves low-income, chronically ill individuals with no prescription drug coverage. Monthly income limits are \$869 for an individual, \$945 for a couple. There is no cost to join. Prescriptions are available free or at low cost. Call 410-841-9262 for more information or visit www.medbankmd.org.

Staff Writer Susan Allen contributed to this report.

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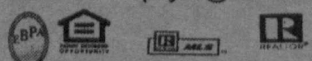
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Looking Ahead

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June 28, 30, July 2 - Adventures in Art Camp. Ages 5-7. Creative Kids Academy of Emmitsburg. A ministry of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, 100

W. North Avenue, Emmitsburg. Tuition \$35, materials included. Information: 301-447-5955.

July 3 - Community Day. Emmitsburg. See Schedule of Events on page 5.

July 3 - Great American Bake Sale. The Emmitsburg Council of Churches and the Emmitsburg Ladies of Charity are co-sponsoring this bake sale in conjunction with Community Day activities. All proceeds will go to "Share Our Strength," an organization formed to help end childhood hunger in the U.S. To volunteer during the sale or to donate baked goods call 301-447-2713.

July 11 - Maryland-Pennsylvania Horse Show

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July 12, 14, 16 - Adventures in Art Camp. Ages 8-10. Creative Kids Academy of

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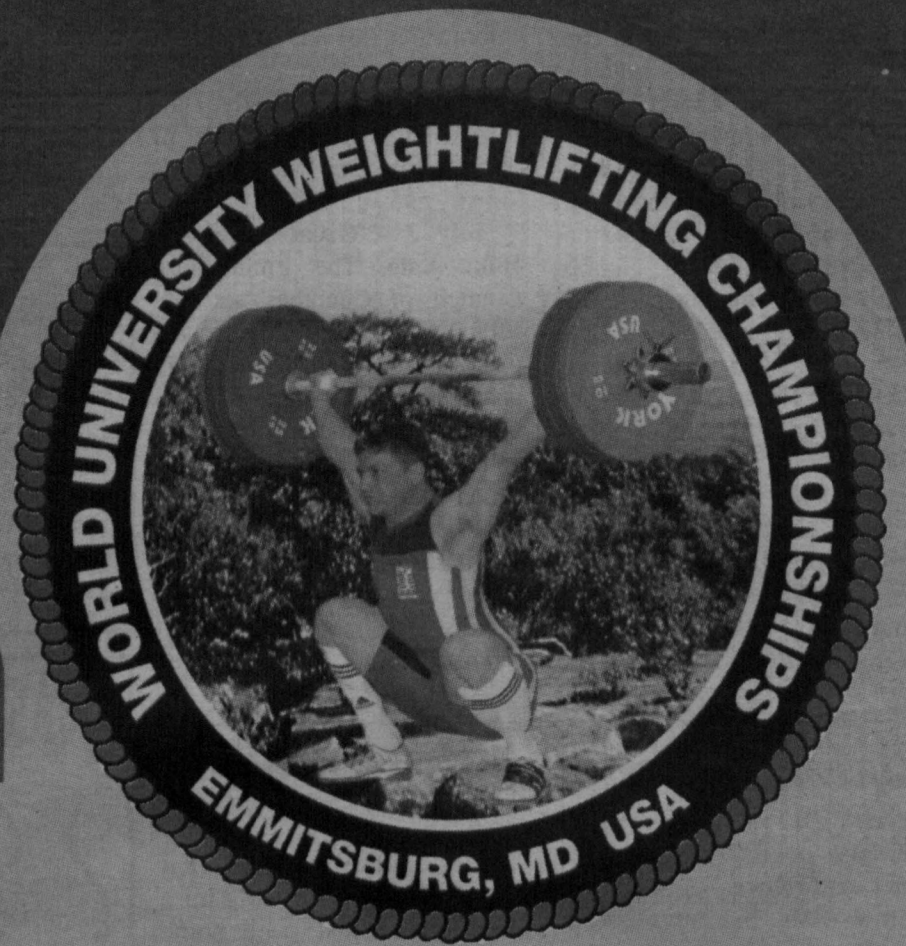
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