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Fishing Derby attracts over 100 youths

Molly Knighton, 2, of Thurmont, gets some guidance from dad on how to catch a lunker. Knighton was one of over 100 children who participated in this year's "Kids Fishing Derby" sponsored by the Borderline 4x4 Club. The derby, an annual event, was held at Kline's pond located on Rt. 15 between Emmitsburg and Thurmont. For more pictures a complete list of winners see page 9.

Slots and the **Battlefield-**Is there a casino in Gettysburg's future?

JUNE 9, 2005

BY JOYCE M. DEMMITT Managing Editor

The Gettysburg Gaming Resort and Spa may become a reality, or it might become just another ghost walking near the battlefield.

Chance Enterprises, Inc., a nine-member partnership, with Gettysburg native David LeVan as its president, announced its intention in April to build a slots casino outside Gettysburg and LeVan thinks their "chances are good" - pun intended.

The casino site would be built a 42-acre tract at the intersection of Routes 30 and 15 in Straban Township, Adams County. Robert Monahan, Monahan Group, currently owns the property and is building "Gateway Gettysburg," a seperate project across from the proposed casino. Monahan's project will include a 250-room hotel and conference center, an IMAX movie theatre, another three-screen movie theatre complex, 49,000 sq. ft. of retail space, restaurants, and two additional 7,500 square foot buildings.

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1000 sign anti-casino petition in one day

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Remembering Polly Shank -see page 10 BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON News Editor

The state's attorney has found no criminal wrongdoing resulting from the Emmitsburg Ethics Commission report, but does question why the ethics chair did not recuse himself.

Attorney Scott L. Rolle said in a June 7 phone interview that the Emmitsburg Ethics Commission findings regarding alleged wrongdoing by commissioners William B. O'Neil, Jr., and Arthur Elder, "do not warrant criminal charges."

However, Rolle said, "I personally question the head of the ethics commission being someone who was previously defeated. This was fraught with potential conflict, in my opinion." Elder defeated relating to any future legal action. ethics chair Ted Brennan in a 2004 town election.

Rolle said that other individuals could take the issues to the state prosecutor's office, but it is "closed as far as I'm concerned."

At the June 6 town meeting, Elder requested that the town pay his attorney a \$2,000 retainer

When the commissioners denied his request, Elder walked out without comment.

He told The Dispatch he does not intend to resign, but he was "upset." He said, "I just couldn't sit there and listen. I needed to get out of that meeting."

Park holds groundbreaking for \$90 million center

State's attorney says no ethics criminal action

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON News Editor

Country design was a product of the 9-11 attack

The Gettysburg National Battlefield Park and the Gettysburg National Battlefield Museum Foundation held a groundbreaking ceremony June 2 for a new museum and visitor center.

Nearly 200 dignitaries and area residents attended the event, which officially marked the beginning of the building phase after a seven-year effort to locate

a potential site, develop plans and finalize designs.

The new center will be built on a 47-acre tract near the intersection of Hunt Avenue and Baltimore Pike, adjacent to park-owned land that once served as the home to Fantasyland, a children's theme park built in 1959 and closed in 1980.

The 139,000 square foot facility will include a complex of farm-like structures, including a simulated round barn, which

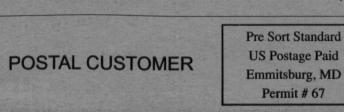
theater, and the cyclorama gallery, attack. replacing the current visitor center on Cemetery Ridge.

Architects for the new center are Cooper Robertson & Partners, New York City. Park Superintendent John Latcher said in an interview that the country

will house a rotunda, museum, design resulted from the 9-11

"The designers would not fly after 9-11," he said, "and instead drove down to Gettysburg from New York," Latcher said. As a result of the drive, the designers

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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 Emmitsburg Dispatch reserves the right to edit letters for content and space.

Brennan moves from Emmitsburg

On May 31, 2005, I will spend my last day as a resident of Emmitsburg. For ten years, I have cherished our time together as we enjoyed the life our precious town has given us. Throughout, I have served this community in several different capacities, from a member of the Board of Appeals and Planning and Zoning Chairman, to Town Commissioner. Along the way, I had the fortune of meeting many strong and talented people. While we have faced many

challenges together and sometimes disagreed on how to resolve them, we all made a positive difference for our community. For that I am grateful.

My family and I will leave Emmitsburg with many memories. I met my wife here, I married her here, saw my four children born here, and have developed many strong friendships here. Emmitsburg has always and will always have a special place in my heart. I have many people to

thank for their kind friendships and support. To my neighbors, my church, the Mayor and Council, Mother Seton School, and all of those I have come know in Emmitsburg, I extend to you my deepest and sincerest thanks.

It is with a heavy heart that I must wish you all an affectionate farewell. I look forward to the day when I can return to this wonderful town.

> - Ted Brennan Former Town Commissioner

Need to reach out to new residents

I moved here to Emmitsburg, Md. last year. I'm originally from a northern state. While here I became acquainted with more than a few people. Everyone appeared to be friendly and nice. The people I met did a lot of volunteer work for the

Mexican population, which was wonderful. I did notice however, that right before them was someone who was really in need.

I knew that I had to make my own way, so I took a risk and finally got a place of my own. I was

forgotten though. There were times I went without food, and was so sick that I couldn't even get out of bed to make myself a packaged Lipton soup. I would never want this to happen to someone else, so I write to the editor to challenge everyone in Emmitsburg, Maryland, to help, and share your blessings with the new people in the area.

I'm single, so I didn't have a family to help me here. I challenge the Emmitsburg community to help the single people of all ages. It could be the elderly person next door. Mother Theresa told those who flocked to her, "Go and help those in your own cities." How powerful that would be! Don't forget those who live next door or down the street from you. I met a lot of people when I first arrived here in Emmitsburg, and not one of them ever called me to see how I was doing. I finally called someone, who was nice to me, but never called me to go out. I always had to be the one to call them. I challenge you to help the new person in the area, and to share your blessings with them.

Emmitsburg, Md.

- Deborah Carney

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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.

Memorial Day Services

June 2, 1905 - On Tuesday, the annual Memorial Day services were held in this place, under the auspices of Arthur Post, No. 41, Department of Maryland, G.A.R., and were largely attended. Services were held in the Public School Building at 9 o'clock in the morning, and were opened with prayer by Rev. A.M. Gluck, of the Reformed Church. The address was delivered by Rev. James Nourse, of the Presbyterian .Church. The music was furnished by the Emmitsburg Choral Union. At the conclusion of the services at the school house, the members of Arthur Post and school children formed in line, and headed by the Creagerstown Cornet Band, marched to the cemetery at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, where the School children, under the direction of a committee of Grand Army men, decorated with flowers the graves of deceased comrades. The parade then moved to the Lutheran Cemetery where the graves of dead soldiers were strewn with flowers, and the Grand Army Ritual was read. The services being brought to a close with Benediction by Rev. W.C. B. Shulenberger, of the Reformed Church. The members of Arthur Post then fell in line and marched to their headquarters, where the parade disbanded.

The graves of soldiers in the other cemeteries in this place and community were decorated by committees from Arthur Post, headed by the Creagerstown Band, paraded the streets before the time for the services to begin at the School building.

LARGE CAVE DISCOVERED **Brought to Light By Blasting Operation**.

June 9, 1905 - The discovery of a natural cave at Cavetown, Washington County, Md. was recently made under peculiar circumstances by George M. Bushey, who is operating stone quarries along the Western Maryland. He had a number of men operating steam drills for four weeks, the blasting of which was expected

to loosen about 500 carloads of stone. When the blasts were set off, however, the result was not a single carload did he get. The entire force of the explosive went through the bottom and into a monster cave, all the work being a total loss. Mr. Bushey has since made an investigation of the cave and found it to be from 10 to 20 feet deep and covering a wide area. He, with a number of other men, explored the cavern to some extent and found numerous bones of wild animals, evidently having been a rendezvous for sick or wounded denizens of the wilds. Among the remains were a tusk over three inches in length and an elk tooth in perfect condition and valued at \$30. Since working over the cave Mr. Bushey has dumped at least 100 carloads of stone into the opening, but it is not filled yet, and has so far proved an expensive find for him. The exploration being made in the main cave by Professor Peabody, of Harvard College, are resulting in some valuable finds of Indian relics and bones of wild animals.

June 9, 1905 – Mr. Samuel Gamble has our thanks for several boxes of delicious strawberries of his own cultivation, being of the Joe, Sample and Dunlap varieties, which are exceptionally fine berries.

Commencement Exercises

June 9, 1905 - The ninetyseventh annual commencement of exercises of Mount St. Mary's College will be held June 14. Following is the order of exercises.

Tuesday, June 13, 8 a.m. - Solemn requiem mass for deceased students and benefactors.

Wednesday, June 14, 8 a - Conferring of sacred orders by Right Rev. Edward P. Allen, D.D., Bishop of Mobile; 8 p.m., contest in elocution by students collegiate department; of distribution of premiums in the preparatory, commercial and minim departments.

Thursday, June 15, 9 a.m. -Commencement exercises of the college. Cardinal Gibbons will preside, and Governor Warfield will deliver an address.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2005

5th Year of Wivell Memorial Walk: A Milestone of Celebration, Reflection

By SUSAN ALLEN Staff Writer

From its beginning, the Michael L. and Douglas A. Wivell Memorial Walk was an exercise in love and faith. Bernard "Bun" Wivell and his daughter Carolyn wanted to honor the memory of Mike and Doug, talented athletes who died too young. They had faith that if they established an event to support youth sports in Emmitsburg and Thurmont, the communities would respond with donations and participation.

As the 5th annual walk approaches on June 11, the Wivells reflect on its success thus far.

They keep a careful ledger of funds donated and disbursed. Each figure represents an opportunity given to an individual or group to develop their athletic skills.

"Mike was my baseball player," says Bun Wivell. He still tries to attend every home game played by the Catoctin High School (CHS) baseball and softball teams. The Wivells have contributed equipment to the CHS baseball and softball fields, and to the Thurmont Little League. Doug was a standout in wrestling and football at CHS, and in wrestling at Clarion University.

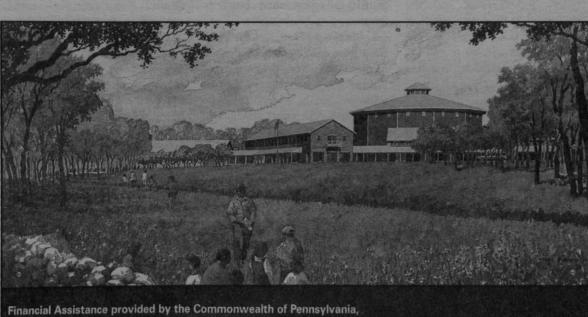
Wivell Memorial funds sent the entire CHS football team to a three-day camp in 2002. They have also supported Catoctin Youth Association (CYA) wrestling and girls' basketball with equipment and uniforms.

"We keep in touch with the coaches. They know we're here if someone will benefit from a camp and the family doesn't have the money." Father and daughter hope that their giving will have an impact that will be "both positive and lasting." So far the fund has given about \$11,000 to support various projects and persons.

Carolyn Wivell added, "We have been blessed from the very start by our sponsors. And the walkers come out, rain or shine."

Each walker receives a free Tshirt – this year it's a red one – and refreshments. The three-mile walk through Thurmont Community Park has the feel of a family's summer picnic.

Participants can drop in anytime between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., registering in advance or when they arrive. The fee is \$10 per walker. Information: 301-695-3869 or 301-271-2682.



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Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center

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developed a feel for the rural Pennsylvania countryside as seen from the ground, which ultimately led to the current design concept.

Private and corporate donors contributed over \$42 million to the project, with more than \$20 million coming from Pennsylvania, and more than \$11 million appropriated by congress. The land was purchased from Jennifer LeVan, according to the museum foundation, although they would not disclose the purchase price.

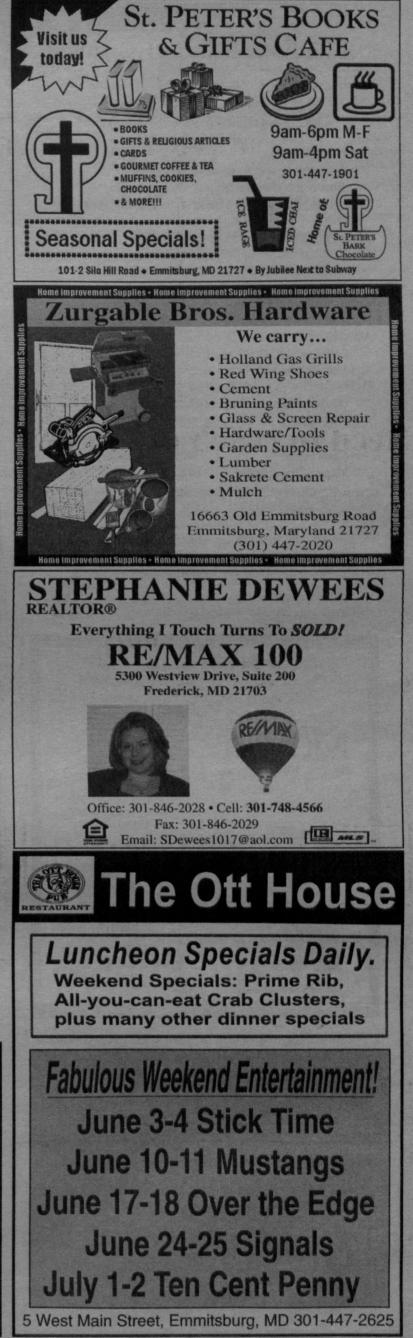
Dignitaries attending the groundbreaking included representatives of Pennsylvania's congressional delegation, National Park Service, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Borough of Gettysburg, Cumberland Township and Adams County, along with donors and corporate donor representatives.

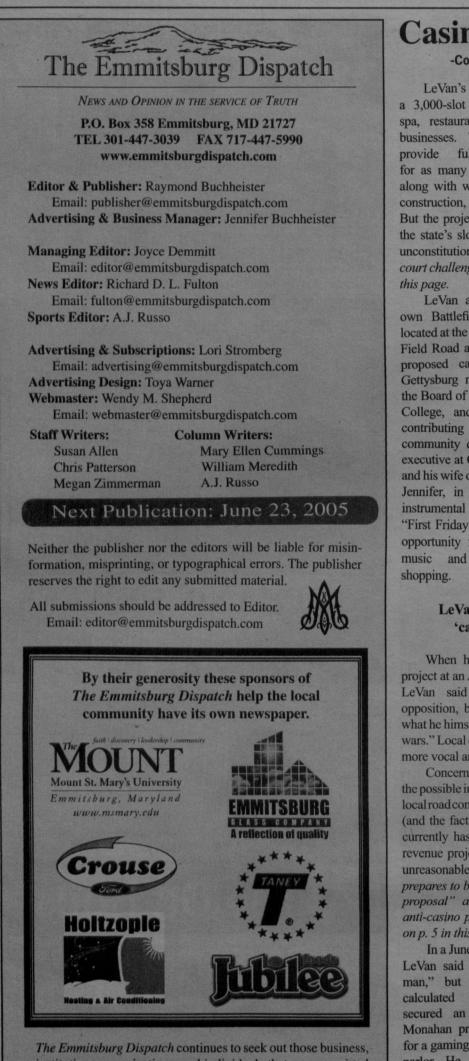
The current visitor center was built in 1921. The park acquired the building in 1971, originally intending to demolish it. Lacking necessary funds to complete the original plan, the space became the park visitor center, according to Katie Lawhon, Gettysburg battlefield public affairs specialist.

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The museum foundation will operate the new facility for 20 years. After that, the site and structures will be turned over to the national park.

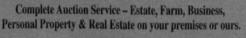






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Casino

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LeVan's project is to include a 3,000-slot casino, a hotel and spa, restaurants and other retail businesses. The complex could provide full-time employment for as many as 1,000 individuals, along with work for others during construction, according to Chance. But the project may go nowhere if the state's slots law is found to be unconstitutional. See "Pennsylvania court challenge may kill slots ... " on

LeVan and his wife Jennifer own Battlefield Harley-Davidson, located at the intersection of Cavalry Field Road and Route 30, near the proposed casino site. LeVan, a Gettysburg native, is president of the Board of Trustees of Gettysburg College, and a local benefactor, contributing to college and community causes. He was a top executive at Conrail for many years and his wife owns an art gallery, Just Jennifer, in Gettysburg, and was instrumental in the development of "First Friday Gettysburg Style," an opportunity for artists' receptions, music and extended evening

LeVan talks about 'casino wars'

When he first introduced the project at an April press conference, LeVan said he expected some opposition, but he is now fighting what he himself describes as "casino wars." Local opposition is becoming more vocal and more organized.

Concerns have been raised about the possible impact on the battlefield, local road congestion, potential crime (and the fact that Straban township currently has no police force), and revenue projections some think are unreasonable. See "Organization prepares to block Gettysburg casino proposal" and "Over 1,000 sign anti-casino petition in one day ...' on p. 5 in this issue.

In a June 1 telephone interview, LeVan said he's "not a gambling man," but will "generally take calculated risks." Chance has secured an option to buy the Monahan property and is looking for a gaming partner to run the slots parlor. He believes the Gaming Board will look favorably on a South Central Pa. location, with its ability to draw both from the Baltimore and Washington, D.C. markets.

He added that Chance's application would have to include a "local impact statement," focusing on impact on local infrastructure, housing, medical and social services. LeVan will also include the same compulsive or problem gambling plan currently required of racetracks.

LeVan said the casino would not be like a Las Vegas or Atlantic City operation. There will "not be a high rise with neon lights." He is talking about a four-story hotel, barely visible with binoculars from the observation tower on Culp's Hill. He has no intention of "demeaning the sacrifices of people on both sides of the conflict." The project only shares the Gettysburg name, but will not include anything around a Civil War theme.

A benefactor of numerous historical sites in the Gettysburg area, LeVan said Chance will "voluntarily undertake a historical survey of the site for the casino." providing documentation on any Civil War activities that took place there, including an archeological investigation, "at our own expense."

LeVan noted that the casino would be "in an area that's going to be developed." Rather than just another big box store, the casino will be what LeVan referred to as a "destination site." He pointed out that residential development helps the local tax base, but not nearly as much as the casino would with its hotel, entertainment taxes and real estate taxes, along with the potential for \$10 million revenue coming to the area.

Both LeVan and John Brabender, Brabender and Cox, media consultants to Chance Enterprises, characterized casino goers as mainly women over 55, who come with small amounts of money to spend.

Brabender said in a June 1 phone interview, "We're not talking about high rollers," since there would be no gaming parlor, just slots. He likened slots to playing the lottery, with mostly small winnings, but "every now and then somebody might win \$35,000."

Having worked on behalf of other casinos in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, he said that Mountaineer Casino in Chester, W. Va., actually has the second lowest crime rate in the area. Slots

do not bring organized crime and prostitution, Brabender said. People come to be entertained by the top name acts and for free offers, some as simple as "buy one scoop of ice cream, get another free."

Noting that Adams County is becoming increasingly a bedroom community, he stressed that the casino would provide "employment for the underserved," for many Hispanics and African-Americans who live in the county and need work.

LeVan said he will continue to fund "issues of importance to the local community," adding that there would also be voluntary contributions from Chance in addition to the targeted profits from the casino.

Both LeVan and Brabender said they are eager to meet with casino opponents, whose positions are, according to LeVan, "unencumbered by the facts."

Projected revenues

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control has estimated annual statewide revenue from its 14 slots parlors will be \$1 billion. Chance has estimated that Adams County would receive about \$10 million annually from the Gettysburg slots.

For comparison, 2004 New Jersey reported total 2004 revenue from the 12 Atlantic City casinos at more than \$4.8 billion, \$3.56 billion from slots and \$1.25 billion from gaming tables. The least lucrative Atlantic City casino was the Sands, bringing in \$190 million; the highest grosser was Bally's at nearly \$645 million. Statistics from www.state. nj.us/casinos/december2004.htm.

It remains to be seen whether the state's projections are accurate. And the Gettysburg venue is still subject to upcoming skirmishes if not all-out war as opponents organize to defeat the idea.

Pennsylvania court challenge may kill slots in the state

Under the 2004 Pennsylvania slots law, the state will offer 14 slots licenses, permitting 61,000 slot machines. Seven licenses are earmarked for racetracks (Category 1); three for stand-alone slots parlors in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh (Category 2); and two for resorts with at least 275 hotel rooms, and two for stand-alone parlors outside Philadelphia and Pittsburgh (Category 3).

Racetrack regulations are posted on the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's Website forreview. Othersets of regulations have yet to be developed. A case before the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court questions the constitutionality of the way the state's 2004 slots law was passed. Pennsylvanians Against

Gambling, the League of

Women Voters and others say the state constitution requires that legislation address only one subject; and prohibits bills from being amended to change their original purpose. They say the slots law began as legislation providing state police assistance on criminal background checks and fingerprinting for applicants for licenses with the Pennsylvania Horseracing Harness and Commission. It reputedly evolved into a bill legalizing slots in the state, funding a new convention center in Pittsburgh and cutting debt at Pittsburgh National Airport.

Assuming that Pennsylvania moves forward with slots, Chance Enterprises will apply for one of the two stand-alone licenses. Chance has targeted 2008 for opening its casino.

THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH



Susan Star Paddock (center), chairperson of No Casino Gettysburg, talks with Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum during the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Gettysburg battlefield visitor center on June 2. Santorum's office told The Dispatch that the senator believes the proposed Gettysburg Gaming Resort and Spa is "clearly inappropriate and out of character" for the Gettysburg area.

Casino revenue overestimated profits and underestimated impact?

The largest share of the annual gross profits of a casino goes to the casino owners and operators - 47%, according to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

After that,

34 percent - property tax relief

9 percent - horse racing industry investments

5 percent - economic development

4 percent – the host county or municipality.

Pennsylvania contends that the added slot machines would generate \$1 billion statewide, a claim challenged by Mark Berg, co-chair of the Green Party and a member of the casiNO ad hoc steering committee.

"Nevada doesn't even produce three-quarters of a billion dollars and New Jersey only generates about a third of a billion," Berg stated at a May 9 rally. He said, "A billion dollars (in Pennsylvania) is highly unlikely from slot machines.'

Berg added that the profit benefit allocation formula suggests that \$10 million would go to local economies. Because the money goes into a state Department of Economic Development "pool," which is distributed among a number of adjacent, affected

jurisdictions and economic development corporations, he maintained that local municipalities would not likely get even half that amount.

Casinos prefer a captive audience, Berg said, and probably would not enhance local business. "I don't think they'll (the casino) have announcements stating that the battlefield bus leaves in half an hour," he said.

In his opinion, what communities will get will be impact costs. "Straban Township doesn't even have a police force. They'd better think about that," he told a gathering at the Ragged Edge coffeehouse in Gettysburg.

Dorothy Ralson, a former New Jersey resident, agreed. She commented that casinos often seem to be associated with organized crime and an increase in illegal drug use and prostitution.

In addition, casino goers face a gambling addiction rate of over 1.5 percent. Fifty percent of the casino's attendees would likely come from within a fiftymile radius of the casino, and that could mean a soaring addiction rate for the region, Berg said. If the addiction rate produced 1,000 addicts, it could cost as much as \$1 to \$2 million to treat them, at the rate of \$12,000 to \$14,000 or more per individual per year.

Organization prepares to block Gettysburg casino proposal

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON News Editor

A recent proposal by Chance Enterprises to build a casino outside Gettysburg may well face an uphill battle as opponents rally to defeat what many view as an assault on "hallowed ground."

"No Casino Gettysburg," an anti-casino activist group formed by members of the Adams County Green Party and others, met May 10 at the Ragged Edge coffeehouse in Gettysburg to form a steering committee to battle the casino project, seen as a threat to the "unique character" of the area.

Further, of the nearly 200 area residents who attended a May 19 "Town Hall" meeting in Gettysburg, only about a dozen indicated they would support the

Over 1,000 sign anti-casino

Friends of Gettysburg Park voice objections

indicated they were undecided.

Opponents begin to rally their forces

Marty Qually, co-chair of the Green Party and a member of the ad hoc steering committee for casiNO (now called No Casino Gettysburg), said in an interview, "One of the main concerns is the lack of local control." He said the law presumes the state gaming board would have more knowledge about planning issues than local authorities.

Mark Berg, another member of the initial ad hoc steering committee, expressed his concerns, which ranged from where a thousand employees would live to the potential for gambling addiction

insensitive and detrimental to the

heritage and hallowed ground we

are dedicated to honor, protect

Dave Booz said, "We're here to

honor and protect Gettysburg,

and that includes the perception

people have of this special place.

Gettysburg should be recognized

for its important place in

member of No Casino Gettysburg'

steering committee said, "We're

happy with any group that joins

in our opposition to this (casino)

proposal. We welcome their

Commenting on the Friends'

James Paddock,

Friends Executive Director

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casino project. A mere half dozen and the alleged exaggerations of community economic benefits from the casino.

Berg said the community does not have a high unemployment rate and lacks the housing needed to accommodate a thousand employees. The proposed casino work force would have to commute from elsewhere, likely adding to congestion on Route 15 and the already-congested Route 30.

He pointed out that "gambling addiction" could impact thousands ofindividualsamongtheGettysburg casino patrons. Addiction support services could cost as much as \$2 million annually, Berg noted.

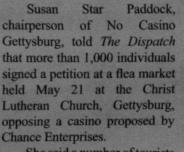
'Town Hall' meeting sees 'battle lines being drawn'

A May 19 "Town Hall" at the Gettysburg Fire House, sponsored by the Times-News Publishing Company and Hearst-Argyle Television, Inc., brought out nearly 200 area residents, most opposed to any casino being built around Gettysburg.

At the opening of the meeting, WGAL President and General Manager Paul Quinn, commenting on the heavy attendance, said, "I'm betting I know why it's a big crowd."

The Gettysburg Times, in its meeting coverage, reported that a show of hands was "about twothirds" opposed to the casino. The newspaper suggested that many of those present were affiliated with a local anti-casino coalition.

However, Susan Star Paddock, chairperson of No Casino Gettysburg, said she recognized about six or seven people affiliated with the organizations, although the group does not maintain a formal membership list.



petition in one day

She said a number of tourists told her they would not return to Gettysburg if a casino were built. At least one other person commented he had put searching for a home in Gettysburg "on held," pending the outcome of the casino issue.

Paddock said that representatives of No Casino Gettysburg would have petitions at the town square every weekend from now until the end of the as-yet to be established state comment period on the casino. The group will announce other petition locations as well.

To better organize its protest efforts, No Casino Gettysburg has established a Website, www.nocasinogettysburg.com, containing the group's press releases, and a downloadable petition.

The 25,000-member Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg issued a formal statement during the week of May 16, officially voicing their objections to the casino proposal.

A resolution approved during a meeting of the full board states, "The establishment of a casino at Gettysburg is at the same time inappropriate,



TOWN NEWS



Rich Kapriva (center) expresses his dissatisfaction with the functionality of his drive way swales to (L-R) County Commissioner Michael L. Cady, Zoltan L. Nagy, representing Buckeye Development, Jennifer Staiger, Pembrook Woods homeowners association (HOA) vice-president and Michael Hoffman, HOA president. The June 2 meeting between Cady, Nagy and Pembrook HOA representatives was to review improvements that were made to the development agreed upon at an earlier meeting in May.

Town releases Pembrook phase one monies Buckeye agrees to Pembrook improvements

By RICHARD D. L. FULTON News Editor

The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners voted June 6 to release all but \$5,000 of Buckeye Development's Phase I storm water management funds at Pembrook Woods.

Edward Smariga, Buckeye Development managing member, Buckeye principal Zolten Nagy,

Frederick County Commissioner Michael Cady, and Michael Hoffman and Jen Staiger, president and vice president respectively of the Pembrook Homeowners Association (HOA), initially met on May 9 to try to resolve complaints about the storm water system.

The developers agreed to a number of improvements, including alleviating erosion problems at certain check dams and berms, replacing or adding some drain pipes, resodding and soil sampling of swales, and erosion improvement along a walking trail.

Buckeye and HOA representatives, along with Commissioner Cady, conducted a walkthrough on June 2. As a result, the homeowners association approved releasing the \$69,811 letter of credit related to the Phase I swales (less \$5,000 for a one-year warranty), the action ultimately taken by the board of commissioners.

Staiger told the board, "Without the assistance of Commissioner Cady we probably wouldn't be where we are." She said the proposed improvements have "generally been completed" and would continue to be monitored.

Commissioner William B. O'Neil, Jr., a resident of Pembrook Woods, recused himself from related discussions and voting. Board President Christopher Staiger abstained from voting because his wife serves on the Pembrook Woods Homeowners Association.

POLICE ACTIVITY

Still no suspect in sapling vandalism

the trees.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office is still seeking information on who may have removed dozens of saplings planted on April 19 in Memorial Park by Emmitsburg Elementary students.

Jennifer Bailey said Deputy Anthony LaRusso responded on April 21 after receiving complaints about the apparent vandalism of She said it looked as though the saplings had been carefully removed and thrown into the creek and across the embankment.

The sheriff's office has asked that anyone with information relating to the incident contact Deputy Anthony LaRusso directly at 240-629-6077.

Resident faces multiple charges after South Seton Avenue incident

Emmitsburg resident, Richard R. Kisner Jr., 35, was arrested and charged with five counts of second degree assault as well as disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, malicious destruction of property, hindering, carrying a concealed weapon, and displaying a weapon, following a May 13 confrontation on South Seton Avenue.

Jennifer Bailey, county sheriff's office spokesperson, said Deputy Roger Venzin responded to an 11 p.m. call that an injured person was seen on South Seton Avenue.

Venzin found Kisner "bleeding from the face and screaming... causing traffic to stop and a crowd of spectators to gather," according to the police report.

Kisner refused to cooperate, challenged Venzin's instructions, and was placed under arrest. "While he was being arrested and taken into custody, Kisner resisted and Dfc. Venzin's uniform was damaged and he was splattered with blood," according to the police report.

The police investigation concluded that the incident resulted from a confrontation between Kisner and a guest at a house on South Seton that spilled out onto the street.

The police report said that witnesses saw Kisner pull a knife and try to stab the guest who was able to take the knife away from Kisner and keep it until police arrived. Bailey said Kisner also threatened the ambulance personnel who responded to the scene.

Kisner was transported to Frederick Memorial Hospital for treatment and then to the Frederick County Adult Detention Center.

Venzin was taken to the hospital for a routine medical evaluation because he came into contact with the suspect's blood during the arrest.

Concerts scheduled for Memorial Park

The Emmitsburg Parks and Recreation Committee has announced its "Concerts in the Park" programs for 2005, to be held at Memorial Park behind the Emmitsburg Post Office.

On June 12 at 6 p.m., the Emmitsburg Community

Choir will be performing. The Rohrersville Band will appear on July 17 at 6 p.m.

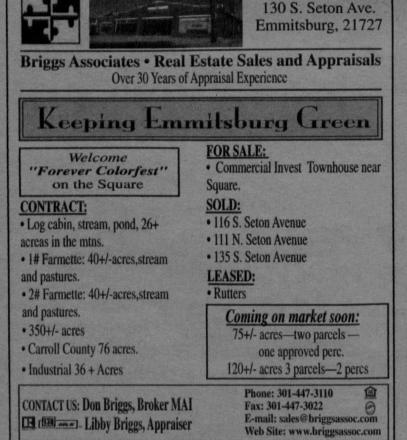
Waking at Seven will be performing on Aug. 6 at 7 p.m., and The No Name Band will appear at 6 p.m. on Sept. 17.

Damaged water tank back on-line

A town water storage tank damaged when struck recently by a vehicle is back on-line, but the community was forced to buy 382,300 gallons of water in April from Mount Saint Mary's while the tank was out of service.

Town Manager David Haller said the 140,000-gallon tank was repaired, tested, and put back on-line in April.

The tank was erected in 2002 at a cost of \$100,000, and was damaged in a minor accident when struck by a site contract worker who was dealing with problems stemming from the \$160,000 rehabilitation of the old tank.



Positively Fun Rock Concert (for all ages)

Kidsinger Jim will perform original songs focusing on self-esteem, physical fitness, reading, conflict resolution, staying drug-free, making good choices and setting goals. A rollicking good time for all!! Saturday, June 18, 1 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Library in the Community Center on Seton Avenue.

OBITUARIES

Mr. Charles Crowder

Mr. Charles Crowder, 77, Emmitsburg, died May 18, 2005, at Gettysburg Hospital.

Born June 7, 1927, in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, he was the son of the late Percy and Muriel Essery Crowder.

Surviving in addition to his wife of 53 years, Eileen Agnes Margaret Ryan Crowder, are four sons, Lloyd P. Crowder, Edwin C. Crowder, Kevin J. Crowder and Colin P. Crowder; 10 grandchildren; two step-granddaughters, and a greatstep-grandchild.

A memorial mass was offered May 23 at St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. James Hannon as Celebrant. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. William Falcone

Mr. William "Billy" Falcone, 76, died May 14, 2005.

Born in Washington, D.C., he was the youngest of nine children of the late Valentino and Maria Guieseppi Falcone.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and an associate member of Trinity United Methodist Church, both of Emmitsburg.

Surviving are his wife, Isabelle Fogle Falcone; one stepdaughter, Nancy Cardinale; two grandchildren; two brothers, Louis Falcone and Guy Falcone; one sister, Jean Luzier; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life was held May 21 at Trinity United Methodist Church, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Wade A. Martin and the Rev. Vincent J. O'Malley officiating. Interment followed at New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Frances Glass

Mrs. Frances S. Glass, 73, Keysville Road, Emmitsburg, died May 16, 2005, at the Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma Park, Md. Born March 14, 1932, in Frederick County, she was the daughter of the late George Arthur

and Bertha Starner, Surviving are her husband, Glenn R. Glass of Emmitsburg; one son, Dale Glass; and one sister, Helen

Heltibridle. Graveside services were held May 18 at the Keysville Union Cemetery, Keysville, with the Rev. Jon Greenstone officiating.

Mrs. Ethel Lewis

Mrs. Ethel Kea Wood Lewis, 79, Thurmont, died May 12, 2005, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg.

Born Feb. 26, 1926, in Graceham, Md., she was the daughter of the late Maurice William and E. Ruth Toms Wood.

Surviving are her husband, RaymondE.Lewis, one son, Raymond E. Lewis II; one daughter, Christine D. Lewis; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one brother, Charles Wood.

Funeral services were held May 18 at Stauffer Funeral Home, Thurmont, with Pastor Ron Faith officiating. Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Frederick.

Mr. Frank Ridenour

Mr. Franklin Austin Ridenour, 73, Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, died May 26, 2005, at Frederick Memorial Hospital, Frederick.

Born March 20, 1932 in Thurmont, he was a son of the late Guy and Sarah Ann Elizabeth Grabill Ridenour.

He was a member of V.F.W. Post 6658, Emmitsburg, and American Legion, Francis X. Elder Post 121, Emmitsburg.

Surviving are one daughter, Carolyn Nicodemus; two grandchildren; one great granddaughter; five sisters, Helen Sharrer, Doris Ott, Mae Fogle, Frances Hobbs, Mary Kuykendall; two brothers, Guy Ridenour and Donald Cool; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held June 1 from Weller United Methodist Church, Thurmont. Inurnment was in Weller United Methodist Cemetery, Thurmont.

Mrs. Pauline Shank

Mrs. Pauline "Polly" Victoria Baumgardner Shank, 90, Waynesboro Pike, Fairfield, Pa., died May 15 at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa.

Born Dec. 5, 1914, in Frederick County, she was a daughter of the late Thomas B. and Mary Morrison Baumgardner.

She was a member of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, co-owner and cooperator of Shanks Mill, Fairfield, Pa., a Frederick County basketball referee for many years and a member of the Emmitsburg Historical Society.

Surviving are five sons, Weldon B. Shank, Jr., Wendell Shank, Wilmer Shank, William Shank, and Wallace Shank; four daughters, Nina Dolly, N. Victoria Smith, Nora Whitney and Nita Shank; 22 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; four great great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held May 20 at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, with her pastor, the Rev, Jon Greenstone, officiating. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Gladys Topper

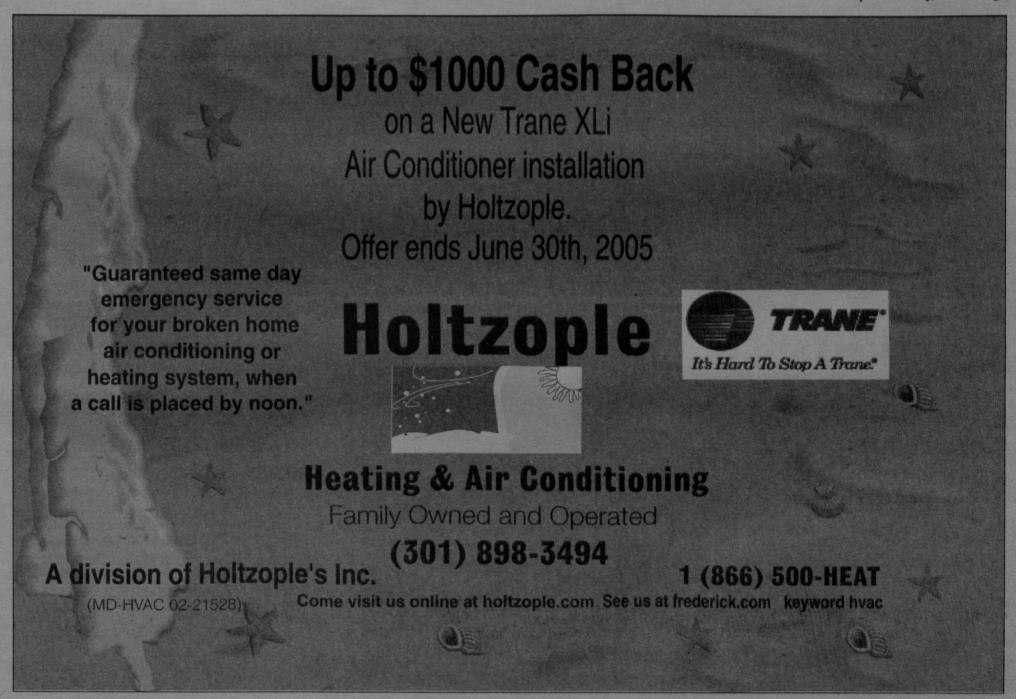
Mrs. Gladys "Sis" Marie Kelly Topper, 85, North Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, died May 18, 2005, at home.

Born Oct. 20, 1919, in Frederick County, she was a daughter of the late Guy Leslie and Ruth Ricker Kelly.

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

Surviving are three sons, Francis Topper, Thomas J. Topper, and Wilbur Ray Topper; two daughters, Betty Jean Topper and Linda Kreitz; 24 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; four great great grandchildren; one sister, Virginia Knox; and two brothers, Wilbur Kelly and James Kelly.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 23 from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with her pastor, the Rev. Stephen P. Trzecieski, C.M. as the celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.



THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2005

THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH

AGRICULTURE **County proclaims June** "Dairy Month"

of County Commissioners, along with the Agriculture Business Council and the Frederick County Office of Economic Development, has officially proclaimed June as "Dairy Month" in Frederick County. Commissioner Michael Cady said the May 31 proclamation was passed to "make sure everybody knows how important agriculture and dairy farming is to Frederick County." He said agriculture remains the "number one industry" in the county.

The largest dairy farm in this region is 2,900-acre Mason Dixon Farms, Inc., 1800 Mason Dixon Road, Gettysburg, Pa., with land that extends into Frederick County, Maryland.

The dairy farm works more than 2400 milk cows, along with over 1,500 replacement heifers, and produces an average of 80,000 quarts a day, according to owners Richard C. and Horace Waybright.

Feeding the livestock requires more than 780 tons of feed every week. The dairy farm has made efforts to develop breeding programs which reduce calve mortality rates, and relies solely on the dairy's own livestock for breeding purposes.

The dairy has been associated

The Frederick County Board with employing state-of-the-art, if not futuristic technologies. As early as 1979, Mason Dixon Farms began to generate their own power through the production of methane from manure.

Since 1939, June has been recognized nationwide as the month to celebrate the dairy industry.

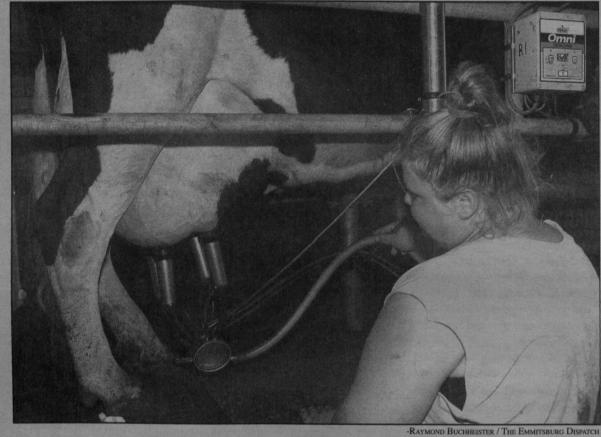
Frederick County is home to more than 160 dairy farms. Local dairy farms, courtesy of State of Maryland, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Division of Milk Control:

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Eugene F. and Karen D. Grimes, Grimes Rd.; Kaas, James R. Kaas, Old Emmitsburg Rd.; James & Sharon Keilholtz, Keysville Rd.; Maple Lane Farms Inc., Dern Rd.; Dallas McNair. Grimes Rd.; Williamson Snyder, East Grimes Rd.; David R. Stone, Sr, Sixes Rd.; Twin Oaks Dairy, LLC, Dry Bridge Rd.; Michael R. & Denise J. Valentine, Bollinger School Rd.

Keymar

Donald and Wanda Burdette, Baker Rd.; Greg M. and Brian Y. Clabaugh, Good Intent Rd.; Robert



Amanda Valentine-Dennis, herd manager for Vales-Pride Farm, helps milk the farm's 140 dairy cows twice each day. The farm produces 6300 pounds of milk (3100 quarts) each day.

A. and Sherrie L. Doody, Cash New Cut Rd.; Rachel Wilson, Old Smith Rd.; C.R., D.R., R.L. and F.R. Garst, Woodsboro Pike; Jack E. and Stacey G. Kahler, Keymar Rd.; Dennis E. Savage, Good Intent Rd.; Tony V. and Brenda D. Trout, Detour Rd.; Warner Bros. of Harbaugh Valley Rd. Fred. Co., Inc., Keymar Rd.

Rocky Ridge

Ridge Rd.; Michael C. Iager, Julie A. Mayer, Taneytown Pike

Frederick Rd.; Robert and Judith Zimmerman, Longs Mill Rd.

Sabillasville

Douglas and Randall Miller,

Taneytown

C. Trenton and Deborah M. Freedom Farm LLC, Rocky Jones, Simmons Rd.; John T. and

Thurmont

Mary E. and James J. Baer, Hesson Bridge Rd.; Clyde C. Crum & Son, Inc., Links Bridge Rd.; Kingsway Farm Partnership, Blacks Mill Rd.; Len-Knoll Farm LLC, Links Bridge Rd.; C. Rodman Myers, Smith Rd.; Outback Dairy LLC, Stevens Rd.; Shipley, Annie, Edna, Raymond, Kenn Shipley, Lohr Rd.; Myron K. Troxell, Old Kiln Rd.

Farmers could get paid for planting cover crops

Farmers who plant cover crops this fall to help reduce soil erosion and protect water quality in the Chesapeake Bay tributary areas may apply for cost-share assistance.

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(MDA) 2005 Winter Cover Crop Program.

Cover crops, normally planted after the fall harvest, help protect the soil from erosion during the postharvest season and absorb unused plant nutrients remaining in the soil. Crops like wheat, rye, spring oats, barley, triticale, ryegrass, rape and canola planted in the fall of 2005 are eligible for funding. The sign-up period for the 2005 Cover Crop Program will begin June 13.

Applications may also be downloaded from MDA's Website, www.mda.state.md.us. additional information, For contact MDA at 410-841-5700.

Riparian buffer monies available for farmland

Maryland area agricultural Conservation District, said in landowners could qualify for riparian buffer funding to help on their farms.

pollution entering cost-share basis." wetlands, lakes and streams, and also provide fish and wildlife habitats. Maryland has a goal of establishing 600 miles of riparian forest buffer by 2010.

One example of available funding, the Maryland Agricultural Cost Share Program (MACS), will cost-share up to 87.5 percent of a conservation practice, with a maximum of \$20,000.

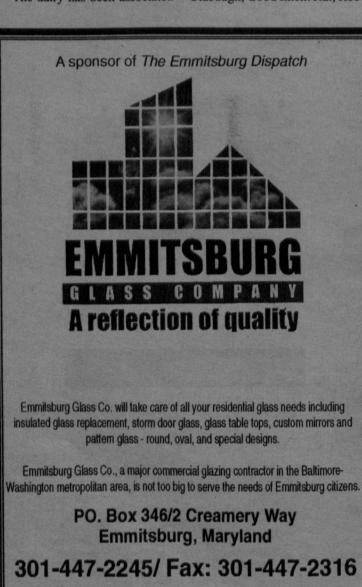
Dawn Early, district manager the Catoctin-Frederick Soil

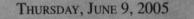
an interview, "We look at the (applicant's) farm and see if establish and maintain natural areas a waterway needs to be there. Following an assessment, the agency Riparian buffers reduce the will look for funding sources on a

Buffer costs vary depending on the distance from the stream, the most expensive area being immediately adjacent to the stream, generally the first 50 feet, Early noted.

As part of the funding process, the farm owner, or land owner, must also agree to maintain the buffer for a period of time.

Property owners should contact the Natural Resource Conservation Service, Frederick, at 301-695-2803, for further assistance. - Staff Report







With matching fishing rod and binky, Jhonathan Balek, 1, of York Springs enjoys the simple things in life.

"Kids Fishing Derby"



Sponsored by the Borderline 4x4 Club, over 100 kids fished for about two hours to qualify for prizes based on the combined weight of all the fish they caught. Prizes are awarded to the top ten in each of the three age groups, 1-5, 6-10, and 11-15. There is an additional award in each class for the biggest lunker caught. This years winners were:

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Community Center Events:

FOOD: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Chicken Barbecue, hotdogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, spring water, and more.

GAMES: Begin at 10 a.m. Traditional: tug of war, egg toss, pie eating, balloon toss, watermelon eating, fishing rod casting, face painting, and more.

HORSESHOES: Begin at 1 p.m. Registration closes at 12:45. CLOSEST TO THE PIN GOLF CONTEST: From 2 to 4 p.m. VIGILANT HOSE COMPANY: From 2 to 4 p.m. Demonstrations and rides on Tower 6.

PROGRAM: Begins at 7 p.m. behind the Community Center.

Parade:

TIME: From 6 to 7 p.m.

ROUTE: Beginning at Provincial Parkway (Northgate) and North Seton Avenue, then left on to DePaul Street, down Federal Avenue to Main Street, back to the Town Square, and south on South Seton Avenue to the Community Center.

PARTICIPANTS: should line up along Provincial Parkway in Northgate. Contact Lion John Sanders if you wish to participate.

Fireworks Display:

TIME: To begin at 9:45 p.m. behind the Community Center The Community Day Fireworks Display is funded by the Emmitsburg Lions Club and a long list of generous business and community supporters. Please consider sending your own donation to support your annual community fireworks display to: Fireworks Donation c/o The Emmitsburg Lions Club, PO Box 1182, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.



Remembering Polly Baumgardner Shank

BY MICHAEL HILLMAN President Emmitsburg Historical Society

There's an old saying: 'You're only as old as you feel.' In Polly's case, she celebrated her fourth birthday 86 times.

While age gave her wisdom, she refused to yield her childlike view of the world. A view that all people were good and kind; that the dawn of every day brought new hope and opportunity; that watching a flower open or an egg hatch was as wondrous as watching man land on the moon; that listening to an old person reminisce, or a young child recall exploits at the playground, was as important, nay more important, than anything one was currently doing.

While some might remember her as a hunched over 90-year-old, try as I might, I can't picture her as anything but a happy-go-lucky four-year-old sneaking off from her chores with her sister Jane to play 'pick and hit a brick' on the side of their house, with the ball they



sister, Ann.

Close your eyes and imagine the joyous smile and laughter of a little girl on a lazy summer afternoon playing under a large shady tree, its leaves gently rustling in the breeze. Of a little girl shouting with glee as lemonade and fresh cookies were served. Imagine a mother standing next to her youngest, lovingly stroking her hair. That image is one of Polly.

Imagine an innocent girl holding onto a mother's skirt in a kitchen 'filled with aromas of fresh baked pies and bread, and wondering why all the church bells were ringing. Imagine her reaction when she saw her sister Dorothy come racing up the road on horse drawn cart, pig-tails flying, yelling, "The war is over, the war is over." Imagine a little girl watching her mother cry as she listened to the news on the party line, all the while wondering 'what is war?' That innocent child was Polly.

Imagine a young child who was almost always late for class because she'd stop and talk to all the old women along the path who found joy and hope in talking to the sparkling- eyed child. That young child was Polly.

Imagine a young girl crying as she watched her proud uncle's parade down Main Street through hostile crowds for a crime she didn't understand. Imagine a young girl listening to her parents whispering about coming financial difficulties, trials, and family shame. Imagine the pain of a girl losing her ability to talk proudly of her once prominent extended family. That young girl was Polly.

Imagine a mischievous 12year-old girl eager to drive, and when given the opportunity, scarring her companions so badly they sought to jump from the weaving auto! Image a girl perfecting the art of synchronizing the gears on a

had hidden from their ever vigilant family's old Model-T, and grinding them so loudly that her fellow sisters' giggles could be heard over the grinding clear down to the main house! That mischievous 12-yearold was Polly.

> Imagine a schoolgirl sitting in a one-room schoolhouse listening as the older classes were given their instructions. Imagine a schoolgirl who prided herself on always doing her homework, on always being prepared. Then imagine the one and only day she failed to do her homework ... the very day the teacher chose to call on her. That mortified schoolgirl was Polly.

> Imagine a bright high school student who excelled as much in the classroom as she did on the sports field. A student who could recite "The Gettysburg Address" and "The Declaration of Independence" from memory. A student who could whip through fraction conversion, name and locate the capitals of the countries of the world, and explain the difference between future perfect tense, dangling participles, and conjunctive clauses. A student who could 'swish' a basketball from 25 feet, slam a home run, and fire a hockey ball between a goalie's feet while at a dead run. That bright high school student was Polly.

Imagine a budding beauty skating with friends on a cold winter night. Imagine her flirting with would-be suitors around a roaring bonfire, and hoping her parents would soon depart for home. Imagine her skating for miles, hand-in-hand with some lucky young man, along the moonlit winding path of the frozen creek That budding beauty was Polly.

Imagine a young woman working at her first job. Imagine her arriving early to help set out the silverware, engaging in polite conversation and taking orders for patrons who most likely had once or twice changed her diapers.



In this June 2003 file photo, Polly Shank (L) shares her memories of times past with Michael Hillman, President of the Emmitsburg Historical Society. Shank attended the monthly historical society meetings religiously giving its members first hand information about subjects being researched.

Image her arriving home late, so tired from standing on her feet all day that it was a wonder to her that she never had an accident. That young woman was Polly.

Imagine a lucky woman meeting the man of her dreams. Imagine them nestled together in his car planning their lives together. Imagine the joy of her marriage and the birth of her first child. That lucky young woman was Polly.

Imagine that mother spending the day helping her husband run the family mill; taking orders over the phone, sowing up grain sacks, and tidying up the shop at night. Imagine a young mother who could whip out a fresh baked pie faster then the time it would take to run to the store to get one today. Imagine a young mother who ran a home where all the kids wanted to play. That young mother was Polly.

Imagine a loving mother who instilled in her children a love for God, a love for their church, a love for nature, and a love for all mankind. Imagine a mother who taught her children right from wrong, to love with all their heart, to laugh with all their soul, to excel in all their pursuits, and to trust implicitly in each other and all they met. That loving mother was Polly.

Imagine an old woman with a memory as sharp as a pin, who understood the importance of sharing her memories, and took the time to do so with a stranger she barely knew. Imagine her driving down roads of her youth, recalling events of by-gone days as if they had happened only yesterday. Imagine sitting listening to her as she brought back to life people and events long since forgotten. That old woman was Polly.

On Whit Sunday, the day that commemorates the descent of the Holy Ghost on the Apostles, when they received the gift of tongues, that they might impart the gospel to foreign nations, God chose to call Polly home. It was a fitting day to be called home for a woman who treasured her role as a lifelong Sunday school teacher.

There is another old saying: 'As long as one keeps the memory of someone alive, that person will never truly be dead.' Never was this saying truer than in Polly's case. She will live on in the memory of her loving children, their prodigy, and their prodigy. She will live on in the memory of her friends and all those who met her.

Long may the thought of her bring a smile to one's face.





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 3-5: Aug. 1-4. Information: 410-751-1100.

June 20-24 – Drama by the Pond. Gettysburg Oakside Community Park, Biglerville, Pa. Free children's interactive theater workshop. Registration: Adams County Arts Council, 717-334-5006.

Concerts

June 10 – The Knight Brothers in Concert. 8 p.m. Weinberg Center for the Arts, Frederick. Tickets: \$25, \$20, and \$15.

June 12 – Music in the Park. 6 p.m. Emmitsburg Community Park (behind the post office). Emmitsburg Community Chorus will sing Broadway medleys and tunes from Broadway musicals.

June 16 – U.S. Air Force Heritage Brass Quintet. 7 p.m. Trinity United Church of Christ, Thurmont.

June 19 - Sunday in the Park.

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June 19 – Frederick Spires Brass Band Concert. 6 p.m. Thurmont Memorial Park.

Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

June 25 – Artscape 2005. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Downtown businesses, Taneytown Md. Juried and local artists showcasing sculpture, paintings, photographs, jewelry, jazz, and ministerial groups. St. Joseph's breakfast 7 to 11 a.m. Trinity Lutheran Church will be offering lunch.

July 1 – First Friday Gettysburg Style. Evening. Throughout Gettysburg. Artists' receptions, refreshments, sales, music and later evening hours.



June 16 - Book signing. 7 p.m. Emmitsburg Branch Library. Paul A. Clarke, Ed.D. to speak and sign copies of his book "Emmitsburg, Maryland, Its Catholic Heritage and the legacy of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton."

Live Acts

June 10 – "The Basement" Coffee House. 7 p.m. Elias Lutheran Church. Featuring local bands, "the Walk" and "7th State."



June 11 – Lyme Jam Music Festival. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Gettysburg Recreation Park. Proceeds to raise awareness about Lyme disease.

Stage

June 4-19 – "Nunsense" Musical (Family) June 21 - July 3 – "Funny Money" Farce (Adult Content) July 5-17–"Ten Little Indians" Mystery-Comedy (Family). Totem Pole Playhouse, Fayetteville, Pa. Information: www.totempoleplayhouse.org or 1-888-805-7056.

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The (retired) Ecologist The Lord God Bird, and the Threat to Conservation



BY BILL MEREDITH Dispatch Columnist

"Lord God, what a bird!" ... attributed to various individuals seeing the Ivory-billed Woodpecker for the first time.

A minor anniversary almost slipped past without notice this April. It might have been missed completelyifThadnotbeenreminded by news reports of the sighting of an Ivory-billed woodpecker somewhere in Arkansas. The discovery caused a legitimate stir; the last confirmed sighting of this bird was in Louisiana, in 1944, and

"probably extinct." Although there were a few reports each decade that someone had heard it in remote southern swamp forests, the most authoritative recent book, Sibley's Guide, published in 2000, doesn't even mention it.

> The anniversary in question was the 52nd year since I first saw a pileated woodpecker. Though it is 3 inches smaller than the Ivory-bill, the pileated is still a spectacular sight, more than twice as big as any other native woodpecker. It was early on an April morning; I had just gone into the kitchen to get breakfast, glanced out the window, and there it was ... perched near the ground on an old, rotting stump, scattering chips in all directions as it searched for ants. My mind's eye can still see its black body trimmed in white and the flaming red crest. With its staring, yellow eye and 3-inch beak,

most modern bird books list it as it looked as big as a pterodactyl, and nearly as menacing.

I knew what it was because at that time I was enrolled in Prof. Paul Davisson's course in ornithology. The plan of the course was simple: we went out and looked for birds from 7 to 9 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday that semester. Only if it was storming did we have lectures; ordinary rain didn't keep us in. We learned color patterns, silhouettes, flight patterns, songs and alarm calls. The textbook was Roger Tory Peterson's "Field Guide to the Birds." Davison told us Peterson was something akin to God, but when I met him years later and asked him to autograph the book, he was brusque, bored with amateurs, and not at all god-like. But it was a good book. I spent hours leafing through it, memorizing the field marks used for quick identification and poring over descriptions of songs.

I was familiar with flickers and downies, and now I had seen the pileated woodpecker, but they all paled in comparison to the picture of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker. It looked as if it might have come from the imagination of Salvador Dali in one of his more hallucinatory moments. Davisson told us it hadn't been seen for 10 years, but I was naïve enough to watch for it whenever I was in the woods, not realizing that even before it reached the edge of extinction it had never lived in West Virginia. The stuffed specimen we saw when the class visited the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh was a bit of a letdown ... dusty, moth-eaten, and not as big as I expected ... but the romance of it persisted. Even professional ornithologists called it the "Lord God Bird," and dreaming about finding one in the woods was

like vicariously living the life of Indiana Jones.

Finding an animal that had not been seen for 60 years is an exciting and important achievement, and the birding community is rightly elated about it. There is, of course, the possibility that the American Ivory-bill really is extinct; a small population of a related species exists in Cuba, and the bird seen in Arkansas might be from that group, blown across the Caribbean by one of the recent hurricanes. (Stranger things have happened; in the 1950s, a Yellow-billed Tropicbird, native to Bermuda, was found in a parking lot in Gettysburg after a hurricane.) Eventually, researchers will find a feather, an eggshell or a dead specimen and test its DNA to confirm whether it is really the American species. I fervently hope so; but therein lies a problem.

Discovering an animal or plant that was believed to be extinct is not really unusual. Probably the most famous case is the Coelacanth, a fish that was known only from 200million year old fossils until one was caught alive near Madagascar in the 1930s. The Tasmanian wolf was last seen alive in Australia in 1936, but a young one was reported killed by a car in 1961, and unconfirmed sightings and tracks continue to occur. There are many other examples; even as I write, yesterday's Baltimore Sun reported that a 6-foot sturgeon was caught in Chesapeake Bay, the first seen there in decades. While discoveries like this encourage ecologists and delight the general public, they provide ammunition for antienvironmentalists who claim that the whole idea of endangered species is a myth.

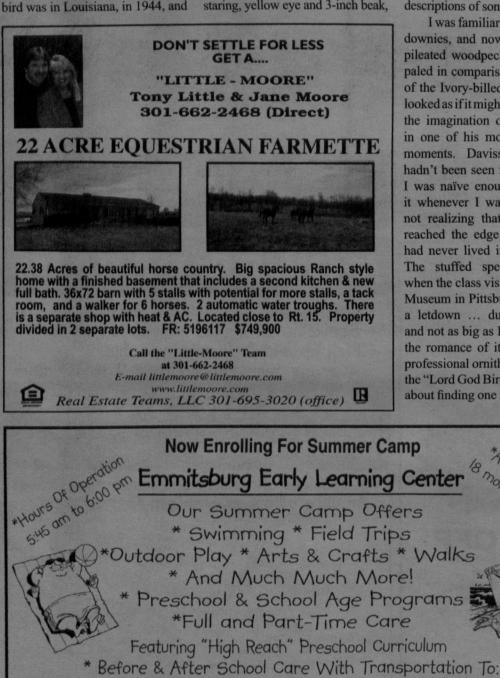
Anti-environmentalists of this stripe come in two main types: some claim endangered species are really plentiful if we just go out and look for them hard enough; and others claim extinction doesn't really matter. It would be one thing if these individuals were just isolated kooks, but they are more numerous

than most people realize, and many hold important positions in making national policy. Among the most notorious was James Watt, Secretary of the Interior in the early 1980s, but there are still many at surprisingly high levels in government, business and the lobbying community. Some are simply ignorant about the fundamentals of ecology; some are aware but cynical or misguided enoughtoconsiderecologyirrelevant as a factor in determining economic policy. Among the most problematic are those who base their opposition on the religious belief that the world will soon end anyway, so there is no point in worrying about endangered

species.

Extinction, once it happens, is permanent and irreversible. When we see sturgeons coming back in the Bay and in the Hudson River, we are encouraged to believe our efforts to clean up such polluted areas can succeed; but at the same time we are faced with efforts by politicians to cut funding for cleanup and research. The Ivory-billed woodpecker was found in a forest that is approaching maturity after being lumbered years ago; it captured the imagination of people all over the country who had never even heard of such a bird, but it will be interesting to see how long their enthusiasm lasts when the lumbering industry tries to re-enter the area.

We have a huge supply of evidence to prove that endangered species can only survive if their habitat is preserved; but to preserve habitat we must persuade the government, the housing industry, the energy lobby and many other special interest groups that the thing in the balance is our own survival, and not just the right to hug another spotted owl. Ecologists on the whole are good at arguing points that are logical and based on facts, but most of us are ill prepared to debate people who ignore facts or bend the evidence to fit preconceived, dogmatic ideas. This is a battle we are losing at the present time.



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Eager fourth and fifth graders recently gathered at the Mount for the 13th Annual Kid's Inquiry Conference to present a variety of scientific discoveries.

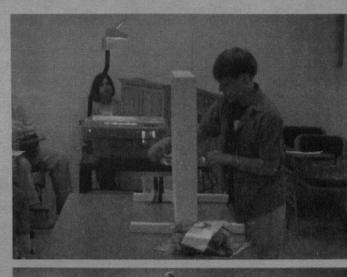
The Kids' Inquiry Conference (KIC) grew out of science teachers' interest in finding an alternative to the standard science fair. In place of the competitive model emphasized in the science fair, KIC is patterned after professional science conferences. The main goals of the student conference are to provide students opportunities to share the excitement of their discoveries with students from different schools, to critically consider the credibility of their own research, and to draw upon the discoveries of other student-scientists. Each student gave a brief presentation on topics ranging from " Tadpole Detectives" to "Sinking Sinkholes" and "The Goop Guys." Schools represented include Biglerville Elementary, in the Upper Adams County School District and Robert Moton, Runnymede and Sandymount elementary schools, all in Carroll County.

Students were also treated to a tour of the university's state-of-the-art science labs. Perhaps these budding scientists will be future members of the Mount's Classes of 2017 and 2018!

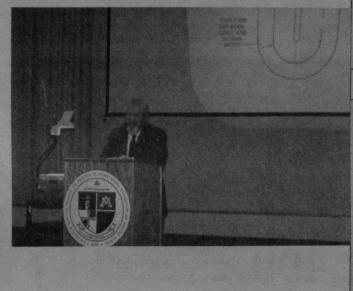
From top to bottom: Joey Mack explains his invention that keeps siblings out of his room in "Alarm 411."

Torrey Kelly discusses the science behind a popular pet in "Genuine Guinea Pig Genetics."

Mount Professor of Biology, William G. Meredith, delivers the keynote address.







MOUNT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Summer classes Session II: July 5- August 5 To view the course schedule visit www.msmary.edu/studentsandstaff and click "registrar" on the left. To register for classes call 301-447-5215

2005 SUMMER CAMPS

Vanessa Blair's Basketball Camp-Girls June 26-30, Grades 7-12; July 1-4, Ages 6-10 301-447-5791, zacher@msmary.edu

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WEEKEND LAITY RETREAT

"Union with God-Reunion with Others: Healing, Forgiveness and Holiness in Today's World" July 8-10, 2005 Led by Fr. Jack Lombardi

Through silence and spiritual conferences, adoration, devotions and Healing Service, this weekend will explore the need of forgiveness and reconciliation with God and those in our world: why it is hard to forgive and the need for reconciliation!

For information and to register, please call the Grotto Office at 301-447-5318; or email grotto@msmary.edu

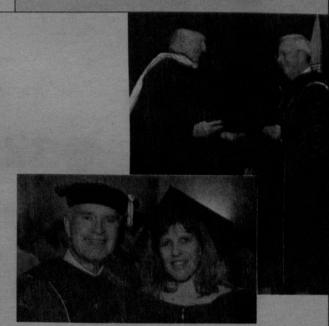
ACCELERATED AND WEEKEND PROGRAMS GRADUATE Record Number of Students



The Mount Professional Accelerated Studies (MPAS),Weekend College Programs and graduate programs in Business and Education at Mount St. Mary's University graduated a record number of non-traditional students during commencement exercises in May.

A total of 194 students were awarded degrees: 60 in business and elementary education, and seven in criminal justice received Bachelor degrees. Ninety-three students received an MBA degree and 34 students were awarded the MED and MAT degrees.

During the commencement ceremony, Mount President Thomas H. Powell asked these students to stand and be recognized for the many sacrifices they have made in order to complete their degrees while juggling families, careers and community activities. "These highly motivated students are out in the work force, they know first hand the importance of gaining a quality education and they work very hard to achieve excellence in their studies. We are very proud of the 2005 class of non-traditional students."



Top to bottom; Kenneth E. Boheim, Master of Arts in Teaching, receives his diploma from University President Thomas H. Powell; Professor Genard (retired professor in the Business/Accounting & Economics Dept.) with his daughter Valerie, 2005 M.Ed. graduate.

Mount St. Mary's University is a proud sponsor of The Emmitsburg Dispatch and the local community!

ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

At the Library

Summer Reading Club Kick Off (all ages)

Start your summer off with a celebration at C. Burr Artz Library in Frederick. Children's activities, entertainment, crafts and refreshments.

Saturday, June 11 from 10 a.m. to noon

Monthly "Make it & take it" Craft (all ages)

A self-directed program available during library hours. Supplies provided.

June 13-18: Father's Day Craft July 11-16: Critter Crafts

Aug. 8-13: "Buggy" pencil toppers

Friday Fun and Games at the Library (6 years and older) Too hot to play outside? Tired of swimming? Bring your friends and play some games at the library this summer (chess, checkers, Parcheesi, etc.) We will provide the games. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Fridays from 2-4 p.m.

June 17; July 1 & 15; Aug. 5 & 19 from 2-4 p.m.

Clay Daze (6 years and older) Get creative and make something fun with clay. Clay will be provided. June 25 at 11 a.m.

Meet Clifford the Big Red Dog (all ages)

Visit with this friendly big dog and listen to some favorite Clifford tales.

June 27 at 11 a.m.

Storytimes

Babies with Books (birth-24 months with an adult) First three Wednesdays of the month at 10:30 a.m. June 15; July 6, 13, 20; Aug 3, 10, 17

Two Terrific!

(age 2 with an adult) Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. June 7, 14, 21, 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26; Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **Family Storytime** (ages 3-5 with an adult) Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

June 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27; August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **Preschool Storytime**

(ages 3-5 with an adult) Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. June 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28; Aug 4, 11, 18, 25

Third Thursdays at

ThorpeWood (ages 3-5) Preschool story program hosted by Thurmont and Emmitsburg Branches at ThorpeWood Nature Retreat. Register at www.thorpewood.org or call ThorpeWood at 301-271-2823. June 16, July 21, Aug. 18 at 1 p.m. **Registration required.**

(grades 6-12) Anime/ Manga Club (grades 6-12)

Movie, snack, other activities. Cosponsored by Emmitsburg and June 10, July 8 and Aug.12 **Registration required. Movie Makers Club**

(grades 6-12) First Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. Learn filmmaking basics, share experiences and resources to make movies. The ultimate goal is to host

a film fair showing the club's films. July 5, Aug. 2 **Registration required.**

Adult programs

Leaving a Legacy: Writing About Your Life (adults)

First Monday from 1:30-3 July 11, Aug. 8 **Knitting Club** (adults and teens) Third Thursday at 4 p.m.

June 16, July 21, Aug. 18

Book Discussion Groups Adult Reading Club Tuesday Night Book Club

Second Tuesday at 7: 30 p.m.

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June 14 - "Coffee Trader" by David Liss

July 12 – "Center of Everything" by Linda Moriarty

Aug. 9 - "Dirt Music" by Tim Winton **Non-fiction Book Club** Second Thursday at 1 p.m. Call the

branch for titles. June 9, July 14, Aug. 11

Programs, unless otherwise noted, are held at the Emmitsburg Library in the Community Center on Seton Avenue. Registration or information: 240-629-6329.

Stars, Mars and More

Don't miss this special program at the library -

Amateurs and pros welcome Bill O'Toole, math and computer science professor at Mount St. Mary's University, who has spent 30 years predicting the weather for the Hagerstown Town and Country Almanac, will talk about stars, planets and general astronomy. He will accompany you to a great spot to observe the planets and

stars. Please provide your own transportation and bring either binoculars or a telescope if you want. A telescope will be

Monday, June 13 at 7:45 p.m. Fieldtrip follows at 8:30. **Registration required.** Rain date: call the library, 240-629-6329.

For Seniors

June finally brings us the official beginning of summer! Seniors and others will head off on summer vacations. Local children will be finishing school this month, so watch out for them carefully whenever you drive through town. Lunch on Thursday, June 16 will be followed by ice cream sundaes yum! Meeting Day will be Tuesday, June 21 at 1 p.m.

The seniors encourage all eligible persons (50 years and older) to join them for regular program activities and special events. Our lunch program is open to those 60 and older. The center is lovely and air-conditioned, and the "natives" are friendly! Check us out!

Bowling: Mondays at Taneytown bowling center. Carpool: meet at center at 12:30 p.m.

Strength Training & **Conditioning:** Tuesday and 10 Dress a.m. Thursday, comfortably, wear athletic shoes, participants will use small weights. Led by Linda Stultz.

Bingo: June 8 and 22.

Cards-500, and Bridge Group: June 15 and 29.

Canasta & Pinochle: Fridays at 12:30 p.m.

Programs are held in the Community Center on South Seton Avenue. Call for lunch reservations 24 hours in advance. The Senior Center will close whenever county offices are closed. To register for special events or for information, call program coordinator Linda Umbel, 240-629-6350.





For Teens **Teen Book Club** Third Thursday at 7 p.m.

Westerfield Lene Kaaberbol Al-Windawi

Second Friday from 6-8 p.m. Thurmont Libraries.

June 21 - "So Yesterday" by Scott July 19 - "Shamer's Daughter" by Aug. 16 - "Thura's Diary" by Thura

available. Ages 6-11 with an adult.

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June 9 – Forest Foray. 6-8 p.m. ThorpeWood. Limit of 20 participants. Free. Register by June

June 10 - Taneytown Business Breakfast. 7:30 a.m. Speaker: Robin Kable, Coordinator of Business and Community Partnership for Carroll County Public Schools. Reservations by June 8: 410-751-1100, ext. 20, or e-mail <u>nbmccormick@taneytown.</u> org.

June 11 – Wild Medicinal Plants of the Catoctin Mountains. ThorpeWood. 9 a.m.-noon. Limit of 15 participants. \$5 non-members. Register by June 3.

June 11 - Michael L. and Douglas A. Wivell Memorial Walk. 10 a.m.to 4 p.m. Thurmont Community Park. Proceeds benefit youth athletics in Emmitsburg and Thurmont. Registration fee: \$10. Information: 301-695-3859 or 301-271-2682.

June 11 - Fried Chicken and Ham Dinner. Noon-6 p.m. Creagerstown free. Early bird special 7 to 8 a.m.

Parish House. Tickets: adults \$8, children \$4. Benefits Creagerstown Lutheran Church.

> June 11 - Deer: one piece of the forest mosaic. 1:30-2 p.m. Catoctin Mountain Park Visitor Center. Learn about the role of deer in the park.

June 11 - Cash Bash. 3-8 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center, Church Street, Thurmont. Refreshments, games of chance, cash drawings. Tickets: \$25 in advance only. Information: 301-447-2367 or 301-271-4439.

June 11-12 - Eisenhower 50s weekend. Eisenhower Historic Site. Revisit the popular culture and memorabilia of the 1950s and the Eisenhower era with ranger programs on issues of the day. Information: www.nps.gov/eise or call 717-338-9114.

June 12 - Breakfast Buffet. 7 a.m. St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Taneytown. Adults, \$5.50, children 7-10 \$3.25, children 6 and under June 12 – Whiskey Still Talks. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Catoctin Mountain Park. Blue Blazes Still, near the Visitors' Center.

June 12 - Ham and Chicken **Dinner and Silent Auction. 5-6:30** p.m.; dinner; free Gospel Christian Concert, 7 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church, 15 North Church Street, Thurmont. Dinner: \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, \$6 children 5-12. Information/tickets: 301-271-7613.

June 18 - Trails Forever Volunteer Work Day. 8 a.m. Catoctin Mountain Park. Camp Round Meadow. Information: call 301-663-9388. No reservations needed.

June 19 - Whiskey Still Talks. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Catoctin Mountain Park. Blue Blazes Still near Visitors' Center.

June 20-24 – Emmitsburg Trinity United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School. 6:30 p.m. Emmitsburg.

June 20 - Emmitsburg Area Historical Society. 7 p.m. Community Center. Pinpointing old businesses and homes on new maps continues.

June 25 - Maryland State Grange picnic. Wolfe Farm, St. Mary's County.

June 25 - Blacksmith Shop Demonstration. 1-3 p.m. Catoctin Mountain Park Blacksmith Shop, Camp Round Meadow. Information and directions: 301-663-9388.

June 25-26 - Central Maryland Antique Tractor, Truck and Engine Show. Middletown Carnival Grounds. Tractor pull, hayrides, saw milling, cake auction, pedal tractor pull. Information: email sph567@msn.com, or visit http://cmatc.org.

June 26 - Sabillasville St. John's United Church of Christ 150th Anniversary. 11:15 a.m. 16923

Sabillasville Road. Pastor Janet Comings officiating, special speakers and singers. Luncheon following the service. Reservations: 301-241-3488 or 301-241-3017.

June 26 - Whiskey Still Talks. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Catoctin Mountain Park. Blue Blazes Still near Visitors' Center.

June 26-July 1 - Children's Faith Festival. 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Emmitsburg. Ages 4 through 13. Fees: \$5 per child or \$10 per family (scholarships available). Information: 301-447-3839.

June 28 - Women Networking 2 B Healthy meeting. 7:15-8:30 p.m. 14513 Bollinger Road, Rocky Ridge. Directions: 301-447-3100.

June 28-29 - Frederick County Farm Bureau Farm Safety 4 Just Kids Camp. County 4-H Camp and Activities Center, Basford Road, Frederick. For ages 8 to 13. E-mail registration and \$5 payment to Jane Smith, Box 547, Jefferson, MD 21755, 301-473-8259.



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