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## County Commissioners choose Mount St. Mary's for horse park proposal

BY JOYCE M. DEMMITT  
News Editor

In a 3:1 vote on June 30, Frederick County Commissioners gave the go-ahead to Mount St. Mary's University to develop a proposal they believe will give the county and the Mount a major tourist attraction and revenue source – the Maryland Horse Park, a multi-purpose equestrian facility.

Commissioners said they chose the Mount site for a number of reasons: its close proximity to highway systems, particularly Route 15, availability within a 15 to 30-minute drive of restaurants, camping facilities and lodging capable of servicing 7,000 to 15,000 overnight guests during an event; the flat topography of the Mount's proposed site; and the availability of water and sewer.

The Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA) has established criteria and outlined

both the facility and site program for the proposed park.

MSA is looking for at least one enclosed arena with seating for a minimum of 5,000 spectators; an outdoor amphitheater for festivals, fairs, tradeshows and concerts; six to 12 outdoor show rings; a minimum of 500 horse stalls with a potential for up to 1,200 stalls; and boarding facilities for horses and kennels for hounds.

Events could include steeplechase competitions, endurance riding, dressage, show jumping, polo, western/rodeo, carriage driving, jousting, police horse training, trail riding, pony riding, fox chasing, and cross-country events.

The park would also include a visitors' center, museum, business offices, educational resource facilities and parking.

Although the MSA has been reviewing

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## Greased Pig Contest returns to Community Day

Steve Wivell "brings home the bacon" in the 17-up age bracket of the greased pig contest at this year's Lions Club Community Day on July 2. The greased pig contest returned to Community Day this year after a two year hiatus. Animal activist complained about the contest one year and a fenced in area was not available the other. For more photos of Community Day see page 9.

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## Growth is inevitable, planning is critical.

### Town centers and main streets are key

BY JOYCE M. DEMMITT  
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Edward T. McMahon, Senior Fellow on Sustainable Development at the Urban Land Institute, told attendees at the June 10 Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA) luncheon that the real issue for

towns is not whether growth will occur, but how.

Don Briggs, local realtor, Chair of EPBA and President of the Catoctin Land Trust (CLT), invited McMahon, a conservation colleague for nearly 20 years. The two local organizations cosponsored the event, with support from 17-18 area groups. Business people, government

officials from Emmitsburg, Adams and Frederick Counties attended.

Through slides and a statistics-peppered speech, McMahon emphasized that successful communities plan and create a vision for the future.

He said land is being used up in this country at a rate almost 6% faster than the population growth. We are often "chasing development with highways," which he said is

"like letting out your belt to fight obesity."

Main street revitalization is critical, because downtown is the real center of any community, according to McMahon.

Strip centers are dying out, he said, and, "Town centers are outperforming strip centers in every single way you can measure

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BY CHRIS PATTERSON  
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The Maryland State Highway Administration goofed when it installed signs prematurely displaying a proposed name change for what is now known as Catoctin Mountain Park, but the correction will soon be made, according to SHA spokesperson John Concannon.

Concannon said that a proposed name change to Catoctin

Mountain National Recreation Area was mistakenly placed on new signs along Route 15 last month to help identify the lake area of Cunningham Falls State Park.

The incorrect signs were the result of a "misunderstanding" and will be corrected soon. In the meantime, the SHA will cover the error as soon as possible, Concannon said.

"It's a very simple process to go out and overlay that portion

with the correct name," he said, adding that if the name change to a "National Recreation Area" is ultimately approved, the overlay will be removed.

The name change has been proposed by Sen. Paul Sarbanes

(D) this year, but was first proposed in 2003. In a 2003 hearing before Thurmont's board of commissioners, Sarbanes' field representative Tim McGrath and

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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.

**July 7, 1905** – Dr. Robert Watson, now deceased, killed a rattlesnake on Jack's Mountain in the year 1847, that had 14 rattlers and one button. He gave these to J. C. Shertzler, who showed them to your correspondent. They are pretty. Mrs. Shertzler keeps them in a box bearing the date she received them. She has had them 58 years, and any one can see them by calling at her residence in Fairfield. She takes great pride in keeping them nice.

**July 7, 1905** – The Lutheran congregation at Fairfield, has given its minister, Rev. C. C. Ritter, a vacation of 3 weeks, so there will be no preaching in the Lutheran Church until the first Sunday in August.

### Base Ball

**July 7, 1905** – Two games of base ball were played in this place on the Fourth of July. Both games were played on the Public School grounds and were witnessed by a large number of people. In the forenoon the game was between the Graceham club and the Emmitsburg team. The game was won by the latter team, the scoring being 17 to 0.

In the afternoon the game was between the Taneytown and Emmitsburg teams, this game was won by the Emmitsburg teams. Score 17 to 3.

During the game with the Taneytown team William Agnew, of the Emmitsburg team received a sprained ankle, whilst one of the Taneytown players was very badly spiked. Dr. J. B. Brawner dressed his wounds.

### Tall Clover

**July 7, 1905** – Mr. Charles F. Rowe exhibited at this office yesterday morning several stocks of common red clover taken from his mountain farm, and which measured 49 inches in length. Mr. Rowe has a three-acre field of this clover which is well set and nearly all of which is about as tall as that above mentioned.

**July 14, 1905** – The annual Presbyterian reunion was held at Pen-Mar yesterday.

The Emmitsburg Railroad Company is building a new engine house, which is considerably

larger than the old one.

On last Friday evening Masters William and Thomas Frailey very pleasantly entertained a number of their friends at their home on West Main Street.

The Thirteenth Annual Picnic of St. Joseph's Catholic Church will be held in the Sister's Grove on Tom's Creek, near town on Wednesday, August 2.

### Go to the Show

**July 14, 1905** – On Tuesday, July 18, John P. Harris' Great Big 25 cent Show will give two performances on Mr. N. Baker's field, in this place. Prof. John White and his \$10,000 group of trained horses, ponies, donkeys are one of the special features of the show, while the athletes, acrobats and general performances are unexcelled in their perspective lines. The smallest trained donkey in the world and the lady clown are attracting great attention. Performances begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and 8 in the evening.

**July 21, 1905** – John P. Harris' Show gave two performances in this place on Tuesday. Quite a number of people attended the show.

### Base Ball

**July 21, 1905** – The Emmitsburg Base Ball team went to Littlestown on Saturday last, where they played a game of ball with the team of that place. The game was won by the Littlestown team, the score being 7 to 11.

The Emmitsburg Base Ball Team defeated Taneytown for the second time this season in a closely played game on Tuesday last. The score being 12 to 7. The feature of the game was the good playing of the home team.

### Lightning Causes Fright

**July 21, 1905** – Fright caused by lightning on Friday evening prostrated Miss Bessie Topper, daughter of Joseph Topper, McSherrystown, who was taken to a near by house and receiving medical attention recovered.

## Horse Park

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proposals for the park since May, several people brought the horse park idea to Mount St. Mary's President Thomas H. Powell just a couple of weeks ago. Powell agreed to have Joseph Leberz, former president of the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce, put together the preliminary proposal for the county commissioners.

In what Commissioner Michael Cady described as a rare event because the meeting was unrelated to state budget matters, Senator David R. Brinkley (R), four of the county's state delegates, Donald B. Elliott (R), Paul S. Stull (R), Richard B. Weldon, Jr. (R), and a representative for Patrick N. Hogan (R), attended the June 30 meeting. They were familiar with the area and enthusiastic about the Emmitsburg location.

One other site considered was 717 acres owned by Frey LLC, outside Unionville at Route 26 and Woodville Road. The third site was over 1,000 acres next to Linganore High School near Old Annapolis Road and Route 75.

In talking about the other county locations, Cady commented, "The other two options did not lend themselves to the proposal because of the short window of time and they didn't have as strong attributes in meeting the requirements."

The Mount owns a total of 1400 acres. It would dedicate approximately 700 acres for the park, which could then be expanded by an additional 500 adjacent acres.

The site proposed by the Mount is located entirely on the east side of Route 15. It extends

from Chubby's Restaurant, at the intersection of South Seton Avenue and Route 15, to the Knott Athletic Recreation Convocation Complex (ARCC).

Prior to Powell's arrival, former Mount President George Houston had considered some of that same land for a biotech park. What Powell referred to as "an insurmountable problem about water between the Mount and the town of Emmitsburg" ended that idea. Powell says water would not be an issue for the horse park, because the Mount sits on one of the largest aquifers in Maryland, and has a new well, which is not even tapped at present.

The Mount does have a continuing concern about traffic on Route 15, especially since the highway splits the campus. Included in the university's recently completed campus master plan are a walking bridge and an interchange off Route 15.

According to 2004 figures from the Maryland Highway Administration, 15,000 cars travel the Emmitsburg stretch of Route 15 each weekday.

Powell said, "The horse park is impetus to getting something done on Route 15 because it's a state project."

Donald Briggs, president of the Catoctin Land Trust, thinks the horse park at Mount St. Mary's would help with the work of the land trust, to establish a green belt in the area with limited or no development. In a July 4 phone interview, he said, "It's a terrific industry related to what we're trying to do up here. Hopefully it will bring with it the infrastructure needed to support it, such as a overpass or cloverleaf."

Given the county commissioners' positive response

to the preliminary plans, Powell said, "From the Mount's perspective, the project is worthy of further study and development of a proposal."

Leberz will serve as a consultant and develop the proposal for the commissioners, working with James Brady, chairman of the Mount's land use committee, and Colby Ferguson, business development specialist with the County Office of Economic Development.

When it comes to the proposal, Powell said it is in the Mount's interest to use its land first, "to serve the mission of the Mount and second, to also serve the people of Frederick County."

He said, "We're excited about the possibility, but the Mount will pull out if the proposal is not clearly written in a way that meets both these needs."

The president clearly stated that there would be "no gambling, which would be incompatible with our mission. We wouldn't be interested in a project that's anything less than wholesome and family-oriented."

Powell hopes the park "will enhance visitation to other things in the community, such as the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton shrine, and the historic town of Emmitsburg."

The Mount has no firm position on whether they would sell or lease the land, but Powell suggests that it is "in the long term best interest of the Mount to lease the property."

Powell said, "The park cannot cost the Mount any money, and that burden has to be borne by either county or state officials." His hope is that any financial

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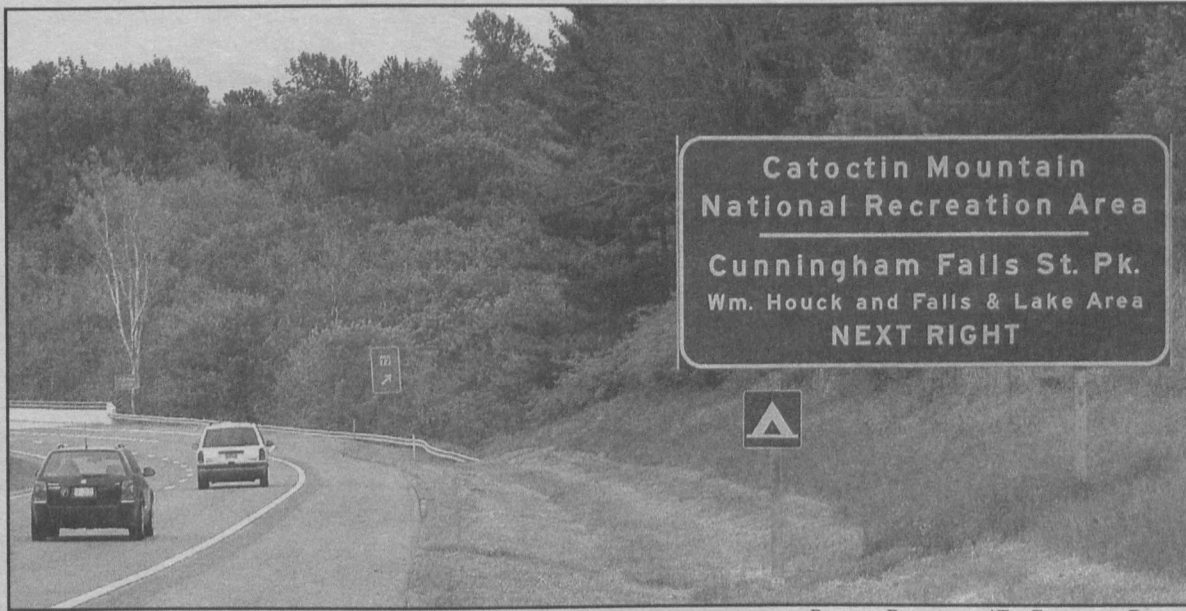
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This Maryland State Highway sign on Rt. 15 located just outside Thurmont mistakenly displays a proposed name change for what is now known Catoctin Mountain Park.

## Park Sign

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Roger Steintl, chief ranger for the park, said the name change was needed because there was too much confusion between the neighboring national and state parks leading to an excessive number of calls to the national park's staff.

In a senate subcommittee hearing on April 28, 2005, Sarbanes echoed that argument again. "Catoctin Mountain Park has been continually misidentified by the public as containing lake and beach areas associated with Cunningham Falls State Park, being operated by the State of Maryland, or being closed to the public because of the presence of Camp David."

There are, however, "no specific statistics" documenting the volume or nature of the calls made

to the national park, Sarbanes' press secretary Jesse Jacobs told *The Dispatch* by e-mail.

Another argument for changing the park's name is that the new name would elevate the park to a national status and help tourists who actively seek national recreation areas to vacation.

Mayor Martin A. Burns of Thurmont is not ready to endorse the proposed name change now in the hands of a senate subcommittee. Burns and the town's board voted not to support the change in 2003 saying they did not see how the name change would fix the problem. One member also said at the time that the name sounded like a playground.

Burns said in a recent interview that residents have told him they still feel the same way.

That is in part the reason U.S. Congressman Roscoe Bartlett will not support the name change if it is put to the House for a vote, he said

in a statement to *The Dispatch*.

Bartlett said he informally polled a few north county officials and found no one wanted the change. In addition the congressman has concerns about "vaguely worded" language with an unclear meaning and purpose. The language "authorizes land acquisition and adjustments to the boundaries of the park and asserts that differences in management between federal and state park authorities has caused confusion for visitors..." the statement read.

Sarbanes' office contended there is support for the name change from the towns of Smithsburg and Emmitsburg. Emmitsburg's town commissioners have indicated they will support the resolution, Sarbanes' press secretary said.

A vote by Emmitsburg's board was scheduled past press time on Tuesday, July 5. Prior to the meeting, board president Christopher Staiger said he is not certain how the vote will go.

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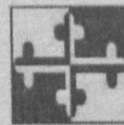
resources received will improve the academic, religious and social mission of the Mount.

In Cady's opinion, Maryland is attempting to revive its horse industry. The MSA, with its bonding authority, can acquire or lease the land for the horse park. Once it identifies a site, the authority will probably propose a business plan by the end of the

year to the Maryland General Assembly.

Harford, Cecil and Anne Arundel counties have already submitted proposals to the MSA. Carroll County may as well. According to MSA documents, the proposal deadline has been extended to Aug. 1. Local meetings will be held to review the ideas for the horse park before the proposal is finalized.

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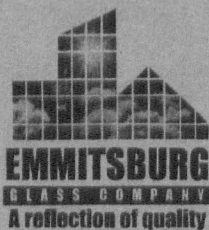
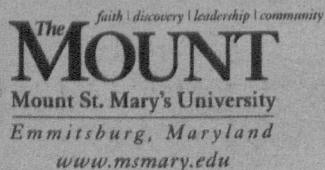
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**Editorial Error:** on page 8, "Thurmont celebrates Main Street designation, grants," June 23, 2005. The Main Street communities in Frederick County are Frederick city, Brunswick and Thurmont. Taneytown is a Main Street community in Carroll County.

## TOWN NEWS

# Mayor wants town code overhaul

*Ethics process and text amendments point to need*

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON  
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Emmitsburg Mayor James E. Hoover has concluded that it could be time for a major overhaul of the town code to remove sections that do not reflect present-day perspectives on planning or management practices.

"The boards have frequently provided text amendments because it (the town code) doesn't reflect current needs or practices," Hoover

said. He noted that the town doesn't "tend to find these problems until someone requests a change."

A text amendment is wording that amends the code for clarification purposes, or to permit an activity that was not foreseen when a section was originally written.

The current town code was approved in 1977, and many text amendments have been added.

Hoover also pointed to the rocky road of the recent ethics investigation. The ethics section of the code has never been updated or reviewed since its approval.

"In 1977, it was unreasonable to believe one of our own would ever be up against (an investigation) such as this," Hoover said. "There was a different thought process back then. As a result, there was no great priority in refining the ethics process portion of the code," he added.

Overhauling the town code, "will be very time consuming and I'm sure it will be very costly," Hoover said. Using town staff is likely not an option, he said, because of the time the project would require.

Hoover believes the review should be performed by an outside, professional contractor or another

government agency or service. "The review process alone could probably take a year or longer," he added. The mayor pointed out that the code is a complex document with a good deal of cross-referencing from one section to another.

Additionally, many updates might require board approval, and could not just be revised by the reviewers. "Some proposed revisions could require advertising (an advertised public hearing)," Hoover said.

Once the code is reviewed and updated, Hoover believes periodic reviews are essential to ensure that it stays up to date. He suggests a review every five years, to prevent more text amendments passed to patch unforeseen holes.

The mayor has directed town staff to research who might be qualified to conduct a review and revision. When the staff finishes its research, Hoover says he will bring the code review to the board of commissioners.

Board President Christopher Staiger told *The Dispatch* that he would support the town code review, along with determining how the code could be made more compatible with the town comprehensive plan.

### Commissioners balk at backing horse park

Want answers on local impact

The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners refused at its July 5 meeting to give Mayor James Hoover the okay to send a letter of endorsement for the proposed horse park on Mount St. Mary's property. Once the commissioners receive additional information about the proposal, and about the park's potential impact on town resources, they may endorse the idea.

Commissioner William B. O'Neil included in his list of concerns: traffic control, who will provide and pay for emergency services, water and sewer, lighting, use of loud speakers, waste and refuse disposal and the hours and times of operation.

The board will continue review of the horse park endorsement at the July 18 town meeting.

### Emmitsburg backs Catoctin name change

The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners voted unanimously July 5 to endorse the proposed name change of Catoctin Mountain Park to Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area.

Commissioner William B. O'Neil moved, and Commissioner Arthur Elder seconded the resolution supporting the National Park Service's proposed name change as a strategy for improving the park's marketing.

O'Neil said that some of the controversy associated with the name change seemed politically motivated, or was based on the misunderstanding that the name change would alter the way the park operates.

## Town News Updates ...

### Vigilant granted conditional approval for renovations

A proposal by the Emmitsburg Vigilant Hose Company to enlarge and refurbish its existing facility at 25 West Main Street was granted conditional approval by the town planning commission June 27.

Before any building permits can be issued, Vigilant must show the full extent of the project (including demolition of a historic structure on the

property) on revised plans, consolidate the several lots that make the site into one tract, and delineate water and sewer service.

The structure to be demolished houses the full-time, county-provided ambulance company, and some offices for the fire company. Plans call for saving the historical facade, if practical, and replacing the entire old brick structure behind it.

### Tamarac relocation plans move forward

A custom stair manufacturing business was granted conditional site plan approval June 27 by the town planning commission, further advancing Tamarac Design, Inc.'s proposed relocation to Emmitsburg.

The commission voted unanimously to approve the company's site plan conditional on the acquisition of a reforestation easement required

by the State of Maryland.

The Westminster-based company has acquired a tract at the Emmitsburg East Industrial Park, and proposes building a 30,000 square foot facility there.

Tamarac presently has 15 employees and plans to hire additional help after the move to Emmitsburg.





Submitted Photo courtesy of Eric Glass

## Plaque honors Paul Harner

The Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery Board of Directors unveiled a stone plaque dedicated to Paul Harner on April 22, 2005, in appreciation for his many years of service on the cemetery board. Harner was instrumental in identifying and updating the cemetery's burial records. The plaque was placed at the base of a ginkgo tree planted last October. Attending the ceremony were (left to right) Eric Glass, Board President, Mary Catherine Shields, Harner, Bernard Wivell, Shirley Dillon and Robert Gillelan.

## Growth

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economic performance."

The first step in successful community planning, McMahon said, is to create an inventory of local natural, cultural, human and economic assets. With assets identified, and knowing that "some places are better for development than others," it is possible to create a plan that enhances existing natural and cultural assets.

A growth plan built on existing assets allows communities to "pick and choose among development proposals," he explained, encouraging development where they want it.

In a June 20 interview, Briggs described McMahon's planning approach as "built for us."

He said the land trust, established in 2002, is "not anti-development," but is working to protect what has already been identified as special about the area: the mountains, the farms, and the rich history.

Currently there are about 1200 acres in the trust, including preserved or restricted development on over 800 acres around Emmitsburg. CLT is working to create a "greenbelt" around Emmitsburg, "like around London," he explained.

McMahon had noted that tourists go places that are unique, and that "the better the view, the better the price."

The Civil War heritage, combined with the area's natural beauty are "something really worth saving," Briggs said.



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Edward T. McMahon, Senior Fellow on Sustainable Development at the Urban Land Institute, speaks to Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association members after their meeting on June 10.



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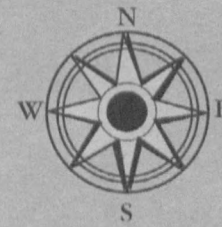


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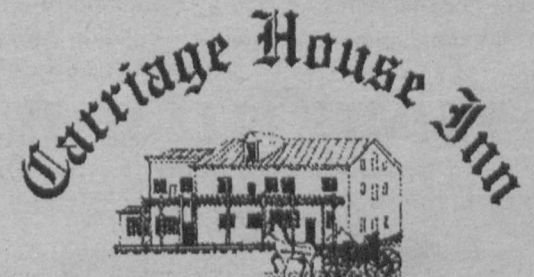
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*A Word from the Mayor*

# A Night of Summer Fun at the Town Pool

As we move deeper into summer and the days grow longer, more family activities move outdoors. If you drive around our town you cannot help but notice the telltale signs that the season has finally arrived. They are everywhere – the crack of baseball bats in Memorial Park, the sweet smell of smoke off back yard barbeque grills and the buzz of a community gathering each Friday at the Emmitsburg Farmers' Market. These simple pleasures of summer are reasons I suspect many of us have chosen to call Emmitsburg home.

Sometimes when I take a moment to enjoy the view from my town office window, I cannot help but come away with a renewed appreciation for how blessed we are to live and raise our children in Emmitsburg. Set against the splendid backdrop of the Catoctin Mountains our town has an abundance of assets in which we can all take a great deal of pride. For a town so small, we certainly enjoy many fine facilities including our parkland and community

pool. When you combine these physical assets with a population that has a well-deserved reputation of volunteering and supporting community events, experience has shown me that we can accomplish some really good things.

We have already accomplished many good things like an after school program, a rocket club, the farmers' market and concerts in the park just to name a few. Now, this year we are going to accomplish yet another one.

I'm very pleased to announce that the Town of Emmitsburg, in conjunction with generous members of the Emmitsburg business community, we will be sponsoring four Summer Pool Parties at the Community Pool. Each party will feature a different theme and in addition to the chance "to beat the heat in the pool," we will provide food and entertainment. Our goal is to provide you and your family with a fun night on the town at a fraction of the cost of going to a ball game or a movie.

The parties will run from 7 to 9 p.m. on the following dates:

- July 8 - Family Night
- July 22 - Teen Party
- August 12 - Families and children under 12
- August 26 - Family Night

Flyers for each party will be posted around town and posted on the town's Website [www.emmitsburgmd.gov](http://www.emmitsburgmd.gov) and Cable Channel 99. We hope you will all join us for a great Night of Summer Fun.

If you are able to help sponsor these or any other events, please contact me directly. I hope that we can provide more family-orientated activities so that we will soon have an activity for every Friday night in the summer.

– Jim Hoover  
Mayor of Emmitsburg



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## REGIONAL NEWS

# Interstate summit looks at growth along the Mason-Dixon Line

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON  
News Editor

### The 'Mason-Dixon Dilemma'

On May 26, the North and the South converged once again at Gettysburg, this time in the effort to resolve issues more amiably than 142 years ago.

Some 65 representatives from several Maryland and Pennsylvania counties, state and local planning authorities, including Emmitsburg Town Planner Michael Lucas, and non-profit organizations, met at the Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resource Center on May 26 in Gettysburg for an "interstate summit."

The one-day meeting was sponsored by the South Central Assembly for Effective Government (SCAEG) with the support of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and the Chesapeake Bay Program. The purpose of the summit was to "bring leaders together ... from Maryland and Pennsylvania to gain a regional perspective of the development pressures."

Stephen R. Reed, chair of SCAEG, said the day's objective was "directed toward our shared landscapes and shared issues and (to) explore the possibilities of common strategies."

Frederick County is approaching one-quarter million inhabitants. With 217,633 residents in 2004, projected figures suggest the population will reach more than 260,000 in ten years, and 325,600 by 2030, according to the state Department of Natural Resources.

The Adams County, Pa., population is presently more than 99,000, with a projected population of 117,195 by 2010, according to the Adams County Department of Planning. The county has no projections beyond 2010.

Both counties are part of a projected concentration of development caused by increased housing demand from current residents and for bedroom community homes for people working in the Baltimore-Washington corridor.

"Metropolitan growth continues to ripple out from the great urban centers of Washington and Baltimore. Without a doubt these growth pressures have reached the Mason-Dixon region to the north, an area that has been traditionally characterized by agricultural landscapes with town centers of commerce and manufacturing," Reed wrote in a letter to prospective

summit attendees.

Many planners feel that decisions made now will lead either to managed growth supported by resource conservation or to a planning disaster marked with infrastructure collapse and resource failures.

"The consequence (of metropolitan sprawl) is a region that is experiencing rapid change in land use and land prices," Reed said. This growth pattern threatens farmland and other natural resources.

### Controlling the sprawl of 'mega-developments'

Richard Schmoyer, Adams County Director of Planning and Development, told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* there has been a general surge in growth and scale of recent developments.

Right now, he said, there are more than half a dozen "mega-developments (more than 400-500 homes)" in various stages of review in Southern Adams County in proximity to the Mason-Dixon Line.

Farmlands tend to take the brunt of the development surge. "Most of it has been in some form of cultivation," he said. Some development has taken place in designated growth areas, he added, like the Fairfield-Hamiltonban Empire Homes project (see related story, "Fairfield-Hamiltonban development continues through planning review process," in this issue).

"We've tried to avoid sprawl (development spreading out into the countryside), and instead, tried to have growth around established communities. It is better that growth occur as a result of infilling rather than jumping out into farmland. We achieved that to some extent during the 90s," the county planner said.

Schmoyer added that the county "would rather see more concentrated development around interchanges like U.S. 15 and 30 where money has been budgeted for widening."

For many small Frederick and Adams County communities, much of the infrastructure, sewer, water, roads and schools, was developed around a small town scheme. Few people imagined these towns would some day lie in the path of urban sprawl from metropolitan centers that once appeared a safe distance away.

"One issue that comes up

real quick (when reviewing large developments) is traffic, and there is demand on community services," Schmoyer pointed out.

Water is an issue as well. Schmoyer said, "There is enough water here to provide for the future but the cost and method of recovery and transport is a challenge." Adams County currently has about 35 independent and isolated water supply systems, largely built by individual developers. Some of the systems are quite old.

### What's next?

Dr. Daniel Marcucci, SCAEG regional planner, told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that the immediate goal is to get the summit proceedings report out over the next couple of weeks and ask participants what kind of follow up they want.

Some of the next moves may not involve SCAEG, Marcucci said, depending on what the participants decide. He said SCAEG would be willing to help facilitate whatever they are asked to do, "but there would be no need for me to try and control" the next steps. He did say if there were to be another summit, whether or not it involved SCAEG, "It would be worthwhile to include the development and transportation industries."

# Revamped five-development package submitted to Liberty

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON  
News Editor

The Liberty Township Planning Commission acknowledged receipt June 22 of five sets of development plans from The Wormald Companies, which represent a potential of 415 new housing units in the township.

The preliminary plans had been revised as per previous planning commission comments and corrections. After further review at an upcoming meeting,

the planning commission will forward its recommendations to the board of supervisors.

The five proposed developments are sited on the same tract of land originally proposed for a single 1,280-unit development, known as Liberty Valley, presently tied up in Adams County District Court.

The five proposed developments would include 415 units, 865 less than initially

proposed for Liberty Valley. They include:

- \* **Liberty Homestead: 25 two-acre lots (on 65.42 acres of land);**
- \* **Liberty Estates: 70 two-acre lots (226.48 acres);**
- \* **Liberty View: 24 two-acre lots (72.47 acres);**
- \* **Liberty Meadows: 10 two-acre lots and 245 20,000 square-foot lots (281.11 acres);**
- \* **Liberty Vistas: 41 two-acre lots (98.17 acres).**

Edward E. Wormald, principal and director of operations at Wormald, said in an interview that the district court has not reached a determination on the Liberty Valley challenges, and he is not aware of any deadline for a court decision.

According to Robert Thaeler, senior planner for the Adams County Office of Planning and Development, nothing in Pennsylvania law prohibits a developer from submitting alternative development schemes for the same tract of land.

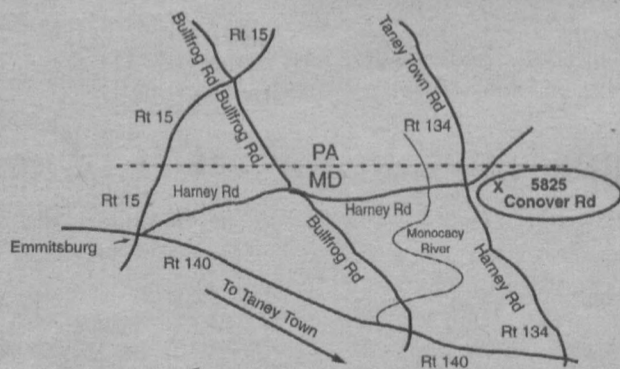
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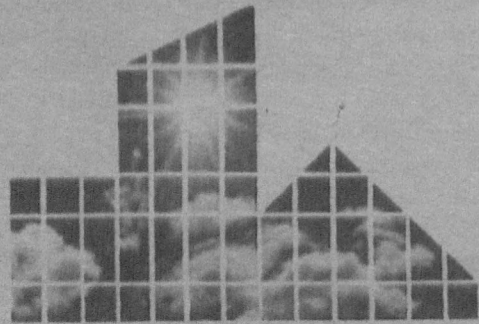
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The Emmitsburg Lions Club hosted their 23rd Annual "Emmitsburg Community Day" on July 2, 2005. The yearly event, billed as "Small Town - Big Time," features traditional games such as tug of war, egg toss, three-leg races, balloon toss, water melon and pie eating contests, horseshoe contest, closest to the pin golf contest, the greased pig contest, and more. The day closes with a parade and program that focuses on a theme, this year "Covering all the bases and bringing it home - Celebrating 50 Years of Baseball." In fact, 50 years ago, it was the Lions Club that started Little League in Emmitsburg. See the text from an article that appeared in the Emmitsburg Chronicle on this page.

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## 50 Years Ago "In this place" From *The Emmitsburg Chronicle* Lions Club Will Sponsor Little League

**Jan. 28, 1955** - The organization of a Little League baseball team was discussed at the regular meeting of the Emmitsburg Lions Club held Monday evening in the Lutheran parish hall, President J. Ralph McDonnell presiding. After a lengthy discussion the club voted to sponsor at least one team of boys and if possible to try and interest other local groups to sponsor several other teams. Actually the teams would not be members of the official National Little League, but would operate on an independent basis, scheduling games with nearby towns. Paul Claypool announced that as general chairman of the project, he has enlisted the aid of several individuals who would be willing to coach, manage and direct the clubs. Among those who volunteered their services, Mr. Claypool said, were James McKeon, Carlos Englar, Dr. John J. Dillon, Jr., and Prof. Paul Conway of Mt. St. Mary's College. Messrs. McKeon and Englar, were present at the meeting and discussed the project. Heading the committee to make organizational arrangements for the formation of a team are, in addition to Mr. Claypool,

are Herbert W. Roger, George L. Wilhide and John J. Hollinger.

### Plans For Little League Here Progress

**March 25, 1955** - Excellent progress is being made in organizing a Little League baseball club for the Emmitsburg District, it was reported by the general chairman of the committee in charge if getting the program under way. General Chairman Paul Claypool stated this week that a meeting had been held Tuesday evening and that five local men interested in the project had agreed to manage teams. They are James McKeon, Carlos Englar, Jack Rosensteel, Chick Topper and T. C. Harbaugh. Some equipment already has been ordered, it was learned, and the teams will be named later. It is the goal of the committee to organize at least four teams.

Local organizations backing the project are the Lions Club, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Grange. Eligibility rules require that a boy be between the ages of eight to 13 years. (was typed this way) A boy who is approaching his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday in the near future is ineligible, but should his birthday

occur after Aug. 1 he will be eligible. Edward Houck has been appointed treasurer of the group, and booster tickets are now on sale.

Posters advertising the project and schedules will be placed in all stores soon and canisters are being prepared, and when ready will be placed in the local business establishments to receive contributions.

The committee has announced that a potential list of 75 players has been received, and that the three local elementary schools, St. Euphemia's, Emmitsburg Public School, and St. Anthony's will furnish the majority of the players for the four teams.

An important public meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, Apr. 3, at 2 p.m. in the Emmitsburg Public School. All parents of eligible boys and other interested person are asked to attend in order to work out practice sessions, schedules, registration of boys, and to make general plans for the coming season.

It is planned to use the Emmitsburg Civic Assn. grounds, east of town, where the horse show is held, for the first season. The project represents a lot of hard work and large sums of money, and the complete co-operation of the community is needed if success is to be had; therefore as many interested people as possible are asked to attend this meeting on Sunday, Apr. 3.

Booster tickets are on sale for \$1.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Slots licenses clear Pennsylvania courts, but must now clear local zoning laws

Attempts to challenge Act 71 (allowing the expansion of slots casinos in Pennsylvania) failed when the Pennsylvania Supreme Court June 22 ruling generally upheld the constitutionality of the law.

Sections of Act 71 not upheld included those which would have allowed the Pennsylvania

Gaming Control Board (GCB) to circumvent local zoning laws in approving casinos location; to permit casinos to provide free drinks to customers; and to allow monies from casino revenue to go to fire companies and promote forest preservation.

Nick Hays, GCB spokesman, said that, with something of a green

light from the court, the agency could begin to move forward with filling some key executive positions that have been on hold.

He also said that it could be January or February 2006 before the first casino applications would be reviewed, and those would be ones attached to racetracks. He said review of casino proposals (in the proposed Gettysburg Casino and Spa category) would begin "probably later next year."

### Pa. House Bill 1654 proposes to take on Act 71 issues

Rep. Paul Clymer, one of the plaintiffs who challenged Pennsylvania Act 71 (Casino Slot Machine Act), has introduced House Bill 1654 (HB 1854) to help reform Act 71, limiting how much stock a public official could own in a casino industry and requiring casinos to go before local zoning.

The bill would replace one that passed both houses last year, only to be vetoed by Pennsylvania

Governor Edward G. Rendell.

House Bill 1654 was introduced the week of June 20, the same week the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruling upheld most of Act 71. The court decision was perceived as a victory for local government, because of the requirement that proposed casinos must go through local zoning reviews.

HB 1654 was designed in

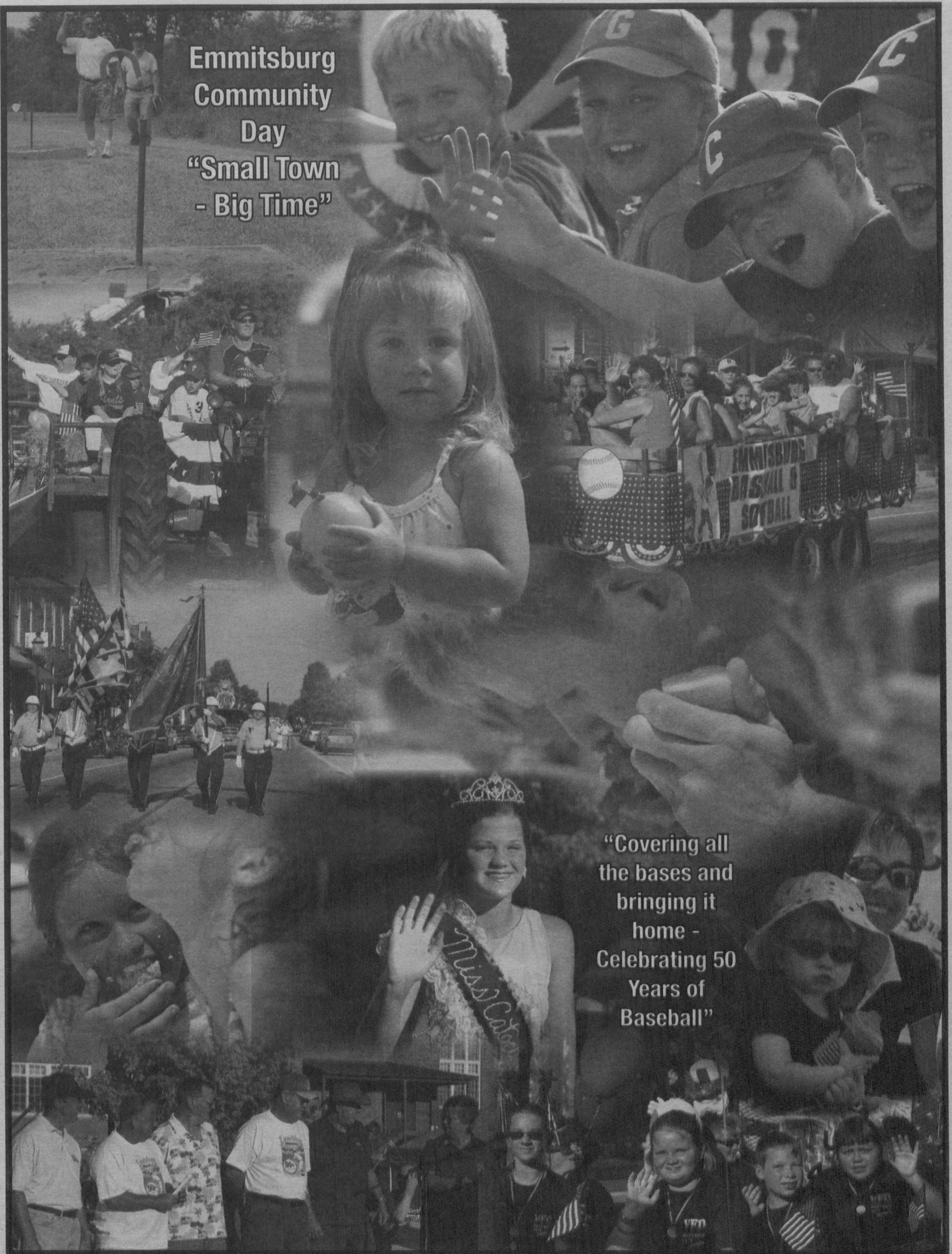
part to "put that ruling (that local zoning cannot be pre-empted by the state gaming control board) in writing" in the form of a law, according to Clymer. "That power (of zoning review) has been restored. Gettysburg is a wrong place (for a casino)," he said in an interview.

The bill has been referred to the house Tourism and Recreational Development Committee.



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# Frederick County population increase results from elderly living longer, family growth and relocations

BY DISPATCH STAFF

Several factors contribute to population growth in Frederick County, according to a county planner, not just families relocating from the Baltimore-Washington mega-metropolis.

Eric Soter, Director, Frederick County Planning Division, said in an interview, "Every jurisdiction outside of the beltway is getting pressure. The high cost of housing in adjacent counties is forcing people to look elsewhere, so we are getting those as well."

In addition to individuals and families relocating to Frederick County, growth among indigenous families contributes to the demand for housing, he said, adding that older residents are also living longer, reducing the housing turnover.

Soter stated that, while growth continues around Frederick City, "We don't have a lot up north (North Frederick County). Along I-70 is where the bulk of future growth will be coming from, and I-270."

With long-term planning, Soter said, "You kind of have to

plod along. Part of that plan is to have developers contribute. Recognize that change is going to happen. Hopefully, everybody is looking for managed growth."

The county planner said "redevelopment" should also be part of the strategy, reusing existing, sometimes abandoned structures, like industrial complexes.

"We (should) try to balance out growth. It is as important to bring jobs as it is to build houses. The more people we can keep in the county, the more we will benefit in the long term," Soter said.

## OBITUARIES

### Mary G. Cool

Mrs. Mary Goldie Kreitz Cool, 87, Chambersburg Street, Gettysburg, died June 9 at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa.

Born March 8, 1918 in Fairfield, Pa., she was a daughter of the late Joseph W. and Emma Wetzel Kreitz.

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

Surviving are one son, Donald F. Cool; and four daughters, Patricia Althoff, Joan Miley, Evelyn Cool and Linda Miller; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandson.

Funeral services were held June 13 from Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, Md., with her pastor, Rev. Vincent J. O'Malley, CM officiating.

Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

### Mr. Rusty Garber

Rusty Keith Garber, 31, Emmitsburg, died May 27, 2005, at home.

Born June 22, 1973, in Frederick, he was the son of Roberta K. Ramsburg Brown of Frederick and the late Ricky Lycurtis Garber.

Rusty worked as a truck driver and volunteered his spare time as a Little League Baseball Coach with the Emmitsburg Little League.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Pam L. Eiker Garber, and mother, are his three children, Ricky, Morgan, and Levi; one sister, Rachel Hess; two nieces and one nephew; and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 1 at the Stauffer Funeral Home, Thurmont, with Revs. Lloyd Hahn and John Greenstone officiating. Burial followed in Utica Cemetery.

### Mrs. Vanell C. Lohr

Vanell C. Lohr, 72, Emmitsburg, died June 15, 2005 at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa.

Born December 18, 1932 in Memphis, Tenn., she was the daughter of the late Lawson Van Craig and Margaret Smith Craig.

Surviving is one daughter, Cynthia Duffau; one son, Steven Craig; one sister, Marilyn Sparkman; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were private.

## News Briefs ...

### Brown Marmorated Stink Bug invades Maryland

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) reports that the marmorated stink bug, a non-indigenous insect, "has the potential to damage many agricultural crops and ornamentals." The insect pest was recently confirmed in the Hagerstown area of Washington

County, Md.

*MDA is asking residents who live outside Washington County who think they have seen these insects, to contact the MDA Plant Protection Section at 410-841-5920 for additional instructions.*

### State offers teachers water topics workshop

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is offering a hands-on workshop for middle and high school teachers interested in incorporating

water-related activities and studies into their curriculum.

The workshop, Project WET: Water Education for Teachers, will be held at ThorpeWood,

Thurmont, on Aug. 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and will cover topics including the properties of water, weather, climate, cycles, seasons, ecology, watersheds and human impact.

Participants will receive

instructions, a project WET curriculum and activity guide, and supplemental materials.

*Interested instructors should contact Cindy Etgen at 410-260-8716.*

### Catoctin Mountain Park needs trail maintenance help

Catoctin Mountain Park will hold "Trails Forever" volunteer workdays on July 16 and Aug. 20 to help restore park trails worn out by park visitor use and storms.

Volunteers should report to Camp Round Meadow at 9 a.m. on the designated dates, and will be trained on location for tasks as needed. Participants are encouraged to bring boots, gloves, water and lunch.

Camp Round Meadow can be reached by taking Foxville-Deerfield Road to Manahan Road. Make a right or left (depending on the direction of approach) on Manahan to enter the park. The camp is about one mile up Manahan on the left-hand side.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

### Concerts

July 10 – Westminster Municipal Band. 6 p.m. Thurmont Memorial Park.

July 17 – Mason-Dixon Barbershop Chorus concert. 2:30 p.m. Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, Hagerstown. Free. Information: 301-739-5727 or visit [www.wcmfa.org](http://www.wcmfa.org).

July 17 – Music in the Park. 6 p.m. Emmitsburg Community Park (behind the post office). Features the Rohrer'sville Band.

July 24 – Annual Volunteer Freedom Concert. 6 p.m. Thurmont Memorial Park.

State Park, Grantsville, Garrett County

\$10. Information: 301-895-5759.

July 10 – Maryland-Pennsylvania Horse Show Circuit show. Gettysburg Riding Club, Gettysburg, Pa. Open to all types of horses and equestrians of all ages, features a variety of classes. End-of-season awards banquet. Information: 717-334-3043.

July 10-15 – Common Ground on the Hill – Traditional and folk arts and music, plus a weekend Music and Arts Festival at the Carroll County Farm Museum July 9-10. Information is available from McDaniel College and [www.commongroundonthehill.org](http://www.commongroundonthehill.org).

July 11-16 – Carnival. Guardian Hose Company. Carnival grounds, 100 block of East Main Street (Route 77) Thurmont. See schedule at [www.guardianhose.org/carnival\\_2005.htm](http://www.guardianhose.org/carnival_2005.htm).

July 15 – Miss Frederick County Farm Bureau Contest. 7 p.m. Jefferson Ruritan Center.

July 16-17 – 20<sup>th</sup> MS Bike Tour. Gettysburg National Battlefield Park. Free rooms Friday and Saturday, free meals, free adults beverages Saturday night, free t-shirts.

July 20 – Frederick County Farm Bureau Picnic. 11 a.m. Rocky Ridge Park.

July 20 – Maryland Dairy Princess Contest. Holiday Inn, Frederick.

### Live Acts

July 16 – Irish Moon Coffee House. 7:30 to 10 p.m. Featuring "The

Trouble with Harry," 1 Frederick St. Taneytown. 410-756-6556.

July 23 – Irish Moon Coffee House. 8 to 10 p.m. Featuring harp music by Aimee. 1 Frederick Street, Taneytown. 410-756-6556.

### Music Festivals

July 9-10 – Common Ground of the Hills Music & Arts Festival Carroll County Farm Museum, Westminster. A music, dance and art festival for all ages. Adults \$40. Information: e-mail [cgrounds@qis.net](mailto:cgrounds@qis.net) or call 410-857-2771.

July 30 – FRAN Jam. 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Live music, children's activities. \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door. Sponsored by the Frederick Regional Action Network. Information: 301-271-0768 or [www.frederickactionorg/franjam.html](http://www.frederickactionorg/franjam.html).

### Stage

June 10 - Aug 27 – "The Wizard of Oz" Musical (Family). Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre. Willow Tree Plaza, Rt. 40 West, Frederick. Information: 301-662-6600 [www.wayoffbroadway.com](http://www.wayoffbroadway.com).

July 5-17 – "Ten Little Indians" Mystery-Comedy (Family). Totem Pole Playhouse, Fayetteville, Pa. Information: [www.totempoleplayhouse.org](http://www.totempoleplayhouse.org) or 1-888-805-7056.

July 15 – Deadline - The New Play House seeks short play scripts. Short plays by Maryland playwrights for an October main stage production. Information: Jonah Knight 301-668-8019 or [newplayhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:newplayhouse@yahoo.com).

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### The New Play House seeks short scripts

By JOAN CROOKS  
Contributing Writer

The New Play House, Inc., a professional theatre company in Frederick committed to the development of new plays and emerging playwrights, is seeking short plays by Maryland playwrights for an October main stage production.

Plays to have a running time of 30 minutes or less. Unproduced and previously produced plays are acceptable and nontraditional pieces are encouraged. Playwrights should be current Maryland residents.

Submissions are due by July 15. Guidelines: [www.newplayhouse.org/submissions.php](http://www.newplayhouse.org/submissions.php). For more information, contact Jonah Knight at [newplayhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:newplayhouse@yahoo.com), or 301-668-8019.

The New Play House, Inc. is a non-profit theatre production company dedicated to the development of new plays and new playwrights. Founded in Aug. 2004 in Frederick, Md., the company's readings, workshops, full productions, and other creative operations provide support for new playwrights seeking to bring their scripts alive on stage.

### Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

June 3-July 24 – Cumberland Valley Artists Winners Exhibit. 56 paintings and 12 sculptures will be exhibited. Washington County Museum of Fine Arts 301-739-5727.

Saturdays in July – Art at Farmers Market. Lincoln Square, Gettysburg

### Festivals

July 9 – Historic Crafts Demonstration Day. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Roger Brooke Taney House, 121 South Bentz Street, Frederick. Traditional crafts and tours. Admission: adults, \$3; children under 17-free. Information: 301-663-7880.

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## SPORTS

## Outside the Game NBA Age Limit

By A.J. RUSSO  
Sports Editor

Imagine Jermaine O'Neill, of Indiana Pacer and Piston/Pacer "beer battle" fame, at, say, 17 years old, at a job interview for a business position where presentation, maturity, being able to handle confrontational situations is paramount to the success of a company (Say, like the NBA).

The boss's name is Stern.

*O'Neill walks in, dressed in a Dr. J retro jersey, gold chains dangling from his neck, cap tilted slightly to the right.*

*O'Neill: Was-up?*

*Stern (dressed in dark blue suit) sits behind his desk: Please be seated.*

*O'Neill (glancing around the office): Very nice.*

*O'Neill sits facing Stern. He slouches back, stretches his legs out in front of him as if he's settling in to watch MTV.*

*Stern: Tell me about your education.*

Would a good business hire an employee to a top-level position without a college education? That's a rhetorical question. OF COURSE NOT.

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NBA commissioner David Stern wanted a 20-year-old age limit as part of the league's next collective bargaining agreement, but compromised on 19.

Why? Remember the Piston/Pacer debacle? At a recent news conference, Stern said, "We would like kids bouncing the ball in the sixth grade now, whose parents tell me that they are planning to go directly to the NBA out of high school, to know they are not."

Some argue that entrance into the world of pro hoops should not be about age. It should be about ability. After all, unlike the National Football League, where a similar age restriction exists, teenagers have proven they are good enough to not only play, but to excel in the NBA.

Some have said that an age policy is racist. Jermaine O'Neal, who entered the NBA out of high school, and ironically a major player in the melee at the Palace, was criticized recently for suggesting an age limit was a racist policy.

According to an article posted in *The Indianapolis Star*, O'Neal was quoted as saying:

"In the last two or three years, the rookie of the year has been a high school player. There were seven high school players in the

All-Star Game, so why we even talking an age limit? As a black guy, you kind of think race is the reason why it's (the 20 year-old age limit) coming up. You don't hear about it in baseball or hockey. To say you have to be 20, 21, to get in the league, it's unconstitutional. If I can go to the U.S. Army and fight the war at 18, why can't you play basketball for 48 minutes and then go home?"

O'Neal is right, Stern is wrong. An age limit to enter the NBA is not the answer to the NBA's problems.

Age limit for the NBA or any other pro sport is not enough. A college education should be required.

A strong case can be made for education's positive effect on character development, life enrichment, ability to work collaboratively and in diverse community, and personal enrichment. It goes without saying the NBA would benefit if all of its players were required to be educated.

And imagine the conversation at the playground if the NBA's entrance requirement included a college degree?

On June 22, the NBA and Player's Association reached a new collective bargaining agreement. The NBA got shorter player contracts with slimmer annual raises, plus less financial obligation to rookies taken in the first round. The union got a reduction in escrow (a means by which players give back money in their paychecks whenever the league overspends) and the luxury tax (through which big-spending franchises pay a penalty for bloated payrolls.)

The NBA got an increase in anti-drug enforcement, with each player subject to four random tests per season. The league wanted a 20-year-old age limit, but compromised on 19. U.S. players just out of high school and 18-year-

## POLICE ACTIVITY

Anyone who may have information related to the incidents reported below is encouraged to contact the Frederick County Sheriff's Office "Tip Line" at 301-644-4131.

### Thurmont police continue assault investigation

The Thurmont Police Department is continuing its investigation of the assault of an Emmitsburg minor by another minor in the CVS parking lot, North Church Street on June 28.

Police responded around 11 p.m. to the report of a victim having been assaulted and lying unconscious in the parking lot.

The young man was flown by Maryland State Police helicopter to the Washington County Hospital in Hagerstown. Police did not know his status when contacted.

According to Police Chief T.N. Frushour, the minor suspect, from the Thurmont area, has been identified but not charged in the ongoing investigation.

Frushour said it was reported that about 15 people witnessed the assault or were in the parking lot at the time of the alleged attack and made no effort to lend assistance to the victim. That aspect of the incident is also still under investigation, he said.

Anyone with information relating to this incident should contact police at 301-271-0905.

### Car vandalized on West Lincoln Avenue

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office is investigating the vandalism of a West Main Street couple's car. The incident occurred between 9 p.m. June 26 and 9 a.m. June 27 while the car was parked off West Lincoln Ave.

The 2003 Volkswagen Jetta had both electronic side view mirrors knocked off and one or more dents left in the side of the car. County Deputy Jeremiah Kretsinger investigated.

The paper is withholding the couple's names. Their vehicles are normally parked on an apron at the rear of the West Main property, accessed off Lincoln.

### Carriage House property damaged

The county sheriff's office is investigating an incident that occurred between 9 p.m. June 26 and 9 a.m. June 27 in which the side stairs of the Carriage House, 200 South Seton Avenue, were damaged.

According to Jennifer Bailey, information officer for the county sheriff's office, County Deputy Jeremiah Kretsinger's investigation suggested that a vehicle had backed into the stairs and damaged the first three steps.

The stair damage apparently occurred during the same timeframe that a car was vandalized on West Lincoln Avenue.

old international players no longer will be eligible for the draft.

A good start, but not enough.

A.J. Russo, Ph.D., is a professor at Mount Saint Mary's University and the author of nine novels and more than 30 scientific papers. He is currently head coach

of Hood College's men's lacrosse team. Russo's novels, including his newest, "Lost Girl of the Sudan," are all available at Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com. His opinions do not necessarily reflect those of Mount Saint Mary's University or Hood College.

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## Take a Safari to Vacation Bible School

By SUSAN ALLEN  
Staff Writer

The Emmitsburg Council of Churches has booked a "Safari Adventure" for its 38<sup>th</sup> annual Community Vacation Bible School (VBS.) VBS will be held at Elias Lutheran Church, July 24-29, 6:30-8:30 p.m. There will be classes for children from age 3 (nursery group) through sixth grade.

According to VBS director Johanna Schmersal, participants will learn about Jesus' life, and participate in music and crafts each evening. On opening night, July 24, the "spirit" theme will be "Christmas in July," and everyone is encouraged to wear

favorite Christmas clothes or Christmas colors. A new activity this year will be a color-it-yourself mural. The week will end with a Friday night closing program.

The Emmitsburg VBS is unique in the area because it is sponsored and fully funded by the Council of Churches, an ecumenical group, rather than by a single congregation. The council was formed in 1966, and they opened the Bible School the following summer. Records show that 138 students enrolled. During the "baby boom" years there were often so many students that classes had to be held in several churches. Elias Lutheran Church was usually "home base," although in

the early 1990s the parish hall at St. Joseph's Catholic Church was used. It was air-conditioned, but proved to be too small. The Lutheran church facilities are now air-conditioned, including more classrooms and the parish house dining room, which is used for crafts. Music classes are held in the sanctuary.

Each year the VBS offering is dedicated to a special charity, project, or individual needing assistance. This year's offering will go to the Seeds to Success Life Skills program in Adams County, Pa.

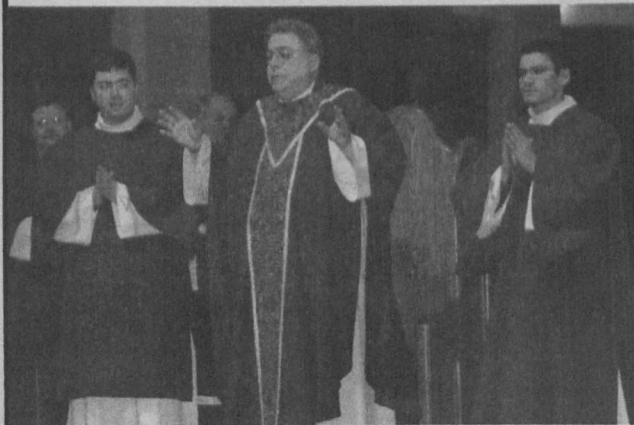
Registration forms are available at Jubilee Foods, the Emmitsburg post office, and at all local churches. Teachers and assistants are needed; contact Schmersal at 301-524-3644. Frederick County students can earn community service hours by volunteering at VBS.



# MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

## NEW FACES AT THE MOUNT

### GET TO KNOW *Msgr. Rohlf*, SEMINARY RECTOR



*Thomas J. Doyle Jr., First Theology, Diocese of Rockford recently had the pleasure and honor to interview the new rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Monsignor Steven P. Rohlf, who began his tenure on February 7. He is a 1976 graduate of the seminary, holding an MA in systematics and a doctoral degree in moral theology from the Angelicum in Rome. He has also been honored as prelate of honor to His Holiness, knight commander of the Holy Sepulchre, and knight of the Sovereign Military Constantinian Order. Until recently, he had been serving his diocese as vicar general, chancellor and moderator of the Curia.*

#### *How did it feel to come into the seminary halfway through an academic term?*

Things were up and running, and so as a result I needed to depend upon the advice of the administration and faculty for almost everything. I didn't want to interfere in the smooth running of the seminary. As I've told a number of people, there's no school from which you graduate and get a certificate to be a rector. You basically have to watch and learn. My usual modus is to watch for about a year and change very little; then I know why things are the way they are and why things were not changed to something else. Then I can make a much more prudent and informed decision about what I think the direction of the seminary should be in certain areas. And, if there are any changes, then you begin to make them gradually. From what I see so far the Mount is in need of very little change thanks to Bishop Rhoades' leadership and vision.

#### Other New Faces at the Mount

**Ryan Coleman**, intramural/club sports coordinator

**Vincent DeCerchio**, director of public safety

**Rev. Richard Hilgartner, C'90**, university chaplain and director of campus ministry

**Michael S. Malewicki, MBA'83**, vice president for business and finance

**Barbara Miller**, director of human resources

**Michael Post**, director of residence life

Visit the Mount's human resources web page at [www.msmary.edu/studentsandstaff/humanresources](http://www.msmary.edu/studentsandstaff/humanresources) for a list of job openings.

*What comes to mind when you think about leading the second oldest and largest seminary in the country?*

It's very humbling to realize that I've been chosen by Cardinal Keeler and the board to take on this position. Because I graduated from here, every nook and cranny of this institution has a memory; it seems doubly incredible. I feel sometimes like I'm still a seminarian walking the halls, but I keep telling myself, 'I'm the rector.' Occasionally, I have to remind myself that I was here 34 years ago.

*Do you have any memories you would like to share about your time here as a seminarian?*

The first time I came, I thought St. Joseph's motherhouse was the seminary. I began to praise God. I said, 'This is just wonderful.' Then I was told that the seminary was down the road. So my father and I came down Old Emmitsburg Road and I thought that the whole campus was the seminary. I thought, 'This isn't bad; the buildings are a little older, but not bad.' I was then disabused of that notion and told that the one building at the end of the road was the seminary. In the period of about an hour, I had my notion of what the seminary was going to be like completely deflated.

*What has impressed you so far about your tenure here as rector?*

The improvements that have been made over the years. When I was here, we had close to 170 men in what is now McSweeney and Gallagher halls. I didn't have a private room until second semester, 3rd theology. The second year, five of us were in the basement. We had two bunk beds and one single bed. But the thing that hasn't changed is the real spiritual ambiance of the house. That's very much the same. **I think that's probably the strongest point the Mount has in its favor, that it never really lost its spirituality.** It's very Eucharistic, and is grounded in a strong Marian devotion. The Mount has never had to recover its spirituality; it never left. I think that's why the Mount has not only survived but flourished all these years when other seminaries have gone out of existence.

*Did any particular saint influence your formation?*

Saint Thomas Aquinas because I studied him so much. I was formed by his teachings spiritually and intellectually.

*What would you like people to say about the priests that you will be forming? What distinguishing characteristic would you like to see in all priests who come from the Mount?*

That they are striving for holiness. That they are Christian gentlemen. That they are never uncharitable to anyone and are full of the compassion of Christ.

*What do you consider your greatest accomplishment?*

My greatest accomplishment so far is probably my work in vocations from 1982-92. We were able to have a significant number of vocations in Peoria at the time. I think as a result of that, I've been able to impact the diocese in a significant way by helping to grow good priests, under God's grace.

*Could recommend a book to read?*

Probably the greatest insights I've been able to glean in theology and spirituality came from C.S. Lewis: *The Great Divorce*, for its influence on my view of eschatology and eternal life; *The Screwtape Letters*, for influence on my view of temptation; and *The Problem of Pain*.

## MOUNT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Summer classes

Session II: July 5- August 5

To view the course schedule visit [www.msmary.edu/studentsandstaff](http://www.msmary.edu/studentsandstaff) and click "registrar" on the left. To register for classes call 301-447-5215

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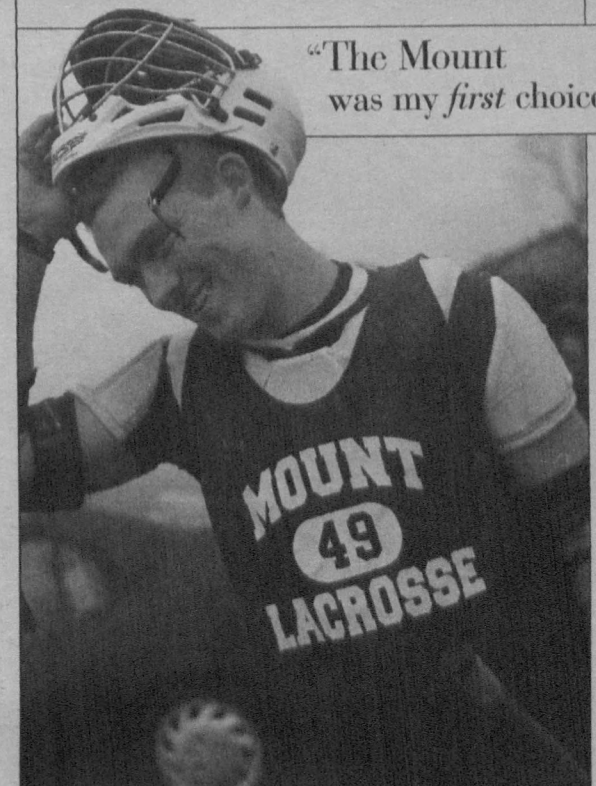
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### Friday Fun and Games at the Library (6 years and older)

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

### Storytimes

#### Babies with Books

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

#### Two Terrific!

(age 2 with an adult)  
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.  
July 12, 19, 26; Aug 2, 9, 16, 23

### Family Storytime

(ages 3-5 with an adult)  
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.  
July 13, 20, 27; August 3, 10, 17

### Preschool Storytime

(ages 3-5 with an adult)  
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.  
July 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](http://www.thorpewood.org) or call ThorpeWood at 301-271-2823.  
July 21, Aug. 18 at 1 p.m.  
**Registration required.**

### For Teens

**Teen Book Club** (grades 6-12)  
Third Thursday at 7 p.m.  
July 19 - "Shamer's Daughter" by Lene Kaaberbol  
Aug. 16 - "Thura's Diary" by Thura Al-Windawi

### Anime/ Manga Club

(grades 6-12)  
Second Friday from 6-8 p.m.  
Movie, snack, other activities.  
Co-sponsored by Emmitsburg and Thurmont Libraries.  
July 8 and Aug. 12.

## ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

### Registration required

#### Movie Makers Club (grades 6-12)

First Tuesday from 7-8 p.m.  
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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 & teens)

Third Thursday at 4 p.m.  
July 21, Aug. 18

#### Book Discussion Groups/ Adult Reading Club

**Tuesday Night Book Club**  
Second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.  
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.  
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.*

## For Seniors

Hurrah for the red, white, and blue! Thank you to the Lions Club and their supporters for helping our community celebrate Independence Day again this year. Congratulations, Little Leaguers!

**Meeting Day** is Tuesday, July 19 at 1 p.m. Sharon Lynn from the Frederick County Department of Aging will discuss Medicare, Part D (the prescription drug program.)

**Bus Trip to the Hanover Farmers' Market, Saturday, July 16**, leaving the Senior Center at 7 a.m. The fee is \$5 per person.

**Evening Card Party** will be on **Wednesday, July 27**. Card games are also scheduled every Monday after lunch.

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.

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**Bingo:** July 6 and 20.

**Cards-500, and Bridge Group:** July 13 and 27.

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

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# Community Calendar

## LOOKING AHEAD

**July 8 – Taneytown Business Breakfast.** 7:30 a.m. Thunderhead Bowling Center. Reservations required. Cost: \$5.50 at the door. Speaker: Mike Paone, Director of Regional Offices for Md. Dept of Planning. Topic: Smart Growth Planning Ideas.

**July 9, 16, 23 and 30 – Campfire Programs.** 9 p.m. Catoctin Mountain Park. Owens Creek Amphitheater.

**July 9, Aug. 6, Sept. 3 – Thurmont Lions Club Super Summertime Sandwich Series.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bell Hill Farm. 1½ miles north of Thurmont on Rt. 15. For information or advance orders: 301-271-0558.

**July 9 – Alien Species: Catoctin's 10 Least Wanted.** 1:30 p.m. Catoctin Mountain Park Visitors' Center. Learn about invasive plants replacing native species in the park.

**July 10 – Maryland-Pennsylvania Horse Show**

**Circuit show.** Gettysburg Riding Club, Gettysburg, Pa. Open to all types of horses and equestrians of all ages, features a variety of classes. End-of-season awards banquet. Information: 717-334-3043.

**July 11 & 12 – Nutrition & Activity Day, 4-H Camp.** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gettysburg Ag Center, Old Harrisburg Road. July 11, ages 8-10; July 12, ages 11-13. Children will participate in three food workshops. Cost: \$5 per person.

**July 11-16 – Guardian Hose Company Carnival.** Carnival grounds, 100 block of East Main Street (Route 77) Thurmont. See [www.guardianhose.org/carnival\\_2005.htm](http://www.guardianhose.org/carnival_2005.htm).

**July 14 – Red Cross Blood Drive.**

2-8 p.m. Emmitsburg Ambulance Building, South Seton Avenue. Walk-ins welcome.

**July 14 & 15 – Sewing Your Way Through the Day, 4-H Camp.** Gettysburg Ag Center, Old Harrisburg Road. Ages eight and over. Cost: \$10 per person. Register by July 8. Information: 717-334-6271, ext. 326.

**July 15 – Miss Frederick County Farm Bureau Contest.** 7 p.m. Jefferson Ruritan Center.

**July 16 – Trails Forever Volunteer Work Day.** 8 a.m. Catoctin Mountain Park. Camp Round Meadow. Information: call 301-663-9388. No reservations needed.

**July 16-17 – 20th MS Bike Tour.** Gettysburg National Battlefield

Park. Free rooms Friday and Saturday, free meals, free adults' beverages Saturday night, free t-shirts.

**July 17 – FDR: New Deal at Catoctin.** 1:30 p.m. Catoctin Mountain Park Visitors' Center. Learn how FDR's New Deal Programs provided jobs for local workers and crated the Catoctin Recreational Demonstration Area.

**July 17 – Spaghetti Dinner.** 3-6 p.m. St. Mary's Church, 256 Tract Road, Fairfield. Dinner \$6, \$3 for children 6-12. Information: 717-642-8815.

**July 17-22 – The Creator's Club Vacation Bible School.** 6-8 p.m. Catoctin View Seventh Day Adventist Church, Thurmont. Ages 4-10. Under 4 are welcome,

but must be accompanied by an adult. Registration: July 10 from 4 to 6 p.m. Information: 301-271-3346.

**July 18 – Emmitsburg Area Historical Society.** 7 p.m. Emmitsburg Community Center.

**July 18-22 – Taneytown Summer Day Camp.** Ages 6-11. Information: 410-751-1100.

**July 18-22 – Cheerleading Clinic.** 9 a.m. to noon. Catoctin Recreation Center, Thurmont Middle School. Ages: 7-14. Cost: \$65 per participant.

**July 20 – Frederick County Farm Bureau Picnic.** 11 a.m. Rocky Ridge Park.

**July 20 – Maryland Dairy Princess Contest.** Holiday Inn, Frederick.

**July 21 – Silver Fancy Garden Club Meeting.** 1 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church. Open to the public. Program: "Corn and our Environment." Light refreshments. Information: 410-756-1113.

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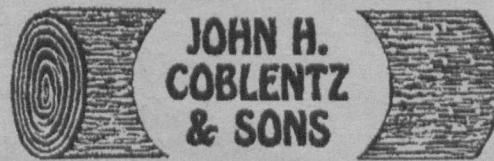
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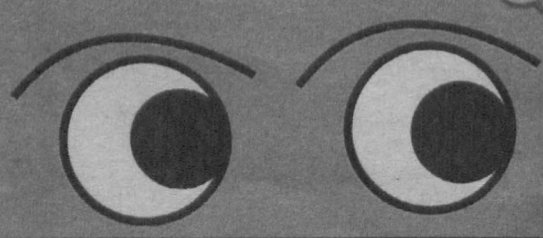
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