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## ACLU to monitor ordinance changes for political signs

By RICHARD D.L. FUTON  
News Editor

Town regulations that govern election signs in Emmitsburg have come under scrutiny from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), through a complaint from former defeated town commissioner candidate Harold C. Craig, Jr.

Craig stated going into the April town election that he had problems with the sign ordinance as it related to election signs, claiming that size limitations constitutionally violated his freedom of speech.

The ACLU apparently agreed with Craig, then vice president of Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg (COPE), and began to communicate with the town as

early as March, nearly a month before the election.

### ACLU says ordinance 'unconstitutional'

In a March 28 letter, Richard Griffiths, a staff attorney with the ACLU, wrote "on behalf of Harold Craig, Jr." that the town's sign regulations "clearly are in violation as they relate to the regulation of political signs."

Griffiths claimed, "both the temporal and size restrictions on campaign signs and the permit requirement for them violate the first amendment as unconstitutional (content based) ... restraints."

Griffiths cited three sections

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## Computer-controlled traffic flow

James Larkin, a job foreman with Elkridge, Md. company, Midasco, Inc., installs a camera to be used in conjunction with improving traffic flow in the Emmitsburg town square. See story on page 5.

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## Exceptions sought for 1,179-house development

By RICHARD D.L. FUTON  
News Editor

A previously stalled half-billion dollar development project in Freedom Township gained new life Aug. 18 when representatives seeking special exceptions for a proposed 150-room hotel and water supply facilities appeared before a hearing board and about 45 local residents.

The developers, Mason-Dixon

Country Club, Inc., requested a special exception to allow a 150-room hotel, instead of a 20-room hotel which would be permitted under current zoning.

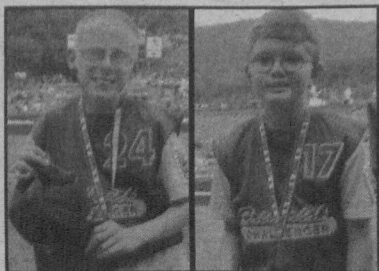
Mason-Dixon representatives are also asking for an exception to permit water wells, delivery systems and a treatment facility in the commercial area of the site; and an exception for a water treatment facility to service the residential areas.

The hotel site, combined with stand-alone office and retail buildings, comprises a 35.2 acre-parcel bounded by Route 15, Emmitsburg Road, Shorbs Mill Road and Middle Creek. The total project is anticipated to be 1,179 houses, with 1,118 requiring conditional use approval by Freedom Township. In addition, there would be six homes in Maryland and another 55 in Freedom Township.

Michael R. Snyder, senior

vice president of Dewberry, a land design and survey division, told the hearing board that Mason-Dixon would like to build a three-story hotel that could exceed 40 feet in height. Dewberry is a planning, and engineering firm headquartered in Fairfax, Va., with Maryland offices in Gaithersburg, Lanham and Baltimore.

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### Two local boys play ball at Little League World Series

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### Mason-Dixon Country Club development rejuvenated in Freedom Township, Pa.

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## Annual Community Show to Honor 50th Anniversary of Emmitsburg Little League and Thurmont Elementary PTA

The 49<sup>th</sup> annual Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show will be held Sept. 9-11 at Catoctin High School. On Friday night the show committee will honor the 50th anniversary of the Emmitsburg Little League and the 50th anniversary of the Thurmont Elementary School PTA. The program begins at 7 p.m. in the Catoctin High School auditorium.

Honored from the Emmitsburg Little League will be Mary Topper,

Lisa Krom, Bill Wivell, Austin Umbel, Jack Topper, Jeff Topper, Brian Topper and Ben Andrew.

To be honored from Thurmont Elementary School PTA are Roy Clever, Jody Eyler, Becky Kerr, Bonnie Strine, Jean Styers, Meade Eyler, Alice Stambaugh, Betty Willard, Jane Nolan, June Glisan, Gloria Angleberger, Betty Zentz and Becky Wastler.

The three-day Community Show features a baked goods

auction on Friday night, the beef, sheep and swine show, petting zoo, pet show and old photo and beekeeping exhibits on Saturday, and the goat show, horseshoe

pitching and log sawing on Sunday. Prizes for best in categories including canning, pickles, crafts, horticulture and livestock categories will be awarded.

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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.

## Double standard to judge visionary

The Aug. 18 letter to the Dispatch, written by 12 local priests and a religious sister, is flawed in at least six ways. It only intensifies the confusion of those interested in the visionary, Gianna Talone-Sullivan. Here is one grievous error:

They acknowledge "the good work done by the Mission of Mercy, which is headed by some of the same people who promote the alleged messages," and then allege, "it is necessary to make an intellectual distinction between the two works."

The distinction is real, but it is the opposite of necessary! It must be

ignored when evaluating a visionary, or anyone. These writers, more than any, should know that a person's works help reveal her/his character.

The good works of Gianna and of those who believe her – and the total lack of any bad works by her or them – say much about who she is. They undermine any thought she is lying, mistaken, or deceived.

Of course, her good works do not prove she receives messages from heaven. Even miracles would not prove that. But the facts do prove that Gianna is a good person, and telling the truth when she reports her visions and messages.

The letter-writers, nevertheless tell us not to let Gianna's good works influence our thoughts about her.

Would they say the same thing if Gianna sold fake jewelry at prayer meetings? or if her followers worshiped demons? Certainly not. They would justly associate those bad actions with her claims.

So, they unjustly deny the association of her good actions with her claims. A striking example of a double standard – presented by priests and a sister!

Jesus says, (Matt. 7:18, 20) "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a rotten tree bear good fruit ... So by their fruits you will know them."

-William Steo  
Emmitsburg

Worries about  
'McCarthy-esque atmosphere'

I would like to clarify some facts regarding my recent resignations. I do not fear an ethics investigation, per se. However, I do not relish the idea of being investigated by a committee that I have publicly railed against for the poor quality of their most recent investigation. I also do not expect that Mr. Mazaleski is interested in filing an ethics complaint.

My point was that, during that meeting, I was struck by the fact that by holding these positions I was laying myself and my family wide open to an

investigation by a committee that I had no faith would do the right thing. This should by no means discourage others from volunteering. Had I not spoken against the committee's report, had I not supported certain candidates, had I not been a member of COPE, then I would not be worried about repercussions. I regret doing none of those things – but under the current McCarthy-esque atmosphere – I feel it best to step aside and let someone else fill these positions.

-Sabrina Paxton-Daily  
Emmitsburg

## Clarification about 'Our Lady of Emmitsburg' Picture

I was disappointed to see my words about my husband's picture, "Our Lady of Emmitsburg," watered down in the August 4, 2005 edition of The Dispatch.

If I had been asked about my statement that in the Catholic Church it can be a sin against the First Commandment to promote or honor alleged private revelations for which one does not have certitude or proof, I would have explained that was not something I just dreamed up, but that both Peter and I were dismayed to learn this from Father Benedict J. Groeschel, C.F.R., the beloved priest and scholar. It was Father Groeschel's words on tape and in his book, "A Still Small Voice," that absolutely stunned Peter and me into realizing

how careful one must be about private revelations.

Gianna Sullivan has agreed to honor my prohibition against using the picture (in a April 19, 2001 letter). Nor is the prohibition "at this time," words that crept into the newspapers words. The Church follows the Holy Spirit and knows things we do not know. Cardinal Ratzinger, now our pope, has addressed these private revelations. I believe we will not see any change in the Church's reservations about this.

To repeat what I said, I am not permitting anyone to copy the picture because in the Catholic Church it can be a sin against the First Commandment to promote or honor alleged private revelations for which one does not have

certitude or proof, and the Church has given warnings about alleged Our Lady of Emmitsburg private revelations.

Instead of our getting upset, splitting into factions, and being deterred from the true battles, those against Satan and the world's evil, let us all be calm as Father Groeschel says, love and follow Jesus, pray many rosaries to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and whenever we can, let us go before the Holy Eucharist and receive Our Lord, to arm ourselves for the real fight, not a fight with each other. Quarrels among ourselves are not what Our Lady wants.

-Elizabeth A. (Betty) Bianchi  
Greenbelt, Md.

## 'By their fruits you shall know them'

Recently, six messages from Our Blessed Mother given to Gianna Sullivan appeared in this newspaper. Gianna is a child of God, always was and always will be. These messages are important because they tell us again about how to respond to the large number of people soon to come to Emmitsburg looking for hope and assistance.

Gianna wears a number of hats. She is a devoted wife, mother, foundress of Mission of Mercy, Doctor of Pharmacology, visionary and friend to all. Many prophecies revealed to Gianna have already taken place. Just to mention one, millions upon millions of dead fish are washing up on shores around the U.S. and the world. ... Oceanographers are dismayed and puzzled, yet the Blessed Mother

told Gianna this prophecy several years ago.

Whether you believe in her prophecies or not, what's more important is her limitless work with Mission of Mercy. Together with hundreds of dedicated volunteers in three states (Maryland, Pennsylvania and Arizona), Mission of Mercy, under the medical leadership of Dr. Michael Sullivan, Gianna's husband, has provided medical and dental services to over 52,000 patients, and dispensed over 250,000 prescriptions, free of charge.


Mission of Mercy, under the watchful eye of God, Himself, together with the support of our Blessed Mother, continues to expand to help the unemployed or those with no insurance. Receiving

no federal funding whatsoever, relying solely on donations from generous benefactors, Mission of Mercy brings dignity and hope to those in dire medical and dental need.

Citizens of Emmitsburg, I must ask you a rhetorical question: if this inestimable service to the poor were not inspired and protected by God, do you think it would still be in existence today, considering the unending demands placed on Mission of Mercy service providers?

"By their fruits you shall know them." (Matthew 26:31-45) In the end, we will all be judged on how we served Jesus in the disguise of the poor.

-Tom Miller  
Carroll Valley



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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.

September 1, 1905

### Personals

Miss May Kerrigan, of Baltimore, who was visiting her parents, in this place, has returned to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. August Reuter and family, of Baltimore, who were visiting Mr. and Mrs. P.F., Burket, have returned home.

Mr. Richard Zacharias spent last Sunday in Waynesboro, Pa.

Mr. Pfeiffer and wife, of Baltimore, who were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hoke, have returned home.

Mrs. Jennie Ott and daughter, Miss Alma, have returned to their home in Baltimore after spending a week with Mrs. Howard M. Rowe.

Miss Mary Lemen, of Williamsport, was the guest of Mrs. A.E. Horner.

Mr. O.A. Horner is visiting friends in Williamsport.

Mrs. Christian Frey, of Centennial Street, Fairfield, showed your correspondent one of the nicest flowers in that town. It is a night blooming *Serius* 4 feet high and has but one flower. The bulb is now open. It blooms until 12 o'clock. The flower gets as large as a plate and is very fragrant. It only opens once then closes up and hangs down, like silk. The blossom is as white as snow. It is very pretty. 150 people came to see the flower. Mrs. Frey takes a delight in having nice flowers.

Mr. Emert Hartzel is now living on McGinly's hill outside Fairfield. They have put a nice house there for him. He will certainly get all the fresh air that is going. Mr. Hartzel is very weak.

Mr. Christian Musselman, of near Fairfield, raised a good crop of potatoes off a piece of ground 106 by 105 feet. He raised 143 bushels. Who can beat that? Some of the potatoes weighed 1½ lb.

### Lost and Won

On last Saturday the Emmitsburg Baseball Team played the Monterey team on the grounds of the latter team and were badly beaten by the mountain players. The score was 14 to 4 in favor of Monterey.

On Tuesday the Thurmont and Emmitsburg teams played a game of ball in this place. The game was hotly contested from start to finish and was won by the Emmitsburg boys, the score being 4 to 0. The feature of the game was the pitching of Rowe, who struck out 14 men, and allowing only two hits. Winning batters - Rowe and Sebold. Losing batters - Smith and Wilhide.

A very interesting game of ball was played in this place yesterday afternoon, between the Gettysburg and Emmitsburg teams. The game was won by the Emmitsburg team, the score being 13 to 4.

### Lend a Hand or give a Dollar

By this time the community is aware of the wonderful improvement being made on Foller's Hill, but it is doubtful if the public generally appreciates the obstacles that had to be and still have to be overcome before the road is properly completed. It is true the County appropriated small sum for the work, but his sum, though judiciously expended, has been far insufficient to complete the grading as it should be done, and many citizens of Emmitsburg, as well as many good farmers who use the road often, have generously stepped into the breach and lent a hand, or a team, or given a dollar (often two) towards this cause which should elicit hearty response from ever person in the town and every farmer throughout the adjacent country. A selfish motive should certainly not influence anyone in considering the matter (though from a purely selfish standpoint it would obviously be a good investment to subscribe something, thereby saving wear and tear on horses and vehicles, if nothing else.) for in the long run Foller's Hill is used by all and the benefit arising from the improvement will be shared by the public at large. The good people of this community shirk nothing that is beneficial to Emmitsburg and its interests, and it is fair to assume that in this instance they will continue to respond to the modest appeal for a hand, a team or that they will give a dollar.



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Dewberry land developer Michael Snyder, PE points out details of a proposed 150-room hotel to about 60 attendees at a special exceptions hearing in Freedom Township office on Aug. 18. The hearing will continue Sept. 8 at 7:00 p.m.

## Development

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Current Freedom Township zoning permits a 40-foot high structure. Snyder said a portion of a proposed peaked roof on the hotel could realistically add an additional six feet beyond that limit.

The hotel site is located within the township commercial corridor, with main access off Shorbs Mill Road. Mason-Dixon estimates that the intersection of Shorbs with Emmitsburg Road lies about 1,000

feet east of the Route 15 interchange.

A 75-seat restaurant might also be included within the hotel complex. In addition, there would be "retail, offices and other commercial uses permitted by right," according to Snyder. The plans also call for 220 parking spaces for hotel and restaurant guests, and staff for both facilities.

Several residents questioned the impact of traffic on Shorbs Mill Road south of Middle Creek beyond the location of the proposed commercial complex. Snyder said concerns relating to that and other traffic issues

would be addressed at a continued hearing.

The Aug. 18 hearing only allowed enough time to review the hotel issues. The water-related infrastructures request will be reviewed during a continuance hearing scheduled for Sept. 8, 7 p.m., at the Freedom Township office.

*Editor's Note: See related story, "Mason-Dixon Country Club-Development effort to build two 18-hole golf courses and 1,179 houses rejuvenated in Freedom Township" on page 10 in this issue of The Emmitsburg Dispatch.*

## County/Mount horse park not on 'short list'

BY RICHARD D.L. FUTON  
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Frederick County's nomination of property owned primarily by Mount Saint Mary's for a state-sanctioned horse park has lost out to proposals from Cecil County and the City of Annapolis.

The Maryland Stadium Authority announced in an Aug. 23 press release that it had shortened the list of six nominations to two finalists, Cecil and Annapolis, because they offered, "unique attributes that would make the proposed horse park a success."

### Authority says final two offered best options

The authority site selection committee plans to make a final selection by mid-September, with conceptual plans, cost study and economic impact study of the selected site to be completed in November.

According to the stadium authority, Cecil County and Annapolis were specifically selected because the two municipalities offered:

- The terrain and configuration suitable for all of the proposed equestrian uses;
- Greater than 500 contiguous acres;
- Resourceful utilization of existing public lands;
- Adequate number of nearby hotels and restaurants;
- Maximization of rural environment experience.

The Cecil County horse park proposal includes a portion of the 5,613-acre Fair Hill natural resource management area located near I-95 between Baltimore and Philadelphia.

The City of Annapolis proposal includes a combination of the 1,032-acre, state-owned Crownsville Hospital site, the 56-acre, state-owned Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds, the 654-acre, Annapolis-owned Waterworks Park, and the 875-acre Naval Academy dairy farm.

### 'We didn't get it, but we tried'

Colby Ferguson, business development specialist with the Frederick County Office of Economic Development, was disappointed at the authority's selections, but not surprised.

Ferguson told *The Dispatch* he felt the authority was probably eying the public land nominations from the start. "I think when it all came about, they didn't want to handcuff themselves by not getting enough (proposals) in. But I think from the get-go they focused on public property. They had six (nominations), of which four were privately owned and two publicly owned."

Ferguson said he believed the authority further balked at entering into a private partnership which had been suggested in relation to the Mount Saint Mary's site. "They (the stadium authority) talked about the unknown of the private partnership," he said.

"I think the reason for questioning private partnerships is

they weren't positive the park was going to be a profitable park, but was looking for it to be a self-sustaining, breakeven project (intended) as an economic boost to adjacent businesses," he said.

Ferguson and other county staff met with the stadium authority on Aug. 22 to make a final presentation on the Mount nomination. "We gave a great presentation ... We didn't get it, but we tried," he said.

County Commissioner Jan Gardner agreed that the county and its staff made an exemplary effort in promoting the county's nomination. "I think Colby should be commended. Everybody involved in the proposal did a good job," she told *The Dispatch*.

"We're all disappointed, but not surprised. They went with publicly owned land. I thought we put our best foot forward. I still think we had an excellent application and a wonderful site," Gardner said.

In response to the stadium authority's decision, Mount St. Mary's University President Thomas H. Powell said, "While we are disappointed that Frederick County is no longer in the running for the Maryland Horse Park, I am thankful we were able to play a role in the process."

"The good news is, we were able to showcase our university and, more importantly, Frederick County, to state officials and give them a sense of what we have to offer the state of Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic Region," Powell told *The Dispatch*.

# TOWN NEWS

## Emmitsburg multi-purpose trails

BY MASHA PERSANOVA  
Contributing Writer

The proposal to develop a multi-purpose trail system in Emmitsburg was put forward at the Aug. 15 town meeting by Emmitsburg Commissioner Glenn Blanchard. He envisions a recreational trail system usable for mountain biking, hiking, and horseback riding. Blanchard said that over 1000 acres of picturesque land just outside Emmitsburg would be ideal for mountain bikers and other outdoor enthusiasts, especially since the land is currently undeveloped and is complemented by the beautiful Rainbow Lake.

Blanchard thinks his fellow commissioners will most likely support his project. He hopes trail construction will start in spring of 2006. It is difficult to say now how many miles of the trails will be built and, therefore, the total costs are also unknown at this time. Although the trails will be open to the public, there will be restrictions: no motorized vehicles and no hunting.

The non-profit organization, MORE (Mid-Atlantic off Road Enthusiasts), helps to develop bicycle trails around Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., and has been invited to design

and build the Emmitsburg trails. According to MORE's Maryland Advocacy Director, Austin Steo, mountain biking is booming in Maryland. Biking trails were built in 24 different parks and just this past year new trails have appeared at Schaefer Farms, Patapsco and Fairland in Maryland. "The recreational trails program will help to raise money for the Emmitsburg trail," Steo said.

Tim O'Donnell, a member of the town's Parks and Recreation Committee, is helping with the proposal and currently preparing a presentation for the upcoming town meeting. Still in the works is a resource management plan, to be completed with the help of professional naturalists and biologists. According to O'Donnell, this plan will evaluate the land in question and will help determine an appropriate alignment for the multi-user trail. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has recently advised trail planners on how to begin this part of the process. Planners are also working to create accurate maps to locate boundaries precisely. With a map in place, a formal evaluation of the land in question can occur. The map and subsequent resource management plan may be completed by late fall.

O'Donnell said that a strong volunteer base is ready to help with the project, mostly MOOR volunteers, Catocin High School students, and his own students from Montgomery County where he teaches history. Additional volunteers are welcome.

Cynthia Ecker, manager of Gambrill and Cunningham Falls State Parks, told *The Dispatch* that similar trails in Gambrill State Park are extremely popular with all age groups year round. The only time the trails should not be used is during rainy days, when vehicles can cause the trails to erode. Ecker agrees that it is a very good idea for Emmitsburg to have such trails as long as they are built with resource planning in mind. It's necessary to make sure that there will be no harm to endangered species in the area.

Ecker believes the trails could be very popular among local residents and a great exercise challenge for Mount St. Mary's students. They would also provide a convenient change of pace from visiting the trails at the nearby state parks. Thomas H. Powell, President of Mount St. Mary's University, has already issued a letter of support for the project.

charged any candidate for a permit to display them.

JenniferJoy(zoningtechnician) said they are not treated the same as temporary signs. "That's their (ACLU) interpretation. That's not my interpretation. We have never required a permit for political signs, and have never charged (a fee) throughout the history of this office. History shows we have not interpreted the code that way."

Town Attorney John R. Clapp told the ACLU in a letter dated Aug. 10, "I have been informed by the town that efforts will be made to review and revise the sign ordinance to address the constitutional concerns which you have raised ... prior to the beginning of next year (2006)."

### A sign of the times

In an Aug. 16 press release in which the ACLU declared Emmitsburg's sign code "unconstitutional," Griffiths commented, "The right to express your views on the political issues of the day is at the heart of what the first amendment seeks to protect."

On February 28, Amy Naill, town code enforcement person, issued a statement to Craig noting the limitations placed on election campaign signs in the community. On March 5, Craig sent a letter to Mayor James E. Hoover indicating he proposed to erect a three-foot by eight-foot banner (exceeding size limitations by code) at 701 East Main Street and at 124 South Seton Avenue.

Craig further told the town that if he were not permitted to put up the campaign banners, he would have "no alternative except legal action against this un-American and unconstitutional provision abridging my civil right."

Although the town then decided not to enforce any political sign restrictions going into the election, Craig still field a complaint with the ACLU.

Craig finished last in the ensuing election, with 101 votes, in his bid for a commissioner seat.

## ACLU

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of his interpretation of the town sign ordinance as constitutionally problematic: "The town code classifies political advocacy signs as a category of temporary sign ... (which) restricts their size to no larger than three square feet and their ... placement to 60 days before and election and 30 days after ... (and) ... requires a permit for all temporary signs."

"While the town may impose reasonable time, place and manner restrictions on speech, including the postings of signs, the current

regulations burden political speech more than allowable under the constitution," Griffith noted.

The attorney told *The Dispatch* that much of the problem lies with the fact that the town's sign code addresses content (citing restrictions applicable only to political signs). "Content-based restrictions have to clear a much higher hurdle to be constitutional. It's very difficult to come up with a compelling reason to discriminate based on content," he said.

### Code unclear about temporary signs

The sign code, under a

heading, "Temporary signs in all zones," states, "Political advocacy signs shall not be larger than three square feet and may be placed sixty days prior to an election and must be removed within thirty days following the election."

The code also requires that temporary signs have a permit, according to a chart located prior to section discussing political signs.

However, town staff told *The Dispatch* that, while size restrictions for political signs and the direction for displaying them have been followed, the town did not interpret the code to mean that political signs fell into the temporary sign category, and never

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## Ethics expenses nearing \$20,000, with more possible

BY RICHARD D.L. FUTON  
News Editor

Emmitsburg has spent over \$20,000 to date in conjunction with an ethics investigation into alleged misconduct of two commissioners, and the number could go higher if the issue goes to court.

The ethics commission report released in April stated that both commissioners William B. O'Neil, Jr. and Arthur Elder had violated town ethics regulations. Although the findings were released April 18, expenses associated with the investigation, triggered by a complaint filed in Oct. 2004, continue to grow.

### Attorney and staff expenses

The total cost of the ethics investigation in tax dollars expended on attorneys' fees and staff time, through the end of June 2005, has been \$19,085. Town Treasurer and Commissioner Elder recently stated at a town meeting that expenses had exceeded \$20,000.

Town Attorney John R. Clapp has billed the town for \$1,920 from June 10, 2004, through June 30, 2005, which does not include work done for the town after that date relating to the concluded ethics investigation.

Ethics commission Attorney Harry deMoll has billed the town for \$14,605 from December 22, 2004, through June 24, 2005, which also does not include costs for services after June.

In addition, Town Manager David Haller had estimated in January that the cost of town staff time in conjunction with the investigation was approximately \$2,560, which, according to town spokesperson Patricia Feeser, has not significantly increased since then.

(See related story, "Ethics expenses approaching \$9,000" in the April 7, 2005, issue of *The Dispatch*.)

### Recent expenses not included

Work performed by attorneys Clapp and deMoll from July 1, 2005 to date are not included in the currently available tabulations.

For example, both attorneys rendered opinions regarding O'Neil and Elder's recent attempts to have legal fees, connected to the investigation, paid. Clapp attended a special town meeting on Aug. 8 in which O'Neil and Elder wanted the board to override a mayoral veto that had denied them payment of their legal fees.

Not included is any reimbursement for legal representation for complainants, witnesses and the subjects of the ethics investigation, should any be paid; nor any expenses that might result from any legal action in the aftermath of the investigation.

Town staff members have not accepted any payment to date from the town for attorney fees they accrued as a result of being called to testify before the ethics

commission.

However, O'Neil and Elder have unsuccessfully attempted to recoup a combined amount of nearly \$7,000 allegedly spent during the investigation and in the wake of its findings.

O'Neil's attorney, Rosemary McDermott, has submitted a bill for \$4,327, a 25 percent discount to the town from her full fee of \$5,827. Elder requested \$2,600 to cover charges from the law office of Attorney Leslie A. Powell.

### Final tab unknown

The full cost of the ethics investigation to Emmitsburg taxpayers may not be determined for some time.

On two occasions, O'Neil has threatened the town with court action, the latest resulting from the board of commissioners' failure to overturn a mayoral veto denying him and Elder payment of their alleged legal expenses.

Asked (via e-mail) if and when he intended to follow through with filing for court action, O'Neil responded, "All in due time."

In addition, Mayor James E. Hoover has suggested that an outside entity or agency review the circumstances involved in McDermott and O'Neil's efforts to seek payment of legal fees from the town.

(See related story, "Effort to seek legal fees questioned" in the Aug. 18, 2005 issue of *The Dispatch*.)

## State implements traffic improvements at square

The state will be activating a camera-controlled traffic flow system possibly as early as next week, according to a Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) employee.

Nourollah Alidoosti, an SHA inspector with the Office of Traffic & Safety, told *The Dispatch* that cameras will detect vehicles coming to a stop at the intersection, and will signal a computer to change the light within a specified waiting period.

Additionally, new traffic lights (shrouded in photo) will include turning arrows to facilitate turning

right or left off Seton onto either East or West Main Street.

Improved crosswalk signals will also be installed, according to Alidoosti. He said the SHA will test the new traffic flow system next week and will likely activate it soon after.

In the near future, the inspector said, the sidewalk on the east side of South Seton at the intersection will be torn up. A phone line will be laid so that SHA will be able to communicate remotely with the computer system, and the sidewalk will be replaced. — *Dispatch staff*

### A Word from the Mayor

## Emmitsburg offers lots for kids and teens

Summer is at an end and the children have returned to school. I hope that you and your families were able to take advantage of the summer activities here in town. The concerts in the park and farmers' market had a steady group in attendance. The pool parties were an added activity this summer. I am happy to say the family pool parties were well attended.

Having a swimming pool requires a lot of maintenance. Over \$60,000 was spent last year to keep the pool in usable condition. Unfortunately, we were not able to get the kiddie pool repaired this summer, but we plan to do so before next year's pool season begins. Quite a number of people have used the pool and we have seen a rise in memberships.

We also hosted a successful puppet show last month, and were also very fortunate to have Frederick County Parks and Recreation in Emmitsburg offering a variety of activities for the children.

I am currently working on a plan to host a family movie night in the park, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 30. Watch for ads in *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, Cable Channel 10 and posted on the Town bulletin board on Main Street.

I am often asked what is there for kids to do in Emmitsburg. I hope these activities piqued some interest. Please do not forget that the town, with Deputy Moxley's assistance, sponsors a rocket club that normally meets on Fridays. A civil air patrol group meets at the ambulance building, and there are also junior

memberships at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company and at The Vigilant Hose Fire Company. Hopefully some of you have taken the time to enjoy the coffee house at Elias Lutheran Church sponsored by its youth group. I understand they have had some good entertainment.

There are many other groups in the area such as 4H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, FFA. St. Catherine's has a long list of volunteer needs, like reading to a resident, helping polish fingernails or playing board games with a resident. I personally volunteer there every month.

We in Emmitsburg are also very fortunate to have such a great town library. I hope their young filmmakers group is going well! I would like to take a moment to thank people like Mrs. Ruth Richardson who worked with the library to teach a number of young women to knit. Some of them will be entering things they made in the Frederick Fair in the 4H building.

Another asset to the town has been the Creative Kids Academy. They put on some great plays last season, and offer many other activities for the children.

This is only a sampling of activities going on around town. I apologize if I did not mention your program by name. There are a lot of good people providing entertainment and activities for the children and teens of Emmitsburg and I thank them for all they do. Now it's time to get the kids off the computers and away from the TV to take part in them!

—Jim Hoover  
Mayor of Emmitsburg

## REGIONAL NEWS

## Town to seek grant money for Eyler Road Park

BY MASHA PERSANOVA  
Contributing Writer

THURMONT - Eyler Road Park in Thurmont may receive much-needed parking, if a grant proposal is successful.

Thurmont commissioners unanimously accepted the offer by James Castle, owner of Castle Consulting in Frederick, to write a proposal seeking grant funding from Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for improving Eyler Road Park. The idea was accepted during the Aug. 23 town meeting. The park is located on 32 acres of well-maintained grounds on Eyler Road on the north end of Thurmont with the Catocin Mountains as a scenic backdrop. Castle's proposal would fund a paved parking area for the park, which lacks appropriate

parking at present. The parking lot should be planned for at least 225 vehicles, Clerk-Treasurer Richard K. May told *The Dispatch*.

Castle started working on the project Aug. 24. He hopes to finish and submit the application by Sept. 2. DNR is expected to respond within approximately in 3-4 months. Castle has been a consultant for about six years and previously was a council member of the City of Brunswick. While working in Brunswick, he successfully applied for many grants for the city park and roads.

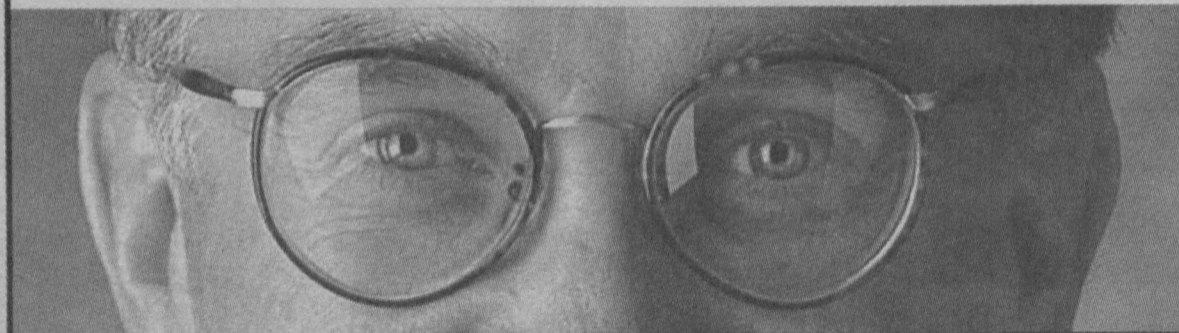
For writing the grant, Castle will receive \$300. All members of the board agreed that this fee is reasonable for this important work and appreciate what Castle is willing to do for the town. The state of Maryland has about five million dollars available for park grant projects. The town can apply

for one grant per year.

Wayne Hooper, Thurmont Parks and Recreation Commissioner, said in an interview that Thurmont parks need a lot of work, and that Eyler Road Park is number one on the agenda. There is a 1990s Thurmont parks master plan, and some of its goals are still in the works. Hooper hopes this grant will be one more important step toward the realization of the plan. In addition to building paved parking areas for Eyler Road Park, eventually there will be an outdoor theater, tennis courts, and an improved playground area.

Thurmont Mayor Martin Burns said that Castle has a lot of knowledge about grant writing, and Burns is hopeful the consultant's previous success in the city of Brunswick will repeat itself for the benefit of Thurmont parks.

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## Regional News Briefs ...

## Fairfield amends animal ordinance

FAIRFIELD, Pa. — The Borough council amended a pending animal control ordinance Aug. 23 to provide an exemption for owners of properties five acres or larger.

Borough Attorney Matthew R. Battersby noted that community comments prompted the decision. Existing animals within the community would be exempt from certain provisions of the ordinance, Battersby added.

In addition to how animals must be kept, provisions also deal with animal excretion on property other than the owner's and establish penalties for noncompliance.

The borough council will consider the amended ordinance for adoption at their Sept. 27 meeting.

## Zoning board to render decision on Empire Homes

FAIRFIELD, Pa. — The zoning hearing board will release its decision the morning of Sept. 7 on a portion of a 490-home development located in the borough, according to Zoning Officer Robert K. Fortenbaugh.

The proposed Empire Homes development, "McGinley's Choice," would span Fairfield Borough and Hamiltonban Township, and would include 143 homes within Fairfield's boundaries.

The zoning board heard Empire's requests for variances to reduce yard frontage and side yard widths. The board is also expected to rule on whether the development should be considered as one or two separate proposals for review purposes.

Empire Homes is seeking to qualify for "village development" status, which would grant the developer a density bonus.

## Planning board ready to make recommendations on Wormald

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, Pa. — The Wormald Companies may select one of five developments proposed for Liberty Township to run through the entire review process to help determine town requirements for the remaining four as they work their way through the system.

The township planning commission is preparing to recommend to the supervisors that four of the five development proposals be put on hold by granting the developers a 120-day extension on their town review.

## Wormald's 'PRD' down but not out

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, Pa. — The Wormald Companies is continuing in its negotiations with Liberty Township regarding a previously rejected residential development of more than 1,000 homes.

The Liberty Township Board of Supervisors rejected Wormald's "Liberty Valley" development proposal on March 16, 2004, triggering a legal skirmish that led to allegations of conflict of interest and to seeking a court-approved right to enter new evidence in support of the development application.

Wormald had proposed a planned residential development (PRD). The supervisors rejected the idea in 2004 because they felt the township zoning ordinance had been mostly purged of references to PRDs. The developers are also pursuing a proposal for five developments basically as a back up to the Liberty Valley PRD plan.

## Fitzsimmons elected to borough council

CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. — Thomas Fitzsimmons has been appointed by a 4-2 vote council vote on Aug. 9 as the newest member of the Carroll Valley Borough Council.

The seat was vacated by Kristin Jones, who moved out of the area. The losing contender was George Fisanich, a former councilman. Fitzsimmons will serve out the balance of Jones' term until the fall general election which will fill that vacancy.

## Ordinance prohibits accessory buildings on adjoining lots

CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. — The borough council unanimously approved an ordinance at their Aug. 9 meeting prohibiting sheds and other accessory structures from being built on lots without a permitted primary use. If a property owner has an adjoining lot that doesn't contain a permitted primary use, no garage, shed or any accessory structure can be built on the adjoining land, unless the two lots are first merged.

## POLICE ACTIVITY

# Crime Stoppers helped nab thieves

By RICHARD D.L. FUTON  
News Editor

Four Fairfield juveniles face multiple charges as a result of allegedly stealing 17 hood ornaments from cars in the borough, according to the Carroll Valley Police Department.

Carroll Valley Patrolman Clifford Weikert said the department received the first call about a hood ornament theft in Fairfield on June 23. By the time the investigation concluded during the end of July, 17 additional cars had been hit by the then-unknown suspects, all within the Borough of Fairfield.

Weikert told *The Dispatch*, "We got information from the (Adams County) crime stoppers regarding who the suspects were and where the stolen stuff was located."

Adams County Crime Stoppers was established in 1993 and initially sponsored by the Gettysburg Adams County Chamber of Commerce. The group works with all Adams County law enforcement agencies.

At one point in the investigation, Weikert said police had seized more hood ornaments than had been reported missing. The officer said it took time (almost a month)

to find the owners of some of the recovered ornaments because a number of the victims had not even noticed they were missing, and had not filed a complaint.

The suspects, Weikert reported, were unrelated juveniles from Fairfield, ranging in age from 10 to 16. The four juveniles have been charged with theft, receiving stolen property, and criminal conspiracy. The Carroll Valley officer said the charges would be addressed in Adams County juvenile court.

Police said damages to the Fairfield vehicles amounted to approximately \$1,000.

# Reward offered in sheep killing incident

Three agricultural organizations along with property owners are offering a \$1,500 reward for information leading to the arrest of the individual or individuals responsible for the killing of two sheep on July 8 outside Thurmont.

The animals are believed to have been shot sometime between 3 and 6 p.m., and belonged to breeders Sherm and Beverly Pearsall, Apples Church Road, according to Frederick County Animal Control Division

Director Harold Domer.

The reward is being offered through the combined resources of the Frederick County Sheep Breeders Association, the Maryland Farm Bureau, the Maryland Small Farm Cooperative, and the Pearsalls.

Beverly Pearsall previously told *The Dispatch* that she "heard shots and a car heading off toward Thurmont" on the day of the incident, but thought nothing of it until her husband came home and

spotted one of the sheep dead in the field.

A second wounded sheep was found and subsequently euthanized because of its injuries. The two ewes were part of the Pearsall's breeding stock. One was a three-year old and the second animal was a yearling.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact the Frederick County Animal Control Division at 301-694-1544.

# Deputy to provide home safety inspections

Frederick County Sheriff's Office Deputy Roger Venzin is now certified in residential crime prevention and can conduct free home safety inspections for area residents.

The community deputy can inspect private dwellings, and provide the owner or owners with recommendations for improving security.

"I'll look at the house, outdoor lighting, the height of hedges which could block line-of-

sight, check locks and make any recommendations," Venzin said.

The service is generally available throughout Frederick County through the Sheriff's Office. Deputies will not do any of the work that might be recommended; follow-up is left to the homeowners.

Area residents can request a home crime safety inspection by contacting Deputy Venzin at 301-694-1805. Information from the inspections is confidential.

Venzin completed the 40-hour certification program, sponsored by the Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute of the Police and Correctional Training Commission, on June 16. He will attend training for commercial operations certification in September.

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# Stray and feral animals a challenge for shelters and pet owners

BY SUSAN ALLEN  
Staff Writer

Residents of Frederick and Adams counties may be aware of stray animals in their area but probably do not realize the magnitude of the problem. Frederick County Animal Control Officer Harold Domer states that half his budget is spent on capture and maintenance of strays, especially cats. Each year the county shelter faces "a tremendous intake increase" between April and October. They work closely with rescue groups, especially those for dogs, but they do put down unclaimed, unhealthy and feral animals.

There is no government-owned shelter in Adams County. The local chapter of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) operates a shelter which is also the dog control facility for Adams County. Their president, Nancy Wennford, states that they accept strays brought in by police officers, the state dog control officer, and individuals when space is available. They keep "adoptable" animals as long as there is room to house them (they currently house more than 100 cats.) They also humanely kill feral animals. The SPCA is funded primarily by voluntary contributions, plus limited funds

from some Adams County municipalities.

Domer, Wennford, and Emmitsburg veterinarian Hugh Matthews describe the problem as "tremendous...enormous... huge." Local humane societies are "overwhelmed by the sheer numbers of strays. Feral, unvaccinated, 'diseased' cats (are) coming in contact with our pet cats," says Matthews. Roaming cats kill large numbers of songbirds. Individuals who rescue strays are equally overwhelmed. Morally opposed to killing animals, they spay, neuter, vaccinate, and feed many cats and dogs at their own expense.

The Frederick County Humane Society offers free services for persons with limited income (301-694-8300). Adams County Prevent a Litter Society (ACPALS) offers financial assistance for spay/neuter surgeries (717-624-3408), as does Kitz & Kats Animal Foundation in Littlestown (717-630-5025). The limit is usually two pets per owner.

Current estimates of the U. S. population of feral animals range from 60-100 million.

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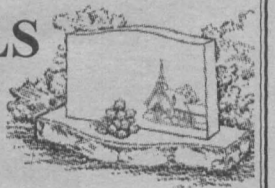
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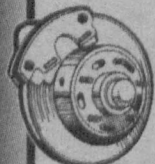
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## OBITUARIES

### Inez E. Gunn

Inez E. (Topper) Gunn, 85, died Aug. 3, 2005 at the Evergreens in Moorestown, N.J.

Mrs. Gunn was born in McSherrystown, Pa. and had been

a long-time resident of Delanco, N.J., before moving to Moorestown a short time ago.

Surviving are one daughter, Elaine Dimarino; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Faine M. Rodgers; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The Liturgy of Christian Burial was celebrated on Aug. 8 at St. Peter's Church, Riverside, N.J., with interment following in the church cemetery.

in new Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

### Mrs. Harriet Norris

Harriet S. Norris, 77, died July 22, 2005 at Houston Hospice in Houston, Texas. Harriet and her husband recently retired to Austin, Texas from Newton, N.J., where they lived for over 40 years.

Harriet was the fourth of six children born to Oscar and Frances Stinson of Emmitsburg, Md., on August 19, 1927.

She graduated from Emmitsburg High School and attended St. Joseph's College prior to marrying and starting her family.

Surviving are one daughter, Margaret (Midge) Norris; three sons, Frances (Kerry) Schultz, Tom Norris, and Frank Norris; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Anne Stinson, Frances Bittle, and Sue Lake.

A family memorial service and interment were held at St. Anthony's Shrine, Emmitsburg.

### Emily "Bunny" Brownly Shriner

Emily "Bunny" Brownly Shriner, 72, Gettysburg, died Aug. 1, 2005 at home. She was born May 30, 1933 in Glasgow, Scotland.

Surviving are three sons, William E. Rigby, Paul Rigby, and Ronald Rigby; two daughters, Kathy Sease and Elizabeth Dwyer; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one sister, Ann Brownly.

Memorial services were held Aug. 4 in the Peters Funeral Home, 321 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, with Father Michael A. Messaro officiating. Interment will be at the convenience of the family.

### Mr. Robert Herr

Mr. Robert James Herr Sr., 48, Irishtown Road, Fairfield, Pa., died Aug. 22, on U.S. 15 one-half mile south of Rt. 97, as a result of a dump truck accident.

Born Jan. 31, 1957, in Gettysburg, Pa., he was a son of Mary Jeffcoat Herr, of Biglerville, and the late Ray Herr, Sr.

Surviving is his companion, Kristie Bunnell; three sons, Robert J. Herr, Jr., Christopher Herr, and Travas Herr; three brothers, John Herr, Roy Herr, Ray Herr, Jr.; and four sisters, Joyce Harty, Pauline Stoltzfus, Ruth Gebhart, and Sharon Bower; and one stepbrother, Clyde Jeffcoat.

A memorial service was held Aug. 26 from the Skiles Funeral Home, 210 W. Main St., Emmitsburg, Md., with the Rev. Vincent J. O'Malley C.M. officiating. Inurnment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, Md.

### Mrs. Margaret Kelly

Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Shields Kelly, 88, North Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, died Aug. 5, 2005, at Saint Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg.

Born March 24, 1917, in Emmitsburg, she was the daughter of the late William and Annie Shorb Shields.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Ann Glass and Patricia Sweeney; one son, Tony Kelly, Sr.; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Regina Shields; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Margaret was a member of Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. She retired from Mount St. Mary's University after serving 40 years as a custodian.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 9 at Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with her Pastor, the Rev. Vincent J. O'Malley, C.M., as the celebrant. Interment was

### Harriet Stinson Norris Houston, Texas

Harriet S. Norris, 77, died on Friday, July 29, 2005 at Houston Hospice in Houston, Texas. Harriet and her husband recently retired to Austin, Texas from Newton, N.J. where they resided for over 40 years.

Harriet was the fourth of six children born to Oscar and Frances Stinson of Emmitsburg, Md., on August 19, 1927. She was a graduate of Emmitsburg High School and attended St. Joseph's College, prior to marrying and starting her family. Harriet was a real estate agent, collector of antiques, a member of the DAR, and served for seven terms as Jury Commissioner for the Supreme Court, State of New Jersey, County of Sussex; and a member of St. Joseph's RC Church, Newton, N.J.

Harriet was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Thomas J. Norris; her brother, Frank Stinson; and sister, Pat Gaiser of Little Rock, Ark.

Her sisters, Anne Stinson of Easton, Md., Frances Bittle of Gettysburg, Pa., and Sue Lake of Norristown, Pa., survive her. Her family includes four children, Margaret (Midge) Norris of Austin, Texas, Frances (Kerry) Schultz of Sparta, N.J., Tom Norris of Houston, Texas, and Frank Norris of Newton, N.J.; seven grandchildren; Evan Norris of College Station, Texas; Andrew Norris of San Diego, Calif.; Rachel and Hannah Norris of Houston, Texas; Katelyn and Ryan Norris of Newton, N.J.; and Thomas Schultz of Sparta, N.J.; and two great grandchildren, Kayleigh and Finn Norris of College Station, Texas.

A memorial Mass, interment and celebration will be held at St. Anthony's Shrine, Emmitsburg, Md. starting at 10a.m. on Saturday, September 24. All friends of the family are invited. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Houston Hospice, 8811 Gaylord #110, Houston TX 77024-2933 or Mass cards can be sent to 13301 Tichester Court, Austin TX 78729.

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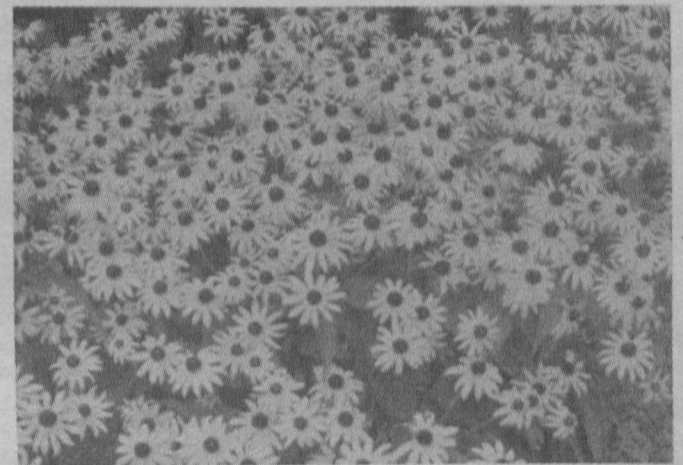
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# Mason-Dixon Country Club

Development effort to build two 18-hole golf courses and 1,179-houses rejuvenated in Freedom Township

BY RICHARD D.L. FUTON  
News Editor

If necessary approvals are granted, a 1,179-home development, two 18-hole private golf courses, retail offices and a new hotel could be built in Freedom Township, Pa., and Frederick County, Md., by the year 2025.

Mason-Dixon Country Club, a half-billion dollar project in the works since 1998, is undergoing special exception review before the Freedom Township Zoning Hearing Board. The developers need township special exception approval for several facets of the proposed project, and conditional use approval for land on which 1,118 of the homes would be sited. Six of the total number of homes would be built in Maryland, and the remainder would be in Pennsylvania, but would not require conditional use approval.

An initial hearing dealing primarily with the proposed hotel was held Aug. 18, with a continuance of the special exception packages related to the hotel and water treatment facilities scheduled for Sept. 8, at 7 p.m., in the township building.

*Editor's Note: See related front page story, "Exceptions sought for 1,179-house development," in this issue of The Emmitsburg Dispatch.*



## Development will span two states

Mason-Dixon Country Club, Inc. is owned by Caswell and Marie Holloway (Holloway Development Corporation) of Philadelphia. The couple are the corporation's sole shareholders, according to a company representative. The Holloways began purchasing land for the project around 1988, and began work on the development concept about ten years later, according to Thomas Wolf, a spokesman for the Holloway family.

According to Carroll "Duke" Martin, Mason-Dixon project manager, the Holloways have been involved in "dozens of real estate ventures in the last 40 years, including 450 units at Runnymede in Pennsylvania and the Mystic Shores, Gardens Plaza, 184-unit luxury condominiums in New Jersey." The Mason-Dixon development in Maryland, con-sisting of a portion of

the golf course and six estate homes, previously went through the Frederick County review process. But since the project did not move forward, it will likely have to go through the process again.

The total development consists of 867 acres, 692 acres in Pennsylvania, and 175 acres in Maryland. Included is a six-acre parcel on Marsh Creek to be used for a water pumping station.

The development will not be a gated community, according to Martin, and will be run by a homeowners association.

## Quest for water slowed progress

One of the chief reasons Wolf and Martin cited for slow progress on the development is the quest for water, not that there is a shortage.

In fact, while drilling for potable

water on the site, drillers hit a "mother lode," Wolf said, "a monster well that would supply all of Adams County." The aquifer is capable of turning out 400 gallons per minute.

But the state department of environmental protection (DEP) told the developers they could only use 150,000 gallons per-day (GPD) from the natural reservoir.

Wolf said, "We need 350,000 GPD. It was the need to find the other half, that's what has taken us years."

It appears that Marsh Creek may provide enough water to address the shortfall, with state DEP approval. "We could get some 290,000 GPD from Marsh Creek," Wolf stated, "but the DEP has not officially approved."

Using water from Marsh Creek would not affect the wells of any

homeowners, according to Wolf.

Martin added that the state allows withdrawals for consumption of up to ten percent of the creek's average lowest seven-day-flow rate, averaged out over a ten-year period.

## Water exceptions needed

Mason-Dixon is seeking special exceptions from Freedom Township to permit a treatment facility and delivery system in the commercial area of the site, as well as a water treatment facility in the low-density residential area.

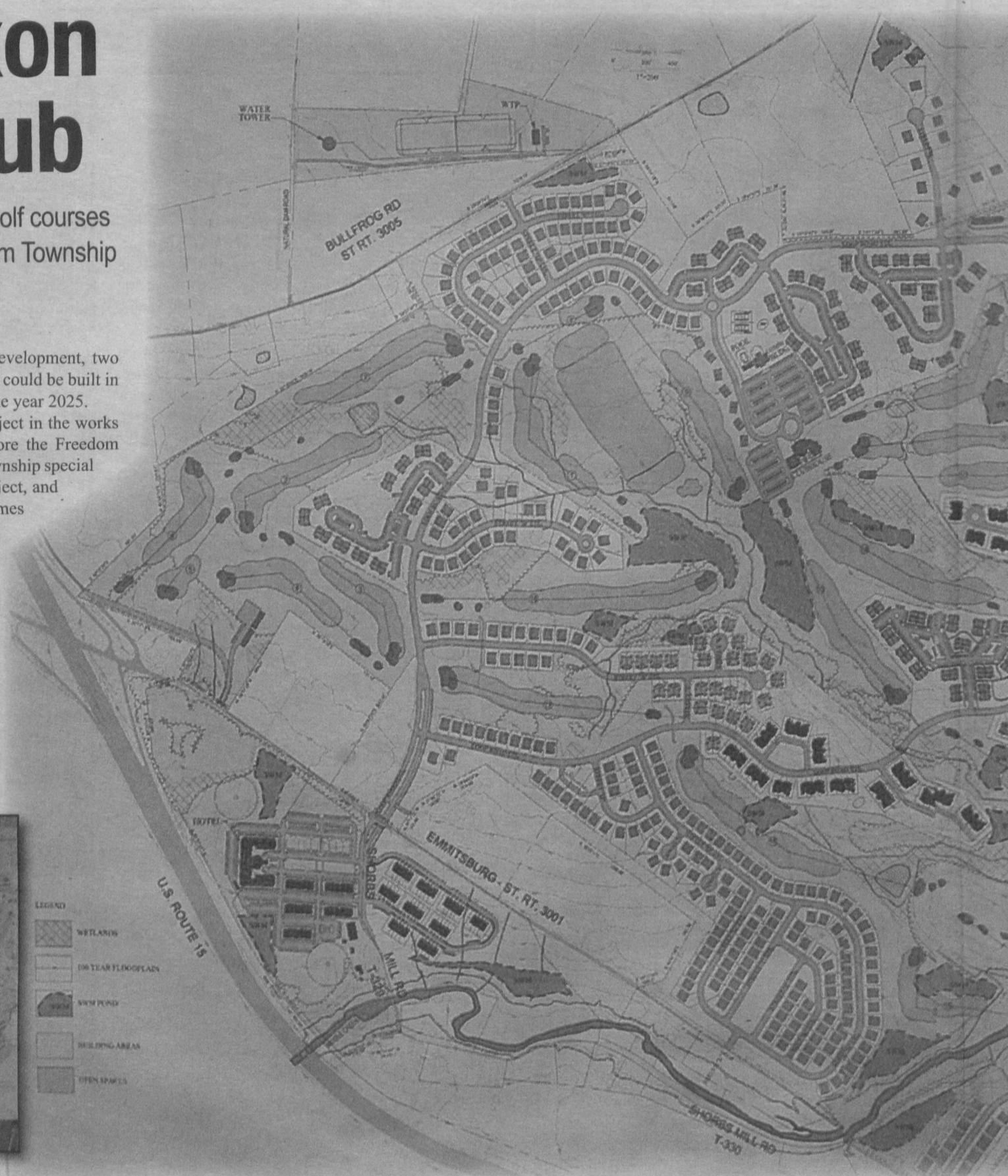
Surplus water will be stored in a 120-foot tall water tower capable of holding up to a million gallons of water, according to the plans. However, Martin said, the developers

are still "looking for an acceptable design" for the huge tank.

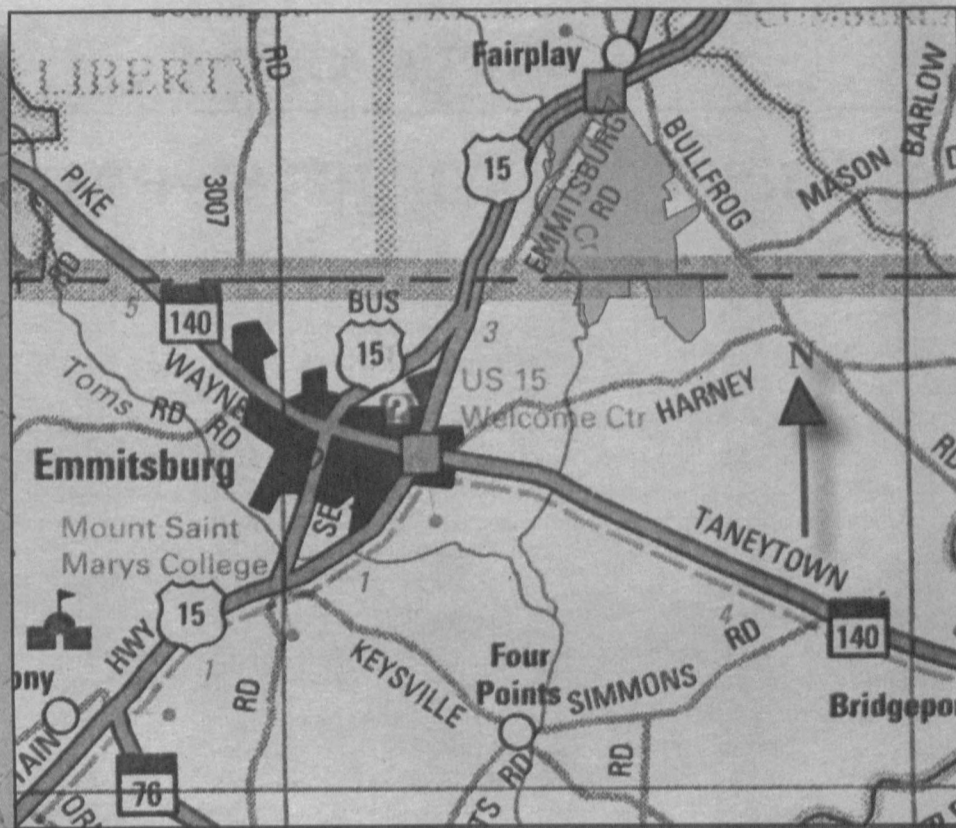
Mason-Dixon Attorney R. Timothy Weston told *The Dispatch* that portions of the water delivery system other than buildings, like the treatment plant, the proposed water storage tank, and probably the water delivery lines, would be regulated by the Pennsylvania Board of Public Utilities, and not the township.

## On-site wastewater treatment plans

Developers plan to treat and discharge effluent using one of two methods, and will request a dual discharge permit from state DEP. Martin said that one option would be to discharge treated wastewater into



Above, Conditional use plan for Mason-Dixon Country Club showing 1,118-housing units proposed in Freedom Township, Pa. corner on Shorbs Mill Rd. between U.S. Route 15 and Old Emmitsburg Rd. Far Left, Dewberry land developer Michael Snyder, exceptions hearing at Freedom Township's office on Aug. 18. The site map at top right shows the approximate size and location.



Emmitsburg, Pa. The proposed 150-room hotel is located in the lower left-hand corner. PE points out details of the plan to about 60 attendees at a special meeting. The location of the proposed development in relation to Emmitsburg.

holes of the golf course, surface water intake at Marsh Creek, continued work on water and sewer treatment and infrastructures, the clubhouse, community center and pool. Housing will include 62 single-family homes and 128 multi-family homes.

Phase III, to begin in spring 2009, will increase the sewage treatment capabilities, and include 60 single-family homes, 20 duplexes, 29 multiplexes, and 104 multi-family homes.

Phase IV, slated to begin in spring 2012, would include increasing water treatment capabilities, nine more golf holes, as well as 44 town houses, 49

single family homes, 24 multiplexes, and 96 multi-family homes.

Phase V, beginning spring 2015, would include 113 single-family homes and 56 multi-family units.

Phase VI, to begin spring 2018, would include 36 single-family homes and 128 multi-family units.

In addition to the 1,173 homes to be built in Pennsylvania, six homes would be built in Maryland, bringing the overall total to a potential 1,179.

Wolf told *The Dispatch* that, although plans call for a 15-year completion period, it might be "possibly 20 years before the project is built out."

**Phased development planned**

Once all the necessary special conditions and conditional use approvals are obtained, Mason-Dixon Country Club plans call for a six-phase build-out.

Phase I, to begin spring of 2006, would consist of the initial network of roads and the construction of two wells and the one-million-gallon water storage tank, related piping, and the initial phase of the sewage treatment plant. The first phase would also include 55 single-family homes, 50 duplexes, 47 multiplexes and 72 villas, a temporary clubhouse and the beginning of the 18-hole golf course.

Phase II, to begin in spring 2007, will begin the village center, nine

Marsh Creek. During drier weather, the effluent would be stored in holding tanks and used to irrigate the golf course greens.

Mason-Dixon would also work with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), Martin added, making sure that the discharge limits satisfy the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), even though Pennsylvania would issue the discharge permits. Martin said, "We haven't talked officially with Maryland yet."

Marsh Creek is considered part of the Monocacy Watershed. About 75 percent of the watershed lies in Maryland, with the remainder in Pennsylvania, according to The Monocacy Basin Stream Monitoring Project (MBSMP).

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**EDUCATION**

**Key Personnel Changes at Area Schools**

By SUSAN ALLEN  
Staff Writer

An old adage says there is always room at the top, and that certainly is the case in Catoclin area schools this year. There are new principals in five of seven schools and several new assistant principals as well. Retirement, promotions, transfers within Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS), and job moves outside the county prompted these changes.

Nowhere are these changes more evident than at **Thurmont Middle School (TMS)**, with three new top administrators. Principal Barbara Keiling succeeds Claire Kondig, who retired at the end of last school year.

Keiling was assistant principal at Ballenger Creek Middle School from 1998-2005. Her assistants, Jennifer Powell and Brian Vasquenza, have come from Gov. Thomas Johnson Middle School (TJMS) and Windsor Knolls Middle School (WKMS) respectively. Vasquenza was assistant principal at WKMS, Powell the Renzulli enrichment teacher at TJMS. Keiling says they have spent "5-6 weeks jelling as a team" this summer. Their primary focus is improving student achievement on the Maryland School Assessments. Keiling believes "the scores don't reflect the talent in the student body," and that TMS "can be the best middle school in the county."

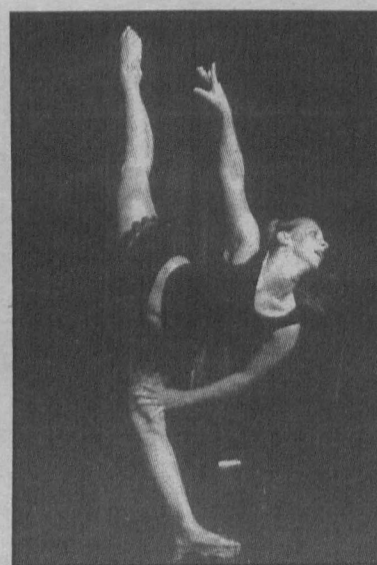
Jack Newkirk II is the new

principal at **Catoclin High School (CHS)**. He served three years as assistant principal of Gov. Thomas Johnson High School, and four years at Walkersville High. Newkirk grew up in Middletown, and likes the "community feel" of the Catoclin feeder group, and looks forward to working with the rest of the leadership team.

Kate Krietz has been promoted to principal of **Thurmont Elementary School (TES)**. She spent last year as assistant principal at Thurmont Primary School (TPS) and four prior years at Spring Ridge Elementary. Krietz knows the local schools well, having been a teacher at both Mother Seton School and Emmitsburg Elementary School. Her goals are to make sure that students' "transition from second grade [at TPS] to third [at TES] is successful," and that they become "strong, independent learners."

Replacing Krietz as assistant principal at TPS is Lura Hanks. She taught at Middletown Elementary and was the language arts teacher specialist for FCPS before coming to Thurmont. She is "excited to be meeting with the community, and working with the staff and faculty" at TPS. She hopes to help students "become strong readers and thinkers."

The most recent changes in area schools are the appointment of Karen Locke as **Sabillasville Elementary School (SES)** principal. Locke was formerly the assistant principal at Myersville Elementary School. Former SES principal, Kelly Benvengi, has been transferred to **Lewistown Elementary School** as principal. Benvengi taught at both Sabillasville and Emmitsburg schools, and served as Lewistown's acting principal before becoming principal at Sabillasville.



**Megan Adelsberger**

**Local teen gets dance scholarship**

By V. DIANN DEVART  
Contributing Writer

Megan Adelsberger's love for dancing started at a very young age, before she was even old enough for kindergarten.

"My mom told me that all I wanted for my birthday when I was 4 years old was to dance. She said I would run around saying 'Mom, I want to take dance lessons.'" Megan said.

Her birthday wish was granted and she started out taking

ballet and tap.

"Then it progressed into everything: jazz, lyrical, hip-hop," the 2005 Catoclin High School graduate said. The teen has been dancing competitively since she was 6 years old and has won countless awards and accolades for her talent.

While she alternates summers in New York City and Los Angeles for special dance seminars, Megan has enjoyed a consistent relationship with a local dance studio for most of her education.

"I've been studying at the same studio all along," Megan said.

She credits the studio, E. Lower-Sicilia Productions in Thurmont with a lot of what she has learned. But now it is time to move on and with the help of two scholarships from the Frederick County Community Foundation, Megan will be leaving Emmitsburg on Aug. 26 to study at the University of Arts in Philadelphia.

Megan received \$1,990 from the Catoclin High School Youth Fund and an additional \$500 from the Emmitsburg Area Fund.

Megan is very excited about her studies at the University of Arts and plans to follow the dance education track.

"I want to teach dance and choreograph," she said adding she has gained some experience over the last few years at her current studio instructing 5-8 year olds and middle schoolers.




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## "THE Personal TOUCH"

By Laura Frazier, M.Ed., director, graduate and non-traditional programs in education



Barbara Martin-Palmer, chair of the education department, recipient of the 2005 Outstanding Faculty Adviser Award for Pi Lambda Theta, the international honor society in education.

The first and lasting impression one receives of **Barbara Martin-Palmer**, the Mount's faculty adviser to Gamma Tau, an international honor society and professional association in education, is that of leadership by example, a meticulous kindness that permeates her dual roles as a faculty member and chapter adviser. In the classroom she is known for modeling the kind of teaching-by-example that she believes her students should take one day to the classroom; within the chapter, she is the ideal of a thorough and thoughtful administrator and mentor.

Dr. Martin-Palmer, appointed chair of the Mount's department of education in 2004, has been a member of the faculty since 1993. In the classroom she teaches her students how they one day will instill the love of reading in their own students. Her classroom teaching experience was developed previously in community college and high school. "Dr. Palmer communicates with me on level that no other professor does," explains one student. Other chapter members who have taken classes with her echo those comments. Within Gamma Tau Chapter she has been a steady presence since 1997—opening lines of communication, constantly checking on financial and administrative matters, keeping the name of Pi Lambda Theta in the forefront of the

department of education. A portion of her modest-size office is dedicated solely to PLT materials. She reports on chapter progress at faculty meetings and makes sure that the department newsletter mentions the chapter frequently. No task is too trivial for her. She assists the chapter treasurer with documenting receipts and check stubs and monitors the chapter's monthly bank statement. When funds were needed for Gamma Tau's 2004 Regional Conference presentation, she solicited the funding from her university contacts, rustled up the department camera to bring along, drove the participants to New York City, and then posted the photos on the PLT bulletin board she maintains on campus.

It is in the personal realm, however, where Dr. Martin-Palmer's approach has its greatest impact. She stays in touch with all chapter members, and she ensures leadership continuity by recruiting and maintaining a strong executive board. She kicks off each school year with a get-acquainted chapter picnic and annually holds a meeting in her home as well. Even after accepting the chairmanship of her department last year, she kept up her chapter duties, never missing a single meeting. In turn, her example has inspired young Thetans and demonstrated what they too might accomplish in their careers and with the association.

### Pi Lambda Theta Gamma Tau Chapter

Pi Lambda Theta is an international honor society and professional association in education recognizing scholarship and leadership in the field of education. The university's chapter, Gamma Tau, holds an initiation ceremony once each spring semester. Nomination for initiation is usually made by current members or professors during the fall semester. To be nominated, a candidate must have a GPA of at least 3.5 (after completing 12 credit hours) and professional leadership qualities.

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Look for the Mount in the August 29 edition of *U.S. News & World Report*, and in its "America's Best Colleges" publication.

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### Family Weekend

September 23-25

### Lecture "Promoting Civility, Building Community"

Wednesday, September 14

7:30 p.m., Knott Auditorium

Dr. P.M. Forni, co-founder of John Hopkins University Civility Project and author of "Choosing Civility: The Twenty-Five Rules of Considerate Conduct," will explore what is required of us to speak, act and live from a perspective of civility in our daily encounter with each other in order to foster a community in unity. According to Dr. Forni, civility is key to learning how to live well with others.

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vs. St. Francis (Pa.)  
Sat., Sept. 3, 12 p.m.

vs. St. Joseph's  
Thu., Sept. 29, 3 p.m.

**SPORTS**

# Challenger Baseball at the Little League World Series

*'A dream come true'*

BY MEGAN ZIMMERMAN  
Staff Writer

For the past seven summers, 12-year-old Robbie Shaffer has traveled to Williamsport, Pa. to watch the Little League World Series. Living

with cerebral palsy, Robbie thought he could only dream about being on the field. But this past weekend, his dream came true.

Two local Frederick Challenger baseball players, Robbie Shaffer of Thurmont and Jordan Jason of Emmitsburg, were chosen to play in an exhibition game at the Little League World Series on Saturday, Aug. 27.

"It was a once in a lifetime opportunity," said Chi Chi Renehan, Jordan's grandmother. Twelve-year-old Jordan lives with a developmental disability and has played Challenger baseball for four years.

The Little League International Challenger has provided children with physical and mental disabilities the opportunity to play baseball since 1986. The players, ages 5 to 18, are divided according to ability, and can participate in three levels: Tee-ball, Coach-pitch, and Player-pitch. Each player gets a chance to bat and touches all bases.

Seventeen years after the start of the Frederick Challenger, there are four local teams and 75 players. There are no set rules, no set positions, no umpires, and no scorekeepers - just the goal of having fun.

"The Challenger makes

opportunities available to kids who normally wouldn't be able to play baseball," said Bob Shaffer, Robbie's father. This was Robbie's fifth year playing Challenger baseball. He is part of the Noon Sertoma team, and likes to pitch and catch.

"It means more to the boys to play than to just watch," said Renehan. "The Challenger makes kids feel included when they otherwise would not be."

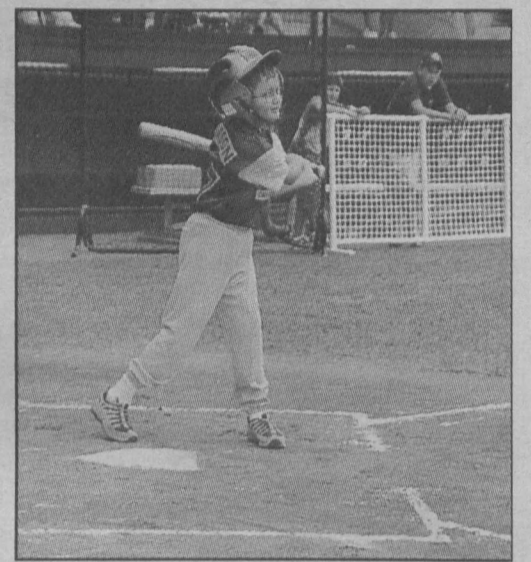
The Challenger provides exercise for disabled children, and builds social skills with friendships, communication, and teamwork.

Fred Laliberte, founder, president, and a team manager of the Frederick Challenger, will do whatever it takes to help the kids play baseball. "I've adjusted rules, velcroed bats to hands, and chased kids down baselines, just to get them to play," said Laliberte. "The kids learn they can do more than they think."

"If the kids are around other kids with similar situations, they can open up," says Shaffer. And open up they did.

**Excited competitors**

Eight years of persistence earned the Frederick Challenger an invitation to play a team from Peachtree Little League, Atlanta, Ga., in the annual Challenger



-AMY KELLERMAN / FREDERICK CHALLENGER LITTLE LEAGUE

**Jordan Jason of Emmitsburg bats during a Challenger game at Lamade Stadium in Williamsport, Pa. on August 27.**

exhibition game held just before the final game of the Little League World Series. From the four local Challenger teams, fifteen players were selected for the game.

"Robbie just resigned to the fact that he would never get to play on the field he visited every year," said his father. "After he was chosen to play, he was shocked, but excited."

Showing no signs of nervousness, the local kids had a blast on the Little League International field. Nothing but smiles, laughs, and cheers came from the players during the game.

"I played very well," said Robbie. "I was excited to play, and I had a good time."

Between the innings of the exhibition game, players from both Challenger teams lined the bases and entertained the crowd by dancing to "The YMCA."

"I wasn't nervous at all," Jordan said. "It was fun, and I would like to go back again."

Both boys showed their skills, hitting both pitches and effortlessly touching all bases.

"A lot of people have come up to us and told us how well we did," Robbie commented. Some fans said they were surprised at how quickly Robbie ran around the bases using his walker. "Everyone's proud of me," he added.


And the boys have much to be proud about. A fellow Frederick Challenger player, Phillip Shepard, set a world record by hitting the first home run ever in a World Series Challenger exhibition game.

"Phil was a big story. But to me, there were fifteen big stories this weekend. This was the game of their life," said Laliberte.

Over 300 local supporters cheered on the Challenger players, along with over 10,000 other spectators. Clips of the Challenger game have been shown on ABC and ESPN, as well as photos online at [www.littleleague.org](http://www.littleleague.org).

The members of the Frederick Challenger would like to thank the local communities and Little League organizations for their support.

"It was a dream come true," said Robbie.



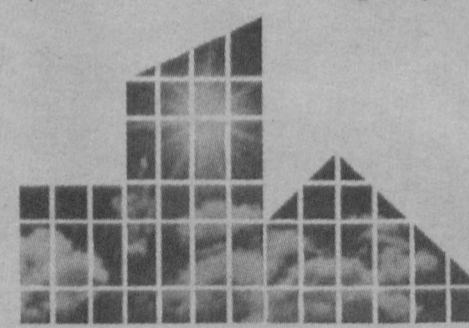
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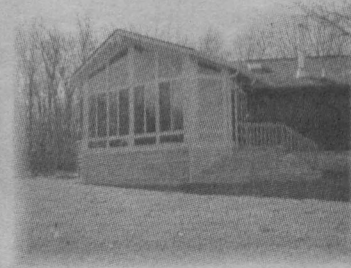
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### CRC Girls Softball 12U team wins championship

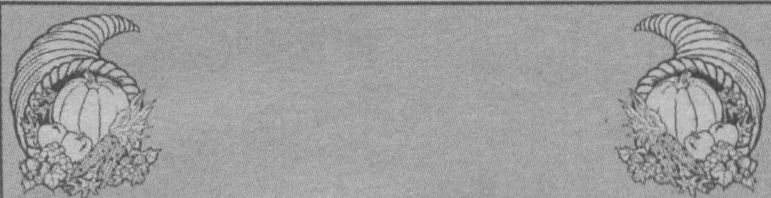
This was the first season for Catoctin Recreation Council (CRC) girls' softball and what a season it was. The CRC had one team in each age group (8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U) in the Frederick County Girls' Softball League. Every team played well. And the 12U girls were undefeated in the league, with a 14-0 record. They went on after the season to win the Winfield Classic Tournament held in Winfield, Md., the weekend of July 9 and 10.

The girls played two games on Saturday to determine where they would be seeded for the single elimination round on Sunday. They won both Saturday games, and were the number one seed

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The CRC is a non-profit,

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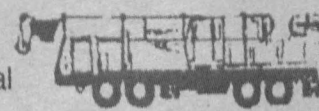
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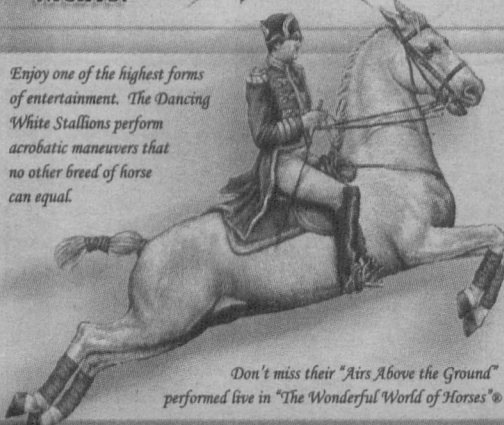
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## Fall Festival Calendar

Autumn sights, scents and sounds will soon fill the air all around the areas, as fall festival season kicks off. The chill in the air and the promise of bringing out residents and tourists alike have many festival organizers scrambling to put on the best show possible. But sometimes it is hard to keep all of the events straight, so *The Dispatch* has put together this fall festival guide to help you plan your autumn activities.

### SEPTEMBER

#### Sept. 18

**Adams County Heritage Festival**, noon to 5 p.m. A celebration of music, food, and the arts in recognition of ethnic diversity. Gettysburg Recreation Park. <http://www.icpi-gettysburg.org/festival.htm> 717-334-8943

#### Sept. 24

**Days End Farm Fall Festival**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Horses dressed in costume and you can be the judge. Visitors will be treated to pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, pumpkin decorating, games, door prizes, farm tours, delicious food and live music donated by "Cliff Art." There will also be a quilt and a 50/50 raffle. Tell your friends and neighbors, everyone is welcome! Learn what Days End Farm does for neglected and abused horses and ponies. \$1-5 admission. 15856 Frederick Road, Lisbon. [www.defhr.org](http://www.defhr.org). 301-854-5037.

**Hanover's Oktoberfest**, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Expect a wide variety of authentic German food, vendors and an amazing assortment of German beers. \$5-8. 304 Poplar St. Hanover. 717-637-7086.

#### Sept. 24-25

**New Market Days**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A heritage and craft festival with events for the entire family. Carriage rides, Civil War encampments, juried crafters, strolling entertainers, food and more. 301-865-5544.

### OCTOBER

#### Oct. 1

**In the Street**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Voted Frederick's Best Local Annual Event! Activities begin at 8:30 a.m. with the Frederick Steeplechaser's Mile Run, followed by the In The Street Parade at 10:30 a.m. The outdoor street festival begins at noon offering numerous blocks of themed entertainment and activities, including Kids Block, Art Block, International Block and more! Five stages of

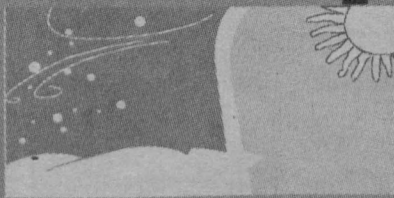
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#### Oct. 1-2

**National Apple Harvest Festival**, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Old time festival of apple products with continuous live entertainment, 300 arts & crafts vendors, farm market displays, antique farm equipment, antique and classic autos, steam engines, antique cider press, orchard tours, pony rides, petting zoo and plenty of food. \$6-7. [www.appleharvest.com](http://www.appleharvest.com). 717-677-9413.

**Farm Museum Fall Festival**, noon to 4 p.m. The Children's Museum offers craft demonstrations - blacksmithing; alpacas and fibers; hands-on crafts, activities and games for children. Manor house tours. The Farm Museum offers a tractor pull on Saturday, a Sunday cake auction, animals, hayrides, and more. Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 North Market Street, Frederick. 301-694-1650.

**Catoctin Antique Gas Engine Show**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. View antique tractors, gas engines and cars. Craft booths and a working saw mill. Wolfsville. 301-371-6538.

**Mount Airy Fall Festival**, Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy this fall weekend in historic Mount Airy. Arts and craft vendors line the downtown area with good food, entertainment, scarecrow making, pumpkin painting and much, much more. 301-829-2112.

**Frederick's Oktoberfest 2005**, Saturday noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. Family event celebrating Frederick's German heritage, featuring live German oompah band, dancers, two buildings of crafters, children's rides and games, great German food, outdoor tented beer garden. Fund-raiser for Community Living and Fredericktowne Rotary Club. Frederick Fairgrounds. 301-663-8811.

**Middletown Heritage Weekend**, Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Witness the ransoming of Middletown that occurred during the Civil War. Explore a Civil War camp, watch the parade on Main Street, enjoy the vintage house tour, browse the arts market and listen to great music. There will be crafts, great food and live entertainment for all ages. [www.middletown.md.us](http://www.middletown.md.us). 301-371-6171.

**Brunswick Railroad Days**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit the Railroad Museum, take a ride on a train or just check out the entertainment, food and crafts at this year's festival. Brunswick will be transformed into the historical railroad town it once was during the weekend festival. 301-834-7500.

#### Oct. 8-9

**Catoctin Colorfest**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 360 juried arts and crafts will be exhibited in three different areas of Thurmont, all within walking distance. Crafts will be in Thurmont Community Park, the Guardian Hose Company Activities Grounds and the front of the Thurmont Middle School. Admission is free. Visit [www.colorfest.org](http://www.colorfest.org) for more information.

# A&E Calendar

## LOOKING AHEAD

### For Children

**Sept. 16 and 18 - The Little Red Hen Show.** Have a barnyard full of fun as the Adams County Traveling Children's Theater Trouppresents free performances. Sept. 16, 7 p.m. at Granite Hill Campground. Sept. 18, 4 p.m. at the Adams County Heritage Festival at the Gettysburg Rec Park. 717-334-5006.

**Sept. 17 - Family Zoo-Fari Sleepover.** Set up your tents in our zoo, then feast on a picnic dinner and relax with live entertainment. Open to ages 5 and up with adult supervision. Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo, Thurmont. 301-271-3180.

### Festivals/Events

**Sept. 3-4 - Koi and Wine Festival.** Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Koi exhibits, water garden lectures, wine tasting, arts and crafts, music, children's activities and more. Lilypons Water Gardens, 6800 Lilypons Road, Buckeystown. 800-999-5459.

**Sept. 9-11 - Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show.** Catoctin High School, Thurmont. Exhibits, shows, food and contests.

**Sept. 10 - Cultural Arts Festival.** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Celebrate and explore the many diverse cultures found in Frederick County. Baker Park. 31-846-2489.

**Sept. 10-11 - Maryland Mountain Festival.** Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Juried arts and crafts festival with fall activities. Lynfield Complex, Rt. 15 Frederick. 31-898-5466.

**Sept. 16-24 - The Great Frederick Fair.** Frederick. Information: 301-663-5895, [www.thegreatfrederickfair.com](http://www.thegreatfrederickfair.com)

**Sept. 17-18 - Eisenhower World War II Weekend.** Eisenhower National Historic Site. A living history encampment with Allied soldiers, tanks and military vehicles. Information: [www.nps.gov/eise](http://www.nps.gov/eise) or 717-338-9114.

**Sept. 18 - Adams County Heritage Festival.** Noon to 5 p.m. Gettysburg Recreation Park. Information: [www.icpj](http://www.icpj)

[gettysburg.org/festival](http://gettysburg.org/festival) or 717-334-8943.

### Music Festivals

**Sept. 10-11 - Gettysburg Wine and Music Festival.** Noon-6 p.m. Live music, gourmet cooking demonstration, tickets for samples and souvenir wine glass. \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 717-334-8151.

**Sept. 18 - BBQ, Blues and Bluegrass Festival.** 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Music by Flint Hollow, the Orchard Boys and Sarno and Hess. Local food vendors, barbecue cook-off competition open to the public, children's activities. \$5. Grounds of Trinity School in Frederick, 6040 New Design Road, near Keys Stadium. 301-682-8123.

### Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

**Sept. 3 - First Saturday Gallery Walk.** Enjoy an evening of exhibit openings, guest artists and live entertainment in downtown Frederick. 301-698-8118.

**Sept. 8 - Oct. 30 - National Juried Bead and Fiber Exhibit.** Jane Sauer, fiber artist and Joyce Scott, bead artist, present their works. Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center. 40 S. Carroll St. 301-698-0656.

**Through Sept. 8 - Frederick Camera Clique's 19th Annual Photography Competition Exhibition.** View 70-plus pieces selected from hundreds of entries for this photography show. Mary Condon Hodgson Gallery, J.B.K. Theater, Frederick Community College, 7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick.

### Concerts

See separate listing of library concerts at the C. Burr Artz Library, Frederick.

**Sept. 4 - Harmony Cornet Band.** 6 p.m. Thurmont Memorial Park.

**Sept. 10 - Concert of Remembrance and Hope.** 7 p.m. Benefit concert performed by Frederick County choirs and Christian groups to commemorate 9/11 and recognize those from the community who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. 301-631-3010.

**Sept. 17 - Music in the Park.** 6 p.m. Emmitsburg Community Park (behind the post office). Featuring "The No Name Band."

**Sept. 17 - Juice Newton** 8 p.m. Eichelberger Performing Arts Center, Hanover, Pa. Box Office 717-637-7086 or [www.goepac.com](http://www.goepac.com).

**Sept. 17 - Lonestar.** 7:30 p.m. The Great Frederick Fair. \$30-35. Order on-line at [www.thegreatfrederickfair.com](http://www.thegreatfrederickfair.com).

**Sept. 18 - Charlie Daniels and Jamie O'Neal.** 7 p.m. The Great Frederick Fair. \$25-30. Order on-line at [www.thegreatfrederickfair.com](http://www.thegreatfrederickfair.com).

### Dance

**Sept. 3 and 17 - Ballroom Dancing.** 7:30 p.m. Professional instructors lead a variety of ballroom dances. Walkersville Town Hall, 21 W. Frederick St., Walkersville. \$10. 301-339-2535.

**Sept. 16 - Swing Dancing.** Music by the FCC Jazz Orchestra. Lessons 8-9 p.m. Band plays until midnight. Walkersville Town Hall, 21 W. Frederick St., Walkersville. \$12. 410-635-8974.

### Live Acts

**Sept. 22 - Downtown Alive @ 5.** 5-8 p.m. Downtown happy hour event featuring live music by Menage. Carroll Creek Park, near the Delaplaine Visual Arts Center, Frederick. \$5. [mainstreet1@downtownfrederick.org](mailto:mainstreet1@downtownfrederick.org). 301-698-8118.

### Stage

**Sept. 9 through Nov. 5 - OKLAHOMA!** Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre. Willow Tree Plaza, Rt. 40 West, Frederick. \$22-36. 301-662-6600. [www.wayoffbroadway.com](http://www.wayoffbroadway.com).

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# Community Calendar

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**Sept. 3 - Thurmont Lions Club Super Summertime Sandwich Series.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bell Hill Farm. 1 1/2 miles north of Thurmont on Rt. 15. For information or advance orders: 301-271-0558.

**Sept. 5 - Annual Labor Day Festival.** Noon to 5 p.m. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Church Street, Thurmont. Family-style fried chicken and ham dinner. Adults \$10, children 6 to 12-\$5, 5 and under-free. Live music, children's games and more.

**Sept. 7 - Multiphasic Blood Screenings.** 6:30 to 9 a.m. Gettysburg Hospital Community Room. Call 1-800-840-5905 to register.

**Sept. 7 - "What you need to know about Prostate Cancer."** 4-5:30 p.m. program; 5:30-7 screening exams. Gettysburg Hospital Community Rooms.

**Sept. 9-11 - Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show.** Catocin High School, Thurmont. Exhibits, shows, food and contests.

**Sept. 9-11 - Old Fashioned Tent Revival.** 7 p.m. Future site of Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, between Taneytown and Emmitsburg on Route 140 (2 miles before Emmitsburg). Speakers and live entertainment.

**Sept. 10 - Life Horse Family Fun Day.** Noon to 5 p.m. Breezy Hill Stables. Grand opening at new location. Free family activities.

**Sept. 10 - Catocin High School Class of 1985 20th reunion.** 6-11 p.m. Dinner/dance at the Carriage House, Emmitsburg. Information: Debbie Abraham at 301-271-1050, or Kathy Stitely at [kathystitely@comcast.net](mailto:kathystitely@comcast.net).

**Sept. 10 - 15th Annual Fall Festival.** 3 p.m. St. Stephen's DCC, 25445 Highfield Road, Cascade,

Md. Home-cooked food, carry-out available. Games for children and adults. Auction at 6:15 p.m., raffle at 7:30. Information: 301-241-4541.

**Sept. 11 - Heart Walk.** 8:15-8:40 a.m. registration; 8:40 program; 9:00 walk. Gettysburg Middle School. Lefever Street. Gettysburg. 3 miles, presented locally by Realty Leasing & Management Co. Information: American Heart Association, 717-334-1704.

**Sept. 12 - Strong Women (and Men).** 7-8 p.m. Orientation for the 12-week progressive strength training class designed for improving middle-aged and older women's (and men's) health. Program runs from Sept. 27-Dec. 15. Class to be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost: \$25. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Call 301-694-1594, ext. 11599.

**Sept. 14 - "What Parents and Caregivers need to know: an overview of ADHD."** 6-8 p.m. Sabillasville Elementary School, 16210-B Sabillasville Road. Dinner at 6:30, childcare available. Dr. Tom Craney will help parents and caregivers deal with questions and concerns. Pre-registration required for childcare and dinner: Families Plus! 301-694-9002 or CASS 240-236-1770.

**Sept. 14 - Safe'N'Sane meeting.** 7 p.m. Catocin High School.

**Sept. 15 - Basic Planning Considerations for Small Business.** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by Taneytown Chamber of Commerce through Carroll Community College. First in a 5-part professional development series. Taneytown Senior Center, 220 Roberts Mill Road, Taneytown. Information and

to register: 410 756-4234.

**Sept. 16 - Basket Bingo to benefit CHS Marching Band.** Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Guardian Hose Co. Activities Building, Carnival Grounds, Thurmont. Tickets: \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Call 301-271-2895 or purchase from any CHS Marching Band member.

**Sept. 17 - Peach Festival.** 9 a.m. St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Sabillasville. Homemade soups, sandwiches, desserts. Baked goods and yard sale. Information: 301-241-3287.

**Sept. 17 - Annual Fall Festival.** Noon. Brumbaugh Family entertainment at 1:30 p.m. Wesley Chapel UMC, 654 Old Waynesboro Road, Fairfield. Food to eat in or take out. Silent auction, games and prizes for the children.

**Sept. 17 - Wellness Expo 2005.** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Knott Arena, Mount St. Mary's University. Free family event. Massage, acupuncture, yoga, Pilates, fitness classes and other demonstrations.

**Sept. 17 - Concert in the Park.** 6 p.m. Emmitsburg Memorial Park - "The Band With No Name."

**Sept. 19 - Emmitsburg Area Historical Society.** 7 p.m. Emmitsburg Community Center.

**Sept. 21 and 22 - "Dancing White Stallions,"** the 35th anniversary tour by the famous Austrian Lipizzaner stallions. Knott Arena at Mount St. Mary's University. Adult tickets - \$19.50 & \$22.50. Children (2-12) and seniors (60 plus) regular admission tickets - \$17.50 & \$20.50. Group discounts available. Tickets: Knott Arena Box Office. Information: 301-447-5700 or 800-628-2722.

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## An appeal to customers & community residents for copies of historical memorabilia

Jubilee Foods in Emmitsburg is getting ready to undergo an interior face lift. It is our intent to use "historic" pictures of Emmitsburg, Thurmont, and the surrounding area for the store's interior décor. We need you, our customers and local area residents, to help by allowing us to make copies of your old photos and photograph historical items of interest.

When completed, a trip to Jubilee will give you a modern shopping experience with the nostalgia of the past. Shoppers will experience the latest technology with a Great Variety of Fresh Product stocked and ready to be checked out through state of the art checkouts. At the same time customers will be able to view pictures, posters & murals that show the History of this Great Area.

We appeal to everyone to participate and help with this aggressive project to cherish the history of our changing community. If you have any memorabilia that might help us with this project please contact The Emmitsburg Dispatch at their 3rd floor office at 9 East Main St. or by phone 301-447-3039. The Dispatch will be assisting the Jubilee to scan and photograph these items. They will handle all your keepsakes with care, making copies only, and returning items to you expeditiously, in some cases while you wait.

