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## Hurricane Katrina devastates the Gulf Coast

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Managing Editor

Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans at dawn on Monday, Aug. 29.

The storm's devastation has been called America's worst natural disaster since a hurricane wiped out Galveston, Texas in 1900, killing more than 6,000 people. Katrina moved up the Gulf Coast, destroying or flooding vast areas of Mississippi, including Waveland, Biloxi, Mobile, Alabama and parts of the Florida panhandle.

Katrina was a Category 4 storm when she hit New Orleans, with winds reaching 140 miles an hour. The storm had been downgraded from Category 5 status over the weekend, carrying 165 mile per hour winds.

More than a million people have been displaced and nearly 90,000 square miles have been affected. Damage related to the storm has been reported in 12 states, including the Emmitsburg area in Frederick County and in Adams County, Pa.

Economic fallout is just beginning. Fishing, oystering,



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**President Bush on board Marine One takes an aerial tour over Louisiana in areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina, Friday, Sept. 2.**

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## FEMA prepares disaster area responders, Emmitsburg emergency institute trains 400

By RICHARD D.L. FULTON  
News Editor

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg has been preparing hundreds of federal responders to deal with the

aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

The training center in Emmitsburg consists of two components of FEMA, the National Fire Academy and the Emergency Management Institute. The academy trains fire and rescue-related personnel. The institute is the corporate training arm of FEMA.

In spite of widespread criticism of FEMA's response to the Katrina disaster culminating with the on-site replacement of Director Michael Brown, the Emmitsburg-based training institute continued through last week to prepare members of the U.S. Coast Guard, Immigration

and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Department of Homeland Security staff to join the recovery effort in the Gulf Coast area.

The training offered at the Emmitsburg center provides "pretty much an orientation as to

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## National Day of Prayer for the Victims of Hurricane Katrina

On Sept. 8, President George W. Bush proclaimed Sept. 16, 2005 as a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The proclamation reads in part, "Hurricane Katrina was one of the worst natural disasters of our Nation's history and has caused unimaginable devastation and heartbreak throughout the Gulf Coast Region. A vast

coastline of towns and communities has been decimated. Many lives have been lost, and hundreds of thousands of our fellow Americans are suffering great hardship. To honor the memory of those who lost their lives, to provide comfort and strength to the families of the victims, and to help ease the burden of the survivors, I call upon all Americans to pray to Almighty God and to perform acts of service

... I also encourage all Americans to remember those who have suffered in the disaster by offering prayers

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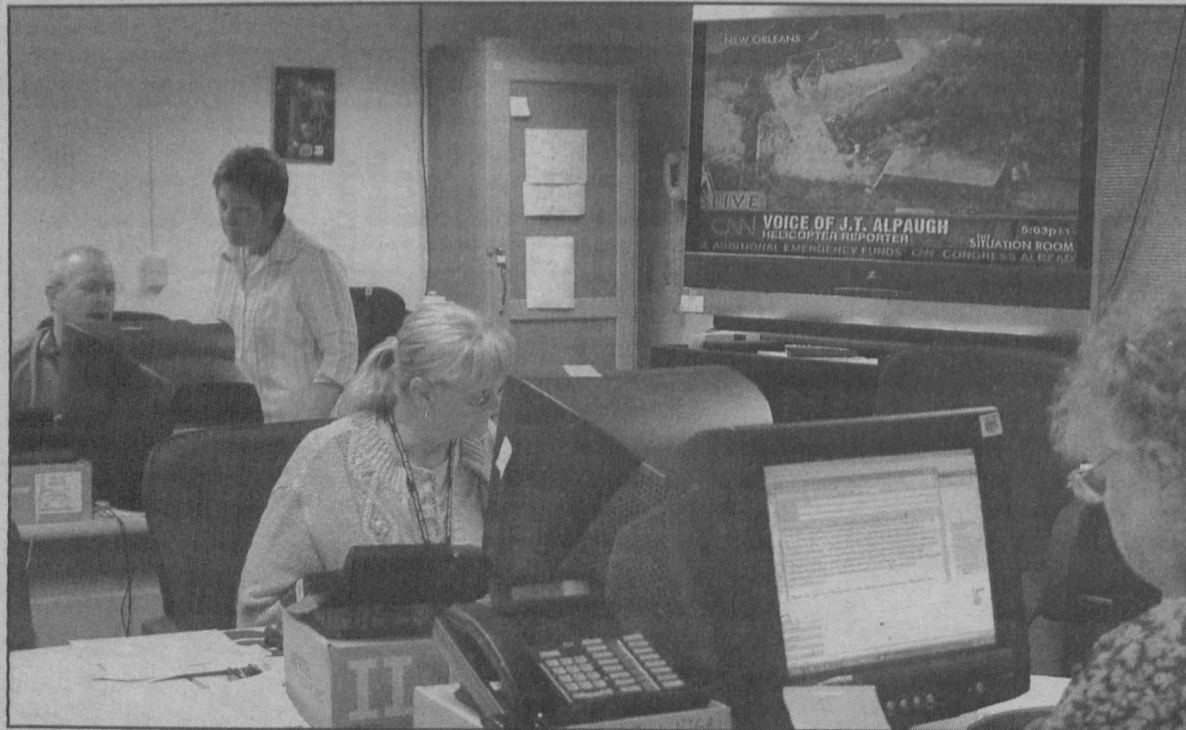
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## HURRICANE KATRINA

# More than 4,000 firefighters respond to USFA call for help



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**FEMA employees man telephones and perform data entry tasks at its Community Relations Deployment Center in Emmitsburg. The center is coordinating the registration, training and deployment of over 4000 nationwide firefighters to perform humanitarian outreach in the gulf coast area.**

By JOYCE M. DEMMITT  
Managing Editor

More than 4,000 career and volunteer firefighters have responded to requests from the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) call center in Emmitsburg to provide humanitarian outreach after Hurricane Katrina.

USFA, part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), set up an emergency command center in Emmitsburg

after Katrina hit. For the first week FEMA employees manned phones 24 hours a day to provide information to fire departments and other emergency services in the stricken area.

Then the call center became the "Community Relations Deployment Center." FEMA wanted trained community relations personnel to be involved in humanitarian outreach.

An Aug. 31 request was designed to create 1,000 two-person teams with 500 teams in reserve.

USFA asked for pairs of full-time career firefighters, employed and sponsored by municipal governments. FEMA will reimburse the employers for the firefighters' salaries and expenses.

By Sept. 2, 40 two-person teams had been deployed to the Gulf Coast area. They were sent to assess the local situation, and conduct reviews.

The huge initial response that followed allowed USFA to raise the numbers to 1,500 teams with 250

in reserve. The second request was to mobilize volunteer firefighters who would be paid \$23.41 per hour, \$29.51 overtime, through the Federal Disaster Relief Program.

Effective Sept. 6, USFA stopped accepting applicants, because of the overwhelming numbers already received, according to one of the coordinators of the Community Relations Deployment Center.

In an interview with *The Dispatch* on Sept. 9, the Community Relations Deployment Center reported 1497 career teams and 718 volunteer teams in various stages of deployment.

Firefighters commit to 120 days of service. Teams work independently under tough conditions and are provided only food, water and perhaps rustic shelter.

The teams hand out supplies at distribution centers, help people access federal aid, provide minimal first aid, distribute information and take reports. Individuals carry their belongings with them at all times, in a backpack weighing not more than 60 pounds.

All firefighters, career and volunteer, are being coordinated through FEMA in Emmitsburg. Firefighters were sent to Atlanta for further training. The agency used the National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, course registration forms for applications.

No local Maryland teams have yet been deployed. The teams closest to us are firefighters from

Greenmount, Pa.

FEMA wants to be sure everything is well coordinated between federal state and local levels. The agency has issued a number of directives to fire companies and individuals, not to self-dispatch because that makes FEMA's work in the storm-ravaged areas even harder.

Former USFA Fire Administrator, R. David Paulison wrote in a Sept. 11 press release, "The United States Fire Administration wishes to thank the fire service for the magnificent response in support of the Hurricane Katrina community relations mission." He added, "This nation's firefighters, working across many states with the many evacuees and victims, have once again demonstrated the fact that when called, they come."

Editor's Note: On Sept. 13, 2005, President Bush named Paulison Acting Director of FEMA, following the resignation of former head, Michael Brown. Paulison headed the U.S. Fire Administration since Dec. 2001, and led FEMA's emergency preparedness force from 2003-2004. Previously he was chief of the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department and ran the Dade County Emergency Management Office. Paulison is a certified paramedic and worked for many years as a rescue firefighter, including responding as an emergency worker to Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

## Katrina

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shipping, oil refineries and other Gulf Coast industries are all impacted. Nearly 60 per cent of the nation's oil imports arrive at Gulf Coast ports. And nearly half of the U.S. oil refineries are in this area. Oil and natural gas prices have already skyrocketed.

New Orleans, a city of nearly a half-million people, lies in a saucer between the Mississippi River and Lake Pontchartrain, and

is mostly below sea level. The city was spared the full brunt of the hurricane. But breaches in the city's earthen levees, combined with the storm's water surges (some 29 feet high) over the concrete floodwalls, and flooded pumping stations left more than 80 per cent of the city flooded. Some parishes (counties) outside the city were completely destroyed.

With nearly one-fifth of New Orleans residents living below the poverty level, and one in five without a car, thousands could not evacuate and were left to face

the rising waters for days without emergency assistance.

Thirty thousand residents fled to the Superdome, twenty-five thousand or more went to the convention center and the New Orleans arena. Crime increased and local and state officials became overwhelmed. The floodwaters became a toxic stew, a mixture of sewage, gas chemicals and floating bodies.

On Aug. 31, buses began evacuating survivors to the Houston Astrodome. By Sept. 1 limited federal assistance had begun to arrive.

Evacuation and cleanup efforts continue. Relief efforts from around the world have provided emergency assistance to thousands. The Federal Emergency and Management Authority (FEMA) Director, Michael Brown, was first pulled from the Gulf area, and has now resigned, replaced by a new acting director, R. David Paulison, former head of the U.S. Fire Administration.

## FEMA

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what they might expect" on arriving in the disaster region, Callis told *The Dispatch*.

The two-day sessions provide an orientation to FEMA, a briefing on the nature of the disaster, and instructions on safety and security issues, according to institute Deputy Supervisor Richard Callis. Upon completion of the course, the trainees are issued a FEMA identification badge.

In all, Callis said, "We had about 409 trainees this week (week of Sept. 5). These (trainees) represented other components of Homeland Security." On Friday, Sept. 9, the center processed 150 trainees. They will receive more specific training at centers located nearer the disaster impact areas.

Callis said personnel training would continue at a long-term FEMA center established in Orlando in response to last year's hurricane

season. In addition, a hotel in Atlanta is being set up to train responders in communications and public outreach. More training centers will soon be set up in other states.

The FEMA supervisor pointed out the immense task in preparing responders to deal with outreach, saying, "There are four states — Louisiana, Alabama, Florida and Mississippi — that have been declared disaster areas, and 14 other states which now have emergency declarations in place."

Part of the training at centers closer to the stricken areas includes instructions on how to help evacuees in shelters register with the FEMA database of displaced persons, which currently includes about 400,000 people, he said. Through the database, family and friends will be able to locate their loved ones.

Editor's Note: President Jimmy Carter established FEMA in 1979. In March 2003, FEMA joined 22 other federal agencies, programs and offices to form the Department of Homeland Security.

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## HURRICANE KATRINA



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Janice Monk of Slidell and Michael Brown of Covington take refuge in Emmitsburg after evacuating storm-ravaged Louisiana. Brown is a former Emmitsburg resident and graduate of Catoctin High School and Mount St. Mary's College.

# Fleeing Hurricane Katrina Two find refuge in Emmitsburg

By RICHARD D.L. FULTON  
News Editor

Janice Monk, 18, of Slidell, Louisiana, spent several hours at the end of the week of Aug. 29 trying to piece her life back together using a phone in *The Dispatch* office.

Sometimes sobbing, she tried to find out whatever she could about her family, friends and pets left behind in storm-ravaged Slidell, a victim of the fury of Hurricane Katrina, who ravaged the Gulf Coast the morning of Aug. 29.

Among the heavily damaged homes was that of Monk's parents, with whom she lived prior to the hurricane.

### Fled as communications went down

During the week following the storm and Monk's ultimate relocation to Emmitsburg with boyfriend Michael Brown, she got bits and pieces of information as communications improved within the stricken region.

Monk had been spending the weekend with Brown, a former Emmitsburg resident living in Covington, La., when the hurricane struck. They evacuated the area together, effectively putting her out of touch with her family in the process.

"I didn't know about anybody until two days ago (Sept. 4). I didn't hear from my parents until yesterday (Sept. 5). It terrified me," the young woman said.

Monk's father is a retired Navy senior chief petty officer and contractor with Lockheed-Martin, and her mother is a licensed practical nurse at the Trinity Neurological Rehabilitation Center in Slidell. But in the wake of Katrina, they were just two more individuals caught up in the mass of humanity displaced by the storm. Monk knew her parents had survived the storm, but was relieved to finally talk with them.

"They evacuated voluntarily the night of Aug. 28 to Riverside Elementary School in Pearl River, La.," she said. They had told her that sometime during the week of Sept. 5 they planned to relocate to Dallas.

"The day after Katrina struck they went to Trinity Neurological Rehab to help evacuate. About

half the patients died. The rest were evacuated to West Jefferson Hospital in Metairie, La.," Monk learned.

### Slidell said to look like a 'war zone'

Monk found out that a tree had fallen on the family's garage and another had been driven through the bathroom window. A tree also fell on the bedroom where she would normally have been sleeping.

Her mother said their dogs had been rescued, but the cats had been turned out to forage for themselves. One of the cats, her mother told her, had even captured a rabbit and brought it to her as if to share it.

But there was an even darker side to the news out of Slidell.

"My great-grandmother and great-grandfather died in New Orleans. Their bodies were transported to West Jefferson Hospital," Monk said, but her aunt who lived with Monk's great-grandmother, remains unaccounted for, although, she said, "We know she was alive."

"My uncle and his son hacked through the roof to get to my aunt and great-grandmother," Monk recounted.

"I still can't find my cousin Katie or my friend Kimberly and her boyfriend," Monk said. She added that her grandmother is evacuating to Phoenix this week. She had lived close to where the Canal Street levee broke in New Orleans.

Monk also learned about what was going on from a neighbor who belongs to Louisiana National Guard. He described Slidell "like a war zone."

"Seven homes in my neighborhood have been broken into by looters," Monk said, and she was told, "Homeowners are heavily arming themselves to guard their property."

"They just got water today (Sept. 6) and are getting electricity probably tomorrow. There was lots of tree damage, with flooding in the main part of town at least a foot deep," Monk said. The neighbor also told her a lot of power lines are down and there are gas leaks.

### Returning to Louisiana unlikely

When Monk decided to

weather the storm in Covington, she and Brown were not prepared for the devastation they faced the morning after Katrina.

"I thought it was just another hurricane event. We've weathered two or three. We didn't know a category five was going to be that much more. Apparently nobody did," she said.

Brown had an apartment in Covington. The town is about four miles north of Lake Pontchartrain, also north of Interstate 12, which remarkably seemed to be the dividing line between the flooded areas to the south, and those subjected primarily to wind damage to the north.

Brown is originally from Emmitsburg, and is the brother of Jennifer Buchheister, *The Dispatch* advertising and business manager. Brown and Buchheister's mother also live in Emmitsburg, and the couple will be staying there until they get settled.

Brown said he and Monk left Covington Aug. 30, taking a circuitous route - through Arkansas, Tennessee and Virginia - to avoid the southern areas of destruction. They reached Emmitsburg Sept. 1. "There was damage at least 40 miles north to some degree or another (from the Gulf Coast)," he said.

The couple didn't stay in Covington because it was "hotter than hell. There were no services except for some water. The electric went out 4 a.m. Monday night," Brown said. He commented that it was odd that the hurricane wind in Covington "was not as bad at ground level but trees were snapping off 25 to 30 feet up."

His apartment building was damaged when a tree fell through the roof. When the storm was over, he added, "There were a lot of houses beneath the trees."

Brown's two dogs and cat traveled north with them. Brown said that when they reached Emmitsburg, they stopped at the Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital to buy supplies for their animals. The hospital "gave us the pet supplies without charge."

"This looks like it will be an indefinite move (to Emmitsburg)," Brown said. Monk agreed, saying, "I've had enough of Louisiana." Brown said they would go back in a few weeks to retrieve belongings. He now plans to attend grad school at George Washington University or Temple.

## Local Relief Efforts

If you would like your organization's or private relief efforts to help Katrina victims listed in *The Dispatch*, please e-mail [editor@emmitsburgdispatch.com](mailto:editor@emmitsburgdispatch.com), or contact the paper at 301-447-3039, or by FAX at 301-447-5990.

### Frederick County Red Cross establishes center to help evacuees

The Frederick County Chapter, American Red Cross is currently assisting evacuees of Hurricane Katrina at a Red Cross Service Center located at 1201 North East Street, Frederick. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and walk-ins are welcome. For an appointment, call 301-662-7389 or 301-662-7848. Evacuees seeking to re-unite with family members should call 1-877-568-3317.

### Policeman takes trailer of supplies to Gulf Coast

A tractor-trailer loaded with supplies and driven by a Liberty Township, Pa., police officer left Gettysburg Sept. 8 heading for the Gulf Coast. Officer James Holler contacted shelters housing displaced residents to see what was needed, then began to amass donations of clothing, baby supplies and personal hygiene items.

### Catoctin High School collects money

SHOP Club Advisor Michelle Thurston, is collecting monetary donations which will be forwarded to the Red Cross to assist hurricane victims. SHOP is Students Helping Other People.

### Mount St. Mary's University open doors to Katrina victims

Mount Saint Mary's University has offered to enroll college students forced to relocate because of Hurricane Katrina. Father Brian F. Linnane told *The Catholic Review* that several Catholic colleges, including the Mount, would be waiving tuition charges for students who had paid their fall tuitions to their homes schools. For more information, see "Mount St. Mary's University responds to Hurricane Katrina," on p. 13 of this issue, or contact the Mount at 1-800-448-4347.

### Fairfield Mennonite Church collects needed items

The Fairfield Mennonite Church is collecting items for personal care kits, school kits, and other relief kits. The efforts are ongoing and any items donated will be pooled with donations from other towns and churches and the kits "built" at a central location elsewhere in Pa. Call 717-642-8936.

### Veterinary Hospital takes care of pets and livestock

The Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital is seeking donations of cash or pet-related goods to help support pet and livestock rescue and maintenance in the disaster areas. Additionally, the hospital will hold a "Pet Photo Day" on Sept 27 to support pet and livestock relief efforts. The fee is \$15 for a glossy five by seven inch photo of your pet. Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital, 9436 Waynesboro Pike. Mailing address: P.O. Box 337, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.



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EDITORIAL

A time for reflection and sharing

Hurricane Katrina has touched all of our lives. Whether we have family, friends or loved ones who lived in the Gulf Coast area, or have simply been watching events unfold in the media, each of us has seen some of the unimaginable grief that a hurricane can cause, even if we cannot truly comprehend the loss so many have experienced.

Two weeks after the hurricane hit, we are just beginning to understand its aftermath.

Estimates run as high as one million people displaced, almost 90,000 acres devastated, and an impact on local, regional and national economies that could be as high as two billion dollars.

Local schools are prepared to take in hurricane victims and the county has set up procedures to help evacuees. Students are engaged in relief efforts, including Maryland Kids Care, a statewide Department of Education to collect pennies throughout

September to donate to a special Red Cross fund. Churches, businesses and individuals are organizing donation drives and volunteer efforts, with more efforts in the planning stages.

In this issue of The Dispatch, we have highlighted local, state and national relief efforts, and will continue to do so in upcoming issues. Please send information about your organization's work to help Katrina survivors to editor@emmitsburgdispatch.com or call

301-447-3039 or FAX 301-447-5990.

Our challenge is not to forget. As other news captures the headlines, we need to remember that the victims of Hurricane Katrina will need our help for years to come. We all need to take a moment to reflect on the many blessings in our lives and determine how we and our families and friends can share what we have with those who have nothing.

Dispatch starts Thurmont publication

Thumbnail of The Thurmont Dispatch newspaper cover, issue 1, No. 1, dated August 4, 2005. Headline: Commissioners deny annexation request for 31-house development.

Thumbnail of The Thurmont Dispatch newspaper cover, issue 1, No. 2, dated August 18, 2005. Headline: Town, County agree to joint police station.

Thumbnail of The Thurmont Dispatch newspaper cover, issue 1, No. 3, dated September 1, 2005. Headline: Town Electric Utility Supervisor to retire after 47 years.

Guardian Hose Company plans new building
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Special pullout in Old Town trolley to return to Thurmont
Town water to be controlled with wireless communications

Exceptions sought for 1,179-house development
Annual Community Show to Honor 50th Anniversary of Emmitsburg Little League and Thurmont Elementary PTA

Two local boys play ball in Little League World Series
Mason-Orleans County Club development reauthorized in Freedom, Tenn.

In August the Dispatch reached another milestone and launched a second newspaper - The Thurmont Dispatch. Set to publish our fourth issue, The Thurmont paper contains the same kind of current and relevant community news and information for Thurmont that our Emmitsburg readers have come to expect from The Emmitsburg Dispatch.

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-Raymond Buchheister
Editor and Publisher

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Correction: In the Sept. 1, 2005, Dispatch article, "Emmitsburg multi-purpose trails," we mistakenly reported that the trails would not be open to hunters. In fact, according to Glenn Blanchard, "Tim (O'Donnell) and myself do not want to impinge on the rights of hunters in any way concerning the trails. Hunters come first concerning the watershed. Signs will need to be posted advising bikers and hikers of the different hunting seasons."

Advertisement Correction: The e-mail address included in the advertisement for Melissa M. Wetzel, CPA in the Sept. 1, 2005 issue of The Dispatch was inaccurate. We apologize for the error.

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## TOWN NEWS

**\$822,000 grant could help address sewage spills***and provide water and sewer infrastructure for Emmitsburg Glass Company's new building*BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON  
News Editor

Emmitsburg officially filed on Sept. 6 for an \$822,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to improve the wastewater collection system, and provide water and sewer services to Emmitsburg Glass.

The grant money would be used to resolve a long history of sewage spills apparently originating from a missing valve in the collection system, and to extend water and sewer to the new Emmitsburg Glass facility on Creamery Road.

If approved by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), the work could be completed sometime in early 2006, according to Town Manager David Haller.

**Funds would help fix collection system**

The town wastewater collection system has experienced sewage

spills for several years, resulting in periodic enforcement action by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), culminating in the issuance of a consent order to ensure that the town dealt with the problems.

A missing valve apparently never installed in the late-1980s overhaul of the collection system is likely responsible for numerous spills. If a valve were installed, "theoretically the system would be 100 percent fixed," Town Manager David Haller has said.

However, replacing the valve must be accompanied with design changes in the treatment plant. Haller stated previously that the best fix would be to replace the current mixed pressure-driven and gravity-flow system with an all pressure-driven system, eliminating the gravity flow portion of the line entirely. This change would need to be coupled with improvements at the treatment plant to deal with the incoming pressurized wastewater.

Correcting the missing valve

problem would cost more than \$450,500 of the grant money, not including engineering and administrative expenses.

The original 1980s overhaul and construction of the treatment plant during which time the valve apparently went missing cost between \$10 and \$15 million.

(See related story, "Missing valve may be causing sewer spills," in July 21, 2005 issue of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*.)

**Grant would aid Emmitsburg Glass Co.**

A portion of the grant funding would cover water and sewer connections to the new Emmitsburg Glass Company facility.

Emmitsburg East Industrial Park has proposed a site off Route 15 and Creamery Road for the new building. Town Manager David Haller previously suggested that extending water and sewer to the facility be tied to general line improvements in the same area.

**'Wild water' needs to be addressed**

However, the inflow and infiltration (I&I) of "wild water," which seeps into the wastewater collection system through breaks, also needs to be addressed. The MDE consent order directs the town to deal with sewage spills, and to improve its collection system so that the treatment plant will operate within permitted limits.

"Wild water" is any water that should not be getting into the collection system, such as storm water runoff or snow and ice melt.

The Emmitsburg wastewater treatment plant is permitted to process 800,000 gallons of wastewater per day. Normally, the facility processes 500,000 gallons a day, but in the immediate aftermath of storms, because of the poor condition of the collection system, the plant may have to deal with as much as two million gallons of wastewater daily.

**Cause of a 'missing valve' unclear**BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON  
News Editor

Board of Commission President Christopher V. Staiger will be asking the mayor to investigate why a valve critical to the operation of the wastewater collection system was not installed more than 16 years ago.

Since the late-1980s, hundreds of thousands of gallons of wastewater have leaked into the environment from the town wastewater collection system, impacting soils, groundwater and surface streams.

And yet, the apparent cause remained undetected until 2005, when Town Manager David Haller discovered that a critical valve was missing, or may never have been installed. The area in question runs over a crest of ground on the Waybright property off Creamery Road where there is a gap in the pipeline caused by a "missing valve."

At that juncture in the system, called a vault, where the pressurized line joins the gravity-fed line leading to the treatment plant, an air relief valve is supposed to control the flow of wastewater, but that valve is not there. Haller said in an earlier interview that he suspects it was never installed.

The "oversight" has likely cost the town thousands of dollars in

spillage fines from the Maryland Department of the Environment, contaminated soil and water, cost at least two developers considerable loss in profits because of stalled build out on started projects, and has potentially impacted the economic growth of the town.

And still, no one in town government has yet ascertained who was potentially responsible for the apparent damages. Haller had said previously he did not want to engage in finger pointing, but wants instead to focus on the fix.

Staiger said, "The underlying question is, how did the decision come about (to omit the valve) or was it an oversight? That question

needs to be asked and we need to take a hard look at that."

Staiger told *The Dispatch* he didn't know if would be possible to take action against any responsible party, but said, "It's a good idea to see what happened so it doesn't happen again and as a learning exercise."

He said the issue should initially be addressed by town staff, but, "if you go through the process (through the mayor) and don't get an answer, then that's the time to bring it to the public (at a town meeting)."

See related story, "Sewer mechanism 'missing' for 16 years may have caused most of town's spills" in the July 21, 2005 issue.

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## TOWN NEWS

## Town News Briefs ...

## Commissioner proposes change of law to aid St. Joseph's

Commissioner William B. O'Neil, Jr. offered a draft ordinance Sept. 6 to amend the Emmitsburg municipal code to allow the town to waive construction permit fees or enforcing agency fees, for individuals, businesses or organizations modifying existing structures for handicapped accessibility.

The suggestion evolved from a request by St. Joseph's Church on Aug. 16 for a free tap to connect to a proposed bathroom for the church. A tap presently costs about \$11,000, including a sewer improvement surcharge.

Prior to 1998, the church paid as much as \$3,500, "and it may be greater," Haller said, for sewer service, without ever using the service. The church currently has no bathroom, and the wine and holy water is disposed of directly into the ground, rather than through the sewer system. Haller said the church's account would be up to date, if it paid \$1,796 to the town, providing the town agreed to permit that approach.

The church "lost" a right to a tap when it stopped paying for sewer service to which it never connected in 1998. Town Manager David Haller suggested he would be willing to grant the tap if the church paid the difference in billing cost from 1998 to present, bringing their "account up to date."

The board tabled the church's request and took no action on O'Neil's draft ordinance.

## Ordinance mandates professional site surveys

The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners unanimously approved an ordinance Sept. 6 requiring property owners to engage a "licensed professional" when plotting property bounds when applying for a zoning certificate.

Licensed professionals are defined as land surveyors, landscape architects, civil engineers or architects. The town has previously required a professional plat as a matter of town policy, according to Town Planner Michael Lucas, but the ordinance would codify that policy.

Lucas said the law would help ensure that property owners do not accidentally build over neighboring property bounds or on top of easements.

## Five-member board of commissioners sought

Emmitsburg Commissioner William B. O'Neil, Jr. proposed an ordinance Sept. 6 that would create a position for a fifth commissioner on the town board, and prohibit the mayor from voting as a board member.

Mayor James E. Hoover previously stated that the town charter allows him to vote on issues before the board, while at the same time allowing him to retain the ability to veto any board action.

O'Neil has continuously maintained that a mayor voting as a commission member while having

veto powers constitutes a violation of separation of powers.

"I think this is a really serious problem and we need to get to it now," O'Neil told the commissioners at the Sept. 6 meeting.

Mayor Hoover has agreed that a fifth or odd number of commissioners would resolve the situation that caused him to begin voting, to break deadlocks and stalemates. In fact, Hoover said he already has town Attorney John R. Clapp working on a draft ordinance to address the same issues.

Hoover noted, however, that

the town charter may first have to be changed, and then the ordinance adopted. President Christopher V. Staiger agrees.

Staiger also told *The Dispatch* that he favors a three-member rather than a five-member board. "I think there needs to be a tie-breaker," he said, and added, "I'm also willing to maintain a four-member board and have the mayor vote only in a tie."

"I'm curious as to how the town arrived at a four-member board to begin with. I think when the town changed from burgess to mayor, it muddled the issue (of separation of powers)," he stated.

The commissioners will consider the proposed ordinance further at upcoming meetings.

## Silver Fancy annexation heads to planning commission

A new proposal to annex a portion of the Silver Fancy Farm under agreement of sale to Buckeye Development, LLC, will be to the Emmitsburg Planning Commission on Sept. 26.

Emmitsburg town staff met "informally" with representatives of Buckeye on June 30 to discuss what kind of annexation agreement the town might expect from Buckeye, according to Town Planner Michael Lucas.

Buckeye Development has a 67-acre portion of the Silver Fancy Farm, fronting on North Seton Avenue just outside the current

town limits, under an agreement of sale with Boyle.

Likely to be factored into a development proposal would be the "Lost Dinosaur Quarry" on the property. The site is believed to have produced the oldest known dinosaur tracks ever found in the state, which were recovered in the late-1800s from walkways at St. Joseph Academy. The stone used is believed to have come from the quarry.

The property was approved for annexation in 2002, but the approval was overturned during a subsequent referendum.

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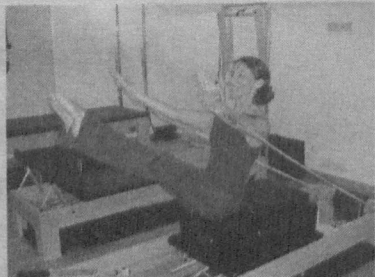
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# 'Moratorium' blamed for safety hazards in stalled development



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Children at play on construction lot #26 in Emmitsburg's Southgate development.

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON  
News Editor

Several residents in Emmitsburg's Southgate development question the wisdom of an attempt to slow down development in Emmitsburg because they say it has created unsafe conditions for children.

The town board of commissioners implemented a taps allocation plan on Aug. 23, 2004, in response to a Maryland Department of the Environment consent order established to address the decrepit wastewater collection system.

According to the taps allocation formula, ongoing developments receive a limited number of sewer connections annually, regardless of how many they could use based on construction status.

## Homes have a view ... of ongoing construction

Steven Schaller, president of the Southgate Home Owners

Association, told *The Dispatch* that one of residents' main concerns is "having to live in a construction site for years," since the build-er receives "allotments for permits in dribs and drabs, rather than being allowed to go ahead and finish out the development." Schaller said parents are particularly concerned about their small children

living in a neighborhood where construction could be ongoing for the next three or four years.

Southgate resident Karen Cranston worries that her two-year old and four-year old sons will get hurt playing on undeveloped lots covered with chunks of often razor-sharp shale and scattered construction debris. "The boys want to go out and play and immediately want to head right across the street (to the lots)," she said.

"When we bought up here in 2003, nothing was ever said about any kind of moratorium. We were told we would be a little community of 35 families. Now only 24 have been built," she told *The Dispatch*.

Although Thomas Carolyn, owner of Apple Tree Homes, developers of Mountainview at Southgate, has had the site generally cleaned up during the past couple weeks, residents still point out a porta-john, industrial-size dumpsters and vacant sites covered with rock rubble, sections of PVC piping and other odds and ends.

## Residents live in a development 'in limbo'

Schaller also questions who will plow the snow this winter. "The streets have not formally been turned over to Emmitsburg, so we may not have snow removal," he stated.

The streets themselves are another point of contention. "The surface of the street does not have its final coating. You can see the intended layer is not there yet, and there is an inch and a half gap from manhole to surface," Schaller said, a condition he says is likely to remain until build out.

Carolyn "asked David Haller (Emmitsburg town manager) if Apple Tree could do final coating now, and if the gap could be repaired," Schaller said in an interview. Carolyn's understanding is that the town would not permit him to finish the streets.

The stormwater detention basin is also a concern. "The basin has a barrier, although that barrier needs to be re-looked at. You can see one side of it is eroding away," Schaller noted.

Residents told *The Dispatch* last week that fencing around the basin could easily give way, and children might find their way into the basin.

Lots of what Schaller called "temporary improvements" have been made in the development. But the project has stretched out so long that, in his opinion, Carolyn is not making the money needed to pay for improvements he could have made had he been able to finish the project.

"The development has a kind of limbo status," Schaller said.

## POLICE ACTIVITY

### Man robbed and thrown from Flat Run bridge

EMMITSBURG, Md. — A 30-year old Emmitsburg male was allegedly assaulted, robbed and thrown from the bridge over Flat Run on East Main Street around 6:23 a.m. on Sept. 3, according to police.

Deputy Jennifer Bailey, spokeswoman with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, told *The Dispatch* that one or more suspects allegedly attacked the man who was then thrown from the bridge.

Police estimated the man fell 15 feet, and was assaulted further after the fall. Bailey said the victim, whose name was not released, walked to a nearby residence after the attack and police were called.

The victim reported an undisclosed amount of money was stolen from him during the incident. He was subsequently flown to Washington County Hospital where he was treated and released, police stated.

Anyone with information relating to the incident is asked to contact Detective Joseph Rowe at 301-6942583.

### 'Pipe bomb' source remains unknown

THURMONT, Md. — The Maryland bomb squad has been unable to determine the source of a pipe bomb found Aug. 10, according to Deputy State Fire Marshall W. Faron Taylor.

The bomb was lying in the creek bed of Roddy Creek, near the intersection of Roddy Road and Roddy Creek Road, Thurmont, and was discovered by neighborhood children, according to the state bomb squad report.

The fire marshal's office is continuing its investigation.

### Alleged car thief nabbed in Oklahoma

FAIRFIELD, Pa. — A 31-year old New Oxford, Pa., man has been taken into custody in Oklahoma in conjunction with an allegedly stolen vehicle belonging to a Fairfield resident.

Carroll Valley Police Officer Clifford Weikert told *The Dispatch* that Jason Fleming was spotted by McAlester, Okla., police and taken into custody Aug. 5 as a result of a National Crime Information Center (NCIC) alert posted by Carroll Valley police.

Weikert said the car was reportedly loaned to the suspect by a Fairfield resident, who subsequently reported it missing on July 20. The suspect was not related to the owner of the car, according to the police.

Fleming faces charges of theft, unauthorized use and receiving stolen property. Weikert said the suspect's extradition from Oklahoma is "in progress," and the missing vehicle was recovered and will be towed back to Fairfield.

### Police arrest alleged intoxicated moped driver

CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. — Carroll Valley police arrested 22-year-old James Joshua Harrison, of Taneytown, Md., on Sept. 4 for operating a moped while intoxicated, driving with a revoked license and driving with no insurance.

Harrison was also charged with failing to have required lighting and a registration violation, according to police Chief Richard L. Hileman II. According to Hileman, Harrison's blood-alcohol reading was twice the allowable limit.

"Under the commonwealth DUI (driving under the influence) law, Harrison will face charges under the highest blood-alcohol subsection which provides for enhanced penalties," Hileman stated.

### Alleged DUI driver takes out utility pole

CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. — Carroll Valley police responded to a one-vehicle accident Sept. 5 which led to 21-year old Heath Roger Stitely, Carroll Valley, being charged with DUI, careless driving and driving at an unsafe speed.

Police allege that Stitely was driving a 2000 Ford Focus, apparently traveling east on Forest Trail Road, and failed to slow for an intersection.

According to police, the Focus left 186 feet of tire marks before hitting an electric power pole, "dead center," and moving it about two feet from the point of impact.

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REGIONAL NEWS

# Mason-Dixon planning summit releases report

*Intergovernmental cooperation seen as challenge*

By RICHARD D.L. FULTON  
News Editor

MIDDLETOWN, Pa. — The South Central Assembly for Effective Governance (SCAEG) has released its 60-page report on the May 26 interstate summit held in Gettysburg to look at regional planning issues.

Local and county planning representatives from seven counties straddling the Mason-Dixon Line attended the day-long event to share ideas and concerns about issues of mutual interest to local and county governments on both sides of the boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland.

SCAEG organized the summit in conjunction with the Annapolis-based Chesapeake Bay Program

Office (CBPO). Attending were representatives from Washington, Frederick, Carroll and Baltimore counties in Maryland, and Franklin, Adams and York counties in Pennsylvania.

"The purpose of the summit was to bring leaders together from these seven counties and from Maryland and Pennsylvania. There are many different methods of planning and governance across this region," said Daniel J. Marcucci, regional planner with SCAEG.

"Despite the fact that Maryland and Pennsylvania have very different systems of local government, the problems faced by the assembled counties are more similar than dissimilar. Because housing is often in one county and employment in another, commuting

habits and development patterns are regional issues," Marcucci wrote.

Primary issues identified as facing the Central Pennsylvania and Maryland Mason-Dixon counties include:

- Ongoing and increasing development pressures from metropolitan growth out of Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D.C.,
- Rapidly escalating cost of housing,
- Geographical disconnect between residences and places of employment, and
- Negative impacts on natural resources and eventually the Chesapeake Bay.

But having similar problems does not necessarily ensure intergovernmental communication

and cooperation in addressing them.

"Increasing communication between them is another challenge. Identifying the proper parties for intergovernmental cooperation is a challenge in itself," Marcucci noted. "Other challenges to intergovernmental cooperation are the existence of parochial interests and concerns, the perception of losing autonomy and control, and the suspicion of sharing resources for the 'greater good,'" he pointed out.

"The gathered summit was not a deliberative body. We did not attempt to make consensus statements about what needs to be done," Marcucci wrote. He said, "The most important goals for the region are improved education, communication, and policy with respect to metropolitan growth and resource protection. Four general

action areas emerged, with specific suggestions developed for each area:

- Develop and deploy educational assets;
- Keep the interstate dialogue going;
- Share successful, alternative, and new tools;
- Encourage good investments.

Marcucci told *The Dispatch* that he plans to contact May's attendees to determine if they would be interested in a follow-up summit.

The entire report, "The Mason-Dixon Dilemma: assessing the impacts of regional growth patterns in the Chesapeake Watershed Region," is available online at <http://www.southcentralassembly.org/masondixonsummitproceedings.pdf>.

# Fairfield zoning board gives go ahead to Empire Homes

FAIRFIELD, Pa. — The Fairfield Zoning Hearing Board granted conditional approval Sept. 7 to Empire Homes for a special exception that will allow them to proceed to preliminary plan review.

Empire Homes is proposing to build a 490-home development, "McGinley's Choice," spanning Fairfield Borough and Hamiltonban Township, Adams County, Pa. The developer plans to build about 143

of the homes in the borough.

To achieve the proposed density, Empire needed special exception approval from the zoning board to achieve "village zone" status, which allows for a density bonus.

### Zoning board sets conditions

The zoning board established several conditions that must be met as part of the special exception

approval:

- The plan must be developed as presented to the hearing board, subject to land development approvals:
- Land associated with future street extensions must be dedicated to the borough;
- Motion detectors must be installed to provide alley security;
- Street, tree and landscape designs proposed must be met;
- There must be final signed agreements relative to water and sewer improvements and financial assurance posted;
- Common green areas must be developed as shown on submitted plans and accepted by

the borough, and;

- Safe pedestrian crossings must be established.

### Board denies variances

Empire failed to acquire variances for proposed front and side yard setbacks. The developer hoped to reduce yard widths to 48 feet with six-foot side yards.

Without the variances, the development will have to incorporate 60-foot-wide lots with 10-foot side yards. However, the variance denials will not substantively impact the development as proposed.

Empire Home Project Manager James Hanna told *The Dispatch* that plans presented to the town were drawn with required setbacks, and did not reflect the requested variances.

Zoning board Chairman Gary H. Bechtel said the variances were not approved because conditions required by the ordinance to qualify for setback reductions had not been met. "We had to legally deny them," he said.

Bechtel suggested that the

borough consider modifying its setback requirements to allow future developments modifications to better achieve a village look.


### Empire will move on to planning commission

Another victory for Empire came when the zoning hearing board decided that the development proposal constitutes one plan, and not two as some had questioned.

Bechtel said the board felt separating the plans into two proposals would essentially create a "split community" which they wanted to avoid.

With the special exception in hand, Empire Homes can move forward to the borough planning commission and begin preliminary plan review, which, Hanna said, they intend to have ready for the Oct. 9 meeting of the board.

Jeffrey B. Kozero, Jr., managing member of Empire Homes, said dealing with the borough "has been a nice experience, and (we) promise you you'll have a nice development."



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Officer Michael Krall of the Ft. Detrick Special Reaction Team (SRT) points out equipment to the Burnett family, Fairfield, that he and officer Jamie Jackson (L) use in their jobs.

## “Community Helpers”

The Burnett family of Fairfield family talks with two Ft. Detrick police officers at the Emmitsburg Library’s “Community Helpers” program held outside the community center on Sept. 10. Nicole Walsh organized the event as an opportunity for citizens to meet and greet people we count on for emergency services.

Representatives from the Vigilant Hose Company, the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, resident deputies of Frederick County Sheriff’s Department and the Ft. Detrick police showed off their equipment, allowed children to climb into vehicles, talked about their jobs and distributed safety brochures.

## Renner and Scouts help Pregnancy Center

Thanks to 17-year-old Donald Renner and a group of Boy Scouts from Troop 270, their families, and community church volunteers, the Catocin Pregnancy Center building received a much-needed facelift.

Renner organized the effort as his Eagle Scout project. All day on Aug. 20 the volunteers worked to paint the building, the walkways, windows and porch, and replaced a lattice under the porch and ramp. The work was done just in time for the grand reopening of the Emmitsburg Food Bank on Aug. 21.

In a letter to Renner, Melanie Turner and the volunteers at the

center wrote, “Donald, you did not just paint a building. You cared for and nurtured this old building that serves the hungry and those in crisis pregnancies ... and you took this job to heart. You saw needs at the Center and you took action.”

The Catocin Pregnancy Center and Emmitsburg Food Bank are located at 502 E. Main St., Emmitsburg.

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# Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show

BY MASHA PERSANOVA  
Contributing Writer

Last weekend Thurmont and Emmitsburg celebrated the 49th Community Show at Catoctin High School, Emmitsburg.

The show opened Friday, Sept. 9 at Catoctin High School with a flag ceremony and a program honoring the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Thurmont Elementary School PTA and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Emmitsburg little League. Annie Delauter, a 17-year-old senior, was selected by the judges as the 2005-2006 Catoctin FFA Chapter Ambassador.

Saturday morning the show started with "Fitting and Showing" of beef, sheep and swine under the tent in the agricultural area.

Later during the day there was a cattle competition. "Ken," a year-and-a-half old black bull won first prize for best looks. Eleven-year-old Tyler Donnelly told *The Dispatch* that it was her fourth year at the show. Tyler goes to the farm every day to feed Ken. Children of all ages enjoyed pony rides and petting zoo, where they could see fluffy alpacas, rabbits, ostriches and play with kittens given out free to good homes.

Many adults and children brought their pets to the grassy area in front of the school to compete in the pet show. There were 12 classes, among them "Cat with Longest Whiskers," "Best Trained Pet," "Dog with Wiggliest Tail," "Best Costumed Pet," "Most Unusual Pet" among others. A turtle named Prince was wearing one of the most exciting costumes. He looked just like a ladybug.

Ivan Abarca, a senior at Catoctin High School, was proud of his 7-year-old dog Misty. Misty performed a variety of tricks and won first prize for the Best Trained Pet. It was Misty's third year participating in the pet show. Not only animals were judged during the Community Show, but also products of local farms: vegetables, fruit, honey and flowers.

The culmination of Saturday's events was the beef, sheep and swine sale. Approximately 22 beef, 15 sheep and 30 swine were sold.

Sunday featured a goat show, dairy show and barnyard Olympics. The student of martial arts school IN JI YONG performed their fighting skills. Horseshoe pitching and the 25th Annual Catoctin Mountain cross-cut log sawing contests were also popular attractions. The log



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Annie Delauter, a 17-year-old senior, was selected as the 2005-2006 Catoctin FFA Chapter Ambassador.

sawing contest, traditionally a male competition, also included women's and children's divisions this year.

Music lovers enjoyed entertainment courtesy of the Thurmont Middle School and Catoctin High School Bands on Saturday. The Catoctin Promise Band played Sunday in the school auditorium. People interested in the

history of Thurmont could spend some time in the old gym examining a display of historic pictures of the town and its citizens. The display was prepared by John Kinnaird, who was on hand to discuss the photos and their significance to the Thurmont area.

Smiling, happy faces were everywhere during the show,

people delighted with so much to see and do, and appreciative of the comfortable weather.

Garrett Miller, a 13-year-old Boy Scout from Troop 270, shared his impressions of the Community Show, "I enjoy coming to this show every year and hope next year's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary can top this year's great event."

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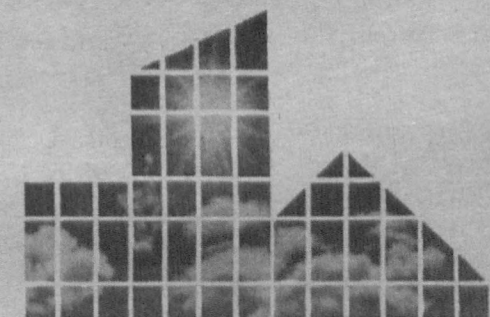
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### Vigilant Hose holds fundraiser for stricken fire companies

The Emmitsburg Vigilant Hose Company posted junior firemen in the Jubilee parking lot Sept. 9, 10 and 11 to help raise funds for fire companies that sustained damage or losses from Hurricane Katrina.

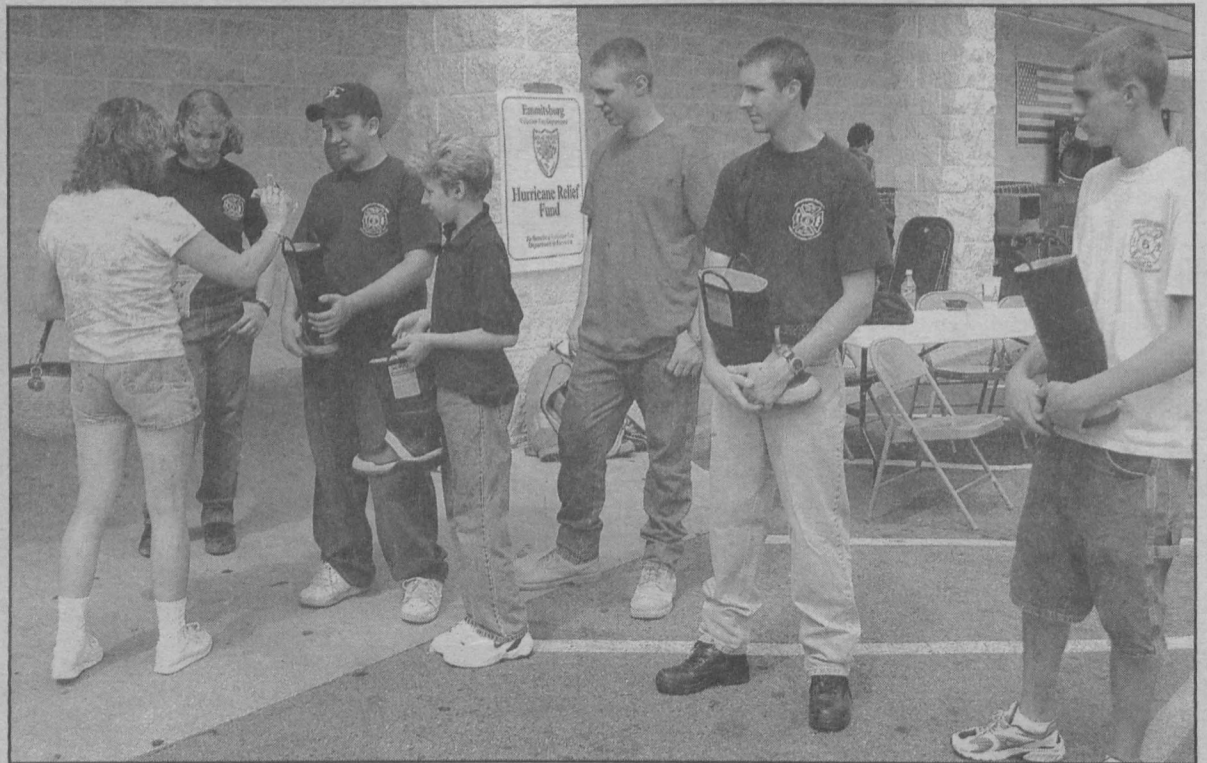
The company raised \$3,624 during their weekend drive. All of the contributions will be used to assist companies in the disaster areas, according to Vigilant.

Like many homes and businesses in the stricken area, numerous fire departments were completely destroyed. The local Emmitsburg fire company is seeking donations to help the disaster area companies get back in operation.

David Smith, owner of NES Unlimited and an emergency medical technician (EMT) and firefighter, has offered to match donations received by the fire company during their weekend effort.

Vigilant Hose will be collecting donations at the Frederick County Fair and through the month of September.

Checks can be made out to Vigilant Hose Company Relief Fund, and mailed to Vigilant Hose Company, P.O. Box 171, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. For additional information, contact the company at 301-447-2728.



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Junior firefighter Trevor Swain receives a donation from a Jubilee shopper to put towards the Vigilant Hose Company Hurricane Relief Fund. Other VHC junior members are (L-R) Debra Sloane, Nicholas Stoner, T.J. Fry, active firefighter David Stonesifer, and junior member Ronnie Stonesifer.

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## Preparation Begins at Home!

BY DIANNE L. WALBRECKER  
*Special to the Dispatch*

### Emergency Plans

While the tragic victims of Hurricane Katrina do their best to pull shattered lives back together across Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida, it's time for all of us to think about what we can do for ourselves. Preparation for any type of disaster begins with individuals and families. The county, state, and federal government each step in when the lower level of government requests assistance.

Emmitsburg works with the Vigilant Hose Company and Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, as well as the Frederick County Bureau of Emergency Management, to plan emergency response for our area. When an emergency occurs, citizens will be instructed about what actions to take. If you have special needs (such as being dependent on an oxygen tank), contact the local fire department (301-447-2728) and ambulance company (301-447-6626) so they can be aware of your needs.

No matter how large or small the emergency, having a plan that you have practiced and a disaster supply kit can make the difference between a terrifying experience and one that allows you to have some control over circumstances.

Before the disaster, you need to plan what you and your family will do. Whether it's a home fire or a tornado (two of the hazards most likely to strike our area), decide what you will do and then discuss and practice it with your family.

My sister's house caught fire several years ago. Within seven minutes, the fire had spread to the entire top floor. Because her junior high school daughter had learned about family home evacuation plans just weeks before the fire, she and her husband and five small children (as well as two children who were visiting and the family dog) all escaped safely. She credits the evacuation drill they had practiced with making that possible.

If the tornado warning siren goes off, get to the basement or an interior closet on the lowest floor as soon as possible. People of every age should know how to respond instinctively if they hear the tornado warning siren.

### Supplies

Emergency managers recommend that all families have at least the following on hand for a disaster supply kit:

- Three-day supply of non perishable food
- Three-day supply of water — one gallon of water per person, per day Bottled water is recommended

- Portable, battery-powered radio or television and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
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- Bedding, pillow, blanket, etc.
- Matches and waterproof container
- Whistle
- Extra clothing
- Can opener
- Photocopies of credit and identification cards
- Cash and coins
- Special needs items, such as prescription medications, eye glasses, contact lens solutions, hearing aid batteries, special dietary items
- Items for infants, such as formula, diapers, bottles, and pacifiers

Maintaining your supply kit is just as important as having it available. As your family grows and your needs change, update your kit. Keep items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers, such as an unused trashcan, camping backpack, or duffel bag.

*Editors' Note: Dianne Walbrecker is the CEO of Getting it Write, LLC. She writes and teaches emergency training courses, including those for FEMA.*

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# MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

## MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY *Responds to Hurricane Katrina*

Message from Mount President Thomas H. Powell

Our entire university community is concerned about the many people, family and friends who are suffering from the worst natural disaster in our nation's history. I have been in touch with college and university presidents from throughout the country to determine how those of us in academia can provide help to students and colleagues who face an uncertain future. I have heard estimates that more than 75,000 students are displaced from colleges and universities in the hurricane area, with no indication of when they will be able to resume their studies.

The University Leadership Team and I have discussed how best to respond to the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina—with the intent to focus our efforts on helping the students, faculty and staff displaced in the three hardest hit states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. As we discussed our response, I was extremely proud of the Mount's call to action to act in meaningful ways to help those who have lost so much. It is clear that our community recognizes that our vocation to love others also requires us to act. Initiatives for displaced students and faculty members will include:

- Offering academic opportunities for students from the hurricane area on either the Mount's main campus or through accelerated programs at the Frederick, Maryland, campus. We have currently enrolled one student from Tulane University.

- Working with the Department of Education to facilitate transfer of financial aid and develop strategies for flexible transfer of credits so those students who may come to the Mount can easily transfer credit to their colleges/universities.
- Providing tuition assistance programs for displaced students.
- Developing a plan to invite displaced faculty to the Mount for a sabbatical, or to help teach through the Mount's adjunct faculty program.

Additionally, the Mount community will conduct special services in the coming days to offer spiritual support for those affected by the hurricane, as well as on campus student life programming to engage students in relief efforts. We observed a special day of prayer for the victims of Hurricane Katrina on September 7, culminating in a university-wide Mass and candlelight procession

These are indeed sad and troubling times. I know that many of the Mount community have family and friends in the hurricane area. The news of the devastation is incomprehensible for most of us. We will do all we can to mobilize our community and resources to help.

**"It is clear that our community recognizes that our vocation to love others also requires us to act."**

—PRESIDENT THOMAS H. POWELL

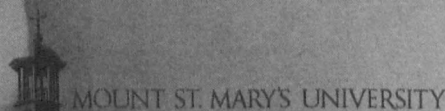
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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Wellness Expo

Saturday, September 17

11:00 – 3:00, ARCC, upper level

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#### Retreat for Families: "Promoting the Catholic Family Today"

Saturday, September 17

10 a.m.-4 p.m., National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes

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- The providence of God—are we abandoned to Him?
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#### Family Weekend

September 23-25

#### Multimedia Presentation: "Red, White, and Purple – Art and the Latino Religious Experience"

Wednesday, September 28

7:30 p.m., Laughlin Auditorium

In the spirit of the 2005 National Hispanic Heritage Month theme "Hispanic Americans: Strong & Colorful Threads in the American Fabric," Dr. Peter Casserella, an expert in Hispanic/Latino theology from Catholic University, will discuss how the encounter of indigenous peoples of the Americas, Africa, and Europe gave birth to a Mestizaje cultural blending of Hispanic/Latino traditions.

#### "Meditation and Contemplation—Union With God Through Prayer"

December 2-4

Seton Retreat Center, Emmitsburg, Maryland  
 Directed by Father Jack Lombardi.

For more information and to register, please call 301-447-5318.

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 Sat., Oct. 08, 1 p.m.

**Women's Soccer**  
 vs. East Tennessee State  
 Fri., Sept. 16, 3 p.m.  
 vs. St. Peter's  
 Sun., Sept. 18, 12 p.m.  
 vs. Wagner  
 Fri., Oct. 14, 3 p.m.

**Women's Tennis**  
 vs. St. Joseph's  
 Thu., Sept. 29, 3 p.m.  
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## SPORTS

# Emmitsburg Dodgers win Pony League Championship



**The 2005 Emmitsburg Dodgers: Front row (L to R): Parker Rohrbaugh, Ryan Pittinger, Joey Johnson, Garrett Rohrbaugh, Jared Cobb; second row (L to R): Michael Welty, Peter Mercandetti, Wayne Smith, Jr, Richard Doane, Chris Cobb, Andrew Boller; back row (L to R): Coach John Mercandetti, Coach Larry Pittinger, Manager Dave Welty, Coach Herb Rohrbaugh.**

The Emmitsburg Dodgers topped off their 2005 winning season (19-3) by defeating the Taneytown Orioles 18-16 on July 5 to become the 11-12-year old Mason-Dixon Pony League Bronco Division Champions.

The Dodgers won the Mason-Dixon South Division Championship by defeating the Taneytown Cardinals 10-8 on June 24. Defeating the Littlestown Orioles at home in the post-season quarter-

finals game on June 28, 13-12, led them to the semi-finals on June 30. After conquering the Charles Carroll Yankees 14-4 in six innings (based on the 10-run rule), the Dodgers moved onto the championship game.

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## Fans, parents, coaches, and athletic directors – Help us improve the sports section in *The Dispatch*

For some time *The Dispatch* editorial staff has had difficulty adequately providing material for a sports section in its Emmitsburg publication. Local sports and the many forms of recreation people engage in demands a sports section sometimes as large as the main section in many daily newspapers.

Up to this point we've had little and certainly not adequate coverage of local sports. Now with a second publication in Thurmont, the Dispatch acknowledges that it must address this issue. The children in both the Emmitsburg and Thurmont regions attend the same middle and high schools and participate together in sports activities. And we know that many of our readers expect to see some type of sports section as part of a news publication.

Because students are just beginning a new school year, this is the time to begin such an effort. But, we need your help. Until we have adequate reporting staff on board, we need sports fans, parents, coaches, and athletic directors of sports programs and recreation activities in our local area to submit information.

What do we need? Schedules, times and places of events, story leads about items of special interest, stats, digital photographs (high resolution), anything that will help us to report local sports.

The *Dispatch* is also looking for interns, and will be hiring freelance and part-time sports writers and photojournalists to help format the information you send us.

Please send any and all items by e-mail, subject "Sports," to [editor@emmitsburgdispatch.com](mailto:editor@emmitsburgdispatch.com). You can also fax items to us if you prefer, 301-447-5990, or mail them to Sports Submission, c/o The Dispatch, P.O. Box 358, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

-Raymond Buchheister  
Editor & Publisher

### Sports Reporters needed

The Dispatch newspapers in Emmitsburg and Thurmont have immediate openings for intern, freelance, and part-time paid sports reporters.

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# Outside the Game Heroes

By A.J. Russo  
Sports Editor

A quiz to give to your children – a single, multiple-choice question with only one answer. Here's the story of four men. Which do you want to be your hero?

1. Oakland Raiders receiver **Randy Moss** recently admitted he has used marijuana since entering the NFL seven years ago and still smokes it "every blue moon."

"I have used, you know, marijuana ... since I've been in the league," Moss said in a recent interview for HBO's "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel." "But as far as abusing it and, you know, letting it take control over me, I don't do that, no."

When asked whether he still smoked marijuana, the star receiver said: "I might. I might have fun. And, you know, hopefully ... I won't get into any trouble by the NFL by

saying that, you know. I have had fun throughout my years and, you know, predominantly in the off-season.

"But, you know, I don't want any kids, you know, watching this taking a lesson from me as far as 'Well, Randy Moss used it so I'm going to use it.' I don't want that to get across. Like I say ... I have used [marijuana] in the past. And every blue moon or every once in a while I might."

2. "He only has \$12 million over the first two years of his contract," Drew Rosenhaus, agent extraordinaire said, sitting next to the Philadelphia Eagles' Pro Bowl wide receiver, **Terrell Owens**.

Only \$12 million? Contract pomposity is normal, part of life in pro sports.

But no one forced Owens to sign with the Eagles. He was about to win an arbitration and gain free agency. The NFL Players Association advised him against signing, but Owens didn't listen.

Then, by making himself a complete \*\*\* in camp, Owens brilliantly orchestrated his own departure. Reid kicked Owens out of camp after a verbal altercation.

Reid: "Shut up."

Owens: "My name is Terrell Owens, not Terrell Reid. My mom had me."

3. Just months after the world saw him shake his finger at members of Congress, **Rafael Palmeiro**, Baltimore Orioles first baseman, was suspended by Major League Baseball after testing positive for a performance-enhancing drug.

The positive steroid test was for stanozolol, a powerful anabolic steroid that is not available in dietary supplements.

Palmeiro didn't deny turning in a positive test, but was adamant it was an accident.

4. Dr. **Peter C. Agre**, a Johns Hopkins School of Medicine biochemist who delights in telling colleagues that he earned a D in chemistry before dropping out of high school, was awarded the Nobel Prize in chemistry a couple of years ago for his breakthrough discovery of the proteins that govern the movement of water in and out of cells.

When told of his award at his home in a Baltimore County neighborhood, Agre joked when congratulated, and patiently spelled

aquaporin for reporters calling from Denmark, Brazil, Germany, Argentina and Colombia.

As he and others tell it, Agre's great discovery was a classic piece of scientific serendipity. "The humbling truth is we bumbled along and bumped into this."

"My approach to science might be described as the Huck Finn approach," he said at a news conference at the Hopkins medical school. "If it looks fun and it's doable, we're going to do it. ... The greatest element of all in this discovery is luck."

"As a scientist," Dr. Landon S. King, a pulmonologist at Hopkins said, "Peter has a great ability to look at problems and identify the ones that are very important."

Students say Agre lacks the ego and pomposity that often accompany Nobel winners. "He's incredibly down-to-earth, very easily approachable," said Dan Gorelick, a 27-year-old graduate student in Agre's lab.

And the answer is ...

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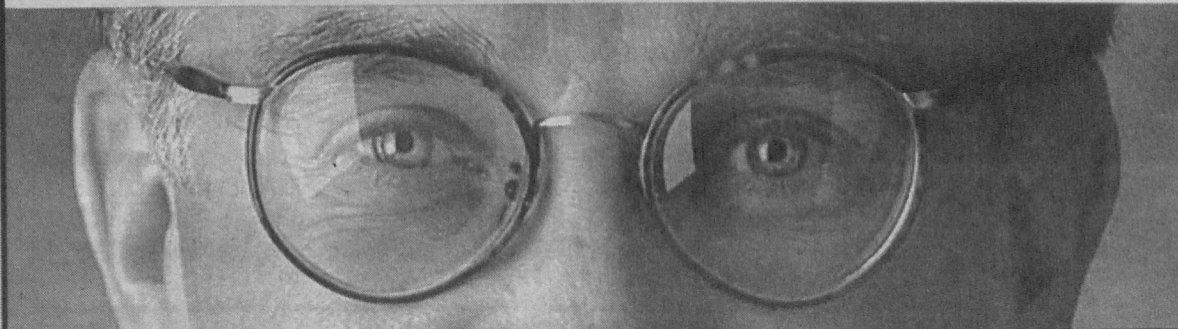
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# Art & Entertainment

## MET presents another Wonder-ful performance

By V. DIANN DEVART  
 Contributing Writer

Count on a barrel of laughs in Maryland Ensemble Theatre's outrageous comedy, "Wonder of the World," as the avant-garde theatre finishes up its eighth season launch.

David Lindsay-Abaire's hilarious Off-Broadway satire centers on the adventures of Cass Harris, a woman who abandons her spouse and suburban life following the discovery of a dirty little secret in her husband's sock drawer. Inspired by a Marilyn Monroe movie character, Cass boards a scenic cruiser to Niagara Falls in search of the life she feels has eluded her. Along the way, she meets a suicidal alcoholic intent on going over the falls, a psychologist who moonlights as a clown, and various waitresses employed at restaurants — each with peculiar themes. All the while, Cass is pursued by two amateur detectives who have been engaged by her husband.

Peter Wray, assistant professor of theatre at Towson University is overseeing the production, which was made famous with Sarah Jessica Parker's casting in the lead role some years ago. Outrageous and kinetic, Wray explains why Lindsay-Abaire's madcap plots are so appealing to playgoers. "I think people are thrilled by a

joy ride of the unexpected," he says of the script that makes use of simple theatrical devices to create comedic experiences which include bus excursions and trips over the thunderous Niagara Falls.

While Wray describes Lindsay-Abaire's characters as both silly and kooky, he says they each offer layers of humanity that audiences will appreciate. "Lindsay-Abaire reminds us that we all have frailties that require tender care and that somehow, in the midst of the chaos, we can find peace."

Wray, whose 17-year body of work as a director includes Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot," Lanford Wilson's "Talley's Folly," and Israel Horowitz's "Park Your Car in Harvard Yard," says he tends to gravitate toward plays dealing with the foibles of life. "At one point or another, most of us wonder how our lives might have been different if we'd made other choices." Wray says this is particularly true of Cass, who detours from the path of least resistance and embarks upon the journey of a lifetime. "In throwing caution to the wind, Cass has a rollicking good time."

"Wonder of the World" provides Wray with his first directorial experience at MET, whom he said he had heard about numerous times since accepting his faculty position at Towson four years ago. "I knew I was

interested in working with the group after seeing their production of 'Lysistrata' last spring."

MET's production features Lisa Burl in the role of Cass Harris. Mikael Johnson portrays Cass's therapy-seeking husband, Kip; Julie Herber as Lois Coleman, obsessed with going over the falls as a revenge tactic; Marilyn Bennett and David Yackley as amateur detectives, Karla and Glen; DC Cathro as Captain Mike, skipper of the Maid of the Mist, and Gené Fouché in four to six roles which include a helicopter pilot, a psychologist, the three waitresses and more.

The play's production staff consists of Ken Poisson, stage manager; Sarah Shulman, assistant stage manager; Tad Janes, set designer; Paul Shillinger lighting design; Tom Majorov, sound designer; Lorrie Tripp, properties; and Julia Golbey, costumes.

The play will be presented on Friday and Saturday evenings through Sept. 24 at 8 p.m. with special Thursday performances on Sept. 15 and 22. There will be a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18. Tickets are \$20 adults / \$17 students and seniors. All Thursday evening tickets are \$15. To reserve tickets, call 301-694-4744 or purchase on-line at: [www.marylandensemble.org](http://www.marylandensemble.org). Maryland Ensemble Theatre is located in the FSK Hotel, 31 West Patrick Street, Frederick.



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## Great Frederick Fair opens Friday with free admission

BY V. DIANN DEVART  
Contributing Writer

The fairgrounds in Frederick will be bustling when The Great Frederick Fair opens its gates to the public for the 143rd year on Friday, Sept. 16 at 5 p.m. Building exhibits will all open at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17. The fair runs through Saturday, Sept. 24.

The fair will open on Friday evening with the selection of the 4-H Royalty and the Frederick County Farm Family of the Year.

On Friday, Sept. 16, fair visitors will enjoy free admission. Admission will be charged beginning 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the \$5 admission rate and \$5 parking fee. Youngsters under 18 are admitted free Monday through Friday until 5 p.m.

Tires screeching and metal crashing will once again be heard at this year's 143rd Great Frederick Fair during the demolition derby. As always, this unique event promises to be exciting for participants and spectators alike, not on just one night, but two. The derbies, set for

Tuesday, Sept. 20 and Wednesday, Sept. 21, begin at 7 p.m.

Great Frederick Fair will again feature the "Carload Special" promotion one day of the event. This special includes admission to the fair and unlimited rides for everyone arriving in the same vehicle from 2 p.m. to close on Sept. 21. The carload special is \$40 per vehicle. Buses are excluded.

Kids' Day is set for Friday, Sept. 23. All rides will be reduced by one ticket from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regular prices will be charged after 5 p.m. Nearly 30 rides from the Reithoffer Shows will give fairgoers their much-awaited thrills during the nine-day event.

The Frederick City Police are also gearing up for increased traffic volume along East Patrick Street, Monroe Avenue and Highland Street. The police will be directing traffic to the fairgrounds' designated entrances.

For a complete fair schedule and specific parking information, visit the fair's Web site at [www.thegreatfrederickfair.com](http://www.thegreatfrederickfair.com).

## Fairfield will host 25<sup>th</sup> Pippinfest

Fairfield Borough will hold its 25<sup>th</sup> Pippinfest on Saturday, Sept. 24, and Sunday, Sept. 25.

Saturday's events will feature community-wide yard sales from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Breakfast sandwiches and lunch will be available at the Fairfield Community Fire and EMS. Food will also be available from the Boy Scouts on Main Street.

Sunday's events will include a craft show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A vintage car show will be held at the Fairfield Community Fire and EMS from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Square dance demonstrations will be held at 1, 2, and 3 p.m. in the Fairfield Inn parking lot.

A Rainbow gymnastics demonstration will be held in front of the Fairfield Community Fire and EMS

beginning 11:45 a.m. The Fairfield High School Jazz Band will perform in front of the Fairfield Community Fire and EMS 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.

The Fairfield High School Show Choir will perform in front of the Fairfield Community Fire and EMS 12:30 and 2:30 p.m., and the drawing for the quilt raffle will be held at 4 p.m. at the event information booth.

On Saturday and Sunday, there will be an apple industry display at the Village Hall, 108 West Main Street, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and quilt raffle tickets will be sold at the event information booth.

There is no admission charge for any of the events, and ample parking will be available.

# 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 Troup presents free performances. Sept. 16, 7 p.m. at Granite Hill Campground. Sept. 18, 4 p.m. at the Adams County Heritage Festival held 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. Catocin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo. Thurmont. 301-271-3180.

### Dance

**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.

**Sept. 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. 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. [mainstreet@downtownfrederick.org](mailto:mainstreet@downtownfrederick.org). 301-698-8118.

**Oct. 1 and Oct. 15 – 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.

### Concerts

**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).

**Sept. 22 – Tracy Lawrence and Ronnie Milsap.** 7:30 p.m. The Great Frederick Fair. \$25-30. Order on-line at [www.thegreatfrederickfair.com](http://www.thegreatfrederickfair.com).

**Sept. 23 – Bill Engvall from the Blue Collar Comedy Group.** 7:30 p.m. The Great Frederick Fair. \$25-30. Order on-line at [www.thegreatfrederickfair.com](http://www.thegreatfrederickfair.com).

**Sept. 24 – Tracy Byrd and Joe Nichols.** 7:30 p.m. The Great Frederick Fair. \$25-30. Order on-line at [www.thegreatfrederickfair.com](http://www.thegreatfrederickfair.com).

### Festivals/Events

**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-gettysburg.org/festival](http://www.icpj-gettysburg.org/festival) or 717-334-8943.

**Sept. 23-24 – Frederick Festival of Film 2005.** Friday, 7 p.m. to midnight and Saturday 2-10 p.m. Festival includes shorts and feature films from around the world as well as entries to the 72 Hour Filmmaker contest. \$10 for one day. \$15 for both. Weinberg Center of the Arts. 301-694-9632.

**Sept. 24-25 – Fairfield Pippinfest.** Main Street, Fairfield. Apple products, music, crafts. Information: 717-642-5640.

**Sept. 25 – Gettysburg Outdoor Antique Show.** 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Downtown Gettysburg. Information: [www.gettysburgchamber.org](http://www.gettysburgchamber.org) or 717-334-8151.

**Oct. 1-2 and Oct. 8-9 – 41st Annual Apple Harvest Festival.** South Mountain Fairgrounds. Information: [www.appleharvest.com](http://www.appleharvest.com).

### Live Acts

**Sept. 16 – Last Train Home.** Frederick County Public Libraries once again hosts a series of free concerts on the second-floor terrace overlooking Carroll Creek. Part of the "Music on the Terrace" brown bag lunch concert series from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. 110 East Patrick Street, Frederick.

**Sept. 23 – Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition.** Frederick County Public Libraries' free concert on the second-floor terrace overlooking Carroll Creek. 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. 110 East Patrick Street, Frederick.

**Sept. 30 – Howard Burns Quartet.** Frederick County Public Libraries' free concert on the second-floor terrace overlooking Carroll Creek. 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., 110 East Patrick Street, Frederick.

### Stage

**Sept. 15-17 and 22-24 – The Whales of August.** Two elderly sisters in New England count their blessings and their friends as they struggle to stay in the present, even as they remember how things used to be. Performed by Gettysburg Stage. Keefauver Center, 157 Lefever St. Gettysburg. \$10-12. 866-859-5192.

**Oct. 2 – Murder Mystery.** 2 p.m. The Temple, W. Church St., Frederick. New Play House staged reading (minimal props and set, actors read from scripts in hand). Afterwards, the audience is invited to discuss the play. Information: 301-668-8019, <http://www.newplayhouse.org>.

### Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

**Oct. 1 – First Saturday Gallery Walk.** Enjoy an evening of exhibit openings, guest artists and live entertainment in downtown Frederick. 301-698-8118.

### Music Festivals

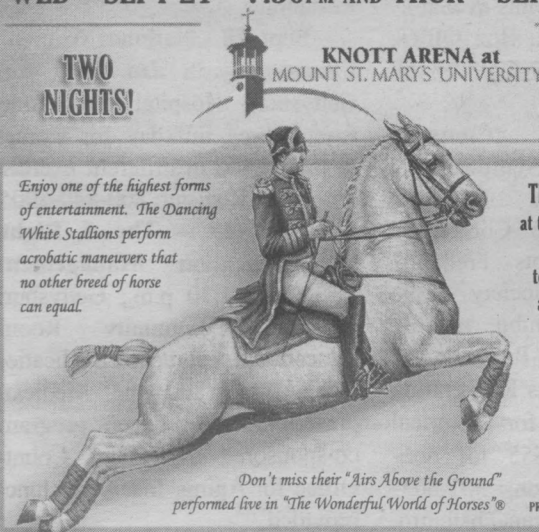
**Sept. 18 – BBQ, Blues and Bluegrass Festival.** 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Music by Flint Hollow, the Orchard Boys and Sarno and Hess. Local food vendors, barbecue cook-off competition open to the public, children's activities. \$5. Grounds of Trinity School in Frederick, 6040 New Design Road, near Keys Stadium.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

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## Bill and Betty Meredith Celebrate 50 Golden Years

Approximately 125 family members and friends gathered in the McGowan Center dining room at Mount St. Mary's University on Aug. 20 in honor of Bill and Betty Meredith's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Bill was a professor at the Mount from 1957 to 1998, and also served two terms as academic dean. Since 1995 he has been the author of "The (retired) Ecologist" column in *The Dispatch*.

The couple was married Aug. 20, 1955 at Jordan, W. Va. Presbyterian Church by Rev. Edgar Towne. "He sold his pony back to his dad to buy my ring," says Betty, "and I still have that hundred-dollar

ring." Bill was working toward his master's degree in zoology at West Virginia University. He later earned a Ph.D. in ecology from the University of Maryland.

They raised their three children and many gardens in Emmitsburg. Betty began working at Emmitsburg School as an instructional aide in 1971. Both retired in 1998. Since then Bill has published "a couple of papers" in *Catoctin History Magazine*. He plays guitar with the Fire City Jazz Band, and he and Betty both perform with the No-Name Band. Their gardens still grow, as do their six grandchildren.

## QUILTERS

# Choose your side of the quilting fence

My brother-in-law from California was visiting "back East," dividing his time between relatives in Maryland and West Virginia. He was amazed at the openness of our farm and city homes. He remarked, often, "No one has fences around their homes. In California, everyone has fences."

Perhaps he shouldn't have been so all-inclusive, but privacy fences are common in California. The absence of fences here was a charming, friendly feature of our area. However, now we see more and more fences. Not short picket fences, reminiscent of an earlier romantic era, but, six-foot wooden fences and tall vinyl fences. Are they what my brother-in-law called privacy fences? Perhaps, but some are a protective measure, and, some merely decorative.

The quilt world has had its fences also. When I began quilting, the "9-patch" pattern was widely



BY MARY ELLEN CUMMINGS  
*Dispatch Columnist*

used — as a teaching tool and for utility quilts. If the quilter could get all her 'corners' to match, she was ready to advance.

Then came the "fence." On one side, the traditionalists make the 9-patch squares the same old way, assembling them according to color placements all over the quilt. The non-traditionalists, "over the fence," wondered how to alter the nine-patch, but keep it the same. Many designs later we have "Nine to the ninth power" from Scott Murkin and one I'm making, "Multiplying by nine."

A huge fence arose during

the 1940s and 1950s when cotton fabric almost disappeared from stores, and were replaced by polyester knits. The purists would not make quilts using these fabrics. I was not a purist and I was not alone. On our side of the fence, we made attractive and useful quilts with traditional patterns. We made "9-patch," "Trip around the world" and "Log cabin" to name a few.

Quilting fences have resulted from the talents and ingenuity of many quilt makers and designers. The art quilts created one of these fences. Seriously affected were the planners, promoters and judges of quilt shows. Just where does a quilt with beer cans and buttons fit in? Where do you put the painted fabric ones? Should they be judged with "Baltimore Albums" or separate?

I've heard the following statement all my life, but don't know when or how it originated, "The times they is a changin'."

## Community Calendar

### LOOKING AHEAD

**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 — Seton Center Yard Sale.** All day. Seton Retreat and Conference Center, Emmitsburg.

**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 — Family Retreat.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Grotto of Lourdes Emmitsburg, Md., "Promoting the Catholic Family Today." Various speakers, Mass, confessions, Holy Hour, spiritual conferences, witness talks. Childcare available. RSVP: 301-447-5318.

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

**Sept. 20 — History of Woodsboro.** 7 p.m. C. Burr Artz Central Library Community Room, 110 East Patrick Street, Frederick.

The Historical Society of Frederick County 2005 Lecture Series. Dahl Drenning will explore the founding of the town by Colonel Joseph Wood and its development over two centuries.

**Sept. 21 and 22 — "Dancing White Stallions,"** the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary tour by the famous Austrian Lipizzaner stallions. Knott Arena at Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg. 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 toll free 800-628-2722.

**Sept. 23 — "Common Threads: a Textile Symposium."** 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Frederick Community College Conference Center. Complements Frederick County Historical Society textile and needlework exhibit, running through November. Presentations by noted textile experts. Registration required. Cost: \$45 for Historical society members, \$55 for non-members. Information: 301-663-1188 or e-mail jbryan@hsfcinfo.org.

**Sept. 24 — Multiphasic Blood Screenings.** 6:30-9 a.m., Thurmont Lions Club at Thurmont Middle School. Registration: 1-800-840-5905.

**Sept. 25 — Alzheimer's Association Annual Memory Walk.** Registration at 1 p.m. Maryland School for the Deaf, Frederick. Information: call 301-447-3100 or log on to [www.alzgmnd.org](http://www.alzgmnd.org).

**Sept. 26 — Thurmont Economic Development Committee Meeting.** 6 p.m. Cozy Restaurant.

**Sept. 28 — National Women's Fitness Day.** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gettysburg Hospital Community Room. Free full day for women to participate in different exercise programs. Register: 800-840-5905.

**Sept. 29 — The 5 Rights of Medication Management.** 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Gettysburg Hospital Community Room. Educational program on medication management and the Medicare prescription drug benefit program, co-sponsored by Adams County Office for Aging, Inc. Light lunch provided.

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- Oct. 28: Chicken Parmesan w/ Spaghetti, Peas & Carrots

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**Oct. 1 - All you can eat Buffet Breakfast.** 6-11 a.m. Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, Tom's Creek Church Road (off Route 140 between Taneytown and Emmitsburg). Adults \$5.50, ages 5-10 \$2.50. Advance orders for meat, call 410-756-2034 or 301-447-6384 by Sept. 25.

**Oct. 2 - Guardian Hose Company's 4th annual car, truck and bike show.** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thurmont Carnival Grounds. Pre-registration: \$15, at the gate: \$20. Both include one dinner and one vehicle. Information: 301-271-3413.

**Oct. 2 - Life Chain.** 2:30-3:30 p.m. Frederick: Rt. 40 in front of Fredericktowne Mall. Information: 301-668-4986. Taneytown: Baltimore St. at York St. Information: 410-751-1712. Peaceful pro-life witness.

**Oct. 3-Nov. 21 - Empower Yourself.** 6:30-8 p.m. Gettysburg Area YWCA. Eight-week weight management for teens, 13-17 presented by the Gettysburg Hospital, YWCA Gettysburg & Adams County, and Gettysburg College. Information or registration: 717-337-4264, ext 5 or 717-334-9171, ext 121.

**Oct. 4 - The Latest in Breast Cancer.** Noon to 1, Gettysburg

College Union Building Room 260. Bring a bagged lunch. Free, beverage and dessert provided. Register: 800-840-5905.

**Oct. 5 - Forget Low Carbs, Now It's Slow Carbs.** Noon to 1 p.m. Gettysburg Recreation Park Community Room. Join Betsy Wargo, MS, RD, CDE, for a look at carbohydrate trends and how they affect diabetes management. Registration: 800-840-5905.

**Oct. 6 - Women of Color.** 5:30 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. program. Coalition for Community Care Room, 40 East High Street, Gettysburg. Free breast cancer educational program for women of color. Light healthy meal included. Register: 800-840-5905.

**Oct. 6 - Women Networking 2 B Healthy.** 7-8:30 p.m. Emmitsburg Library. Topic: "Maintain Your Brain." presented by Joyce Heptner, Regional Director of the Alzheimer's Association. RSVP: 301-447-3100 or e-mail [jeanneangleberger@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanneangleberger@yahoo.com).

**Oct. 7 - Taneytown Business Breakfast.** 7:30 a.m. breakfast, program at 8:10. Thunder Lanes, Taneytown. Speaker: Taney Aris Melissaratos, Md. Secretary of Business & Economic Development. Reservations: 410-751-1100 X 20 or e-mail [nbmccormick@taneytown.org](mailto:nbmccormick@taneytown.org) by Oct. 5. Cost: \$5.50 at the door.

**Oct. 7 - "An Evening on the Riviera."** 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Holiday Inn, Holidome and Conference Center, I270@ Route 85, Frederick. Food and wine gala to benefit Frederick County non-profits. Tickets: \$85.

**Oct 7-9 - National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend.** Emmitsburg. Oct. 8, **Memorial Chapel Vigil**, National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel; **Candlelight Service.** Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, to honor fallen firefighters. **Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service.** Oct. 9, 10 a.m., National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. Information: 301-447-1365.

**Oct. 8 - Pleasant Valley Fall Fest.** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company, 2030 South Pleasant Valley Road, Westminster, MD 21158. Homemade food served

all day. Auto motorcycle show. Information: 410-751-0207 or 410-848-5163.

**Oct. 8 - Color your Night Pink Sock Hop.** Pike Restaurant, Rt. 97, south of Gettysburg. Benefits the Adams County Breast Cancer Coalition. Featuring The Leatherettes. Tickets: \$40 per person, 717-334-4777.

**Oct. 8 and 9 - Ridgifest.** Mt. Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge. Apple butter, Rocky Ridge firemen's fried ham sandwiches. Flea market, crafts, home-cooked food, country store. Sponsored by Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church Willing Workers. Directions: follow Route 77 to Rocky Ridge, turn onto Motters Station Road. Park is just ahead on left.

**Oct. 8 and 9 - 42nd Annual 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.

**Oct. 8 and 9 - 30th Annual Sabillasville Community Fair.** Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission and parking. Sabillasville Elementary School, Rt. 550, six miles north of Thurmont. Food, crafts, produce, antiques, juried car show, animal exhibits. Saturday entertainment: Christine Maccabee, piano and guitar folk music, Emmitsburg Singers. Sunday: Herb Greenlee, ragtime and old-fashioned piano. Sponsored by Northwest Frederick County Civic Association, proceeds benefit local schools, libraries and other community interests. Fair information: 301-241-3687, car show: 301-241-3216.

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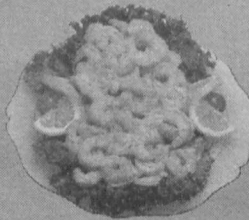
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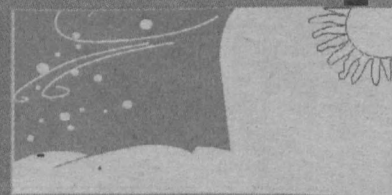
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