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L to R: Molly Phelan, Sophie Eureka and Kelsi Stopyra work together on a rubbing at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Brownies work on badge in St. Joseph's Cemetery

This past week 11 second and third grade members of Girl Scout Brownie Troop 1379 from Mother Seton School walked to St. Joseph's

Catholic Cemetery after after classes to work on a try-it badge, "Listening to the Past." The girls found several common family names as they

looked for the oldest dates on the tombstones, determined people's ages, and made rubbings of names and symbols on the memorials.

Town / mayor threatened with litigation

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

In the latest round of ethics-related battles, an Emmitsburg commissioner and his attorney have threatened the town and its mayor with potential legal action.

A Sept. 20 letter from Frederick Attorney Norman C. Usiak, representing Commissioner William B. O'Neil, Jr. and his Thurmont attorney, Rosemary McDermott, states that the town owes McDermott \$5,827.50 in legal fees expended on O'Neil's behalf during the recent ethics investigation.

In April the town ethics commission determined that O'Neil, along with Commissioner Arthur Elder, had violated the town's ethics code.

Attorney claims town owes legal fees

In an apparent effort to justify payment of O'Neill's legal expenses, Usiak wrote that the Frederick County State's Attorney Office "completely discredited the (ethics) commission's finding."

State's Attorney Scott Rolle told *The Dispatch* that he found only that the commissioners' infractions were not criminal in nature, which would

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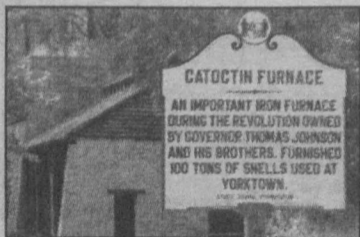
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Senior housing proposed for Silver Fancy Farm

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

Developers whose Silver Fancy Farm annexation was overturned in a 2003 referendum are renewing their effort to produce

an annexation plan more acceptable to Emmitsburg residents.

Zoltan Nagy, principal with Buckeye Development, presented a new concept plan to the town planning commission Sept. 26. He said Buckeye would make a second

attempt to annex a portion of the Silver Fancy farm located off North Seton Avenue, along with some additional adjacent land.

Nagy said his presentation was designed to begin discussions about the proposal with town

administrators and the public. Referring to the overturned plan, he commented, "We're not just dusting off the old one. I think we learned something in that thrashing."

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Fallen firefighters to be honored this weekend

Fire safety workers from across the country, family members and friends will gather in Emmitsburg this weekend to honor firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty during 2004.

The 24th annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend at the National Fire Academy will honor 101 fallen firefighters from 34 states who died in 2004, along with six firefighters who died in previous years. No local firefighters, but two Maryland and 16 Pennsylvania are

included on this year's roll of honor.

On Saturday a vigil will be held at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. At 11:30 a.m., bikers will parade through downtown Emmitsburg in the seventh annual Red Helmets Ride. They will ride to the Fire Academy and lay a wreath at the National Monument.

Saturday evening a candlelight service at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will begin at 6:30 p.m. preceded by

a musical interlude at 6.

On Sunday a 10 a.m. memorial service will be held on the National Fire Academy campus.

Through the "Everybody Goes Home" initiative, launched after a

2004 Life Safety Summit, the U.S. Fire Administration and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation aim to reduce firefighter deaths by 25 percent within five years and 50 percent in 10 years.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Unwanted sewer tap goes begging

I'm curious about what to do with a sewer tap we have, don't want, and refuse to give back to the town.

I e-mailed St. Joe's Church offering a solution to a situation that looked like it might cause yet another ethics charge and waste more tax money. Basically I offered the church the tap in exchange for the church having our home converted from two taps to one.

This shouldn't have involved more than removing one water meter and moving the other to

meter the incoming line before it splits. The second sewer tap exists only on paper and/or in a computer. I can't imagine much physical difficulty in switching meters and changing the town's records to show, on paper, that the sewer tap had been transferred.

But I haven't heard from anyone from St Joe's Church and wonder now if I might offer the extra sewer tap to some other group or individual.

Several years ago, a town office worker told my wife she could return the tap to the town to rid ourselves of the extra taxes, but also said we might never be able to get another. When she asked what the tap was worth, she was told the

town didn't buy taps; it sold them. Hmmm.

In view of recent events, we're glad we hung onto the money eater. The town then sold taps for around \$5,000. We were stunned to learn a tap costs \$11,000 now! I suspect we wouldn't be allowed to give the tap away, let alone sell it. We know the town won't buy it and we can't see surrendering it - basically making an \$11,000 gift to the town.

I do find it rather amusing that we have something so many people seem to want and we can't profit from it.

-Jack Deatherage, Jr.
Emmitsburg

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

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

October 6, 1905

Fairfield Items

Messrs. Richard and Percy Polley have bought out the butcher business of Mr. George Byers, at the west end of Fairfield.

Mrs. Ed. Reese, who had several strokes, her one side being paralyzed, is helpless and very ill.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. John Donoghue, Mrs. Julia Sullivan and Mrs. James Donoghue, of Altoona, Pa., are visiting in this place, stopping at Hotel Slagle. They formerly resided here.

Mrs. Reynolds Caldwell, of Baltimore, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Caldwell.

Norman Z. Hoke has been appointed by Governor Edwin Warfield as Deputy Game Warden for Frederick County.

October 13, 1905

The roof over the pattern room at Frailey Brothers Foundry caught fire last Saturday morning while they were casting. The fire was extinguished with little damage to the roof.

Mr. Daniel Stouter of this place, has a cabbage stock in his garden containing 13 heads of cabbage.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m., John H. Rosensteel will sell at his residence on

the road leading from Mt. St. Mary's College to Annandale School House, a lot of personal property.

An excursion, under the auspices of the Benevolent Society of the Reformed Church, will be run to Baltimore, on Saturday, Nov. 11, 1905. Round trip fare from this place \$1.35. Train leaves Emmitsburg at 6:15 a.m.

The Emmitsburg High School Base Ball Club defeated St. Euphemia's, on Monday, October 9. Score 15-2. Mr. Kretzer presented the winners with a flareball. Winning Battery Sellers and Frailey. Leading Battery Topper and Kerrigan.

Pen-Mar park closed the season last week. The season is said to have been the most successful in the history of the park. J.E. Crout, who conducted the dining room, fed more than 40,000 guests and visitors. For this large number of dinners 9,700 chickens were killed.

The installation of the Rev. Kenneth M. Craig as pastor of the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church will be held on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Second Kangaroo Captured

Samuel Wastler last week caught the second of the two kangaroos that escaped from the Frank Robbins' show. The animal had taken refuge in the cellar of a house at Buena Vista and was easily captured. Mr. Wastler has shipped both animals to the circus. The reward is said to be five dollars. All three of the animals that escaped at Edgemont have thus been captured and returned to the owner.

October 20, 1905

THE WAR
OFFICIALLY OVER
Russia and Japan Notified
Treaty Has Been Signed

Spencer Eddy, the American charge d'affaires, yesterday afternoon officially informed the foreign office that the emperor of Japan ratified the Russo-Japanese peace treaty Saturday.

The French minister at Tokyo at the same time informed the Japanese government that Emperor Nicholas had signed the treaty. The ratifications were exchanged at Washington.

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Ticked off about ticks

I am TICKED OFF AND FED UP with the apathy in the medical community, the Pa. Department of Health, insurance companies, and the federal government. WHY? Because yet another young person has succumbed to the ravages of Lyme disease. When are we going to wake up and take tickborne diseases seriously? And when is

the public going to stand up and demand more from their doctors?

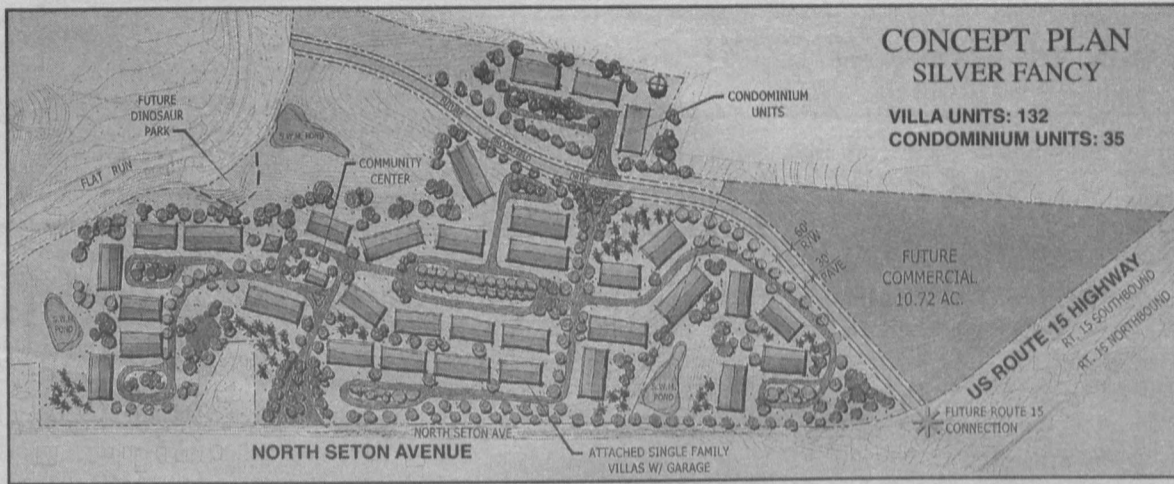
Pennsylvania has the second highest rate of reported Lyme cases in the nation this year. I run the Gettysburg Lyme Support Group, which meets the first Sunday of each month at the Gettysburg Hospital Community Room from 1 to 4 p.m., and am a board member of TOFU, Inc. - Ticked Off and Fed Up, Inc - a 501(c)(3) charity to increase public awareness, educate physicians, and help the victims of tickborne diseases.

We are all volunteers, serving over 750 victims over the past five years. I personally answer about 75 unsolicited e-mails from our Website every month. Calls, about two a day, always run between one and two hours, mainly because the victims' brains aren't fully functioning, they have been shoved from doctor to doctor, mistreated, and more importantly, MISDIAGNOSED! ...

The Pa. Department of Health's Website only mentions Lyme and two types of ehrlichia as tickborne diseases. ...But almost all of the folks coming to our meetings have babesia, malaria in a tick. They have tularemia, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, bartonella, and various viruses.

WE ARE FRUSTRATED BEYOND BELIEF!!! Our next meeting is Oct. 2 from 1 to 4 at the Community Room of the Gettysburg Hospital. Come and see for yourself!

- Lovette Mott
Biglerville, Pa.



Members of the town board of commissioners and public present at an Emmitsburg planning commission meeting got their first look at the concept plan of a development redesign on a portion of the old Silver Fancy Farm off North Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg. Buckeye Development is proposing 168 senior housing units plus a commercial section as part of the new proposal.

Silver Fancy

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According to the submitted plan, Buckeye is proposing a senior housing development of 168 dwelling units, 132 villas (one and one-half story buildings) and 36 (three-story) condominiums. Nagy said the condominiums would be an afford-able housing component of the project, priced in the \$200,000 range versus the villas in the \$300,000 range.

The property presently has county R-3 zoning, allowing three units per acre. The residential portion of Buckeye's proposal sits on approximately 65 acres of Silver Fancy land. Under county zoning it could have as many as 195 units.

Brookfield Drive would be the primary road through the development. The road would dead end at the northwest corner of the tract, connecting with North Seton Avenue at the southeast area of the site near the present intersection with U.S. 15.

Nagy said the decision to build an all-senior project should help alleviate traffic concerns and have

minimal impact on schools, since a significant number of the residents would be retired with no school-aged children.

To help address wastewater collection system improvements in the community, Nagy said the developer would be willing to discuss a per unit surcharge over and above current rates.

Plan includes commercial area and dinosaur park site

Buckeye is also proposing a 10-acre commercial area at the north end of the development, with an additional 15 acres across U.S. 15 that could be included. Both potential commercial sites currently have county R-3 zoning, and are owned by James Stockman.

Nagy told *The Dispatch* there are no specific plans for the commercial area at this point, but said they should provide employment opportunities for local residents. He said including the additional 15 acres is completely optional.

Another feature new to this Silver Fancy proposal is a one-acre "dinosaur park" site containing the historic, and long-abandoned

Emmitsburg quarry, also known as the "Lost Dinosaur Quarry."

Providing flagstone and foundation stone for walkways and structures at St. Joseph's Academy in Emmitsburg during the mid to late 1800s, the quarry was probably abandoned in the late 1880s or 1890s.

The quarry remains the only Maryland site producing fossil tracks dating back to the dawn of the dinosaurs.

Nagy said the dinosaur acre could be deeded to the town.

Next step is preparing annexation petition

Nagy told the planning commission, "We have tried to listen to the objections and make changes (addressing) schools, roads and sewer problems." However, he added, "Nothing I can say will change the minds of anyone opposed to growth."

"I believe we just have to get the annexation petition together. We'll probably meet with town staff one more time," Nagy told *The Dispatch*.

"If we can do anything up front to make the people happy, let's do it now. I'd just as soon address concerns now," he said.

The board and citizens present on Sept. 26 made no comments about the proposal during the presentation. Town Planner Michael Lucas asked for an additional set of plans to review before commenting.

Ethics

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have necessitated further action by his office.

Usiak claims the town owes McDermott over \$5,800. But McDermott herself had said previously that Emmitsburg only owes her \$4,370.65, because of a 25 percent discount she grants to governmental bodies.

Maintaining that state law mandates that "a municipal corporation shall provide a defense for an official," Usiak wrote that Mayor James E. Hoover "is confused about the nature of the statutory obligation of a municipality..."

On July 18 the board of commissioners approved paying both O'Neil's and Elder's alleged legal expenses. The mayor vetoed that action on July 25. An attempt to overturn the mayor's veto failed at a special meeting held Aug. 8.

O'Neil initially said he would pay his own legal fees resulting from the ethics investigation, but later retracted the offer because he said he did not get to participate in the inquiry. And on Aug. 8, O'Neil declared that in fact he and his attorney had agreed early on that she would not charge him for her legal services. "At no time have I spent one red cent," he stated.

Town Attorney John R. Clapp maintains that the town does not have to pay the commissioners' legal fees because "the findings of the ethics commission were that the two commissioners acted outside

of the realm of their permissible authority."

Mayor accused of making 'derogatory' remarks

Usiak's letter states that Mayor James E. Hoover has "made derogatory, injurious, and false statements, regarding Ms. McDermott's integrity. ..." He adds, "A monetary figure for said damages is presently being calculated."

Hoover has repeatedly expressed concerns about reimbursing the commissioners for legal expenses incurred during an investigation in which they were found to have violated the ethics code.

The mayor further questioned McDermott's billing process, attempting to collect thousand of dollars from Emmitsburg when the town had not authorized her to act on anyone's behalf.

"I am concerned a bill was submitted for reimbursement even though there was an agreement between Mr. O'Neil and his attorney that he was not going to be charged," Hoover told *The Dispatch* on Aug. 12.

Board President Christopher V. Staiger told *The Dispatch* that he expected the board would not respond to Usiak's letter, since the town had already made a decision on those issues. "The action has been disposed of in my estimation," he said.

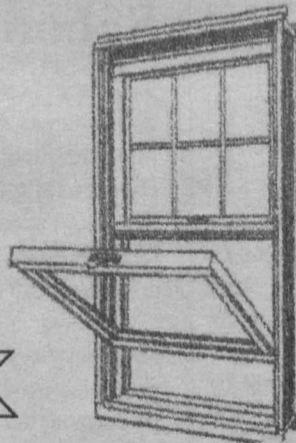
Hoover would only say, "I am declining to make any comment on this matter at this time."

Fairy Tales in Motion

Come hear Debra Linton, director of Creative Kids Academy, tell the enchanting story of "The Nutcracker" at the Emmitsburg Library and watch your child come alive as one of the characters. Complete with costumes and ballet instruction. Saturday, Oct. 8, 10:30-11:30 a.m. (ages 3-5); 12-1 p.m. (ages 6-10).

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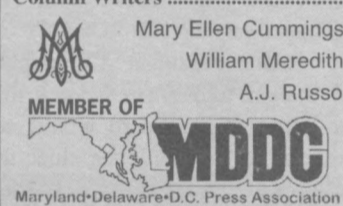
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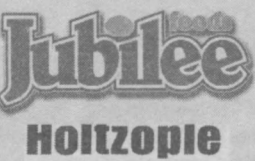
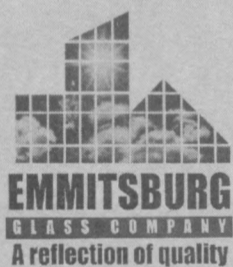
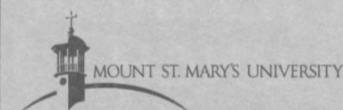
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Paul Rock (L), CFO of International Orthodox Christian Charities, and Tom Fitzsimmons, Mission of Mercy board member, board a 37 ft. mobile medical clinic headed for Baton Rouge, La.

Mobile medical clinic heads to Louisiana

The afternoon of Oct. 4 representatives from Mission of Mercy (MOM) and the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) boarded Mission of Mercy's 37-foot medical clinic and began the drive to Baton Rouge, La., in an effort to serve those affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Contacted by IOCC, the Mission of Mercy team is driving a vehicle previously in storage awaiting the development of a new mobile medical program. IOCC is experienced in disaster relief and

has lined up medical professionals to form the core of the medical relief team in Baton Rouge. The volunteers will work with Catholic Charities of Louisiana, who will be the lead group.

Using mobile vehicles, MOM provides free medical and dental care and prescriptions to the uninsured working poor, homeless and economically disadvantaged people of Arizona, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. The organization had planned to expand into Louisiana in the spring of 2006.

USFA call center supports firefighters helping firefighters

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) in Emmitsburg, at the request of a number of fire service organizations and disaster relief efforts, announced on Sept. 24 the opening of a national call center to assist fire organizations seeking to help fire departments, firefighters and their families affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The call center will accept calls from departments with equipment to donate to departments that have

lost theirs. The center will also take calls from fire departments needing equipment in the disaster areas, as well as firefighters seeking assistance with family needs.

The USFA call center number is 1-800-250-9036, and the e-mail address is fireaid@dhs.gov. The center will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (EDT), seven days a week until further notice.

Corn Maze Fundraiser

On Oct. 13 there will be a fundraiser from noon to 8 p.m. at Lawyer's Winterbrook Farms Corn Maze, 13001 Creagerstown Road Thurmont Primary and Elementary School families can enter the maze for \$3 per person, \$2 of which will be donated to the Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina relief.

Church to hold benefit

Graceham Moravian Church will host a Christian Music Night Oct. 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. All offerings collected will be donated to help families displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Featured will be "The Approaching Dawn," "The Walk" and "7th State." Everyone is welcome. The church is located on Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont.

Thurmont adopts a flooded Mississippi town

By MASHA PERSANOVA
Contributing Writer

At an organizational meeting on Sept. 29, the town of Thurmont chose to adopt the Waveland area of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Waveland, with nearly 7,000 residents, is located about 35 miles east of New Orleans. The area was badly damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Most of the people lost their houses and now live in trailers and tents.

The area was chosen because of its similar size to Thurmont. Mayor Burns and the commissioners felt it would be more personal to help with the recovery and reconstruction of a community to which Thurmont's citizens could relate. Donations will be collected in Thurmont from residents and local businesses.

Robin and Tim McAfee from Sabillasville and Jeanette and Dan Linton from Thurmont visited the devastated area and shared their experience during the meeting. They showed pictures of the horrifying destruction in the Waveland area.

On Sept. 19, a Hurricane Katrina Relief Committee was formed in the Thurmont town meeting room. Karen Kinnaird volunteered to chair the committee and was elected unanimously.

Kinnaird told *The Dispatch* that the committee is already actively working to organize the relief efforts. She said starting immediately those interested in helping can drop off donations at the town office and the old Jubilee store. Also volunteers are needed to help with various tasks, including picking up donations, sorting items, and possibly traveling to the Waveland area to help with reconstruction.

The most needed items Thurmont residents can donate,

according to Kinnaird's list, includes canned foods, household items (dishes, silverware, pots and pans, etc.) batteries (all sizes), cleaning supplies, flashlights, manual can openers, toilet paper, baby wipes, over-the-counter medicines, hygiene products, and Christmas presents for children. Also, hand tools, nails, chain saws, screws, dust masks and gloves and other building materials and tools would be appropriate.

"The best way to figure out what you can donate is to imagine what would you personally need if you were to lose everything," said Kinnaird. The committee is planning to contact the mayor of Waveland, Tommy Longo, to ask for input as to their immediate needs.

Those making donations should keep records because, according to Commissioner Bill Blakeslee, "Monetary donations for Waveland will be tax-deductible."

The Thurmont Hurricane Katrina Relief Committee will consider bringing some people from the Waveland area to Thurmont during the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays. Residents who wish to open their homes to guests from the adopted Mississippi town should let the committee know.

Local middle and high school students have been invited to participate by donating appropriate items. This will allow fifth graders, for example, to share items the fifth graders in Mississippi would certainly enjoy.

Donations for the adopted Waveland area will also be collected during Colorfest and the Oct. 22 Halloween in the Park event.

E-mail KatrinaRelief@ThurmontFirst.com with questions, ideas or comments about possible ways to help Waveland or to volunteer.

Schools continue relief efforts

Area schools continue to collect money to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina. To date, Catoctin High School has raised \$10,100 "and change," according to Sue Weaver, CHS guidance counselor. Emmitsburg Elementary, Lewistown Elementary and Sabillasville Elementary continue to collect money in jars placed throughout the schools. This Friday all the money collected at the Catoctin feeder schools, expected to be about \$11,000, will be combined and sent to the Red Cross.

EES second-grade teacher Jen Weibert has personally been collecting children's books at EES and sending them to Louisiana, having learned of the great need for books through a friend's contact in that state.

Throughout Maryland, the Student Service Learning Association has been collecting school supplies to fill backpacks to be sent to displaced students. Thurmont Primary and Thurmont Elementary Schools have been collecting supplies for this effort.

TOWN NEWS

Town News Briefs ...

Town plans to hire facilities maintenance employee

The town board of commissioners voted unanimously at their Sept. 19 meeting to create a new facilities maintenance position at an annual salary of \$27,000-\$28,000.

The board gave town staff the go ahead to advertise and interview to fill the position.

Town Manager David Haller said the salary for the position was not included in the current budget, but could be offset by eliminating contractors doing building maintenance work.

New fencing will be installed at town pool

Liability concerns about local youth accessing the town pool at night after hours served as one of the reasons the town has decided to replace the fencing around the pool.

Town commissioners voted unanimously on Sept. 19 to award the fencing contract to Frederick Fencing Company, at an estimated \$16,100. The commissioners rejected the \$17,972 bid from Long Fence, Capitol Heights, Md.

Mayor James E. Hoover pointed out that the town would be reimbursed for 75 percent of the fencing costs through Project Open Space, administered by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Local businessman appointed alternate planning member

The board of commissioners confirmed Emmitsburg businessman Larry Little as the new alternate member of the planning commission on Sept. 19.

The alternate member sits on the planning commission in the absence of any regular member.

Little is the co-owner of One More Tavern.

Anonymous fax reveals town personnel action

The Dispatch received an anonymously faxed copy of a memo Sept. 19 sent by the mayor to the commissioners stating he was planning to suspend a town employee.

According to the memo, dated Aug. 21, Mayor James E. Hoover wrote to the board of commissioners members stating that he planned to suspend a member of the town staff for three days without pay, and place a letter of reprimand in the employee's personnel file, unless commissioners objected.

As of Sept. 26, *The Dispatch* has been unable to determine the source of the fax, as the sender's fax number had been blocked.

Calling the release of the file "pathetic," Hoover said in a phone interview, "I think it is inconsiderate for an individual to release confidential personnel information to unauthorized persons."

"Furthermore," Hoover commented, "it's very obvious that the individual would know it was inappropriate because they did not have the courage to do so openly."

Home daycare regulations to change

The town board of supervisors voted to send a plan to change regulations governing home daycare centers back to the drawing board, while suspending enforcement of current regulations.

Town staff has estimated that over 90 percent of home daycares would be illegal under present zoning primarily because of their failure to meet current 20-foot setback requirements.

The Emmitsburg Planning Commission voted unanimously Sept. 26 to recommend to town commissioners that the zoning ordinance be modified to change the way home-based daycares are regulated. However, the commissioners felt the draft changes needed further clarification.

If town commissioners approve an amendment to the ordinance, setback requirements would be revised to comply with the zone in which a proposed daycare is located. Home daycares would be required to obtain a county permit to operate before the town would grant any zoning considerations. Town level permitting would be as an approved use contingent on approval by the town board of appeals.

Commissioners move forward with plans for five-member board

By RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

Plans to change the Emmitsburg charter to establish a five-member board of commissioners advanced at the Oct. 3 town meeting as commissioners continued to fine-tune wording of suggested proposals.

The board agreed to merge two proposed sets of documents, including draft charter revisions town Attorney John R. Clapp produced at the request of Mayor James E. Hoover and a draft ordinance proposed by Commissioner William B. O'Neil, Jr.

Hoover previously stated the town charter permitted him to vote as a board member, while, at the same time, allowed him to veto board decisions.

Commissioner/mayor agree on changes

The commissioners and the mayor generally agreed on the majority of changes that would establish the fifth commission seat on the board, while prohibiting the mayor from voting.

Hoover has said he chose to use his voting power under the charter to break voting deadlocks to increase the board's efficiency in conducting town business.

If the proposed draft merging Clapp's and O'Neil's versions is adopted, the charter would:

- Delete any reference which seem to grant the mayor a voting right on

the board, or add wording to explicitly forbid it

- Allow for a fifth commissioner, who could be selected at a special town election or at the next general election; and,

- Clarify the veto powers of the mayor.

One of Clapp's recommendations granting the mayor all hiring and firing authority regarding town staff may be dropped or changed.

O'Neil stated, "That would totally strike our (the board's) review and authority (to approve new hires or discharges). A mayor should not have that sole authority," he said.

Hoover said the recommendation was not intended to be all-inclusive, but only apply to general workers, such as maintenance staff.

Board will continue to work on drafts

Asked why the idea of establishing a three-member board wasn't considered, O'Neil said, "Reducing to three increases the work load on the commissioners. Our work load is increasing."

As directed by the board, the town attorney will incorporate the proposed changes. The board may consider additional changes at the Oct. 17 meeting.

Resident Catherine Bodin commended the mayor for advancing the progress toward a five-member board and going along with doing away with his ability to vote as a board member.

Resident Harold C. Craig, Jr. expressed his dissatisfaction with having a mayor voting as a board member while retaining veto rights. "I'm opposed to (having) a king of Emmitsburg," he told the board.

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REGIONAL NEWS

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Carroll Valley gets \$223,000 for parks and recreation

CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. – The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) has awarded a \$223,000 grant to Carroll Valley Borough to improve and enhance park and recreation resources in the community.

Steven Semiatin, councilmember and chairman of the borough committee for grants, stated at the Sept. 13 council meeting that the borough “can start spending” the grant money.

He said the next step would be to collect more up-to-date and accurate cost estimates for proposed parks and recreation projects, and meet with DCNR to discuss the proposed expenditures.

Local lake overwhelmed with algae and sediment

CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. – Carroll Valley town staff is battling an algae bloom problem with Lake Kay similar to that experienced with Rainbow Lake in Emmitsburg, but Lake Kay is faced with sediment build-up as well.

Problems with algae blooms, which can alter oxygen levels and kill fish, have been blamed on nutrient increases relating to agricultural and other land runoff, and Canada goose populations. Sediment build-up is compounded by area drainage patterns that lead downhill to the lake.

The lake is becoming shallower because of “silting up,” and presently ranges in depth from ten feet to three feet.

The borough will continue to tackle the algae problem using the services of Aquatic Environmental Consultants, but sediment removal could prove too expensive for the borough, with the potential cost of as much as \$1 million for proper dredging.

Committee could lose roads jurisdiction

CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. – Borough council members expressed their feelings at the Sept. 13 meeting that the parks, recreation and municipal services committee should no longer have authority over roads matters.

A separate committee may be established to oversee road-related tasks. Parks, recreation and municipal services would concentrate only on parks and recreation issues.

The council seemed to agree that roads would be better served by an oversight committee dedicated to municipal services, rather than an advisory committee.

Council President Laura L. Scudder will meet with the parks, recreation and municipal services committee to explain the strategy for dividing up responsibilities with two groups.



Representatives of the Catoctin Mountain Scenic Byway receive an award at Union Station, Washington D.C. on Sept. 22 designating U.S. Route 15 in Maryland a National Scenic Byway. Northern Frederick County representatives shown are Sister Mary Clare Hughes (center holding plaque), Administrator of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; Karen Harding (center right), Assistant Administrator of the Seton Shrine; Mel Poole (front right), Superintendent of Catoctin Mountain Park; Elizabeth Progas (back left), New Forest Society; John Fieseler (back center), Executive Director of the Tourism Council of Frederick County; Mike Irons (back center right), Owner of Ole Mink Farm Resort and the Tourism Council Board president. Photo courtesy FHWA.

U.S. Route 15 in Frederick County achieves ‘National Scenic Byway’ status

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

The Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, designated the Catoctin Mountain Scenic Byway as a National Scenic Byway at a special ceremony held in the Washington, D.C. on Sept. 22.

Constructed during the 1950s, the 38-mile long stretch of U.S. 15 designated a national scenic byway lies solely within Frederick County, running from the Pennsylvania border a few miles above Emmitsburg south to Point of Rocks on the Maryland-Virginia line.

As the highway runs through Frederick County, it passes along miles of pristine, preserved

parkland and through some of the best farmland in Maryland, all back-dropped by the eastern spur of the Appalachian Mountains.

John Fieseler, Executive Director of the Tourism Council of Frederick County, told The Dispatch that federal scenic highway designation “increases the marketability of the byway” in various ways, especially increasing exposure to potential tourists.

Among the advantages, he said, are inclusion on federal highway maps, relevant federal Web sites, and increased “eligibility for some of the grant funds available through the program.”

“Funding can be used for marketing and bricks and mortar kinds of projects,” Fieseler said. Initially the tourism council will focus on marketing the designation. The group will probably produce a brochure first, and then run ads to promote the guide.


Maryland’s previous designation of U.S. 15 as a state

scenic byway made it eligible to apply for federal status, Fieseler noted. He said, “It was really going back to the late 1990s that we started having the meetings to talk about this.”

“One of the first things that came out of that,” Fieseler added, “was to apply for a grant to do a corridor management plan before even being nominated for federal status.”

He pointed out, “The Journey through Hallowed Grounds (a nonprofit organization engaged in inventorying historic assets along the U.S. 15 corridor) wants to see the 175-mile stretch of U.S. 15 all included in scenic byway status. Maryland is kind of leading the effort.”

Fieseler said the council is considering holding a celebration combining achievement of federal scenic byway status with its grand opening of the new tourist information center outside Emmitsburg on U.S. 15.




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REGIONAL NEWS

County Commissioners' legislative wish list includes ethics, impact fees, solid waste – to be finalized Oct. 18

By NICOLE BELANGER
Contributing Writer

On Oct. 18, the Frederick Board of County Commissioners will finalize their wish list of items to include in the 2006 Legislative Package for the state general assembly.

Before then, they must decide whether to include the contentious public ethics bill, the impact tax proposal, the option to form solid waste franchises, or any of the other suggestions.

County commissioners' president John "Lennie" Thompson said he had no idea which of the 19 wish list items would end up in front of state legislators.

Officials started putting this list together last spring with staff input and whittled it down to 16 items in August. Several community groups added three more and commissioners decided to take all 19 to public hearing on Oct. 4. That's where town officials across Frederick County come in – when staff sent the list to each of them.

"The county is very good about letting municipalities know about the proposals so we can comment on them," said Thurmont Mayor Marty Burns.

When asked about the commissioners' list, Emmitsburg Mayor Jim Hoover told *The Dispatch*, "The town has not typically given a written response to their wish list." Hoover added that whenever the town administration has had an issue they feel worth commenting on, they have done it in person at county commission meetings.

The county sends the list to 50 or 60 groups with an interest in possible legislation going before the state assembly – including such groups as the Frederick County Council of Governments

and each of the municipalities.

"Many of these groups write comments back. Sometimes they go through the list line by line and sometimes they suggest changes. We take all of this into account," said commission vice-president Mike Cady.

While several of this year's legislative proposals are not controversial, others have officials disagreeing already.

Thompson has included several items, including a public ethics bill that would restrict the campaign contributions commissioners could receive from people with business before the board.

"Some people will say this is fine, but it's the appearance of improper influence that we need to be careful of," Thompson said.

Although officials say they already behave ethically, Thompson believes that some votes at times have lined up with developer contributions. "I think it's more than a mere coincidence," he said.

Other officials disagree, though. "I think this is really politically motivated and I don't think it will move forward," Cady said, adding that he will not vote for this measure.

Burns, one of several town officials watching how commissioners vote, is totally opposed. "I truly believe commissioners will vote because it is in the best interest of the county, not whether someone contributed or not," Burns said, adding that he believes this is Thompson's way of saying that votes can be bought.

Although this law would currently only affect county commissioners, Burns believes the idea could spread to local municipalities, which is why he and town commissioners are

including a statement against it in their comments.

Another Thompson proposal has officials divided.

Currently, county residents must arrange for their own trash pick up. Thompson wants the county to have the authority to create solid waste districts and allow trash companies to operate as franchises in these districts, which might lower the rising trash collection prices.

Although Burns supports the idea of passing along savings to county residents, he is worried that this action might push small companies out of business.

Cady agrees, predicting, "This one is going to be heavily debated."

Thompson, however, believes that it is his job to look out for county residents as a whole, not just for small businesses.

"It could mean not having to raise taxes," he said, explaining why he supports the idea.

Municipalities are also closely watching a proposal by Commissioner Jan Gardner that would change the current impact fee paid by builders to an impact tax. This would mean that money which now helps fund schools and other projects would be spread throughout the county rather than concentrated in the areas where the new developments are going up.

"I suspect there will be a lot of people speaking against it," Cady said.

Once commissioners finalize their list, they will present it to Frederick's state representatives in late November or early December.

State elected officials will then have their own public hearing on the list on Dec. 10 before deciding which issues they will put forth during the 2006 Maryland General Assembly session.

VHC will hold open house during Fire Prevention Week

Emmitsburg's Vigilant Hose Company will hold its 52nd annual Fire and Injury Prevention Open House on Thursday, Oct. 13, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

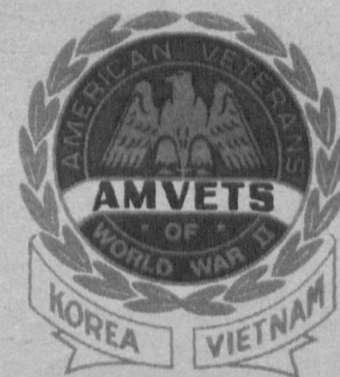
Featured will be a fire safety house, courtesy of Libertytown Volunteer Fire Department, along with information on residential fire sprinklers and how they work, fire prevention/life safety demonstrations, doorprizes, reflective house number signs for purchase,

free refreshments and fire engine and emergency vehicle rides.

The 2005 National Fire Prevention Week theme is "Use Candles With Care: When You Go Out, Blow Out!" Fire Prevention Week is Sunday-Saturday, Oct. 9-15, celebrated annually during Fire Prevention Month.

For more information, visit the fire company's Website, www.vigilanthose.org.

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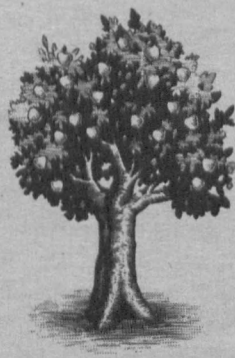
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REGIONAL NEWS

New Thurmont Regional Library plans to open spring 2007

By MARY ELLEN MITCHELL
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. — Have you been inside the 2,000 square foot library in Thurmont? Have you been able to find a parking space near it? Have you ever wondered how long you would have to deal with the crowding? Well, never fear — a new library is on the horizon.

The new 25,000 square foot Thurmont Regional Library is planned to open in spring 2007. The library, to be built on land donated by the town of Thurmont on Moser Road, will feature an expanded collection, more programming, wireless Internet access, study areas, two meeting rooms, and even a drive through window, a first for a Frederick County Library.

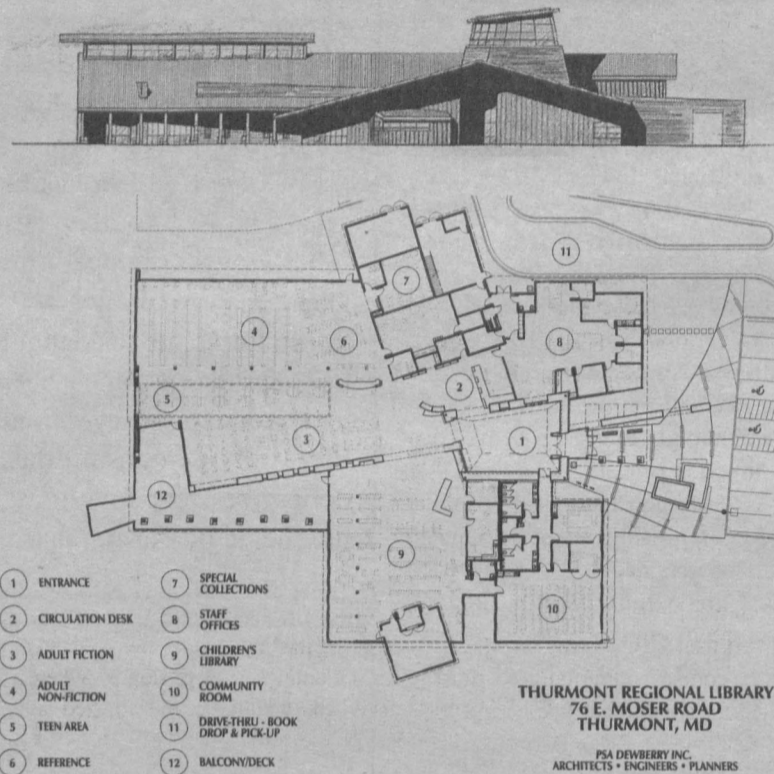
"Citizens have talked about expanding our facility for the past five to seven years. We were lucky when the Town of Thurmont donated three acres on Moser Road for a new building and parking lot," according to Erin Dingle, Thurmont library branch manager.

"The Frederick County Public Library system has chosen to locate a new regional library in Thurmont for the benefit of all the residents of the upper portion of the county as well as Thurmont residents," Dingle pointed out.

Dan Harper, project supervisor from the county's Division of Public Works, told The Dispatch that groundbreaking would take place probably in February or March 2006 with a completed building about a year later.

Harper said, "There are several hurdles to be met to keep the project on track. In the current design phase, we must review the construction documents and approve them. The next phase includes the bidding process for construction and having the property conveyed from the Town of Thurmont to Frederick County, since we can't build on land we don't own."

Dewberry, Inc., a Fairfax, Va.



architectural firm, will design the building. Dewberry has earned a national reputation for its library planning.

The new space will house distinct areas for different groups and will increase the staff's ability to provide more programming to meet the specific needs of a variety of ages. The children's area will feature a dedicated story room, complete with adult and child sized entrance doors. A puppet stage is included for entertainment. A teen space will have a colorful décor to enhance the reading materials, computers, music and books on tape available. The area for adults will feature a large and comfortable seating area, more computers and a larger collection of new materials.

The building will also include wireless Internet access and furniture to accommodate laptops.

Perhaps one of the most exciting areas planned is that dedicated to housing the collection of the Thurmont Historical Society. The collection at the Creager House will move into a special history room. The materials can

be better catalogued and will be more accessible to the public. The controlled environment will be similar to that of the Maryland Room at the C. Burr Artz Library. Care will be taken to protect the collection from the elements and preserve it for future generations.

Increased programming will include cultural and literary events for the public. Two new meeting rooms will be available, one to accommodate 25 people, the other for 100.

The new regional library will also feature a drive up window. Much like using the ATM window at the bank, patrons will be able to drop off books without getting out of the car. They will also be able to pick up books placed on reserve at the window.

Darrell Batson, Director

of the Frederick County Public Libraries, is very excited about the regional library. "We are doing more than replacing an inadequate facility. We are building a center for the community. A small library tries very hard, but cannot offer the opportunity for the constant movement of groups and activities."

A groundbreaking ceremony is planned for February or March, depending on the weather and completion of bidding process. New staff will be added and will be on board early in 2006. Employment opportunities are included on the library's Website, www.fcpl.org. A new Friends of the Library group will support the library's activities.

For more information, contact the Thurmont Branch Library at 301-271-7721.

Fairfield Borough will lose unique farm and scenery

By RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

FAIRFIELD, Pa. — What was once a labor-intensive 250-acre family farm for four generations may soon be incorporated into a 490-home development proposed in Fairfield Borough and Hamiltonban Township.

Once, herds of dairy cows wandered up and down the slopes of McGinley's Hill, also known as Brown's Hill, a prominent landmark overlooking Fairfield. Later, the slopes and the plain below it were covered with apple and peach trees. Today, dozens of ominous-looking, yet friendly and inquisitive, Texas longhorns graze peacefully with their young.

At the height of its productivity, the old farm, which has been in the Brown family for four generations, supported three families. It will soon serve as home to hundreds if Empire Home's proposed "McGinley's Choice" surmounts review hurdles.

Four-generation farm will end with sale

Born in Fairfield in 1935 in one of the farmhouses still standing near his present home, the nearly 70-year-old Thomas Brown will be one of the last of several generations who

grandfather, later operated a dairy farm. When his father, Herald Brown, and his uncle, Floyd Brown, inherited the farm, they added apple and peach orchards, and raised hogs and chickens.

Tom Brown and his brother inherited the farm, and Tom eventually bought out his brother.

But rather than the traditional agriculture, he decided to breed Texas longhorn steers.

Brown said he regrets about selling, but family farms have become increasingly economically unfeasible to operate. "It costs \$3,000 a month to do nothing but keep it up. I like to keep it neat and that takes money," he said.

But there is a herd of longhorn cattle to feed and maintain, 125 acres of land to keep mowed, and other maintenance expenses which, he said, continually go up.

Other family farms growing

—See Farm on next page



—RICHARD D.L. FULTON/ THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH

Fairfield rancher Thomas Brown points out various landmarks on the farm which has been in the Brown family for four generations. The costs of operating the farm in conjunction with a recent divorce has made keeping the ranch in the family economically unfeasible.

has maintained a tract of land spanning Fairfield Borough and Hamiltonban Township as a farming operation.

Brown's great-grandfather, Edward, established the original farm on 120 acres in the early 1900s. Harry E. Brown, Brown's

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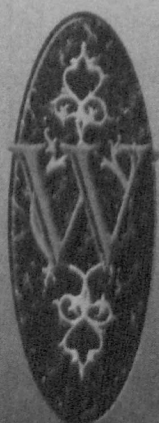
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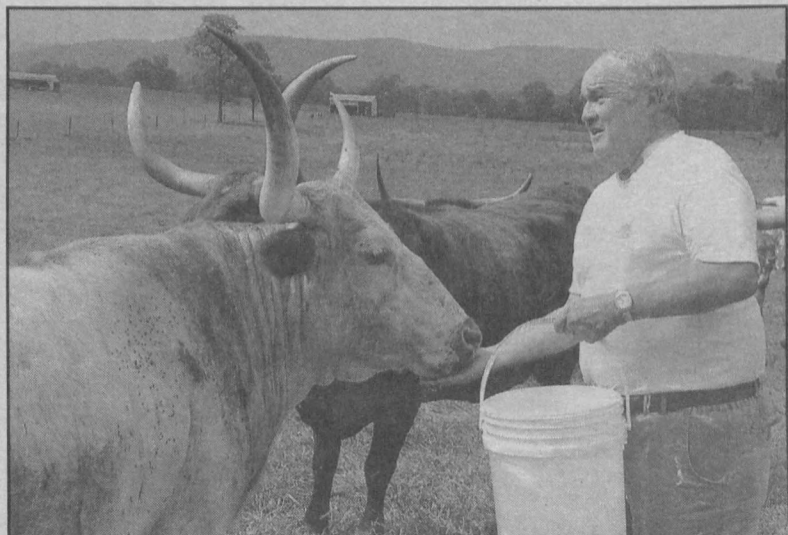
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Gone with the longhorns - only five will remain

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor



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A Texas "Longhorn" from Fairfield rancher Thomas Brown's 60 head herd enjoys a "cow treat" being handed-out by Brown. Brown will have to cull the herd to five if his property becomes part of a development proposed by Empire Homes.

Fairfield area resident Thomas Brown developed an affinity for Texas longhorn cattle while attending college in Filmont, New Mexico, from 1956 to 1957, and while teaching in Dodge City, Kansas, from 1959 to 1962.

Now, under the name "Tripling Texas Longhorn Company," Brown keeps a herd of 60 longhorns on the old family farm which spans Fairfield Borough and Hamiltonban Township.

Down from 250 acres in the 1950s and 1960s to its current 125 acres, the farm will soon be reduced to 10 acres if the proposed McGinley's Choice development proceeds as planned. *See related article "Fairfield Borough will lose unique farm and scenery" on p.8 in this issue of The Dispatch.*

The herd of steers, cows and calves comes in a myriad of patterns and colors. The most noticeable member of the herd is a huge, pure white, 20-year old steer with a 75-inch horn spread. The 20-year old is old for a longhorn, Brown said, noting that the longhorn is now losing weight because of his age.

The others range from black and white mixes to mottled calico to dusky gray roans. "Having a longhorn calf is like Christmas," Brown said, adding, "You never know what color you'll get." The longhorns vary so much in color that they can't be bred predictably to produce a specific color.

Longhorns are also known for standing their ground. Brown drove us through the herd in a John Deere "Gator" and around individual animals. They don't get out of the way: They're too big and, armed with a several foot horn spread, they're not afraid. "They don't run like a bunch of cows," Brown said as he maneuvered around a reclining steer bigger than the "Gator" and both riders together.

They're curious as well. A young calf was busily investigating a cap on a test well sunk by the developers of McGinley's Choice. "I can't do anything around here that they are not right behind me," Brown said.

The Brown farm had been used for more traditional livestock and agricultural. Brown introduced the longhorns and ended much of the agricultural effort, except for a small stand of hillside apple trees, the last remnants of a more expansive orchard, dating back to the 1950s.

"My father always said I was a frustrated cowboy," Brown said. He said he decided to raise the longhorns mainly because "I just like them."

But the herd will be sold off if and when McGinley's Choice is approved. Brown intends to keep five of his prize animals, but the rest will go to breeders, or the butcher.

local orchard.

Finding farm help is another issue. Brown pointed out that it is difficult to find labor cheap enough to prove economic, another problem not faced in some foreign countries, such as China.

Then there are the rules, spraying regulations, and other governmental constraints placed on agricultural operations.

Mason-Dixon Country Club begins conditional use review

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP, Pa. - A conditional use application for a major portion of the proposed Mason-Dixon Country Club (MDCC) is presently before the Freedom Township Board of Supervisors, who held two hearings in September on the project.

The proposed 1,179-home development must secure a conditional use approval for a 598-acre portion of the project containing 1,132 dwellings of various types.

The development will feature an interlaced 327-acre golf course, qualifying it as a golf community under the township ordinance in the mixed-use (MU) zone. However, golf course communities must secure a conditional use permit to be constructed in the MU zone.

Design aspects and storm water reviewed at hearings

At the hearing on Sept. 15, Dennis M. Couture, senior associate with Dewberry, the project's engineering and planning firm, testified on design aspects of the portion of the development subject to the conditional use application.

At the continuance hearing on Sept. 29, Michael R. Snyder, senior vice president of Dewberry Land Design and Survey Division, testified on design aspects of the storm water management plan.

Site plan highlights discussed at the hearings included:

- Except for the multi-dwelling neighborhood, the development provides twice the required parking for all residential areas. Even in the multi-family areas, it exceeds the parking requirement;

- Rainwater runoff would be captured by wet ponds, dry detention basins, and possibly biofiltration systems, and recycled primarily through golf course irrigation;

- The rate of runoff from a given storm that must be retained on-site and released at a more controlled rate exceeds ordinance requirements, and is in compliance with the Adams County Monocacy River Basin Plan;

- Wetlands, primarily associated with unnamed tributaries of Middle Creek, and steep slopes have been avoided and are generally integrated into open space areas;

- The developer will make an effort to determine if any of two potentially threatened plant species, the Eastern cornflower and a mistflower, are present;

- The developers plan to enhance the margins of the wetlands with plantings. Steep slopes, where disturbed, would be re-stabilized as soon as possible;

- Sedimentation and erosion methods would be used to preserve disturbed areas during construction;

- Townhouse rows would contain no more than four units; condominiums buildings would contain no more than eight units;

- The developers will be able to meet a 75-foot buffer around the entire development;

- A homeowners association would maintain community assets; a golf club would maintain the golf assets.

Proposal has been in the works since 1998

MDCC, a half-billion dollar project in the works since 1998, is also undergoing special exception reviews by the Freedom Township Zoning Hearing Board. The developers need township special exception approval for several facets of the proposed project.

The total development consists of 867 acres, 692 acres in Pennsylvania, and 175 acres in Maryland. Included is a six-acre parcel on Marsh Creek to be used for a water-pumping station. Developers hope to start phased construction in 2006 and achieve build out by 2020.

Caswell and Marie Holloway (Holloway Development Corporation) of Philadelphia own Mason-Dixon Country, Club, Inc. The Holloways are the corporation's sole shareholders, according to a company representative.

The MDCC conditional use hearing will continue on Oct. 13, 7 p.m., in the Freedom Township meeting room.

See related stories "Mason-Dixon Country Club effort rejuvenated in Fairfield Township, Pa." and "Exceptions sought for 1,179-house development" in the Sept. 1, 2005, issue of The Dispatch.

Regional News Briefs ...

Fireworks company still working on plan, Emmitsburg Road at Steinwhere Ave. exit of U.S. Route 15 would be site of 10,000 sq. ft. facility

FREEDOM TWP., Pa. - The Freedom Township Board of Supervisors voted at their Sept. 14 meeting to grant a 30-day extension to KPI Technologies for more plan work.

KPI is the engineering firm for Keystone Novelties, the company seeking to build a 10,000 square foot fireworks sale facility on Emmitsburg Road.

The proposed location is north of the Route 15 overpass at the site of a former service station, presently owned by Orren Stein.

According to the initial building plans, 5,000 square feet would be used for fireworks and retail sales. The remaining 5,000 square feet would be warehouse space.

Introduced in June, Keystone's proposal is being reviewed by planning as both a preliminary and final plan submittal. The company is also requesting a PennDOT (Department of Transportation) driveway permit.

Freedom police cost increases for 2006

FREEDOM TWP., Pa. - Liberty Township police will continue to patrol Freedom Township through 2006.

Freedom Township supervisors voted unanimously at their Sept. 14 meeting to renew the contract and pay the Liberty Township Police Department \$34,611 for police coverage for 2006. The township will receive 20 hours of patrol time per week.

The cost of the equivalent contract with Liberty Township Police in 2005 was \$31,200.

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crops are faced with rising fertilizer costs, diesel fuel increases, and competition from abroad. Brown said it is now cheaper for fruit processing companies to import apple concentrate from China than buy and process apples from a

Catoctin Furnace produced iron for two centuries

BY MASHA PERSANOVA
Contributing Writer
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Managing Editor

This year at Catoctin Colorfest, the Thurmont Post Office will be offering a limited edition cachet envelope to recognize Catoctin Furnace.

Located within Cunningham Falls State Park, Catoctin Furnace stands as a reminder of this country's iron industry during the 18th and 19th centuries.

The iron furnace first ran in 1774 and continued operation until 1904, running 24 hours a day to produce iron used in both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. The remains of the furnace complex provide a picture of this country's iron industry and a major component of this area's economy for more than a century.

Early history

In the 1770s Thomas Johnson, Jr., who later became the first governor of Maryland, discovered that Thurmont area mountains were

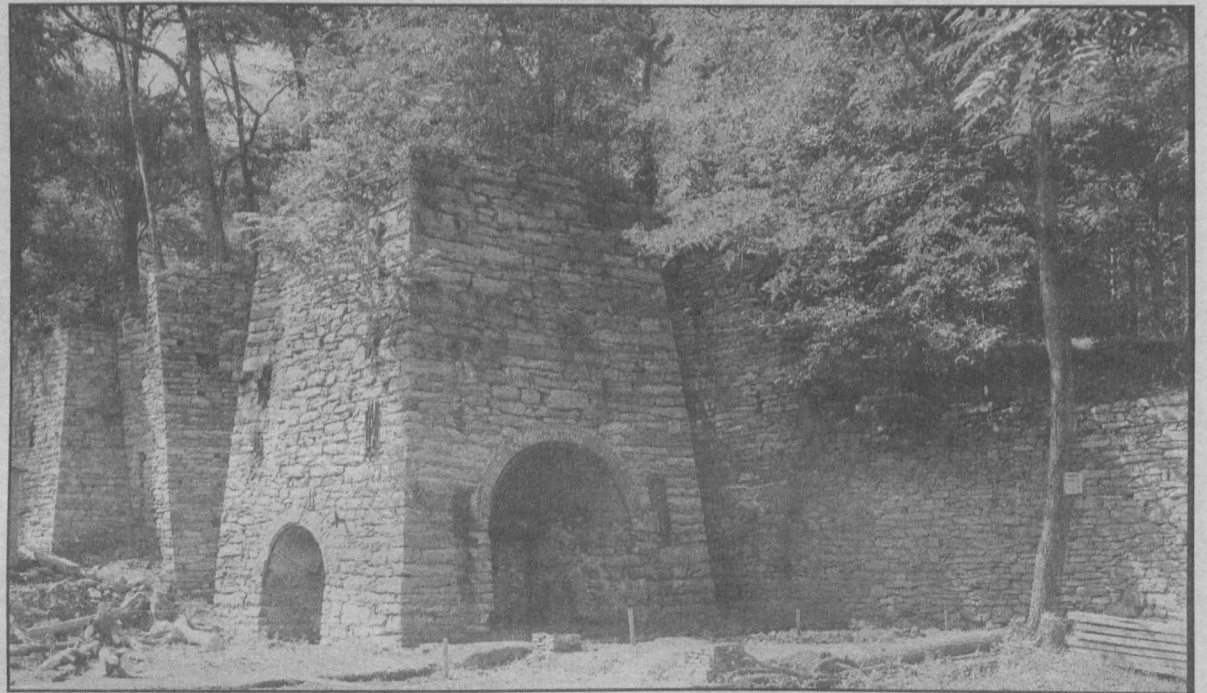
rich with hematite ore deposits.

Thomas Baker and Roger Johnson, Thomas' brother, built the Catoctin Furnace to produce pig iron. The Johnson Furnace was in operation by 1776.

The initial fuel for the furnace was charcoal produced by burning wood from the Catoctin forest. Charcoal production became a major area business. More than 300 woodcutters were employed and timber was used from 11,000 company acres.

The Catoctin Furnace utilized a work force of slaves, free blacks and white laborers. According to the National Park Service National Underground Network to Freedom Website, the Johnson brothers owned the largest number of slaves in Frederick County in the late 1770s. Runaway slave advertisements published by furnace owners in the late 18th century document the slaves' attempts at freedom.

Records show that the Johnsons supplied cannons and cannonballs for George Washington's Continental Army. In the 19th century the "Catoctin stove," also known as the "Franklin



The "Isabella" furnace stack, shown here in a 1936 photograph taken by E.H. Pickering, was erected in 1856 and was fired continuously through 1893. A smaller "sister" furnace, named "Deborah," was erected nearby in 1873. The Catoctin Furnace operation folded in 1903, and "Deborah" was dismantled in 1905. Photo courtesy of the U.S. Library of Congress.

stove" was produced. And iron from Catoctin Furnace was also used to make plates on the Civil war ship, the Monitor.

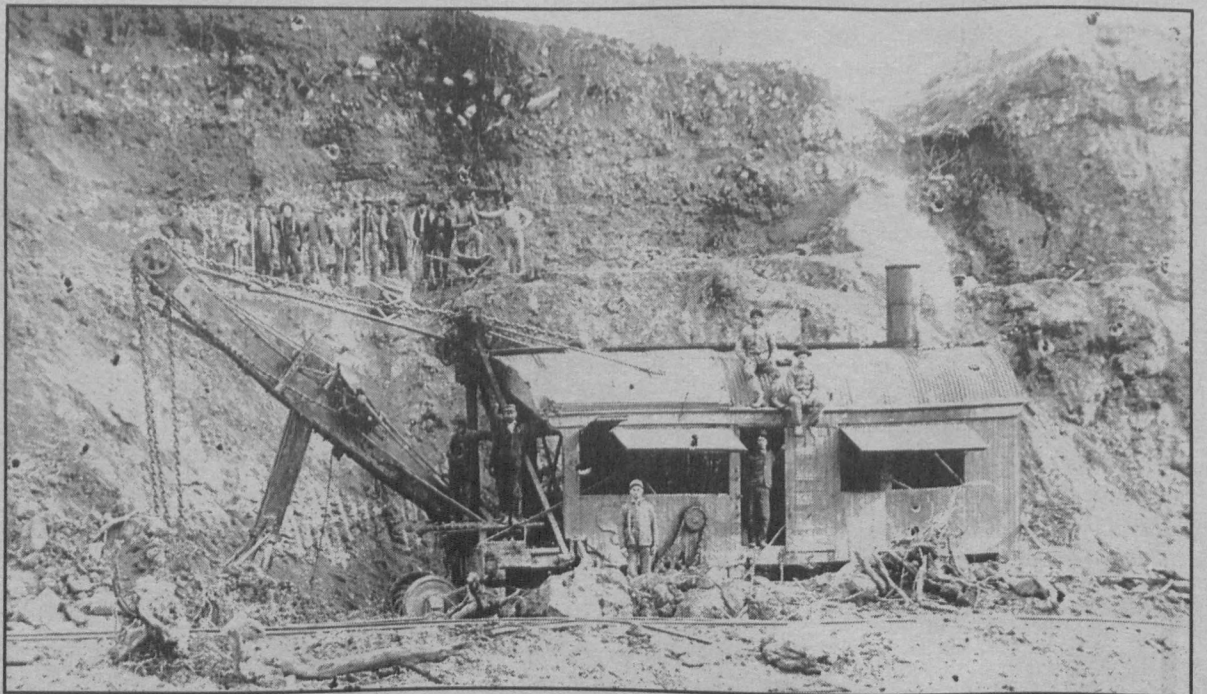
The furnace complex was a self-contained settlement including a charcoal house, casting house, foundry, forge, stables, saw mills, wagon sheds, stores, churches and workers' houses. Many specialized workers, miners and craftsmen also lived nearby.

Improvements and "Isabella"

In 1820, John Brien purchased the complex and enlarged the first stack. A new owner, Jacob Kunkel, built a second furnace stack in 1857 and named it "Isabella." Known as a hot blast furnace, "Isabella" was driven by steam power, and produced 3300 tons of pig iron each year.

Southeast of "Isabella" were the workers' cottages. Over 50 tenant cottages existed at Catoctin in the 1870s. Today, less than a dozen are identifiable.

"Isabella," still standing on the furnace site, is a rectangular stone structure with a stone arch in each face. Immediately behind the furnace stack is a high stone wall, the furnace bunk wall. The stack was originally 39' high and 9' x 9'



A steam shovel used to mine ore from deposits in the banks of the Catoctin Mountains. Photo date and photographer not known, courtesy of the Thurmont Historical Society.

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9' inside. It produced 3,300 tons of pig iron annually.

"Isabella" required both a steam engine and engine house, a hot air oven to provide a hot blast. Iron technology methods were evolving, though, and coal was being used to smelt ore. Isabella was less efficient than a coal furnace, and essentially outdated when it was built.

In 1873 the furnace converted from charcoal to coal, with the addition of a third stack named "Deborah." This coal-fired stack was steam and water powered.

Even with the addition of this coal furnace, the Catoctin operation was not profitable, and Catoctin Furnace closed in February 1903.

Two years later, "Deborah" was dismantled. Usable parts were moved to Pennsylvania by owner Joseph Thropp. The ore banks were still mined for several years and the ore was sold elsewhere.

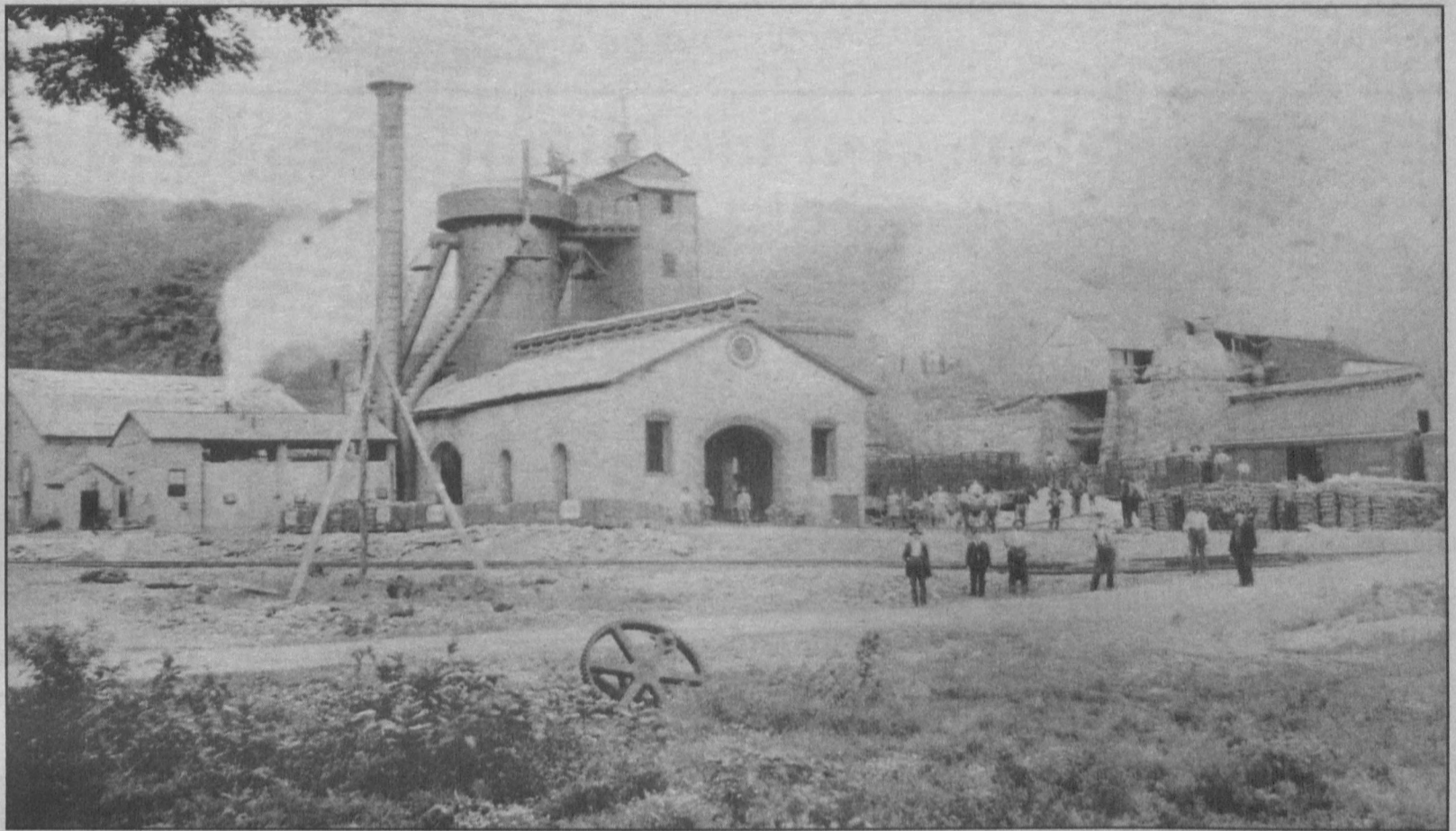
The National Park Service acquired the property in 1936, making it part of Catoctin Recreational Demonstration Area, Catoctin Mountain Park.

In 1954 the State of Maryland acquired over 4,000 acres from the Federal Government, including the furnace area, and established Cunningham Falls State Park.

Maryland archeologists uncovered an unmarked cemetery in 1979 close to the furnace while working on the Route 15 expansion. Evidence and ongoing testing on remaining textile fibers indicate that the cemetery, dating between 1790 and 1840, was the burial ground for some of the African slaves who worked at the furnace.

Catoctin Furnace is open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset year round for self-guided tours, 14039 Catoctin Hollow Road, Thurmont, MD 21788.

Information from the National Park Service, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, The National Underground Network to Freedom and the Emmitsburg Area Historical Society was included in this article.



Looking west across Old Frederick Rd. this photograph shows what once was the Catoctin Furnace complex, which produced 3,300 tons of pig iron annually. Walls and foundations that remain were stabilized in 1996 so the public could safely see the ruins. Photo date and photographer not known, courtesy of the Thurmont Historical Society.

Making pig iron

An eighteenth or nineteenth century iron furnace was a relatively simple operation.

The furnace itself was a flattened stone pyramid built into or near a hill. Ore dump cars carried materials to the furnace. The furnace stack was filled with a layer of charcoal, then iron ore and then limestone. The materials combined with heat and blasted air. The heat caused an interaction between the ore and limestone, smelting out the iron.

The furnace was heated to 3000° F to melt the ore. A natural draft kept the fire

burning. When heated, the different layers settled and additional layers of charcoal, limestone, and ore were put into the stack until sufficient iron melted to draw off or be cast.

The molten iron flowed into shallow channels in the floor of the casting shed, or into channels on the ground and was allowed to harden. The end product, called "pig" iron, got its name from the sucking sound it made flowing through the channels, which reminded the foundry men of a sow suckling a litter of pigs.

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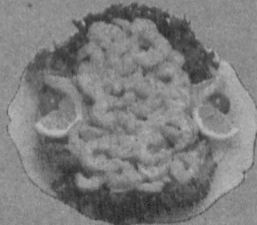


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RELIGION

'Angel of the Mount' considered for sainthood Indianapolis archbishop pursues Bruté canonization

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

An early Mount St. Mary's faculty member could become the next saint, if an inquiry supports such an action by the Catholic Church.

Members of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will visit Emmitsburg in October to gather accounts relating to Simon William Gabriel Bruté de Rémur, a former instructor at Mount St. Mary's and aid to Mount founder Father John DuBois.

Bruté was born in Rennes, France, in 1779, and died in Vincennes, Indiana, in 1839. He sailed for the United States in 1810. After teaching for two years at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, he

was reassigned to Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, where he also taught, and served as the local community's pastor.

While in Emmitsburg, Bruté's devotion to his religion and the town earned him the ex-officio title of "Angel of the Mount," a title bestowed on him by community members. During this period of time he also became the spiritual director of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (Mother Seton), founder of the Sisters of Charity, and America's first saint.

Bruté was appointed president of St. Mary's College in Baltimore in 1815, but once again, in 1818, returned to Emmitsburg, where he remained until appointed to

the position of See of Vincennes (Indiana) in 1834. His new diocese included the State of Indiana and Eastern Illinois.

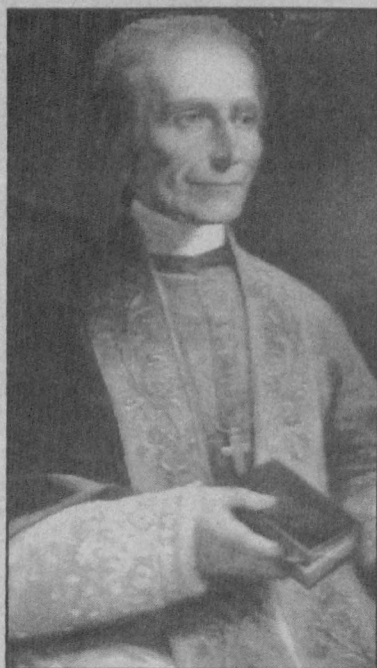
The Archbishop of Indianapolis, Daniel M. Buechlein, along with Postulator Andrea Ambrosi opened the cause for the Bruté canonization on Sept. 12, and a review of Bruté's community and religious records could lead to Bruté being declared a saint.

Visiting Emmitsburg from Oct. 12-14 will be Monsignor Frederick Easton, who is the delegated judge for Bruté's cause and also the judicial vicar of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Reverend James Bonke, promoter of the cause, and Roseanne Huckleberry, notary.

The group will be staying at St. Joseph's Provincial House, and will be collecting local accounts of area family traditions relating to Bruté's kindness to the people of Emmitsburg and surrounding communities.

Anyone with family stories or information relating to Bruté may contact Sister Eleanor Casey, archival assistant, St. Joseph's Provincial House, at eacasey@doc.org, or 301-447-7168.

Evidence supporting consideration for sainthood will ultimately be submitted to the Vatican. The path to sainthood could take decades, according to *The Criterion Online*, a publication of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.



Rev. Simon William Gabriel Bruté de Rémur

Image courtesy, Archives Daughters of Charity, Emmitsburg, Md.

OBITUARIES

Our condolences

The owners and staff of *The Dispatch* extend our sincerest sympathies to contributing writer Chris Patterson and her family on the unexpected death of her mother, Mrs. Lorna Mae Harmon, on Sept. 22.

Virginia L. Kreitz

Virginia "Ginny" L. Kreitz, 71, Gettysburg, died August 15, 2005 at home.

Born March 3, 1934 in Emmitsburg, she was the daughter of the late George E. and Alice E. (Ohler) Wagerman. She was the wife of Charles R. Kreitz to whom she was married to for 54 years.

Mrs. Kreitz was a member of the Trinity United Church of Christ, Gettysburg. Ginny attended the Emmitsburg area schools when she was younger. She was an avid bingo player.

Surviving in addition to her husband of 54 years, Charles, are four sons, Robert L. Kreitz, Charles R. Kreitz, Jr., Terry E. Kreitz, and Daniel

W. Kreitz; two daughters, Pamela A. Poland, and Eva. M. Shaffer; 12 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; four brothers, Jack Wagerman, George Wagerman; and three sisters, Helen Strayer, Ann Moser and Patricia; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Mr. William Robertson

Mr. William E. "Bill" Robertson, 71, Maple Lane Farm, Creagerstown, died Sept. 10 at the Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, Pa.

Born February 24, 1934 in Washington, D.C., he was the son of Charles E. and Louise Colvert Robertson.

After his retirement from Digital Systems, Bill and his wife started Catocin Crafts, a business featuring hand made wood items he created, and participated in Maryland craft shows for the last 16 years.

Surviving are his wife Carol (Smith), one daughter, Deborah Luksa; and three sons, W. Mark Robertson, Jason Hahn, and Jeremy T. Hahn; one grandson; and one brother, James C. Robertson.

Funeral services were held at

the Robert E. Dailey & Son Funeral Homes, P.A., Thurmont, with Fr. John Lombardi, Director of the Grotto of the Lourdes officiating.

Interment with full military honors and a bagpipe honor guard was in Mount Carmel Cemetery, Thurmont.

Mr. Marshall Sanders

Mr. Marshall Leo Sanders, 83, formerly of Emmitsburg, died Aug. 19, 2005, at the Shepherd's Choice, Gettysburg, Pa.

Born February 22, 1922 in Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late Robert H. and Blanche Sprinkle Sanders.

He was a member of Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg.

Mr. Sanders was a self-employed farmer and was also in auto sales and service for many years.

He served in the U.S. Army during W.W.II with the 36th infantry division in Sicily, Italy, France, Austria and Germany.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Ann Walton and Sandra Hill; five grandchildren; three great-

grandchildren; four brothers, Thomas W. Sanders, Paul A. Sanders, Raymond L. Sanders, John J. Sanders, and three sisters, Mary C. Bowne, Anna S. Waysack, and Rita C. Wiley.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Aug. 23 from Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with his Pastor Rev. Vincent J. O'Malley, C.M., as the celebrant. Interment was in New Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Sister Mary Paul Statt, DC

Sister Mary Paul Statt, DC, died Sept. 13, 2005 at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg.

The former Janette Frances Statt was born in Rochester, N.Y. to John and Frances Barthelmes Statt.

Janette entered the Daughters of Charity in May 1946, was given the name Sister Mary Paul, and five years later pronounced her vows on May 31, 1951.

Throughout her career in health ministry, Sister Mary Paul served as director of nursing service in Daughters of Charity hospitals in Massachusetts, Washington (DC), Florida and Virginia. She retired to Villa St. Michael in 1999.

Surviving are one niece, one nephew, two grandnieces and one great-grandniece.

A Mass of Christian burial was offered Sept. 17 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg.

Frederick Barton Troxell

Frederick Barton Troxell, Zavalla, Texas, died Sept. 11, 2005, at Woodland Heights Hospital, Luftin, Texas. Services not published.

Mrs. Goldie Wetzel

Goldie "Toots" Wetzel, 71, died Sept. 18, 2005, at her home in Richlands, N.C. She was originally from Fairfield, Pa.

Surviving are one daughter, Julie A. Gobin; one son, Dennis Wetzel; four brothers, Stanley Wetzel, John Wetzel, Ralph Wetzel, and Richard Wetzel; three sisters, Mabel Wetzel, Virginia Rentzel, and Margaret Horner; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Fairfield, Pa.

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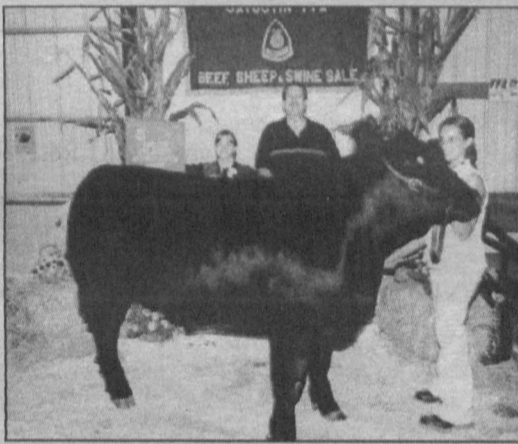
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Jubilee Foods Buys Quality at the 49th Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show

Jubilee Foods in its effort to support the Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community bought the Grand Champion in all 3 judged categories (Beef, Sheep & Swine) of the Catoctin Area FFA Alumni Beef, Sheep & Swine Sale. The animals are raised by Local FFA youth teaching them valuable lessons in general farm operations and responsibility of taking care of a farm animal. All monies from the sale of these animals goes to each respective FFA Member and is often earmarked for college or worthwhile savings. Jubilee Foods supports these youth's efforts and respects the true dedication for which they put forth in the raising of their animal.



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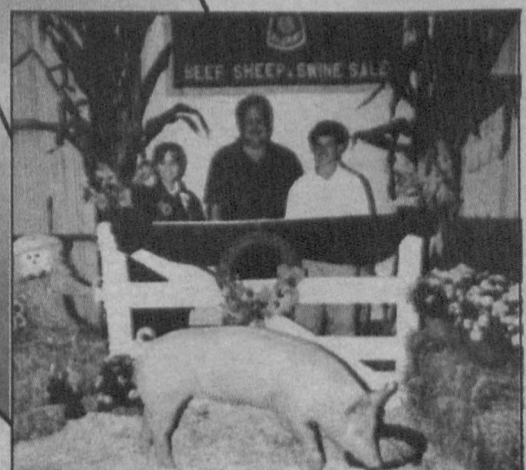
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Market Hog
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EDUCATION

"Learning lunches" and new technology enrich Emmitsburg students' curriculum

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Staff Writer

Conrad Weaver, a professional videographer, came to Emmitsburg Elementary School (EES) recently to share a "learning lunch" with more than 30 students. He brought his production-quality camera, showed them how it worked, and how he uses a computer to edit photos. The students watched while they ate lunch, asked questions, and some had a chance to use the equipment.

This was the first of what Technology and Enrichment teacher Michael Hakkarinen hopes will be many lunchtime events this year. Michele Jordan, pediatric intensive-care nurse at

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, introduced students to her profession at the second "learning lunch."

The program's objective is to expose students in grades two to five to a wide variety of interests and occupations. Scheduling presentations during the lunch period offers flexibility for the volunteers and does not subtract from students' classroom time. Teachers "advertise" the topics to their students and offer "tickets" to the lunches. Hakkarinen hopes to offer these "learning lunches" one or twice a week. The school is actively seeking volunteers willing to share their skills and professions with interested students.

EES students also have

new tools, in the form of hand-held computers, to enhance their language arts and science lessons. Third and fourth graders are already using thirty-five of the portable devices. They use the computers in their classrooms, instead of having to go to a separate computer lab. Information is easily shared between students, and between students and teacher. EES will be receiving ten more, including small attachable keyboards, through a state grant to Frederick County schools. The grant is part of the "Technically Literate by 8th Grade" (TL8) program.

For more information or to volunteer for a "learning lunch," call EES, 240-236-1750.

October 18 meeting with public schools superintendent

Dr. Linda Burgee, Frederick County Public School Superintendent, will be available for questions and informal conversation on Tuesday, Oct. 18 in the Emmitsburg Elementary School media center, starting at 7 p.m.

Parents and guardians of children who attend Catoctin High feeder schools: Emmitsburg, Lewistown, Sabillasville and Thurmont Elementary, Thurmont Primary, Thurmont Middle and Catoctin High are invited.



Dr. Linda Burgee

Emmitsburg residents express school building concerns at hearing

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

Parents, students and town officials addressed the Frederick County Board of Education at a Sept. 14 public hearing on school facilities and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Their concerns centered on the proposed delay in funding for an addition to Emmitsburg Elementary School (EES). Under Superintendent Linda Burgee's recommended plan, the design phase for EES will not take place until 2008, with construction scheduled for the following year.

EES PTA President Tara Viers would like to see the school keep its spot on the last CIP schedule, with design work in 2007. The school is currently rated at 100% capacity, with four portable classrooms housing grades four and five.

Fifth-grader Shelby Maly spoke about the effects on students and their families. She said the kids are "squished" in the cafeteria at lunchtime, and "it's too loud." The band has to practice on the stage while gym and music classes are in session on either side. Last December the school had to hold its winter program at Mount St. Mary's University because the gym is too small for families and students at a school-wide event. Maly's comments were echoed by fellow student Graham Nettleton.

Town commissioners Glenn

Blanchard and Chris Staiger urged the board to "do the right thing" (Blanchard) and take "proactive measures" (Staiger) before new growth in the community creates greater problems. Portable classrooms in elementary schools, said Blanchard, raise issues of safety, health and hygiene for students. Staiger praised the "creative" administrators and staff at EES for their efforts to utilize the limited space at the school. Both agree that the project should not be pushed back.

Shortcomings in the building related to the "open-classroom" design current in the 1970s include lack of adequate bathrooms; proper heating, lighting, and air conditioning control; library space and adequate storage. The school is more than 40 years old.



Videographer Conrad Weaver shows an Emmitsburg Elementary School student how to operate a production camera. Photo courtesy of Mike Hakkarinen.

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High schools – afternoons

only on Oct. 10 and 11.

Oct. 10 – students attend blocks one and two.

Oct. 11 – students attend blocks three and four.

Oct. 12 – full day of classes

Elementary and middle schools – afternoons only on Oct. 10 and 11.

Oct. 12 – morning classes only. Dismissal 3 ½ hours early for afternoon conferences.

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Judy Ramoy Johnstone, Ph.D., professor of education and Thurmont resident, retired this spring with a lifetime of Mount memories. "I had the chance to design the elementary education program which was highly unusual for a new Ph.D." said Johnstone. "Under my tenure as department chair and director of teacher education, we had tremendous growth in the department, added the M.Ed. and the Weekend College, and had one of the first Professional Development Schools in the state of Maryland."

Johnstone recently reflected on her career at the Mount.

I am most proud of ...

I am proud of the number of excellent teachers we have educated at the Mount and the positive effect they have had on their students. I have received many notes from former students who have told me how prepared they are for today's classrooms. They have also documented their success by earning outstanding first-year teacher awards and other special achievement recognitions to becoming Nationally Board Certified, a rigorous evaluation only available to experienced teachers.

International experiences broadened my horizon and I was able to connect them to my work at the Mount. Last fall, I had the opportunity to teach in an English class at a Peace Corps school in Romania. I videotaped the children who introduced themselves to the students in my "Materials for Teaching Reading" class. They told my students what books they enjoyed reading. My students learned that the love of Harry Potter is international. They became pen-pals with the children and sent books to them for Christmas presents.

Changes ... and what I wish I knew at the beginning
The most significant change I've experienced through the years is the use of technology in teaching and learning. I can't imagine now how I ever taught without the use of email, the Internet and word processing programs. What I know today and wished I had known when I started at the Mount, or even 37 years ago when I first began teaching in 6th-grade, is how quickly the years would go by. I guess that's a sign of how much I have enjoyed my career. My vocation and avocation became one and the same.

Hopes for the future ...

My wish is that everyone will be as fulfilled and energized by their careers as I have been. I have so appreciated the opportunity to work with so many well-grounded and caring people. I thank each administration which gave me the freedom and encouragement to try new ideas and run the education department as I saw best; my colleagues at the Mount with whom I served on committees, especially those on the Tenure, Rank and Awards Committee (TRAC) and those who were so helpful to us as we achieved accreditation of the teacher education programs in 1987 and 1994; my dedicated and outstanding department members and administrative assistants through the years—whose hard work made me look good; and the more than 600 students I taught and advised—they were the center of my life.

If I were to write the epitaph for my gravestone, it would read, "She made a difference in our lives."

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October 16-21

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Let's Sign and Dance with the Wild Zappers

Thursday, October 20
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"Our Town"

Nov 11, 8 p.m.; Nov 12, 8 p.m.; Nov 13, 2 p.m.;
Nov 17, 8 p.m.; Nov 18, 8 p.m.; Nov 19, 2 p.m.
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Thursday, November 17
Knott Aud., 7:30 PM
This Baltimore-based group is a non-profit performing group dedicated to promoting Polish culture through song and dance. Krakowiaki Polish Folk Dancers extensive repertoire includes dances and songs from diverse regions performed in a colorful array of authentic costumes, music and choreography.

ATHLETICS

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vs. Quinnipiac Fri., Oct. 21, 3 p.m.	vs. Long Island Sun., Oct. 16, 12 p.m.
vs. Central Connecticut St. Sun., Oct. 23, 2 p.m.	vs. Quinnipiac Fri., Oct. 28, 2 p.m.
Men's Tennis vs. Coppin State Sat., Oct. 8, 1 p.m.	vs. Central Connecticut State Sun., Oct. 30, 12 p.m.
vs. Rider Sun., Oct. 23, 12 p.m.	Women's Tennis vs. Coppin State Sat., Oct. 8, 1 p.m.
	vs. Rider Sun., Oct. 23, 12 p.m.

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Wednesday, October 26
Knott Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

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Saturday, October 8, 2005
10 a.m., Meet at Seton Shrine, Emmitsburg
Noon, Mass at Grotto

Follow the sacred path that Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton once used on her way to the Holy Grotto on Mary's Mountain. Father Jack Lombardi, chaplain of the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, will lead a Rosary Walk from the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes.

Schedule:
10 a.m., Welcome, Opening Prayer and Blessing
Drop off pilgrims at Seton Shrine and then park car at the Grotto. A van will be provided to shuttle you back to the Seton Shrine to begin the Rosary Walk.
10:15 a.m., Begin Rosary Walk
Noon, Mass at Grotto
12:45 p.m., Procession and Crowning of Our Lady (b.y.o. sack lunch and join in family fun to follow)

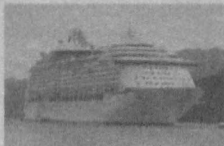
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Sabillasville resident receives Bronze Star

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas V. Cantwell, Sabillasville, Md., was recently awarded The Bronze Star for his service in Iraq at a ceremony in Chambersburg, Pa. LTC Cantwell commanded the 324th Military Police Battalion from Nov. 2002 until Nov. 2004. The Army Reserve unit served in Diyala Province, Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

LTC Cantwell is the son of Mary Rae Cantwell of Blue Ridge Summit, Pa., the husband of Lisa C. Cantwell, and the father of three children.

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Bowne celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary



On Sept. 3 a surprise 50th anniversary party was held for Mr. and Mrs. J. Donald Bowne of Tom's Creek Church Road, Emmitsburg, in Carroll Valley. The party was hosted by their sons-and daughters-in-law, Jim and Karen Bowne of New Market and Fred and Ginny Bowne of Fairfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowne were married Sept 3, 1955 at St. Francis Church in Metuchen, N.J. The matron of honor for the wedding was Rita Sanders Wiley, sister of the bride and best man was Chris Kirschman, friend of the couple. Mrs. Bowne is the former Mary Sanders of Emmitsburg, daughter of Blanche and Robert Sanders. Mr. Bowne is the son of Susanna and Clyde Bowne, Sr., of Old Bridge, N.J.

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SPORTS

Catoctin Cougars win three in a row

BY MEGAN ZIMMERMAN
Contributing Writer

After week four of the 2005 season, the Catoctin High School Cougars can point to a winning start. The team polished off their third straight win this past Saturday against Williamsport, improving their record 3-1.

"We have basically the same team as last year," says Head Coach Doug Williams. The large team of 30 athletes is comprised mostly of returning players. "The team is much more experienced than in 2004," the coach said.

Catoctin ended the 2004 season with a 4-6 record.

The Cougars began the 2005 season with a disappointing loss to Beall, but since week two, the team has seen more success.

In a game against Sidwell Friends (D.C.), Catoctin claimed

victory, 30-20. The Cougars then went on to defeat the Walkersville Lions for the first time in 20 years in a non-league game, 55-30.

This past weekend, Catoctin played their first Monocacy Valley Athletic League (MVAL) game. Playing against Williamsport in what doubled as Catoctin's homecoming game, the Cougars upset the Williamsport Wildcats, 27-6.

"The offensive line has done well this season," commented Williams. "But it is a huge team effort with everyone contributing to the wins."

The Cougars will enjoy a two-week break from competition, only to meet rival Smithburg on Oct. 7.

And as for the remaining six regular season games, "We are just taking it one game at a time," said Williams.

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 ...

A.J. Russo, Ph.D., is a professor at Mount Saint Mary's University and the author of nine novels and more than 30 scientific papers. He is the former head men's coach of lacrosse at RIT and Mount St. Mary's University. Russo's novels, including his newest, "Lost Girl of the Sudan," are all available at Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com. His opinions do not necessarily reflect those of Mount Saint Mary's University.

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Arts & Entertainment

Colorfest opens this weekend

BY MASHA PERSANOVA
Contributing Writer

The 42nd annual Catoctin Colorfest will be held in Thurmont this weekend, Oct. 8 and 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Admission to the crafts areas is free, and more than 360 juried arts and crafts vendors are expected to exhibit. There are three crafts areas within walking distance, Thurmont Community Park, Guardian Hose Company Activities Grounds and in front of the Thurmont Middle School.

The Colorfest committee normally receives about 600 applications from crafts persons. Only the best 360 exhibitors in different categories (wood, fabric, ceramics, etc.) are chosen, both to maintain quality and because of space limitations.

Most of the craftspeople come from surrounding areas: Emmitsburg, Frederick, Gettysburg, Gaithersburg and others. About 20 of the exhibitors are from Thurmont.

Colorfest President Beverly Zienda told *The Dispatch* that the event will go on rain or shine. Due to problems in the past, no pets will be permitted in any of the craft areas.

Students of the Linda L. Elower School of Dance will perform on the basketball court in the Community Park at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. both days.

Free shuttle buses will run each day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. from four designated Stop and Park areas. Handicapped-accessible buses will be available. Parking will cost \$5 per car.

A committee of 12 organized

Colorfest. Beverly Zienda has been the president of the event for almost 26 years, and has more than 27 years of experience in the craft business.

The first Catoctin Colorfest was held in 1963. Initially, Colorfest events included nature walks organized by naturalist Duncan Burchard. Craftspeople were first invited to participate in 1973. The event was organized by volunteers working under the direction of the Catoctin Mountain Tourist Council. The next year the first officers of the Colorfest organization were elected to plan the 1975 event, which attracted about 75,000 people.

The 13th Colorfest in 1976 was a near disaster. That year as a result of torrential rains, Frederick County suffered some of its worst flooding in history. In fact, nearly 100 acres of downtown Frederick was under water because Carroll Creek flooded. Still, by the time Colorfest reached its 25th anniversary, it had about 350 participants and was considered a very successful event.

Zienda said that Colorfest is entirely self-supporting and committed to putting all proceeds to work in the community. The profits go to all four local schools, support the high school graduation party and pay for Christmas decoration for Thurmont.

About 150,000 people are expected to attend the two days of this year's 42nd Colorfest.



Streets of people on a typical Catoctin Colorfest weekend

Postal cancellation, cachet envelope and special train rides add to Colorfest

Several special offerings enhance Catoctin Colorfest this year. A mobile U.S. Post Office located near the information booth in the Community Park will provide a free pictorial Colorfest postal cancellation. A limited edition envelope, known as a cachet, featuring a four-color photograph of Catoctin Furnace, will be available for \$5.

Sponsored by the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, the "Fall Festival Express" will transport visitors from D.C. to Thurmont and back. The train will leave Washington, D.C. Union Station at 7:15 a.m., arriving in Thurmont at 1:50 p.m. The return trip to D.C. begins at 4:45 p.m., arriving at Union Station at 9:15. Tickets: adults, \$85; children 2-12, \$69.

A separate one-hour trip from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, the "Catoctin Hill Topper," will leave Thurmont and travel up the mountain toward Highfield. Tickets are \$10. For ticket information for both trains, visit www.dcnrhis.org/trips/FFE05.

John Hovde plays with knives and fire

Watch John Hovde, Carriage House chef, prepare snacks and meals the way you like them ... then sample the results! Fun facts and questions answered about nutrition, food, and your health. Learn about fruits and cheeses from around the world and try a taste from another culture. For children 6-11, parents are encouraged to attend. At the Emmitsburg Library. Sat., Oct. 15, 11 a.m. Registration required: 240-629-6329.



An Evening to Remember Friday October 28, 2005

You're invited to our Chef's Fall Celebration of Fine Wines and Foods. Relax and enjoy our Chef's Creations paired with fine (Vineyard) Wines.

Soft Piano Music by Linda Duffy will add to the evening's festivities. Cocktails (cash bar) with fruit and cheese cascade at 6:30; dinner promptly at 7:00.

Menu

Appetizer (Chef Bobbie Ray McCormick)

Dragonfly Shrimp - Puff Pastry winged flame broiled gulf shrimp on a pool of Cajun Remoulade.

Salad (Chef John Hovde)

Hearts of Romaine and Red Leaf with Avocado and Lime Champagne Spritz.

Sorbet with fresh mellow rings.

Entrée (Chef Paul Karsteter)

Surf and Turf Slow cooked Filet Loin stuffed with Spinach, Asiago, and Portabellas topped with a wild mushroom demi-glace paired with Salmon Wellington with Leeks and Red Bell Peppers. Entrée to be accompanied by Affron Mashed Potatoes and grilled fresh Asparagus with Tarragon Lemon Butter.

Dessert (Chef Marlin Delauter)

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Sabillasville Community Fair celebrates 30 years this weekend

BY LISA CANTWELL
Contributing Writer

On Oct. 8 and 9, just west of Thurmont on Md. Rt. 550, the grounds of Sabillasville Elementary School will again host the annual Sabillasville Community Fair.

This agricultural and arts festival has been held each year since 1975, and is the major fundraiser for the Northwestern Frederick County Civic Association.

While the event will still feature regional handmade crafts, music, homemade baked goods, country-style cooking, and art and agricultural produce, antiques will be this year's star shopping attraction, according to fair organizers.

Outside the school, families can visit live animal exhibits featuring emus, horses, fish and rehabilitated birds of prey, according to Arthur Gernand, who registers the vendors. Blue Ridge K-9 Center will offer dog training demonstrations. Entertainment by local musicians, including Christine Maccabee and the Emmitsburg Singers, is planned throughout the weekend. A juried antique car show is scheduled for Sunday.

The Sabillasville Fair is a fun fair with a purpose. "We decided to do a village fair that would give back to the community," said former association president and retired Frederick County teacher, George Kuhn.

For the past 30 years proceeds have benefited individuals, schools, fire departments and libraries within the region. Many families in need in Sabillasville and Cascade have been helped, and at a recent meeting, association members unanimously voted to assist a local church supporting Hurricane Katrina efforts.

"The John A. Cliber Memorial Scholarship fund has been given to graduates of Catoctin High School and Living Word Academy in Blue Ridge Summit," Gernand said.

Gernand told *The Dispatch* that fair proceeds have especially benefited Sabillasville Elementary School by providing computers, recreational equipment and field trip funds.

"We have also established a forest project to enhance the environment around the school. This is a partnership effort with the civic association and the Maryland Forest Service using volunteers from the Camp David military community," said Gernand.

Fair proceeds have gone beyond Maryland to the village of Blue Ridge Summit, Pa., helping the fire department and library purchase much needed equipment, according to Gernand.

One of the founding members of the civic association, Kuhn said, "We began when there was a controversy over zoning issues. We needed representation for this rural, northernmost part of the county and so, five or six of us formed this association."

Kuhn feels the now 76-member civic association has been a driving force in protecting the rural legacy of Sabillasville and surrounding Harbaugh Valley. "We have been an outspoken group and successfully lobbied on the local, county, state and federal levels," he said.

"People got to know one another in this rural area, who wouldn't have otherwise. We accomplished what we set out to do," Kuhn added.

Fair hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For vendor or general fair information, contact Arthur Gernand

For Children

Through Nov. 12 – Charlotte's Web. An original musical based on the beloved story of the pig Wilbur who finds true friendship with a little girl and a spider named Charlotte. Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre, Willow Tree Plaza, Rt. 40 West, Frederick. \$10.50. 301-662-6600. www.wayoffbroadway.com.

Concerts

Oct. 10 – Latin American music concert. 8 p.m. Two academic departments at Hood College will feature the performances of three musicians. Free and open to the public. Brodbeck Music Hall, Hood College. 301-696-3429.

Oct. 17 – U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Concert Band. 7 p.m. Catoctin High School Auditorium.

Nov. 5 – The Gibson Brothers. (bluegrass) Eichelberger Performing Arts Center, Hanover, Pa. Box office 717 637-7086 or www.goepac.com.

Nov. 14 – Grand Re-Opening and 80th Anniversary Gala. 7 p.m. Majestic Theatre, Gettysburg. Hosted by Jamie Bernstein Thomas with music direction by Charles Prince, a 35-piece orchestra and a 50-voice chorus. A black-tie affair. \$175-250. 717-337-8200.

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Festivals/Events

Oct. 8 and 9 – 42nd Annual Catoctin Colorfest, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 360 juried arts and crafts exhibited in three different areas of Thurmont: in the Thurmont Community Park, the Guardian Hose Company Activities Grounds and in front of Thurmont Middle School. Free admission. Visit www.colorfest.org for more information.

Oct. 8 and 9 – 30th Annual Sabillasville Community Fair. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to

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LOOKING AHEAD

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.

Oct. 8-9 – 41st Annual Apple Harvest Festival. South Mountain Fairgrounds, Arendtsville, Pa. Information: www.appleharvest.com.

Oct. 15-16 – Frederick County Family Festival @ the Farm tour. Visit any or all of the 13 farms on the tour. Pony rides, scavenger hunts, corn mazes and hayrides. Guide available at www.discoverfrederickmd.com. Information: 301-694-1058.

Nov. 10-12 – International Gift Festival. Fairfield Mennonite Church. Handcrafted items by artisans from around the world. Information: www.fairfieldmennonitechurch.org or 717-642-8936.

Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

Oct. 5 through Nov. 13 – Beyond the Horizon: In Memory of Elaine Gates. Artists Connie Costigan and Michael Krauz will display their works in graphite, pastels and paintings in tribute to a former Hood College professor. Hodson Gallery, Hood College. 301-696-3456.

Through Oct. 31 – Art exhibit. Paintings by Maryland artist Tom Block. Includes selections from Block's Human Rights Painting Project. Hood College Library. E-mail jsamet@hood.edu for more information.

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

Through Oct. 30 – Photographs by Edward Winter. Large-scale photographs from the series X on display in the new Pavilion Gallery at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center. 40 S. Carroll St. 301-698-0656.

Stage

Oct. 7 – Return to the Forbidden Planet. 7:30 p.m. Shenandoah Shakespeare Touring Troupe performs this starship musical based on "The Tempest." Free and

open to the public. Rosenstock Auditorium, Hood College. 301-696-3485.

Oct. 14 – Special show only production of OKLAHOMA! 7:30 p.m. Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre. Willow Tree Plaza, Rt. 40 West, Frederick. \$13-20. 301-662-6600. www.wayoffbroadway.com.

Oct. 28 – Crimes of the Heart. Presented by The Blue Ridge Theatre Guild. 8 p.m. \$10. Show only. Oct. 29, 6:30 p.m. \$30. Dinner theater performance. Oct. 31, 2 p.m. \$10. Show only. Carroll Valley Resort, Sanders Road in Carroll Valley. Reservations required for dinner theater only. 717-491-1096.

Through Nov. 5 – OKLAHOMA! Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre. Willow Tree Plaza, Rt. 40 West, Frederick. \$22-36. 301-662-6600. www.wayoffbroadway.com.

Dance

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.

Oct. 21 – 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.

Nov. 5 and Nov. 19 – 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.

Nov. 18 – 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.

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Scarecrow Stuffing for all ages

Come to the Emmitsburg Library for the fourth annual scarecrow-stuffing extravaganza. Bring old clothes, a pillowcase, and accessories to create a one-of-a-kind friend for your porch, patio or yard. Straw will be provided. To be held at Memorial Park behind the post office. Saturday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m.

Wantz family holds reunion

The descendants of Harry and Annie Wantz held their annual reunion on June 18, 2005 at the Carroll Valley Pavilion in Fairfield, Pa. All three remaining descendants of Harry and Annie attended the reunion this year with their children and their children's children among them: Mary Jean Houck, David B. Wantz, Sr., and James Edward Wantz.

This year's reunion was held at a new place in Fairfield. The Carroll Valley Pavilion & Park provided lots of shade and fun attractions for everyone. The cool breeze allowed the kids to play all afternoon on the jungle gym and at the local pond.

All the homemade goodies were a hit as usual and it just wouldn't be the same without Edie's deviled eggs. Time flew by with the music blaring, people playing horseshoes, strolls around the track, kids laughing and everyone catching up. John Wantz and Linda Wantz won this year's horseshoe tournament. It must have been that lucky 4-leaf clover Dianah Wastier found for her.

Thirty-four people attended this year's reunion and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year on Saturday, June 17, 2006 at the Carroll Valley Recreation Park in Fairfield, Pa.

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Medicare D prescription plan goes into effect soon

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Staff Writer

At open meetings at the Thurmont Senior Center, St. Catherine's Nursing Home in Emmitsburg, and at other sites throughout the county, Bonnie Elgin, public affairs specialist with Social Security Administration's Hagerstown office and Sharon Lynn, Frederick County Department of Aging, have been sharing information about Medicare D, the federal government's prescription drug benefit insurance plan. Scheduled to go into effect Jan. 1, 2006, the program will replace the discount prescription cards available since June 2004.

More than 43 million people presently enrolled in Medicare A and B are eligible for the new program. Participation in the prescription plan is voluntary, but interested persons must apply for enrollment.

However, those who do not enroll during the initial 6-month window (Nov. 2005-May 2006) will pay a penalty for late enrollment. The penalty will be 1% for every month not enrolled, and will be added to their premium for the rest of their lives.

Persons currently covered by other prescription plans (through their retirement or from various drug companies) may find them discontinued in the future. Their former employer is required to notify them if coverage will be dropped. If coverage is eliminated after May 15, 2006, individuals who then enroll in Medicare D will incur the penalty.

According to a press release from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the monthly premium for the first year will be \$32. This is a lower figure than previously announced. Medicare D will carry a \$250 deductible, and will pay 75% of prescription costs up to \$2,250.

Enrollees will then face the now-infamous "donut hole": they will have to pay all drug costs up to \$5,100 themselves. After \$5,100, Medicare will pay up to 95% toward prescriptions.

Persons with low-income, low-asset status may qualify for Medicare D at reduced cost. They must apply for additional assistance. Those who presently receive special prescription assistance (through Medicare with Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income) will be automatically enrolled for the extra help.

The Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program, which has covered low-income state residents, will be eliminated as of Dec. 31, 2005.

Everyone enrolled must select a specific plan when information becomes available in the new

"Medicare & You" handbook, due out in October. Individuals should make lists of their current prescription drugs and dosages to compare with the approved plans when they are published.

Elgin and Lynn are finding that "people aren't taking the issue seriously." Lynn says they must think of Medicare D as "insurance." Even if someone takes little or no medication today, one's health can change greatly in a month or a year. This possibility becomes more likely as a person ages. A "bad" diagnosis may mean more – and more expensive – medicines.

Both Elgin and Lynn are especially concerned that their clients do not understand the financial penalty which will impact them if they do not enroll by May 15, 2006. Elgin fears that many elderly persons have unwittingly "thrown out" the information and application packets mailed to them by Social Security.

They are also worried that senior citizens and others may become victims of telephone scams or fraud. Social Security staff may call to confirm information only. No one may enroll a person over the telephone. Drug companies are allowed to call only to offer information about their programs.

Locally, Lynn is available by appointment to help seniors with their applications: 301-631-3522. Social Security can be reached at 800-772-1213 or online at www.socialsecurity.gov. Information on Medicare D is also available at 800-MEDICARE or at www.medicare.gov.

ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

Library Events

At the Emmitsburg Library

Monthly make it and take it craft (all ages)
Oct. 10-15: Spooky Craft – Make a craft to get into the spooky Halloween spirit.

3rd Thursdays at ThorpeWood (ages 3-5)
Monthly preschool story program at ThorpeWood Environmental Center, Old Mink Farm Road, Thurmont, hosted by Thurmont and Emmitsburg libraries.
Directions: www.thorpewood.org. 301-271-2823. Oct. 20, 1-2 p.m. Registration required.

Chess Club (ages 6 and up)
Bring an adult if you are under 8.
Second and fourth Fridays
Oct. 14, Oct. 28; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Oaks and Acorns Book Club (grades 4-6)

Bring an adult. Light snack provided.
Second Monday, 6:30 p.m. Oct. 24

Storytimes
Babies with Books (birth-24 months with an adult)
First three Wednesdays of the month at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 12, 19

Two Terrific! (age 2 with an adult)
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 11, 18, 25

Family Storytime (all ages)
Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Oct. 12, 19, 26

Pre-School Story Time (ages 3-5)
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27

For Teens
Movie Makers Club (grades 6-12)
Join other teens to learn filmmaking basics, and share experiences and resources to make movies. The goal is to host a film fair showing the club's films. First Tuesday and third Thursday, 7-8 p.m. Oct. 20

Anime Club (grades 6-12)
Second Friday from 6-8 p.m.
Movie, snack, other activities. Co-sponsored by Emmitsburg and Thurmont Libraries. Oct. 8 Registration required

Teen Book Club (grades 6-12)
Third Tuesday at 7 p.m. Oct. 18
– "Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon

Mystery Game Night (grades 6-12)
In the quiet of Jugular Springs, things are not what they seem. A vampire has been turning helpless citizens into bats. Come to the "Barbeque with a Vampire" and see if you can figure out who it is! Oct. 25, 6-8 p.m.

Adult programs
Genealogy Focus Group
Fourth Thursday at 7 p.m.
Join others engaged in genealogical research. Learn about resources

Senior Events

October is here and we are definitely feeling and seeing the change of seasons – cooler temperatures morning and night, and clear blue skies by day. Soon our mountains will be bright with the colorful leaves of autumn. **The center will be closed on Monday, Oct. 10 for Columbus Day.** This month we will begin a once-a-month ceramics class on Tuesday afternoons, 1-3 p.m. Classes are scheduled for Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and Dec. 6. Participants will create 3 seasonal projects. There is a fee, which includes all materials and firing. Register by Oct. 11 with coordinator Anna Rollins. Also on Oct. 18, a representative from Social Security will be coming to speak

about Medicare D. On Oct. 21 we have scheduled an arts and crafts activity: painting gourds.

Looking ahead, we have a bus trip planned for Wednesday, Nov. 2. Our destination is the Smithsonian's Museum of the American Indian. We will leave at 10:15 a.m., return at 5:30 p.m., and the fee is \$40. Call 301-271-7911 for reservations.

The seniors encourage all eligible persons (50 years and older) to join them for regular program activities and special events. Our lunch program is open to those 60 and older.

Craft Class: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
Exercise: Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Thurmont Travelers Park Walk:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m.

Evening Cards: Every Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Game Night: Oct. 6 and 20, 6:30 p.m.

Bridge: Every Friday, 1 p.m.

Thurmont Shopping: Friday, 1 p.m.

Frederick Shopping: Wednesday, Oct. 5, 1 p.m.

Blood Pressure Screening: Last Tuesday of the month, 11 a.m.

Programs are held at the Senior Center, 806 East Main Street, Thurmont. Call for lunch reservations 24 hours in advance. The Senior Center will close whenever county offices are closed. To register for special events or for information, call program coordinator Anna Rollins, 301-271-7911.



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Oct. 7 – Taneytown Business Breakfast. 7:30 a.m. breakfast, program at 8:10. Thunder Lanes, Taneytown. Speaker: Tancy Aris Melissaratos, Md. Secretary of Business & Economic Development. Reservations: 410-751-1100 X 20 or e-mail 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, 1270@ 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.

Community Calendar

LOOKING AHEAD

Oct. 9, 10 a.m., National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. Information: 301-447-1365.

Oct. 8 – Graceham Moravian Church Yard Sale. 8231 Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont. 7 a.m. Food available at 9 a.m. Information: 301-271-2379.

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 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 in front of the Thurmont Middle School. Admission is free. Visit 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. Fair information: 301-241-3687, car show: 301-241-3216.

Oct. 9 – Rabies Clinic. 1-3 p.m. SPCA Animal Shelter, Gettysburg. Vaccinations: \$6 per pet. Information: 334-8876

Oct. 9-15 – National Fire Prevention Week. “Use Candles with Care.”

Oct. 11 – Breast Health Education Dinner. 5:30 p.m. Carroll Valley Resort. Learn the importance of a team approach for women diagnosed with breast cancer. Cost: \$5 per person, includes program and dinner. Register: 800-840-5905.

Oct. 12 – Fire Prevention Open House. 6-9 p.m. Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Department engine hall. Helicopter demo, child fingerprinting, child safety seat checks, fire truck rides and more. Information: 301-447-6864.

Oct. 13 – Corn Maze Fundraiser. Noon to 8 p.m. Lawyer's Winterbrook Farm, 13001 Creagerstown Road. Thurmont Primary and Elementary School families can enter the maze for \$3 per person, \$2 of which will be donated to the Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina relief.

Oct. 13 – 52nd Vigilant Hose Company Fire Prevention Week Open House. 6:30-8:30 p.m. 25 West Main Street, Emmitsburg.

Oct. 14 – Vigilant Hose Company Golf Tournament. 8 a.m. shotgun start. Steak dinner to follow at the firehouse.

Oct. 15 – 27th Annual Fall Festival. 9-5. Camp Eder, 914 Mt. Hope Road, Fairfield, Pa. Advance tickets: adults \$8, children (6-12) \$4. Information: 717-642-8256.

Oct. 15 – Tranquility Farm Equestrian Education and Renewal Center Open House. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$4 per person. 11819 Whates Lane, Thurmont.

Oct. 15 – Two Person Scramble. 1 p.m. Maple Run Golf Course.

Cost: \$50, includes dinner after tournament. Supports Catoctin High golf team. Call to sign up, 301-271-4873 or send completed form to Chris Barnhart, 204 Bennett Court, Thurmont, Md. 21788. Make check payable to CHS Boosters.

Oct. 15 – The Original Haunted Plastic Pumpkin Hunt. 1-2 p.m. Zora Village, Carroll Valley Junction, Pa. Rts. 16 and 116. Like an egg hunt for children up to age 9. Prizes from the wicked witch. Hunt among flamingos. Free. Rain or shine.

Oct. 15 – Shine the Light Christian Youth Chorale Audition. 2-4 p.m. Fairfield Mennonite Church, Fairfield, Pa. Information: 717-642-9851.

Oct. 15 – Pumpkins and Pizza Party. 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Sabillasville. Sponsored by Mountaintop Youth Group. All ages welcome. Come in costume. Information: 301-241-3287.

Oct. 16 – Christian Music Night. 6:30 p.m. Graceham Moravian Church, Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont. Featuring “The Approaching Dawn,” “The Walk,” and “7th State.” Offerings to help families displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Oct. 17 – Emmitsburg Area Historical Society meeting. 7 p.m. Emmitsburg Community Center.

Oct. 17 – U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Concert Band. 7 p.m. Catoctin High School Auditorium. Thurmont Concert Series. Free, admission by ticket only.

Oct. 18 – Band Fest. 6 p.m. Catoctin High School. Features all FCPS high school marching bands. Rain date: Oct. 25. Admission: \$4; FCPS employees and Sunshine cards: free.

Oct. 20 – “Respect, Honor and Believe in Youth.” 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Gettysburg Hotel Ballroom. Speaker: Tom Klaus, Executive Director of FutureNet, Inc. Program for parents and professionals who work with youth. Fee: \$45.

Oct. 20 – “Common Sense Sexual Responsibility for our Kids.” 7 p.m. Keefauver Elementary School, Gettysburg. Speaker: Tom Klaus, Executive Director of FutureNet, Inc. For parents: learn to talk with children about sex.

Oct. 21 – Star Party at Stoney Lick Farm. 8 to 10 p.m. ThorpeWood. Celebrate the recent Autumnal Equinox by viewing Orion the Hunter, Cassiopeia the Queen, and more with the Tri-State Astronomer's club. Family event. Register by Oct. 14, 301-271-2823 or info@thorpewood.org.

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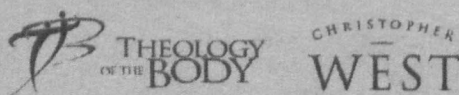
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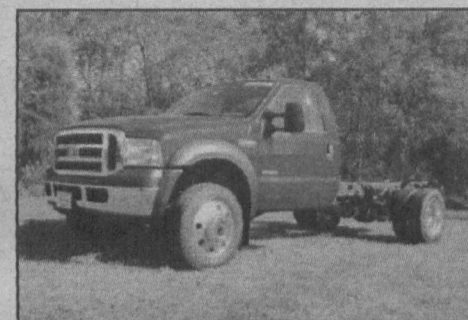
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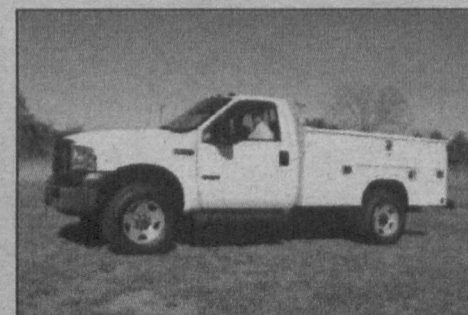
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