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VHC names Honorary Members



- ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL, SR. / THE ROSENSTEEL STUDIO

Vigilant Hose Company (VHC) Chief Robert A. Rosensteel, Jr. (far left) and VHC President Arthur J. Damuth (far right) present Frederick County career emergency medical services crewmen David Yingling (second from left), Kevin Fox (middle), and Steve Barker (second from right) with certificates naming them as honorary members of the company at the Jan. 7 VHC banquet. (See banquet story on page 10.)

Town to begin using sewer rehab money

By RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

EMMITSBURG, Md. - The town could begin drawing down money from an approved \$656,107 community development block grant (CDBG) this month.

The town was awarded the grant in December 2005 to resolve both a long history of sewage spills apparently originating from a missing valve in the collection system, and to extend sewer service to the new Emmitsburg Glass facility on Creamery Road.

In addition, the funds would be used to make modifications at the sewer plant to accommodate improvements made along the collection system itself.

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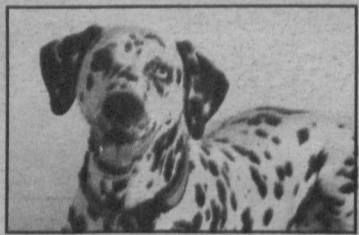
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2006 Fairfield Youth Baseball

Registration for girls and boys baseball, ages 5-12, and girls softball, ages 8-14, will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, Jan. 28 and Feb. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon, at the snack shack on the baseball field on Steelman Street.

Mayor announces planning dept. changes

By RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

EMMITSBURG, Md. - Staff changes in the town planning and zoning department were announced at the Jan. 3 meeting of the board of commissioners, but commissioners continued to struggle with right-to-hire issues.

Following the resignations of Zoning Technician Jennifer Joy in November and Town Planner Michael Lucas, Mayor James E.

Hoover told the board that staff adjustments within planning and zoning would allow the department to continue its functions with the hiring of one new part-time employee.

However, Commissioner William B. O'Neil, Jr. continued to insist that the charter allows the board final say on all staff hiring and firings, and that town administrators, specifically the mayor, only have the right to recommend changes.

Planning department reorganizes

Zoning enforcement employee Amy Naill will be assuming Joy's previous responsibilities. Naill is a full-time employee. Carol Kelley, a former part-time code enforcement officer, will continue in that capacity on a full-time basis.

Hoover said the town would like to hire a part-time code enforcement officer to fill Kelley's vacated part-time position.

There is no intention at this time, Hoover said, to hire a full-time town planner. Instead, he said, Frank Henry, the senior inspector for the town, has been asked to handle Lucas' former responsibilities on a part-time basis.

Patricia Feeser, administrative assistant to the town manager, will be processing grants and loan applications which she had previously been involved in, as well as assuming Lucas' and Joy's

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State receives 17 Category 2 casino applications

By RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

HARRISBURG, Pa. - The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board has begun the review process of 17 Category 2 casino applications received by the Dec. 28 filing deadline, but no date has been set for final selections.

The available Category 2 (casinos not associated with a horse track) include two in Philadelphia and one in Pittsburgh and two "wild card" licenses which can be at any proposed location.

The Crossroads Gaming Resort & Spa (formerly the Gettysburg Casino & Spa), proposed on Route

30 near the U.S. 15 interchange by Chance Enterprises, is vying for one of the two "wild card" licenses.

Named as "associated applicants" in Crossroad's application were: Edgar Anthony Sabounghi, Peter J. Ressler, Sr., Chance Enterprises, Inc., Heather Rebecca Kutz, Alan Ray Hassman, Elizabeth Anne Eelkema, MS Gaming Companies Holdings, Inc., Phillip Gary Wienken, David Michael LeVan, Michael A. Serluco, Crossroads Gaming Resort & Spa, L.P., James P. Quillen, Jr., Andrew Alfred Brenner, Michael Christopher Garrity, Crossroads GP, Inc. and Barbara B. Enrico.

The non-Philadelphia, non-

Pittsburgh applicants against which Crossroads will be vying include

- Tropicana Pennsylvania, LLC (Proposed location - Allentown)
- Sands Bethworks Gaming LLC (Proposed location - Bethlehem)
- Pennsylvania Gaming Group, L.L.P. (Proposed location - Lancaster)

- Boyd Pennsylvania Partners, LP (Proposed location - Limerick)

- Mount Airy #1, L.L.C. (Proposed location - Monroe County)

- Pocono Manor Investors, LP (Proposed location - Monroe County)
- Trum Construction Company (Proposed location - Western Pennsylvania).

In addition to the applications, the gaming board also received more than 600 boxes of support materials sent in as part of the various submissions.

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Team effort to secure sewer monies

The \$150,000 STAG grant was an appropriations line item for which I lobbied and was sponsored by Senator Sarbanes, with the support of Senator Mikulski. The funds were passed by the Senate and House of Representatives, and later signed into law by President Bush. The funds are available through EPA, which will soon call the Town to request completion of a form to receive the grant.

The nearly \$700,000 in CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds that the town will receive is a direct result of numerous contacts between Tim Magrath, Sen. Sarbanes' Field Representative, and myself. I led town staff to a joint meeting with both senators' key staffs on Capitol Hill. It

was Tim Magrath who, at my request, pulled the meetings together with the support and presence of he and Sen. Mikulski's Field Representative, Julianna Albowicz.

CDBG grants are funded by the FEDERAL government and administered through the states. Yes, others helped, but it takes one person to get things started and to push for the funding. I was that person.

While "no man is an island," and others joined in to help, including Town Manager David Haller and Mayor James Hoover, the "proverbial glut of monies in 2006" happened, because I got elected and worked to see it happen. Many of my current critics were the same people who

erroneously said securing such monies was "impossible," "ridiculous," or "would take away from FEMA."

Special thanks are also due to the Governor's staff, Mr. Victor L. Hoskins, Secretary, Maryland Housing and Community Development Department; Mr. Celester Hall, Deputy Assistant Secretary, MDHCD, and Ms. Cindy Stone, MDHCD CDBG coordinator.

Bottom line? It takes a team to drive the basketball to the net, the football to the goal - and to secure money for repairs to a rapidly deteriorating sewer system.

- William B. O'Neil, Jr.
Emmitsburg Commissioner

Former mayor offers Main Street history

The December *Dispatch* article about Main Street trees and sidewalks quoted former mayor, Doc Carr, that the state had planted the trees during the 1980s Main Street Project, and addressed the hump in the middle of Main Street. Doc Carr is absolutely correct. The Main Street Project, from 1986 to 1989, was a State Department of Highways project requested by Emmitsburg for years.

The state caused the "hump," starting in the 1920s, by paving and repaving Main Street, accommodating the north and south side height difference by simply creating the hump. On the south side, the paving sloped down to the sidewalk at such an angle that it was extremely difficult to exit a parked car street-side and side gasoline tanks leaked out...

The street's only storm water drainage system was house basements on the south side. Water and sewer lines zigzagged under Main Street haphazardly. Large trees had pushed up the sidewalks dangerously, with the sidewalk across from the firehouse ... at least four feet higher than the road. Tall (ugly) wooden street light poles leaned over the highway.

For safety reasons, the State Highway Administration, with Federal funds it matched, started rebuilding Main Street completely, with new water and sewer lines, a storm water system, sidewalk reconstruction addressing height differences..., rebuilt street surface, new street lights (at town expense), and ... new trees.

The trees were White House

pears, not Bradford ... White House pears, the state assured, were urban trees, whose roots grew down, not out, and would not damage sidewalks...

Since this was a state project, built on state right-of-way ... is the trees' sidewalk damage state responsibility? Obviously, something must be done, hopefully with better advice than we were given in the 1980s...

Finally, congratulations to *The Dispatch* for excellent coverage of news about Emmitsburg and its greater metropolitan area and for bringing us the brilliance of Bill Meredith and other columnists.

- Bob Preston
Millville, Delaware
Former Emmitsburg Mayor, 1982-1992

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.

January 12, 1906 New Charter Approved

A public meeting of the citizens of Emmitsburg was held at the Firemen's Hall on Tuesday evening last, when part of the proposed new Charter for the town was read and approved. The proposed extension of the corporate limits of the town called for the considerable discussion and it was decided not to extend the boundary lines, but to embody in the new Charter the present lines as given in the Charter of 1854.

The meeting was very largely attended.

Sale Register

Jan. 13 at 12 M., Eugene B. McKissick at residence near Eyler's Store on road leading from Emmitsburg to Sabillasville, 1 horse, 6 cattle, 3 goats, etc.

Jan. 13, at 1 p.m. Peter F. Burket, agent for the heirs of Frederick Burket, deceased, will sell in front of Hotel Spangler, a house and lot containing 2 acres, and 20 acres of Mountain land, situated in this district.

Jan. 24 at 12 M., George I. Wagner, and Ida R. Wagner, executors of Mary A. Wagner, deceased will sell at late residence of said deceased. 1 1/2 miles west of Mt. St. Mary's College, 16 acres of Mountain land, and a lot of personal property.

Jan. 27, at 1:30 p.m. Cornelius Dubel will sell on premises, half way between Rocky Ridge and Motter's Station, 1 1/2 acres of land more or less, improved with a good 2-story frame house and all necessary outbuildings.

Feb. 15, at 10 a.m., Walter Hoffman will sell at his residence about 1/4 mile west of Emmitsburg, horses, cattle, hogs, farming implements and household goods.

Feb. 28, at 11 a.m., J.E. Payne will sell at his residence in Freedom Township, Pa., on the road from the Tract road to the Bull Frog road, horses,

cattle, farming implements and household furniture.

Mar. 9, at 12 M., Charles Sanders will sell at his residence on the Zimmerman farm, on road leading from Taneytown road to Bollinger's School House, horses, cattle and farming implements.

January 19, 1906 FAIRFIELD ITEMS

The voters of Fairfield will vote on the question of water at the February election. The town is in need of water on account of fire. The drinking water is good enough, but in case of fire, there is a great need of water.

F. Shully was unfortunate in closing an outdoor while it was stormy. In putting his arm through a hold to fasten a lock, which was cut in the door, a blast of wind blew the door back with his arm in it, and nearly fractured his arm. The arm is getting better slowly.

Mrs. J.J. Reindollar, of Fairfield, was the recipient of nice presents from a friend in New York City. Among the things were a pineapple, fresh strawberries, oranges, new lettuce, ripe tomatoes, also Mr. J.J. Reindollar showed F. Shully a nice bouquet of flowers in full bloom and quite fragrant. Mrs. Reindollar appreciates the presents very much.

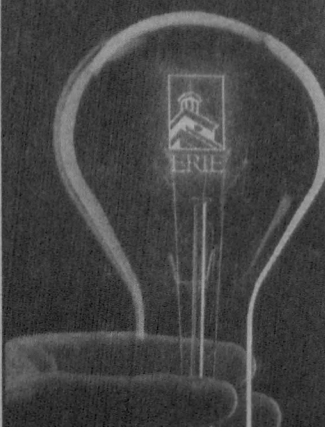
A Pound Party

The hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fuss was the scene of a very pleasant party on Thursday evening, January 11. About 7 o'clock the guests began to arrive, until about forty-five were ushered in. The evening was very pleasantly spent in singing and playing. At eleven o'clock the guests were invited to the dining room where a table laden with cakes, candy, fruit, ice cream and coffee met their eyes.

CORRECTION: The Emmitsburg Christmas decoration winners were listed incorrectly in the Jan. 5 issue of *The Dispatch*. Here is the corrected list:


	Best Decorated House	Children's Choice	Best Decorated Business
1 st	2070 Pembroke (\$50)	104 East Main (\$50)	Carriage House
2 nd	430 Timbermill (\$30)	304 South Seton (\$30)	Rebecca Pearl Gallery
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Martin Luther King essay winners – *the dream today*

BY JOYCE M. DEMMITT
Managing Editor

The winners of Mount St. Mary's University's Martin Luther King, Jr. essay contest read excerpts during half-time at the Mount's women's basketball game on Jan. 16, in observance of the federal holiday.

Students wrote about a current social issue they thought King might want to change if he were alive today, and explained how they would help him realize this dream. The contest was open to all students in Emmitsburg, Thurmont, and Fairfield schools.

First place, high school – Rebecca Corbell, 15, 9th grade, home schooled. Rebecca's essay focused on eliminating prejudices: racial, ethnic, and

religious.

First place, middle school – Jessica Hogan, 13, 8th grade Thurmont Middle School. Jessica focused on equal rights for children, particularly on abortion as a social injustice to unborn children. Second place – Carolyn Shields, 13, 8th grade, Mother Seton School.

First place, elementary school – Samuel Blake, 9, 4th grade, Mother Seton School. Samuel suggested that King would want to end the war and bring peace to Iraq. Second place – Daniel Miller, 3rd grade, Thurmont Elementary School.

First place winners received \$50; second place winners received a citation award.

Actual prizes were awarded at the Mount's Jan. 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. ecumenical worship celebration.



—RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

From left to right: Samuel Blake, Jessica Hogan, Rebecca Corbell and Daniel Miller, with Mike Hardisky, Mount St. Mary's assistant director of Athletics/Marketing and Promotions.

Changes

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roles in processing them.

The mayor said there would be a meeting with the county to see if they would serve as the town's planning consultants as they had done before Lucas was hired.

Commissioner points out charter mandates

But the mayor may not be entitled to the final say on hiring, firing and reassignment of duties, if O'Neil's interpretation of the charter is accurate.

O'Neil questioned the mayoral authority regarding changes in town staff based on Article III, Section 3, in the town charter, which states, "... the mayor, with the advice and consent of the board of commissioners, shall appoint all employees of all offices, departments, commissions, and

agencies of town government. ..."

"The mayor," O'Neil told *The Dispatch*, "issued an outright statement that he would not be filling Mr. Lucas' position or hiring a town planner. It is fine if this is his position, and the staff's as well, but the decision cannot be made without the consent and approval of the commissioners."

O'Neil said he believed this is where the mayor erred because Hoover's staffing decisions do not agree with language in the town charter as quoted above.

"I firmly believe that if the mayor had sought the advice and consent of the transfers, the town commission would have approved the request. I am not certain what would happen with the much more important point of filling the position of town planner," the commissioner stated, noting, "Please know that my point isn't about the individuals who the Mayor transferred themselves, who are, I am sure, quite capable."

Grant

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Two bids to begin the collection system work and glass company site connection were approved at the Dec. 5 town meeting.

JHG Contractors, Frederick, was awarded a bid of \$67,945 to begin work on the installation of a three-inch wastewater forced main, as well as a bid of \$114,000 for the installation of an eight-inch water main.

Rejected was a \$735,105 bid from W. F. Delauter & Son, Thurmont, for a forced wastewater main replacement and related work. That bid represented a 163 percent increase over the estimated cost of the project.

Work on the approved projects, according to Town Manager David Haller, could be completed in 90 to 100 days,

although the contracts would allow 240 days for completion. The work could begin relatively soon, he said. Town spokeswoman Patricia Feeser told *The Dispatch* work could begin during the first week in February.

However, proposed expenditures have to go through various levels of state approval. The total grant amount is reserved for the town at the state level, and the town will draw-down on the allotment by submitting project-related bills as work progresses.

Regarding approval to spend money, Feeser said, "You have to go through all the steps. There are environmental surveys that have to be done, a lot of different steps."

The forced water main phase of the project, whose bid the

commissioners had rejected on Dec. 5, will be re-bid, but the papers to do so have not yet been prepared.

The wastewater collection system has been responsible for the spillage of hundreds of thousands of gallons over the years, the main culprit apparently being a missing valve which may never have been installed. The valve would have acted as a "brake" where the high-pressure wastewater line coming from town met the gravity-feed line going to the treatment plant.

The proposed overhaul would remedy the spillage problem by switching to an all-pressure collection system, and making adjustments at the treatment plant to receive the high pressure inflow of sewage.

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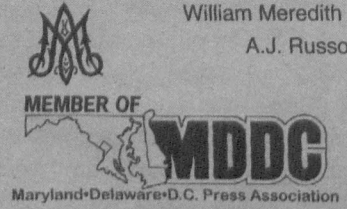
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TOWN NEWS

Board looks at planning/zoning options

By RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

EMMITSBURG, Md. – In the wake of the resignations of Zoning Technician Jennifer Joy in November and Town Planner Michael Lucas, the board of commissioners must determine how to deal with planning and zoning issues.

Mayor James E. Hoover told the board Jan. 3 that staff adjustments within planning and zoning would keep the department functioning and only hiring one new part-time employee would be necessary.

But those changes do not, in

themselves, involve engaging the services of a professional planning and zoning administrator.

Several options are available and open to discussion, including asking the county to resume its former role as town planning consultants, hiring a planning consultant on a short-term or long-term basis, or hiring a town planner.

Commissioner William B. O'Neil, Jr. seemed to favor hiring a town planner, rather than using the county as planning consultants. Regarding the mayor's "outright decision" that the town not hire a new planner, O'Neil said, "I think

that is a mistake. It's really important to have someone at home (a town-based planner)."

Town Manager David Haller noted that the county had provided Emmitsburg with planning services for 15 years prior to the town hiring Lucas. But O'Neil was not enthusiastic about going back to using the county because of what he perceived to have been miscalls on planning issues on their part in the past.

Board President Christopher V. Staiger said, apparently referring to some activities required of the former planner, "If the town planner

is writing newspaper articles and letters to the editor and organizing parties ... then maybe we don't need a town planner."

The issue was not resolved at the Jan. 3 meeting, awaiting further discussions and a pending meeting with county planners.

Town Meetings

- **Commissioners Meeting**
Monthly, 1st & 3rd
Monday
7:30pm
- **Planning/Zoning Commission**
Monthly, Last Monday
7:30pm
- **Commissioners Workshop**
January 23, 2006
7:30pm
- APFO
- Emmitsburg Glass

Meetings held in the Emmitsburg Town Office, Emmitsburg Community Center, 300A S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg.

For more information call 240-629-6300 or visit www.emmitsburgmd.gov.

North Seton traffic pattern will not change before spring

EMMITSBURG, Md. – Plans to end north bound traffic on North Seton Avenue crossing over U.S. 15 or turning north onto the state highway have been put off until spring.

Chuck Gischlar, spokesperson for the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), told *The Dispatch* that, although the ramp (which would force North Seton traffic to turn south

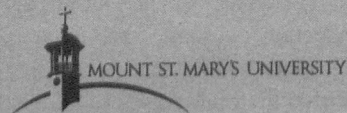
on U.S. 15) appears complete to the casual observer, additional work is still needed.

Specifically, he stated, more grading work needs to be done, and workers "need a good window of weather" to do line painting, seeding and mulching. "We need consistent temperatures," Gischlar said, which is not typical of winter months.

The spokesperson said that while recent temperatures have been mild for this time of the year, "We don't want to test Mother Nature," and risk starting work and having it ruined by harsher weather.

He also said that contractors didn't expect mild weather in January, and therefore hadn't planned to do the ramp-related work this month. – R. Fulton

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Board to continue review of proposed APFO

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The board of commissioners will continue to work on a adequate public facilities ordinance (APFO) draft on Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

The stated purpose of the ordinance, sponsored by Commissioner William B. O'Neil, Jr., is to adopt a means to ensure that infrastructure (roads, water, schools, sewers, recreational facilities and emergency services) can keep pace with or remain ahead of new development "so that orderly development and growth can occur."

The commissioners will be reviewing the roads and highways section of the proposed ordinance at the Jan. 23 workshop. - R. Fulton

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KATRINA RELIEF UPDATE



VHC plans to deliver funds to Louisiana fire company

By ANN DUBLE
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The Vigilant Hose Company (VHC) has raised \$10,000 to help support fire companies in the Katrina-devastated region.

They will be sending the monies to the Belle Chasse Fire Company in Belle Chasse, La., to help them refurbish and replace vehicles and equipment destroyed by the late August hurricane, said Firefighter Jane Stoner from Vigilant Hose.

The Belle Chasse Fire Company, located south of New Orleans in Plaquemines Parish,

has been covering all the fire and emergency services in a large territory since the hurricane struck Aug. 29, she said.

Stoner said the decision to support the Belle Chasse company came after talking to many fire emergency and training personnel with whom she has been in contact through her job at the Emmitsburg Fire Academy.

“The Belle Chasse company firefighters are all volunteers and they have a very wide territory to cover since the hurricane,” she said.

The VHS fundraising campaign ran from Sept. 9 through mid-October and

included boot drives and fifty-fifty drawings. David Smith, owner of NES Unlimited and an emergency medical technician, matched over \$3,000 to boost the total raised.

Stoner said the fundraising drive was a team effort from all the Vigilant Hose firefighters, Explorers and Women’s Auxiliary.

The company hopes to send a couple of firefighters from Emmitsburg to the southern Louisiana community to deliver the check. “We are going to get it down to them in the next few weeks one way or another,” Stoner said.

Mission of Mercy mobile medical clinic completes outreach to Louisiana

By RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

EMMITSBURG, Md. – Mission of Mercy (MOM), a medical non-profit based in Emmitsburg, has completed a two-month effort in Louisiana to provide medical assistance to Katrina victims and aid workers.

The organization dispatched their 37-foot 1997 Winnebago (set up to serve as a mobile medical clinic) in October 2005 to the Baton Rouge and New Orleans area to help provide services lost because of storm-impacted and closed medical facilities.

David Liddle, executive

director and vice president of the MOM Eastern Region, told *The Dispatch* that MOM board of directors members Dr. Tom Fitzsimmons, Fairfield, and Paul Rock, Westminster, drove the vehicle south and trained volunteers on location to provide services the vehicle could support.

The two board members returned after about three weeks, leaving the trainees to provide services. Liddle said “over a thousand patients” were treated or offered medical assistance by the MOM team, which had partnered with the IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities)” to

deliver emergency medical aid to the area.

MOM provided the types of services “you would go to your doctor for,” Liddle said. Among the more common services were administering tetanus shots, treating rashes caused by coming into contact with flood water, and dealing with cuts and scrapes.

The mission was considered completed in December when enough local medical offices were reopened to take over caring for increasing numbers of victims. “The vehicle is in storage in Louisiana now,” Liddle said, adding that it will be reassigned to a new program.



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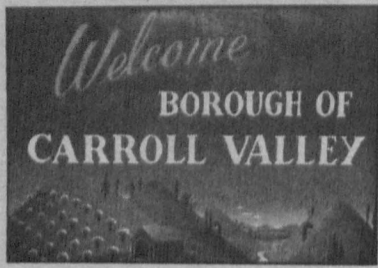


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\$214,175,435 – Approximate net value of homes in Carroll Valley Borough

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- Don't push or shovel snow into the street. This practice causes a safety hazard and could cause an accident. You can be fined for this or be held responsible for the accident.

- Properly prepare your vehicle for winter driving. If you do not have confidence when driving on snow and ice, don't drive. Share the ride with someone or change your schedule so that you don't have to travel. Wait until the roads are clear before traveling.

- When clearing your driveway be aware that when streets are plowed the snow will go into your driveway. Clearing a wider area on the edge of the street before your driveway will allow much of the snow to leave the plow before your driveway.

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Our municipal services department employees spend long hours in tough conditions to make the roads as safe as possible. Please cooperate with them and appreciate the fact that they are doing their best to serve the community.

Powers works to control local fire

On Dec. 19, at about 11:27 a.m., Corporal James W. Powers, Jr. of the Carroll Valley Borough Police Department was checking on a car parked in front of a fire hydrant when he was rushed by workers from the Main Street Cutique and Tanning. There was a fire in the business and one of the employees was on the phone with 911. After calling for the fire department, Corporal Powers grabbed the fire extinguisher from his patrol car and went in to investigate.

The fire was in a small utility room and was later determined to have been caused by a bottle of acetone, a highly flammable solvent, which had rolled under a heater. Powers braved the smoke and heat not once but three times to knock the fire down before running back outside to breathe.

Fire department officials on the scene said that the fire could easily have burned out of that room and caused far more extensive damage or destroyed the building if Powers hadn't contained it until the fire department arrived.

Powers was taken to Gettysburg Hospital after the fire suffering from smoke inhalation and exposure to the acetone fumes. Thankfully he was treated and released and is not suffering from any lasting effect. If you see Corporal Powers, take the time to thank him for going above and beyond in serving the Borough of Fairfield.

Thanks, Corporal Powers!!



Mayor Ronald J. Harris presented Cpl. James W. Powers, Jr. with a Class I Commendation from Carroll Valley Borough on Jan. 10, thanking him for his actions in containing the fire at Main Street Cutique and Tanning on Dec. 19, 2005. Harris read from the commendation, praising Powers for "holding back a fire with only a fire extinguisher and with no regard for his personal welfare."

Pavilion fundraising is underway

The Borough is launching a fund-raising effort for a project to make improvements to the Sally Cortner Pavilion located in the Carroll Commons. The Borough has pledged to support the project with \$45,000, but the total project cost is estimated at around \$60,000. Anyone interested in making a donation to the project can send a tax-deductible contribution to the Borough Office, c/o PAVILION PROJECT.

— From the Manager's Desk —

It is my sincerest desire to get as much information to the residents of this borough as possible. By publishing this newsletter quarterly, and constantly updating the borough Web site, we are attempting to inform the public of the happenings of their borough.

Citizen participation is a critical component in the effective governance of this borough, and I would like to see more and more participation from our residents. The borough is always looking for volunteers for projects, as well as citizen input on decisions. In my short tenure here I have appreciated all of the help of the citizen volunteers who work to make Carroll Valley Borough a leader among communities.

This year you will see the construction of a new park, and substantial improvements to the existing recreation facilities. You will also experience a high level of

service from our top-notch police department and our hardworking municipal services department. All of the borough's employees work hard to provide residents with necessary public services and should be applauded. I wish to thank each and every one of them personally for a job well done.

In the coming year the borough will not only set and publicize its goals and projects, but also solicit comments from all residents. With your help, we will keep Carroll Valley Borough a wonderful place to live.

- David Hazlett
Borough Manager

Public Comments

Please comment on the borough's planning priorities at the Feb. 14 council meeting, or give your comments to the Borough Manager during regular business hours.

This page is paid for by the Carroll Valley Borough. Any questions or comments should be addressed to the Borough office.

REGIONAL NEWS

Ad hoc subcommittee formed to prioritize borough goals

By WILLIAM K. REINKE
Contributing Writer

CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. — A subcommittee has been formed to prioritize the borough's goals for the next two to four years. Twenty-one items were suggested at the council meeting on Jan. 10, and the subcommittee is charged with choosing the top four priorities.

The subcommittee will be chaired by Councilman Daniel Patton and also includes Councilman John Van Volkenburgh, Mayor Ron Harris, Police Chief Richard Hileman II, Borough Manager David Hazlett, and Lake Kay resident John Davis.

The subcommittee is to assess the proposed projects based on their potential impact on the health and safety of the citizenry and report their recommendations to the council at the meeting on Feb. 14.

Two projects stood out as the biggest priorities based on

preliminary discussion. The thirty-one year old borough office is "wholly inadequate" and "falling into disrepair" according to Hazlett. He stated that a new municipal building complex is "imperative ... regardless of the status of the remaining Maitland grant" money that may be available for this project.

Chief Hileman agreed with Hazlett, citing dangerous circumstances under which suspects are processed in the cramped facility. He also voiced concern over interviewing crime victims who have to whisper to him for fear of being overheard in the office.

The other major concern was the issue of the declining water quality of Lake Kay, and the narrow bridge on Ski Run Trail which can be hazardous for residents walking around the lake.

Patton, a resident of the K Section asked, "How are the

chemicals they pour into the lake each year affecting our wells? What are we drinking?"

The borough is currently working with consultants to address the Lake Kay issue but no action has been decided on yet.

Other projects under consideration include a new sewage treatment plant, renovation of the municipal services buildings, a review of the ordinance concerning minimum home size, construction of a new pavilion park in the Ranch Section, and better communication to the citizenry through the borough Web site and "The Valley Views" newsletter.

The council welcomes public input concerning the borough's future, and any citizens who have questions or comments about the goal list are encouraged to contact committee Chairman Dan Patton at 642-6871 or Borough Manager Dave Hazlett at 642-8269 or via e-mail at manager@carrollvalley.org.

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REGIONAL NEWS

Charter nearly ready for public scrutiny

By ANN DUBLE
 Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. - Town residents will soon have the opportunity to review and comment on the newly revised town charter before it is finalized, said "Mayor" Martin Burns at the Jan. 3 town meeting.

"We expect to have the charter ready for the public to review in the next few weeks," he said.

Burns and the four town commissioners are currently reviewing the draft proposal and making some changes to the 55-page document. Once they complete their review, the document will be on the Thurmont website at www.thurmont.com for residents to read and submit changes or suggestions.

Public meetings will also be scheduled over the next few months to get community input.

The new charter replaces one that has been in place since 1986. The charter details how the town is governed and gives elected commissioners the authority to tax property, establish zoning regions, set building standards, create the town's budget, hire police officers and more.

Asked by *The Dispatch* what some of the changes in the new charter are, Burns said he wanted to wait until the commissioners finished their review process before discussing the document.

"The entire charter changed drastically in many areas and it has not been approved or rejected by the board of commissioners," he said.

The draft charter was submitted to the commissioners over a year ago by the Charter and Code Review Committee. The five-member committee was originally

established by the commissioners in 2003 to update the town's codes that set the rules and regulations for the town.

Later on, the commissioners asked the committee to review and update the charter to serve the growing town better, said John Ford, a committee member. The committee drafted the document using a model charter from the Maryland Municipal League in Annapolis, and input from residents and the commissioners.

Ford said there are additions and "quite a few changes" in the new charter. "For instance, we used to have a single supervisor in town elections. The new charter adds a board of electors and also provides for recounts," he said.

Dates when the public can view the new charter will be published in *The Dispatch*, on the Thurmont website and in other media.

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Liberty Township Development News...

Board grants conditional approval to 53-unit project

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, Pa. - The board of supervisors granted conditional preliminary plan approval at their Jan. 3 meeting to a 53-home project proposed across from Orchard Road.

The Mirage development, proposed by owner and developer Lai Mirage, actually will consist of 56 lots, but three of those represent open space allocations. The housing development is to be constructed on 98.92 acres of land that has historically been orchards.

The supervisors require the

developer to provide

- Additional PennDOT comments
- An approved homeowners association agreement
- An "airport disclaimer" (notices to buyers of proximity of glider operation)
- An "agricultural disclaimer" (notices to buyers about farming operations in the area)
- Land conservation easement language incorporated into the plan
- Notice that homeowners association will be responsible for development's roads

- Statement that fire protection will be provided by Fairfield and/or Emmitsburg

- Notice that all on-lot water systems are the homeowners' responsibility (township will not be responsible for failed wells)

- Notice of the homeowners' responsibility to install centralized water system if wells fail.

This proposal was initially introduced before the board in August 2005. - R. Fulton

Five-unit subdivision conditionally approved

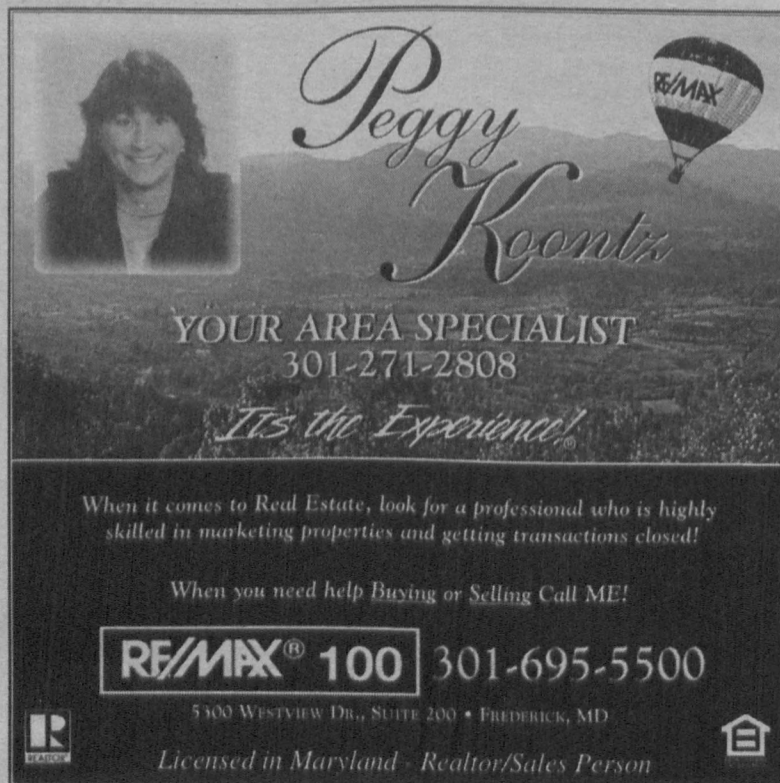
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, Pa. - The board of supervisors granted conditional preliminary plan approval at their Jan. 3 meeting to a five single-family home development proposed on property belonging to Paul Goetz on Boyle and Tract roads.

The developer must provide

- A stormwater management plan
- An approved erosion and sediment control plan
- An approved PennDOT permit for stormwater discharge.

The development was declared exempt from adhering to the Monocacy Plan and was grandfathered-in under the old township subdivision and land development ordinance.

- R. Fulton



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LOCAL HISTORY

The Bells of St. Joseph's from classic bronze to digital chimes

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

EMMITSBURG, Md. — For more than a century, an old bronze bell pealed on the hour from the bell tower of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, announcing times for prayer and calling parishioners to worship.

The old bell, originally cast in 1849, recast in 1939 after it was damaged, sits silent now in the second uppermost tier of the church tower. The bell has been replaced by modern technology and computer-generated chimes.

Few have seen the historic bell recently, except for a handful of workers who have ventured

up narrow stairs and rickety ladders to the tier where the old bell resides, some three stories up, overlooking a panoramic view of Emmitsburg.

Denny Ebaugh, head of the church's building and grounds board, took *The Dispatch* on a tour of the old steeple, and explained much of its history.

The bronze bell's road to silence

In 1849, Father Thomas McCaffrey ordered that a bell be produced for St. Joseph's Church. When received, it was named "Sancta Maria" (Holy Mary).

The bronze bell served as the church's only bell, and was used until 1939 when it was damaged during a repair attempt to the bell tongue, a part used in ringing the bell.

"Sancta Maria" did not have a clapper inside to make it ring, but rather was struck from the outside by a hammer-like device. To this device was attached a pull-rope which dropped through holes in the flooring of the various tiers so the attending altar boy could ring the bell to mark the time or announce prayers.

The bronze bell was sufficiently cracked in 1939 to warrant melting it down and recasting it, which was subsequently done. Additional metal was added to make the recast bell stronger.

Inscribed on the recast bells are the words, "McSean Bell Foundry, Balto., Md. Sancta Maria — Originally cast 1849 — Recast 1940 — Erected by generosity of the people of St. Joseph's Parish — citizens of

Emmitsburg and friends."

The new bell was consecrated in 1940 by Monsignor Sheridan, then president of Mount St. Mary's College.

The old bell replaced with computerization

The bells heard across Emmitsburg now are generated by a

At present, the computer generates an hourly peal from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Other 'secrets' of the bell tower

The inside of the church clock and bell tower bear little resemblance to what can be seen of them from the outside, because the interior woodwork, steps and ladders create an almost medieval atmosphere.

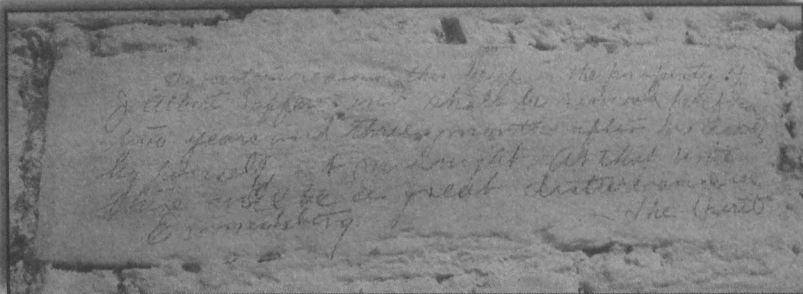
The church steeple was erected during 1868 into 1969. The decision to build a steeple was made in 1867, and it was designed the same year by Reverend James Francis Burlando. The

church held fairs to raise funds for the steeple, raising enough money for it after just two events. The cross atop the steeple was added in 1899.

Nearly as interesting as the old bell is the mechanism that runs the clocks in the four lower walls of the steeple. The huge, late-Victorian, hand-cranked mechanism was made in 1915, and remains fully functional, requiring only general maintenance to keep it working.

From an archival perspective, one of the most interesting attributes of the interior of the tower is the graffiti, some of it dating from the 19th century.

Ebaugh said a lot of it, especially what appears on a brick wall in the lower tier, is the work of altar boys and sextons (building and grounds keepers). Higher up, individuals and contractors who have worked on the



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An unusual example of graffiti preserved on one of the bricks inside the steeple reads: "For certain reasons this brick is the property of J. Albert Saffer and shall be removed herefrom two years and three months after his death, by himself at midnight. At that time there will be a great disturbance in Emmitsburg. ..." This brick is undated, but another brick signed by Saffer bears the date 1915.

programmed computer located in a utility closet on the first floor of the church. The computer, called "The Singing Tower," was manufactured by Verdin, Cincinnati, Ohio, and bears a 1993 date.

Ebaugh said church staff can program the computer to generate the bell sounds to simply "chime" at certain times or play hymns.

There are now no functional bells in the church tower. The computer-generated pealing is broadcast from within the tower through four loudspeakers mounted just above the now-silent "Sancta Maria."

Ebaugh said the "The Singing Tower" could simulate the "Winchester chimes," which sound every quarter hour, but church staff felt that might prove to be a bit much for the town.



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The 1993 computerized "Singing Tower," above, replaced the old brass bell that now sits silently near the top of the 19th century bell tower. The computer, programmed to play various chimes, hymns and prayers, was manufactured by Verdin, Cincinnati.

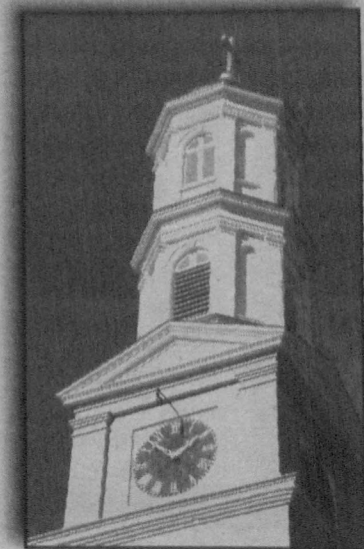


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Hidden in the top tier of St. Joseph's Catholic Church steeple is the original brass bell (recast after damage), silent now, having been replaced with digital chimes (above). The tower (right) was constructed several years after the Civil War.

interior over time left their initials and dates in various places.

Exploring the steeple is like a step back in time, complete with vintage dust. But the vista of the surrounding area from the upper tier is worth the vertical expedition, even if it can only be experienced by a very lucky few.



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St. Joseph's bell tolls for hour and prayer

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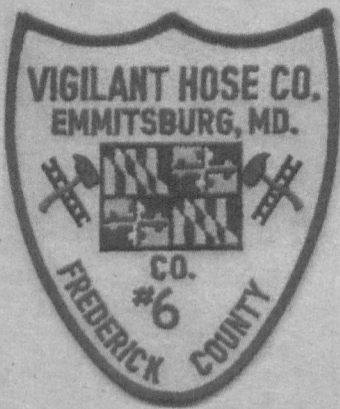
* Daily at 3:05 p.m. — hymns
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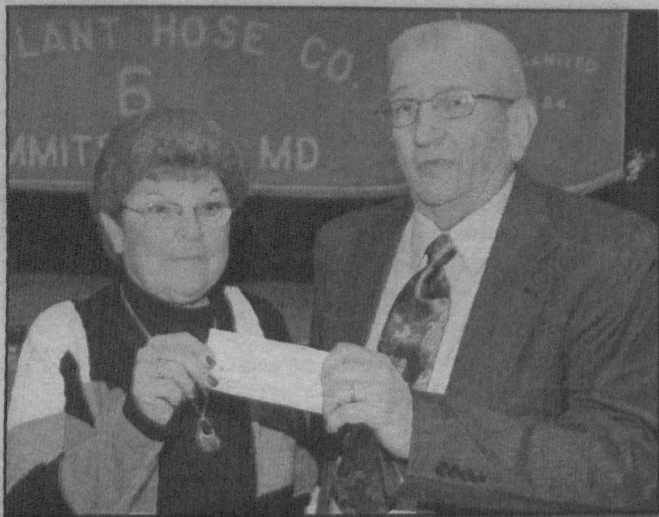
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By RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

EMMITSBURG, Md. — More than 250 people attended Vigilant Hose Company's (VHC) 122nd Anniversary Banquet on Jan. 7 at Mother Seton School, during which officers presented numerous recognition awards and received a \$40,000 check from the auxiliary.



Auxiliary President Dorothy D. Davis presents Vigilant Hose Company President Arthur J. Damuth with a \$40,000 check representing funds raised by the auxiliary.

Vigilant Hose holds Annual Auxiliary presents fire c

Timothy Clarke, member of the VHC board of directors, served as master of ceremonies for the annual event, introduced state, county and local officials, and presided over the distribution of recognition certificates and awards, as well as the installation of the company's officers for 2006.

In addition to recognizing the efforts and dedication of VHC members, the company was also presented by auxiliary President Dorothy Davis with a \$40,000 donation representing monies raised by the auxiliary.

The company named four honorary VHC members, including former county Director of Emergency Communication Randy Waesche, and county career emergency medical services (EMS) crewmen David Yingling, Kevin Fox, and Steve Barker.

Members of county and local government present included Frederick County Board of Commissioners President John L. Thompson, Jr. and Commissioner Jan H. Gardner, Emmitsburg Mayor James E. Hoover and commissioners Christopher V. Staiger and Glenn Blanchard. Virtually every area firefighting organization was represented as well as area emergency medical services.

Businesses receiving certificates for their support of the fire company and its efforts included Jubilee Foods and Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital.

One More Tavern (the banquet's caterer), the Palms and the Ott House were recognized for supporting VHC by placing ticket jars in their businesses. Music was provided by Phantom Shadow.

Pastor Bill Warehime, Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, delivered both the invocation and benediction. Warehime is also the VHC chaplain.

The program concluded with a video, "2005 - The Year in Review," highlighting company events and activities for the year.



Lines officers sworn in at Vigilant Hose Company's 122nd Anniversary Banquet. (Top row, L to R); Deputy Chief James E. Click; Assistant Chief Clifton Shriner; Captain Jason B. Cool; and 2nd Lieutenant Tom Myerly.

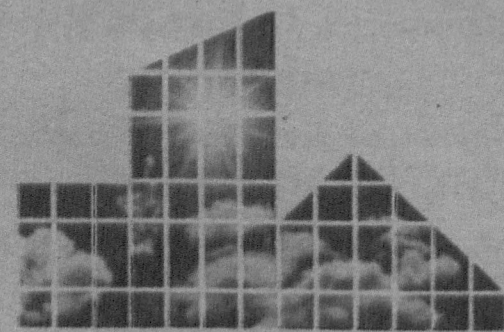


VHC Chief Robert A. Rosensteel, Jr. presents member James E. Fitzgerald with a plaque commemorating his 45 years of service with the company.



John S. Hollinger, VHC member, receives the "President's Award" for his 45 years of service with the fire company from Arthur J. Damuth in recognition of his service with the fire company.

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Years of Service Awards

- 10 years - Tom Vaughn, John Damskey, Mike Damskey, Mike Working
- 15 years - Bill Boyd, Eugene Grimes
- 20 years - Carl White
- 25 years - Jimmy Glass, R. Wayne Powell
- 35 years - Monroe Hewitt, Charlie Champlain
- 40 years - Eugene Myers, Larry Little
- 45 years - James E. Fitzgerald, Tom White

Top 10 Length of Service Award Program (based on

total activities)

- First - Dave Smith
- Second - Jim Click
- Third - Cliff Shriner
- Fourth - Frank Davis
- Fifth - Tony Kelly
- Sixth - John Damskey
- Seventh - John Hollinger
- Eighth - Vance Click
- Ninth - Bill Boyd
- Tenth - Jason Powell

Top 10 Responders

- First - Cliff Shriner
- Second - Randy Myers

- Third - Dave Smith
- Fourth - Vance Click
- Fifth - Tony Kelly
- Sixth - Chris Hagemeyer
- Seventh - Frank Davis
- Eighth - John Glass
- Ninth - Paul Eyler
- Tenth - David Stonesifer

Top Fire Police Responders

- First - Sam Cool
- Second - Mike Boyle
- Third - Paul Krietz

In-station Training Award -

- Cliff Shriner

Annual Recognition Program honors company with \$40,000

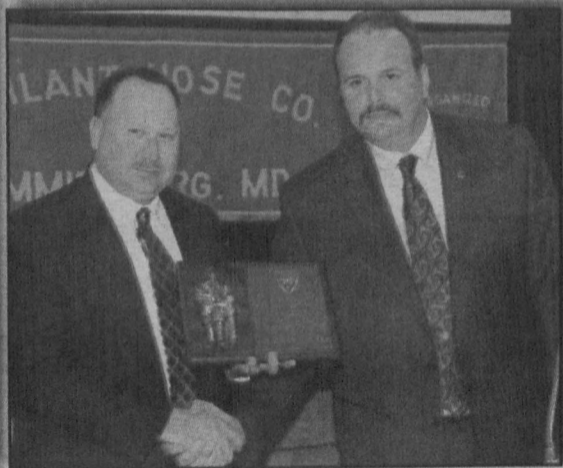


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Annual Banquet included: (Bottom row, L to R) Chief Robert A. Rosensteel, Jr.; Jason Powell; 1st Lieutenant Glenn Swain; 2nd Lieutenant Carl White; Eric Sloane; Fire Police Captain Paul Krietz; Fire Police 1st Lieutenant Samuel



VHC member, is presented with the "Member of the Year Award" at the company banquet by board President Arthur J. Damuth in recognition of Hollinger's service to the company.



VHC board member Timothy M. Clarke receives the "Member of the Year Award" from Chief Robert A. Rosensteel, Jr.

VHC mascot 'Hoser' passes away at age 13

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Vigilant Hose Company (VHC) lost a 13-year companion on Jan. 2 with the passing of the company Dalmatian mascot, "Hoser" Davis-Hollinger.

Hoser was born on Oct. 28, 1992, in Fairfield, one of a litter of puppies born to "Smokey" and "Sneakers," and lived her entire life at the VHC firehouse on West Main Street. She was given the surname Davis-Hollinger as the namesake for two of her keepers, former Chief Frank Davis and member Steve Hollinger.

Hoser was considered an active member of VHC by the company, and attended many parades and loved to ride on top of the fire trucks, according to VHC Treasurer Steve Hollinger. Her career even included meeting with President Bill Clinton in 1994.

Because of severe arthritis, Hoser was put to sleep on Jan. 2 by the Emmitsburg Veterinarian Hospital at no charge to the fire company.

"Hoser was a true ambassador to the thousands of visitors to the firehouse. Over the years, she touched the hearts of many people. She will be truly missed by ... members of the Vigilant Hose Company," said Hollinger.

There are no plans at present to replace Hoser, because the kennel is being dismantled in order to expand the firehouse. "No one will take her place," Davis told *The Dispatch*.

Memorial contributions may be sent in Hoser's name to the Vigilant Hose Company, West Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Editor's Note: Dalmatians are often selected to serve as fire company mascots because of their traditional association with the fire service. It was noted early on that, for



Vigilant Hose Company mascot "Hoser" poses with one of the department helmets. The dalmatian, which had spent her entire life as a member of the company, passed away on Jan. 2.

some reason, Dalmatians were quick to bond with horses. As a result, they were originally used to guard stagecoach and wagon horse teams during overnight layovers. When horse-drawn fire equipment was introduced in the 1800s, the dogs were adopted for the same reason, to protect the horses and equipment, and thus an association was born. (Information courtesy of Windsor Fire & Rescue, Ontario, Canada.)

Annual Certificate Recipients

Formal Training Award -
Dave Smith

Chief's Award - Dave Smith

President's Award -

John S. Hollinger

Member of the Year Award -

Timothy M. Clarke

Hall of Fame Inductees (VHC's highest award)

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Guy A. Baker, Sr. (deceased)

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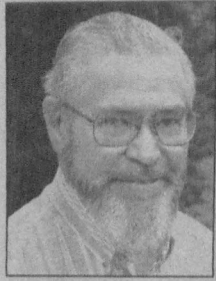
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*The (retired) Ecologist***In Praise of Irrational Exuberance**

BY BILL
MEREDITH

*Dispatch
Columnist*

"... how do we know when irrational exuberance has unduly escalated asset values...?"

- Alan Greenspan

New Year's Day is the most unfair of holidays. The old year was a mess, and we were glad to be done with it. We started the new year full of hope, with promises to exercise regularly, lose weight, read the Great Books, keep in touch with friends, and Be a Better Person, confident that this time it will be different. But before the first week was done we had a mine disaster, wildfires in the southwest, the Abramoff scandal, more bombings in Iraq, bird flu in Turkey, and to top it all off, Lou Rawls died. Nothing different, after all.

With things starting this way, I was a bit depressed when I started my ritual First Saturday walk to

Toms Creek. It was overcast and chilly, and there were no birds in sight; but just as the creek came into view I heard a rattling noise like you get when you blow into a coach's whistle with your finger over the hole. It was a belted kingfisher, and for the next 15 minutes I watched it fly up and down the creek, rattling with unrestricted enthusiasm. There was no logical reason it should have been doing this; there was not another kingfisher around either to threaten its territory or to stimulate amorous impulses, and it could have fished just as efficiently by perching over a pool and waiting. The only message its raucous behavior seemed to convey was, "I'm here, I'm alive, and I feel good about it!" As I watched it, Alan Greenspan came to mind; here was a perfect example of irrational exuberance.

From a human point of view, the kingfisher shouldn't be feeling this way. The coldest part of winter is yet to come; the creek will surely freeze over at least once, and the bird will starve if it can't find open water to fish in. If it survives "til spring, it will have to find a mate, fight off rivals, dig a burrow in the stream bank for its nest, and work

its tailfeathers off to feed a brood of youngsters, if they aren't killed by predators before they are able to fly. It doesn't know any of this, of course, but I doubt if it would matter if it did. Exuberance is programmed into its DNA; with all the odds that are against it, it couldn't survive with any other frame of mind. Exuberance isn't just being noisy; it indicates hope in the future and confidence that hardships can be overcome.

As I walked on, I began to see exuberance everywhere. A beaver had chewed a third of the way through the trunk of an ash tree that was at least two feet thick and 50 feet high; what it would have done with such a tree if it had come down probably never occurred to it. Squirrels were chasing each other about in the tops of trees, leaping six feet or more through space to branches as thin as wires and ignoring the fact that it was cold and cloudy and mating season is still two months away. A Carolina wren, scarcely five inches long, was singing in a voice loud enough to carry half a mile. Myrtle warblers were foraging on poison ivy berries, twittering happily; it was obvious that there were not enough berries

left to last until spring, but none of the warblers seemed depressed.

As I walked toward home, my mood improved, and I remembered Norman Vaughan. He was the last surviving member of Admiral Byrd's expedition to the South Pole in 1928, and there was a note in *Time* magazine that he had died last week at the age of 100. He would have been 23 years old at that time, and had no experience in such things, but, full of irrational exuberance, he talked Byrd into taking him along as a dog-sled driver. Evidently he spent the rest of his life doing things common sense should have prohibited; he climbed a 10,000-foot mountain at age 89. I remember reading about Byrd's adventures when I was a 5th-grader, and dreaming of doing such heroic things when I grew up, but I turned out to be of a more cautious nature. Yet even now, when I read Vaughan's obituary, I feel a twinge of envy. Being irrationally exuberant beats being depressed or bored.

That evening, sitting in a comfortable chair and watching the football playoffs, it occurred to me that as I walked past the new housing development on the way

to the creek that morning, I did not see a single child. The new lawns were empty; the adjacent ballfields were deserted. It should not have been that way. If I had been a child in such a place I would have been out there kicking a football (badly), or poking sticks through the ice on mud puddles, getting dirty and probably catching a cold, and doing all those things that now fill my memories. The kids that should have been out there now were indoors, staring vacantly at TV cartoons or poking mechanically at computer games while they stuff themselves with sodas and junk food. They are growing up soft and overweight, and if they show the least bit of exuberance they will get a dose of Ritalin for it.

Alan Greenspan is a great economist, but he is a lousy ecologist, and an even worse child psychologist. Irrational exuberance may be bad for the economy, but in the world of nature it is a vital survival mechanism; and it may prove to be equally vital for the survival of this country. Without it, we wouldn't have had the Wright brothers, or John Glenn, or, for that matter, Ben Franklin and George Washington. Norman Vaughan was not just a last survivor of a dying breed; he represents a spirit that made this nation what it was at its best. That spirit is dying with him, and it is not being replaced.

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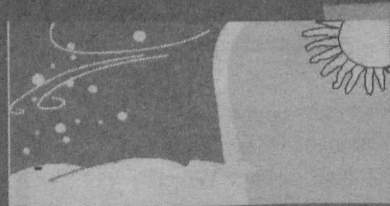
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On Tuesday, February 7, the musical strains of America's legendary composer Duke Ellington will emanate from the campus of Mount St. Mary's University. This unique all-Ellington program will be performed by internationally renowned concert pianist Leon Bates. The concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Knott Auditorium.

Since winning the Philadelphia Orchestra's Senior Auditions as a student, Bates has emerged as one of America's leading pianists. He is invited to the most prestigious concert halls and his performances have warranted critical and audience accolades in such halls as the Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall and Philadelphia's Academy of Music and Kimmel center. His many television appearances include NBC's *The Today Show* and *CBS News Sunday Morning*, and he took part in the filming of the *Music in the 20th Century* telecast on PBS. His performances have also included engagements with the New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, Boston Pops, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Vienna Symphony and Prague National Symphony, as well as with the Duke Ellington Orchestra in Rome's Olympic Stadium before an audience of 20,000 as a tribute to Christopher Columbus. Recordings of his performances are available on the Naxos, Orion, and Performance Records labels.

Bates is also celebrated as a master teacher, whose work has inspired America's youth to open their hearts and minds to the love of music. He is a favorite on college campuses because of his broad interests beyond the world of classical music. His importance to the music world was noted with an honorary Doctorate from Washington and Lee University, and the Raoul Wallenberg Humanitarian Award for his extensive work with children. Bates' commitment to social and cultural diversity, along with his passion for American music, have led to the creation of programs such as *Gershwin by Request*, and the all-Duke Ellington program that has been delighting audiences everywhere.

Fulbright Scholar ON CAMPUS THIS WINTER

Hossam Elouan, a screenwriter and film critic from Egypt, will visit the Mount for six weeks during the upcoming spring semester, and will team teach a course, *Comparative Politics: Middle East*, with Dr. Kristen Urban. Elouan's visit is part of the Fulbright "Visiting Specialist from the Middle East" program.

"Mount St. Mary's is especially enthusiastic about this opportunity to welcome an internationally reputed specialist from the Middle East at this time when a mutual understanding between western and Middle Eastern Islamic cultures is of utmost importance for world peace," says Indrani Mitra, associate professor of English. Campus events such as a Middle Eastern film series are being planned during his time here.

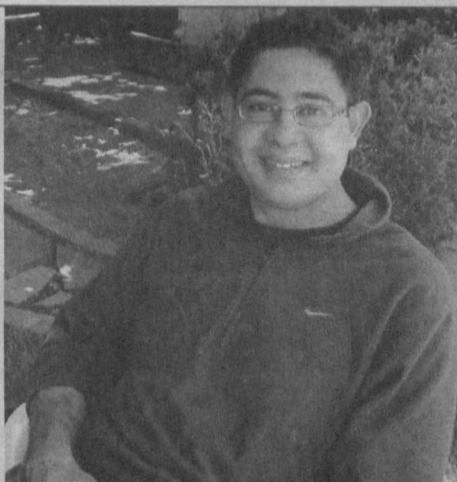
Fluent in several languages, Elouan is a graduate of the Cairo Film Institute and currently works as a scriptwriter and freelance researcher in Egypt. His publications on film and art are numerous including pieces in the "Alif Journal of Contemporary Poetics," newspapers "Al Sharq Al Awsat" and "Al Watan," and in the Omani Cultural Magazine, "Nizwa." He also lectures extensively on arts in the Middle East.

Previously Elouan served as a Visiting Fulbright scholar at the University of California at Davis in 2004, and at the University

of California in Los Angeles in 2003, where he worked with Professor Richard Walter, chair of the Screenplay Department. "I am highly interested in promoting cross-cultural understanding with an appreciation for cultural diversity," says Elouan.

Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the Fulbright Scholar Program's purpose is to build mutual understanding between people of the United States and other countries. It is America's flagship international educational exchange activity and thousands of faculty from the U.S. and other countries have studied, taught or conducted research abroad through its program. "Our students in particular benefit immensely from exposures to a wide range of perspectives on international issues," says David Rehm, the Mount's associate provost.

For more information please contact the Office of Communications at 301-447-5366.



Fulbright Scholar Hossam Elouan will present a film screening: *On Boys, Girls, & the Veil*, Thursday, January 26, 7 p.m., Laughlin Auditorium

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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ADMISSIONS EVENTS

FILM SCREENING:

On Boys, Girls, & the Veil

Thursday, January 26

7 p.m., Laughlin

A short film, directed by Yousri Nasrallah, Egypt, that examines gender identity and the dimensions of veiling within the larger context of Egyptian society. Presented by Visiting Fulbright Scholar, Mr. Hossam Elouan, filmmaker and screen-play writer from Egypt

Christian Brugger "Capital Punishment, Abolition, and Catholic Moral Philosophy: An Ethically Principled Perspective"

Thursday, February 2

7 p.m., Knott Auditorium

E. Christian Brugger is assistant professor of ethics in the department of religious studies at Loyola University in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is the author of *Capital Punishment and Roman Catholic Moral Tradition*, in which he traces the history of this moral issue. He will discuss his findings during this presentation.

Admissions Academic Major Day

February 3: Science

February 10: Education and Undecided

February 17: Business

Get an in-depth look at what it is like to be a science, education or business major at the Mount through simulated classes, interactions with faculty and current students and discussions with the Career Center. If you are undecided as to your major, attend our program on February 10 to learn how our Freshman Experience and Core Curriculum can help you choose a major.

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Before Session 2: Tuesday, January 31, 5-6 p.m.

Thursday, February 2, 5-6 p.m.

Saturday, February 4, 9-10 a.m.

Before Session 3: Monday, March 13, 5-6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15, 5-6 p.m.

Saturday, March 18, 9-10 a.m.

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EDUCATION

Graduation projects showcased at CHS

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

A large crowd attended the sixth annual Graduation Project Presentation Night at Catoctin High School (CHS) on Jan. 11. One hundred thirty-five seniors and juniors filled the lobby, auxiliary gym, computer science classroom, and stage with displays highlighting their research topics. Projects on automotive topics and emergency services were set up outside the front of the school.

Completion of a project is a requirement for graduation from all Frederick County high schools this year.

The final projects varied widely, from building guitars, bicycles, and computers, through sports and fitness, to community service work and charity fundraisers. Many students showed their ease and skill with computer technology, producing audio and video presentations supporting their research and writing.

Interest in Web site design and sports led Chris Kubala to create a Web site for CHS athletics. Assisted by his mentor, Mike Hillman, Kubala has linked his site to Hillman's Emmitsburg and Thurmont Internet sites. He plans to follow his father's career model by becoming a veterinarian.

Junior Christine Viets organized the November 2005 "Celebration of Frederick County's Success" for the schoolyard habitat program, which was held at CHS. She created a PowerPoint presentation for the awards reception. Viets' goal is to work with computers after college.

Kim Reina's project focused on special education in Frederick County schools, because, she says, "I've been special ed since I was born" with spina bifida. Although she is wheelchair-bound, Reina describes her mainstream classroom experience in the local schools - Thurmont Elementary, Thurmont Middle, and CHS - as "awesome." She will attend Frederick Community College (FCC) in the fall, and hopes to become a veterinarian.

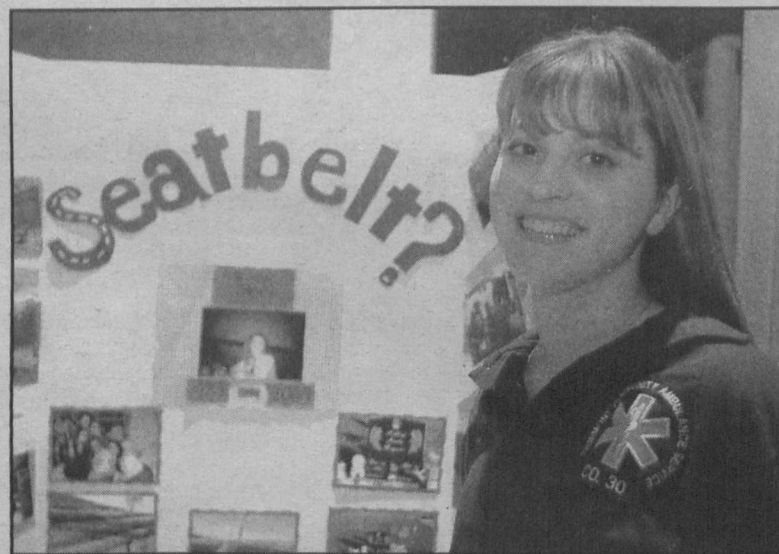
Paige Calimer turned her experience as the daughter of a local orchard owner into her project, "From the Field to Your Plate." She feels that consumers "take the farmer for granted," and wanted to show them "how much hard work goes into getting food to their tables." She even offered samples of apple pie to enhance her demonstration. Calimer has taken a marketing class at Frederick Career and Technology Center, and plans to major in business, starting at FCC.

Emily Firor and Mandy Eyler

each organized fundraising projects. Firor, a member of the CHS women's soccer and basketball teams, interned at Thurmont Elementary School (TES) this fall. She spent many hours setting up the school's "Jump Rope for Heart" event, enrolling 220 students whose participation garnered over \$13,000. "The kids had a lot of fun" and so did Firor. The experience confirmed her desire to become an elementary school physical education teacher.

Eyler attends the arts and communications academy at Gov. Thomas Johnson High School half time. She enlisted friends to perform in a coffeehouse-style setting at CHS to support the "Make A Wish" Foundation. She designed fliers and programs and videotaped the show. She even had to make last-minute arrangements for a substitute venue when a snowstorm closed school the day of the event. Eyler, a Maryland Distinguished Scholar in the Arts, has already been accepted at Villa Julie College and will major in visual communications design.

Joel Jean, a CHS senior and captain of the basketball team, offered a humorous and instructive project on "The Fundamentals of Shooting." A friend filmed Jean's efforts to improve his skill at the basketball free-throw line. Jean edited the



-RICHARD BLOOM / THE DISPATCH

Seatbelt buckled?

Annie Delauter, CHS senior, focused her graduation project on the importance of wearing seatbelts, inspired by the death of her cousin in a car accident in Pennsylvania in 2004. Delauter is a part-time nursing student at the Frederick County Career and Technology Center, and also volunteers with the Thurmont ambulance company. She arranged for several ambulance crew visits to the school including an EMT demonstration the evening of Jan. 11 on handling automobile accident victims at the site.

Students choose topics and a mentor based on their interests and experiences, often related to career goals. They also have a faculty advisor. Following with a written proposal, students conduct research and submit written compositions,

along with a resume and a reflection paper explaining what they learned from their project. During the public presentation, an evaluator interviews each student.

Those who finish projects during the second semester will present their work the evening of May 16, 2006.

CHS students excel in technical skills contest

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

Twenty-two Catoctin High School (CHS) students enrolled at the Frederick County Career & Technology Center who competed in SkillsUSA contests in December placed in the top three or received honorable mention in a wide variety of career areas. Representatives from 53 area businesses served as judges.

The top two award winners in each category are eligible to compete in regional SkillsUSA contests on Feb. 7 and 11. Frederick County

is part of the western region which also includes Washington, Allegany, and Garrett counties. Thirty-four county students will be going on to regional competition. An additional 39 students will advance directly to state-level competition because the other counties do not have any contestants in those skill contests. A total of 242 students participated at the local level.

The following CHS students were recognized for their achievement in the skills listed:

* Agricultural metals - Kevin Taulton (honorable mention)

* Architectural drawing - Mike Lawson (honorable mention)

* Automotive technology - Andrew Bottomly (honorable mention)

* Carpentry - Derrek Williard (first place) and Gary Frock (third place)

* Construction electricity/residential wiring - Rachel Froitzeim (first place) and Travis Herr (honorable mention)

* Cosmetology - Liz Mulligan (third place)

* Commercial baking - Corey Fogle (first place)

* Electronic technology - Joshua Roman (first place), Matt Ohler (third place) and Mike Guariglia (honorable mention)

* Technical drafting - Leanna Staudenmier (honorable mention)

* Graphic communications - Wade Doane (honorable mention)

* Advertising design - Danielle Miller (honorable mention)

* Sheet metal - Dan Bock (first place)

* Masonry - Brian Troast (first place), TJ Fry (honorable mention)

* Professional health careers/medical assisting - Hilary Blake

(honorable mention) and Elyssa Cool (honorable mention)

* TV/multimedia production - Aaron Stansbury (honorable mention) and Andrew Jordan (honorable mention)

* Radio production - Matt Moser (honorable mention)

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POLICE ACTIVITY

Former employee charged in fire at Thurmont mill

BY ANN DUBLE
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. — A former employee was charged with a fire that caused an estimated \$200,000 damage to the Thurmont Cooperative, Inc., Jan. 1.

William L. Coats, a 38-year-old Thurmont resident, was charged with second degree arson, malicious burning, burglary, theft and attempt to burn. Coats is incarcerated at the Frederick County Detention Center in lieu of a \$95,000 bond.

Over 55 firefighters responded to the New Year's Day 10:37 p.m. blaze and controlled the fire in one hour. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

Damage occurred in the

offices, storage areas and to some grinding equipment, said Steve Moles, controller at the mill.

Moles said the mill has been operating daily since the fire with help from other mills.

"We are still able to serve customers with minimal delay and interruption," he said.

Deputy State Fire Marshals, assisted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Explosives and Firearms determined the fire was deliberately ignited in several areas of the building located at 36 Walnut Street.

Investigators linked the suspect to the fire through evidence from the scene in conjunction with witness

interviews. Although an exact motive has not been established, the suspect was a former employee of the business and was involved in an ongoing dispute with management over pay.

Moles said Coats was hired at the facility in late summer of 2005 and later filed for workmen's compensation. The reason he filed was not revealed.

Moles said it is too early to say when the mill would be fully operational, but said it is open and continues to serve customers.

Note: Some information included from a Maryland State Fire Marshal News Release.

Three charged in alleged snowboard theft

CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. —

Three Westminster, Md. suspects have been charged in conjunction with the alleged theft of five snowboards from Ski Liberty.

Arrested and charged with theft were Ronald James Anderson, 19, Brendan Thomas Byrne, 21, and Michael Francis Griesser, Jr., 19.

According to Carroll Valley Patrolman Richard Longnecker, police were notified of the incident by Ski Liberty security around 8 p.m. on Dec. 30. Police responded and took the suspects into custody at Ski Liberty.

Longnecker said the five

snowboards, all of which were recovered at the scene, had apparently been taken from the deck at the entrance to Ski Liberty's food court, where a witness, the owner of one of the boards, had observed his board being taken.

The officer stated that the victim followed the individuals to a pick-up truck and noticed additional boards.

Police said that the snowboards, collectively valued at an estimated \$2,600 to \$2,800, were subsequently recovered after they were found to have been hidden under adjacent vehicles after police were called.

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A&E Feature

“Rounding Third” Thespians’ season opener

The Thurmont Thespians’ 2006 season begins with a little league baseball comedy by Richard Dresser entitled “Rounding Third,” with performances Friday through Sunday, Jan. 27-29 and Feb. 3-5 at the American Legion Auditorium, Thurmont.

Director Spence Watson said, “We chose this play to honor the coaches and players of the 2005 Maryland Little League Championship team from Thurmont and to honor all Little League participants in the surrounding communities.”

The story revolves around two little league coaches with very different philosophies. Head Coach Don, whose son is the team’s star pitcher and who has won many Little League championships, is played by David Elvove. “Don” believes the most important thing to teach the kids is how to win, even if it means stretching some rules. Assistant Coach Michael, who has never played baseball, is played by Bill Collins. “Michael” wants to shield the kids from competitive pressures, focusing instead on making sure they have a good time.

According to Thespians Artistic

Director Beth Royer Watson, “Dresser is making the point that over-emphasis on ‘winning’ has become the norm in today’s world.”

For this show, the Thespians will offer half-price discounts (or 20% for the Feb. 4 dinner theatre performance) to any current or former little league baseball coaches or team members wearing old or new team uniforms to the show. This special pricing is made possible by an Arts In Communities Grant from the Maryland State Arts Council.

Friday evenings, Jan. 27 and Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m. – dessert and show. Cost: \$12, \$6 for all coaches and players in uniform.

Saturday evening, Jan. 28, and Sunday “snack matinees,” Jan. 29 and Feb. 5. Cost: \$10 (\$5 for Little Leaguers in uniforms.)

Saturday, Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m. – Ham and fried chicken dinner and show. Cost: \$25 (\$20 for Little Leaguers with uniforms).

Cash bar before and during both Saturday night performances.

For advance reservations, contact Mrs. John Urian, 301-271-7613, or send an e-mail to reservations@thurmontthespians.org. – J. Demmitt

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A&E Calendar

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For Children

Through March 26 – Rumpelstiltskin. After a simple miller’s daughter is imprisoned after he boasts to the king that she can spin straw into gold, a mysterious and magical little man appears to save the day. Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre, Willow Tree Plaza, Rt. 40 West, Frederick. \$10.50. 301-662-6600. www.wayoffbroadway.com.

Jan. 17 – Super Scientific Circus with John Lepiaz and Trent Arterberry. 10 a.m. Step right up for this amazing show, creatively performed by a multi-talented circus clown and mime extraordinaire. The duo demonstrate seemingly impossible circus tricks and then explain the science behind the wonder. Recommended for grades 2-5 in connection with elementary science essential curriculum. \$6-10. Weinberg Center for the Arts. 20 W. Patrick St. \$10-15. 301-228-2828.

Feb. 12 – “I’m Glad You’re Here” with David Parker. 3 p.m. Parker combines American Sign Language, live music, movement and visual comedy to create an energetic and interactive evening. Weinberg Center for the Arts. 20 W. Patrick St. \$10-15. 301-228-2828.

Concerts

Jan. 22 – Washington County Museum Concert Recital. 2:30 p.m. Guest musician Jeff Clise will join regular consort members William Hull, Brenda Slick, David Styer and Naomi Styer in a program entitled Music and Royalty at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. Selections include “The Queene of England’s Paven,” an anonymous piece taken from Thomas Wode’s Part books (1562-c.1592), “Lament of Anne Boleyn” by Robert Johnson (c.1500-c.1560) and “When David Heard” by Thomas Tomkins (1573-1656).

Jan. 29 – Washington County Museum Gallery Quartet. 2:30 p.m. Beginning its 29th year as the string quartet-in-residence, members Mark Kapeluck, violin, Jere Stern, viola and Vsevolod Lezhnev, cello, will be joined by guest musicians Carl Banner, pianist, Barbara Spicher, flutist and Ed Stanley, oboist. A reception, hosted by the

Museum’s volunteer organization, the Singer Society, will follow the performance.

Feb. 10 – Maryland Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. Enjoy a birthday toast to Mozart, a celebration of the great composer’s 250th birthday. The concert highlights two of his most charming works: Overture to Il Re Pastore and Symphony No. 41, also known as Jupiter. The MSO’s own Beverly Butts is featured in Mozart’s Clarinet Concerto. \$10-25. Weinberg Center for the Arts. 20 W. Patrick St. Frederick. 301-228-2828.

Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

Through Jan. 29 – InterREACTION. Show of triptychs reveals a unique collaboration between three artists: a photographer, a poet, and a watercolorist. Delaplaine Visual Arts Center, 40 S. Carroll St., Frederick. 301-698-0656.

Through Jan. 29 – Emerging Artists. Premier showcase of four young, talented artists living in the region. Delaplaine Visual Arts Center, 40 S. Carroll St., Frederick. 301-698-0656.

Through Jan. 29 – Flowers from Another Galaxy. Featuring the otherworldly digital photography of Don Dunsmore. Delaplaine Visual Arts Center, 40 S. Carroll St., Frederick. 301-698-0656.

Through Feb. 26 – Valley Art Association Exhibition. Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, Hagerstown. Works by members of this local organization, which evolved from the Society of Hagerstown Artists and will include landscapes, portraits, still life paintings, among other works, created in a variety of media. Many of the works will feature views of the region.

Through Feb. 26 – Photos by James W. Strongin, African Odyssey. An exhibition of 20 photographs by this Hagerstown resident will be on view in the Bowman Concert Gallery of The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. The images were taken in the Sub-Sahara and in Southern Africa.

Stage

Jan. 20 – March 11 “La Cage aux Folles.” The musical comedy on which the movie “The Birdcage” was based. A couple’s domestic tranquility is shattered when their son decides to marry a bigoted politician.

When the future in-laws come to visit, the truth comes out. Way off Broadway, 5 Willowdale Drive, Frederick. 301-662-6600.

Jan. 21 – Legends of Yesterday. 8 p.m. Buddy Holly, the Everly Brothers, and the Beatles are back in this unforgettable tribute to rock and roll’s early legends. \$25, \$30, \$35. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 W. Patrick St., Frederick. 301-228-2828.

Jan. 27 – Feb. 5 “Rounding Third.” Thurmont Thespians production of the sporty comedy by Richard Dresser about an “odd couple” of little league coaches. American Legion Auditorium, 8 Park Place, Thurmont. Jan. 27 and Feb. 3, dessert theatre, \$12 - \$6 for Little League coaches and players in uniform. Jan. 28. For other show times and ticket prices, call 301-271-7613 or e-mail reservations@thurmontthespians.org.

Dance

Jan. 20 – 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.

Jan. 21 – 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.

Movies

Jan. 20 – “The Black Pirate.” 8 p.m. Swordplay abounds in this silent adventure, accompanied by the mighty Wurlitzer. \$4-6. Weinberg Center for the Arts. 20 W. Patrick St. 301-228-2828.

Jan. 27 – “Les Choristes.” 8 p.m. A teacher changes lives with his love of music in this French film. \$4-6. Weinberg Center for the Arts. 20 W. Patrick St. 301-228-2828.

Feb. 3 “All that Jazz.” 8 p.m. Bob Fosse’s 1979 autobiographical musical about the troubled and self-absorbed director/choreographer Joe Gideon. \$4-6. Weinberg Center for the Arts. 20 W. Patrick St. 301-228-2828.

Quilters

'Art' quilts vs. traditional designs



BY MARY ELLEN CUMMINGS
Dispatch Columnist

The unthinkable is happening — the 3-ring circus will be no more! Animal acts are to be eliminated. There will still be a circus, but different. As my husband would have said sarcastically — “New and Improved.”

When you've been around as long as I have been, you witness a lot of changes. I have seen rural America electrified, sewer and watered. I've watched as homes grow smaller, then larger — another cycle of smaller, and now it's larger again.

Some changes are so gradual that we don't realize there is a difference, until we go to buy something that's no longer available. Perhaps the change that bothers me most is in the quilt world. Are the old type comfortable, warm quilts on the way out forever? I hope there are groups and individual quilters who still make quilts with “flying geese” triangles and other geometrics that are complete and pleasing to see without requiring an explanation by the maker. I guess it's “to each his own” or “it would be a very dull world if everyone and everything appeared exactly alike — or cloned.”

A good example of some changes in quilts appeared in *The Frederick News Post* on June 25, 2005, as reported by Harriet Howard Heithaus. A quiltmaker named Cindi Goodmin makes custom quilts, using emotional or personal elements from the buyer's life. She has made quilts for “weddings, births, triumphs, and defeats.” She has also made mourning quilts, including one in memory of her mother's life, cancer treatment and death.

These quilts are definitely works of art and in some areas are not quite accepted as true quilts. They are made in the same way as a traditional bed quilt, but the symbolism and embellishments change them to another level. Embroidery and machine work are vital to the art quilt genre.

Ms. Goodwin has used rabbit wire, popsicle sticks, and colored glass and buttons. She loves buttons and buys them at yard sales — or any place she can find them in bulk.

She spends her summers in Georgia where she helps women create quilts for charity. Perhaps, she is one among many quilt artists who live and work in both worlds — the traditional cover quilt and the embellished art quilt.

I, personally, want the viewer of my quilts to appreciate the flow of colors and shapes, even if they don't know the story of the making. However, I like reading and hearing the history of art quilts, and always study them at quilt shows.

Big Sweep provides opportunity for fundraising

BY NICOLE M. BELANGER
Contributing Writer

When Lisa Orr, executive director for Volunteer Frederick came up with the idea to clean Frederick County's roads while providing a way to raise much-needed funds, local organizations jumped at the chance.

That first year, in 2002, over 500 volunteers gathered up trash during the Big Sweep and that number swelled to 900 last year.

“We're expecting even more this year, at least over 1,000,” said Jeanne Mahoney, volunteer services coordinator with Volunteer Frederick.

To encourage even more nonprofit groups to join, the service organization will hold its first information meeting

about the event, which is held in April of each year.

The meeting will run from 7 until 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 19 at Hood College's Whitaker Campus in the Multicultural Suite.

Other meeting dates are from noon until 1:30 p.m. on both Feb. 3 and March 12, and from 7 until 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 16 and March 9.

Those who want to participate should register with Mahoney before the meetings, she said.

Besides getting the chance to make Frederick County a little cleaner, nonprofit organizations raise funds by soliciting pledges from the community. At least 75% of that money goes directly to the organizations themselves, with the remaining covering administrative costs for the event.

Last year, a group from Hood

College raised the most money — \$6,300, with the county's Senior Recreation Council coming in second at \$5,000. Those who raise the top funds get to keep more of their money as an incentive, Mahoney said. A total of 48 nonprofit organizations participated last year.

The event has been considered a great success. To date, over 130,000 pounds of trash and recyclables have been collected, including 1,900 tires.

The meetings will provide organizations with information on who can participate, fundraising tips and what to expect during the event, according to Volunteer Frederick's Web site.

To register, call Mahoney at 301-663-5214.

Job training positions available to Frederick County seniors

MECHANICSBURG, Pa —

Experience Works currently has twelve paid job training positions available in Frederick County through its Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP).

Current openings include positions training in office/clerical, food service, maintenance and healthcare fields. A variety of other training positions become available on an ongoing basis.

To qualify for the program, individuals must be 55 or older, unemployed, seeking work, and have very low income.

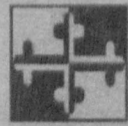
SCSEP participants work with nonprofit organizations in tasks that will help them develop skills needed to reach their employment goals. Experience Works pays participants to train an average of 20 hours a week. Each training assignment is designed to help the individual upgrade old skills, learn new skills and ultimately find employment.

Applicants are assessed to determine their goals and areas of interest. During training, Experience Works helps individuals turn new skills into full or part-time employment.

SCSEP is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor and is a free service of Experience Works, which helps thousands of seniors gain employment each year.

Experience Works, Inc., is a national nonprofit organization that assists mature individuals in entering the workforce and securing more challenging positions.

For more information, call Experience Works in Baltimore County at 410-576-1116 or the regional headquarters, 800-854-1578. — J. Demmitt



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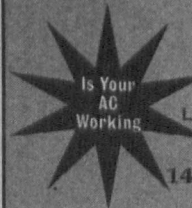
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Community Calendar

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Jan. 21 and Feb. 25 – Blacksmith shop demonstrations. 1-3 p.m. Camp Round Meadow, Catoctin Mountain Park. Evolution of blacksmithing and demonstrations.

Jan. 22 – Third annual all you can eat breakfast. 7 a.m. to noon. Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg. Adults, \$5; children, \$3; under 5, free. To benefit the Jack and Shirley Little Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Jan. 23 – Red Cross Blood Drive. 2-7:30 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 103 North Church Street, Thurmont. Walk-ins welcome. For more information or an appointment, call 301-271-7872.

Jan 23 – Terra Rubra Lions Athletic Club Girls Fast Pitch Softball registration. 6-8 p.m. Taneytown McDonald's. For girls 6 through 14 years old. Season cost: \$65 per child with a family discount. Fee covers uniforms, insurance, equipment, etc. Information: 410-751-1673.

Jan. 23 – Greater Emmitsburg Historical Society meeting. 7 p.m. Tenth year kick-off. Sharing stories about Emmitsburg winter traditions of old. Emmitsburg

Community Center.

Jan. 26 – "Start it off right with breakfast." 9:30-10:30 a.m. or 7-8 p.m. Maryland Cooperative Extension, Frederick County Office, Family and Consumer Sciences Department, 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick. Cost: \$3. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Call 301-694-1594, ext. 11599 for class availability.

Jan. 27 – Third Annual Emmitsburg Burns night. 6 p.m. Carriage House Inn. Benefits the Emmitsburg Osteopathic Clinic building fund. Tickets: \$50 per person - \$25 for the meal, \$25 tax-deductible donation to EOPCC. Information: call 301-447-5291 or visit www.burnsnite.com.

Jan. 28 – All-U-Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner. 4:30 to 7 p.m. Sponsored by Catoctin Pregnancy Center at St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall. Bring a wrapped baby shower gift. Adults \$7; children 6-12, \$3.50; 5 and under free.

Jan. 28 – Nicaragua Night. Doors open at 5 p.m. Gettysburg College Hauser Field House. Project Gettysburg-Leon's annual chili dinner and auction. Proceeds

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Feb 4 – Terra Rubra Lions Athletic Club Girls Fast Pitch Softball registration. 9-11 a.m. Taneytown McDonald's. For girls 6 through 14 years old. Season cost: \$65 per child with a family discount. Fee covers uniforms, insurance, equipment, etc. Information: 410-751-1673.

Feb. 5 – Mother Seton School Open House. 2 p.m. Register for the 2006-07 school year. Pre-K to grade 8, before and after school program.

Feb. 5 – Youth Service & Super Bowl Party. 7-8:30 p.m. service, followed by a Super Bowl Party hosted by the church. Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg. Youth For Christ monthly event. Information: 301-271-0255.

Feb. 10 – Basement Coffee House. 7-10 p.m. Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg. Free coffee, food and live music. Local bands and a featured band.

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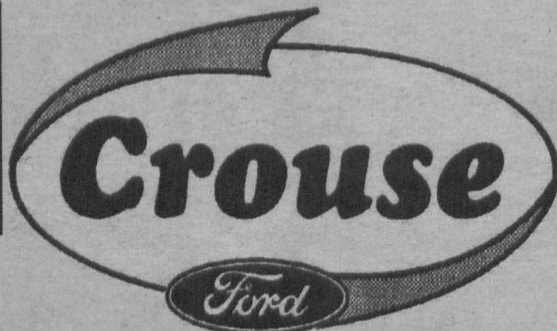


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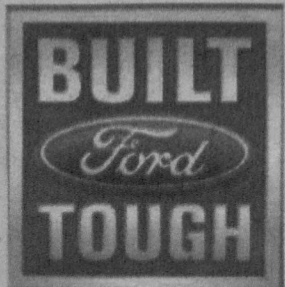


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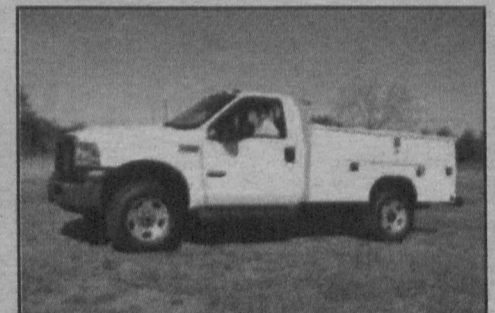
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