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## July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend marks anniversary of Jennie Wade death



-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

In period attire, John Wega and his wife Susan, both with the U.S. Christian Commission Museum, Gettysburg, discuss the Civil War and the death of Northern war heroine, 20-year-old Jennie Wade, with Emmitsburg Elementary students June 9. Wade was killed by a stray bullet during the 1863 Battle of Gettysburg on July 2 while she was baking bread at her sister's house where the family had become trapped between the lines. Wade became the only Northern civilian killed in the battle, although a three-year old died from an accidental gunshot wound July 5 when going through battle debris with his brother.

## New ambulance headquarters groundbreaking

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Several dozen local and county officials and fire and ambulance personnel attended the June 3 groundbreaking ceremony for the new Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company building to be built on Creamery Road.

Speaking on behalf of EVAC were President Joseph Pelkey and Chief Rick Sharer. Town commissioners attending were board President Christopher V. Staiger and commissioners Joyce A. Rosensteel and Glenn Blanchard.

Included among the speakers were county commissioner Michael L. Cady, who presented the ambulance company with a certificate of congratulations, signed by all of the county commissioners. Among the attendees were also county commissioner John R. Lovell Jr. and Walter F. Murray, director of the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Division.

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## Town board questions hiring third deputy

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Mayor James E. Hoover has asked the town to hire a third deputy from the county sheriff's office, costing the town \$95,000.

The board questioned at their June 12 meeting if crime in town had increased sufficiently to justify

the hire.

All of the board agreed that the mayor needs to provide data supporting the request before the commissioners would consider approving the expenditure.

Commissioner William B. O'Neil Jr. said, "I have seen no document on why we need it ... without the data I can't support it."

According to the town manager, the mayor already had the

upcoming contract for two deputies negated, and had requested a new contract for three deputies be drafted, before securing board approval.

O'Neil characterized the mayor's action as a "violation of appropriations law ... the commission is supposed to sign off."

Haller warned, "There might still be time to reinstate the other

one (original two-deputy contract, set to expire June 30) but it could be clumsy. If you don't have a contract, you may not have any (deputies)."

Board President Christopher V. Staiger said the possibility of having no police protection was the result of the "mayor (getting) ahead of the authorization."

The board will continue budget work at their June 19 meeting.

## Mayor says no plans for further beaver kills

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Mayor James E. Hoover told the board of commissioners June 5 that killing more beavers at Rainbow Lake is "not planned to go on at this point," and agreed to bring any future plans before the commissioners before taking action.

The 11.5-acre, 33-million-gallon Rainbow Lake serves as a water reservoir for Emmitsburg. Under normal conditions, the town is authorized to process as much as 168,000 gallons of lake water a day for public consumption.

Town staff stated previously they believe the beavers are contributing nutrients which fuel algae blooms, causing water processing issues at the treatment plant.

### Board will monitor beavers' fate

Town Manager David Haller acknowledged that two beavers

were killed in March via a contract with local trapper John Miller, presumably within the constraints

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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**A father's appreciation**

On behalf of the Seidel family, I would like to thank you for the wonderful coverage and editorial about 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Rob Seidel. That was a fitting tribute to a "Great American Hero" and Emmitsburg's hometown son.

Rob had the opportunity to be buried at West Point, Arlington, or

the Gettysburg National Cemetery. Without hesitation, he chose Emmitsburg.

To the wonderful people of Emmitsburg, a heartfelt thanks for their outpouring of emotions and prayers. Rob had once said to me, that no matter where in the world

the Army sent him, he would have the comfort, as he closed his eyes to rest, of his thoughts drifting back to the majestic mountain view of Emmitsburg that he so dearly loved.

- Bob Seidel Jr.  
Emmitsburg

*The Dispatch* received numerous letters to the editor in response to our June 1 article, "Resident Rainbow Lake beavers to be killed," including e-mails from Germany and England. Here are several of those letters.

**Upset about killing beavers**

I am very upset that the trapper already killed the beavers as described in your article. I am horrified by the way they are trapped and suffer.

I have seen no convincing

evidence that the beavers are causing the algae problem in the first place but if it is proven that they are, then I am sure that the beavers can be relocated in such a

way that they do not return. Thanks for writing this article.

- Brooke Little-McGee  
Emmitsburg

**Consider humane alternatives**

We urge city officials to consider alternatives to trapping beavers that are not only more humane, but also cheaper and more effective.

Trapped beavers may suffer for hours before succumbing to suffocation, blood loss, or exposure. Beavers caught in underwater traps can struggle for up to nine agonizing minutes before drowning. Not only is trapping cruel, it does nothing

to prevent more beavers from returning to an area, so trapping becomes an endless cycle – and an expensive one for the city.

Humane deterrents such as pipes that distribute water in ponds and lakes and "Beaver Deceivers" – fence systems that prevent beavers from damming culverts – permanently and humanely solve conflicts with beavers at a fraction of the price of exterminating these

sensitive animals. For more ways to live in harmony with wildlife, visit [www.HelpingWildlife.com](http://www.HelpingWildlife.com).

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**Beavers get support from Virginia**

Last week I passed through Emmitsburg and thought it would be a lovely place to live. I stopped at the new Maryland Tourist Center and picked up some literature on the area. *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* was one of these. The front page article on the June 1 issue really got my attention. Just because Rainbow Lake has algae bloom seems like an astonishing reason to kill the resident beavers! Beavers do not cause algae, weather does. The early spring hot temperatures followed by cool days are certainly the culprit. Ponds and lakes in the area that have never had algae do now - and they don't have beavers.

To kill God's creatures for being in the wrong place at the wrong time is just wrong, not to mention the horrific way in which they are to be killed. Beavers have disappeared from Europe and Asia and are found only in this hemisphere. Are you going to eliminate them from here too? Your article deeply affected me and I would be remiss if I didn't speak up for the beaver.

Emmitsburg is such a wonderful bucolic rural town. Please don't destroy these beautiful, intelligent creatures.

Although some see the beaver as a pest, it actually serves

wonderful benefits. Felling trees enables brush to grow, providing food for other woodland creatures. Its dams even help make farmland for humans. A beaver pond will fill with silt. When the beaver leaves it, eventually the dam will break, and the water drains off, leaving a flat pocket of rich earth. The beaver are helping people and other animals. Shouldn't we help them too?

Please pass this on to the appropriate decision makers in Emmitsburg or publish it as a letter to the editor. Hopefully I am not too late.

- Judy Harris  
Leesburg, Va.

**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.*

June 8, 1906

**NEW AUTOMOBILE**

On Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Messrs. Isaac and Rogers Annan rode over from Hagerstown in one of new 1906 model Pope machines recently purchased by Mr. Isaac Annan Jr. The machine is one of the latest models manufactured by the Pope people, under the new management and as it is one of the first of its peculiar style put on the market, it may be assumed to be the best the Pope factory can put out.

It has a double cylinder, 14 horse power gasoline engine and is so constructed with detachable seats that it will accommodate five people as comfortably as two.

Mr. Annan has thoroughly mastered the mechanism of his car and will be able to drive it under favorable circumstances at a speed of 30 miles an hour.

**STONEHURST**

Just about a year ago, the Rev. J. G. Murray, Rector of St. Michael and All Angels, Baltimore, purchased the old Hays farm on the crest of Foller's Hill and ever since its purchase, a corps of workmen, under the direction of Mr. Edward Rowe of Emmitsburg, has been engaged in making extensive improvements on the place, and now Stonehurst is one of the prettiest homes in this part of the county.

Alterations have been made not only on the house itself, but on all the property acquired by the owner. The immediate grounds surrounding the mansion have been graded, trees planted, the lawns resodded, stone walls built facing the road, and iron railings of tasteful design have been added to both upper and lower porches and the house itself has been painted, papered and remodeled throughout.

A special feature has been

made of the cupola from which a view of most striking beauty can be had in all directions. To the West lies Carrick's Knob and beautiful Eyler's Valley – to the North, Hoffman's Hill and in the distance Round Top. To the East of town, its houses interspersed with many shade trees, lies as it were, at the very foot of the hill on which the house is built. Further off in the East the magnificent buildings and grounds of St. Joseph's add to the beauty of the view. To the South the country rolls away in gentle hills and green fields, with here and there a beautiful elm standing out in bold relief. Long acquaintance with our home scenery has in no wise dulled our appreciation for it, but to a stranger, about to make this his summer home it must draw forth the greatest admiration. With his idea of the value of beautiful surroundings, Rev. Murray has wisely selected his home.

**Burning Rubbish in the Street**

Perhaps no town of its size is freer from litter and trash than Emmitsburg. The people are very particular in sweeping and sprinkling their sidewalks and the streets in front of their premises. And yet with it all, there is a practice in vogue, that of burning rubbish in the street, that is no doubt the result of thoughtlessness rather than indifference or an intention to cause annoyance. Apart from the fact that burning rubbish has a disagreeable odor, is unsightly and is liable to scare spirited animals, the practice is dangerous from the standpoint of fire and certainly annoying. Would it not be considerate and beneficial to all if rubbish was carried to the rear of houses and there disposed of?

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## Town board asks attorney to look at EVAC loan deal

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – The town board of commissioners voted at their June 5 meeting to postpone becoming a party to a loan sought by the Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company, asking first that the town attorney review the agreement.

The ambulance company wants to secure a low-interest, non-profit loan through Farmers & Mechanics Bank, but needs the town to actually take out the loan in order to get the cheaper interest rate. The town would then re-loan the money to the ambulance company. F&M representatives said the town would not be held liable if EVAC defaulted on payments.

After being reviewed by John Clapp, town attorney, the request will be discussed further at the June 19 meeting.

The proposed \$1.9-million, 25,895-square-foot, two-story EVAC structure will be built on a 4.01-acre tract on Creamery Road and will replace the EVAC-erected building presently located on county land on South Seton Avenue.

See related story, "Groundbreaking held for \$1.9-million ambulance headquarters," in this issue.

## Beavers

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of the legal beaver-hunting season, which ended March 16.

The issue of killing additional Rainbow Lake beavers came to light when Haller stated in a recent activities report to the commissioners that the town had, in April, contracted for additional beaver trapping.

Entering into a contract in April, after the end of the March trapping season, suggested more kills were planned when the season began again in December, especially since a permits representative within DNR said that Miller did not possess a cooperative permit that would allow off-season hunting.

Board President Christopher V. Staiger told *The Dispatch*, "Due to the public reaction to previous trapping, the council has asked (at the June 5 town meeting) that staff consult the board prior to any resumption of efforts to remove the beavers in Rainbow Lake."

The board president said that, personally, he would need

to see some compelling evidence that the beaver population is actually contributing significantly to conditions leading to the algae growth and resulting difficulties at the water treatment plant before he would support renewed efforts to remove them.

"My initial thought is that a small population of such naturally occurring wildlife would provide better ecological balance than a sterilized environment," Staiger said.

### Options to save the beavers

Commissioner William B. O'Neil Jr. has questioned in the past why the town has not explored natural methods for dealing with the algae blooms.

O'Neil reminded *The Dispatch* that he has "stated on two previous occasions that a number of communities have sought natural ways of reducing algae growth, one of which is the tilapia fish; there are, however, other natural consumers of algae, as well."

Also contributing to algae blooms might be other indigenous wildlife, fish that do not consume algae, yet deposit fecal matter that

## Ambulance

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### Two-year effort yields results

In presenting the certificate, Cady described the volunteer services as "the heart and soul of every community." Staiger said that the ambulance company has given a lot back to the community "beyond that you give to lifesaving emergencies."

Sharer defined the groundbreaking as "another milestone in our history," and described the theme of the event as "progress and expansion."

The proposed 25,895 square foot, two-story EVAC structure will be located on a 4.01-acre tract on Creamery Road, purchased in 2004 for \$130,000 from Sheridan "Dan" and Greg Reaver of Emmitsburg Glass Co. Pelkey previously told *The Dispatch* the nearly \$2-million price tag does not include the cost of the land.

The fate of the present ambulance headquarters on county land on South Seton remains uncertain. Under the terms of the lease between EVAC and the county, the building, which was

constructed by the ambulance company, would become county property.

The county is presently reviewing a request from EVAC to permit the company to sell the building to a farmer or business that would then remove it. EVAC would like to use that money as partial payment on the new building.

The ambulance company hopes the new building will be completed by early 2007.

### Planned structure will have multiple uses

According to plans filed with the town, the building's first floor will be 70 feet by 211 feet; while the second floor will be 60 feet by 70 feet. The second floor will be devoted to housing career and volunteer ambulance personnel; and the first floor will include the ambulance bay and a social hall, space for bingo and other fundraising activities, complete with kitchen facilities and bathrooms to serve special events. The building will also serve be used for emergency disaster relief.

Fees for ambulance services, from social hall rentals, and from ambulance-held events, will

continue to enhance emergency operations, and will help the company pay for the building.

In order to finance the new building, the ambulance company must take out a \$1.9-million loan. The annual payback on the loan, based on non-profit status, would be \$112,000, according to Pelkey.

To further assist EVAC in dealing with construction costs, the Frederick County Commissioners voted 4-1 on May 8 to grant up to \$30,000 relief from permit fees and a 75 cent per-square-foot excise tax that would be due the county from the construction of the new building.

See related story, "Board asks attorney to look at EVAC loan deal," in this issue.

feeds the algae, the commissioner said.

"It would be well, I think for the town to contact local universities to ask their experienced and educated opinion on how best to manage algae blooms and, perhaps, to have them assess the key contributing factors to our specific situation," O'Neil stated.

Neither the mayor nor the town manager responded to an e-

mailed list of questions submitted regarding the manager's April report and related issues by deadline.

Rocky Ridge-based Buck Forest Farm, owned by John and Linda Ballenger, has offered to adopt the beavers if they could be relocated. Beaver Branch runs through the farm and has not had beavers on it for decades, Linda Ballenger told *The Dispatch*.



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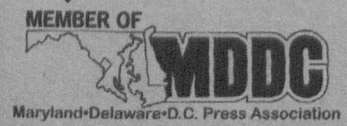
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**EDITORIAL**

**Emmitsburg's founding date - let Samuel Emmit speak**

A great deal has been written, heated arguments have taken place, and more conversations will occur later this month about Emmitsburg's founding date, and when a celebration should take place.

The 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary question is back on the commissioners' agenda for June 19, prompted by a pro-1757 position paper written by local resident Bill Steo.

The town's founding date is an emotional issue for many. As this paper stated Feb. 2003, "If the founding date were changed, the anniversary wouldn't be celebrated until 2035 when many of the town's older citizens may not be alive."

It's not this newspaper's job to determine or dictate a founding date for the town. It is the paper's job to bring important matters to people's attention and to provide solid information for making decisions. The paper might well take a stand in matters of ethics and morality. The founding date isn't such an issue, but it is an important issue to people in this community.

The "Oxford English Dictionary" defines "town" as "a settlement larger than a village and generally smaller than a city, with defined boundaries and local government." Mr. Steo has offered other, more philosophical definitions of what constitutes a town, but this OED definition fits with what other neighboring communities have done, and probably with what Samuel Emmit understood a town to be over a century ago when he deeded the land for one - Emmitsburg.

Let's look at the facts, substantiated with historical documents.

Fact: Samuel Emmit acquired the 2,250-acre Carrollsburg tract in 1757.

If Samuel Emmit purchased the land in 1757 to make a town,

why didn't he use the whole parcel? Instead, he sold off parts of it, and only used 35 acres for the town.

Fact: In a deed recorded Aug. 18, 1785, Samuel Emmit transferred 35 acres of land to his son William, "part of the said Carrollsburg wherein the lots of a new town called Emmitsburg are laid out." William was to carry out what his father had agreed to in "Articles of Agreement made the fifth day of March last with Purchasers." Samuel had signed a document on March 5, 1785, with "subscribers" for the lots which were laid out to form a new town called Emmitsburg. Each lot owner was required to build a house.

Fact: The Frederick County Historical Society has researched founding dates for incorporated towns in the county. According to Marie Washburn, the librarian, towns have used the date that lots were laid out or sold as their founding dates. For example:

**Woodsboro - Founded 1786**  
Joseph Wood purchased land in the area in 1755. His son, Colonel Joseph Wood, laid out the town in 1786.

**Frederick - Founded 1745**  
Tasker's Chance was surveyed for Benjamin Tasker April 16, 1725. "Fredericktown" was laid out on Tasker's Chance in Sept. 1745.

**New Market - Founded 1793**  
William Hall bought the land in 1755. In 1788 he offered lots for sale. The first lots were sold in 1793.

If Samuel Emmit is the founder of Emmitsburg, and there seems to be agreement on that point, then why would we not listen to what the town's "founding father" himself has

said? Why make a counter proposal when he has been clear?

People were settled in the area, but not in the locale of what is now the town of Emmitsburg. Emmit's initial purchase began narrowing down the land, but with this further subdivision in 1785, he laid out the town of Emmitsburg.

When the smaller tract was cut out, a boarder was drawn and people living in the locale agreed to move to lots within that boarder to form a town. That's very specific.

It seems to *The Dispatch* that 1785 is the date the town was solidified, but certainly 1757 is a landmark date for the town. Without owning the land, Emmit could not have deeded part of it for a specific purpose, and any settlers in the area would not have come together in the same way to build homes in one location with boundaries

to form a town.

This paper has identified dates, not put forth a falsehood, as Mr. Steo submits. He has some interesting philosophical arguments about how communities come together. But as a senior archivist at The Maryland State Archives said, defining a property purchase as establishing a town is "grasping at straws."

People are divided over words: "town," "founding date." Maybe the town could celebrate the 250th anniversary of the 2,250 acre land purchase in 2007 and the 225th anniversary of the land deeded for Emmitsburg in 2010. Could we bring back "Heritage Days?"

As for a founding date, let's listen to Samuel Emmit's own words and honor and respect his intentions when he formed "the new town of Emmitsburg" in 1785.

**Remembering Erik Hayes**

In response to a phone message about our headline, "Area's first Iraq war casualty laid to rest" in the June 1 article on the death of 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Robert A. Seidel III, *The Dispatch* acknowledges the earlier death in Iraq of another young man with close ties to the Thurmont area. Army Spc. Erik Hayes, 24, was killed Nov. 29, 2004, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle in Al Miqdadiyah, Iraq. Hayes was born in Gettysburg, and grew up in Thurmont and Harney in Carroll County, where his father, Douglas Hayes, still lives. He graduated in 1998 from Living Word Academy in Blue Ridge Summit, Pa., and joined the Army in 2001. Hayes loved his hometown and his mother, Debora Reckley, had the funeral procession detour from Evangelical Bible Church in Thurmont through downtown Thurmont before the drive to the cemetery in Harney in Carroll County. We remember Erik Hayes and his sacrifice for his country is not forgotten.



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## TOWN NEWS

## Board to examine 1757 founding date proposal

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EMMITSBURG, Md. —

Apparently, it took less time to decide to create Emmitsburg in the 18<sup>th</sup> century than it has taken to decide, 200 years later, when it was done.

The board of commissioners have once again placed the issue on their agenda, this time (June 19) because of a 20-page document submitted on May 30 by local resident William Steo, recommending the town stick to a 1757 founding date, which was the basis of the 1957 bicentennial.

Steo said the town should decide now, because there is little time to prepare for a 2007 commemoration of the 1757 date.

#### In defense of 1757

Steo offers two reasons for keeping a 1757 founding

date: residents have previously recognized the date and established a local precedent, and; there is no substantive reason to accept any other date, premised on what are referred to as the selective interpretations of a few.

Regarding precedent, Steo wrote, "... Emmitsburgians have traditionally celebrated 1757. That year is now engraved in the hearts and feelings of many mature Emmitsburgians — and on physical memorials, on paper documents, and bronze plaques and welcome signs."

He points out that "town" has a broad definition and that "founding" is essentially an abstract concept.

"Neither dictionaries nor historical researchers can provide a definition. The study of the meaning of 'to found a town' is not the work of a historian. Historians do not define things. They look for things already defined," Steo stated.

"No one's personal and

now-disproved opinion should move us to tear up our literature, remove our plaques, postpone anniversaries, and change signs," Steo wrote.

#### Takes Hillman/Dispatch to task

Much of Steo's document counters claims from one of the key proponents of a 1785 founding date, the Emmitsburg Area Historical Society and its president, Michael Hillman.

Hillman's argument is primarily constructed around research into maps, legal documents and personal accounts that uncovered a 1785 deed in which the name "Emmitsburg" appears for the first time in what exists of a historic record. At that time a deed transfers land from Samuel Emmit to his son William "wherein the lots of a new town called Emmitsburg are laid out." That deed also refers to an agreement on March 5, 1785 between Samuel Emmit

and subscribers for lots to form a town.

Much of Steo's proposal is a critical dissection of "Setting the Record Straight, The Real History of Emmitsburg's Founding," written by Hillman and posted on the historical society's Web site, [www.emmitsburg.net/archive\\_list/articles/history/setting\\_the\\_record\\_straight.htm](http://www.emmitsburg.net/archive_list/articles/history/setting_the_record_straight.htm).

Essentially, Steo wrote, "Since the entire essay is not based on a defensible definition of 'town,' it proves to be wholly irrelevant... most of its statements express the author's interpretation of the sources. It is necessary to say that they do not meet minimal standards for the interpretation of historical records, and do not prove anything."

Likewise, Steo dismisses an editorial in *The Dispatch*, May 18, "Founding date questioned 38 years ago immediately after the 'bicentennial,'" which includes a May 10, 1958 article from *The Emmitsburg Chronicle*, which

states, "Dr. (Grace) Tracey set out to correct the 'confusion' and inaccuracies that had surfaced with the 1957 'bicentennial' celebration... She and her father, Dr. Arthur G. Tracey, devoted a lifetime to meticulous research..."

The Traceys were Carroll County doctors who researched colonial and early Federal period land records in western Maryland. Regarding the Traceys' credentials, Steo said, "We might retort that... Gall also devoted a lifetime to meticulous research" in founding the "pseudo-science of phrenology."

"Nowhere in the editorial... do we find any criteria for calling a place a town, why a later date is correct, or why an earlier date is not. This is an example (of) how an error, promoted often and loudly enough, can generate others," Steo commented.

The June 19 Emmitsburg town meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the community center.

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# TOWN NEWS

## Habitat builds second Silo Hill home



-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

Habitat for Humanity began construction June 3 on a new home on Academy Court off Silo Hill Road for a family of four beginning. Richard Drees, Maryland division construction manager with Drees Co., is overseeing the project from foundation to finish. Habitat acquired the site for \$36,000, and Drees is donating the construction costs and work. The home will belong to Leah Sheckles and her three children, Robert, Travis, and Hailey, currently living in an apartment in Frederick.

## Town News Briefs ...

### Pembroke funds conditionally released

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The board of commissioners conditionally approved by a 3-0-1 vote, releasing letter of credit monies to Buckeye Development for work completed in the Pembroke Woods development.

Board President Christopher V. Staiger, who lives in the development with his wife Jennifer, who serves on the homeowners association, abstained. Commissioner William B. O'Neil Jr. was absent.

Conditioned on the completion of a 30-foot section of sidewalk missed by the developer while making final site improvements, the board voted to release letters of credit for \$21,129 and \$11,887 for roads, water, sewer and public-related improvements in Phases I and II of the development. *- R. Fulton*

### Southgate bond contract awaits signing

EMMITSBURG, Md. — An agreement between the town and Thomas Carolyn, owner of Apple Tree Homes, which would allow the developer to make certain improvements and close out his business in town has been drafted and is ready for signing.

Apple Tree Homes must complete a list of final improvements at the Mountainview at Southgate development off South Seton Avenue to clear the way for posting a \$300,000 assurance bond in lieu of a letter of credit.

Town Manager David Haller told *The Dispatch* June 8 that he wasn't aware that Carolyn had signed the deal yet, but that Carolyn has submitted the bond, which is being reviewed.

Although the town has been reluctant to accept a bond as security, Haller had said that doing so in this situation might be the best thing so that Apple Tree could pull out and the remaining lots in Southgate could be sold to other developers to market. *- R. Fulton*

### Town staff granted cost of living increase

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The town board of commissioners voted 4-0 at a special meeting held on May 30 to grant town staff a 3-percent cost-of-living increase effective July 1.

#### Town Staff Salary History

Town Manager:						
2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
\$55,018	\$57,200	\$60,008	\$63,003	\$66,498	\$68,492	
Town Clerk/Accountant:						
2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
\$32,510	\$34,154	\$35,360	\$37,149	\$45,049	\$46,400	
Public Works Supervisors						
2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
\$31,304	\$32,552	\$33,717	\$35,235	\$45,049	\$46,400	
Water & Wastewater Supervisors						
2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
\$31,304	\$32,552	\$38,251	\$39,998	\$41,600	\$42,848	

Source: Emmitsburg Town Clerk

The salaries of the commissioners, presently set at \$4,000 a year each, and the mayor, who is paid an annual salary of \$8,000, are not affected by the increase. *- R. Fulton*

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### Emmitsburg Town Meeting

June 19 agenda

7:30 p.m.

- Ambulance Company bond
- Fiscal Year 2006 Budget amendment
- Setting FY 2007 Property Tax Rate
- 2007 Budget approval
- 250th Town sponsored anniversary celebration - discussion
- Revision of tap allocation

### Town Meetings

#### Board of Commissioners

June 19  
7:30 p.m.  
Televised Adelphia Channel 99

#### Streets Committee

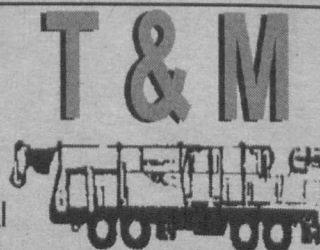
Tuesday, June 20  
7:30 p.m.

#### Planning Commission

Monday, June 26  
7:30 p.m.

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# TOWN NEWS

## \$450,000 bond approved for South Seton work

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON  
Emmitsburg News Editor  
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The board of commissioners approved the issuance of a \$450,000 bond for South Seton Avenue water line rehabilitation work by a 4-0 vote at their June 5 meeting. Commissioner William B. O'Neil Jr. was absent.

The money is being borrowed through the state in order to acquire a low interest repayment rate, Town Manager David Haller told the board.

From the Community Center south, new water connections will be made from the existing houses

on the west side of South Seton to the 10-inch water main on the east side of the street, and the old 6-inch water main which presently serves those homes will be abandoned.

Work will be take place only between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., during which time there might be some lane closures or other traffic controls. State regulations require that other entities working on state roads must be reopened each day by 3 p.m. Haller said he expected the work to be completed within a 180-day timeframe, probably within 120 days, once the project begins.

The town also plans to rehabilitate the wastewater collection system lines from

Lincoln Avenue-South Seton intersection to the area of the county Community Center at the same time using money from a recently-approved \$600,000 state grant.

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**REGIONAL NEWS**

**New memorial sign underway on Route 15**



-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

State highway crews worked through May to replace the temporary sign designating U.S. 15 from the Mason-Dixon line to the southern Frederick County line as the 115th Infantry Regiment Memorial Highway. A brick-framed structure will replace the metal sign, according to Maryland State Highway Administration spokesperson Kellie Boulware. The 115th Infantry Regiment, which was formed during WW I from the First and Fifth Maryland infantry units, traces its organizational roots to the American Revolution, where it was known as the "Maryland 400," according to the 105th Web site. The dedication ceremony for the new memorial will be held July 15, 1 p.m., at the Mason-Dixon Discovery Center (visitors' center), U.S. 15, Emmitsburg.

**Clear weather greets Rocky Ridge auto show**



-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

The Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Department's June 4 car show got a break from the previous week's oppressive weather, allowing visitors to enjoy the several dozen antique and vintage automobiles and motorcycles, as well as food, games and vendors. Volunteers judged the vehicles and presented trophies to winners in a number of categories.



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## REGIONAL NEWS

### Virginia fundraiser brings hundreds to Emmitsburg



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Several hundred motorcyclists appeared on Main Street June 3, participating in a Leesburg, Va. Police-sponsored "Poker Run" to help raise money for the Virginia Special Olympics. West Main Street was shut down to one lane as participants lined up to register for a poker drawing at a table located in the Vigilant Hose Fire Company bay. The "Leesburg Police Motorcycle Poker Run" began in Leesburg and ended in Gettysburg. Numerous local and state police escorted the rally along its route.

### Regional News Briefs ...

#### Annual open burning ban in effect

FREDERICK, Md. - The Frederick County Health Department announced that the county's annual open burning ban is in effect from June 1 through August 31. No open burning permits can be used during this time period. The ban does not apply to small recreational fires such as campfires, the use of barbecues or gas grills.

The annual ban, prescribed by Maryland State Air Quality regulations, first went into effect in June 1995. The ban extends throughout the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Region and is designed to reduce the high ozone levels that affect the region during the summer months.

The Frederick County Code calls for a fine of up to \$500 for open burning without a permit.

For additional information, contact the Frederick County Health Department at (301) 694-1717. - J. Rada

#### County raises impact fees

FREDERICK, Md. - The Frederick County Commissioners increased school and library impact fees on Tuesday, June 6. Impact fees are paid on new development to cover the cost of additional usage of the county's infrastructure.

The changes are as follows:

#### School fees:

Single-family homes	\$9,129 to \$10,868
Townhomes/duplexes	\$6,193 to \$ 8,894
Other residential	\$1,724 to \$ 1,735

#### Library fees:

Single-family homes	\$487 to \$727
Townhomes/duplexes	\$455 to \$679
Other residential	\$306 to \$457

- J. Rada

## POLICE ACTIVITY

### Carroll Valley arrests burglary suspect

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. - Carroll Valley Police have arrested a suspect in conjunction with a May 27 home burglary in the borough.

Arrested was Paul Douglas Warthen, Sr., 46, of Dillsburg, Pa., who turned himself in on May 29 after being contacted by Carroll Valley Police Chief Richard L. Hileman II.

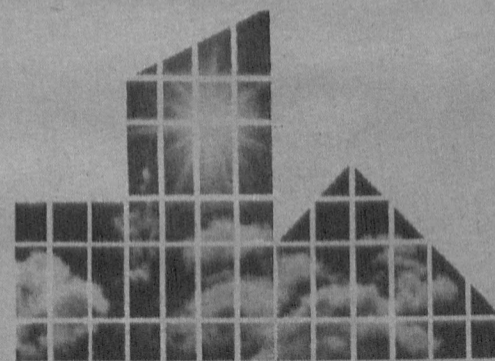
Police had been called to a residence located at 14 Mary Ann Trail, Carroll Valley Borough, on May 27, at 2:27 p.m., to investigate a report

of a home burglary after a relative of the alleged victim stopped by the house and came across an unidentified male leaving the house allegedly carrying small jars of coins.

The witness said the suspect said, when asked, that the resident had gone to the store, then re-entered the home and came back out without the coins, according to Chief Hileman.

Warthen was arraigned at the Adams County Booking Center by Magistrate District Judge John Zepp, and ordered held on \$5,000 bond. - R. Fulton

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EDUCATION

Catoctin High School graduates 221

BY SUSAN ALLEN  
Contributing Writer

"It feels great ... fantastic ... I'm so ready!" were among the student comments at Catoctin High School's graduation ceremony held at Mount St. Mary's Knott Arena on June 7. Some of the 221 members of the class of 2006 made last-minute adjustments to caps and tassels as they waited for the first chords of "Pomp and Circumstance." Many wore colored sashes and cords, pins and medals, reflecting awards they had received during the senior awards convocation earlier in the week.

Class vice president Ashley Reaver welcomed the crowd and was followed on the dais by Lauren Roop. Roop delivered an inspirational message to her classmates and the audience. With references to her mother's recent, successful battle against breast cancer, she urged them not to be "deterred by bad news [or]...to relinquish your dreams because the way is difficult ... Be tenacious ... don't lose your focus ... see the good in the bad." Roop reminded them that a diploma "is meaningful because of the time and effort put into achieving it" as she wished them success in the years ahead.

Dr. Henry Bohlander, associate superintendent of Frederick County Schools, greeted the class on behalf

of the school system. Citing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy, he called them to be "dreamers and do-ers," reminding them that the "do-ers" will put "the rivets in the dreams."

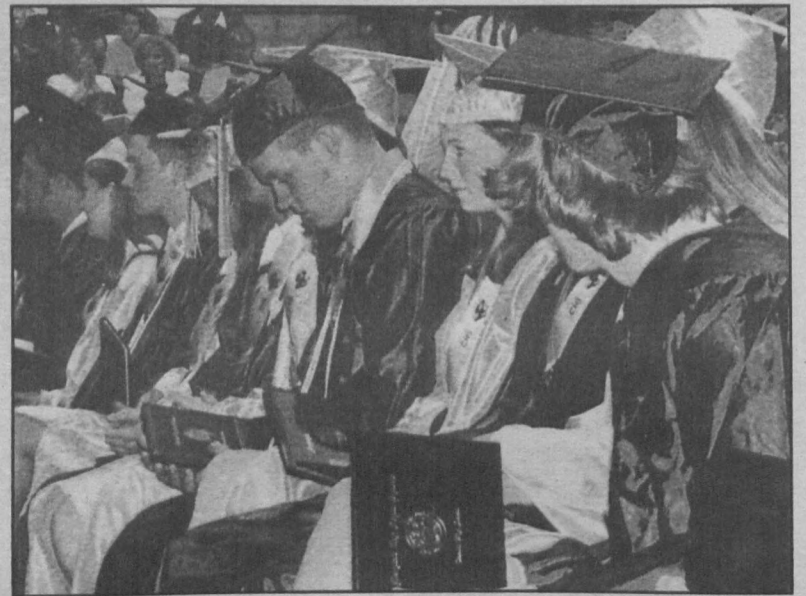
CHS Principal Jack A. Newkirk II congratulated the class, the first to graduate under his supervision, and noted that the students had accumulated more than \$1.5 million in scholarships, and 80 percent plan to go on for higher learning or military service after graduation. As he spoke to the students' futures, Newkirk also paid tribute to the past as he recalled the anniversary of the D-Day invasion on June 6, and the recent death in Iraq of 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Robert Seidel, CHS class of 2000. He invited all veterans and active-duty personnel, and seniors who had enlisted in the military, to stand for a round of applause.

Class members Christine

Portier and Carroll and Warren Zentz offered musical selections.

Honored guests included Board of Education members Barbara Craig, Katherine Groth, and Jean Smith, director of high schools Ann Bonitatibus, county commissioner John Lovell, Maryland Delegates Joseph Bartlett and Paul Stull, the mayors of Thurmont and Emmitsburg and commissioners from both towns, principals and representatives from each of the Catoctin feeder schools, and PTA/PTSA officers.

Diplomas in hand, most class members adjourned to the Safe & Sane post-graduation celebration. On June 8 they will move on to summer or permanent employment, national service in the armed forces, and study at public and private institutions ranging from Frederick Community College to Cornell University.



-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

Catoctin 2006 graduation held at Knott Arena

Some of the more than 200 Catoctin High School graduates look over their diplomas during the June 7 graduation ceremony held at Knott Arena at Mount St. Mary's University. Honored guests included board of education members Barbara Craig, Katherine Groth, and Jean Smith, high schools Director Ann Bonitatibus, county Commissioner John Lovell, Maryland delegates Joseph Bartlett and Paul Stull, the mayors of Thurmont and Emmitsburg and commissioners from both towns.

Catoctin High FFA banquet honors graduates and alums

BY SUSAN ALLEN  
Contributing Writer

Approximately 160 members and guests attended the Catoctin High School Future Farmers of America annual spring banquet on May 18. Maryland FFA President Andrea Kneer greeted the group on

behalf of the state organization.

The FFA chapter and its alumni association, presented scholarships to Bridget Hoffman, Julie Roop, Annie Delauter, Samantha Valentine, and Jessica Valentine, presented numerous awards. Justin Wivell received the Eddie Free Memorial Award,

while the Frederick County Farm Bureau Award went to Dougie Hamilton. Julie Roop received the Robert K. Remsburg Scholarship. Bridget Hoffman received the Long Scholarship. Annie Delauter received the Rebecka Ridenour Memorial Scholarship. Samantha Angleberger received the Scholastic

Achievement Pin. Karen Delauter received the Thurmont/Emmitsburg Community Show Unsung Hero Award. Annie Delauter was named Thurmont Grange's Unsung Hero. CHS seniors Sam Angleberger, Colt Black, Annie Delauter, Alex Lenhart, Kayla Stull, and Justin Wivell received FFA sashes to wear at graduation exercises on June 7.

The Floriculture and Parliamentary Procedure teams were recognized for their second-place finish in state competition. The team members, Sarah Willard, Karen Delauter, Alan Delauter, Bridget Hoffman, Kandice Lenhart, Kayla Stull, Brittany Cole, Scott Haines, and Carrie Wivell, will compete in Springfield, Mass. in September.



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Jen Krietz of Thurmont raised \$1,625.25, exceeding her \$1,000 goal at her "Ice Cream for Heart" fundraiser sponsored by Gateway Market in Thurmont on May 7. Krietz raised the money through donations for ice cream cones, shakes and sundaes. A Gateway employee and a Catoclin High School student, Jen made this fundraiser her senior project. Gateway Market donated ice cream and supplies. Seen here, Jen Krietz (center) and Maggie Doll (left), owner of Gateway Market, present the check to Leslie Baker, of the American Heart Association, for \$1,625.25.

**More than 50 student entries received**

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON  
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EMMITSBURG, Md. – More than 50 entries have been received in the town's first student art contest, "100 Years of Discovery: Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Emmitsburg Public Library," as the June 6 deadline approaches.

Patricia Feeser, town spokesperson, told *The Dispatch* the entries would be judged between now and June 30, and winners will be announced at noon on July 1, during the Community Day celebration.

To help finance the art contest, Jason and John Weatherly, representing the Emmitsburg Borderline 4x4, presented the town with a check for \$1,000 at the June 5 meeting.

Borderline 4x4, which donated \$1,000 toward prize money, was formed over 30 years ago by off-

road enthusiasts and consists of about a dozen members, according to Larry Little, resident and co-owner of One More Tavern. Little said 4x4 has an established record of donating to support local youth and community activities.

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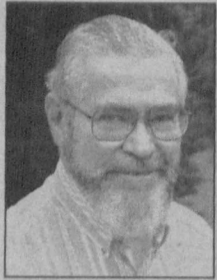


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# The (retired) Ecologist In Vino Veritas (I think)



By BILL MEREDITH  
Dispatch Columnist

Looking back on life, one of the things I regret is that I did not take a course in Latin in high school. It sounded hard, it wasn't required, and I didn't know at the time that I was going to become a biologist, so I passed it up. In the years since then I have picked up several individual Latin words when learning scientific names and anatomical structures, but I know no Latin grammar. I have a friend who took a course in Latin at the age of 75; he enjoyed it, but after a few months he couldn't remember any of it. The window of opportunity for learning languages closed decades ago.

In an idle moment the other day I was looking up something about winemaking on the Internet

and discovered that there must be several dozens of companies that use the expression, "In Vino Veritas," in their corporate titles and advertising. I think a fairly literal translation of the phrase is "in the wine is truth;" a looser translation may be "wine brings out the truth," or, getting to really practical usage, "if you can get your friend to drink enough wine, you can find out what he really thinks of you." Maybe that's stretching the vernacular a bit, but there is no doubt that wine has often been used to loosen tongues, with results that changed the course of history, at least in spy novels.

All of this came to mind because of a visit by my son and his family last Easter. The grandchildren are growing up... the oldest is in college... but they still like to do the things they did years ago, perhaps in the wistful hope of clinging to childhood as long as possible. So it came to pass that, after stuffing ourselves beyond capacity at dinner, we went out in the yard and played croquet. The lawn was covered with

dandelions, and when the match was over and enough toes had been battered, I made an offhand remark to the effect that it was a shame to see all the dandelions go to waste, and that we should make some dandelion wine.

My granddaughter, who seems to have inherited a quirky kind of curiosity from somewhere, instantly seized on this as a great idea. My wife immediately rejected it as a waste of time and ingredients, but in a rare instance of democracy she was outvoted; so we went to her cookbook library and found several books on winemaking. The most complicated of the recipes directed that the flowers should be boiled, soaked for 10 days, and then be inoculated by sprinkling yeast on a piece of toast and floating it on the brew. This seemed to fit the spirit of wacky enthusiasm that had developed by that time, so we proceeded to the yard, gathered the requisite quart of flowers, found a pot large enough to hold them and a gallon of water, added an orange and a lemon, and distributed high-fives all around.

Such enthusiasm is rarely sustained very long. After the crew departed for Baltimore I covered the wine pot and set it in the laundry room, where it was promptly forgotten. A couple of weeks later I remembered it. Removing the cover, I was greeted by a most unwinelike bouquet from the healthiest mold culture I had seen in years. It definitely was not indicative of a good year, so I threw it out and resolved to start a new batch with a recipe I had used before. But alas, the dandelions were done blooming. They had been at their peak on that one golden day, and the opportunity was gone for this year.

As a young man I was surprised to learn from an aunt that my teetotaling Methodist grandmother had made wine for medicinal purposes, and of course my wife's Polish grandparents made it regularly. So when an elderly friend gave us a wine keg sometime in the 1960s, we decided to try. My wife never does anything halfway; we picked our own fruit, berries and grapes, and made wine from everything from apricots to zucchinis. Amateur winemakers who are purists use the same cultured yeasts as commercial vintners to get consistent quality, but we were in it for fun, so we followed the methods used when

winemaking was invented 7,500 years ago. We let the fruit ferment by natural yeasts. These wild yeasts are found on all naturally grown fruits; they are most noticeable as the glossy, bluish-colored coat that covers grapes and raspberry vines. Sometimes the results were good, and sometimes bad; tasting a batch for the first time was part of the fun of it.

Eventually we got tired of the mess and stopped making wine, but there are still several bottles of it on a shelf behind the clutter in our basement. Recently I opened a bottle of peach wine from 1971. It tasted vaguely like sherry, which I don't particularly care for, but I drank it anyway; I figured that in the spirit of *veritas* it was an obligation. Tomorrow I will open some more, and if it is palatable we may have it to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Which reminds me ... the grandchildren may come again for the holiday, and it looks like there will be a good crop of elderberries this year. They should be ready to pick about then; and if my wife objects, we can respond as the gladiators did in Roman times, *Ave Caesar, nos moriaturi salutemus*. I'm not sure what that means, but it sounds impressive. And if that doesn't persuade her, we can always fall back on *in vino veritas*. She can't argue with that.

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## LOCAL HISTORY

# Toms Creek bridge stopped 'Ike,' but not school children



-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

**Elizabeth K. Williams, 92, Emmitsburg, remembers the days she had to walk through the South Seton Covered Bridge going to and from school, a two and a half mile trip each way.**

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON  
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The little covered bridge that once carried South Seton Avenue over Toms Creek may have stopped a military convoy in its tracks in 1919, but it provided passage over the creek for many area students before it was torn down in 1923.

In 1919, a military convoy was assembled to see how quickly the army could get from coast to coast.

Setting out from Washington, D.C., the convoy picked up Dwight D. Eisenhower in Frederick, and soon got stuck in the South Seton Covered Bridge as it tried to wind its way to Gettysburg. The convoy broke up, some vehicles fording the creek and others finding routes around the old bridge.

Although few photographs seem to remain of the old structure, and little information is available about when it was built and by whom, a handful of residents in town have personal memories about it.

Sister Ruth Roddy, 95, a resident of St. Joseph's Provincial House, lived in a house near St. Anthony's Church until she was 19. Like the covered bridge, her home is no longer standing.

Roddy attended St. Euphemia's School and Sisters' House, 5052 DePaul Street, and, although her parents drove her to school, she walked home each day, on a route that carried her through the old bridge.

Roddy said she recalled that the road was paved then and that it generally looked like the current Roddy Creek Covered Bridge located near Thurmont.

Elizabeth K. Williams, 92, a life-long resident of Emmitsburg and the area, lived on Old Frederick Road in the vicinity of Toll Gate Hill. She also attended St. Euphemia's, and walked through the bridge going to and from school, a two and a half mile trip each way.

Williams also recalls the bridge generally looked like the current Roddy Creek bridge, and also remembered that there were "a lot of road men (unemployed) walking the road back then. I was leery of them."

Agnes Topper, 93, born and raised in Emmitsburg, lived on Dry Bridge Road on a farm while in school, and also walked to St. Euphemia's. "There were no buses back then," she pointed out.

Topper's hike to and from school was a three-mile journey each way, which took her through the old covered bridge.

"As we came to school we could see men not working along the side of the bridge fishing. We were not afraid back in those days. You didn't have the trouble the children have now," Topper recalled, obviously referring to the same men William mentioned.

"There were names carved in the bridge by some of the older children," Topper remembered, and, "They usually painted the bridge green," a rather unusual color for covered bridges back then, but colors often depended on what paint was readily available and how much it cost.

Topper remembered that the road (South Seton) was paved beginning near the approach to the bridge.

Kenneth Hardwood, project manager with Frederick County Office of Transportation Engineering, Frederick County Department of Public Works, told *The Dispatch* that there were originally more than 50 covered bridges in Frederick County alone during peak of covered bridge

construction in the the mid to late-1800s.

Bridges were covered for a very functional reason. Bridge engineers during the 18th century had the bridges covered to protect the trusses (frames) from weathering, adding decades to the lifespan of the bridges. They were not covered to keep horses from shying at stream crossings, or to keep snow out of the bridge, or to protect travelers.

## Celebration to focus on bridge site

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Maryland State Highway Administration has arranged for the "1919 Eisenhower convoy" to stop on June 28 at 2 p.m. at the South Seton Rd. bridge over Toms Creek for a commemorative ceremony and the unveiling of a historic marker.

The event will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the national highway system, for which future President Dwight D. Eisenhower was the leading proponent.

In 1919 Eisenhower joined a military experiment to see how fast the army could get from coast to coast. The trek was so lengthy and costly in men and equipment that it inspired Eisenhower to pursue a national highway network.

One of the military vehicles leading the convoy actually got



Referred to by the mysterious name, "Bridge of Sighs," a possible Mount St. Mary's student sits atop the South Seton bridge in this photo from the 1922 Mount St. Mary's yearbook.

wedged in the Toms Creek Covered Bridge on South Seton Avenue, forcing the whole convoy to disperse to get around the old wooden structure.

- R. Fulton

South Seton bridge appears isolated from the civilized world in this photo from the 1922 Mount St. Mary's yearbook. Three years before, it stalled the passage of the 1919 military convoy.



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## SPORTS &amp; RECREATION

## Catoctin grad caught up in the thrill of softball

By JAMES RADA JR.  
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THURMONT, Md. — When the Catoctin High School softball team won the state championship this year, Jessica Valentine was plagued with conflicting emotions.

"I was a little bitter. I was happy and jealous. I was fired up for them," said Valentine.

A 2002 Catoctin High graduate, Valentine had played for the school's softball team and even gone to the state championships, but the team hadn't been able to go all the way.

Following her graduation, Valentine headed to Mars Hill College in North Carolina. She didn't attend on a softball scholarship but tried out as a walk-on during her freshman year. Not only did she make the team, she made the varsity team. She went on to have what the team sports guide called "a breakout season as a freshman in which she led the Lions in hits (54), doubles (15), home runs (8), total bases (93) and slugging (.578)..."

"When you have a player with her athletic attributes and who uses

her head on top of it, it really helps," said head coach David Williams.

He coached Valentine during her senior year at Mars Hill where she set five season-best records.

Valentine primarily played catcher, but she also moved to third base or shortstop when needed.

Though she admits she probably plays better at third base, she still enjoys playing behind the plate. "I feel like I'm in control," Valentine said. "I call the pitches and keep the pitcher mentally in the game."

She began playing tee ball at age 6 and moved on to little league. She said during her first softball game, "Coach asked me if I wanted to catch, and I've caught ever since."

During her teen years she played on the Heartbreakers, a Jr. Olympics travel team, under Terry Burdette.

He said when he first saw Valentine, "She not only obviously had a lot of talent, but you could tell she loved to play the game."

Burdette also said she was a great influence on the team. Valentine said she could return the compliment.

"Something about Terry makes you love the sport," Valentine said.

## #20 Jessica Valentine



## Mars Hill Lions

Jessica Valentine  
Catcher, 3rd

## Career Records:

- Games played — 215
- Runs scored — 99
- Doubles — 45
- Hits — 200
- Walks — 55

## Single Season Record:

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- Runs scored — 40
- Total bases — 105
- Games played — 59
- Games started — 59

High School:  
Catoctin, 2002



Source: Mars Hill College Athletic Department

"I want to be to girls what he was to me."

Following a student internship, she will graduate later this year with

a degree in physical education with a concentration in teaching.

"The reason I got into education is because I want to

coach," Valentine said.

And the school where she would like to teach is her alma mater, Catoctin High.

Outside the Game  
Advice to Graduates

By A.J. RUSSO  
Special to The Dispatch

It's that time of the year — graduation. I thought I'd give some advice to graduating athletes, particularly players of team sports. So, if you are a recent (or not so recent) grad, here are ten tidbits sure to help you move to that next phase of life.

**1. Give something back.** You probably spent years under the guidance of others (coaches, parents) who helped teach you the game. Become a mentor yourself. Your local youth league can always use young coaches.

**2. It's only a game.** Teach

your children that sports fall low on the list of life priorities. If she's not doing well in school, she shouldn't be allowed to participate on the team.

**3. Pass on the good values.** Principles learned while taking part in team sports are valuable and carry over well to other parts of your life. One of those ideals is sportsmanship. It's okay to be fair, honest and caring of others while playing in a game. What we learn by losing and accepting defeat is as valuable as what we learn by winning.

**4. Stay off the couch.** Keep playing/participating in club/amateur team competition. You'll burn more calories.

**5. Don't live your life through your children.** One day, when you attend their games, remember, it's not you out there. They will probably never be as good as you think you should have been.

**6. Being the 12th man doesn't mean you're about to be offered a contract.** If you attend an event and you think screaming, yelling or generally acting like a maniac will influence the outcome of the game, you're delusional, and probably need to seek counseling.

**7. When asked who your hero was when you were a child, tell a white lie and don't mention Mickey Mantle.** A favorite teacher or parent would be a better choice. Just because someone can hit a small round ball four hundred feet, doesn't make him a great humanitarian.

**8. The chance of making any money playing sports is remote.** Any friend or child who thinks otherwise should be reminded of the three magic words. STAY IN SCHOOL!

**9. Playing poker is not a sport.** Despite the play on ESPN.

**10. Boxing shouldn't be a sport.** Despite the play on HBO.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## LOOKING AHEAD

### 24th annual Emmitsburg Community Day Saturday, July 1

Food, fireworks, fun for the whole family – that's what's planned for the 24th annual Emmitsburg Community Day celebration, held from dawn until after the fireworks on Saturday, July 1.

In honor of 100 years of the Emmitsburg Library, the Lions have named the celebration, *Read All About It: Emmitsburg Library Turns 100 Years Old!* Emmitsburg librarian Joan Fischer will break a long-held family tradition of spending the day at Antietam to attend the festivities and serve as the evening program's keynote speaker.

**6:30 a.m.** – Breakfast served by the Vigilant Hose Company at the firehouse on West Main Street.

**10 a.m.** – Games for all ages behind the community center on South Seton Avenue. Traditional events include tug-of-war, egg toss (raw), three-legged race, balloon toss, watermelon-eating contest, pie-eating contest, and a fishing game.

**10 a.m.** – Emmitsburg Lions chicken barbecue dinners. Soft drinks, spring water, homemade ice cream sandwiches, hot dogs, and hamburgers available until 10 p.m.

**11 a.m. to 8 p.m.** – Bingo in the ambulance company building on South Seton Avenue, cash prizes

**1 p.m.** – Horseshoe contest. Registration closes at 12:45 p.m..

**6 p.m.** – Community Day Parade. Staging on Provincial Parkway in Northgate. Parade will travel on North Seton to DePaul Federal Avenue, and East Main Street to the square before turning on South Seton and ending at the community center.

Evening program following the parade – including "Roll the Dice," playing tunes suitable for dancing or singing along.

**9:30 p.m.** – Fireworks presented by Zambelli International. Sponsored through donations from individuals, groups, civic organizations, and local businesses.

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### For Children

**June 19-23** – "Drama by the Pond." A week-long interactive free theater workshop for children ages 8-12, sponsored by the LeVan Family Foundation and Upper Adams Lions Club. To register, contact Adams County Arts Council at (717) 334-5006.

**June 24-25** – "Cinderella." Students from the Frederick School of Classical Ballet and guest artists bring this story to life. Tickets \$8-15. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 W. Patrick St., Frederick, (301) 228-2828, [www.weinbergcenter.org](http://www.weinbergcenter.org).

### Concerts

**Saturdays in June, July, August** – "Summer Concert Series." 7 p.m. Free outdoor musical performances in Baker Park's bandshell, 121 N. Bentz St., Frederick, (301) 694-2489. [www.celebratefrederick.com](http://www.celebratefrederick.com).

**June 16-18** – Gettysburg Brass Band Festival. More than 20 free performances by some of the country's top brass bands, including a Drum Corps Spectacular at Gettysburg College's Shirk Field featuring the World Champion Cadets, the Crossmen and the Hanover Lancers at 5 p.m. June 17. Tickets for the Drum Corps Spectacular are \$15 per person. Downtown Gettysburg and Gettysburg College Stadium (717) 337-3491. [www.gettysburgbrassbandfestival.org](http://www.gettysburgbrassbandfestival.org).

**June 17** – "Summon the Heroes." 8 p.m. The Frederick Orchestra annual pops concert, conducted by Dr. Elisa Koehler. Frederick Community College, JBK Theater, 7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, (301) 663-8476. [www.frederickorchestra.org](http://www.frederickorchestra.org).

**June 18** – 5th Annual Community Freedom Concert. Thurmont Memorial Park, 6 p.m. Featuring local and volunteer talent.

**June 20** – U.S. Air Force Heritage Aire Celtic Ensemble. 7 p.m. Catoctin High School. Free with ticket: Thurmont Town Office, Thurmont Library, Thurmont Bank of America. Or send a self-addressed envelope to George Wireman, 128 E. Hammaker St., Thurmont, MD 21788, five-ticket limit.

**June 24** – Frederick Catoctones Annual Show. 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. An acapella musical performance presented by a men's chorus and quartets. Frederick Community

College, Jack B. Kussmaul Theater, 7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, (301) 607-4093. [www.harmonize.com/catoctones](http://www.harmonize.com/catoctones).

**June 30** – Emmitsburg Concert in the Park. 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Emmitsburg Community Chorus will perform patriotic and Disney songs. Memorial Park.

**July 2** – Frederick Spires Brass Band. 6 p.m. Thurmont Memorial Park. Free.

### Festivals

**June 16-18** – Pennsylvania Lavender Festival. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Some 40 varieties of lavender will be for sale, along with other herbs and perennials, lavender products and herbal products. Lunch is available. Live entertainment. Admission: \$3, children under 12 are free. Free parking and shuttle. Willow Pond Farm, Fairfield, Pa. [www.palavenderfestival.com](http://www.palavenderfestival.com).

**June 22** – "Alive at Five." 5 p.m. Downtown Frederick along the banks of Carroll Creek. Join friends and neighbors at a music-filled celebration on the fourth Thursday, June through September. Beer, wine, food and live music. (301) 698-8118. [www.downtownfrederick.org](http://www.downtownfrederick.org).

### Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

**Through July 5** – "Heritage: The Photography of Charles 'Jim' Lot." Vintage photographs from the 1930s and 40s by Adams County, Pa. farmer Jim Lot, a self-taught photographer. He created photographic images of people and agricultural landscapes, which are remembered by his son, John. Majestic Theater Gallery, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, (717) 677-7514.

### Stage

**June 16-Sept. 3** – "For the Glory: Civil War Musical." Show times vary. The acclaimed Broadway musical covers a wide range of emotions including: The Union and Confederate armies singing of their excitement as they prepare to go into war, defending their respective causes; and slaves singing of their pain and misery as they are sold as property. Tickets, \$20-45. Majestic Theater 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, (717) 677-7514.

**Through June 17** – "Urinetown, the musical." The three-time Tony award-winning musical offers a tale of love and triumph over greed. When

a Gotham-like city faces a water shortage, its residents are deprived of their toilets and must pay to use public facilities controlled by a sinister corporation. Tickets, \$15-20. Maryland Ensemble Theatre, 31 W. Patrick St., Frederick, (301) 694-4744, [www.marylandensemble.org](http://www.marylandensemble.org).

**Saturdays in June, July, August** – Summerfest Family Theatre. 7 p.m. Free theatrical performances for children and families in Baker Park's Bandshell, 121 N. Bentz St., Frederick, (301) 694-2489.

**June 3-18** – "Rounding Third." Follow two Little League coaches through an entire season – from their first meeting to the climactic championship game. Don is a rough, blue-collar win-at-all-costs veteran coach; Michael, a corporate executive, is a newcomer both to the town and to baseball. Together they form an alliance that benefits their sons and the team. Tickets, \$23-30. Totem Pole Playhouse, Caledonia State Park, 9555 Golf Course Road, Fayetteville, Pa. (888) 805-7056, [www.totempoleplayhouse.org](http://www.totempoleplayhouse.org).

**June 8-18** – "The Two Gentlemen of Verona." Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday, 5 p.m. The Maryland Shakespeare Festival takes two average guys on an excellent adventure through Renaissance Italy as they discover how girls, pirates, bad music and a dog can very nearly ruin a really good friendship. Hood College, Hodson Outdoor Theater, 401 Rosemont Ave., Frederick, (301) 668-4090.

**June 20-July 2** – "I'll Be Back Before Midnight!" Comedy and mystery combine as a husband brings his wife to a remote cabin to recover from a nervous breakdown. The owner is an old farmer who greets the couple with frightening ghost tales and when the husband's lustful sister arrives, the fragile wife's nerves are pushed to the breaking point. Tickets, \$23-30. Totem Pole Playhouse, (888) 805-7056, [www.totempoleplayhouse.org](http://www.totempoleplayhouse.org).

**July 5-16** – "Incorruptible." Welcome to Priseaux, France, c. 1250 A.D. where the brothers of the local monastery confront a great challenge: Saint Foy, their Patron Saint, hasn't worked a miracle in thirteen years and the pilgrims have stopped coming. All seems lost until a one-eyed minstrel arrives, inspired to save the day. Suddenly, miracles abound. Tickets, \$23-30. Totem Pole Playhouse, (888) 805-7056, [www.totempoleplayhouse.org](http://www.totempoleplayhouse.org).



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## QUILTERS

### One design – many names



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"All the old favorite quilt patches had interesting names. These names are intriguing and in nearly every instance there was a reason, or at least a suggestion for the name, but many of these patches have been so changed that it requires a real stretch of the imagination to see any semblance of pattern to name." (Carrie Hall in "The Romance of the Patchwork Quilt in America," published in 1935.)

The art of quilting now, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, has changed the nature of quilt designs drastically. This is especially true with the younger quilters who live at a "hurry-hurry" pace. Some of the newer quilters have discovered the therapeutic value of hand piecing an appliqué, but most don't want to hand-quilt their work.

The mode of making a quilt top is not the only change in the craft today. A lot of the designs are one of a kind, mostly wall hangings, and are not patterns for copying. One design I've seen recently utilized

the flying geese pattern, but the background was a twilight sky and the geese were appliquéd on in two flowing strips across the sky – not typical.

A lot of the old patterns have so many names; it is difficult to know the origin. My daughter is gathering fabric for a "Shoo-fly" top. We love visiting the Amish of Pennsylvania and they make shoo-fly pies. The idea that this pattern originated with the Amish – setting hot pies on the window sill required repeatedly shooing flies away – may not be true.

In the "Romance of the Patchwork Quilt" by Carrie Hall, we find a quilt block called "Shoo-fly." But it is also called "Hole in the Barn Door," "Double Monkey Wrench," "Hens and Chickens," even "Corn and Beans." Checking all of these blocks against the Shoo-fly design made me wonder how the evolution came about. One of the blocks of similar design required 47 pieces while the Shoo-fly was made with seven pieces. Hall had listed 10 or more blocks of similar design, and, for some reason having names differing from quilter to quilter, or location to location. My "Flossie's Flowers" and "Iva's Star" (two relatives) are typical of name changing. I have no idea what names my relations gave their work, so I identify them in my own way.

# Community Calendar

## LOOKING AHEAD

**June 17 – Volunteer Trail Workday.** 9 a.m. Camp Round Meadow, Catoctin Mountain Park. Outdoor fun and hard work that contributes to the preservation of the park. Information: call Ranger Don Stanley at (301) 663-9388. No reservations needed. Meet at Camp Round Meadow with boots, water, lunch, and gloves.

**June 17 – Summertime Sandwich Series Kick-off.** 10 a.m. Bell Hill Farm, 1½ miles north of Thurmont, west side of U.S. 15. Sandwiches and platters. Sponsored by Thurmont Lions Club.

**June 17-18 – Fifties Weekend at the Eisenhower National Historic Site.** Revisit the popular culture of the 1950s. See Detroit's finest 1950s cars, rock and roll, the hula-hoop and more. Ranger programs and guest speaker on the issues of the day. Included in site admission. (717) 338-9114.

**June 19 – Emmitsburg Area Historical Society.** 7 p.m. Emmitsburg Community Center. Continuing the research into the history of WW II veterans.

**June 20 – Boy Choir Concert.** 2 p.m. Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 333 South Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. The choir, from La Crosse, Wisc. Was

founded in 1976, has performed throughout the U.S. and abroad. Information: (301) 447-6606.

**June 20 – Employability Workshop.** 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Up-County Family Center, Emmitsburg. Covers resumes, applications, interviews and more. Free program, job leads, dinner and childcare. Sponsored by Goodwill Industries, Up-County Family Center and Catoctin CASS. Questions and reservations: (301) 662-0622 x224.

**June 21 – Summer Solstice/Full Moon Walk.** 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Strawberry Hill Nature Center and Preserve, 1537 Mount Hope Road, Fairfield, Pa. Adults, children 7 and over. Register by June 20. Members free; non-members \$3. Information: [www.strawberryhill.org](http://www.strawberryhill.org), call (717) 642-5840 or e-mail [info@strawberryhill.org](mailto:info@strawberryhill.org).

**June 24 – FDR New Deal.** 1 p.m. Visitor Center. Join a ranger to learn how President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal Programs provided jobs for local workers and created the Catoctin Recreational Demonstration Area. Discover how this project reclaimed land once considered unsuitable for agriculture and became Catoctin Mountain Park and Cunningham Falls State Park.

**June 24-25 – Celebration of**

**Quilts.** Old Main Building, Expo Center, York Fairgrounds, Carlisle Avenue, York, Pa. Tickets: \$4-\$7. Quilting demonstrations, over 200 judged quilts. [www.yorkquiltersguild.com](http://www.yorkquiltersguild.com).

**June 24-25 – "A Country Garden Tour."** 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Seven properties in the Yellow Springs area of Frederick County. Benefits The Alliance to the Frederick County Medical Society Scholarship Fund held by The Community Foundation of Frederick County. Tickets: \$20. Information: contact the Tourism Council, (301) 644-4047.

**June 28-July 1 – Gettysburg Fire Department Carnival.** Long Lane, Gettysburg, Pa.

**July 1- Mountaintop Heritage Days Dance.** Blue Ridge Summit Fire Hall. 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets available at the door: \$15 per person, \$25 per couple. Blue Ridge Summit, Pa.

**July 10-15 – Guardian Hose Carnival.** East Main St., Thurmont, Md. Rides, games, food.

**July 13 – Guardian Hose Parade.** Thurmont, Md. Rain or shine.

**July 13-14 – Barlow Firemen's Carnival.** 2005 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg, Pa.

## OBITUARIES/BIRTHS

### Rose M. Brawner

Mrs. Rose Marie Ceirvo Brawner, 94, of Gettysburg, Pa., formerly of Emmitsburg, Md., died May 27, 2006, at the Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village, Gettysburg, Pa.

Born Aug. 5, 1911, in Redding, Pa., she was a daughter of the late Antonio and Agata Rutolo Ceirvo.

Surviving are two children, William F. Brawner and Patricia A. Stine; 10 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Francis Ceirvo and Patrick Ceirvo; two sisters, Josephine Dieham and Anna Ceirvo; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held May 30, at St. Joseph's Provincial House, Emmitsburg, with her pastor, the Rev. Stephen P. Trzecieky, C.M., as the celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, Md.

### William F. Junker

William F. "Billy" Junker, 56, of Emmitsburg, died May 25, 2006 at home.

Born Jan. 18, 1950, in Pittsburgh, Pa., he was the son of the late William

C. and Frances (Libell) Junker.

Surviving are his wife, Linda Home Junker; two sons, Joseph Junker and John Winkler; two daughters, Jessica Ford and Dena Sewell; five grandchildren; and two sisters, Patricia Adams and Sister Betty Hart, CSJ.

A memorial service was held May 31 with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Anthony's Shrine, Emmitsburg, Md. Interment was private.

### Gladys Keilholtz

Mrs. Gladys Virginia (Valentine) Keilholtz, 85, of Keysville Rd., Emmitsburg, died May 28, 2006, at the Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village, Gettysburg, Pa.

Born July 14, 1920, in Emmitsburg, Md., she was a daughter of the late Emory Ernest and Annie Moser Valentine.

Surviving are three sons, Robert Keilholtz; James Keilholtz; Richard Keilholtz; one daughter, Linda Umbel; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, J. Richard Valentine.

Funeral services were held June 1 from Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge, with her pastor, the

Rev. James Russell officiating. Interment was in the Mt. Tabor Cemetery, Rocky Ridge, Md.

### Sister Catherine Lordan, DC

Sister Catherine Lordan, DC, 92, died May 30, 2006, at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg.

The daughter of Joseph C. and Marie Curran Lordan, Kathleen Lordan was born in Philadelphia, Pa. Sister entered the Daughters of Charity in 1936.

She was the last of her immediate family.

In 1964, after having been in childcare for 27 years, Sister was commissioned to St. Joseph's Provincial House in Emmitsburg to work in the relic room.

Sister Catherine retired to Villa St. Michael in 1999.

A Mass of Christian burial was offered on June 2, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg.

### D. Lorraine Lowe

D. Lorraine "Janie" Lowe, 87, of E. Main St., Emmitsburg, Md. died May 24, at the Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa.

Born June 20, 1918 in

Emmitsburg, Md., she was a daughter of the late John Henry Harrison and Mae Miller Lowe.

She is survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on May 26 from Incarnation United Church of Christ, Emmitsburg, with her pastor, the Rev. Reginald Rice, officiating.

Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Fairfield, Pa.

### Athan F. Miller

Athan Frederick Miller, one-

day-old son of Paul A. and Alesha A. Glenn Miller Wenchoff Road, Fairfield, Pa., died May 27, 2006 at the York Hospital.

Graveside services and interment were held June 5 at St. Mary's Cemetery, Fairfield.

### Births

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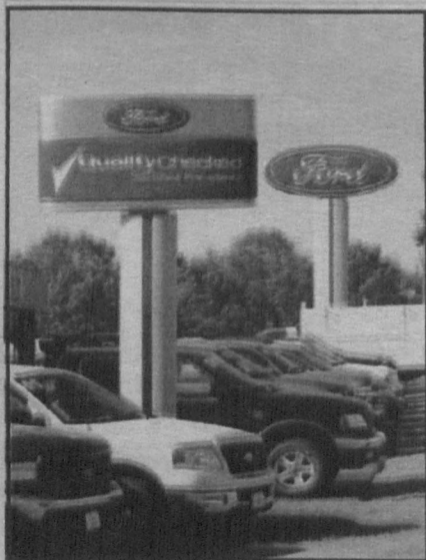
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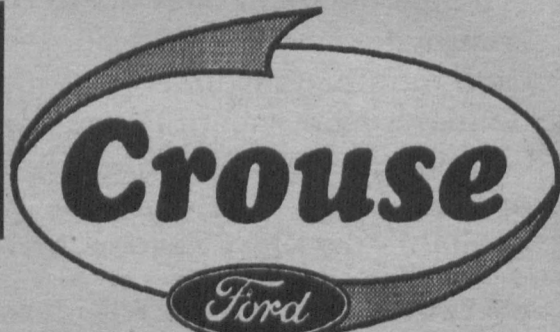


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