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McDermott requests ethics tapes

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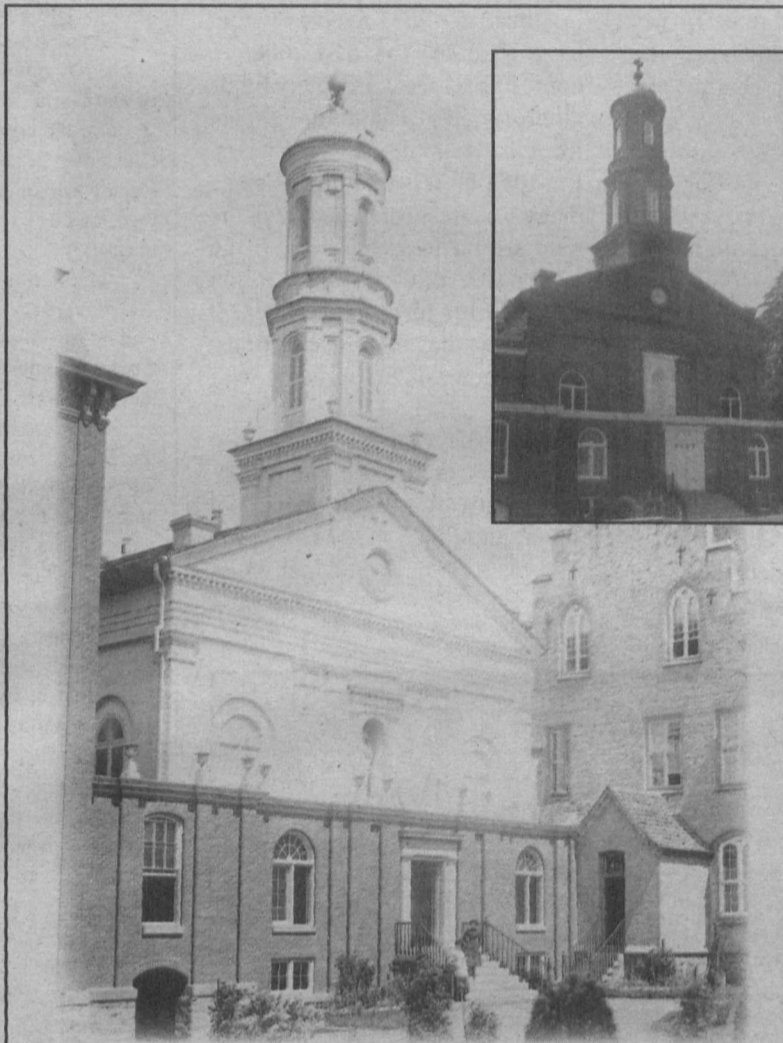
EMMITSBURG, Md. – Thurmont Attorney Rosemary McDermott, representing former town Commissioner Arthur Elder in his suit against certain town administrators and boards, is seeking access to tapes produced during the 2004-05 ethics investigation.

Elder filed suit in the circuit court for Frederick County on Nov. 23, 2005, seeking \$5.4 million in damages he claimed resulted from the town ethics investigation. The investigation determined that Elder had violated the town ethics code.

A U.S. district court judge reviewing constitutional issues alleged in the suit in April 2006 rejected Elder's due-process-related claims, and dismissed a claim that the town should pay the commissioner's legal fees.

The remaining allegations were remanded to Frederick Circuit Court.

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Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel dedicated



-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

Members of the board of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation held a dedication ceremony August 1 on the grounds of the fire academy, marking the end of the two-year, circa \$1 million effort to bring the unused 1841 chapel (shown in a 1940s photo and today) back into use. The chapel, once part of St. Joseph's Academy and sold in 1979 to the federal government, will provide a place for prayer and other gatherings for the fire service, as well as office space. Mary Ann Gibbons (at right), wife of fallen fire Chief A. Marvin Gibbons, unveiled a painting of her late husband. The chapel was dedicated in his name.

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Wildlife preserve could be in town's future

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – Recent public concerns over proposed plans by the town to exterminate the beaver population at Rainbow Lake and reports of shots fired from town property into private land could

spur legislation to establish wildlife management areas.

Although town administrators said the town did not intend to continue killing beavers, the board of commissioners took measures to ensure that any similar proposal in the future would first be brought before the commissioners.

However, some feel that

something more might need to be done about hunting on town lands.

Hunters may have fired into private land

Emmitsburg permits licensed hunters, fishers and trappers to hunt on town lands as long as they do so within state guidelines.

However, town resident Catherine Forrence, who has horses on her mother's, Betsey Forrence, land outside of town, told the board of commissioners July 17 that hunters shooting on town land have fired into her mother's property.

Forrence said, "Last year we

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Challenger Little League a hit at White House

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Five-year-old Jimmy Brittain had practiced all week for the Thurmont Challenger Little League game on the South Lawn of the White House.

He wasn't working on his batting or fielding. His parents

were giving him etiquette lessons. "Hello, Mr. President." "Thank you, Mr. President." "Goodbye, Mr. President."

Only in existence for a year, the Thurmont Challenger Little League team was chosen to play "Tee Ball on the South Lawn" at the White House.

"This is a pretty cool opportunity for our team," said 12-year-old Troy Baisey, who also played with the

Challenger team last year when they played an exhibition game at the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.

Little League's Challenger Division is open to mentally and

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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We all need the facts

Unfortunately, serious debate in this country is often usurped by emotion, simplistic solutions, and sound bites, as with Mayor Burns' July 20 letter in *The Dispatch*.

As is often the case when someone would rather not debate issues raised by one's opponent, Mayor Burns attempts to discredit opponents by accusing them of being "county residents." I, too, am a "county resident," but I moved here because of what Thurmont is. I live here, shop here, and work nearby. What happens in and around Thurmont affects me

as much as it affects any resident. We are also all "county residents" sharing a common stake in what the county and the town become.

Rather than debating real issues, the mayor wants us to believe his simplistic absolutes: "[taxes] certainly go up less with growth and more with no-growth." He provides no support for this assertion, as if the very fact that he says it makes it true.

But the fiscal relationship between residential growth and municipal revenues is exceedingly complex and is the subject of study by numerous universities and think tanks. The conclusions of these studies result in significant disagreement and debate. I think many Thurmont residents would

welcome such serious debate of the issues.

Instead, the mayor would have us believe that a \$12,600 per home impact fee completely funds all projected infrastructure impact from a new home for many years. I'm glad he is so confident since many well-respected people in the field are far less confident. If the mayor shared his facts, we might all reach his level of confidence. As long as they remain assertions, there is no basis for agreeing with him.

Let's have an open and honest discussion of the issue and base the town's future on facts, not sound bites.

- Joel Weiss
Thurmont

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

August 9, 1906

Man Shot Down in Cold Blood

On Wednesday afternoon, August 8th, at 2 o'clock, Edward Smith was shot and instantly killed by Fred Debold. The crime was committed between Emmitsburg and Sabillasville about one mile and a half from Deerfield.

As soon as the news of the tragedy reached Emmitsburg, a representative of *The Chronicle* was dispatched to the scene of the crime and exactly twelve hours after the perpetration of the deed, Deputy Sheriff Ashbaugh had the two men, directly responsible for the crime, in custody.

From an interview held between a *Chronicle* reporter and George Smith, the father of the dead man and a witness to the crime, it was gathered that for years there has existed some ill feeling between the Debold family and the Smiths. Many lawsuits based on the petty charges have been common among these people. Things have been going on this way for some time, and just lately Debold accused George Smith of trespassing on his property and of stealing berries. For some time the Debolds are alleged to have been rather free in their threats, but up to the date of the crime no overt acts could be directly laid against either of the families although accusations were constantly made to the effect that cattle had been injured and property maliciously destroyed by both.

The Smith boys are employed on the Western Maryland Railroad, Edward, the one killed, living in Hagerstown. On Wednesday, as was customary, Mr. George Smith and his wife started out in a wagon to take lunch to his sons. Shortly after they had started, no more than 400 yards from their home, the Debolds, father and son, held them up with a shotgun. Mr. Smith, realizing the danger, jumped out of the wagon so as to save his wife, who had the Debolds shot, would have been in line with the weapon. About this time Edward Smith, who had come up from Hagerstown that day to pick berries, hearing the loud talk rushed to his father's aid. Jumping over the fence into the field he is said to have ordered the Debold boy to put up his gun and go home. John Debold is then alleged to have said to his son, "Shoot him." This the son did with the instantly fatal result. The contents of the gun struck him full in the breast, a little to the left of the center and over the heart. One shot pierced his neck and his one eye was put out. The man's chest looked like a much-used target and death must have ensued immediately. Again it is said the father ordered his son to shoot the elder Smith, but the boy declared that he was not worth shooting.

Mrs. Smith, who has been in poor health for a number of years, was prostrated by the crime she had seen committed and her husband was forced to leave his son's corpse and take her to a neighboring house. On his return he found two men, neighbors, guarding the body with loaded guns awaiting the authorities, who in the meantime, were being summoned. After holding an informal inquest and hearing the confession of Fred, Debold,

Squire C.F. Stem, of Sabillasville, gave permission for the body to be taken to George Smith's house.

About ten o'clock, Deputy Sheriff Ashbaugh, Squire Shuff, Dr. Stone, H. M. Ashbaugh and Edward Rowe, all of this place, arrived. After some necessary delay a jury was impaneled, consisting of M.F. Shuff, coroner; Edward H. Rowe, H.M. Ashbaugh, H.W. Kipe, Morris E. Willard, Ross Eyley, James W. Wetzel, Charles E. Eyley, Milton Harbaugh, W.H. Humerick, Jacob Weddle, S.L. Humerick and G.J. Anzengruber. These men brought in the following verdict: Fred Debold killed and murdered Edward O. Smith. And further that John Debold was feloniously present and accessory to the crime.

While the inquest was being held a constable from Sabillasville arrested Fred Debold. He experienced little or no trouble and took his prisoner to Sabillasville.

The Debold property, which is near Smith's house, was then surrounded by a posse, deputized by Mr. Ashbaugh. The Deputy Sheriff, accompanied by Rowe and H.M. Ashbaugh, entered the yard, to the rear of the house where they found John Debold armed with a shotgun, loaded and cocked. He was standing about thirty yards from the house with the butt of the gun resting on the ground. The three men, mentioned above, advanced on him in a body. He made some remarks in German which were not understood. The men cautioned him against resisting and surrounding him. They seized him. Mr. Rose grasped the gun, and Mr. Ashbaugh caught the man's arm. Herbert Ashbaugh extracted the shell from the gun, insuring no further shooting. The prisoner was then brought to Emmitsburg and, on Thursday morning, taken to Frederick.

The murdered man was about 34 years old and leaves a wife and five children, living in Hagerstown. Fred Debold is a youth of about eighteen or nineteen years.

The locality in which this deed was committed is isolated in the mountains, being about a mile from the main road. The Smith family lives almost on the crest of the hill and the house overlooks Eyley's Valley. In the course of a day but few people have occasion to penetrate this far into the mountains, consequently but few are acquainted with the exact location. Debold's house stands about twenty yards back from the land that ends at the Smith place, in a lonely spot. The two houses are about a quarter of a mile apart and on opposite sides of the trail.

It was intimated that had the Smith boys reached home before the officers of the law made their appearance, there would have been more bloodshed. Mr. Smith was at Wetzel's house where his wife was lying sick. Five men were guarding the body of the murdered man, and everything seemed quiet. The Debold house was lit up but no one could be seen.

It is feared that the shock of this deed, to which Mrs. Smith was a witness, and her weak physical condition, may lead to her total collapse.

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Wildlife could be protected on town lands

Shotgun cartridges litter the ground (below) along the shore of Rainbow Lake. Resident beavers and other wildlife could be protected, along with adjacent homeowners, by wildlife management rules being considered by one Emmitsburg commissioner.

Wildlife

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had problems with hunters on the Scott Road property," noting that the horses are kept on land next to Toms Creek.

Betsey Forrence said the problem goes back "a couple of years" beginning with an incident where hunters coming from town property were pursuing a deer across Toms Creek.

Betsey Forrence was in the process of creating a walking garden in that area of her land. She said the hunters fired right into where the proposed garden was underway. "It's very scary to me," she said. "We now have horses on the property."

Catherine Forrence said she had asked the town to produce a map with safety zones designated, but "that has never happened."

Commissioner to consider wildlife management

Commissioner William B. O'Neil Jr. told *The Dispatch* that he was possibly interested in pursuing legislation to establish a wildlife management area to protect wildlife and humans.

Beyond simply preserving as much indigenous wildlife as necessary to maintain a balanced ecology. O'Neil said, "I, too, am alarmed to hear about hunting near



rural residences. Shooting over a creek to target a deer in someone's garden clearly should not be tolerated. I like the idea of establishing a best management practices guidelines, to include safety zones for hunting."

O'Neil suggested that not all town lands would fall within any proposed wildlife management rules, because that "would include such things as the water / sewer treatment plants, power substations, recreational fields, etc."

He said that a resolution calling for a moratorium on hunting and trapping activities on town lands could be introduced

Ethics tapes

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"We have asked for the tapes of the ethics investigation but the defendants' defense counsel asked the court to give them a protective order," said McDermott.

She told *The Dispatch* on July 27, "We're telling the courts they (the tapes) are public information and that there were so many irregularities (in the ethics investigation) the tapes may resolve some of the issues."

McDermott said she had called the week of July 17 for a timeframe "but it (the case) had just gone up to the judge. I'm hoping we get an order fast so we

could get the tapes."

An investigation was conducted beginning in December 2004 into the conduct of two town commissioners, including Elder, based on complaints received by the town ethics commission. In April 2005, the town ethics commission issued its findings that Elder had violated the town's ethics code. State's Attorney Scott L. Rolle later determined that the violations were not criminal.

Elder sent a letter to the mayor and commissioners in October stating he wanted the town to "admit that the Emmitsburg Ethics Committee (commission) acted outside the scope of its responsibilities," and he wanted the town to: admit the ethics report

was "tainted by bias; apologize to him for "the abuse to which I was subjected; and, "compensate me for damages."

The letter went on, "I shall be seeking compensation for the injuries suffered as a result of the ethics report ... following an illegal investigation. ..."

In November 2005, Elder filed a lawsuit in Frederick County Circuit Court against the mayor, ethics commission and board of commissioners seeking \$1.2 million in damages from the mayor (individually and in his official capacity), \$1.2 million against ethics commission Chairman Patrick "Ted" Brennan (individually and in his official capacity), and \$3 million against all the defendants.

Rare fossil shrimp found in Emmitsburg area

ROCKY RIDGE, Md. - As if hundreds of 200 million-year-old fossil lizard, reptile, millipede and insect tracks and five beds of fossil fish and plants weren't enough, a Rocky Ridge fossil site has now yielded a possible new species of prehistoric freshwater shrimp.

Several samples taken from an as yet unexplored layer of gray shale at the 145-acre site were found to contain several different species of fossil shrimp, one possibly new to science.

Specimens from the site were forwarded to the United States Geological Survey, which sent them to a researcher in Hungary. Word was

received July 25 that one of the shrimp recovered might be new.

The 145-acre farm, regarded as the largest Triassic fossil site ever found in Maryland, belongs to John and Linda Ballenger.

The site has been the subject of continuous research since Linda Ballenger reported the possibility of fossil tracks on the farm to *The Dispatch* in March 2005. The Emmitsburg news editor, also a published paleontologist, is in charge of the excavations at the site, while Cathie (Adelsberger) Curtis, Gettysburg, is responsible for recovery and preparation of collected fossils.

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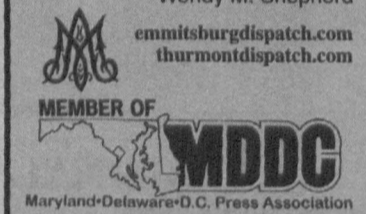
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Streamlining town government: public comment

Democracy is probably the most-inefficient form of government ever conceived, which is why in truth it existed in its pure form for only several dozen years as an experiment in the ancient city state of Athens.

Of course, Americans don't live in a democracy because most of the Founding Fathers feared it, and felt it could lead to the demise of the country as they envisioned it. Thus, they established a republic.

If you don't believe that democracies are highly inefficient, just attend a town meeting in Emmitsburg, one that permits public comment to address every agenda item and allows even more public comment at the end of the meeting.

In the general scheme of things, elected officials are always open to comments from those who elected them. In Emmitsburg, they are also subjected to comments

from non-residents who haven't elected them.

But telephones, and now e-mails, provide conduits for communication with officials sufficient that prolonged public comments by certain individuals amount to little more than grandstanding in a public forum.

Several years ago, the time allotted for public comment per agenda item was increased to eight minutes. In the past couple of years, it was reduced to four minutes. With a standard six items on the agenda, ten meeting attendees each speaking their four-minute limit could add four hours to a meeting, not including time consumed during the post-agenda public comment session.

This, of course has never occurred at any of the town meetings, but it is conceivable under the present system. The

town has set itself up for a filibuster should such a move ever prove strategically advantageous to interested parties.

At the least, excessive public comment often results in rambling thoughts and redundancy, or the sharing of useless information, permitting some individuals to act, seemingly, as de facto commissioners and attorneys.

Here is how other nearby communities handle public comment at town meetings:

- * Thurmont, Md. - Permitted only at the end of the meeting.
- * Taneytown, Md. - No public comment permitted at council meetings.
- * Carroll Valley Borough, Pa. - Permitted only at the beginning and end of the meeting
- * Fairfield Borough, Pa. - Permitted only at the beginning of the meeting.

* Liberty Township, Pa. - Permitted only at the beginning of the meeting.

* Freedom Township, Pa. - Permitted at the beginning and end of the meeting.

* Gettysburg Borough, Pa. - Permitted at the beginning.

The approaches these municipalities use tell you something about meeting management. In fact, when this writer contacted the above communities, a couple of them laughed when told that Emmitsburg allows public comment after each agenda item.

Perhaps the town should adopt a "get 'er done" philosophy - use one of the models offered by other communities who seem to feel that actions speak louder than words, from elected officials and certainly from the public belaboring a point.

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TOWN NEWS

Town hires new parking enforcer

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The town board of commissioners unanimously approved the hiring of a new parking enforcer at the July 17 meeting.

Joseph P. Kirchner of Emmitsburg was selected from a pool of five applicants and will begin at \$10.13 per hour with a 90-day probation period.

Kirchner replaces Carol Kelley, who recently resigned. – R. Fulton

Wastewater system had one June spill

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The town wastewater collection system, presently undergoing a major overhaul, experienced only one relatively small spill in June unrelated to the part of the system that has been historically problematic.

According to Town Manager David Haller, the system spilled 10,800 gallons of raw sewage on June 25 after the area received 2.5 inches of rain, but the spillage was related to a malfunctioning pump drive, not line problems.

Haller said the pump drive had only been in place a few days as part of the system overhaul, and noted that the drives have since been readjusted.

The wastewater plant treated an average of 585,000 gallons per day in June. With only 330,988 GPD used by customers, the balance (43 percent) indicates that “wild water” entered the system, water that got into the system through cracks and breaks, or through unregulated discharges, such as from businesses using private wells. – R. Fulton

S. Seton water and sewer work underway



–RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

Work began on the South Seton Avenue waterline rehabilitation project in late July with installation of new waterlines along the street. From the Community Center south, new water connections will be made from existing houses on the west side of the street to the 10” water main on the east side, and the old 6” water main presently serving those homes will be abandoned. Work will take place only between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., and “flaggers” will control any lane closures or traffic pattern changes.

Emmitsburg Town Meeting

Aug. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

- Update Employee Handbook
- 147 South Seton Land Finance and Purchase
- 1825 Incorporation Day Resolution
- Increase of Recreational Impact Fees

Town to consider resolution to founding date debate

EMMITSBURG, Md. – A resolution to recognize only the town’s 1825 incorporation date is on the agenda for the board of commissioners’ Aug. 7 meeting and will likely be adopted.

The resolution, prepared by Commissioner William B. O’Neil Jr., would recognize Jan. 13, 1825, as the “the only legal and official date in which the government was established for the Town of Emmitsburg.”

The proposed resolution would permit only the

date of incorporation to appear on the town seal and “all official representations (presumably including the town flag).”

The move is as close as town government is willing to get to establishing a founding date. Board members felt that town administrators should not become involved in “voting on history,” and are avoiding becoming involved in the years-old founding date debate.

– R. Fulton

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 Aug. 28
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TOWN NEWS

Handful attend teen pool party



-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

Fewer than a dozen area teens attended the town pool party July 21, which was also poorly attended last year, according to town staff. Not complaining about having most of the pool to themselves were local students Elise Manning, Danielle Hoff and Kandace Butler (above). Mayor Hoover expressed his disappointment that so few teens showed up. The town hopes the Aug. 11 pre-teen pool party will draw a bigger crowd.

MD 140 and Toms Creek Road work to begin

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Maryland State Highway Administration is about to begin a nearly \$1 million project to address safety concerns on Taneytown Road (MD 140) at Toms Creek Church Road near Emmitsburg.

The \$937,000 project, awarded to L.W. Wolfe Enterprises, Inc., Middletown, is slated to begin in fall, and will involve some road closures at Toms Creek Church Road, during which times traffic will be detoured.

The project includes improving sight distances, and

widening 140 to create a left turn lane from westbound 140 to Toms Creek Church Road. The road will be resurfaced and the SHA will also be installing curbs and gutters.

When work begins, the SHA says motorists should expect single lane closures along 140 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., and during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Work should be completed sometime this fall, weather permitting. — R. Fulton

Tree removals/sidewalk repairs status

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Town staff has yet to produce a plan to address tree-damaged sidewalks, but say that work on the plan is continuing.

Topographic maps showing the contours of the town are nearly completed and in the town's hands in preparation for assessing what actions need to be taken on street tree replacement and sidewalk repairs.

Town Manager David Haller previously told *The Dispatch* that some trees had been planted virtually in the center of the sidewalk, and that those might need to be moved, or not replaced at all.

Haller had also said previously that he would keep the board of commissioners informed about the project's progress in future town manager's reports.

— R. Fulton

Enforcement/pool brings in over \$8,500

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Town code enforcement generated more than \$8,580 in June, including \$1,330 brought in by parking meters.

Parking tickets yielded \$1,750 in fines. Vehicular citations were issued for overtime parking (156), parking at a yellow curb (6) and parking on the wrong side of the road (19).

Three citations in June were issued for abandoned vehicles and eight for excessive grass and weeds.

Pool admission fees brought in \$5,251.

— R. Fulton

DUI pursued by bicycling officers

EMMITSBURG, Md. — A Rocky Ridge resident was charged with driving under the influence following a pursuit by officers on bicycles July 20.

Arrested was Jeffrey Benton Fox, 25, who was transported by police to be booked in Frederick.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office stated that deputies were patrolling on bicycle when they observed an individual who appeared to be staggering. Before they could approach the man, the suspect had entered his vehicle, exited a parking lot, and ran a stop sign, according to police.

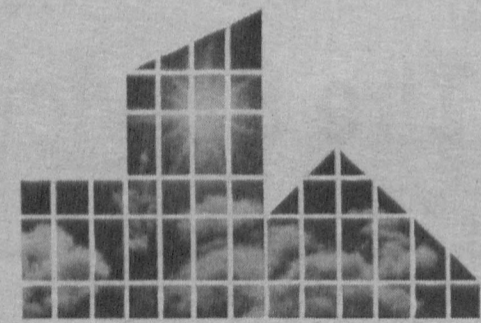
Sheriff's office spokesperson Jennifer Bailey said the incident occurred in the area of Federal Avenue and East Lincoln Avenue.

According to the police report released by the sheriff's office, Fox initially ignored the officers' directives to pull over, "but decided to pull over when a deputy rode beside him and informed him that they had his tag number and could have a patrol car stop him."

Fox was later released on \$5,000 bond.

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REGIONAL NEWS

Thurmont marine killed in Iraq

BY JAMES RADA JR.
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THURMONT, Md. — Marine Lance Cpl. James Willard Higgins Jr. always wanted to earn his wings. He wanted to fly jets in the United States Air Force. When he served in the Civil Air Patrol, he was considered a natural-born flyer.

"He said flying was peaceful and like being a bird in the sky," said Higgins' mother, Deborah.

Higgins wanted to attend the Air Force Academy, but he wasn't sure he could get in the year he was ready to join the military. His desire to serve overrode his desire to fly. Higgins joined the Marines in April 2005.

He served his country for 15 months and last week, he finally earned his wings. Only they were angel wings.

Higgins, 22, was killed Thursday, July 27 in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was shot in the chest while providing security. Despite being flown to a surgical treatment center, he died at 12:50 p.m.

Deborah learned of her son's

death that evening. She was at her sister's house when friends called to tell her Marines were at the house to speak with her.

"I knew the protocol, but I just didn't want to believe it. I was in denial. I kept thinking maybe they're just going to tell me he can't come home, but when they asked me if I wanted to sit down, I knew," she said.

Higgins was scheduled to be home in Thurmont on Aug. 26. Deborah and her other two children, Joseph and Melinda, were going to fly to California to meet him on his return from Iraq from Aug. 14-19.

Higgins served with the Weapons Company 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division in Iraq since January. He received the Iraq Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, the Combat Action Ribbon and the Purple Heart.

"He was very proud to be a Marine. When he was 11, he wanted a flag for his birthday. He made sure to raise it every morning at 6 a.m.," Deborah said.

Higgins graduated from

Catoctin High School in 2003. Athletic Director Tom Sherald knew Higgins as a student and football player all through his high school years. "James was very serious, polite, extremely disciplined, clean cut and an all-around good kid. The qualities that made him a valuable asset to his team and school would have also made him valuable to the military."

Deborah wrote a note in her son's yearbook when he graduated, telling him that she was honored to be chosen to be his mother.

"He loved life. He loved being silly. He loved making people laugh," Deborah said.

The last time she spoke with her son was when they talked by phone for two hours on Sunday, July 23.

"He talked about how he loved his family and how he was looking forward to seeing us," Deborah said. He also told her, "Mom, if something happens to me, make sure I'm remembered."

Higgins' father is James Higgins Sr. of Elizabethtown, Pa.

Higgins' funeral will be at 11 a.m. at the Lynfield Events Complex at 10142 Hansonville Road in



Marine Lance Cpl. James W. Higgins, Jr., 22, of Thurmont, was killed during combat operations in Iraq on July 27. Higgins is the third area resident and the 52nd Maryland resident to be killed since the war began in 2003. Higgins funeral is at 11 a.m. on Aug. 4 at the Lynfield Events Complex. - Photo courtesy of the Higgins Family

Frederick. He will be buried with full military honors at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Frederick.

A benefit fund has been established in Higgins' name at the M&T Bank in Francis Scott Key Mall. Proceeds will be given to the

Catoctin High football program and the college expenses of Higgins' brother and sister.

Higgins is the third local serviceman to die in Iraq. Robert Seidel III died on May 18, 2006 and Erik Hayes died on Nov. 29, 2004.

Regional News Brief

THURMONT, Md. — Thurmont Commissioner Ron Terpko has been cleared of child abuse and second-degree assault charges, stemming from an incident involving his 13-year-old son Brandon, mailbox baseball, and what was either a slap or a punch on June 14.

After 42 days of national and international publicity saying that Terpko had been arrested for punching his son, the state's attorney's office dropped the child abuse charge on June 28 and the second-degree assault on July 24.

Officers at the scene had filed conflicting reports about how Terpko reacted after arriving home following his son's arrest. Terpko had refused to take a plea bargain on the charges, believing he was in the right.

State's Attorney Scott Rolle had said that the

conflicting statements would almost guarantee reasonable doubt in Terpko's case. In addition, Rolle noted that the law allows for a parent to use corporal punishment. The punishment did not injure Brandon, as shown in photos taken at the scene.

Concerned about how the case was handled, Terpko said, "Thank God, I had the opportunity to fight this and the media was looking into all aspects of it. What happens if you don't have that kind of attention on your case?"

Calling the system "broken," Terpko said he would like to see both the Thurmont Police and sheriff's office work with an independent investigator to determine what went wrong with the handling of his case.

"Five minutes of discussion between the officers could have avoided all this," Terpko said. — J. Rada



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Thurmont Challenger Little League



Thurmont Challengers pose before boarding the buses for Washington, D.C. The Thurmont team, sponsored by the Frederick Civitan, played the Challenger team from Shady Spring, W. Va. in the 15th one-inning game on the White House South Lawn.

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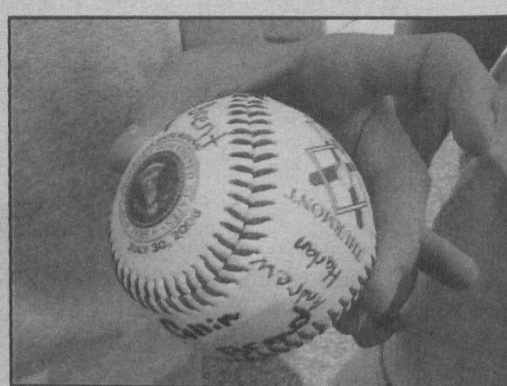
physically disabled children from ages 5-18. It is Little League's fastest-growing division, with more than 28,000 players in the U. S. and other countries.

"Challenger is a great opportunity for kids to do things like other kids do without too much pressure," said Nina Vitroff, who had three grandchildren - Brian, David and Richard Matthews - playing on the Thurmont team.

The Thurmont Challengers, sponsored by the Frederick Civitan, played the Challenger team from Shady Spring, W. Va. in the 15th one-inning game. The games have been held at the White House since 2001.

had a pre-game tour of the president's house.

"Jimmy kept asking, 'Is that the president? Is that the president?' He even asked some of the security people and others who were around, 'Are you the president?' It happened a number of times," said Angela Brittain, Jimmy's mother.



A Thurmont "buddy" holds a White House baseball autographed by members of the Thurmont Challengers team ready to be presented to the President.

The teams were selected by Little League International based on their proximity to Washington and the strength of their charter organizations.

The team left Thurmont on Saturday morning in two tour buses that had a police escort through town. At the White House, the team

Following the tour, the teams gathered on a specially built field on the White House South Lawn. No scores were kept and no runs or outs were counted. Every player on both teams batted once and played on defense for the one-inning game.

Jimmy was the very first batter. The crowd applauded as he stepped up to the ball that President Bush had placed on the tee to start the game.

He swung and missed.

Undeterred, he took another swing and hit the ball into the infield. He ran along with Brad Little to first base.

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Troy Baisey, 12, of the Thurmont Challengers slides into third base followed by two "buddies," volunteers who assist the mentally and physically handicapped team members, during the July 30 White House Tee Ball game on the South Lawn.

to help with running and fielding if needed.

As the players came to the plate, each was loudly cheered.

Robert Shaffer Jr. was the cleanup batter. In Challenger Little League that's the last batter. Standing uneasily without his walker, Robert hit the ball off the tee. He grabbed his walker and moved with relative speed from base to base as his hit was considered an in-field home run.

Robert, who had joked about trying not to break the White House windows when he hit, said after the game, "It was

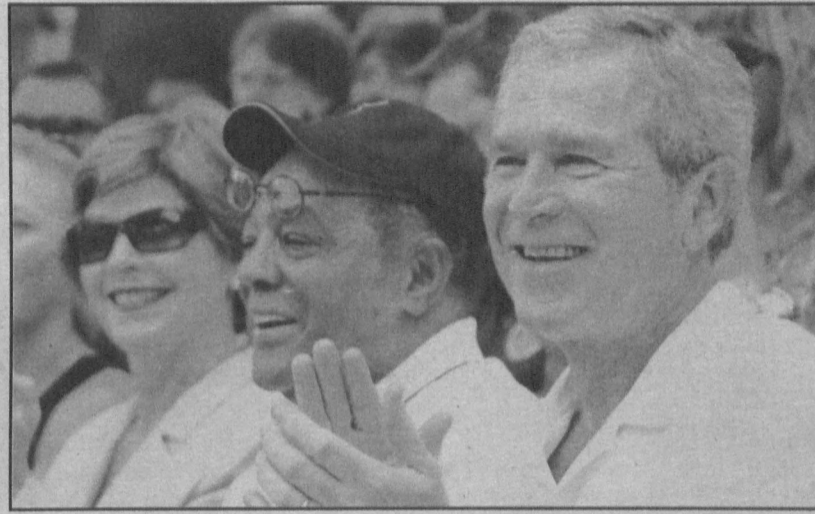
awesome. Just getting to play the game was great."

Once the Thurmont team had batted, they took to the field to deal with the Shady Spring batters.

Following the game, President Bush and Honorary Commissioner Willie Mays, a baseball legend, presented each player, buddy and coach with autographed baseballs and posed for pictures.

Jimmy was the first player to get his ball and picture taken and Brittain told this story about her son.

After all Jimmy's preparation for



President George W. Bush Jr. applauds players at the July 30 White House Tee Ball on the South Lawn games. Joining him were baseball Hall of Fame member, 75-year old Willie Mays, and First Lady Laura Bush. - White House by Paul Morse

the meeting, when he got back to the dugout, his mother asked him, "Jimmy, did you tell the president thank you?"

"That wasn't the real president," Jimmy said.

"Yes, it was, honey," Brittain said. Upset, to have missed his opportunity, Jimmy tried to run back to President Bush and thank him. His father stopped him.

Following the game, the teams enjoyed a picnic on the south lawn. President Bush didn't attend because he had to leave for another appointment on Marine One.

Some of the players went to watch him board the helicopter that had landed on the south lawn. As he climbed on board, Jimmy called out, "Thank you for the ball, Mr. President."

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BUSINESS

Cool coffee drinks at Cool Beans

BY JAMES RADA JR.
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THURMONT, Md. — Rich Little believes the time has come that an upscale coffee shop can be a success in Thurmont and he is hoping that Cool Beans on West Main Street will be that shop.

Decorated in red, brown and gold with dim lights and streetlight lamps, couches and tables, Cool Beans definitely tries to set the mood.

"I think when they come through the entrance, I want them to feel like they are walking on an avenue by a street side café," Little said.

Located next to Leo's Gameroom, Cool Beans will open in late August with daily hours from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

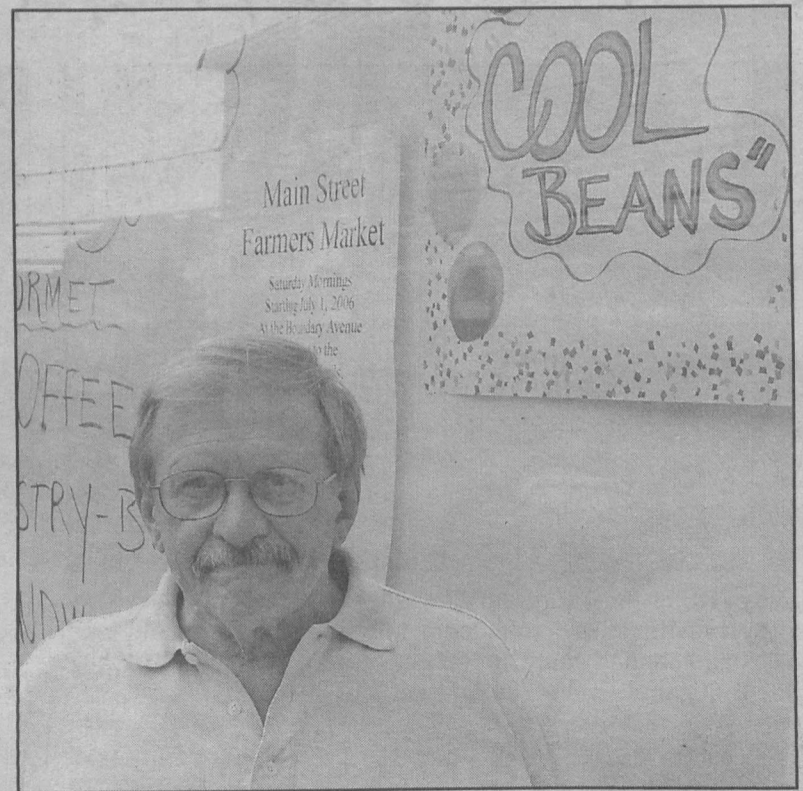
Cool Beans not only will sell gourmet coffees and coffee drinks, but customers can buy their own beans to grind for fresh coffee. Customers will also find chai tea and fresh made sandwiches and salads. Homemade breads, pastries and bagels will also be for sale.

"I think folks are craving this now," Little said. "Five years ago this never could have worked here."

But now he sees successful coffee houses in Taneytown and Emmitsburg and says that Cool Beans can be just as successful in Thurmont. The town's planning and zoning survey last year found that nearly 73 percent of town residents favored having a coffee shop/bakery/tea room in town.

"The town has a whole different, diverse bunch of people who are used to having this kind of service," Little said.

Little is familiar with running a business in Thurmont. He owned the Little Creek Side Café



-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

Thurmont will get an upscale coffee house on West Main Street later this month when Cool Beans opens. Rich Little plans to sell coffee drinks, tea, sandwiches and salads. He also plans to host live music in the future.

for more than seven years. He is also working with Vickie Grinder, Thurmont's Main Street manager, who has assisted him with décor and marketing suggestions.

"As we go on, I hope to have

somebody in here on Friday, Saturday nights to play guitar and entertain folks," Little said.

Cool Beans will also have wireless Internet service for up to 30 computers.

Structural Systems' employees earn P.E. certification

THURMONT, Md. — John Buffet and Doug Ogden have become the third and fourth professional engineers at Structural Systems, a building components manufacturer and distributor.

Buffet, an employee since 2001, graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in civil engineering. Before joining Structural Systems, he was a project manager with Craftmark Homes.

Ogden, an employee since 2000, graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in chemical engineering. Before joining Structural Systems, he was an estimator with NVR.

Both Buffet and Ogden took the professional engineering exam in April. The exam is an 8-hour comprehensive test covering many topics. Examinees must demonstrate superior knowledge based on academics and work experience.

-J.Rada



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Scholarships and golf tournament honor local soldier

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
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Above: West Point photo of 1st Lt. Robert A. Seidel III; Top right of page: Seidel in Iraq.

FREDERICK, Md. — The Community Foundation of Frederick County announced in July the 1st Lt. Robert A. Seidel III Memorial Scholarship Fund, named for the 23-year old soldier killed May 18 near Baghdad, Iraq.

A 1st Lt. Robert A. Seidel III Memorial Golf Tournament has been scheduled by the CFFC for Oct. 27, beginning at 10 a.m. at Maple Run Golf Course in Thurmont, to help raise money for the scholarship fund.

Seidel's family, including parents Robert and Sandra Seidel, and brother Stephen, all currently living in Gettysburg, had asked that memorial contributions be made to the CFFC to establish the fund.

Scholarships will be awarded annually to

Catoctin High School graduating seniors who "exhibit academic promise, have participated in at least one varsity sport during their senior year, demonstrate an outstanding record of community service, and are active in their faith," according to the CFFC.

For additional information on the scholarship, contact the CFFC at (301) 695-7660, or visit the Web site at www.cffredco.org. Contributions to the fund may be made by checks payable to and sent to the Community Foundation of Frederick County, 312 East Church Street, Frederick, MD 21702 with "1st Lt. Robert A. Seidel III Memorial Scholarship" written in the check's memo line, or by Visa or MasterCard through the foundation's web site.

The golf tournament entry fee will be \$75 per person for a foursome, which includes a tournament t-shirt and a pizza dinner at Lawyer's Barn in Graceham. Prizes are planned for the longest drive, closest to the pin,

straightest drive and 18-hole best ball scramble. Hole sponsorship is also available at \$100 per hole.

Registration and sponsorship forms are due no later than Oct. 13, and are available from David Giannini at (240) 405-0679 (dgiannini@serviceglass.com), or can be downloaded from the CFFC Web site at www.cffredco.org/press_releases/2006/seidel_golf_tournament.htm.

Seidel was originally from Emmitsburg, was an altar boy for St. Joseph's Catholic Church and served as a high school representative for the parish counsel. He played football and baseball for CHS, played in the Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball League when he was younger, and graduated from CHS in 2000. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 2004, the first Emmitsburg resident to do so.



The second area resident to die in the Iraq War since it officially began in March 2003, Seidel was killed May 18 near Baghdad, when an improvised explosive device detonated, striking the Humvee in which Seidel's patrol was riding. Three other soldiers were also killed in the incident.

Seidel was buried May 29, Memorial Day, with full military honors in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church cemetery next to the basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

The CFFC, established in 1986 to promote local philanthropy and charitable giving, manages more than 550 charitable funds that award grants and scholarships. More than half of the foundation's funds were established in memory of deceased friends or family members.

Catoctin High grads receive first David C. Ford Memorial Fund scholarships

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

Seth Dorcus and Matthew Santos, 2006 Catoctin High School graduates, have received two of three scholarships awarded this year from The David C. Ford Memorial Fund. The fund was established with The Community Foundation of Frederick County by Ford's parents, Terri Lancaster of Gaithersburg and David R. Ford of Walkersville, in memory of their son who died in a car accident in 2005. The fund

awards scholarships to Walkersville or Catoctin High School graduates who demonstrate talent and creativity and are planning further education in fields such as music, art, computer graphics, and software and or site design. Ford, a junior at Walkersville High at the time of his death, was known for his interests in art, music, writing, and software and Web site design.

Dorcus has been accepted at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. Santos, a drummer and music theory student, plans to study

at Frederick Community College and hopes eventually to become a recording/sound engineer in the music industry. Their awards were first announced at the CHS senior awards convocation on June 5. The third Ford scholarship recipient is Gregory Fiumara, a 2006 Walkersville High School graduate.

For information on this fund and other scholarships and grants available through The Community Foundation of Frederick County, call (301) 695-7660 or visit www.cffredco.org.

Thurmont area schools assigned new assistant principals

THURMONT, Md. — Frederick County Public Schools announced new principal and assistant principal assignments for the 2006-2007 school year.

Terri Zigler will be the new assistant principal for Thurmont Elementary School.

Nancy Boyenton is moving from the Jefferson School to Catoctin High as assistant principal.

Arthur Fairweather will replace Brian Vasquez as an assistant principal at Thurmont Middle.

At Lewistown Elementary, Amy Schweigerath will serve as acting principal while Kelly Benvengi is on extended leave.

Sunora Knill, returning from leave, will become an assistant principal at Lewistown.

Candice Evans will be the new assistant principal of New Midway/Woodsboro. — J.Rada

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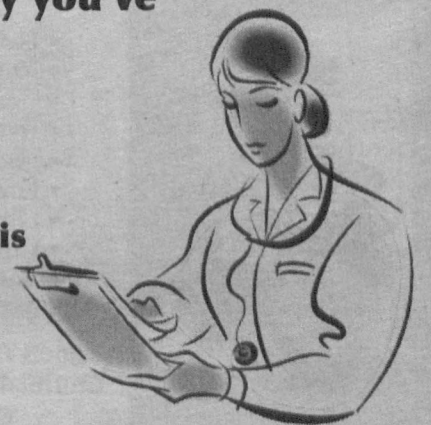
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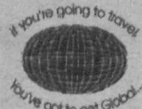
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Aug. 4-6 - "Seussical the Musical." 2 p.m., 7 p.m., High-energy musical that benefits the Adams County Arts Council and Hanover Public Library's Youth Services Division. Tickets \$10-12, New Oxford High School auditorium, Gettysburg, 717-334-5006, info@adamsarts.org.

Aug. 7-11 - "Hip-Hop Aesop." Enjoy the 12th season of the Adams County Traveling Children's Theater Troupe live family production. Music and audience participation characterize this free family production staged annually by a group of young actors. Performances: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Aug. 7 at Gettysburg Recreation Park; 4 p.m. on Aug. 8 at YWCA; 7 p.m. on Aug. 9 at Oakside Community Park; 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 10 at Drummer Boy Camping Resort; 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 11 at East Berlin Community Center, 717-334-5006.

Saturdays in 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.

the park's Amphitheater off Long Lane. Sponsored by the Gettysburg Area Recreation Department.

Aug. 11 - The Basement Coffee House. 7 p.m. Free live music, snacks and refreshments. Elias Lutheran Church, 100 W North Ave., Emmitsburg.

Aug. 13 - C. B. Pickers. 7-8 p.m. in the park's Amphitheater off Long Lane. Sponsored by the Gettysburg Area Recreation Department.

Aug. 27 - The Alesia Band. 6 p.m. Thurmont Memorial Park, Thurmont.

Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

Through Aug. 27 - "Another Class Act". Reception Aug. 5 from 3-5 p.m. The Delaplaine Visual Arts Center exhibit of student-faculty work created by the center's instructors and their students, from children to adults. 40 S. Carroll St., Frederick. 301-698-0656.

Through Aug. 31 - Frederick's Camera Clique Photographic Competition. Frederick Community College, Mary Condon Hodgson Art Gallery, 7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick. 301-846-2513. www.frederick.edu.

Concerts

Saturdays in 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.

Aug. 5 - Soleil. 1-5 p.m. Free outdoor concert by a local band that offers funk, fusion, jazz and folk music. Adams County Winery, 251 Peachtree Road, Orrtanna, 717-334-4631.

Aug. 5 - "Candlelight at Christ Church." 8 p.m. Songs and stories of a Civil War hospital with live music, history, poetry and readings. Free. Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30 Chambersburg St., Gettysburg, 717-334-5212.

Aug. 6 - Orrtanna. 7-8 p.m. in

Festivals

Aug. 5 - "Saber and Roses Civil War Heritage Festival." Noon - 10 p.m. Visit the Landon House mansion and walk the grounds where J.E.B. Stuart hosted his famous ball right before the Battle of Antietam. Then get ready for a full day of Civil War music and end the night with musical group Johnny Reb and the Lost Cause who will perform their full rock opera, "Sabers and Roses," on the front porch of Landon. Tickets - \$5-10. Landon House, 3401 Urbana Pike, Urbana. 301-831-1126.

Aug. 24-27 - Gettysburg Bluegrass Festival. All-day event. More than 30 bands, many top performers will appear in this well-

known festival. Main stage and workshop performances during the four days. Tickets range from \$20 - \$125. Granite Hill Campground, 717-642-8749.

Stage

Through Aug. 13 - "Sylvia." Tickets, \$23-30. Greg and Kate have moved to Manhattan after raising their family in the suburbs. When Greg brings home a dog he found at the park - or that has found him - with the name "Sylvia" on her nametag, a tug-of-war for Greg's affection begins. Totem Pole Playhouse. Caledonia State Park, 9555 Golf Course Road, Fayetteville, Pa. 888-805-7056, www.totempoleplayhouse.org.

Aug. 15-27 - "Forever Plaid." Tickets, \$25-32. Back by popular demand. Capture those golden days of the 50s, through the Plaids, a quartet of handsome young singers, reviving such favorites as "Love is a Many Splendored Thing," "Rags to Riches" and "Three Coins in the Fountain." Totem Pole Playhouse. Caledonia State Park, 9555 Golf Course Road, Fayetteville, Pa. 888-805-7056, www.totempoleplayhouse.org.

Aug. 18, 19, 25, 26 - "Ruthless." 8 p.m. Unwilling to settle as the understudy for the leading role in a school play, youngster Tina Denmark, knocks off her classmate and begins her ascent toward stardom, aided by an overbearing talent agent and a cast of campy characters. Maryland Ensemble Theatre, 31 W. Patrick St., Frederick. 301-694-4744.

Through Aug. 26 - "Fiddler on the Roof." In the little village of Anatevka, Tevye, a poor dairyman, tries to instill in his five daughters the traditions of his tight-knit Jewish community in the face of changing social thought and growing anti-Semitism in Czarist Russia. Tickets \$13-38. Way Off Broadway Dinner Theater, 5 Willowdale Drive, Willowtree Plaza, Frederick. 301-662-6600, www.wayoffbroadway.com.

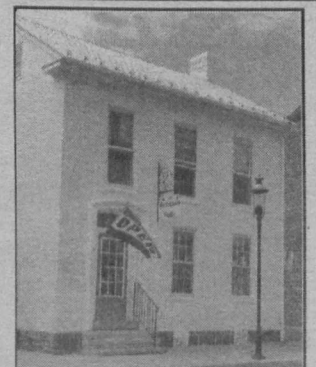
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(age 2 with an adult)
Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Pre-school Storytime

(ages 3-5 with an adult)
Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31 at 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

(all ages)
Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30 at 7 p.m.

Global Groove

(ages 5 and older)
Travel with Sneaks to learn about cultures from around the world.
Aug. 4 at 3:30 p.m. Registration required.

Children's Programs

Oak and Acorns Book Club

(grades 4-6 with adult of child's choice)
Read and discuss non-fiction.
Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Board Games

(ages 6 and up/under 8 with an adult)

Play chess and other board games with friends.

Aug. 11 and 25 from 3:15-4:45 p.m.

"Did You Know?" series

(ages 6-12)
Fitness fun with Teri Lowry, health and exercise director at Hagerstown YMCA.

Aug. 12 at 11 a.m. Registration required.

Storytime at ThorpeWood

(ages 3-5)
Monthly preschool story program at ThorpeWood Environmental Center, hosted by Thurmont and Emmitsburg libraries. Directions: www.thorpewood.org or (301) 271-2823.

Aug. 17 from 1-2 p.m. Registration required.

Clue into Reading - Finale!

(all ages)
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For Teens

Animé Club

(grades 6-12)
Movie, card games and other activities. Co-sponsored by Emmitsburg and Thurmont Libraries.

Aug. 11 at 6 p.m.

SF/Fantasy Book Club

(teens & up)
Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. Stop by the desk to pick up the current selection.

Adult Programs

Leaving a Legacy: Writing About Your Life

(adults)
Join this unique writing group to pass on legacy stories to future generations.
Aug. 7 at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday Evening Book Club

Aug. 8 at 7:30 p.m. "The Mermaid Chair" by Sue Monk Kidd.

Non-fiction Book Club

Aug. 10 at 1 p.m. "Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim" by David Sedaris.

Knitting Circle

(adults and teens)
Aug. 17 at 4 p.m.

Genealogy Focus Group

(adults and teens)
Aug. 24 at 7 p.m.

Programs, unless otherwise noted, are held at the Emmitsburg Library in the Community Center on Seton Avenue. Registration or information: (240) 629-6329.

Senior Events

It's August so we've got more heat and humidity to cope with and summer storm watches on a daily basis. The center is gently air-conditioned, so come and be comfortable with us. Our **Meeting Day** is early this month, on **Aug. 10**. There's a public **Night Card Party** on **Aug. 23**; doors open at 5:30 p.m. Our bowling group is still growing; join us on Monday afternoons. Don't forget our men's pool tournament which continues every Wednesday at 1 p.m. We're planning a **Fall Bazaar** in **September**; watch this column and the calendar for the date.

The seniors encourage all eligible persons (50 years and older) to join them for regular program activities and special events. Our lunch program is open to those 60 and older. The center is lovely and the "natives" are friendly! Check us out!

Bowling: Mondays at Taneytown bowling center. Carpool; meet at center at 12:30 p.m.

Strength Training & Conditioning: Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. Dress comfortably; wear athletic shoes. Participants will use small weights. Led by Linda Stultz.

Bingo: Aug. 16 and 30.

Cards, 500, and Bridge Group: Aug. 9 and 23.

Canasta & Pinochle: Fridays at 12:30 p.m.

Shopping at Jubilee Foods: Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

Frederick Shopping: Second Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.

Programs are held in the Community Center on South Seton Avenue. Call for lunch reservations 24 hours in advance. The Senior Center will close whenever county offices are closed. To register for special events or for information, call program coordinator Linda Umbel, (240) 629-6350.

Emmitsburg Food Bank needs donations

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

The Emmitsburg Food Bank is experiencing a "summer slump" in food donations at the same time that requests for assistance have increased.

The rise in applications for food may be due in part to summer vacation from school. Families whose income qualifies their children for free or reduced-price breakfast and lunch at school cannot rely on that resource during the summer. The food bank regularly purchases hamburger, hot dogs, and bread to distribute to its clients, and has begun to buy peanut butter this summer as well.

Manager Phyllis Kelly is appealing to Emmitsburg's

"generous givers" to come forward with donations of the following items: cereal, canned fruit, juice, dry milk, tuna, canned meat/Spam, spaghetti sauce and pasta, peanut butter and jelly. Paper products, soap, and other miscellaneous food items are welcome, and fresh vegetables from the garden make a nutritious donation. A refrigerator is available for seasonal perishable items.

Donations can be dropped off at all local churches or at the food bank, 502 E. Main Street. The food bank is open Tuesday and Wednesday 7-8 p.m., Friday 1-2 p.m., and Saturday 10-11 a.m.

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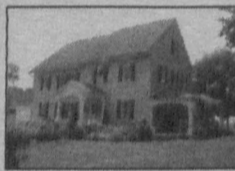
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Aug. 3 - Day of Prayer for Peace through Conversion. Our Lady's Grotto, Emmitsburg. 10:30 a.m. talk and Rosary; Noon Mass; 2:45 p.m. Holy Hour and Benediction.

Aug. 4 - Thurmont Family Movie. 8:30 p.m. Guardian Hose Company Carnival Grounds. "Shark Tale." Free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Refreshments available from the GHC, proceeds to support the GHC building fund.

Aug. 5 - Blessing Day. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mountain View Ministries, 103 Apples Church Road, Thurmont. Free clothing for children and adults, toys, books, household items, tools, etc. Information: (301) 271-9088 or (301) 271-2380.

Aug. 5 - Booksigning. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. St Peter's Bookstore, 101-2 Silo Hill Road, Emmitsburg. Prof. Courtenay Bartholomew. On Sunday, Aug. 6 Prof. Bartholomew will talk about his latest book, "The Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary" following the 3 p.m. Marian prayer group at Lynfield Event Complex, Frederick. Admission: \$10. Information: (301) 447-1901.

Aug. 5 - Crab Feed - all you can eat. Doors open at 5 p.m., eat from 6 - 8 p.m. Graceham Fire Hall, Thurmont. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at door, 12 and under free. Tickets: (240) 315-2003 or (301) 271-2000

Aug. 5 - "Praying with the Heart," Mass and Spiritual Conference. 6 p.m. Our Lady's Grotto, Emmitsburg. Conducted by Father Stephen Valenta, OFM. Conv.

Aug. 6 - 7th Jacob Hahn Family Reunion. Begins at 11 a.m. Mt. Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge. Group picture taken at 12:30 p.m. Activities and special entertainment.

Aug. 7-15 - Annual Novena in Honor of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 7 p.m. nightly. Our Lady's Grotto, Emmitsburg. Conducted by the Franciscans of the Primitive Order.

Aug. 11 - Catoctin High School Class of 1983 get together. Begins at 7 p.m. Ott House, Emmitsburg. For more information, call (301) 271-4585.

Aug. 11 - Pre-Teen Pool Party. 7-9 p.m. Emmitsburg Pool.

Aug. 12 - Mt. Bethel U. M. Annual Picnic. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, on Stottlemeyer Road near Foxville. In the picnic woods, adjacent to the church. Entertainment by the Yellow Springs Band.

Aug. 13 - Grace United Church of Christ Snip-it. 40 West Baltimore Street, Taneytown. Honoring the church's 250th anniversary. A lawn fete in addition to the service. Information: (410) 756-2302.

Aug. 13 - Second year anniversary, Taneytown History Museum. 1-5 p.m. 24 E. Baltimore Street, Taneytown. Local author, Daniel D. Hartzler will sign his book, "The Carroll County Maryland Baseball, Men's Amateur and Semi-Pro Baseball from 1850-1999." Free admission; refreshments. A return engagement of the world renowned photographer Michael L. Smith is also planned. Information: (410) 756-4234.

Aug. 14-18 - Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company Carnival. Mt. Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge. Entertainment: Monday 8/14 - CB Pickers (Bluegrass), Tuesday 8/15 - Tall In The Saddle (Country), Wednesday 8/16 - Paul Ledford & Traditional Country (Parade at 7 p.m.), Thursday 8/17 - Roll The Dice (Classic Rock), Friday 8/18 - Country Plus Band, Saturday 8/19 - Hat Creek Country.

Aug. 19 - Strawberry Hill Nature Center Community Day. Strawberry Hill Nature Center, 1537 Mount Hope Road, Fairfield, Pa. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. 20th anniversary celebration. Family activities, educational programs, door prizes, celebratory cake. Free. Co-hosted by Fairfield HS student Cortney Farace, for her senior project.

Aug. 21 - Emmitsburg Area Historical Society. 7 p.m. Community Center, Emmitsburg.

Aug. 23 - Cacophonous Katydid Walk. 7-8:30 p.m. Strawberry Hill Nature Center, 1537 Mount Hope Road, Fairfield, Pa. Come hear the concert by resident musicians: katydids, long-horned grasshoppers and a few guest artists. Register by Aug. 22: members, free; non-members \$3. For adults and children 7 and older. Information: (717) 642-5840 or visit www.strawberryhill.org.

Aug. 23-27 - Back to School Tax-Free Shopping. UpCounty Family Center, Emmitsburg. Call for information: (301) 447-2810.

Aug. 25 - Family Pool Party. 7-9 p.m. Emmitsburg Pool. Featuring Pink'n & Grin'n entertainment.

Aug. 26 - Catoctin High School Class of 2001 five-year reunion. 6 p.m. to midnight, Thurmont American Legion. Social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., followed by dancing and entertainment. Cost for graduate and one guest: \$25. Please RSVP and send \$25 admission to Penny (Eyler) Stonesifer by Aug. 7. Information: call Penny at (301) 447-6864. Send payment to 1002 Flat Run Court, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Aug. 27 - ThorpeWood Community Dinner. 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. ThorpeWood Environmental Center, Thurmont. Recycling and how you can help.

Sept. 4 - Annual Labor Day Festival. Noon - 5 p.m. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish, Church Street, Thurmont. Live music by the Home Comfort Bluegrass Band, bingo, white elephant sale, bake sale, raffle, country store and kiddie games. Adults: \$10; children 6-12 \$5; 5 and under free.

Sept. 8 and 9 - Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show. Catoctin High School.

Sept. 30 - Second Annual Color Your Night Pink 1960s Sock Hop. 6 p.m. to midnight. American Legion in Gettysburg. Sponsored by Adams County Breast Cancer Coalition. Call (717) 339-2018.

Vacation Bible school

Aug. 7 to 11 - Mountain View Ministries. 103 Apples Church Road, Thurmont. 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for pre-school to sixth grade children. Pre-registration recommended. Children will enjoy Bible crafts and games, experience Bible stories, along with snacks and music. Information: (301) 271-3170, (301) 271-9088, or (301) 271-2380.

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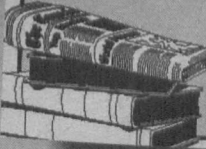
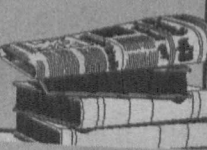
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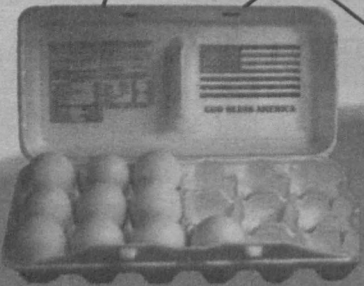
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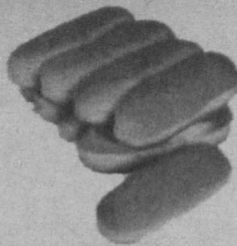
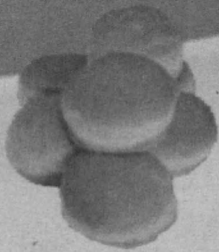
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