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Community Show 50 years old and still going strong

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THURMONT, Md. — Though Thurmont and Emmitsburg have grown over the last 50 years, their roots remain rural. Nothing demonstrates that better than the continued popularity of the community show, which celebrated 50 years on Sept. 8-10.

At the first Thurmont Community Show in 1957, 394 exhibits competed for \$155 in premiums.

"At our first show, we probably had less than 100 people attend.

...In 1969, we moved to Catocin High and the show really grew," said Rodman Myers, president of the show committee.

For the 2006 Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show, over 3,000 exhibits competed for \$9,000 in premiums.

The highlight of the opening evening events was the introduction of the past chapter sweethearts and ambassadors. They came from as far away as North Carolina to be a part of the show.

Becky Myers Linton, the 1957 chapter sweetheart, said, "I

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-JAY BALLENGER / THE DISPATCH

Photo at right: Shelby Hahn, Sabillasville, poses with Daysland Acre Abigail (Abby), a milking shorthorn, before entering the cow in the Supreme Champions Competition at the Community Show Sept. 10. More than 750 exhibits were also included at the 50th annual event.

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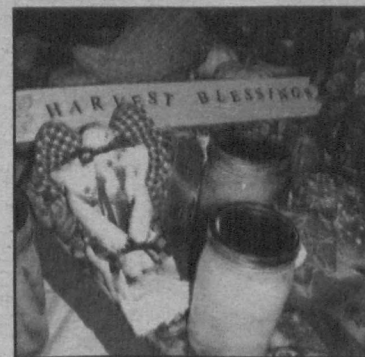
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Runkle files print shop-related lawsuit

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — David and Donna Runkle (Custom Image Printing) have filed a collective \$2.7 million lawsuit against former commissioner Arthur Elder, Chronicle Press Inc. co-owner Lisa Elder, property owner Jim Hess and Commissioner William B. O'Neil Jr.

The Runkles' attorney notified the Runkles on Sept. 5 that a lawsuit had been filed in state district court. (See related story, "Lawsuit likely to follow dismissal of bankruptcy complaint" in the Nov. 17, 2005, issue of *The Dispatch*.)

In summary, the six counts listed in the 15-page complaint range from abuse of governmental authority to contractual issues relating to the Runkles' acquisition of Chronicle Press from its previous owner Arthur

Elder. Specific allegations vary according to the defendants.

Chronicle Press, under Runkle ownership, filed for bankruptcy in 2003. David Runkle claimed that the enterprise failed due largely to complications created by Arthur Elder. The Runkles say that after they sold the building to Hess, he breached their contract of sale.

Regarding Lisa Elder's involvement, she and Christopher Price ultimately acquired Chronicle

Press from Arthur Elder. The Runkles allege that Lisa Elder provided false information to Hess, leading to his alleged breach of contract with Runkle, and further, that she interfered with Custom Image Printing operations.

The Runkles allege O'Neil abused his authority as a commissioner and attempted to influence town staff into investigating

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Annexation granted conditional approval

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — In spite of a lack of applicants or representatives at the Sept. 11 Emmitsburg East Industrial Park (EEIP) Phase II annexation hearing, the board of commissioners unanimously approved that the proposed site become part of the town.

When asked if the board

could legally proceed with the hearing without the applicants present, town Attorney John R. Clapp advised the board that they could proceed, and could make a decision.

EEIP Phase II would be located on a 39-acre site, known as the "Waybright property," east of U.S. 15 off Creamery Road, owned by Emmitsburg brothers Sheridan "Dan" E. Reaver Jr. and Gregory Reaver. The Reavers also own EEIP Phase I located on Creamery

Way; and the Emmitsburg Glass Company is now located in their new facility on Creamery Court. The board also denied EEIP's request for an extension on when town real estate taxes would go

into effect, voting unanimously to impose taxation in a year following the annexation approval.

Conditions on the EEIP

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Community Unity Day overlooked

Many of your readers in Gettysburg were upset that *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* chose to cover the Ku Klux Klan Rally at the National Military Park on September 2 but failed to report on Community Unity Day, which went on simultaneously at the Gettysburg Recreation Park. Planned as an alternative to the Klan Rally, Unity Day attracted at least 900 people, despite rainy Saturday weather.

Those who deal with hate groups on a regular basis tell us that the best response to a white supremacist incursion into a community is to plan alternative events and thus send a strong, clear message that "Hate has no home here." There was certainly the message delivered by Community Unity Day, sponsored by 12 community organizations, two colleges, and a host of business donors.

In the end, we might even say that the Klan did us a favor, for their visit has inspired follow-up unity programs, which will further bring together members of the Gettysburg community in an ongoing struggle against racism and divisiveness of all kinds.

- Janet M. Powers
Gettysburg, Pa.

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.

September 7, 1906

Our Local Post Office

It is doubtful if one citizen in a hundred in this town has any adequate conception of the amount of mail received, distributed or sent from Emmitsburg in the course of a single month.

The figures below will give idea of what a busy post office this town has and will accentuate the need for better railroad mail facilities.

Number of pieces of mail carried by R.F. D. carriers for the month of June 1906, 26,608. Estimated number of pieces of mail handled in the office outside of R.F.D. carriers, 14,000.

Sold during the month of June, 3,479 one cent stamps, 23,826 two cent stamps, 1,257 postal cards. During August, slowest month of the year, 3,086 postal cards, 3,000 one cent stamps, 8,739 two cent stamps, 1,421 envelopes.

Of the above number of pieces handled by rural carriers, carrier No. 12 handled 18,241 pieces. The number of money orders issued during the month of June was 125; number of money orders paid, 76; number of letters registered 50; number of registers delivered 158.

Affairs of Interest

Do not fail to go to see Helen K. Hoke's fine line of millinery. Everything that is new and stylish in Fall and Winter Hats and Bonnets. Up to date, ready-to wear hats; fifty trimmed hats to select from. Priced reasonable.

Mr. Hemler has had the Emmitt House bus repainted and repaired.

Mr. George Stouter, who owns the well-known Stouter Peach farm, sent to this office a basket of large and particularly fine peaches.

The Misses Lucy and Mamie Rider have purchased the property, that formerly belonged to the Rider heirs, from Albert Bowling for \$500.

Charles R. Hoke and Charles B. Ashbaugh have been appointed clerks of election for the first precinct of this district, and Clarence E. McCarren and Robert Hockensmith for the second.

Last Sunday the members of the Lutheran congregation, of this place, celebrated their annual Harvest Home Service. The Church was tastefully decorated with fruits and grains and appropriate music was sung by the choir.

Fairfield Items

The public schools were opened on Monday last.

Mr. Daniel Sanders is still confined to the house with illness.

The condition of Mrs. J.J. Reindollar has alarmed her friends. She still continues to suffer greatly.

September 17, 1906

Straw Ride and
Surprise Party

Last week a large party of young people took a straw ride to Fairfield where they were delightfully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. George McGlaughlin.

The people who made up the party were: Mrs. Hardagan, the Misses Emma, Etta and Mary Hardagan, Nora, Mary and Annie Eyer, Annie Adams, Carrie Saunders, Gertrude Rosensteel, Carrie Cook, Rose Ott an Messrs. George Rosensteel, Clarence Saunders, John and Robert Eyer, Charles Miller, John and Harry Hardagan, Irvin Miller and Joseph Eyer.

Record Breaker

The summer just ended has been the rainiest ever recorded. Almost 23 inches of rain fell in the months of June, July and August. In 1905 the total rainfall in Philadelphia was 11.13 inches.

The clear days, as they are styled by the weather bureau, could be counted on the fingers. This peculiar condition of summer weather has been rather disastrous to fruit and vegetables growers. Large crops of potatoes were rotted in the ground. The crop at Fairfield is only half and that not of the best quality. Cabbage has been damaged, watermelons and cantaloupes were practically worthless, and fruit of all kinds, especially peaches, has been impaired seriously by the continued wet weather.



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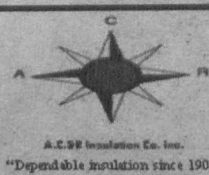
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Lawsuit

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Runkle's operations.

David Runkle was also one of the complainants who triggered

the 2005 ethics investigation that concluded with O'Neil and Elder being found by the ethics commissions to have violated the town ethics code.

The complaints:

Tortious interference with contractual relations: Donna Runkle against Art Elder and Lisa Elder, \$200,000 in compensatory damages and \$300,000 in punitive damages, with interest and costs.

Tortious interference with prospective advantage: against Lisa Elder, \$200,000 in compensatory damages and \$300,000 in punitive damages, with interest and costs.

Tortious interference with prospective advantage: Donna Runkle against William B. O'Neil Jr., Arthur Elder, jointly and severally, \$200,000 in compensatory damages, and \$300,000 in punitive damages with interest and costs.

Malicious use of process: David Runkle against William B. O'Neil Jr., Arthur Elder and Lisa Elder, jointly and severally, \$200,000 in compensatory damages and \$300,000 in punitive damages with interest and costs.

Civil conspiracy: David and Donna Runkle against William B. O'Neil Jr., Arthur Elder and Lisa Elder, jointly and severally, \$200,000 in compensatory damages and \$300,000 in punitive damages with interest and costs.

Breach of contract: Donna Runkle against James Hess: \$200,000 in compensatory damages, with interest and costs.



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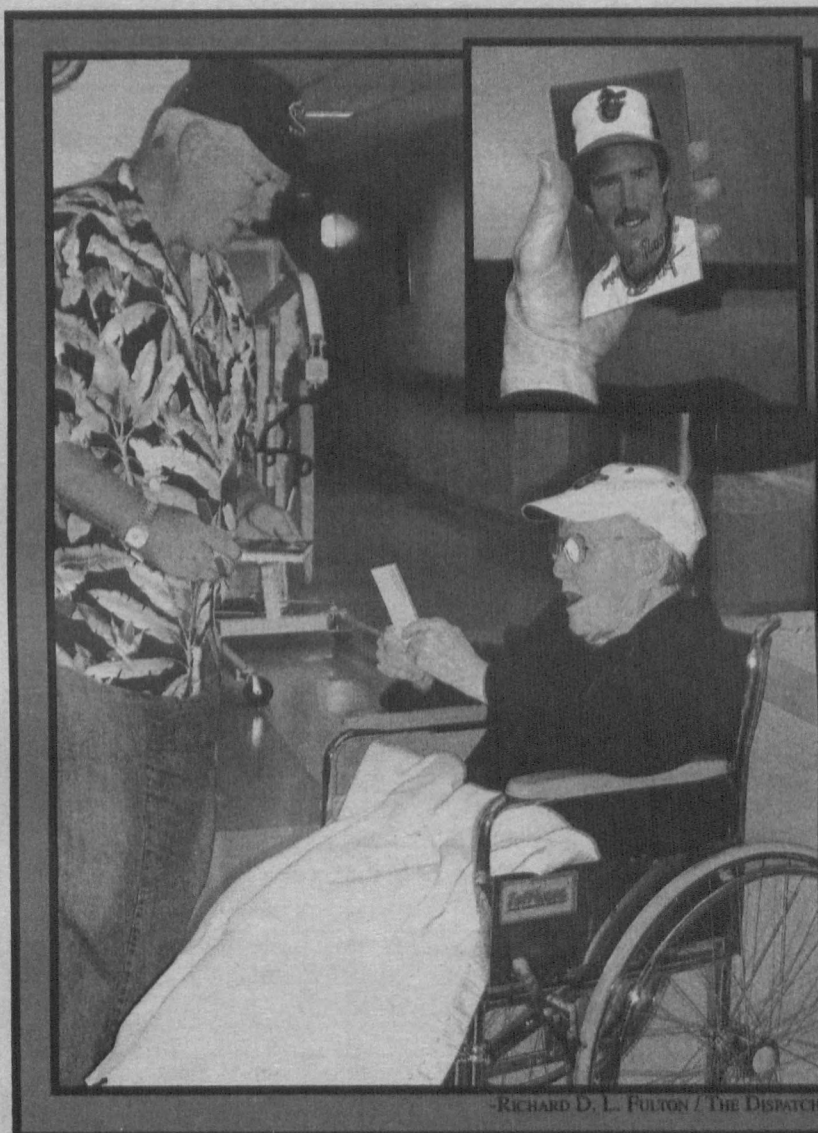
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Former Orioles pitcher visits St. Vincent's

Retired Baltimore Orioles pitcher Scott McGregor presents an autographed photo (insert) to long-time fan Sister Winifred McKay Sept. 15 at the St. Vincent Care Center, Emmitsburg. A number of the retired sisters who are still fans of the "Os" attended the event. Annie Wantz, activity director at St. Vincent said the resident fans "have always wanted to meet a member of the team."



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'Global Warming hysteria'

Publisher's Note: In the Aug. 17 issue of *The Dispatch*, contributing writer William Meredith expressed an opinion about global warming in his column "Doing something about the weather." The column provoked a letter from a Sabillasville resident, which appeared in our Sept. 7 issue, and an opinion from our news editor, Richard Fulton, which did not run due to space constraints. There is strong opinion on both sides of the global warming issue. Part of this publication's mission is to present varying opinion in an effort to promote community dialogue. The opinion that follows is that of Mr. Fulton.

"Global warming syndrome" has worked its way up over the past two decades or so to become one of the top "environmentalist" fads to come on board since the "global cooling syndrome" of the 1970s faded into oblivion, rivaling even second-hand smoke phobia.

Unfortunately, the media rarely invests the time to take a serious look at the claims made by generally self-proclaimed activists on potentially hysteria-driven environmental issues.

Scientific support?

The first thing one wants to do when promulgating a cause is to claim most of the authorities are on your side. In Bill Meredith's column "Retired Ecologist" in the Aug. 17 issue of *The Dispatch*, "Doing something about the weather," he writes, "The last doubters in the scientific community had conceded

defeat by about 10 years ago ... scientific opinion now is virtually unanimous that global warming is real, and that human activities are responsible for it."

In fact scientific support over the past ten years has diminished and hardly constitutes a "virtually unanimous" number among the supporters.

William Gray, head of Colorado State University's Tropical Meteorology Project told Discover.com ("Discover Dialogue: Meteorologist William Gray," by Kathy A. Svitil, *Discover*, Sept. 2005), "Nearly all of my colleagues who have been around 40 or 50 years are skeptical as hell about this whole global-warming thing. But no one asks us."

In Canada in 2006, 60 scientists signed a petition asking Prime Minister Stephen Harper to reconsider the measures discussed for dealing with the alleged global warming issue, stating, "It was only 30 years ago that many of today's global-warming alarmists were telling us that the world was in the midst of a global-cooling catastrophe. But, the science continued to evolve...even though so many choose to ignore it, when it does not fit with predetermined political agendas."

Summing things up a bit more blatantly, Dr. Jerome R. Corsi, a political science graduate of Harvard University, wrote in "Global warming hysteria" in 2006 (*WorldNetDaily.com*), "The global warming argument is not accepted widely by scientists, but pointing this out does little to convince the political left."

So what went wrong?

Unfortunately for the doom-and-gloom club (who said in the 1970s we were heading into an ice age until the opposite, global warming, became popular), models used to project the impending global catastrophe were found to have been unreliable and produced such an array of results one could pick any scenario one desired. That doesn't, of course, keep the entrenched from continuing.

Richard Lindzen, professor of meteorology at MIT, stated in a June 11, 2001 editorial in *The Wall Street Journal*, "It isn't just that the alarmists are trumpeting model results that we know must be wrong. It is that they are trumpeting catastrophes that couldn't happen even if the models were right..."

Meredith wrote in his recent column, "Satellite photographs show that polar icecaps are shrinking..." Do they? And if they are ... how is it global warming related? Most befuddling to the global warming extremists is the paradox created by glacial growth in the Antarctic.

What may be melting in Antarctica could simply be the result of submarine volcanism. "...There's lots of volcanism in that area and so that could change how much heat is delivered to the underside of the ice sheet...Parts of it appear to be thickening as a result of snowfall increases," noted David Vaughan, principal investigator, British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge, U. K. (from "Earth - melting in the heat?" by Richard Black, *BBC*, Oct. 7, 2005).

As far as the Arctic aspect goes, as reported by Michaels, "the Arctic

cap loses ice in the summer, but no one bothers to mention that we only began collecting data on it in 1979, at the end of the second-coldest period in the Arctic in a century."

A non-hysterical reality

Then there is the rising sea level issue. Meredith writes, "and instruments all over the world show that sea levels are rising."

The best response is from Fred Singer, expert on global climate change: "The observations show that sea level has risen in the last 18,000 years by about 400 feet and is continuing to rise at a uniform rate, and is not accelerating, irrespective of warming or cooling..." (as quoted by Bill Steigerwald in *FrontPageMagazine.com*, July 27, 2005).

Corsi concludes the issue best in his article, "Global Warming Hysteria" for *WorldNetDaily.com*, with, "The earth is heating up and it's all Bush's fault."

"Bush didn't sign the Kyoto Treaty, and Al Gore, who should have been president, was right all along... Global warming is the left's culprit for every severe climate event we experience from now on, no matter whether extreme warmth or extreme cold. Whatever happens, the left will shout 'global warming.'"

Meredith wrote, "The evidence is unequivocal, and no informed, reasonable person can doubt it any longer. The trouble is that national policy is not always made by informed, reasonable people."

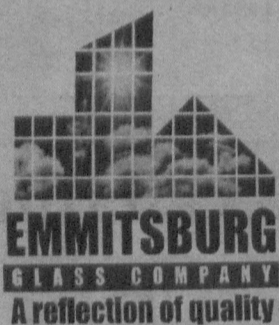
Looks like Corsi hit the nail on the head, which brings up another interesting aspect of "activism": If you don't agree with the hysterics, then you must be an unreasonable person, just as we all were as unreasonable in the '70s when challenging the extremists' claims we were heading into another ice age.

For more on the global warming issue, see the various papers posted at www.skepticism.net/faq/environment/global_warming/kyoto.html.

CLARIFICATION

The newspaper's practice of underlining Web sites in articles led to an overwrite in the address of the site included for additional information for the story "Black Confederate protests Klan" in the Sept. 7 issue of *The Dispatch*. The correct Web site address is www.civilwarhistory.com/_blacks/black_confederates_fact_page.htm.

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TOWN NEWS

Board sends sign ordinance back to planning

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – In spite of a planning commission recommendation to the board of commissioners to adopt a revised sign ordinance, the commissioners voted September

18 to send it back to planning for inclusion of business community input.

Both the planning commission and the board of commissioners have been struggling since the town election in 2005 with wording in the revisions proposed for the existing sign ordinance after the American Civil Liberties

Union threatened action over the town's political sign restrictions.

While dealing with the alleged freedom of speech issues relating to political signs, the planning board also previously took time to adjust some unrelated regulations dealing with self-illuminated signs and other related signage issues.

Planning commission adds one; one denied

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – At a time when the town is struggling to fill committee and commission seats, it seems that the community could ill-afford to reject anyone interested in public service.

However, that is exactly what transpired at the Sept. 5 town meeting when the board of commissioners rejected the mayor's recommendation to appoint Catherine Forrence, a candidate defeated twice in her bids for a town commissioner seat.

In spite of a recommendation from Mayor James E. Hoover to

appoint Forrence, board President Christopher V. Staiger moved to deny the recommendation, but his motion failed for lack of a second. Likewise, a motion made by Commissioner William B. O'Neil Jr. to accept the appointment also failed for lack of a second.

Explaining his motion for denial, Staiger told *The Dispatch*, "Our involvement in public affairs leaves a track record. Sometimes the voters make a determination based on that record and sometimes it can fall to elected officials. Based on my previous experience on the planning commission and my assessment of the applicant's track record, I didn't feel the mayor's nominee would be a good fit for this particular position."

O'Neil, who tried unsuccessfully to gain Forrence's appointment, told *The Dispatch*, "Catherine Forrence attends nearly every town meeting and invests herself fully in the issues before town government... and, I respectfully request my colleagues to please reconsider their opposition to appointing this taxpaying citizen who, in effect, was cast aside in favor of no one."

Forrence chose to make no comment when asked by the newspaper.

The board did appoint another mayoral recommendation, Larry Little, to the planning commission at the same meeting. Little had been serving as an alternate on that board.

Annexation

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annexation:

- Applicants must pay all costs incurred by the town in processing the annexation.
- Town real estate taxes will take effect one year from the annexation approval date.
- Public service improvements expenses necessitated by the proposed development, which would otherwise be at the cost of the taxpayers of the town, are to be paid by the owners/developer.
- All water and sewer taps fees are to be paid by the owners/developer.

The main site of the EEIP will be zoned light industrial park (IP). Flood plain areas and SHA property on the site are to be zoned as open space.

- The town, itself, will not require any offsite improvements.
- Any necessary improvements to the Creamery Road / U.S. 15 intersection will be left to the discretion of the Maryland State Highway Administration or the county. However, if EEIP fails to make any county or state-requested improvements, the town may withhold building permits.
- The applicants must grant the town a 50-foot wide easement across the development site for the

location of sewer line extensions.

The proposed timeframe for the industrial park build-out is five to six years. Six lots have been planned, according to general comments submitted by the developers, but more were shown on a site plan presented at a Jan. 23 review. However, Attorney Scott Miller, representing EEIP, previously said the number of proposed lots could still change.

A statement issued by EEIP indicated "at an assessed value of \$75 per square foot, with a total build-out of 260,000 square feet, this development could yield an assessable tax base of \$20 million, plus or minus."

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TOWN NEWS

Emmitsburg volunteers deliver 'welcome in a bag'

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

If you moved to Emmitsburg in recent months, you may have received a special welcome from an unexpected visitor or two, who handed you a handsome burgundy cotton tote bag. The Emmitsburg town seal was stamped in white on the outside of the bag, and inside you found all sorts of useful information about your new hometown.

Volunteers Jean Cadle and Annetta Rapp have organized this hospitality project, though they quickly say that they merely built on an earlier effort by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches. Two others, Lillian "Lil" Harner and Linda Knox, deliver the bags around town.

The Council of Churches published the original "Welcome to Emmitsburg" booklet in 1996. Paul Harner, president of the council at the time, recalls that he, the late Loretta Adelsberger, Joseph "Joe" Scott, and Rev. Ronald Fearer from Elias Lutheran Church, "each took a street in town and got the names, addresses and phone numbers of the businesses there. Ed Adelsberger [now deceased] did a short history of the town and I did the write-ups about the churches, and various others in the community wrote about their organizations."

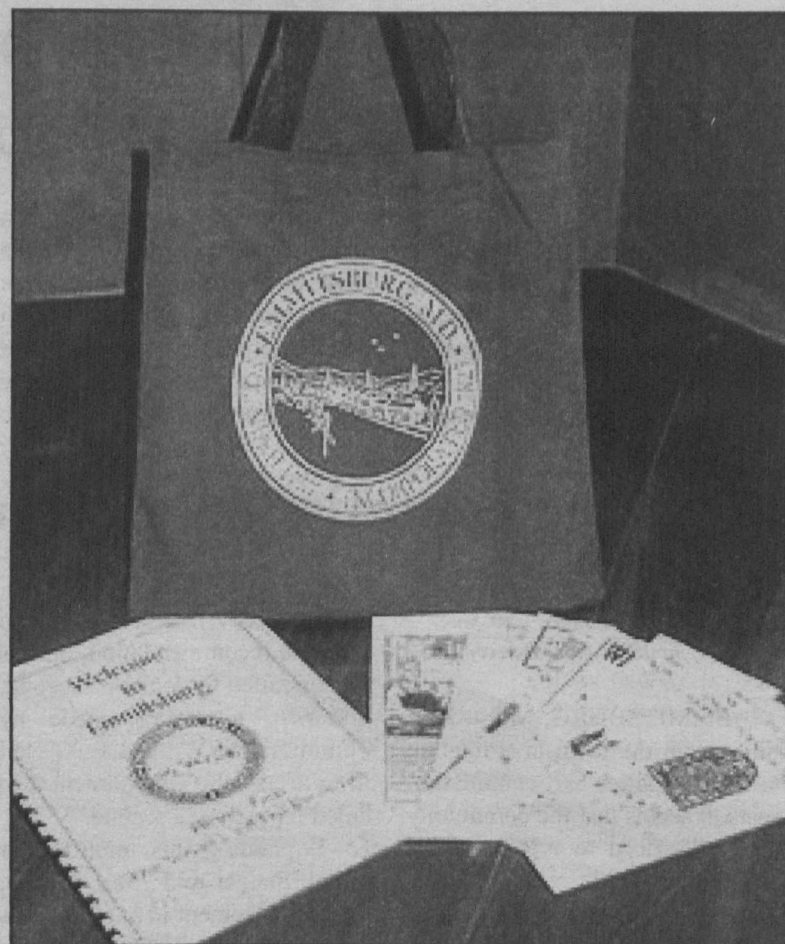
The council paid for the first 100 copies, and put them in the Town Office. The booklet was revised in 2000, and the town paid the printing costs.

Since then, Cadle and Rapp noted, "that the town is really growing!" In 2004 they met with Mayor James E. Hoover and learned there were 232 new homes in Emmitsburg.

The community center and library renovation and the relocation of the Town Office and community agencies, along with new telephone numbers, made it clear that it was time to update the booklet again.

Cadle and Rapp wanted something that would welcome newcomers in a personal way. The two friends decided to put lots of information together in a "cute bag."

They asked Pat Larson of the Emmitsburg Professional and Business Association for funding for the tote bags, and asked the Council



Newcomers to Emmitsburg may receive one of these "welcome" bags containing information and publications about the area.

of Churches if their volunteers would distribute them. The Town Commissioners paid the printing costs for the revised booklet.

"It truly is a cooperative effort," says Cadle, "church, town, and business" working together.

To date the two women have filled 200 12x12-inch bags with Emmitsburg "Welcome" booklets, copies of a Federal Emergency Management Agency emergency preparedness publication, and many

pamphlets from a cross-section of public service agencies, churches, and historic sites in the area.

They "are in the process of getting brochures from several other groups, and "when the town comes up with its new seal, we'll put it on new bags," Cadle said.

Both women would probably agree with Paul Harner's assessment of his 1996 efforts: although "it was a lot of work, it was a lot of fun putting it all together."

Recreational impact fees may increase for developers

EMMITSBURG, Md. —

Developers may have to pay more toward recreational fees or exemptions in the future in a move considered by the board of commissioners in conjunction with developing an adequate public facilities ordinance.

Current regulations call for residential developers to contribute \$100 per lot or dwelling unit and provide ten percent of their land for recreational use, or, where ten percent would be less than a half-

acre, provide \$300 per lot or unit to be used to further develop existing recreational areas within the town.

Commissioner William B. O'Neil Jr., who is drafting the APFO, told the board Aug. 7 that some communities charge as much as \$500 or more per lot or unit, noting that "recreation is expensive."

Any rate changes would be reflected in the draft APFO or in the ordinance itself.

— R. Fulton

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Deadline changed for proposed town budgets

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The board of commissioners voted unanimously at the Aug. 21 meeting to require the mayor to submit a proposed budget earlier than the current timeframe.

Previously, the proposed town budget had to be submitted to the board at least 32 days before the beginning of the fiscal year. The change mandates that the budget must be submitted to the board no later than the first town meeting in May of each year.

The change was made to allow the board more time to work on the proposed budget. - R. Fulton

Additional cable airtime suggested for town meetings

EMMITSBURG, Md. – Commissioner William B. O'Neil Jr. suggested at the Aug. 7 board of commissioners meeting that the town add another meeting re-broadcast time for those who cannot view the two re-broadcasts held during the day.

Town meetings are currently shown on Adelphia cable channel 99 at 9 a.m. the day following a town meeting and at 1 p.m. Thursday of the same week.

O'Neil pointed out that residents who work during the day would generally not be able to view the meetings. - R. Fulton

Town clerk re-appointed; job specs amended

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The board of commissioners unanimously affirmed the appointment of Town Clerk Donna DePres at the Aug. 21 meeting, and adopted changes to the requirements for the position.

DePres was appointed town clerk in 1996, "without (a) formal announcement (at the time) at a public meeting," according to an information packet provided to the media.

Additionally, the commissioners further defined some of the duties of the town clerk to include mandatory attendance at town meetings and responsibility for the final minutes of the meetings. If the town clerk is absent from a meeting, the board may appoint a temporary, acting town clerk. - R. Fulton

Code enforcement / town pool brings in over \$7,400

EMMITSBURG, Md. – Town code enforcement and pool fees generated more than \$7,400 in August, \$1,854 of which is from parking meters and will go toward the town after-school program.

Parking tickets yielded \$1,595 in fines. Vehicular citations were issued for overtime parking (272), parking at a yellow curb (10), and failing to park between designated parking lines (2).

Other citations issued in June included three for abandoned vehicles and three for excessive grass and weeds.

Pool admission fees brought in \$3,963. - R. Fulton

No incidents at sewage plant

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The town wastewater collection system, presently undergoing a major overhaul, experienced no sewage spills in August, according to town manager David Haller.

Additionally, the plant did not exceed its permitted treatment capacity during August, and sustained no measurable amount of inflow & infiltration, (wild water), Haller stated in his August report. I&I usually comes from rainwater and snow melt getting into the collection system through breaks or damaged areas in the pipelines.

The treatment facility reported only 1.7 inches of rain for July, noting that the average for the month is 3.60 inches.

The staff replaced the solenoid and batteries in the sludge truck and dewatered Lagoon No. 2 in preparation for sludge removal. - R. Fulton

Pizza Hut supervisors arrested

THURMONT, Md. – Two supervisors at the Thurmont Pizza Hut, including one Emmitsburg man, have been arrested for inappropriate touching and conversations with minor female employees.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office arrested Robert E. Wymer, 26, of Thurmont, and Adam M. Kiefer, 24, of Emmitsburg, on Sept. 15 and Sept. 18, respectively on multiple charges of second-degree assault and fourth-degree sex offense. The investigation began in May after four females, all juveniles ages 16 and 17 at the time of the assaults, complained that Wymer and Kiefer engaged them in inappropriate sexual conversations and unwanted touching on an on-going basis while the females worked.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information about this case should contact Dfc. Kenny Olander at (301) 631-3620. - J. Rada



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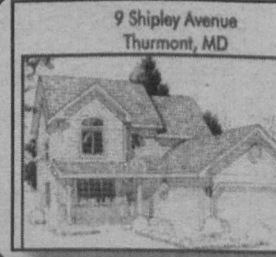


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REGIONAL NEWS

New \$40 million 250 plus-room hotel opens in Gettysburg

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
Emmitsburg News Editor
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STRABANTOWNSHIP, Pa. — The new \$40 million, 250 plus-room Wyndham Gettysburg hotel and conference facility opened its doors Sept. 8, the second hotel completed at the site which will ultimately include four hotels.

The new upscale hotel joins the 152-room Courtyard by Marriott officially opened in February, and the Gettysburg 8 Theater, which opened in April. Planned in the near future are two more hotels, with work on one of them slated to begin later this year, two restaurants, presently under construction, and a shopping area.

Robert J. Monahan Jr., principal and general partner of

Gateway Gettysburg, pointed out the patriotic theme of the new hotel at the Sept. 6 media preview, complete with Civil War prints and the elements and colors of the presidential seal used throughout the hotel decor.

Monahan described the Wyndham as “a hotel that has been carefully crafted” and “reflects the action (Battle of Gettysburg) that took place here.” The hotel, he said, “gives you a feel for the area.”

Gettysburg Commissioner Caroline S. Smith, also attending the preview, described the complex as “a gift to the area. For Gettysburg to have something like this, it’s a wonderful economic surge to the area.”

Gateway Gettysburg, located near the U.S. 15 interchange on Route 30, will include four hotels, two restaurants (with a spring 2007 targeted completion date), a shopping area and a theater, and other possible projects, will encompass some 100 acres when completed, and is expected to cost around \$275 to \$300 million.

The entire complex is expected to employ about 1,000. Gateway Gettysburg representatives stated that efforts are made to hire as many local residents and use as many local support businesses as possible in staffing and equipping the various projects.



-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

The Wyndham (top), a \$40 million, 250-room hotel which opened Sept. 8 at Gateway Gettysburg, joins the previously-opened Courtyard by Marriott. Two more hotels are planned for the complex. Robert J. Monahan Jr. (above), principal and general partner of Gateway Gettysburg, points out highlights in one of the patriotic-themed rooms in the Wyndham at a special media preview Sept. 6.

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State Senator Dist. 4	
David Brinkley 6,027 (86.9%)	
House of Delegates Dist. 3A	
Patrick Hogan 4,222 (52.3%)	Sue Hecht 4,701 (54.7%)
Linda Naylor 3,855 (47.7%)	Galen Clagett 3,893 (45.3%)
House of Delegates Dist. 3B	
Richard Weldon 2,560 (84.5%)	Paul Gilligan 2,189 (100.0%)
House of Delegates Dist. 4A	
Joseph Bartlett 5,343 (50.1%)	Maggi Hays 3,376 (100.0%)
Paul Stull 5,365 (49.1%)	
House of Delegates Dist. 4B	
Donald Elliott 220 (73.3%)	Timothy Schlauch 194 (100.0%)
County Commissioners	
Mike Cady 7,387 (11.0%)	Jan Gardner 10,783 (30.1%)
John Lovell, Jr. 7,381 (11.0%)	Kai Hagen 8,980 (25.1%)
John Thompson, Jr. 7,193 (10.7%)	Richard Floyd 8,315 (23.2%)
Charles Jenkins 6,921 (10.3%)	Ron Wolf 7,745 (21.6%)
David Gray 6,920 (10.3%)	
State's Attorney	
Charlie Smith 8,484 (56.5%)	Bill Poffenbarger 10,701 (100.0%)
Clerk Circuit Court	
Sandra Dalton 13,424 (100.0%)	Richard Gibbs 9,734 (100.0%)
Register of Wills	
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John Tregoning 8,385 (26.1%)	John Norman 7,998 (47.1%)
James Grimes 7,362 (22.9%)	
Sheriff	
Chuck Jenkins 6,201 (39.5%)	Charles Tobery 7,542 (68.3%)
Central Committee	
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Michael Hough 5,100 (6.5%)	Stephen Slater 7,448 (16.6%)
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Bill Ashton 4,497 (5.8%)	Jim Hall 6,962 (15.5%)
	Russ Currey 6,602 (14.7%)
	Adam Schultz 6,500 (14.5%)
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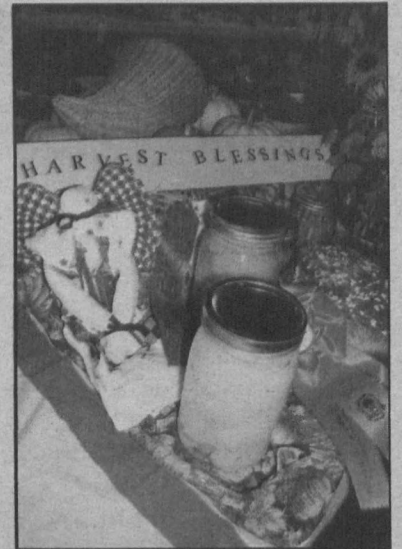
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(Left and above) Award winning quilts, baked goods, and a "Harvest Blessings," which won several ribbons. (Below left) Brittany Kemp, 14, a Thurmont sophomore at Catocin High School, leads her pony "Sugar" as she offered rides at the 50th annual Community Show. Kaylyn Flanagan rides by as her sister Kara reaches out for a pet.

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think all of us here tonight are still ambassadors and we still like to promote agriculture."

Candace Lenhart was elected as the 2006 ambassador.

Richard Troxell, a native of Thurmont, was the featured performer during a Saturday evening concert. Troxell is an internationally acclaimed tenor who has sung numerous operatic roles, both on stage and in recordings.

He made his debut as a Carnegie Hall soloist in 2003-2004, performing in Bach's "Magnificat."

Another annual event was the showing and sale of livestock in the barn area at the side of Catocin High.

Morgan Cole, 13, of Thurmont, had her pigs at the show. While farming runs in her family, Morgan said she like raising animals because "it's fun showing them and being with my friends."

Candace Butler, 13, of Thurmont, has been raising animals for four years. She had her pigs at the community show.

"My mother and sister did this and it seemed fun so I decided to do it," Candace said.

At the other end of the school in the main gymnasium, other exhibits were displayed along with the ribbons they won, including vegetables, flowers, baked goods, photos, preserves and crafts.

Between the two exhibit areas, local businesses displayed their



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Above: Former chapter sweethearts and chapter ambassadors came from five states and as far away as North Carolina to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show. Below: Annie Delauter, 2005 FFA ambassador (left), and Becky Myers Linton, the 1957 chapter sweetheart (right), congratulate Candace Lenhart on being named the 2006 ambassador.



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services. The Thurmont Public Library held its popular book sale, which was crowded with people looking for deals on books.

"This is the first year that it's been run by the Friends (of Thurmont Regional Library) and it

seems to be one of the biggest years for donations," said Thurmont Librarian Erin Dingle.

Priscilla Rall, a local artist, manned a booth for the Frederick County Veterans History Project. The project is seeking the stories

of county veterans to record and preserve their stories.

"This is great," Rall said. "If you're not here on Friday night, you aren't anywhere. The whole town comes out to see what's here and get good food."

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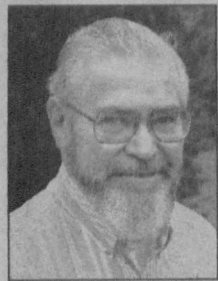
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The (retired) Ecologist Adventures with bats



BY BILL MEREDITH
Dispatch Columnist

"From the palace window Bartholomew could see Mount Negatave, where the Royal Magicians lived in their secret cave, full of owls and spiders and lavender-colored bats."

— Dr. Seuss,
Bartholomew and the Oobleck

Our kids were still in elementary school when we moved into the old house on Main Street in 1968, so we spent a lot of summer evenings playing in the back yard. There were lots of insects around the streetlights, and each evening bats would fly around feeding on them. The kids had learned about bats, both truth and fiction; in fact, even children whose fathers are not

biologists know bats are the only mammals that fly, that they are valuable because they eat insects, that they sleep hanging head downward, and that if you find a sick one you shouldn't handle it because it might carry rabies. Our kids also had picked up some of the basic bat legends about vampires ... they had seen Grandpa Munster hanging head-downward in a closet on TV ... and they presumed that all of the ones flying about the yard lived in the church belfry just down the street.

There actually may have been some bats in the church belfry, but in fact they were a lot closer than that. Our house had been vacant for a couple of years before we bought it, and some bats had taken up squatters' rights in the attic. Actually, the word "squatter" probably can't be applied to bats; they are physically incapable of squatting, because their knee joints are reversed to assist in flying and hanging upside-down. But

whatever their status, they were living in the attic, and one night one of them decided to come down into the lower reaches of the house and introduce itself.

We had just gone to bed, and the kids came running in to inform us that a bat was flying about in their bedroom. They were not afraid of it; in fact, they seemed a bit disappointed that it was brown instead of lavender-colored, like the ones in Dr. Seuss's stories. On the other hand, it took several minutes to convince my wife that it wouldn't hide in her hair. We turned all of the upstairs lights on; that, plus the general level of excitement on the second story soon persuaded the bat to go downstairs. I proposed to prop open the front door and wait for it to fly out, but my wife was sure it would call all of its friends to come in and join the party instead, so I ended up chasing it around the living room with a butterfly net. Its sonar system made it remarkably adept at dodging the net, but after about 15 minutes it grew overconfident and careless, and I was able to snare it and escort it off the premises.

Over the next couple of years that scenario was repeated a few times, with minor variations, but eventually the bats moved out of the attic. Most of them probably moved into one of the vacant buildings on the adjacent lot, where they still live, but we had no more

immediate encounters with them. My daughter must have developed a soft spot in her heart for them; a few years ago she gave me a bat house for Christmas. I dutifully hung it in a tree in the yard, but as far as I know, it has remained vacant.

Coincidence rules in my life. Early this month I noticed the bat house hanging forlornly in the tree; I hadn't thought about bats for months. Then, the next morning, we received a phone call from a friend, informing us that she had a bat in her bedroom. Normally I don't make house calls for such things, but this was a special case; so I armed myself with the ancient butterfly net and a pair of heavy leather gloves and prepared to do battle.

It turned out that the bat was not actually in the room. It had got into the house the night before and tried to leave through a half-open window, but got trapped between the window glass and the screen. The lady of the house had closed the window before going to bed, not knowing the bat was there; she discovered it the next morning, hanging by its toes on the screen and sleeping peacefully. There was less than an inch of space between the screen and glass, but the bat seemed comfortable and prepared to stay there. I was able to inch the window down and put a mason jar over it before it woke up; I took it outside and emptied it onto the branch of a tree. It gave at me a disgruntled look and flapped off into the nearby woods in eerie silence, probably to find a branch to hang from for the rest of the day.

According to my wife, if you see one bat, you've seen them all, but records show that there are actually 10 different species in Maryland. In flight, it takes an expert to tell them apart. For a novice like me they are hard to identify even with a book in my hand. I believe this one was the Little Brown Bat, one of the most common types. Its body was about three inches long, covered with gray-brown hair, and boasting an impressive mouthful of needle-like teeth. The wings were black and leathery, and when it took flight they opened to an astonishing span of 10 or 12 inches.

It is unfortunate that bats fall into that select company of creatures, including snakes and spiders, that seem to be instinctively feared by many people. It is true that they sometimes carry rabies, and for that reason they should not be handled; but in fact that disease is rare in them. Vampire bats do feed on blood, but they do not occur in the eastern United States. All of our local species are beneficial, consuming huge quantities of insects. Most of them live secretive lives, sleeping by day in caves, rock crevices or hollow trees; their lives intersect ours mainly because their insect prey are drawn to our houses by electric lights. Apart from that, they do not desire our company any more than we desire theirs.

Lest anyone should get the wrong impression from reading this column, I am not available for bat removal; if one gets in your house, do not call me. I will be playing golf, and my wife will be of no use to you in this connection.

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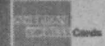
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EDUCATION



Mother Seton students and Mount St. Mary's seminarian Norman Pelaez, pack up their donations for the Emmitsburg Food Bank. The group delivered 17 boxes of canned and dried food items on Sept. 15 to help fill the depleted shelves.

Mother Seton students share with local food bank

Bearing gifts of tuna fish and beans, eight students from Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg, a teacher and a seminarian from Mount St. Mary's delivered 17 boxes of canned and dried food items to the Emmitsburg Food Bank on Sept. 15.

These "Doers of the Word," coming from Emmitsburg, Fairfield, Frederick, Gettysburg, Taneytown, and Thurmont, represented all of their classmates in Pre-K to grade 8 at Mother Seton School. Middle school students, under the guidance of Anne Marie Hallinan, took full responsibility for gathering,

sorting, and delivering the goods.

Norman Pelaez, the Mount seminarian from Colombia, South America, has been working with Mother Seton School students in his pastoral ministry for just two weeks. This was his first opportunity to participate in their community service mission and also his first trip to the Emmitsburg Food Bank, but likely not his last.

Food Bank Coordinator Linda Kraft and a volunteer greeted and thanked the group, showing them how meaningful their contributions were to the nearly-empty shelves at the facility.

Former Mount professor publishes leadership book

Dr. John R. Hook, Professor Emeritus of Management at Mt. St. Mary's University has recently published a book on senior level leadership titled "Leading at the Top: Requirements for Senior Executive Effectiveness."

If your goal is to become a senior leader or a better one, or you are a teacher, trainer, or student of leadership, this book should be of interest.

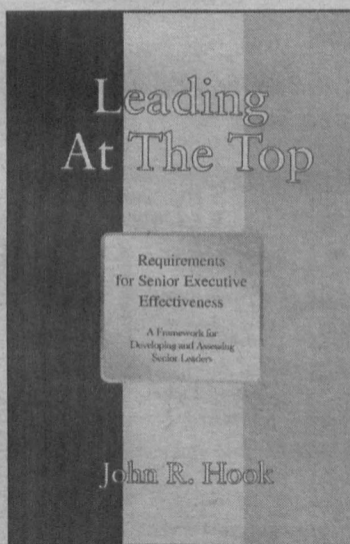
The book focuses on how leading at senior levels differs from leading at lower levels—and identifies four required areas of competence at the top: 19 qualities and professional characteristics; the ability to manage change; the ability to manage crises; and a willingness to accept risk (doing

what is necessary on his or her watch).

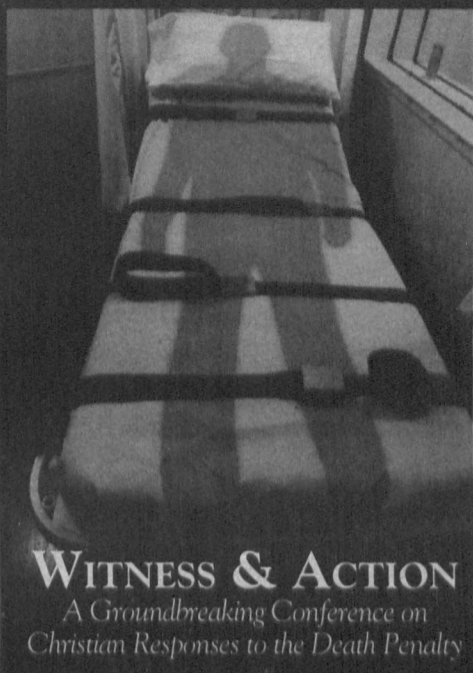
In each of the four competency areas, the book provides specific ideas and operating principles supported by well-known recent and historical examples. "Your Turn" questions and application exercises assist readers in individual reflection and learning. An appendix provides suggestions for teachers and trainers using the book for courses or seminars.

The book provides a comprehensive framework for viewing the top leader's job—and the tools to do it better. It says what is required and why, and guides

readers to understanding and improved competence. The 165-page paperback is available from Borders, Barnes and Noble and Amazon.com.



MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY



WITNESS & ACTION

A Groundbreaking Conference on Christian Responses to the Death Penalty

Mount St. Mary's University will host a groundbreaking conference this fall on Christian responses to the death penalty. The conference is endorsed by Catholic Education Ministries of Central Maryland, the Maryland Catholic Conference and the Frederick County NAACP.

"This conference offers an opportunity to participate in a dialogue about how Christians should respond to the continuing practice of state executions in the United States and specifically in Maryland," say Dr. Trudy Conway, conference organizer and professor of philosophy at Mount St. Mary's University. "Families of murder victims, exonerated death row inmates, death row chaplains, and abolitionists will join participants in this day of interfaith dialogue. This one-day event should be invaluable for persons at all levels of reflection on this important social justice issue of our time."

The conference will take place on Saturday, September 30, from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Knott Auditorium on the Mount campus. Cost for the conference is \$10 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and packet of materials.

"The work of our Mount students and faculty in promoting dialogue on the death penalty provides a powerful example of Christian faith in action," says Dr. Conway. "This conference welcomes other Christians to join this dialogue. It is our hope that participants will then return to their churches to draw their local communities into ongoing dialogue about witnessing and acting as Christians in response to the death penalty. As Mount St. Mary's University moves towards its bicentennial celebration in 2008, this conference shows the leadership the institution takes in promoting the values and ideals central to the Christian understanding of human dignity and justice."

For more information visit www.msmary.edu/deathpenalty or call 301-447-5368 to register.

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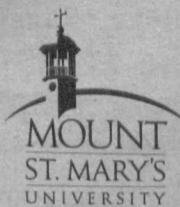
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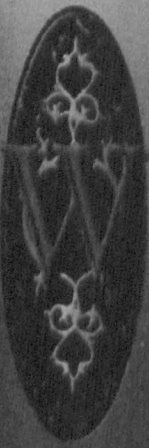
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SPORTS

Knights play under the lights

By JAMES RADA JR.
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FAIRFIELD, Pa. — The new field lights at Fairfield High School may have brightened the field making evening games possible at the Fairfield School District stadium, but what they brightened on opening night for the Fairfield Knights football team, many people may not have wanted to see.

The Pius X Royals from Roseta, Pa. defeated the Knights 43-12 on Sept. 9 during the first evening football game played at home for the Knights.

The Pius X game had been planned as the second game of the Knights' 2006 season, but the rain from Hurricane Ernesto a week earlier delayed the planned opening game against Bishop Walsh.

Rain threatened this game early on, but Fairfield Athletic Director Drake D'Angelo said, "We'll play this game unless we get three inches of rain in six hours like last week. We're here. They're

here and we're ready to play."

D'Angelo threw the four breaker switches prior to the game and the pole lights gradually illuminated the field under the darkness of the rain-heavy clouds.

"It's exciting for the kids and for the fans to be playing under the lights," D'Angelo said.

"I think they are excited to play this game. They were so fired up to play the first," Assistant Coach Nate Kuhn said prior to the game.

Games used to be played on Saturday afternoons, but now games can be played evenings under the lights.

"I think the difference will be in the atmosphere it creates," said Kuhn.

The evening games will also allow more community members to turn out. Fairfield fans crowded the south bleachers dressed in Fairfield green and white and waving foam fingers in the air.

Marie and Bob Warren are grandparents of Fairfield player Robby Koons.

"We've been wanting this for a long time," Marie said. "We're

thrilled with all of it."

The average Royals player weighs 199 pounds compared to the average Knights' weight of 173 pounds. The Royals used the added weight to their advantage as they powered their way through the Knights.

The Royals drew first blood with 6:33 left in the first quarter with a safety and then a 38-yard touchdown run by Wade Williams of the Royals a short time later.

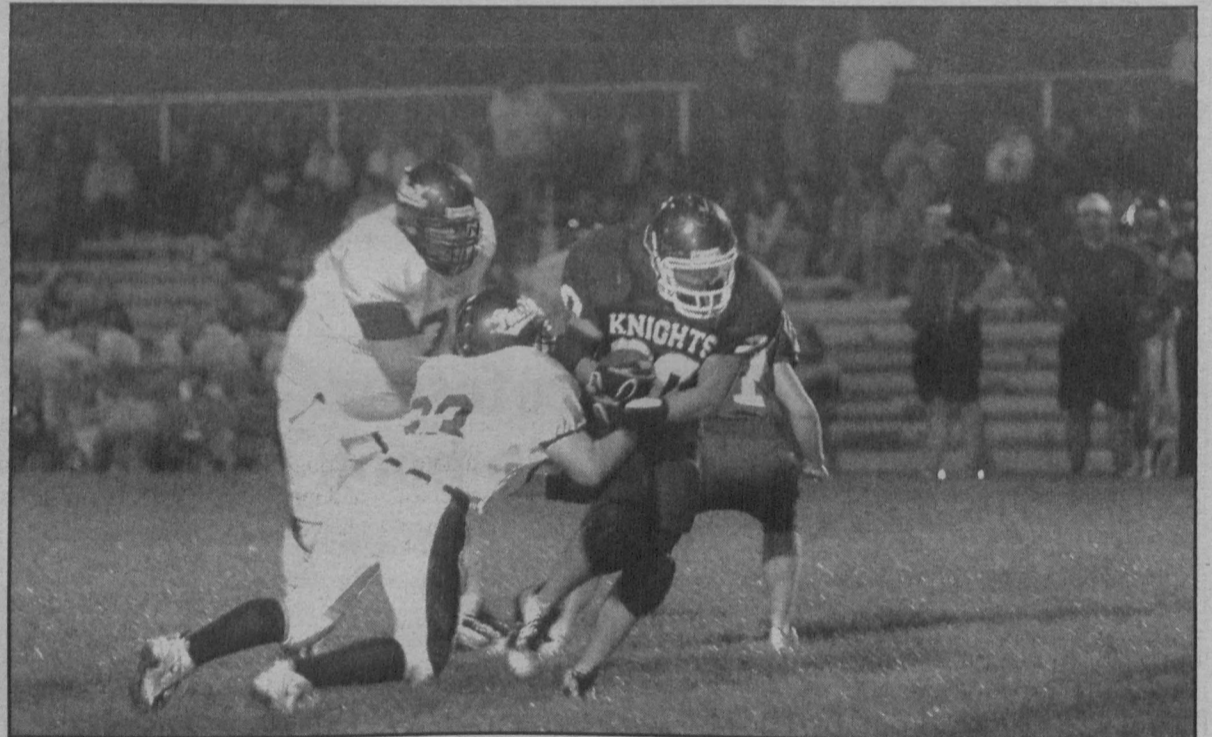
Corey Staples and Robby Potts scored Fairfield's two touchdowns.

Stadium construction, including the lights, is estimated at \$750,000. Because of construction, all of the Knights' games last year were away games.

Fairfield Superintendent Gary Miller said the new stadium and lights have "an exciting air to it and it will continue to build," Miller said.

He said having first-class facilities allow the community to take pride in their school system and help increase property values.

Fairfield High has only had a football team for three seasons and it pulls from a small enrollment of 441.



-DICK BLOOM / THE DISPATCH

The Fairfield Knights lost 43-12 to the Pius X Royals in their first-ever evening home game. The game was played under the new stadium lights on Sept. 9.

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RELIGION

Our Lady of Mount Carmel celebrates 150 years of service

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THURMONT, Md. — Using stone quarried from the Catoctin Mountains, Master Mason Cyrus Moser, Daniel Eighenbrode and other craftsmen in Mechanicstown began construction of a stone church in 1856.

Father John McCaffrey, president of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, laid the cornerstone for the church on Aug. 30, 1857. More than a thousand people turned out for the ceremony, which would have been more people than lived in Mechanicstown at the time.

On June 5, 1859, McCaffrey presided over the dedication of the new church to God under Our Lady of Mount Carmel's patronage. It was the fulfillment of the mission started by Father William McCloskey, the rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, when he had started saying Mass in the home of John Wilhide.

This year Our Lady of Mount Carmel begins its 150th year of service.

"Given that the church has sat there for 150 years and being part of the community, I would have to say we're an important part of the community," said Sister Joan Maenner, pastoral life director of St. Anthony's Shrine and Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

During its first decades of existence, Our Lady of Mount Carmel was staffed with priests from Mount St. Mary's. Father John H. Conway was the first resident pastor in 1881. He served the Catholics in Mechanicstown until 1886. Following Conway, priests came and went fairly quickly until 1900.

At the turn of the century, priests from St. Anthony's Shrine Parish

began serving in Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

By 1918, Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore appointed Father Thomas Wheeler as the resident pastor. Gibbons wanted to provide Catholic patients at the state tuberculosis sanatorium in Sabillasville to be able to receive the sacraments. Two years later, Gibbons purchased the rectory and gave it to the parish.

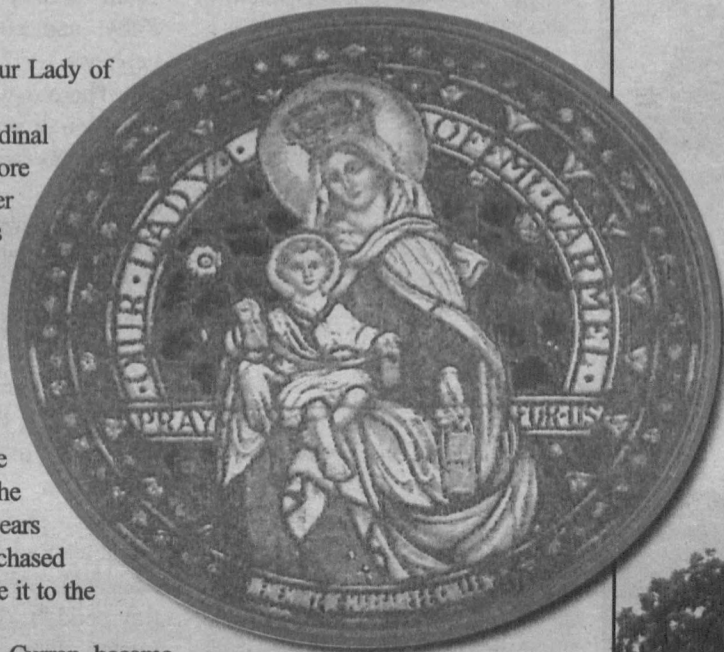
Father Joseph Curran became the pastor in 1929. He had the church re-frescoed in preparation for the 75th anniversary on May 15, 1931.

Father Walter Read had the grounds and vestibule improved in 1936. This included the addition of a stone wall made from local stone along Church Street.

In 1940, Father Edward Roach arranged for the Miller Art Glass Company of Baltimore to design and install the stained glass windows. The windows portray different scenes in the life of Jesus Christ. All of the ceiling beams were refinished in natural wood color and new lighting fixtures of Gothic design were installed. A Mohler pipe organ was also added.

In addition to serving Catholics at the state sanitarium, care of Catholics attending summer camp for the Maryland League for Children was assigned to the Thurmont pastor.

Under the direction of Father John Hart, the church's interior was completely renovated in 1954. He also commissioned the parish crest, designed by Father John Martin to be painted over the arch of the apse. The crest features the Calvert Cross and



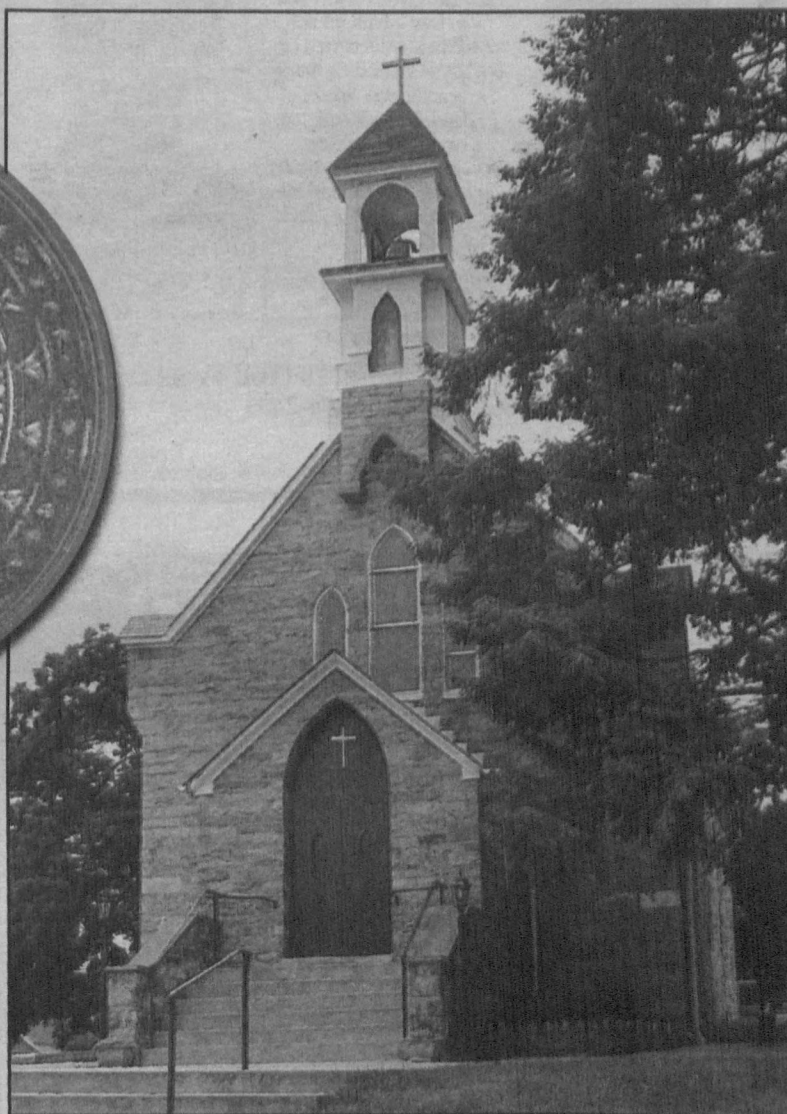
colors of the Baltimore Archdiocese. The single-petal rose and the single peak are associated with the original Mount Carmel. The two blocks represent the Scapular of Our Lady, who is further represented by the light blue color. The double peaks signify Thurmont, Gateway to the Mountains.

Archbishop Francis Patrick Keough of Baltimore presided over the church's centennial Mass on Oct. 28, 1956. Pope Pius XII sent his apostolic blessing to the pastor, parishioners, their friends and relatives.

During the next half century, the number of families in the parish more than doubled from 102 to 258. During this period, additions, repairs and improvements were made to the church and its buildings.

By 2005, 347 families were registered, representing 1,002 people. Local priests from the Grotto of Lourdes and Mount St. Mary's share duties serving this group.

"By the end of this 150th year, we hoping we'll have raised enough funds to replace our air conditioning/heating and ceiling



-PHOTO COURTESY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Our Lady of Mount Carmel on North Church Street in Thurmont as it was in 1941. The church will begin its 150th year of service to the Thurmont area with a Sept. 24 anniversary liturgy.

tiles," Maenner said. Mount Carmel will celebrate its 150th Sunday, Sept. 24, Our Lady of Anniversaries Liturgy at 11 a.m.

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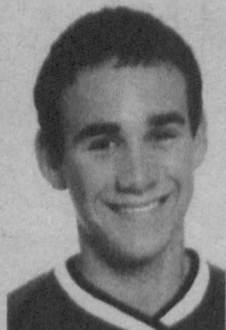
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OBITUARIES

Mr. John L. Bennett

Mr. John Lewis Bennett, 57, of Emmitsburg, died Aug. 21, 2006, near Charlestown, W.Va.

Born Oct. 9, 1948, in Frederick, he was the son of John Walker Bennett of Martinsburg, W.Va. and Anna Mildred Jones Bennett of Frederick.

Surviving, in addition to his wife of 25 years, Ann M. Rapalus Bennett, are a daughter, Jessica Eiker; one granddaughter; one brother, Bob Bennett; and one sister, Judy Bower.

Funeral services were held at Stauffer Funeral Home, Frederick, on Aug. 26, with Rev. Steven Trzeciecki of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Emmitsburg officiating. Interment took place in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick.

Mr. Paul Burrier

Mr. Paul Houck Burrier, 80, of Keymar, died Aug. 20, 2006 at Frederick Memorial Hospital, Frederick.

Born Dec. 24, 1925 in Hansonville, he was the son of the late Clarence C. Burrier Sr. and Edna Houck Burrier.

Surviving, in addition to his wife of 53 years, Helen Ann Burrier, are two daughters, Joan C. Myers and Bonnie S. Burrier; one son, Robert P. Burrier; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Louise Grabill; three brothers, Norman Burrier, C. Calvin Burrier, and Sterling Burrier; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Aug. 23 at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge, with the Rev. James Russell, officiating. Interment was in Mt. Tabor Cemetery.

Mrs. Patricia Federline

Mrs. Patricia "Patsy" Elizabeth Simmons Federline, 70, of Emmitsburg, Md., died, Sept. 3, 2006.

Born Nov. 1, 1935, Mrs. Federline was the daughter of the late Charles William Simmons and the late Elizabeth Mae Simmons.

Surviving, in addition to her husband of 48 years, Albert "Sonny" Federline, are two children, Eddie Federline and Carolyn Lambert; three grandchildren; three sisters, Marie Hawkins, Cynthia Ferrell and Vivian Poole; and two brothers, Charles Simmons and Lester Simmons; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held Sept. 9 from the Basford Funeral Home, Frederick, with inurnment in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick.

Mr. John Hardman Sr.

Mr. John William Hardman Sr., 86, died Aug. 31, 2006, at Northampton Manor Nursing Center, Frederick.

Born Sept. 9, 1919, in Emmitsburg, Md., he was the son of the late David Nelson Hardman Sr. and Harriet Ellen O'Connor Hardman.

Surviving are one brother, Charles L. Hardman; two sisters, Clara Mae Fultz and Grace C. Filby; and numerous nieces and nephews.

There was no viewing, visitation or services at the funeral home at his request.

Mr. Raymond Lucier Jr.

Raymond Gilbert Lucier Jr., 77, of Hampton Valley Rd., Emmitsburg, died Aug. 5, 2006, at York Hospital in York, Pa.

Born April 17, 1929, in Philadelphia, Pa., he was a son of the late Raymond G. Sr. and Emily Hall Lucier.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth Supper Lucier; four sons, Robert H. Lucier, David F. Lucier, Raymond T. Lucier, Stephen G. Lucier; three daughters, Margie L. Shellenberger, May Lucier, and Carol M. Lucier; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three brothers, Charles Lucier, Harry Lucier, and David Lucier; three sisters, Ann Donnelly, Josephine Knapp and Nell Becker.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 10 from St. Joseph's Villa, Flourtown, Pa. Interment was in White Marsh Memorial Park, White Marsh, Pa.

Mr. Leo Pryor

Mr. Leo Robert "Tuck" Pryor, 87, of Sabillasville, Md., died Aug. 16, 2006, at home

Born June 26, 1919, in Sabillasville, he was a son of the late John and Florence Fry Pryor.

Surviving are one daughter, Mary Joyce Skinner; one son, Robert Lee Pryor; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services and interment were private at Blue Ridge Cemetery, Thurmont.

Mr. Robert Stoll

Mr. Robert C. Stoll, 53, of Fairfield, Pa., died Sept. 1, 2006, at the Cancer Treatment Center of America in Philadelphia, Pa.

Surviving are his wife Barb; two daughters, Nicole and Emily; his mother, Beverly Stoll; one brother, Richard Stoll; two sisters, Annette Begey and Christy; and many other family members.

A memorial service was held, Sept. 3, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Frederick.

Mr. Wilbur R. Topper

Wilbur Ray Topper, 63, of Westminster, formerly of Taneytown and Emmitsburg, died Aug. 1, 2006, at the University of Maryland Hospital, Baltimore.

Born Sept. 2, 1942, in Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late Carroll Charles Topper and the late Gladys Marie Topper.

Surviving are his wife of 25 years, Margaret "Peggy" Topper; five sons, Wilbur Ray Topper, Carroll C. "Charlie" Topper, Michael A. "Mikie" Topper, Johnny Joseph Topper and Ralph Vincent Topper; two daughters, Tammy Marie Topper and Sharon Ann Howard; two brothers, Francis and Thomas Topper; two sisters, Betty Topper, and Linda Kreitz; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass was offered Aug. 5 in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Taneytown, Md.

Mrs. Anna Waysack

Mrs. Anna Stella Waysack, 82, of Frederick, Md., died Sept. 2, 2006, at the Kline Hospice House in Mt. Airy, Md.

Born May 8, 1924, in Emmitsburg, Md., she was a daughter of the late Robert H. and Blanche Sprankee Sanders.

Surviving are four daughters, Tina Perkins, Cheryl Crawford, Wanda Huestis, Paula Cross; two sons, Edward and Joe Waysack; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; four brothers, Thomas, Paul, Raymond and John Sanders; two sisters, Rita Wiley and Mary Bound; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 6 from St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, with the Rev. Jack Lombardi as celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, Md.

Mr. Charles Wivell Sr.

Mr. Charles Edward Wivell Sr., 76, of East Water Street, Smithsburg, Md., died Aug. 22, 2006, at home.

Born March 5, 1930, in Emmitsburg, Md., he was the son of the late Roy J. Wivell Sr. and Helen L. Guise Wivell.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Mary I. (Orndorff) Wivell; six children, C. Edward Wivell, Timothy Wivell, Susan (Wivell) McFerren, Kenneth Wivell, Andrew Wivell and William Wivell; seven grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; 11 brothers, James, Joseph, Henry, Bernard, Donald, Thomas, Paul, David, Richard, Samuel and Roy Jr.; and five sisters, Margaret Fullam, Helen Reaver, Therese Topper, Genevieve Little and Joan Matthews.

Services were held Aug. 25, 2006, from St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hagerstown, with Father George Limmer and Father Kevin Mueller officiating. Burial was in the Mount St. Mary's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, Md.

A&E Calendar

LOOKING AHEAD

For Children

Through Nov. 18 – **"The Three Little Pigs."** Performances every Saturday afternoon and the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Brand-new musical where the three little pigs are pursued by the conniving Virginia A. Wolf and her not-so-bright side-kick. Way Off Broadway Dinner Theater, 5 Willowdale Drive, Willowtree Plaza, Frederick. 301-662-6600, www.wayoffbroadway.com.

Oct. 7 – **Barry Louis Polisar.** 10 to 10:45 a.m. Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, 40 South Carroll Street, Frederick. A show for kids of all ages. A true pioneer in the world of books and music for children, Polisar is a four-time Parents Choice Award winner who began writing and recording songs for children in 1975. \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door.

Concerts

2006 Music on the Terrace. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. C. Burr Artz Library, 110 E. Patrick St., Frederick. No charge. Brown bag lunches for sale; free Rita's Italian Ice desserts, treats from BB&T. Information: 301-694-1630.

Sept. 22 – **Solazo Trio** (Andean folk and Latin dance).

Sept. 29 – **Scythian Celtic Misfits** (Celtic Rock).

Stage

Sept. 8 until Nov. 4 – **"The Odd Couple."** Neil Simon's hit comedy featuring the mismatched pair: Oscar Madison and Felix Unger, sure to have you rolling in the aisles with laughter. Tickets: \$13-\$38.

Way Off Broadway Dinner Theater, 5 Willowdale Drive, Willowtree Plaza, Frederick. 301-662-6600, www.wayoffbroadway.com.

Sept. 22, 23, 29, 30 and Oct. 1 – **"Clue: the Musical."** Jack B. Kussmaul Theatre, Frederick Community College. Sept. performances at 8 p.m., Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. Brings the world's best-known suspects to life and invites you to help solve the mystery: who killed Mr. Boddy, in what room, and with what weapon. Audience members choose from cards representing the potential murderers, weapons and rooms – 216 possible solutions. Tickets: \$6-\$22. Call 240-315-3855.

Festivals/Events

Sept. 23 – **Gettysburg Outdoor Antique Show.** 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 150 dealers from 13 states display their wares on the sidewalks in downtown Gettysburg. Sponsored by Gettysburg Retail Merchants. Visit www.gettysburg-chamber.org or contact Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce, 717-334-8151.

Sept. 23-24 – **Fairfield Pippinfest.** Main Street in Fairfield, Pa., 8 miles west of Gettysburg on Pa. Rt. 116, featuring apple products, music, crafts and antiques in street fair setting. Fair weather only. Phone 717-642-5640.

Oct. 7-8 and 14-15 – **42nd Annual National Apple Harvest Festival.** South Mountain Fairgrounds, Arendtsville, Pa., 10 miles northwest of Gettysburg. Old-time festival of apple products, live country music, arts and crafts, antique autos, steam engines, orchard tours and plenty of food. Visit www.appleharvest.com.

Oct. 14-15 – **43rd annual Catoctin Colorfest.** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thurmont. The area's largest juried craft show. Three craft areas: Community Park, Firemen's Activities Grounds and Thurmont Middle School. Information: e-mail: info@colorfest.org or visit www.colorfest.org.

Oct. 14-15 – **31st Annual Sabillasville Community Fair.** Sabillasville Elementary, on Route 550, six miles northwest of Thurmont. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Regional crafts, art, antiques and food. Bluegrass/gospel group, "Twin Express," Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission and parking. Information: 301-241-3997 or 301-241-4886.

Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

Through Oct. 15 – **Brand New Day. Photographs by Martin L. Heavner.** Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick. Heavner's award-winning photographs visually celebrate the gift of each day. He captures the color, form and textures of uncommon landscapes and graphic man-made objects, including several from the Frederick area. Working in digital, 35mm and medium formats, he has won more than 100 awards at national and regional salons.

September-October – **Kids Like Us: Who Cares?** Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick. Reception, Sept. 9, 2-4 p.m. Photographic images, created by youth ages 9 to 13, depict individual experiences of caring - who cares about them and their/our community. Third annual exhibit of the Frederick County Health Department Kids Like Us program, led by art therapist Julie Wood Merchant.



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Sept. 22 - Basket Bingo. Guardian Hose Co. Activities Building, Carnival Grounds, Thurmont. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. Food available. Benefits CHS Marching Band. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Call 301-271-0663 or purchase from any CHS Marching Band member.

Sept. 22 - In God's Hands Coffee House. Weller United Methodist Church, 101 North Altamont Ave, Thurmont. Free admission and refreshments.

Sept. 22 - Mass and video. National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, Emmitsburg. 7 p.m. Mass followed by the new Grotto video, "Sacred Place of Peace and Light of Mary."

Sept. 23 - Lions Club Health Fair. Thurmont Middle School, 408 E. Main Street, Thurmont. Free preschool vision screening (ages 6 months to 5 years) from 6:30 to 8:45 a.m. Multiphasic blood screening offered through Gettysburg Hospital from 6:30 to 10 a.m. Registration required for all blood testing. Call WellSpan HealthSource, 1-800-840-5905, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 23 - Financial Strategies for Today's Families. 9 a.m. to noon. Mountain View Ministries, 103 Apples Church Road, Thurmont. Free. Information and registration: 301-271-9088 or 301-271-2380.

Sept. 23 - Museum Day. Walkersville Southern Railroad, 34 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Walkersville. Special exhibits and door prizes. Information: 301-898-0899, 1-877-3630-WSRR or visit www.wsrr.org.

Sept. 26 - Pandemic/Avian Influenza presentation. 6:30-8 p.m. Thurmont Senior Center, 806 E. Main St. Presented by the Frederick County Health Department. Free, no registration required.

Sept. 27 - Love and Logic: Successful Discipline. 6-8 p.m. Program begins at 6:30. Lewistown Elementary School, 11119 Hessong Bridge Rd., Thurmont. Co-sponsored by Families Plus! and FCPS' Community Agency School Services. Registration required for dinner and childcare. Call 301-694-9002 or CASS Coordinator at 240-236-1770.

Sept. 29 - Stephen J. Kowalick Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament. Mountain View Golf Course, Fairfield, Pa. Starting time 1 p.m. Hosted by Knights of Columbus Divine Mercy Council 12250 from St. Mary's and St. Rita's Parishes. Cost: \$60 per player including meal, prizes, cart and awards ceremony. Last signup day: Sept. 18. Information: Jeff Zitzman, 717-642-6472.

Sept. 29 - Family Fun with "2 Nuts and a Bolt." 7-8 p.m. Emmitsburg. Stand-up comedy, solos, duets, vaudeville routines and audience sing-along.

Sept. 29-Oct. 1 - 4th Annual Tent Revival. 7 p.m. The Promised Land, on Md. Route 140, between Emmitsburg and Taneytown. Sept. 29, The Gospel Travelers with speaker Kathy Spitzer; Sept. 30, The PB & J with speaker Paul Rose; Oct. 1, The Gospel Choir of McDaniel College with speaker Eric Byrd. Refreshments will be served.

Sept. 30 - "Sacredness in Liturgy." 10 a.m.-3 p.m. National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, Emmitsburg. Mass and Spiritual conference directed by Father Joseph Fessio.

Sept. 30 - Taneytown Business Expo. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Carroll Vista Clubhouse, 1 Club Side Drive, Taneytown. Food, music, demonstrations, door prizes and lectures on financial and health topics. Sponsored by the Taneytown Chamber of Commerce, Main Street and Carroll Vista by Del Webb.

Sept. 30 - Fall Family Fun Day. Noon to 5 p.m. Life Horse, Inc., Breezy Hill Stables 15117 Mud College Rd, Thurmont. Pony rides, hayrides, food, games, face-painting, moon bounce. Free, donations accepted. Information: 301-271-4133 or visit www.breezyhillstables.com.

Sept. 30 - St. Joseph's High School class of 1981 annual reunion dance. Mother Seton School auditorium, Emmitsburg. Details: www.voxcomsolutions.com/sjhs/. Information, call Mike Forrence, 301-447-6758.

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

Sept. 30, Oct. 1 - New Forest Society Yard Sale and Raffle. Lost Hen Farm nursery, Rocky Ridge. Proceeds to benefit the New Forest Society Environmental Scholarship fund.

Oct. 1 - Basket Bingo. Lewistown Fire Hall. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Bingo begins at 1 p.m. Food and bake table available. Benefits Lewistown Elementary School PTA. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Call Kim Meredith 301-898-8117 or Laurie Wilhelm 301-271-1838.

Oct. 1 - Emmitsburg Life Chain. 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Emmitsburg town square. Prayerful, peaceful, non-political anti-abortion observance. 2:15 p.m. prayer service at St. Joseph's Church located just north of the square. For additional

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Oct 1, 7, 8 - "An Inconvenient Truth." 7 p.m. Unity Church, 1 W. 9th Street, Frederick. Film on myths and misconceptions surrounding global warming. Admission: \$5, with half going to benefit the Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light. Information: visit www.unityfrederick.org or call 301-846-0868.

Oct. 1 and 8 - Snip-its of History. Grace United Church of Christ, 40 West Baltimore Street, Taneytown. Oct. 1 is World Wide Communion at 10:15 a.m.; Community Service at 3 p.m. Homecoming tours on Oct. 8 at 10:15 a.m. Tours available. Luncheon follows the service for past and current members with a reservation. Information: 410-756-2302.

Oct. 7 - Buffet Breakfast. 6 to 11 a.m. Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, Tom's Creek Church Road (off Route 140 between Taneytown and Emmitsburg). Adults \$6, ages 5-10 \$3. Call Ernie Staub 301-447-6384, Dottie Davis 301-447-2403 or Rose Knox 443-605-2675 by Oct. 1 to place meat orders.

Oct. 7-8 - Fall Festival at Rose Hill Manor Park. Noon to 4 p.m., 1611 North Market Street, Frederick. Oct. 7, noon to 4 p.m. Children's old-fashioned toys, games and hands-on-crafts. Blacksmith demonstrations. Carriage museum will be open. Manor house tours. Fees for crafts. Tractor pull and butchering demonstration at the farm museum. Hayrides. Parking, \$1. 24-hour program information: 301-694-1650 or visit www.rosehillmuseum.com.

Oct. 14 - Giant Yard Sale. 7 a.m. Inside Graceham Moravian Church, 8231 Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont. Food will be available at 9 a.m. Information: 301-271-2379.

Oct. 14-15 - Ridgifest. Mt. Tabor Park, Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge Apple butter boiling demonstration on Saturday from 5 to 10:30 a.m. Fried ham sandwiches, flea market, crafts (call 301-271-2135 for free space), home-cooked food, a country store and more. Information: 301-271-2674.

Oct. 14, 21, 28 - Manor Ghost Tale Tours. Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 North Market Street, Frederick. 7-9 p.m. Enjoy local and traditional "ghost" stories interspersed with historical folklore and superstitious trivia while touring the 200-year old house. Cost: 10 years-adult, \$5 each. 24 hour program line: 301-694-1650 or visit www.rosehillmuseum.com.

Oct. 16 - Emmitsburg Area Historical Society. 7 p.m. at the Community Center, Emmitsburg.

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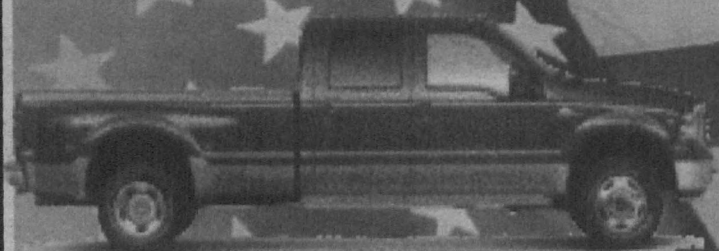
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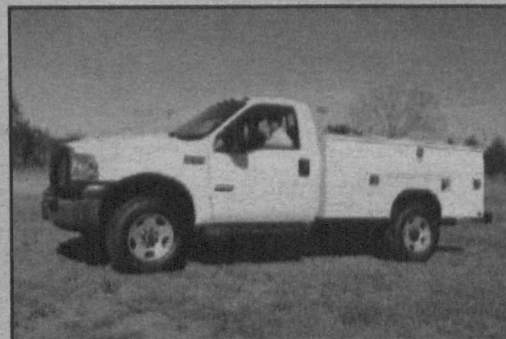
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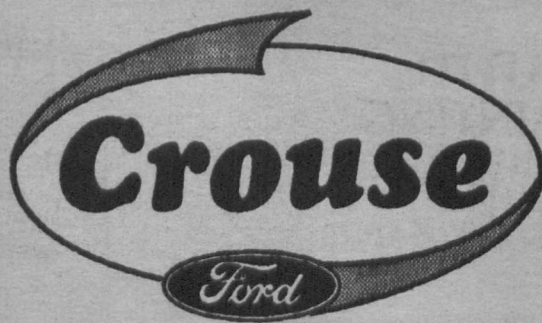


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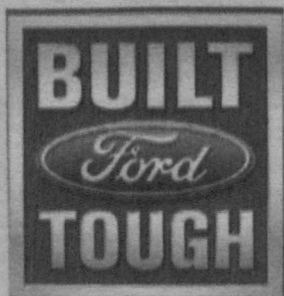


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