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Mount preparing for bicentennial

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Mount Saint Mary's University continues to finalize plans for its proposed \$2 million celebration of the university's 200-year history.

Elizabeth C. Monahan, the Mount's bicentennial director, told *The Dispatch* that the celebration would begin with an Aug. 22, campus-wide, kick-off celebration, and conclude on Oct. 18, 2008.

In addition to numerous events planned for the two-year long celebration, the university is also proposing a number of keepsake projects ranging from a coffee table book to a specially designed class ring.

Making the plans and raising the funds

The university's bicentennial celebration plans are being managed by the university's bicentennial commission, headed-up by Monahan as director, with Richard C. Ridgway, a Class of 1958 graduate, as chairman.

The 40-member commission "drawn from the (university) community, including alumni, faculty and students," Monahan said, will meet several times each year to plan for the grand celebration.

She said the bicentennial celebration will cost around \$2 million and that about \$1 million has already been raised.

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Vigilant Hose holds open house

Vigilant Hose Company, Emmitsburg, held its annual National Fire Prevention Week Open House for area residents Oct. 12, much to the delight of many children. Attending were a number of iconic children's characters, including Smokey the Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog. Children also got to meet one of the Thurmont K-9 search and rescue dogs. The fire company also presented future plans for the west side of the facility under renovation, and discussed town regulations mandating sprinklers in new home construction.

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Logging provides land management funds

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The denuded areas left behind by logging activities on the Rainbow Lake property may look bad, but

the radical tree and undergrowth removal will ultimately help foster a healthier forest.

Town Manager David Haller told *The Dispatch* that the funds raised through a hefty percent of the sale of the lumber have been used, and will continue to be used,

to buy land for the town.

However, a site visit by the newspaper raised concerns over a logging road through apparent wetlands containing a potential critical habitat for the state butterfly, and the absence of any noticeable sediment/silt traps or

containment to control nutrient loading into Rainbow Lake. The 11.5-acre, 33-million-gallon Rainbow Lake serves as a town reservoir.

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Town bypass, easier wished for than done

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Town administrators have been discussing the possibility of a town bypass for years. And yet, Emmitsburg seems no closer today than when proposals were originally debated.

Growth in Emmitsburg has not been remarkable compared

to other areas, but in-town growth or even neighboring growth in Frederick County, is not seen as the primary source of traffic in the community. Most fingers point north to booming development just over the Mason-Dixon Line in South Adams County.

Recently, Frederick County Commissioner Michael Cady promised to push for consideration of an

Emmitsburg bypass when the state is deciding on projects to be included in its six-year transportation budget. Some feel developers should help

pay; others think Pennsylvania should have to come up with a solution.

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'Rob's Van' for wounded soldiers to honor Seidel

As you may recall, my son 1LT Rob Seidel III was killed in action this past May in Baghdad, Iraq. My family buried him in Emmitsburg on Memorial Day.

We received a telephone call the other evening from a woman in Rhode Island who is the president of an organization called Operation Support our Troops. They are starting a program "Wheels for Warriors" and collecting money to purchase a van for severely

wounded soldiers from the war. These vans are equipped with wheelchair lifts and costs approximately \$50,000 each.

The next van purchased will be known as "Rob's Van" and will be presented to a wounded soldier from the 10th Mountain Division. The presentation will take place at West Point, N.Y., sometime in the spring of 2007.

Anyone interested in making a contribution to this very worthwhile

program can send a check to the following address:

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Please note on the check that it is for "Rob's Van."

- Bob Seidel Jr.
Emmitsburg

Editor's Note: For more information about Operation Support our Troops, visit www.osot.us.

Hurricane Katrina's personal impact

Thank you for sending me a copy of your town's newspaper. The article on Waveland ("Waveland, MS-Thurmont, MD connected by Katrina," Sept. 7, 2006, *The Dispatch*) brought tears to my eyes.

As you know, Monique LeCompte, one of the people featured in the article, is my oldest daughter. The house in Waveland was to be my retirement home and Monique had picked it out because she knew I would like it, being so close to the beach and everything. Now it's gone, along with all the little treasures we had accumulated there. The things my wife and I lost were nothing compared to the many things Monique lost,

e.g., her wedding keepsakes, new furniture, appliances, clothes, etc. All that we have left now are our memories of the good times we had there.

That Cute Little Shoppe, owned by Mrs. Pinn and mentioned in the article, was located right around the corner from the house. We went in there often and admired the many nice, unique things she had on display. Her shop, and everything else on Coleman Ave., is gone. Now, there are a few tents scattered up and down the street. Before Katrina, Coleman Ave was a quaint little street, busy with summertime tourists; now, it looks like a desolate wasteland

with very few signs of life. It looks like one of those CNN TV photos of some bombed-out place in a foreign land.

The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina makes one realize just how quickly life can change. So, enjoy today, because tomorrow might not be as good.

With every chance you get, please thank the people of Thurmont, MD for their kindness to the people of Waveland and, in particular, for their kindness to my daughter, Monique, and her family. I know I can speak for everyone in Waveland, when I say THANKS, and MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU.

- Robert W. Noel Jr.
New Orleans, La.

Editor's Note: Robert Noel Jr. is Senior VP and CFO in the New Orleans office of R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc., Frederick. He wrote this message, printed here with his permission, to Sharon Little, Thurmont, who has worked for Goodwin & Assoc. for 16 years.

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.

Oct. 19, 1906

Live Local News

The first snow of the season fell Wednesday of last week at Buena Vista.

The machinery of the old wrapper factory near St. Anthony's church was sold by the Sheriff to Mr. M. F. Shuff for \$240.

Over sixty of our townspeople attended the Frederick Fair. Among them were, Mr. Samuel Gamble, Miss Annie Agnew, Misses Elizabeth and Ruth Hoke, Misses Madeline Frailey, Sarah Miller, Nellie Rowe, and Theresa Harner, Messrs. Joseph Hoke, Howard Rose, Oscar Frailey, William Morrison, Clarence Frailey, Thomas Frailey, Jr., Charles D. Eichelberger, Jr., William Sellers, Thaddeus Maxell, William Frailey, Jr., William Rose, George Eyster Jr., Robert Sellers, O.A. Horner, Norman Hoke, Frank Kreitz, William Colliflower, Alexander Colliflower, Robert Gillelan, Charles Stokes, and Prof. G.L. Palmer.

The old Emmitsburg Manufacturing and Jobbing Company, which has been in operation for a number of years, has been merged into the Emmitsburg Broom Factory. Papers of incorporation were signed this week by Vincent Sebold, E.L. Frizell, Dr. D.E. Stone, B.S. Jenkins, J.F. Winegardner, M. Lingg and J.H. Rosensteel. The new company is capitalized at \$5,000.

Mr. James Glacken made a narrow escape a few days ago. He had purchased an empty gasoline barrel from Mr. Wagerman and, on the advice of his son, attempted to burn it out. When he held the fire to the bung hold the barrel exploded and one of the heads struck him on the leg injuring his kneecap.

W. M. Weaver, charged with stealing a horse from Russell Dorsey, of near Motter's Station, was arrested on Monday morning in Littlestown where he tried to sell it. His anxiety to make a sale led the people to think something was wrong and the authorities were notified. On Monday morning the Sheriff of this county went to Littlestown and the arrest was made.

Fourteenth Anniversary

Last Sunday was the beginning of the 15th year of Rev. Charles Reinewald's pastorate and the congregation of Elias Lutheran Church of this place fittingly celebrated the occasion. The church chancel was tastefully decorated with roses, dahlias and evergreens, and the services and sermon were listened to with much pleasure by a large congregation.

Mr. Reinewald, in the fourteen years of his services in this community, has preached 1,987 sermons, received 238 new members into his charge, baptized 237 persons, conducted 187 funerals and solemnized 84 marriages. There have been 206 losses sustained by death and removal. The communicant membership numbers 332 and in these few years they have given \$4,213.39 toward benevolence.

Burglars at Work

On Monday night some one broke into the bar room of the Hotel Spangler. Entrance was made through a window to the rear of the bar. Outside of two bottles of whiskey, a few cigars and fifty-five cents taken from the cash register, the thieves got little for the risks they ran.

The following night, Tuesday, an attempt was made to rob the store of Joseph E. Hoke. The party or parties came through the rear of the Mrs. Lydia Hoke's yard and with an axe, which they found near at hand, broke into the chicken coop and from there into the warehouse to the rear of the cold storage plant. An effort was also made to get into the main storeroom, but the iron bars in the rear window of the store frustrated the attempt. They did open the window to the other warehouse and it is supposed procured some booty. Mr. Hoke was unable at the time to ascertain his exact loss.

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'Debris of battle,' fallen timber, lies scattered on a portion of the land above Rainbow Lake, recently logged by Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company. The town stated it has received \$47,000 in revenue from the logging agreement.

Logging

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Poor logging history necessitated a change

To many, the deforested sections of the woods in certain areas of the town-owned Rainbow

Lake land may look like a landscape denuded by irresponsible loggers, but the effect may in reality be something of a necessary evil.

According to Haller, the rampant secondary vegetation growth on the land has outpaced the growth of more desirable hardwood trees. This situation is the result of practices years ago

in which only desirable trees were cut, leaving undesirables a free hand at growing as much and as large as they could, essentially taking over the forest.

The end result has been a general lowering of the "canopy," the collective mass of overhead leaves and limbs, which has deprived slower growing hardwoods of the sunshine necessary for their growth. What the loggers are doing now, Haller said, "is clearing the canopy to allow better trees to grow."

The wood being cut will be used primarily for pulpwood, which can consist of almost any type of wood, especially those which must be removed to allow the forest to achieve its former natural diversity and balance.

Specific trees, marked with a splotch of blue paint, are not being removed because they will become "seed" trees for the reforestation. After desirable trees regain lost ground, foresting will continue, but on a more managed level. But that balance would not likely occur for at least another decade, Haller said.

Town profits from allowing logging

Emmitsburg acquired the Rainbow Lake land in 1964 when the town bought out the Emmitsburg Water Company. Logging was permitted early on but the revenues were not earmarked for any particular project. Rather, they were spent on whatever debt or proposal the town chose.

When Haller became town

manager, things began to change and, by 2003, the Frederick County Forestry Conservation District Board approved a forest management plan for the land. This plan included controlled logging for reforestation purposes.

To carry out the intended pulpwood logging project, the town hired Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company. The current grading permit holder is David A. Nelson, who also holds a grading permit for logging on land belonging to Charles N. Mason Jr., Thurmont, according to county records.


A representative of Glatfelter Pulp Wood identified Nelson as one of its foresters. The permits are issued by the Frederick County Division

of Public Works, Environmental Compliance Section.

"We get 30 to 70 percent of what the wood is sold for," Haller told *The Dispatch*, noting that the average is about 52 percent.

Since 2003, the town has collected about \$47,233 from the sale of pulpwood. That money has thus far been spent on acquiring more land for town use (\$44,000 of the \$47,000 went toward the \$95,000 purchase of the lot adjacent to town hall currently being used for the Farmers' Market), and in spraying to control rampant vine growth on town lands.

"We were trying to clean up a mess we were left with and try and get something for the town," Haller said.




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Ecology damage may be from older logging

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — A stream crossing being used by Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company, Spring Grove, Pa., in conjunction with pulpwood logging on the Rainbow Lake property may have resulted from previous logging efforts.

In the Oct. 5 issue of *The Dispatch*, in "Rare butterfly habitat found at Rainbow Lake," it was reported that a stand of White Turtlehead, a plant creating a critical habitat for the Baltimore Checkerspot, the state butterfly, appeared to have been seriously damaged by a logging road. The path also crossed the adjacent stream, possibly harming wetlands.

However, according to a forester with Glatfelter, the company used an already-existing crossing at that point to access the areas higher up where logging was planned.


Both Town Manager David Haller and Glatfelter indicated logging activities had previously occurred in the area, and that apparent damage had been done, especially by practices that disrupted the forest ecology. Haller said that logging predated his employment with the town.

Those practices had also created a general "lowering of the canopy (the natural overhead growth of leaves and limbs)," stymieing the growth of more desirable trees (See "Logging providing lands management funds" in this issue).

Haller has passed on

the information about the presence of White Turtlehead to the Catoctin Land Trust for further investigation, noting that the trust is responsible for monitoring the conservation easement land.

The Catoctin Land Trust was established as a non-profit organization in 2000 with the primary objective of preserving the greenery of the countryside surrounding Emmitsburg, and the views afforded of the mountains immediately to its west. Visit www.catoctinlandtrust.org for more information on the land trust.



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Make it treats, not tricks

Halloween is not quite as scary as it used to be. Years ago, Halloween was unique because it was the one day a year when kids were scared. A white sheet with eyeholes or a cheap plastic outfit can be a lot of fun if you have an imagination.

But somehow, a man in a rubber mask jumping out and growling at you just doesn't cut it

anymore as a reason to be scared. Not when you have milkmen walking into schools lining all the girls up and shooting them, congressmen propositioning boys via instant messages and drugs that can be hidden in innocent-looking candy.

No, by today's standards, Halloween is the one day a year when kids probably do feel safe

because they know the monsters they're facing aren't real.

Let's make sure to keep it that way this Halloween. That means if you're a child, wear a costume that can be seen in the dark, don't trick-or-treat alone and don't go off with strangers. If you're a parent, make sure children are chaperoned when they trick or treat and check their candy for tampering when they get

home. If you're driving Halloween night, take it slow and watch for ghosts and goblins darting across the street from the shadows.

The screams you hear on Halloween night should be screams of joy rather than pain and sadness.

As for the rest of year, we'll just have to take that one day at a time.

A Word from the Mayor

It's time to speak out on signs

As most residents already know, the town of Emmitsburg's sign ordinance is in the process of a major revision. The revision has been discussed several times and is long overdue.

During the 2004 and 2005 town elections, the sign ordinance was challenged and brought to the attention of the ACLU. The ACLU questioned the fairness of regulating political signs differently from other signs in the same zoning districts. In simple terms, the ACLU accurately stated that no sign should be regulated based

on the message it displays.

Based on the ACLU's comments/concerns the town decided to correct the language within the sign ordinance related to political signs. At the time it seemed like a fairly simple task to get accomplished. However, it turned into a major assignment. It became the golden opportunity to review and change every section of the ordinance. Everyone had good intentions but, as you can imagine, with 20 to 25 individuals requesting a variety of changes, it quickly lost the original focus and concept and became a complete

revision of the entire section.

The town's planning and zoning committee has been tasked with completing a draft sign ordinance for the town council's review. So far at least two different drafts have been provided to the town council for comments. Each version has been returned to the planning and zoning committee with additional comments from the town council.

The planning and zoning committee is not yet finished with the next draft but, with the help of the town's contracted planner, the committee is getting closer to

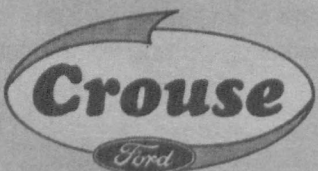
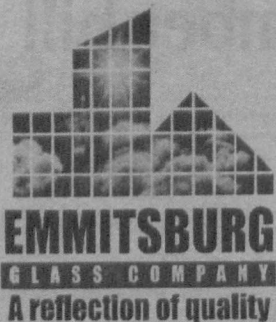
finalizing the next, which may be the last draft.

Therefore, if anyone wishes to offer any additional comments, now is the time to act. Comments can be giving at any planning and zoning meeting or in writing.

For more information about the current or the proposed documents, contact the Emmitsburg Planning and Zoning Department. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and can be reached at (240) 629-6303.

- James E. Hoover
Mayor of Emmitsburg

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Correction

A story titled "Main Street Grill under new ownership," which appeared in the Oct. 5, 2006 issue of *The Dispatch*, was written by Emmitsburg News Editor Richard D. L. Fulton, not Thurmont News Editor James Rada Jr.

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TOWN NEWS

Mayor expands his communication efforts to radio

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – Local residents will have little excuse in the near future for not staying in touch with town issues, or state and county issues relating to the town, thanks to Mayor James E. Hoover.

Emmitsburg already broadcasts live meetings of the board of commissioners and posts important announcements on Adelphia Cable Channel 99, as well as on the town Web site at www.emmitsburg.net/towngov/.

Town meetings are rebroadcast the day following the meeting (usually a Tuesday) at 9 a.m. and again the following Thursday at 1 p.m.

Radio Free Emmitsburg

But not everyone has cable or Internet access, the Emmitsburg mayor began to look for other outlets to expand information sharing.

Since nearly everyone has a radio, the mayor chose that medium. "I think it's a good resource to provide communications. It's something that everybody can get. So many people say, 'I don't have cable or Internet.'" he told *The Dispatch*.

As a public service, Mount St. Mary's University agreed to allow

the mayor to use their broadcasting resources and will provide students to get the show on the air without any cost to the town.

The mayor last year served as a guest several times on a two-hour, student-run talk show airing from the Mount. However, Hoover said, "This year (beginning Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. on 89.9 WMTB FM) will be a little different. This will be a one-hour show every Sunday to discuss things that affect the community."

The other difference will be that Hoover will be the host of the show with his own array of guests. The guest list is still being worked out and he is awaiting confirmations on some of the initial appearances.

The radio program will also be live-streamed on the Mount Web site, for the Internet savvy. www.msmedia01.msmmary.edu/wmtbradio

Hoover in TV-land

Hoover has participated in televised programming since late 2002 when Adelphia Cable launched its "Community Spotlight" program, which airs on Cable Channel 10. He has been a guest on that program a number of times, and continues to be involved.

The mayor also pushed for the materials and expertise it would take to broadcast town meetings

live on Cable Channel 99, and saw the success of his efforts along three lines this summer.

But Hoover thinks things could be taken one step further with a televised talk show along the same lines as the imminent

radio program.

"I'm considering the possibility (of doing a televised talk show)," Hoover told *The Dispatch*, as well as considering doing the show in partnership with the Mount as per the radio venture. However,

he pointed out, consideration of a televised program is "just in the very preliminary stages."

Hoover said the show would also focus on state, county and municipal issues as they relate to the town and surrounding areas.

The Town of Emmitsburg is changing its sign ordinance

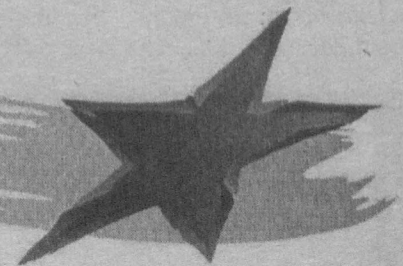
For the past 12 to 18 months the Town of Emmitsburg's planning consultant and the Planning Commission have been working on updating the current sign ordinance (Chapter 15.16) of The Emmitsburg Municipal Code. In the review process the Town's Planning and Zoning Department has located several "illegal" signs throughout the Town. Any sign displayed prior to obtaining a permit is "illegal".

The Town of Emmitsburg's Planning and Zoning Commission will be discussing the proposed changes at their October 30, 2006 meeting beginning at 7:30pm. The public and business owners are encouraged to attend and provide input for consideration.

The Towns Planning and Zoning Department will be issuing notices to property owners to remove all "illegal" signs or obtain a permit.

We appreciate your cooperation and urge everyone to participate and provide their comments and thoughts. The Planning and Zoning Commission and Town Council hope to finalize the new regulations within the next 60 days. If you have any additional questions please contact the Planning and Zoning Department at (240) 629-6309.

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TOWN NEWS

Bypass

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Vehicle numbers soaring above projections

Projected town traffic patterns have exceeded expectations, especially regarding truck traffic.

According to local resident and streets committee member Catherine Forrence, citing Maryland State Highway Administration numbers, the SHA projected in 1986 that 7,500 vehicles would be using Main Street (MD 140) daily in 2006. In 2005, the SHA conducted a traffic count on West Main Street and found the number of actual users had risen to 8,475, nearly 1,000 vehicles more per day than projected in 1986.

Forrence points out the issue is not just traffic congestion, but the numbers of trucks can also damage roadways and homes and businesses located near the road, and generate both noise and emission pollution.

"The additional cars and heavy trucks traveling on Main Street from Pennsylvania have resulted in a lower life expectancy of our Main Street," Forrence recently wrote to Senator Barbara Mikulski.

Additionally, she stated, "Our homes built in the days of horse and buggy (were) never designed to withstand the shock of 50,000 pound trucks bouncing within 20

feet of our front doors."

Given the thousands of homes proposed during the past two years in South Adams County north of Emmitsburg, involving Liberty, Freedom, Hamiltonban and Cumberland townships and Carroll Valley and Fairfield boroughs, more traffic is almost certainly on the way.

No slow-down seen in Pennsylvania

The proposed developments north of Emmitsburg are in various stages, from contested preliminary plans to initial conditional approvals. There are those who feel now is the time to plan for the potential traffic that may be generated, rather than wait for completion of the developments.

Richard Schmoyer, director of the Adams County Office of Planning & Development, recently noted that Adams County as a whole has between 12,000 and 15,000 homes in some stage of review.

In the recent past, the realization of a bypass in Emmitsburg never came much closer than a collector road proposed across Pembroke, Brookfield and Silver Fancy lands, contingent on a Silver Fancy annexation.

More recently, discussions of a possible bypass, this time at the western edge of town, came up as a result of inquiries made into the possible annexation of lands along Annandale Road. The suggestion was that any developers of those

lands contribute toward the creation of the bypass.

President of the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners, Christopher Staiger, thinks developers hold the key. He told *The Dispatch*, "Based on my meeting with the Frederick County Commissioners, State Highway Administration, and Md. Department of Planning on Aug. 31, I believe that a developer-funded 'bypass,' achieved through a series of annexations is our only hope for any type of 'bypass.' At this point, the town does not have a viable plan as to how this might be achieved, and there is no visibility for such a project at the county or state level except for a few arbitrary lines drawn on previous town comprehensive plan maps."

But Forrence contends that the answer lies not within the present or future bounds of Emmitsburg, but to the north amid the primary source of the traffic - Pennsylvania. She thinks that a potential Pennsylvania bypass, a Rt. 116-U.S. 15 connection traversing Southern Adams County, could help alleviate traffic through Emmitsburg.

The problem is that Adams County is not ready to pitch in and help. In fact, the county blames Maryland for the population increase in Pennsylvania, and the resulting increased traffic flow re-entering Maryland.

See "Adams position on Maryland traffic - 'You reap what you sow'" in this issue.

Adams' position on Maryland traffic - Basically 'you reap what you sow'

Don't look for Adams County, Pa., or the State of Pennsylvania, to offer much assistance to alleviate traffic congestion in Maryland communities south of the Mason-Dixon Line, notably Emmitsburg.

The mostly rural Pennsylvania county basically asserts that the traffic problem has been Maryland's making, and that tough development regulations in counties like Frederick are loading the countryside of areas like South Adams County with bedroom communities serving primarily Maryland-D.C.-Virginia workers.

Richard Schmoyer, director of the Adams County Office of Planning & Development, replied on Sept. 9 to an inquiry sent by Emmitsburg resident and streets committee member Catherine Forrence asking what Pennsylvania might be able to offer to help reduce the traffic flow from South Adams into Emmitsburg.

Schmoyer said, "I know that the amount of federal and state funds available in Adams County is insufficient to meet local needs."

He pointed out the dynamics that have led to the present traffic situation among Mason-Dixon Line communities.

"The State of Maryland has enacted one of the most restrictive growth management programs in the United States," he wrote, forcing Marylanders who work in the state to look elsewhere for homes.

"The result of all this is that thousands of Maryland residents or people who would ordinarily choose residential locations closer to work in Maryland, D.C. or Virginia are moving into Pennsylvania ... Maryland is not getting sufficient (in-state) housing," he continued.

To truly reduce the traffic congestion in Emmitsburg, Schmoyer threw the ball back to Maryland, writing, "Wouldn't it be better if some of the housing being built in Pennsylvania were built closer to Frederick and Westminster?"

- R. Fulton

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Mount

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Leading the fundraising effort has been the Bicentennial Pioneers, who have developed a fundraising process seeking to find as many donors as possible willing to contribute \$2,008 (equating the bicentennial year) each. Monahan noted that 'pioneers' would have four years to pay off their contributions.

Anyone can contribute, and she added that the Mount would also consider corporate sponsorships.

Academic, sports, and religious events included

Mount Saint Mary's University traces its origins to 1808 when Father John DuBois purchased 64 acres at the foot of St. Mary's Mountain for the purpose of establishing a college. DuBois was appointed as the college's first president.

The Mount's bicentennial plans will include academic, sports and religious events, with just a tentative schedule at this point, according to Monahan.

In the spring of 2007, there will be an academic symposium with Dr. Francisco Ayata as the speaker. Ayata was the 2001 National Medal of Science Laureate.

The unveiling and dedication of the Founder's Plaza is slated for Aug. 22, which will serve as the centerpiece for the bicentennial celebration.

Other events planned for 2007 include a family weekend, an academic symposium, a bishops' mass, which could include all current, standing bishops, a sports symposium, a bicentennial gala at the New York Athletes Club, and a bicentennial men's basketball game at Madison Square Garden in New York.

There will be a football game between Mount alumni and Gettysburg College alumni, scheduled for Sept. 29. Following a pre-game contest, both teams will take the field wearing period uniforms worn by their respective teams in 1806.

In 2008, events will include an academic symposium, St. Joseph's dinner (with St. Joseph's alumnae), an outdoor track championship, a congressional luncheon, bicentennial dance, Class of 2008 bicentennial dinner, a reunion weekend, and a stamp card dedication (approved by the U.S. Postal Service).

Events will conclude in 2008 with a priest's reunion, a seminary lecture and a closing gala. An additional event will be held after the official closing, a bicentennial men's and women's basketball challenge.

An array of memorabilia and keepsakes

The Mount is working on other projects to complement the bicentennial events.

Included will be a coffee table book featuring the photography of Dan Beigel, who has taken photographs for *National Geographic*. Monahan said Beigel has spent the last two years shooting on campus to capture shots reflecting the changes of the seasons. The book should be available by June 2007. In addition, a bicentennial print by artist Carol Dyer will be offered.

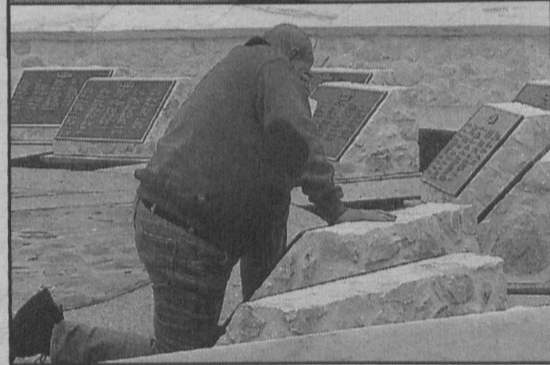
A one-hour documentary film on the history of the university, by Ginger Wolf Productions and MVI Post, will also be released and may air on public television.

A series of bicentennial medals is also being proposed which would be presented to individuals deemed outstanding in community, college or church-related services, and a special bicentennial class ring has also been designed.

Monahan said the bicentennial is important not just as a celebration of the 200-year history of the second oldest Catholic university in the country (Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. is the oldest), but it will also serve "to steer us forward in our third century of service."

TOWN NEWS

A time for tribute and a time for tears ... **Fallen firefighters remembered**



-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

Hundreds of firefighters, friends and family members attended the 24th annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend in Emmitsburg Oct. 6-8. A family reception, candlelight service at the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the Red Helmet Ride with dozens of motorcyclists traveling through Emmitsburg, and the unveiling of plaques listing the names of last year's fallen heroes were weekend highlights.

Town board reverses course on appointments

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Amid a flurry of apologies from commissioners and mayor for the manner in which the board had processed and failed to appoint two members to the planning commission, the board of commissioners decided to re-evaluate potential appointees at their Nov. 6 meeting.

Although the answers are not immediately clear, innuendoes suggested that, possibly questionable, behind-the-scenes events might have played a role in the rejections votes.

Commissioner Clifford Sweeney was the first to state at the Oct. 16 meeting that the commissioners should reconsider the proposed planning commission appointees they had rejected at two previous town meetings.

"I don't think we should have the right to turn down anyone (for committees and boards). I apologize," Sweeney said.

The commissioners failed to deny or approve a mayoral recommendation to appoint Catherine Forrence as a planning commission member on Sept. 5. And at the Oct. 2 meeting, the board voted not to appoint Tim O'Donnell as a planning commission alternate. Commissioner Glenn Blanchard

had nominated O'Donnell, who is presently a member of the town parks and recreation committee.

Mayor James E. Hoover had recommended against O'Donnell because he believed the appointment would place too many residents from developments on the board relative to non-development residents. Hoover also commented on the lack of diversity on the planning board.

Board President Christopher V. Staiger said he was "a little disturbed with the way things have gone with the last couple of meetings. I think we need to take people who want to serve (without regard to where they live in town, race or gender)."

Comp plan workshop draws less than 20 residents

BY BRENDAN WEEKS
Special to the Dispatch

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The town held a public workshop on Oct. 11 on Emmitsburg's new comprehensive plan. Attending the meeting to provide information to the public about the plan were planning consultant Christopher Jakubiak and assistant Sarah Franklin of Jakubiak and Associates Inc.

The evening began with a presentation by Jakubiak and Franklin, detailing statistics of the previous comp plan, including population growth as well as growth boundaries.

The commission has chosen to divide the plan into four main sections - live, work, move, and play. "This is something new to help compartmentalize," said Jakubiak.

Within each section, five possible directions for the town were specified and community members in attendance were asked to prioritize what they felt best for the town in each section. For example, under the "live" section, residents could select between small lot sizes with large park and community spaces, versus little community space and houses with larger yards.

Former commissioner Dianne Walbrecker attended the meeting and seems to think that the plan is getting back on the right track. "I was very critical at the

beginning," she said, "I think this (the workshop) is very good."

Also attending was Emmitsburg resident Bob Rosensteel. Although he applauded the workshop and the effort of the commission to include the public, he still saw room for improvement. Rosensteel called for "increased public relations for the town." He noted that the town population is over 2,000, but with fewer than 20 citizens in attendance the survey was "statistically useless." He suggested mailing questionnaires to everyone in town to try to get a more accurate view of what the town is truly interested in.

According to Walbrecker, when the town revised the plan in 1997, surveys were sent out and about 20 percent were returned. Several other communities, including Thurmont, have also used a mail-in survey as a tool for extracting community input.

The commissioners agreed that a questionnaire would be very useful, but said it would have to be done speedily to keep the process on track.

So far, three chapters of the plan have been drafted. These chapters are a "baseline" look at where the town currently stands. After information gathered from the workshop is analyzed, the commissioners will begin drafting the final chapter.

The comprehensive plan is scheduled to be completed by February 2007. Following that,

in spring of 2007 they will begin working on the comprehensive rezoning guide.

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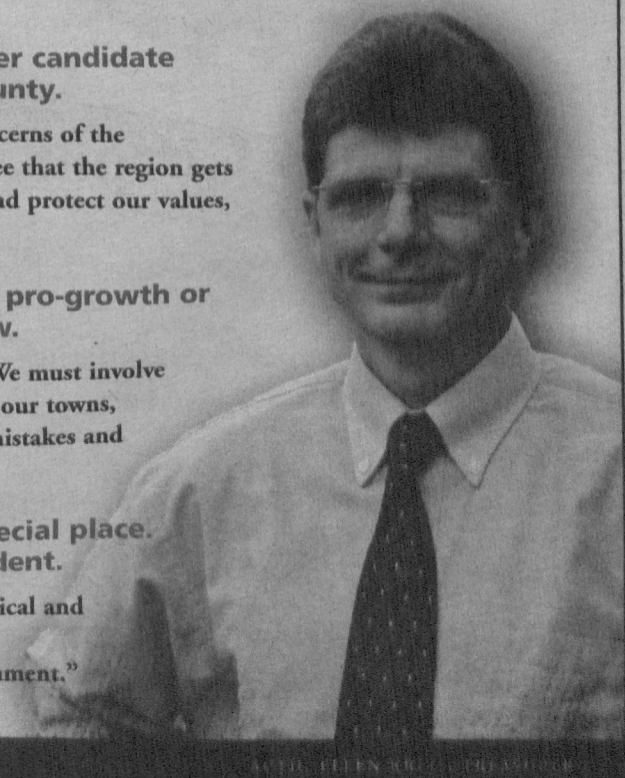
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REGIONAL NEWS

Thurmont to seek national historic recognition

BY JAMES RADA JR.
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THURMONT, Md. — Thurmont is looking to capitalize on its past to help preserve its future.

The town has received a state grant to hire a consultant who will help town representatives write an application for the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Main Street Manager Vickie Grinder said that achieving recognition from the National Trust would open up additional opportunities to help revitalize Thurmont.

"It's a very prestigious designation and it makes us eligible for some federal programs," Grinder said. "That's how Frederick received a lot of

the money for its Main Street Program."

The National Trust is a private, non-profit organization that works to save historic places and revitalize communities. It assists community-based development corporations and preservation organization to rebuild neighborhoods with loan and grant programs. Businesses can also benefit through the National Trust's National Main Street Program.

"What it means is that we're eligible for many more grants, low-interest loans, training for property owners to help make houses and businesses more attractive," said Town Commissioner Bill Blakeslee.

Chris Ryre has helped the town on behalf of the state to receive some of its designations. He

pointed out that any building over 50 years old in the district would be eligible to receive tax credits for improvements of around 20 percent. Only a couple of Maryland Main Street communities don't have the National Register District designation from the National Trust.

Grinder said she hopes the application is ready by next August, but she also cautions that, on average, it takes two submissions to the National Trust to receive the recognition.

"This misconception people have is that businesses will be regulated in their store design," Ryre said. "While that can happen, it would only apply to businesses that choose to take the tax credits. The program is voluntary."

A second piece of the \$16,625 grant also allows the town to hire a consultant to conduct a market study.

"Market studies scare people when they hear that because they think it means growth," Grinder said. "It gives us information for grants and information we can use to attract businesses. It's something good for Thurmont to use. It's like a third eye."

She expects that the same company that helped Thurmont win its Main Street designation will be the one to conduct the market study, which could be completed next spring.



-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

Going up!

Progress on the new \$2.2-million Guardian Hose Company building is almost visible from day to day. The new building will have 14,740 square feet and four bays facing Church Street. It is scheduled to open in January 2007. The new station replaces the old 1950s-era building.

Stock prices paid during the Community Show

THURMONT, Md. — The 32nd Annual Catoctin FFA Alumni Beef, Sheep and Swine Show was held at Catoctin High School during the 50th Annual Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show.

Andy Cashman of New Windsor judged the event, which was chaired by Robert Valentine. The average price for various livestock was: \$1.62 per pound for 36 hogs, \$2.35 per pound for 14 sheep, \$1.50 per pound for 17 steers.

Jubilee Foods purchased the grand champion steer exhibited by Zachary Willard for \$2.65 per pound, the grand champion swine exhibited by Tara Woelfel for \$3.85 per pound and the grand champion market lamb exhibited by Daniel Hobbs for \$2.60 per pound.

The three-day community show drew approximately 8,000 people, 750 exhibitors and 3,000 exhibits.

-J. Rada

Park Trek business moves to Gateway Gettysburg

STRABAN TOWNSHIP, Pa. — Park Trek, a subsidiary of Eastern National, has relocated from Gettysburg to the 100-acre home of Gateway Gettysburg,

a \$300 million hotel, theater, restaurant and retail complex located on Route 30 near the US 15 interchange.

Park Trek has operated the Gettysburg National Military Park museum store for more than 50 years, and handled reservations for a number of Gettysburg area attractions. The business will be expanding to include reservation

services for additional regional attractions.

Robert J. Monahan Jr., CEO of Gateway Gettysburg, said in a press release, "With this (Park Trek) enhanced operation at Gateway Gettysburg, visitors will have the quality of guide, reservation and tickets services they've come to expect."

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REGIONAL NEWS

Council president/mayor spar over use of police resources

BY WILLIAM K. REINKE
Contributing Writer

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — What began with Borough Manager David Hazlett sharing a budget request at the Oct. 10 council meeting from Police Chief Richard Hileman II ended with an emotional exchange of words between Council President Thomas Wolf and Mayor Ron Harris.

Following standard procedures, Hileman approached Hazlett to request the reallocation of \$2,000, from a line item earmarked for Corporal Powers, currently deployed in Iraq, into the overtime payroll budget.

Hazlett was not required to bring the matter before council, but chose to do so as a matter of keeping them informed. Most of the council remained silent on the topic, but

Wolf expressed his disagreement with the police department's management of resources.

Wolf took issue with a recent comment by Hileman concerning the investigation of the Aug. 31 robbery of PNC Bank on the corner of Routes 16 and 116. "This case consumed a lot of police department resources, but ... (the) arrests will give some comfort to the victims terrorized by his crime," Hileman said.

Wolf suggested the lack of police patrols on neighborhood streets is what really terrorizes residents. He cited his wife's need to lock all the doors when he leaves for his evening meetings as a case in point.

Mayor Harris, who oversees the Carroll Valley Police Department, spoke up in defense of the department. He recalled his childhood in East Harlem,

N.Y., and the police patrols there that made it easy for the criminals to know when to commit their crimes. He suggested, "While police patrols are good ... what keeps a community free of crime is people knowing that criminals will be pursued and brought to justice when they commit crimes in that community."

Wolf acknowledged that the two men had strong opinions and that the management of the police department budget would be a topic for further discussion at the upcoming 2007 budget workshop on Oct. 24.

The two Hagerstown area transients accused of the bank robbery, Robert Franklin Reed III, 27, and Roger Benton Seal, 57, have been captured in Georgia and West Virginia respectively. (See "Police apprehend suspects in PNC robbery" in this issue).

Police apprehend PNC robbery suspects

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — One of two persons of interest in the Aug. 31 robbery of the PNC Bank on Waynesboro Pike has been returned to Adams County to face a preliminary hearing before a district judge.

Apprehended by Georgia police on Sept. 17 was Robert Franklin Reed III, 27, formerly of Hagerstown. He was returned to Adams County Oct. 6 to face charges, according to Carroll Valley Police Chief Richard L. Hileman.

The second suspect, Roger Benton Seal, 57, also formerly of Hagerstown, was apprehended Sept. 23 by West Virginia State Police. Seal will not be returned to Adams County until charges filed in West Virginia are processed, according to Hileman.

Carroll Valley Police had obtained warrants for both individuals on Sept. 3 on charges of robbery, theft, receiving stolen property, criminal conspiracy to commit robbery, and making terroristic threats.

Police said PNC bank was robbed about 12:47 p.m. Aug. 21 after one of the suspects allegedly passed a note to a teller demanding money. Leaving through the rear of the building, he fled into the woods where he jumped into a vehicle being driven by a second suspect.

Both suspects then fled the area. Carroll Valley and Liberty Township police were unable to overtake the vehicle, which was last spotted by a Frederick County

deputy and reported as heading south on Annandale Road near Mount St. Mary's. The vehicle, believed to have been a stolen 2000 charcoal gray Dodge Stratus, has not been recovered.

Anyone with information relating to the crime or the suspects is asked to call Adams County Crimestoppers at 1-800-869-8057 or (717) 334-8057, or the Carroll Valley Police at (717) 334-8101.

News Briefs ...

Web site serves as candidates' forum

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — Borough Manager David Hazlett announced at the Oct. 10 council meeting that he has made arrangements for candidates in the upcoming election to post basic information about themselves on the borough Web site, www.carrollvalley.org.

The non-partisan forum will allow the local electorate to make more informed choices when they go to the polls on Nov. 7.

The Web site should be updated around the last week of October, once the final ballots become official. — W. Reinke

Public invited to 2007 budget workshop

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — The general public has been invited to join the borough council and other concerned citizens at a 2007 budget workshop to be held at the borough office on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.

The workshop is designed to allow residents to share input and ask questions regarding how their local taxes are spent.

In announcing this workshop at the Oct. 10 council meeting, Council President Thomas Wolf commented that the draft budget eliminated the need for any tax increase. "This is the eight or ninth year in a row with a balanced budget and no tax increase," he said.

The draft budget became available following the council meeting on Oct. 10. — W. Reinke

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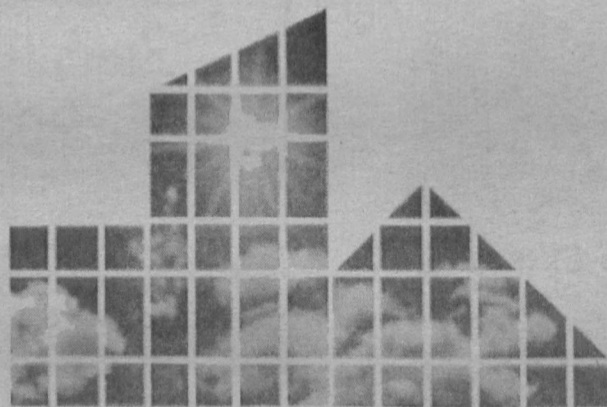
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Catoctin Colorfest enjoys its 43rd year



THURMONT, Md. – Colorfest 2006 had it all. Perfect weather, a sea of people, folksy crafts, beautiful art, fun food, fake flowers and even lint art. Vendors filled Thurmont's nooks and crannies and the more than 100,000 visitors filled in the nooks and crannies' nooks and crannies.

One vendor enjoying his time was sculptor Don Rea. His wire and metal sculptures of crazy flying machines and robots stopped the passing crowd. He's been a Colorfest vendor since 1992.

"We love this festival," Rea said. "It's well run and we have a lot of fun." So, too did the attendees.

-J.Rada



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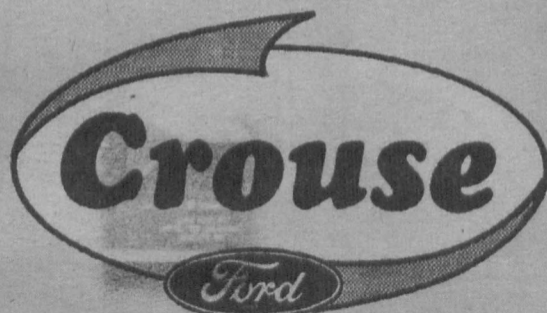


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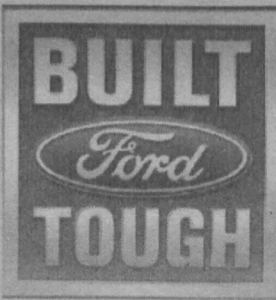
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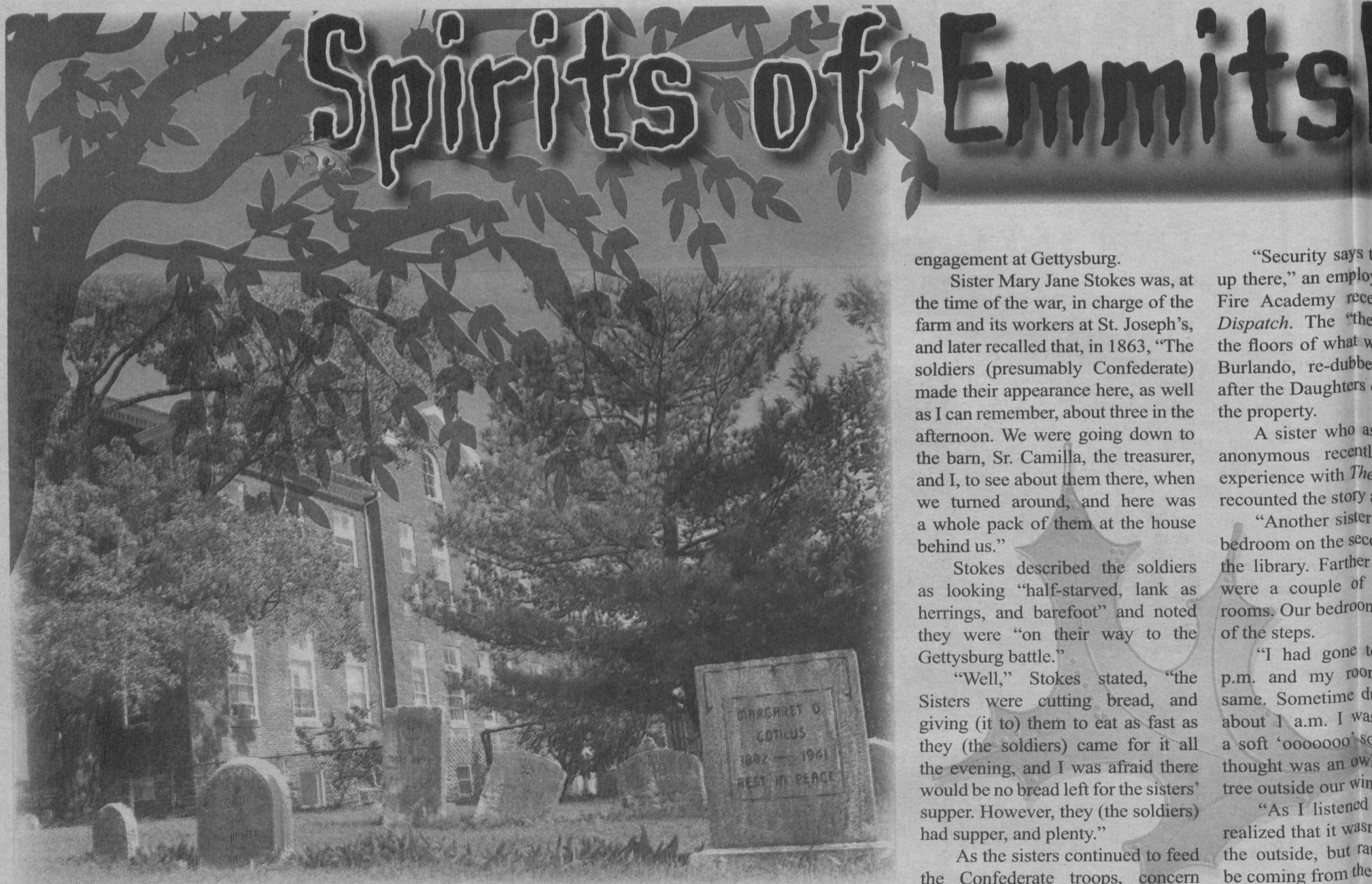
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The former St. Euphemia's School and Sisters' House adjacent to St. Joseph's Church has been the scene of a number of paranormal encounters, one even involving a K-9 dog who refused to go into part of the building.

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
Emmitsburg News Editor
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EMMITSBURG, MD. - Emmitsburg and its immediate environs has been the scene of reported paranormal activity since the Native Americans wandered the valley.

The town has had its share of spirit-related encounters ranging from dark shadowy figures to a mounted rider who seems to reenact past romantic rendezvous to just plain unexplained activities.

Included herein are just a few brief, condensed stories, both historic and relatively recent, which the reader is free to ponder as he or she pursues tricks-or-treats on the most haunted of all nights...Halloween.

Ebenezer's amorous sorties

One of the older "ghost stories" associated with the community traces its origins to the late-1700s, and relates to one Ebenezer Shields, who, the saga says, rides a ghostly horse up and down old 15 south of town.

Shields, according to "A History of the Shields Family" by

John Edgar Shields, (Triangle Press, Harrisburg, Pa., 1961), was born in 1778 and died in 1837. He was the son of William and Jane Shields of Emmitsburg.

In an account submitted by Martin Skubinna to the Emmitsburg Area Historical Society, Shields led a fairly unremarkable life, and likely made a living farming land probably inherited from his father.

Skubinna's account suggested that Shields did not lead an exemplary life when it came to relationships with the opposite sex, pointing out that in his will a Margaret Morrison is listed among the inheritors as his "housekeeper" and the mother of his three children. Another individual, Rachel Robison, is also named as the mother of one of his sons.

"There is some evidence (and an insistent family tradition) that Ebenezer fathered children other than those named in his will, presumably by other women of the area," Skubinna wrote.

According to some, the spirit of Shields lives on, riding to and fro along old Route 15, notably on moonlit nights, adhering to the path that once took him to his trysts with numerous women in the valley.

Bread from nowhere

During the American Civil War, Emmitsburg and its immediate vicinity was often visited by Confederate and Union troops, more heavily so than normal during the

engagement at Gettysburg.

Sister Mary Jane Stokes was, at the time of the war, in charge of the farm and its workers at St. Joseph's, and later recalled that, in 1863, "The soldiers (presumably Confederate) made their appearance here, as well as I can remember, about three in the afternoon. We were going down to the barn, Sr. Camilla, the treasurer, and I, to see about them there, when we turned around, and here was a whole pack of them at the house behind us."

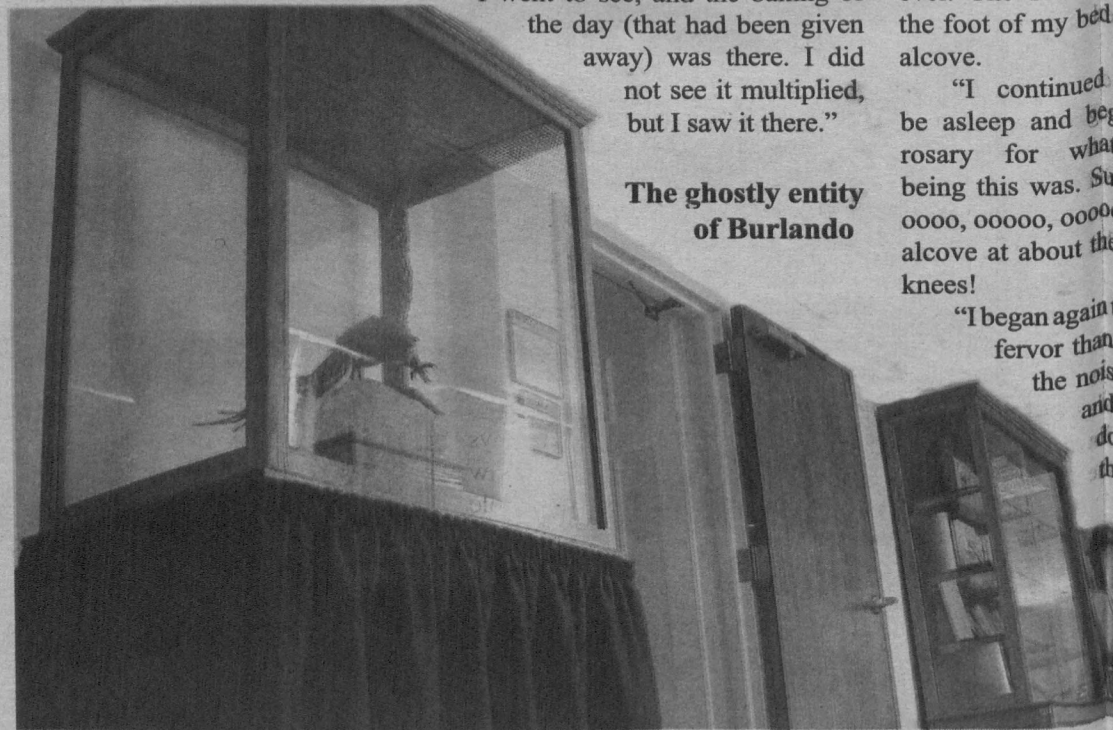
Stokes described the soldiers as looking "half-starved, lank as herrings, and barefoot" and noted they were "on their way to the Gettysburg battle."

"Well," Stokes stated, "the Sisters were cutting bread, and giving (it to) them to eat as fast as they (the soldiers) came for it all the evening, and I was afraid there would be no bread left for the sisters' supper. However, they (the soldiers) had supper, and plenty."

As the sisters continued to feed the Confederate troops, concern began to set in about the dwindling bread supply. "After supper... I went to Mother Ann Simeon and told her I didn't know what the sisters would do for breakfast next morning, for they would have no bread."

Or so they thought. Stokes went in to check the remaining supplies, and was startled to find the bread that had been given away to the troops had been totally replenished. "Then I went to see, and the baking of the day (that had been given away) was there. I did not see it multiplied, but I saw it there."

The ghostly entity of Burlando



One of the hallways of Burlando seems complacent enough amid its modern refurbishment. A quilt appearance may hide a more sinister element. Unexplained noises and apparitions haunt throughout the old college administrative building.

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the bathrooms. By this time it was about 3 a.m. Needless to say, I slept no more that night, but continued to pray through the night for whoever that poor spirit was."

Casey said she recognized the ruffle of the old style, full-length habit and recognized the noise caused by the typical long rosary once worn with that attire.

Casey said she turned around, but no one was there. She was certain, however, that she had just "met" the spirit nun of St. Euphemia's.

In the end, Casey said, a Mass was celebrated for the ethereal nun, after which she never appeared again.

the time," she stated. Her mother, on one occasion, heard footsteps coming down the stairs, going down the hall and into the kitchen. She said her mother, thinking it was her father, called out and then went into the kitchen. No one was there.

Even more unnerving was the family dog's behavior, who would stand and stare at things no one else seemed capable of seeing.

However, one night the entity made a personal appearance. Forrence said it wasn't a form that could be readily made out, just a dense dark mass that could just be made out in an already darkened room.

The origin of the dark entity of the Annandale Road home was never determined, she said, nor any explanation ever found for the activity she observed while growing up in the home which is apparently still houses an uninvited occupant to this day.

Editor's Note: The author is compiling ghost stories and related experiences in the town and immediate area to include in a forthcoming book. Please contact him with any stories you may wish to share at richard_fulton@myway.com.

Paranormal activity in the form of "orbs" of light hovering above the basketball court in the 1920s gym of the former St. Joseph's Academy were captured in this Sept. 21, 2006 photograph. Numerous paranormal investigators and mediums say these balls of light are the basic forms souls most frequently take.

The spirit nun of St. Euphemia's

St. Euphemia's School and Sisters' House, located behind St. Joseph's Church has been the scene of a couple of unusual events over the years from the days that it served as a home to the sisters to more recent times when a police K-9 unit refused to enter a certain room in the basement of the facility.

Sister Eleanor Casey once had an encounter while a resident at St. Euphemia's in the late-1970s involving the spirit of a deceased nun. Casey stated that, while others had reported seeing the nun, said to have been the spirit of the deceased Sister Philip Barry, walking in the stairways in the home, she never actually saw the spirit, but did have a memorable encounter with her.

There was a chapel on the first floor of the home, Sister Casey said. One evening after dinner, Casey attended the chapel for prayers when she heard someone come in, and apparently had sat down somewhere behind her.

The sister thought nothing of it until the apparition arose to leave.

Dark apparition in a Toms Creek home

A 200-year-old farmhouse along Toms Creek off Annandale Road has apparently served as the home for a dark spirit for decades, although those who have experienced the presence seem no more informed as to its reason for being there today than were those who initially encountered it.

The Forrence family currently lives in the home. Catherine Forrence lived there from about the eighth grade through high school.

Normally, the unknown presence was merely a noisy spirit, if it was a spirit, which often raised such a commotion that it sent young Forrence out into the yard for sanctuary if she happened to be alone when the racket started.

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Simply Asia opens in Thurmont



-BRENDAN WEEKS / THE DISPATCH

Qin Chen will be the head chef at Simply Asia, Thurmont's newest restaurant. The restaurant on Frederick Road offers Chinese, Thai, and Japanese cuisine.

BY BRENDAN WEEKS
Special to the Dispatch

THURMONT, Md. — Oct. 3 marked the grand opening of Thurmont's new restaurant, Simply Asia. Uniquely, the restaurant offers Japanese, Thai, and Chinese cuisine.

Owner Sharon Tsai had no intentions of opening a restaurant in Thurmont. She was in the community one day visiting when

she decided that this would be a great place to open up shop.

"I like this town," Tsai said, "I love the people. They are really friendly."

Last December, Tsai decided to close her Frederick restaurant, Hunan Gourmet, and begin work on what would be her fifth establishment.

Although the restaurant has not even been open for a month, Tsai is already seeing success. "A lot of people have been back three or four times already," said Tsai.

Tsai considers the pad thai to be one of the tastiest items on the menu, a fried noodle dish with egg and unsalted peanuts, that originated in Thailand. Using their own special sauce, the chefs at Simply Asia believe they add distinctiveness to the meal.

Although the menu may not say so, Tsai assures that vegetarian

options are available. "We cook a lot of tofu and make a lot of veggie dishes," said Tsai.

Simply Asia also offers Thurmont residents a chance to try out mochi, a dessert that blends Asian and American treats. "A rice (cake) wrapper, filled with ice cream inside," said Tsai. Not only can you choose from a variety of standard American ice cream flavors, but also sesame and green tea flavors. "It's fabulous," said Tsai, "It's worth trying."

Simply Asia is offering carryout to the community as well as catering. "We offer catering for the office, home, and party trays," said Tsai.

The restaurant is located at 120 Frederick Road, Suite B, Thurmont. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 9:30 p.m.

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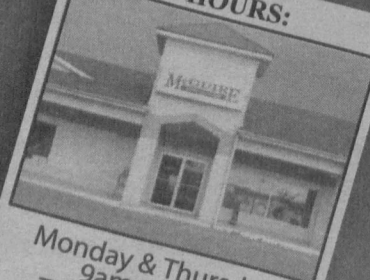
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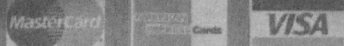
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Auth: Charlie Smith for State's Attorney, Kim Chaney, Treasurer



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Agriculture - The County's goal is to place 100,000 acres in Ag Preservation by 2020. At present, more than 41,000 acres is in one of the programs offered to our farmers. Nearly half of this land was preserved during my term.

Parks - I have been the County's No. 1 advocate for expanding our parks. During the last four years, we opened Old National Pike Park, acquired land for and started construction of Utica and Urbana District Parks, and began the expansion of Ballenger Creek Park. All total, these Parks and Recreation construction projects increase our active recreation space by more than 500 acres (a 1/3 increase).

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Lower Taxes

My philosophy is that the cost of government should not grow faster than the income of those who support it through property, personal income and other taxes. I would support legislation that limits the growth of Frederick County's Operating Budget to a formula that combines increased population and cost of living index.

Property Taxes - This year, the County Commissioners approved two measures to lower property taxes and I introduced one and supported the other.

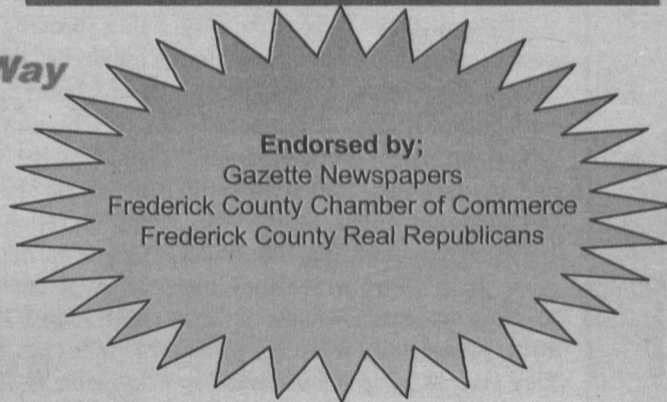
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Michael L. Cady, Vice President of the Frederick County Board of County Commissioners is a man who overcame many obstacles to achieve his present position. Born blind, he attended Braille school through the sixth grade. Through treatment his sight improved in one eye to the extent he could attend regular school in the 7th grade. After high School Mike joined the United States Marine Corps and received an Honorable Discharge. At age 25, he married. His wife Denise died when their children were 7, 5 and 3. He raised his children while working and going to college. In 1990, after his children finished high school, Mike married Darlene, who is a high school teacher.

Commissioner Cady began his career with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of the National Capitol Area as a Claims Examiner. Over a ten year period, he was promoted to various positions. Cady currently owns and operates two local businesses.

Commissioner Cady is among the busiest of our County Commissioners. In addition to his normal Commissioner duties, he serves as liaison to twelve Boards and Commissions. Commissioner Cady is a regular visitor at Municipal meetings. He made a commitment during his last campaign to visit each of the twelve incorporated towns numerous times during the course of each year and has done so.

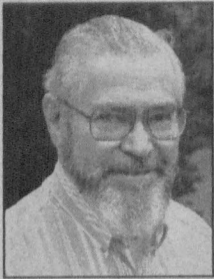
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The (retired) Ecologist

The race is to the swifts... for now



BY BILL MEREDITH
Dispatch Columnist

I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all. - Ecclesiastes

October arrived and the chimney swifts left, as they always do. I thought they had gone much earlier, because they disappeared when the late summer drought was at its peak. Their diet is small insects like mosquitoes, which became scarce during the drought; so the swifts had to leave the cozy environs of Emmitsburg and go

to places with lakes, swamps or rivers. The September rains brought back the mosquitoes, and soon the skies over our town were full of swifts again. But all creatures must be able to read the signs of nature if they are to survive. Shorter days and cooler nights mean winter will come, and swifts keep track of such things. I saw several of them on Sept. 28; the next day they were gone, on a flight that will take them to South America. They will find chimneys, hollow trees or rocky cliffs to roost in at night until they get to the Gulf Coast; then they will fly across the Caribbean, repeatedly soaring to great heights and then sleeping lightly as they glide slowly downward, waking before they reach the sea surface. Their journey will take them to the eastern edge of Peru, at the base of the Andes Mountains, where they will spend the southern-hemisphere summer. If time and

chance favor both them and me, I will see them again next April.

Chimney swifts are among the commonest, least known and oddest of our local birds. They are about five inches long, with sickle-shaped wings that spread to nearly a foot; Roger Tory Peterson, the dean of bird watchers in America, said they look like a cigar with wings. They are a dusky gray color, but few people get close enough to discern it. If you look, you can see them darting about the sky catching insects on any summer day; but they typically fly high in the air and most people don't look up there. Those who do usually mistake them for swallows, which also dart about catching insects, but in fact the two birds are not related. Swallows typically fly much lower and commonly perch on telephone wires and fences; swifts have such small, weak feet and legs that they cannot perch or walk.

Swifts were among the few animals that benefited from the colonization of America. Originally they lived in crevasses among rocky cliffs or in hollow trees, and they were not very common in this part of the country. When Europeans came, forests with hollow trees were replaced by cities and towns with chimneys, and swifts simply traded one kind of dark, hollow place for the other. It was an easy transition; the swifts have sharp claws which they use to cling to vertical surfaces, and stiff, spiny tail feathers which they use to prop themselves up when clinging, so the rough brick surfaces of chimneys were ideal for them. This new habitat also fit

their life cycle; most houses had separate chimneys for heating and cooking, and the heating grates were not in use in the summer when the swifts were here.

Even their name is odd. They were named *Chaetura pelagica* by the great Swedish biologist, Linnaeus, who worked in the mid-1700s when little was known about bird migration. *Chaetura* comes from the Greek word, chaeta, which means spine, and that is a logical reference to the spiny tail feathers. However, *pelagica* means "from the sea," which makes no sense until you recall the old European folktale that each autumn the swallows flew out to sea and dived into the water, sinking to the bottom and spending the winter hibernating in the mud. Linnaeus knew the difference between swifts and swallows, but bird migration was not understood in those days, so he assumed swifts also hibernated at the bottom of the sea. It was only around the time of his death that biologists thought of putting numbered bands on birds' legs and thus proving that they migrated hundreds of miles to southern areas in the winter.

Chimney swifts build nests of small twigs which they fasten to the inside of a chimney with a glue-like secretion from their saliva. (In China, the nests of a related species of swift are used to make bird's nest soup.) They usually produce 4 or 5 eggs, which take 18 days to hatch; it is another four weeks before the young birds are ready to fly. To leave the nest, they have to hitch themselves upwards with

their claws and tail spines until they reach the top of the chimney, and launch themselves into the air by jumping off. Once airborne, they have to keep flying, because they are unable to perch and take a rest. If they run into something or fall to the ground, they are unable to walk or hop on horizontal surfaces; their only hope is to flop about until they reach a tree, and then crawl up far enough to re-launch themselves before a cat sees them. So they spend the day following their parents, learning to catch insects. When evening comes, they go back to the chimney and begin to fly in a circle like the vortex of a whirlpool; then, as if poured through a funnel, they dive down the chimney head-first. Somehow they must get turned around and grab onto the bricks; then they can inch themselves toward the nest. It has always amazed me that any of them survive.

For many years, swifts have raised their families in the chimney of the old house where we used to live, as well as several of the adjacent buildings, and I have enjoyed sitting on my porch at dusk on summer evenings and watching them go through their re-entry ritual. But it seems that there have been fewer of them in recent years. In new houses, chimneys often are absent; if present, they are lined with glazed fire-brick or metal, which the swifts cannot cling to. Even old chimneys often are capped with mesh to keep birds out. It seems that for the past few centuries we unknowingly provided a habitat for these peculiar birds; and now, as lifestyles change and construction methods modernize, we are unknowingly taking that habitat away. It is not a trivial or sentimental matter; each swift eats several thousands of mosquitoes every day, and in addition to their irritating bites, mosquitoes transmit to us a variety of old and new diseases. As we become more aware of the dangers of chemical pesticides, the decline in numbers of chimney swifts is a problem we need to be concerned about. We're in this together; time and chance happeneth to us all.

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Jason Polansky, a fifth grader at Thurmont Elementary, received an Associated Press award from former *Frederick News-Post* reporter Kelly Hinchcliffe. Hinchcliffe received the award for a story she wrote about Jason, who has bilateral anophthalmia and was born with no eyes. Jason's story touched Hinchcliffe and she decided to give the award to Jason.

'Gently-used' musical instruments needed

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

They are put away behind boxes in attics or in closets alongside outworn clothing, relics of years spent in band or orchestra. Yet these often forgotten musical instruments could be heard again and enrich the education of current Catoclin- area students, if they were donated to the instrumental music program for local schools.

Barrett Irons and Kurt Nigh are the instrumental music teachers for all the elementary schools in the Catoclin feeder area. This year, as in every other school year, they have students who want to learn but whose families cannot afford an instrument for them. Frederick County Public Schools does provide all elementary teacher teams with a certain number of "scholarship instruments," but "all of our scholarship instruments are already being used by students." Both instructors pointed to "studies [that] have shown improvement in reading and math test scores" for children who learn to play an instrument.

Gwen Drescher, FCPS curriculum specialist for elementary arts, stresses that "the county will find an instrument for any students who needs one...and [shows] financial need." Grant programs and arrangements with local music stores support the program. Parents must sign a one-year contract with FCPS, taking responsibility for the instrument. The instrument must not be sold or pawned. The contract may be renewed for another year if the child continues instrumental music studies.

Individuals can donate used instruments through the local music educators. Drescher recommends that donors first call Nigh and Irons at their local school to arrange their donation. Each instrument will be given a property code and will "follow" students in the local school.

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Civil Air Patrol Cadet Lt. Col. Haley Blevins with the CAP National Commander General Antonio Peneda and Colonel Larry Trick, the Advisor to the National Commander for Cadet Programs.

MOUNT STUDENT RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION AWARD

Civil Air Patrol Cadet Lieutenant Colonel and Mount freshman, Haley Blevins of Lexington Park, Md., was recently awarded the Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year Award at the 2006 Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition held in Washington D.C. The award and conference are sponsored by the Air Force Association. Cadet Blevins was selected from 35,000 Civil Air Patrol cadets across the United States by the Air Force Association to receive this prestigious award because of her many accomplishments working and teaching at Local Civil Air Patrol Squadrons, Maryland Wing and Middle East Region. The Award was presented to Cadet Blevins by the Secretary of the Air Force, the Honorable Michael Wynne, and the Air Force Chief of Staff, General T. Michael Moseley.

Cadet Blevins has been a member of CAP for 6 years. She is a member of the St. Mary's Composite Squadron, and is also Chairperson of the Maryland Wing (State) Cadet Advisory Council. She participated in the International Air Cadet Exchange to England in 2005. She was the International Air Cadet project officer for the exchange to Maryland in 2006. She is attending the Mount and is majoring in Computer Science. She recently soloed and passed the FAA private pilot written test and is presently working toward obtaining her private pilot's license.

For more information, contact Brenda Reed at breed@mdcap.org or 410-553-6394.

There are approximately 1,300 members of CAP in Maryland. Last fiscal year wing members flew 34 search and rescue missions and were credited with 23 finds.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MASS AND SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE: "DARK NIGHT OF THE SOUL AND PURIFICATION"

Friday, October 20, 7 p.m., Grotto of Lourdes
Directed by Fr. Jack Lombardi; sacred music concert by St. John's Acappella chorus

MASS AND SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE: "ECSTATIC UNION WITH GOD: FOR EVERYONE?"

Friday, October 27, 7 p.m., Grotto of Lourdes
Directed by Fr. Jack Lombardi

SEMINARY SYMPOSIUM: LONG IN COMING: THE INTEGRATING OF THE CATHOLIC PRIESTHOOD

Thursday, October 26
Stephen J. Ochs will lead the symposium. He is the author of *Desegregating the Altar: The Josephites and the Struggle for Black Priests, 1871-1960* and *A Black Patriot and a White Priest: Andre Cailloux and Claude Paschal Maistre in Civil War New Orleans*. He lives in Silver Spring, Maryland, and is chair of the history department at Georgetown Preparatory School. For more information, please contact the Department of Church History at 301-447-3413.

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"MURDERBALL: SMASHING STEREOTYPES ONE HIT AT A TIME"
- BOB LUJANO

October 30, 7:30 p.m., Knott Auditorium
Bob Lujano was recently featured in the documentary film *Murderball*, winner of the best documentary at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival. The film follows the trials and tribulations of the US Quad Rugby Team as they prepare for the 2004 Paralympic Games of Athens.

"THE LEGACY OF WEYANOKE" TELLING OUR OWN STORY

November 8, 7:30 p.m., Knott Auditorium
This inter-tribal Black Indian a cappella vocal ensemble performs songs and stories from the African Diaspora - Africa, South America, the Caribbean, and the American South, and the Diaspora's Native American branch. Through this musical oral tradition, audiences will learn about the Black (African and American African) and Red (Native American or Indian) history and culture, and the places where they intersect.

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COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

OBITUARIES

Mr. Christopher Edward Arthur

Christopher Edward Arthur, 22, of 42 Fawn Trail, Fairfield, died Sept. 29, 2006, from injuries received in an automobile accident in Taneytown, Md.

Born Aug. 21, 1984, in Baltimore, Md., he was the son of Edward and Sandra H. (Phillips) Arthur, Jr., of Fairfield.

In addition to his parents, Christopher is survived by his maternal step-grandmother Delores Philips and paternal grandmother Margaret Arthur.

Funeral services were held on Oct. 5, 2006, at the Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church, Gettysburg, with the Rev. Dale Williams officiating. Interment was private.

Mr. John Ridenour Jr.

John Roscoe Ridenour Jr., 78, of S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, died Oct. 5, 2006, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg, Md.

Born April 6, 1928, in Frederick County, he was a son of the late John R. and Mary Myers Ridenour Sr.

Surviving are five sons, Lanny Robert Ridenour, Rodney Ross Ridenour, Larry Francis Ridenour, John David Ridenour, Blaine Edward Ridenour; two daughters, Laura Anne Crawford and Dorothy Marie Moser; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one sister, Betty Sweeney.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 9, from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, Md., with his pastor Rev. Vincent J O'Malley, C.M. as the celebrant. Interment was in New St. John's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Mr. David Wantz Sr.

David Bernard Wantz Sr., 75, of E. Main Street, Emmitsburg, died Sept. 28, 2006, at the Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa.

Born Nov. 4, 1930, in Emmitsburg, Md., he was a son of the late Harry and Annie Eyerl Wantz.

Surviving in addition to his wife of 56 years, Edith Hilbert Wantz, are three sons, David Jr., Steve Sr. and John; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Mary Jean Houck; and one brother, James "Eddie" Wantz.

Funeral services were held Oct. 2, from the Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, with his pastor, the Rev. Jon Greenstone, officiating. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Area showings of global warming movie

The Paramount film, "An Inconvenient Truth," featuring Al Gore and directed by Davis Guggenheim, will be shown, free of charge, in various locations in the Thurmont-Emmitsburg area in October. Sponsoring the event is a group called Inter-faith Power and Light, a non-partisan ecumenical ministry based in Washington, D. C. and Oregon. The intention of the film showings is to open dialogue about the actual state of the earth as some scientists or our time are perceiving it.

Oct. 19 - 7 p.m. Mount St. Mary's University

Oct. 22 - 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg

Oct. 24 - 7 p.m. Emmitsburg Library

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Cub Scout Pack 270 named 'Pack of the Year'



-BRENDAN WEEKS / THE DISPATCH

The wolves of Den 9 practice front flips at their first meeting. The 'Pack of the Year' was especially active last year, competing in a pioneer derby, a rain gutter regatta, and a rocket regatta.

BY BRENDAN WEEKS
Special to the Dispatch

THURMONT, Md. — Last May, members of Cub Scout Pack 270 attended the district dinner in Frederick, where they learned that they had been elected "Pack of the Year."

Pack 270 consists of six dens from northern Frederick County. They were chosen out of 22 packs in the Catoctin Mountain District, based on the activities they participated in throughout the year. Points are assessed for each activity and at the end of the year the pack with the most points receives the award.

"The main thing is to have a quality program that encourages character development, citizenship, and physical fitness," said District Commissioner Linda

Sundergill. "The units that get these awards really do strive hard."

Over the year, the pack was able to go camping twice, collect food, march in the local parade, and take part in Frederick's Big Sweep, a program to help clean up the streets of Frederick County while raising money at the same time. "We do have a very active pack," said Cub Master Bert Edmonston, "Which is great."

"This is a very unusual pack in that it has the pioneer derby and the rain gutter regatta and the rocket regatta," said Edmonston, "It has three major activities."

This was the third year that the Pack of the Year award was

handed out, having been won by Pack 271 of Frederick the first two years. The award ceremony was held at the Hampton Inn and was presented by the National Capital Area Council, which covers parts of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

The boys of Den 9 think that their award was well deserved. "It's awesome!" said an excited eight-year-old Ryan Bell. "Because we won, but we [worked] hard. We had to earn badges and rewards."

"I think it was really great," said Edmonston, "It's good to see the boys participating in activities. We really have a great bunch of kids from the tigers right on through."

Salvation Army Christmas Assistance

Toys and clothing will be provided for children birth through 12 years old. Applications will be accepted Oct. 23, 9 a.m. to noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Oct. 24, 9 a.m. to noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Oct. 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Oct. 26, 9 a.m. to noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Oct. 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information: contact The Salvation Army, 223 West Fifth St., Frederick, (301) 662-2311.



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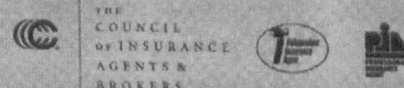
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A&E Calendar

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

Concerts

Nov. 1 – Leahy Celtic Band. 8 p.m. Majestic Theatre. 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, Pa. www.gettysburgmajestic.org.

Nov. 3 – David Cassidy. 8 p.m. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 West Patrick St., Frederick MD 21701. www.weinbergcenter.org.

Nov. 12 – The Wingerts in concert. St. Johns Lutheran Church, 8619 Blacks Mill Road, Creagerstown. 7 p.m. Information: 301-271-2007.

Nov. 18, 19 – Frederick Chorale 30th Annual “Feaste & Revels.” Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 4

p.m. The Great Hall, All Saints Episcopal Church, Frederick. Tickets: \$40 per person, 301-662-7442 or www.frederickchorale.org. Advance purchase required.

Festivals/Events

Oct. 21-22 – Family Festival @ the Farm. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 21; noon to 4 p.m. on Oct. 22. Visit any or all of the 18 Frederick County farms participating in this year’s festival. Free, self-guided tour. Each farm is hosting a variety of special activities and events for all ages. For a complete list of participating farms, visit www.discoverfrederickmd.com/funfarm/fffgi_06.html.

Oct. 21 – 28th Annual Camp Eder Fall Fest. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 914 Mt. Hope Rd., Fairfield, PA 17320. Food, entertainment, benefit auction. Call 771-642-8256 or visit www.campeder.org.

Nov. 9-11 – International Gift Festival. Fairfield Mennonite Church, Fairfield, Pa. Home decor, pottery, baskets, textiles, Oriental rugs, jewelry and toys handcrafted by artisans from around the world. Visit www.fairfieldmennonitechurch.org or call 717-642-8936.

Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

Through October – Kids Like Us: Who Cares? Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick. 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.

Nov. 4 and 5 – 7 on 75. Contemporary Artists Studio Tour. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Seven artists open their studios to the public for the first contemporary artists studio tour along Green Valley Road, Route 75. Information: 410-775-1093.

Through Nov. 18 – Gallery show. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 W. Patrick St., Frederick. Original paintings by local artist, Ron Young.

Nov. 4-26 – 9 Artists, 25 Years. Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick. Reception, Nov.

4, 3-5 p.m. This exhibit reunites nine women artists who exhibited their artwork in and around Frederick in the fall of 1981, showing their work then and now. Carolyn Parker Lamuniere, Anne Gibson Snyder, Debbie Souders, Andrea Burchette, Christina Lund, Gail Padget, Harriet Wise, Roni Nehemias and Margaret Dowell.

Nov. 4 to Dec. 22 – Landscapes by Mark Brockman. Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick. Reception, Nov. 2, 3-5 p.m. A plein air and studio painter, Brockman has painted for 30 years, in oil, pastel and watercolor. In the landscape he sees both the beauty and the abstract qualities.

Stage

Oct 20-22, Oct. 28-29 – “Caught in the Net.” Blue Ridge Theatre Guild. Carroll Valley Resort, Carroll Valley, Pa.: Friday, Oct. 20 at 8 p.m., Saturday at 6:30 p.m. for dinner theatre, performance at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2. Arendtsville Community Center: Saturday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. Information call 717-491-1096 or e-mail bluetheatre@comcast.net.

Nov. 3-5 and 10-12 – “Grace and Glorie.” Thurmont American Legion. Presented by The Thurmont Thespians. Evening performances at 8 p.m. Matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$10. Starring Beth Royer Watson as “Grace” and Mary Beth Johnson as “Glorie.” Fried shrimp and chicken dinner-theatre combination on Saturday, Nov. 11 starting at 6:30 p.m. for an additional \$15 with cash bar. Information: 301-271-7613.

Nov. 4 – Rock and Roll with Totem Pole. 7:30-11:30 p.m. Totem Pole Playhouse, Caledonia State Park, midway between Chambersburg and Gettysburg on U.S. 30. Featuring “Blue Tonic.” Tickets: \$25-\$30. Call 717-352-2164 or 1-888-805-7056.

Nov. 17 to Jan. 6, 2007 – “Holiday Cheer.” A mixture of Christmases past and present, this is the feel-good show of the year. Way Off Broadway Dinner Theater, 5 Willowdale Drive, Willowtree Plaza, Frederick. 301-662-6600, www.wayoffbroadway.com.

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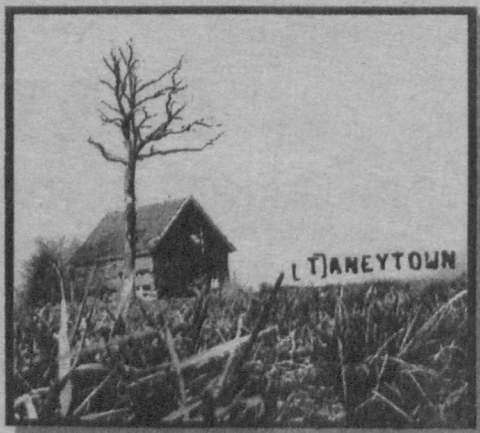
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Oct. 20, 21, 26-29 – Frederick Jaycees' Haunted Hay Ride. 7-10 p.m. Crumland Farms, 7612 Willow Road, Frederick. Funds raised will support the Jaycees' local community service projects. Admission: \$12.

Oct. 21 – Roger Brooke Taney House Volunteer Training. 1-3 p.m. 121 South Bentz St., Taneytown. No experience necessary. Opportunities available to provide tours as a docent, assist staff with research and public programs, and create a new garden. Information: Ron Marvin at the Roger Brooke Taney House at (301) 663-7880 or e-mail rmmarvin@hsfcinfo.org.

Oct. 21 – All-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner fundraiser. 4-8 p.m. St. Joseph's Church Social Hall, 44 Frederick Street, Taneytown. Cost: adults, \$7, children 6-12 years, \$3.50, 5

and under, free. Sponsored by St. Joseph's Taneytown Knights of Columbus Council 11631, proceeds will help support the Council's charitable and service programs. Contact: 410-751-1556.

Oct 21, 22, 28, 29 – Fall Color Walks. 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m., Hog Rock Parking Area, Catoclin Mountain Park. Walk with a ranger and learn why the leaves change in the fall and how weather affects fall color.

Oct. 22-25 – Revival Services. Mountain View Ministries, 103 Apples Church Road, Thurmont. Oct 22 at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Oct. 23 to 25 at 7 p.m. Guest speaker: Pastor Jerry Price.

Oct. 27 – Basket Bingo. New Windsor Fire Hall, New Windsor. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door. Profits benefit Terra Rubra Lions Club

Scholarship Fund. Information: 410-751-1673 or 443-398-4618.

Oct. 27-28 – Turkey and oyster supper. Friday, 3-7 p.m., Saturday, 1-6 p.m. Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont. Cost: \$12 for adults, children (5-10) \$6, and under 5 free. Information: call the church at 301-271-2379.

Oct. 28 – Basket Bingo. Taneytown Fireman Activities Building. Taneytown Chamber of Commerce fundraiser. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Games begin at 6:45 p.m. Admission by ticket only. Tickets: \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door. Tickets/information: call Donna

Sake, 410-756-4234 or e-mail dlsako@verizon.net.

Nov. 4 – Annual bazaar and quilt auction. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Garfield United Methodist Church, three miles north of Wolfsville on Stottlemeyer Road. Quilt auction, Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Nov. 11 – Flea Market and Craft Bazaar. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 10621 Old Frederick Road, Utica. Food, crafts, Lutheran World Relief Fair Trade Fair. Information: contact Louise Ediger, 301-898-9945.


All Hallows Eve celebration


Oct. 31, National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, Emmitsburg


4 p.m. Mass; 4:45-5:15 p.m. Rosary procession to the Grotto; 5:15-5:30 p.m. Litany of the "Little Saints" at the Grotto; 5:30-6:30 p.m. Prayerful treats along the lanes in the Grotto; 6:30 p.m. Dinner at Mountain Gate. Information: Larry & Denise McKenna, lpmkenna@verizon.net, or leave a message at 301-447-2157.

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After scooping up candy and treats during trick-or-treating from 5 to 6 p.m., Emmitsburg residents and visitors can walk in the Annual Halloween Parade beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the corner of Federal Avenue and DePaul Street. At the square, judges will determine winners in multiple costume categories. American Legion Post 121 will provide monetary prizes for all winners; while members of the Vigilant Hose Company and Emmitsburg Ambulance Company assist with traffic control.

The parade will end at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Station in front of the Community Center. Participants will be treated to gingerbread cakes and apple cider from the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion. The Emmitsburg Lions Club will lead several spooky games, including the old favorite – bobbing for apples. For those who prefer dancing, music will be provided in the ambulance company social hall.

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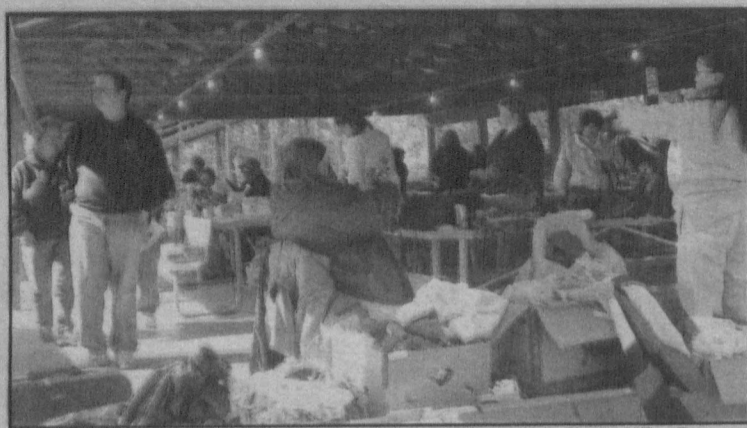
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-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

'Ridgefest' draws crowd in spite of chilly winds

Occasional brisk winds were not enough to drive off bargain hunters attending "Ridgefest," held Oct. 14 and 15 at Mount Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge. The event, sponsored by the Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, featured a flea market, a display of vintage farm equipment, and apple butter boiling demonstrations. Funds raised go to the ladies' society of the church.



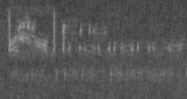
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Fair housing calendar to include local art

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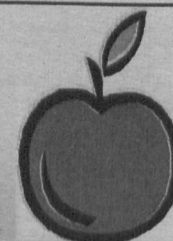
Present at the Annapolis ceremony from L to R: Gloria Castle, President of the Frederick County Association of Realtors; Humberto Benitez, Vice-President of the Equal Opportunity and Cultural Diversity Committee, Frederick County Association of Realtors; Christian Ford (see inset poster art).

Thurmont resident donates to county sports hall of fame

Wells Fargo employee Randy Valentine recently presented a \$1,000 donation to the Frederick County Sports Hall of Fame. Valentine, a Thurmont resident, received one of the company's 2006 Volunteer Service Awards to benefit an area non-profit organization. Presenting the check are (L to R) Kimberly Wivell and Kelly Kern, representatives of Wells Fargo; Dave Markoe, Frederick County Sports Hall of Fame volunteer; Randy Valentine; Daria Steinhardt, president and CEO of the Frederick YMCA and Ron Linton, chairman of the Frederick County Sports Hall of Fame.



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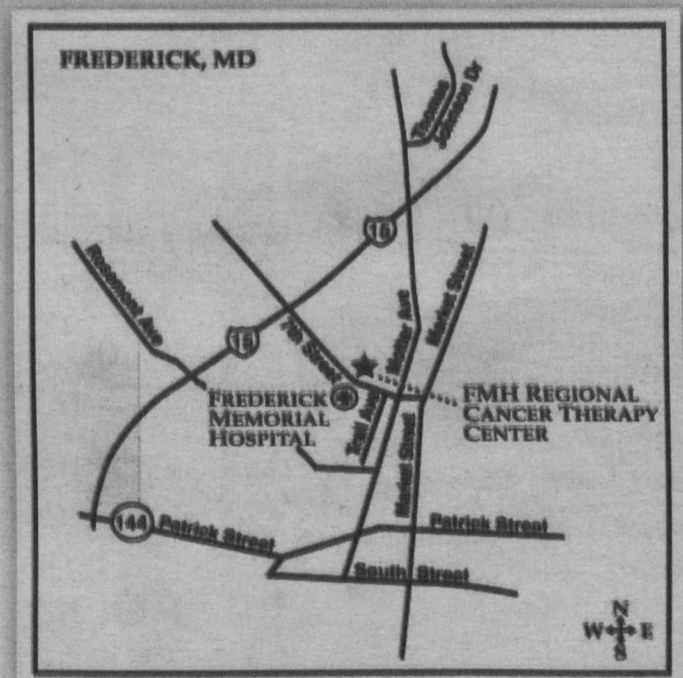
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