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Truck traffic not likely to be resolved soon

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The truck traffic through Emmitsburg via MD 140 has continued to increase over the past few years beyond projected rates, but any resolution could be years in the making.

The trucks are generally not those required for local services, but through-trucks using MD 140 to reach PA 116 to the northwest, and U.S. 15 to the east. Emmitsburg is caught between the points, mainly because of having no direct Rt. 116-U.S. 15 connection.

Based on Maryland State Highway Administration and Frederick County Truck Volume Map 2003-2005 traffic counts, more than 1,000 trucks (about half of which are semis) were using Main Street daily in 2005.

Trucks becoming problematic

Town streets committee member and local resident Catherine Forrence, told *The Dispatch*, "Our traffic problems are caused by folks who have no interest in altering their routes to avoid Emmitsburg. Pennsylvania commuters and

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-BRENDAN WEEKS / THE DISPATCH

Practice makes perfect for emergency training

Emergency responders from Emmitsburg and other north county communities, along with Frederick County and Maryland agencies participated in a mock emergency at the intersection of Roddy Road and Roddy Bridge Road on Sunday, Oct. 22. The simulated chemical spill tested how emergency personnel responded to the situation and worked together to handle it.

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BY WILLIAM K. REINKE
Contributing Writer

FAIRFIELD BOROUGH, Pa. —

"If the previous numbers were wrong, what makes us think these numbers are right?"

- Councilman Carroll Smith

The borough council, during its Oct. 24 meeting, questioned the validity of a letter from the Adams County Earned Income Tax Collection Agency Transition Committee requesting repayment of \$8,888, apparently distributed to the borough in error.

The money represented the borough's share of the total \$1.85

million in overpayments allegedly made by the Adams County Earned Income Tax Collection Agency before its merger with the York County Tax Bureau in 2005.

Borough Treasurer Robert Fortenbaugh protested, saying that the details of the letter, drafted by Brad Hunt and Mark S. Sewell, were far too vague to warrant hand-

ing over a check without further information.

Councilman Carroll Smith agreed. "If the previous numbers were wrong, what makes us think these numbers are right?" he asked rhetorically.

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'Journey through Hallowed Ground:'

What about 'hallowed' property rights?

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FREDERICK COUNTY, Md. — The Journey through Hallowed Ground Partnership is a non-profit organization, "dedicated to encouraging both Americans and world visitors to appreciate, respect, and experience this cultural landscape that makes it uniquely American," according to the organization's Web site.

H.R. 5195, an impending bill that would enable the JHG National

Heritage Area, states that the premise of the legislation would be to preserve and promote the tourism of historical and cultural assets in an area stretching from Gettysburg, Pa., down the U.S. 15 corridor in Maryland, looping to Harpers Ferry, W. Va., back to U.S. 15/40 to Monticello, Va.

On the surface, the effort may seem like a noble cause, but this multi-million dollar program has at least one governmental official warning about potential dire consequences from supporting the initiative.

Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (Maryland

District 6) believes in the concept behind JHG, up to the point where any proposal could adversely impact private property values in the designated preservation corridor.

Lisa Wright, Bartlett's press secretary, told *The Dispatch* on Oct. 18 that Bartlett "is very support-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Top 10 reasons to elect Leslie Mansfield for the FCBOE

10 - Leslie Mansfield is a past board president of a 501(c) 3 nonprofit, charter school co-founder, serves as its legislative committee chair, grant and advocacy committees, and was a member of a PTA issue awareness committee.
 9 - Leslie Mansfield is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland and has served her country as a Naval Flight Officer, Test Director and Analyst.
 8 - Leslie Mansfield is intelligent, a visionary, a great listener and brilliant communicator. She will represent the Board of Education well.
 7- Leslie Mansfield understands that all students, from the most at-risk to the most advanced, must be appropriately challenged and placed in an environment that allows them to flourish.
 6 - Leslie Mansfield believes unique and innovative educational programs will exist because policies and

procedures will encourage creativity and some risk taking.
 5 - Leslie Mansfield will ensure that tried and true programs won't be pushed aside just because they aren't the newest fad or trend.
 4 - She believes it is vital that the system invite parents & guardians into genuine partnership with our schools and then hold them accountable for their level of involvement in their child's education.
 3 - Leslie Mansfield values retaining and attracting a creative, caring, highly capable teaching and support staff, a staff that forms the foundation of an exceptional education system. She also welcomes and encourages teacher input on how the school curriculum and system will/should evolve.
 2 - Leslie Mansfield will seek to set the highest standards in all aspects of the school system operation and will do the work to get there.

1 - It is time for a fresh voice and perspective on the Frederick County Board of Education.

- Frederick County parents and teachers supporting Leslie Mansfield

Anne Buttenheim, Frederick; Wendy Freeman, Braddock Heights; Julie Martin Hayn and Claude Hayn, Frederick; Barb & John LaPilusa, Mount Airy; Charlotte and Martin Letourneau, Braddock Heights; Rocky MackIntosh, Buckeystown; Lisa McConkey & Jim O'Toole, Middletown; Mike Miller, Frederick; Stacey & Tom Miller, Walkersville; Erin Misner, Walkersville; Curt & Lisa Myers, Frederick; Tom Neumark, Point of Rocks; Beth & Randy Redmond; Leslie Ruby & Eric Looney; Tina & Jim Sheehy; Gary Sherwood, Thurmont; Scott & Teri Strahlman, New Market; Jim Voss, Urbana

Charge the media for information?

While I firmly believe that honorable women and men may have legitimate differences on this issue, I am of the opinion that any information requested by the media, including the provision of recorded town meetings on DVD/

CD, should be provided at the cost of materials, or with the provision of same, without charge. This information, after all, is intended to serve the public, for whom we, as their elected representatives, also labor.

Nothing wrong can come of the desire and intent to maintain and disseminate an accurate accounting of the public's business.

While I realize this is not the

ideal place for an open forum on the subject, I did want to take the opportunity to state my position on the record in relation to this request as I had forgotten to state so during my opening remarks (at the Oct. 16 commissioners meeting).

Respectfully, to all,
 - Bill O'Neil
 Commissioner
 Town of Emmitsburg

More reasons to vote

Show us the shining good works President Bush promised us with his Compassionate Conservatism.

Can he possibly atone for the Iraq war, and the deceit, death, debt and destruction that he foisted on us?

Had enough hypocrisy? Vote all the war-mongering candidates of either party out of Congress and

keep them out. Remember who benefits from this and all wars, the military-industrial complex. Follow the money trail to the relatively small group of the mega-rich and you will understand the situation. You lose.

- Harold C. Craig Jr.
 Emmitsburg

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.

November 9, 1906

Fell Dead

On Wednesday morning at about eight o'clock Mr. Samuel Ott, a well known and much respected citizen was stricken down by death at his home near this place. Mr. Ott was butchering at the time of his sudden death and had gone from the pen, where he had just killed a hog, to an outbuilding to see if the water was ready for the scalding. It seems that he felt some inconvenience in his breathing at this time and went to the house where he asked his wife to get him some medicine to relieve him. When Mrs. Ott returned her husband was lying on the floor dead. A physician was summoned from Taneytown and with the assistance of Mr. Theodore Bollinger, who happened to pass the house at that time, and some of the neighbors, the remains were carried to a bed.

Mr. Ott had the reputation among his neighbors of being one of the most thorough going and painstaking farmers in this part of the country. His farm and buildings were always in order and his teams were the subject of much praise. The deceased was in his 72nd year. He is survived by his widow and two children both married. The funeral services were held in Taneytown today.

Quite a record

On Tuesday, Mr. Lewis M. Motter cast his vote for the 71st time in annual elections. For 70 years Mr. Motter has taken an active part in national, state and congressional elections and while his vote has been frequently cast for the losing side yet he has the distinction of never missing an opportunity of asserting his citizenship by this high prerogative of every American.

His first vote was cast for William Henry Harrison in the

fall of 1836, the election that made Martin Van Buren the eighth President of the United States. He witnessed the birth of the modern campaign methods, for it was at this election that parades, banners and ensigns were first used to influence the vote of the country. Eighteen chief executives have held the reigns of state and the country has passed from youth to glorious manhood within the memory of this man.

Fairfield Items

Rumor has it that Mr. A.R. Seabrooks has given up the warehouse. A lack of business seems to be the ground for this report.

The Presbyterian congregation has spent several thousand dollars on the new parsonage and outbuildings. The work is nearly completed. The old stable has been enlarged and the house is being built on modern lines.

The question of piping water to this borough is being seriously considered by the Fairfield Council. There is some objection made to the project on account of the increase in taxes such an undertaking would demand, but he fact that soft water is so much desired by the people of this town may lead to a favorable decision.


Broke his Leg

Last Friday morning Daniel Topper, son of Jacob L. Topper of this place, fell down the steps in the main hall of St. Euphemia's School building breaking his leg between the knee and ankle.

The lad was watching some of his companions at play in the hall below, and while coming down the steps, lost his balance and fell. Dr. D.E. Stone was summoned and the boy was taken to his home. Upon examination the Doctor discovered that the fracture was at the same place of a former break. The child will be able to be out in a short time.

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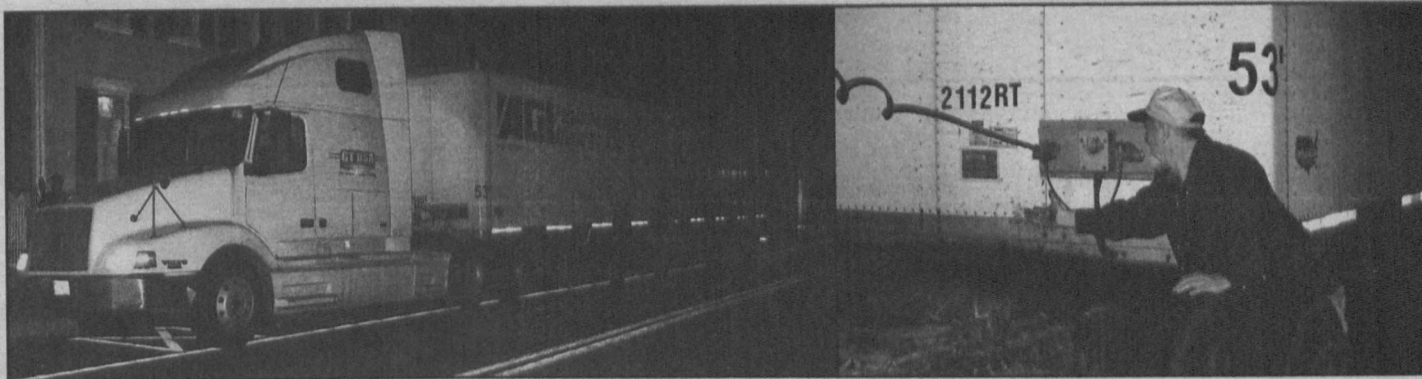
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Oil slick left on Main Street



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Semi loses trailer on West Main Street

EMMITSBURG, Md.-Two county deputies responded around 9 p.m. on Oct. 24 to the report of the trailer of a semi having become disengaged on West Main Street. The GT USA LLC truck was heading east on West Main, having missed the U.S. 15 interchange, and had turned around to go back, according to information provided to *The Dispatch* by a witness at the scene. County deputies Dfc. Timothy Calimer and Corp. Kevin Poole directed traffic while the driver and several local volunteers reconnected the trailer.

The U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Administration maintains statistics that indicate that GT USA LLC has a horrendous safety record. According to a safety evaluation area scale of 0 (best) to 100 (worst), GT USA averages 90.98 for driver safety, 99.06 for vehicle safety, and 99.55 for safety management.

Editor's Note: The disclaimer following the SafeStat data reads as follows: "Caution: Please verify important data before relying on SafeStat results. Inaccurate or out-of-date normalizing data can result in SafeStat results that do not accurately reflect the motor carrier's safety status." www.ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/SafeStat/CarrierOverview.asp?DOT=870348&WhichForm=safes

Trucks

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be damaging the roadways, causing structural damage to roadside homes and businesses, and noise and emissions pollution.

Additionally, as she recently pointed out in a letter addressed to Senator Barbara Mikulski, Forrence believes truckers are using Main Street (MD 140) as a way to circumvent roadside weighing stations elsewhere, meaning that unsafe trucks may be slipping through town.

The local committee member also noted that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations "do not prohibit trucks carrying hazardous materials from traveling through small towns like Emmitsburg," with the result that there are no prohibitions against vehicles transporting explosives, poisonous materials and even radioactive wastes through the village.

Forrence is seeking truck restrictions in town, and help from Pennsylvania in establishing a PA 116 to U.S. 15 bypass, which seems unlikely. Barring that, she has suggested that perhaps a tollbooth on U.S. 15 at the Mason-Dixon Line could provide some funding.

Are truck restrictions legal?

Emmitsburg may not legally be able to ban truck types or weights from state roadways, but the state apparently can. Municipalities throughout the country have been successful at restricting traffic on town roads, but not state roads. The state must do that.

New Jersey has led the way by banning trucks from using NJ 29 "which has held up legally against trucking association's counter actions," according to raintreecounty.com.

While most legislation has successfully banned trucks of certain types and weights along scenic routes, the New Jersey Route 29 effort was equally aimed at getting truck traffic out of rural communities.

Until any truck restrictions are put in place on Main Street, other tools are available that might help improve the quality of life along the state road to some degree, including implementing "surprise" roadside inspections and strict police monitoring on truck speeds at town

interstate truck drivers don't care that they are destroying our town."

Forrence is concerned that, aside from traffic congestion itself, increasing heavy truck traffic could

entrances and through the town square.

See related story, "Town bypass, easier wished for than done," in the Oct. 19 issue of *The Dispatch* and "Are truck restrictions legal?" in this issue.

For additional reading, visit *Resources for Saving America's Rural Roads and Communities* at <http://www.raintreecounty.com/savingRd.html>.

Maryland State Highway Administration crews spread sand along the roadway Oct. 26 as a result of an oil slick (shown in middle of right lane in photo) left behind by an unidentified vehicle traveling down Main Street. The fuel oil, which may have leaked from a tank truck with a valve left partially open, caused several cars to skid or lose traction on the road before it was sanded.



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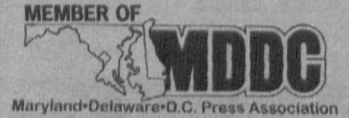
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EDITORIAL

**Journey through preservation sprawl:
When is enough 'enough?'**

A number of years ago a farmer in Virginia attended a local meeting regarding the establishment of a historic Civil War area he felt could impact his land value. He told the board, why not declare Virginia a park, since "they (the soldiers) fought over every inch of it?"

During the 1980s, Solebury Township, Bucks County, Pa., established a historic district of Carversville, which established architectural rights and wrongs applicable to the district, then adopted a "buffer zone" around the historic district whose rules and limitations were even greater than those imposed on anyone actually residing within the historic district.

not we should preserve historical and natural assets for future generations to enjoy or have as an educational access. The question is, when is enough 'enough' when it comes to what we preserve in association with any given historical event?

to duplicate that which tiers of organizations and local, county, state and federal agencies are already doing?

Unfortunately, natural and historic preservation is often simply a veil to control development to preserve the property values of those who had the luxury of having purchased their homes or their properties in the area in question first, and then adopting the "preserve the countryside" mentality to keep others out *post-facto*.

Preservation, in those not-uncommon instances, simply becomes a "moat" around someone's modern "castle." Further, hyping up an area's natural and historical assets helps reduce the likelihood that affordable housing will ever become entrenched in the "historical kingdom," and that the trailer park "peasantry" will stay far, far away.

When someone proposes preserving something in the future, we should learn to ask how much land will this take out of circulation, and what the ulterior motives could be.

What is it?...

The media use words everyday, but readers may not really understand what they mean. Some are clear depending on our age or occupation. Others just seem to be made up. *The Dispatch* will continue to explain terms used in our articles, and we are initiating this column as a way of helping to clarify other newer terms. Our first term is ...

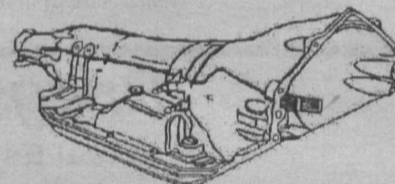
Blog, a contraction of the term "web log." Either a shared online journal where numerous people post entries about their personal opinions on topics like food, politics, personal experiences and hobbies; or a personal online diary written from one individual's perspective.

Entries are displayed in reverse chronological order. Generally text, images and links to other blogs and Web sites are included. Some blogs include videos, photographs or audio (called a podcast).

The advocates of preservation sprawl have not grown fewer in numbers over the decades. The national park system seems to grow in land holdings like a virus, while at the same time pleading that continual budget cuts have resulted in its inability to maintain and patrol that which it already has (e.g., Gettysburg National Battlefield Park).

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Corrections

A story entitled "Mount preparing for bicentennial" in the Oct. 19 issue of *The Dispatch* incorrectly stated that The Mount and Gettysburg College would be playing football, rather than baseball on Sept. 29. In addition, Dr. Francisco Ayala's name was misspelled.

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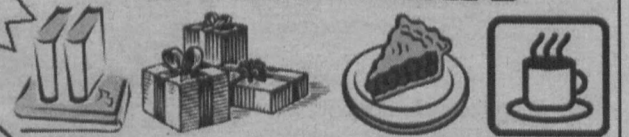
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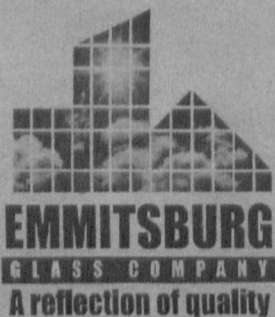


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TOWN NEWS

SHA rejects Main Street left turn signal for now

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Maryland State Highway Administration has at least tentatively rejected a request for left turns onto Main Street at the South Seton Avenue intersection at the town square.

Mayor James E. Hoover had hoped to have the turn signals installed to help alleviate traffic build-up on Main Street as cars waited for those in front to make left turns. Seton Avenue had already been

equipped with left turn signals. Hoover has expressed concerns previously about the potential danger posed to pedestrians by motorists passing on the inside (right-hand side) of other vehicles waiting to turn.

Hoover told *The Dispatch* that SHA decided that the left turn signals on Main did not meet the need criteria at this time.

— R. Fulton

CASS offers adult care application help

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Staff from the Frederick Community Action Agency will be at the Community Action School Services office on Wednesday, Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to help residents complete the application process for the Primary Adult Care program.

PAC is a new state-funded program that provides free medical care to lower-income adults (ages 19-65). The CASS office is located on the lower level of the Emmitsburg Community Building, 300 South Seton Avenue.

Individuals applying for PAC can-

not have more than \$4,000 in assets. For families, the asset limit is \$6,000.

To complete the application, please bring a social security card and driver's license or identification; information about the applicant's income and assets, including the four most recent pay stubs (if employed), SSI or SSDI, information about child support and/or alimony received, rent paid, and any other regular sources of income.

For more information or for applicants unable to attend, please contact the Frederick Community Action Agency at (301) 694-1506.



—RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

New ambulance headquarters taking shape

Work progresses on the new Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company building on Creamery Road. The ambulance company hopes the new building will be completed by early 2007. Fees for ambulance services, from social hall rentals and from ambulance-held events, will continue to enhance emergency operations, and will help the company pay for the building.

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Kai is the only candidate for County Commissioner who lives in northern Frederick County. He lives just outside Thurmont with his wife of 26 years, Kirsten, and their two boys.

"I love it here. And I understand the hopes and concerns of the other families who live here. I will see that our region gets the attention that it deserves from the county government and will protect our towns, our values, and our rural landscape." — Kai Hagen

"Kai's concern about Frederick County's future is genuine and visionary. He is a long term thinker."

David Gray (R)
Former Frederick County Commissioner

"Kai is committed to the long term health of our school system..."

Gary Brennan
President of FCTA

"As a Frederick County business owner, I have come to the conclusion that Kai Hagen as County Commissioner would be very good for business...[he] is a thoughtful moderate when it comes to growth."

Peter Michael

"Kai Hagen is extremely knowledgeable and articulate on the vast complexities of County Government. As a resident of Northern Frederick County, he will be a critical voice for our region on the Frederick Board of County Commissioners. He lives here, let's give him a chance to work here."

Martin Burns(R)
Mayor, Thurmont

"Kai is intelligent, well-prepared and has demonstrated his ability to build consensus and make a difference. Kai has the one thing I want most from a candidate — integrity."

Jan Gardner (D)
Frederick County Commissioner

"Kai is a man whose actions speak as loudly as his words. That is a rare quality in politics."

Sue Singley



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Bollinger headquarters nears completion

Construction of the Bollingers' new consolidated headquarters on Creamery Way in the Emmitsburg East Industrial Park suggests that the project will meet its previously projected December completion date. The proposed two-story, 22,000-square foot building will serve as offices for Bollinger Construction (owned by Josh Bollinger), and South Seton Auto Repair, Bollinger Homes, T&M Crane, all of which Bollinger owns with his wife Lori. The new facility will house approximately 15-20 employees.

Lincoln Avenue improvements next on agenda

By RICHARD D. L. FULTON
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EMMITSBURG, Md. – After sewer and water upgrades presently underway along South Seton Avenue are finished, similar work is proposed for Lincoln Avenue, an east-west alley traversing the town paralleling Main Street to the south.

“Lincoln Avenue is the next candidate for sewer and water,” Mayor James E. Hoover recently told *The Dispatch*, adding that, at present, the town is still unsure if they will do both water and sewer improvements at the same time.

Other possible work along Lincoln might include curb, gutter and sidewalk installation. “We would review (the feasibility of other projects) as we narrow down what we are going to do,” Hoover stated. The fiscal year 2006 budget included funds for some updating to the curb and gutter on West Lincoln.

Additionally, the mayor said, “We will be looking at providing parking where available (along Lincoln).” Most likely, he said, any parking provided would be metered.

The mayor has had school board approval since 2004 to locate new parking on Emmitsburg Elementary property on West Lincoln between the swimming pool and the fire company to replace spaces lost on the square.

The new parking proposal was most recently introduced in 2004 to help make it possible to eliminate parking at the town square to improve traffic flow at the Seton-Main Street intersection.

Due to concerns by some that patronizing one or more Main Street businesses might be hindered if customers were unable to park in any of the existing 12 town square parking spaces, the proposal was never implemented.

Town News Briefs...

County approved Homeland Security funds

EMMITSBURG, Md. – Frederick County commissioners formally approved granting Emmitsburg Homeland Security funding that will pay for an emergency generator to provide power to town offices in the event of a power loss.

Town Manager David Haller said the county had received funds for Homeland Security-related projects, and that, at the mayor's urging, the staff applied for money to acquire a generator to provide power to town offices if Emmitsburg were to have a power outage.

Haller said the estimated cost of the generator would be about \$55,000, but it would provide enough power to back up the entire third floor (town offices and meeting rooms). The back-up power generator should be installed during the next six months. - R. Fulton

Park bathrooms will soon be functional

EMMITSBURG, Md. – Prefabricated bathrooms slated for Community Park could be delivered to the town and be in use before the end of October or early November, according to the town manager. The bathroom facilities come pre-wired and pre-plumbed, according to Town Manager David Haller, but have to be wired and plumbed to town services. The electric, water and sewer lines have already been extended to the bathroom site. Haller said he is also looking into providing lighting at the pavilion. - R. Fulton

New town flags / seals to include incorporation date

EMMITSBURG, Md. – Town flags and seals will not be changed immediately to reflect the date of incorporation recently approved by the board of commissioners, but will be changed as new flags or seals are needed. Mayor James E. Hoover recently told *The Dispatch*, “When new flags or seals are ordered they will show only the incorporation date. We will be ordering new flags in the near future.”

The board of commissioners unanimously approved a resolution sponsored by Commissioner William B. O'Neil Jr. to recognize the town's 1825 incorporation date at their Aug. 7 meeting, with little debate, as the “the only legal and official date in which the government was established for the Town of Emmitsburg.”

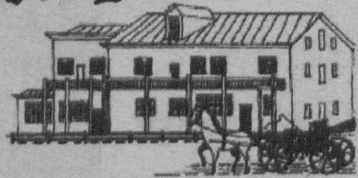
The commissioners' decision essentially ended the multi-year debate over the town's founding date. Town flags and seals will include only the date of incorporation, with no mention of a town “founding” date. - R. Fulton

Town will drop agenda designations

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The board of commissioners has discontinued marking agenda items as action or discussion items effective as of the Oct. 16 meeting. The decision came on the heels of an incident at the previous meeting where the board took action on an agenda item designated as non-action, approving minor “housecleaning” changes to the municipal code proposed by town staff.

Their action brought into question once again the validity of marking agenda items as “action” or “discussion” items (See “Streamlining town government: action item?” in the July 20 issue of *The Dispatch*) - R. Fulton

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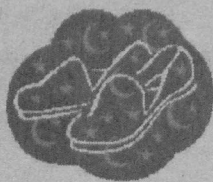


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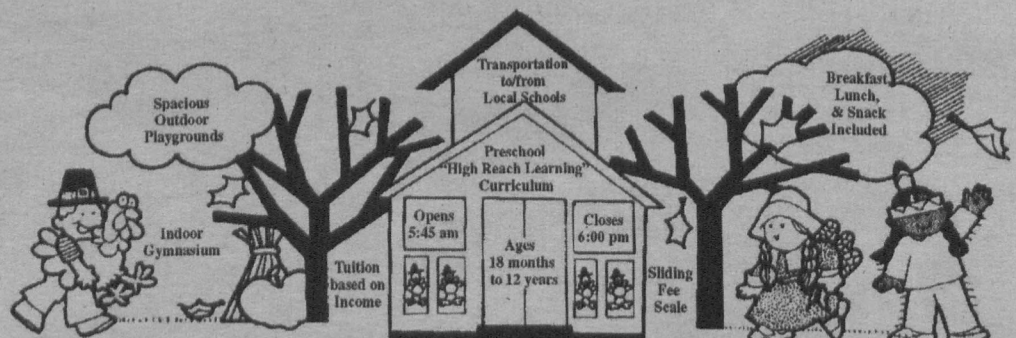
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REGIONAL NEWS

Development taking longer than expected

BY BRENDAN WEEKS
Special to the Dispatch

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP, Pa. - Construction on the Mason Dixon Country Club (MDCC) development in Freedom Township remains halted. The developers requested a special exceptions permit and a conditional use permit at the beginning of the year and are still in discussion with the township over stipulations.

"It's kind of been on a treadmill lately," said Carroll "Duke" Martin, a project manager for MDCC. "We are still negotiating with the supervisors."

The special exceptions permit was granted for a 150-room hotel, proposed water storage and treatment facility, and wells to be built on the commercial section of the development. Several conditions were attached to the permit and the development company took issue with some of their wording.

"There were a couple of statements in there that we took exception to but it was more in the way that they were worded," said MDCC attorney Timothy Weston. According to Weston, the two parties are pretty much in concurrence at this point.

The biggest setback for the developers has been coming to an agreement with the township on the

conditional use permit that would allow a golf course to be built in a mixed-use zone. The permit had 74 conditions attached, 25 of which MDCC appealed. "We've narrowed it down to 5 right now," said Martin.

Although Weston could not comment on the specific details of the appeals, he said the "predominant issues" were "timing issues of when certain improvements would go in" and who would fund them.

Weston believes that the concerns dealing with the permits will be resolved shortly. "We're hopeful to get it wrapped up in this month," said Weston.

Freedom Township supervisor, Sam Brewer, feels that they have come a long way with the project and resolution is drawing near. "They are starting to come together," said Brewer, "It's a matter of agreeing on three or four things that have not been settled. There was 70 something, now we're down to three or four."

"I feel it will be coming around in the near future, but sometimes the near future might be six months or a year from now," said Brewer.

Following the resolution of these issues, MDCC will request another special exceptions permit for a water transmission line from Marsh Creek to the Natural Dam Road treatment center.

Before Phase I construction can begin, a land development plan and state permits must be approved. "It's awhile off," said Weston, "a year to 18 months at the earliest." The size of the development still remains at over 1,160 homes on 867 acres of land.

Mount falls victim to 'firebugs'

EMMITSBURG, Md. - Mount St. Mary's University's Department of Public Safety responded Oct. 18 at 4:31 p.m. to what was determined to have been a false fire alarm in a dining room at The Terrace.

The Terrace is one of the focal points of the campus and houses freshman, sophomores and juniors.

Responders determined that the alarm had been triggered by a mass of ladybugs that had gotten into the detector. - Source: *The Mountain Echo*, Oct. 25

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Ordinance could hold developers accountable

BY WILLIAM K. REINKE
Contributing Writer

FAIRFIELD BOROUGH, Pa. - During the Oct. 24 borough council meeting, Solicitor Matthew Battersby suggested the council consider adopting a new ordinance aimed at future developments.

Battersby recommended requiring developers to conduct a complete land survey after a development is completed to verify that things were "built as depicted" during the initial planning.

The council attorney acknowledged that this would add a significant cost to development but it would potentially eliminate costly and tense situations for the borough in the future if they had to interfere

with a home owner's property to correct, for example, a misplaced sidewalk. No other municipality in Adams County has such an ordinance, but it is in place in several other jurisdictions around the state, Battersby said.

The council was generally agreeable to the idea and Councilman Carroll Smith suggested Empire Homes be approached for their reaction. Battersby stressed that such an ordinance would not apply to the Empire Homes Development, proposed for Fairfield Borough and Hamiltonban Township, since that community is already "in the door."

However, Battersby and several others at the meeting recognized the time sensitivity of the matter as "several other developments are coming up quickly behind Empire."



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REGIONAL NEWS

Prescription program saving residents money

FREDERICK, Md. — Frederick County's free prescription drug discount card program saved county residents \$35,029 over the past six months.

The total represents an average savings of 23 percent off the regular prices for the 2,239 prescriptions filled under the program.

The Frederick Board of County Commissioners launched the program in March to help consumers cope with the high price of prescription drugs. The free prescription drug discount cards is available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties that offers average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of

commonly prescribed drugs.

The prescription drug discount cards may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage, and are honored at many of the county's pharmacies as well as through a national network of more than 57,000 participating pharmacies. The cards are available at the Frederick County Health Department, the Frederick County Department of Social Services, the Frederick Community Action Agency, branch offices of Frederick County Public Libraries and senior centers of the Frederick County Department of Aging. The cards are also available by calling (301) 600-6699.

Residents simply present the discount prescription card at a participating pharmacy. No enrollment form, membership fee, restrictions or limits on frequency of use applies. Cardholders and their family members may use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance.

For further details about the prescription drug discount card program, visit www.co.frederick.md.us/RxCard. The Web site offers information on drug coverage and pricing, refilling mail order prescriptions, a drug dictionary and a drug-to-drug interaction checker.

Caremark administers the discount card program.

Fairfield

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Smith and others were visibly upset at the reported error, and questioned why an independent auditor did not identify the problem when the Adams and York County agencies merged.

Smith suggested that the borough join forces with other

affected municipalities to fight the issue, and borough Solicitor Matthew Battersby agreed to contact his counterpart in Gettysburg to gauge their course of action.

Gettysburg Borough was sent a bill for \$118,951. Other local municipalities impacted were Carroll Valley Borough, \$144,320; Freedom Township, \$54,153; Hamiltonban Township, \$34,194; Liberty Township, \$44,066.

Various plans are available to allow the municipalities to repay the money incrementally by the end of 2007.

"That what it's supposed to be, but I don't know what will happen," said York Adams Tax Bureau administrator Lori Krashner.

Lt. Robert Seidel scholarship fundraising

Mary Van Buren will be running the 26.2-mile Harrisburg Marathon on Sunday, Nov. 12 in memory of U.S. Army 1st Lt. Robert Seidel III, who was killed on May 18 in Iraq.

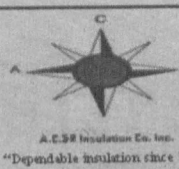
To make a donation to this effort, please contact Van Buren at (301) 447-7023.

All donation checks should be made out to the Community Foundation of Frederick County for Lt. Robert Seidel. The community foundation was established in 1986 to ensure financial support for nonprofit organizations primarily serving the Frederick County area and to award educational scholarships to deserving county students.

General election on Nov. 7

FREDERICK, Md. — The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 7. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.


- Local polling places:
- Creagerstown Lutheran Parish Hall, 8619 Blacks Mill Road, Thurmont.
 - Emmitsburg Elementary School, 300 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg.
 - Lewistown Elementary School, 11119 Hessong Bridge Road, Thurmont.
 - Sabillasville Elementary School, 16210-B Sabillasville Road, Sabillasville.
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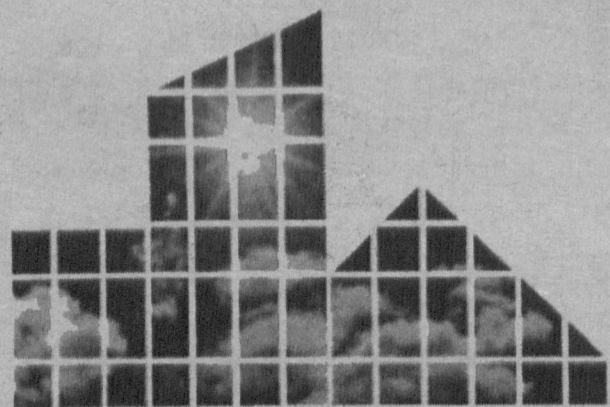
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REGIONAL NEWS

Electricity rates rising again

BY JAMES RADA JR.
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THURMONT, Md. — Thurmont's electric rates are going up a little faster and a little more than expected.

The Thurmont Town Commissioners heard an update about their electric rates from Drew Van Dopp with Downes Associates who told them that the town's electric rates would have to be adjusted sooner than expected and at a greater rate than estimated earlier this year.

"We thought these increases were going to happen in January, but they are going to happen in October," Van Dopp said.

He pointed out that the town has made attempts to minimize the impact of the increases by phasing in the rate increases and signing a long-term contract with its power supplier. The town also sought to delay the increase but was turned down by the Maryland Public Service Commission.

So the first increase went into effect in April.

"That was I imagine a jolt for a lot of folks," Van Dopp said, but he added that despite the increase, prices had remained competitive.

However, unexpected charges from both the town's old power supplier and its new supplier pushed costs outside a three percent buffer. These charges are what brought about the early adjustment.

Commissioner Wayne Hooper said, "The timing's no good. We're coming into a cold period and we're having to do this mid-stream."

The increase, which will be seen in the electric bills going out this month, amounts to 15.6 percent. This means a bill that was \$89.72 for 1,000-kilowatt hours will now be \$103.75.

In January, the annual adjustment is expected to increase the rate another 1.2 percent. This will increase the cost of 1,000-kilowatt hours will be \$104.92.

"These monthly costs, though more than what they have been in the past, are still competitive compared to investor-owned utilities in the State of Maryland," Van Dopp said.

The total effect of the three in-

creases will be 47 percent over what it was at the beginning of this year.

Commissioner Glenn Muth said, "It seems like we have no choice."

The town has been promoting a number of assistance programs that could help people cope with the increases.

"Citizens have told me they use these programs and they have helped them," said Commissioner Bill Blakeslee.

Information on the programs is available at the town office, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., (301) 271-7313.

Female holiday chorus forming

The Clustered Spires Sweet Adelines Chorus is looking for middle school, high school and adult females to join the chorus for the holidays. The group will be performing all types of holiday music at various events throughout the holiday season in the greater Frederick area. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. at Saint Thomas More Academy, Buckeystown Pike (Rt. 85), just south of the City of Frederick. Contact Cindy at (301) 644-1589. All voices and levels welcome.

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'International Gift Festival' to be held

FAIRFIELD, Pa. — The 46th International Gift Festival at the Fairfield Mennonite Church will be held Nov. 9 to 11, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and will feature a wide variety of handcrafted items from more than 33 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

This event will also offer work release inmates at the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex a unique opportunity to get involved in the community and learn about artisans around the world.

The relationship with the work release program began about five years ago when festival coordinator, Joyce Shutt, who is active in the Adams County Prison Society, asked if the church "could borrow several strong men" to help set up the International Gift Festival. This year inmates will work alongside congregational members to set up the merchandise and to assist customers during the sale.

Products to be featured, from Ten Thousand Villages, include Oriental, Tribal, and Bokara rugs from Pakistan, hand-carved soapstone and wooden accents from Kenya, hand-embroidered textiles from In-

dia, hand-tooled jewelry from Niger and much more from artisans around the world.

There will be a special shopping preview for senior citizens and shoppers with limited accessibility on Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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LOCAL HISTORY

Lewistown state fishery still going after 88 years

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
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LEWISTOWN, Md. — It may not be the shining star it once was, but the old state fish hatchery at 10932 Putman Road, Thurmont, preliminarily completed in 1918, still cranks out trout for state waters and others.

Nestled in the shadows of the Catocin Mountains, the old Lewistown State Fish Hatchery, now dubbed the state Fisheries Service, Lewistown Work Center, is administered by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

The fishery (aka fish hatchery) traces its humble beginnings to 16 leased, offsite, former goldfish ponds contracted by the state in 1917, and a hatchery pool, completed in 1918.

State fishery interests begin

Efforts by Maryland to increase diminished fish populations in the state began in 1874 with the establishment of the Commissioners of Fisheries. One of the first projects carried out by the commission was the attempt to introduce Atlantic and Pacific salmon in certain streams in the state. The effort was abandoned

15 years later because the salmon invariably refused to return to their "introduced" streams to spawn.

In the 1880s, the state began to establish fisheries specifically for hatching, rearing and releasing trout to enhance recreational fishing in Maryland. Many of the trout, especially rainbow, caught within three



One of the original 1918 structures located at the state Fisheries Service Lewistown Work Center stands behind the site signage. The once-thriving fish hatchery is now mostly a memory. Area water supplies could not keep up with the demands of a growing facility.

years of being released, ranged up to nearly two feet in length.

The Commissioners of Fisheries was replaced in 1916 by the Conservation Commission, which immediately began to assess the state for future fish hatcheries, especially with regard to trout. During the course of 1917, Lewistown was selected for the commission's first hatchery.

Plans for the proposed Lewistown hatchery were drawn up during the fall of 1917, and by January 1918, a 22 by 44-foot temporary hatchery had been completed at the site, and 400,000 trout eggs had been placed into the new hatchery.

Also in 1917, the state acquired a supply of small-mouth bass, crappie and catfish and stocked them in "a large pond near Lake View." It's not clear if that pond was the same one that existed at the site of the Lake View Resort and Casino. That casino burned to the ground around the beginning of the 19th century.

Rise and decline of the Lewistown facility

Effectively on-line in January 1918, the Lewistown hatchery was immediately beset with a severe cold spell that threatened the fledgling trout stock as ice formed in the intake flume and discharge drains. More problems came with the subsequent spring thaw which saw the runoff depositing too much mud and leaf mold in the hatchery, resulting in hatchling kills.

In addition, some losses were attributed to the lack of expertise of staff hired for the hatchery. Nevertheless, the first year did have its successes, and the hatchery shipped 240,600 fry by year's end, retaining 5,000 at the fishery for breeding.

In 1925, the Lewistown facility gained the addition of two series of former goldfish ponds to increase the holding capacity. At this time, the facility had also retained some 580 large-mouth bass and 1,000 crappie for rearing. A redistribution system worked out by state yielded better restocking numbers that year.

Disease hit the Lewistown facility in 1928 for the first time since it had opened in 1918. A.M. Powell, superintendent of state fish hatcheries, wrote, "This season we were almost swept out by *octomitiiasis* (aka *Hexamitiiasis*)," a fish ailment that causes necrosis, a form of which can produce a lethal infection in trout. Powell described the resulting losses as "considerable."

Troubles didn't end there. Heavy rains flooded the bass ponds and caused further losses. "Great numbers of bass were lost," Powell said.

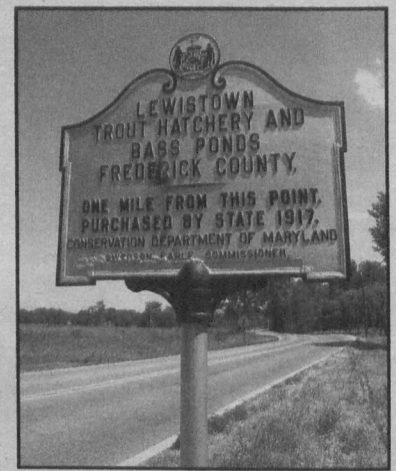
On the up side, the Lewistown facility was much improved in 1928. The hatchery and rearing sheds were roofed with corrugated metal, and a good deal of flooring work was completed. A formerly open-sided rearing shed was partially enclosed and more concrete rearing ponds were added.

Sixteen acres of ponds for rearing small-mouth bass were added in 1933. The Civilian Conservation Corps completed the grading, leveling and other finishing tasks. In 1935, a concrete nesting pond for bass was created, with 175 nests capable of managing 300 brood bass.

But by the 1950s, the Lewistown facility experienced what had become problematic, diminished water supplies. During the early 1950s the facility was basically reduced to a "maintenance and repair station" serving the other state fisheries, although the hatchery continued to hatch brook trout on a limited scale, as well as small-mouth bass. By 1952, it was renamed the Lewistown Work Center, the name it retains to this day.

Lewistown hatchery today

Aside from several of the original buildings, the oldest of which is now condemned because of termite damage, little remains today that would suggest the size of the hatchery operation that once existed until the early 1950s.



A sign was erected on Fish Hatchery Road describing the historic significance of the state fishery. The hatchery peaked in the 1930s-1940s, and declined during the 1950s. Today, the facility mainly serves as a support center for other state fishery operations.

ery operation that once existed until the early 1950s.

None of the rectangular, concrete in-ground breeding pools surrounded by flagstone walkways remain, apparently the victims of downsizing that began in the early-mid 1950s. An occasional isolated walkway or a hint of an outdoor tank's retaining wall can be found, but those pools have long since been filled in.

Ponds for breeding various other species now look like old weathered, overgrown shell craters left over from some past war.

By the time John Mullican, a fisheries biologist for the Western Region, joined the operation in 1988, the golden age of the fishery was nothing more than a memory and only traces of the former expanse of tanks hinted at its days of grandeur.

Little is raised here, Mullican told *The Dispatch*, aside from a few thousand brown trout in one outdoor impound, the current stock of which is bound for Antietam Creek, and one pond in which sunfish are reared for children's fishing events elsewhere. Even a mobile fish tank for displaying hatchery fish at outdoor events sits largely unused anymore.

The primary function of the workhouse today is to provide assessments for parties interested in introducing stock into their ponds or streams. "The bulk of the effort," he said, "is spent managing the fish on public lands."

But the facility, considered the first real state hatchery and the model for its times, is no more. Since its heyday, it has passed its legacy and former functions on to the Albert M. Powell Hatchery in Hagerstown.

For more information on the history of state fisheries, visit the DNR Web site at www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/.




State Fisheries Service Biologist John Mullican adjusts the feeder at the sunfish pond located on the grounds of the Lewistown Work Center. No longer a primary state hatchery, the facility does raise "sunnies" for children's events, and a few thousand brown trout for off-site release.

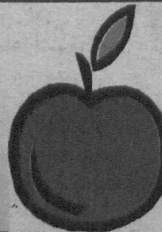
In its second year of operation (1919), the Lewistown Hatchery released 2,049,115 fish, including 662,786 brook trout, 189,550 rainbow trout, 271,771 large-mouth bass, 60,268 small-mouth bass, 41,600 crappie, 50,640 blue gills, 47,500 Mississippi catfish, 95,000 white catfish, 2,500 suckers, and 713,000 sunfish.

One may not have to fish solely in Maryland or the adjacent states for Maryland small-mouth bass. State-reared small-mouth bass were introduced into South Africa in 1937, arriving in Africa "in good shape," according to the Conservation Commission of Maryland, and "are now (1937) thriving."

During the Great Depression, so many industries failed in Maryland that the Potomac actually began to recover from industrial pollution, to the degree that fish began to return to the river as far up as 20 miles upstream of Hancock. — 1932 Report of Division of Fish Culture.



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ive of the concept and the effort to protect the heritage and to promote heritage tourism."

However, she said, the representative believes that the 5th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees that property owners will be compensated for any decrease in the value of their properties as a result of any preservation effort.

"There has to be a recognition

that if property values decrease as a consequence resulting from the efforts to preserve, the Constitution provides for compensation," Wright stated. In part the 5th Amendment states, "... nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

For example, if a property zoned commercial were rezoned some variation of residential because that would be more compatible with the land lying within the designated heritage area, who will compensate the property owner for the loss of value represented by the difference between the commercial worth of the property and the lower residential value?

Reduction of land value as a result of a public project or zoning has sometimes been interpreted as a form of governmental condemnation or "taking" of value.

Further, Wright said Bartlett's position is, "with respect to private

property rights, the management structure for the 'journey' has to include representatives of the four state governments, the counties, municipalities and private property owners. There has to be a representative of all of the involved parties in any management structure making decisions relating to the journey."

H.R. 5195 does not propose a direct assault on property rights of those whose lands lie within any designated heritage area. In fact, the bill explicitly states that property rights must be protected. Should the bill pass, it forbids the acquisition of land through condemnation (eminent domain), and, in fact, federal money allocated to the JHG cannot even be used to purchase land.

However, the bill does not address any potential property value decreases due to any resulting negative impacts.

Lacie's legacy walk



More than 100 people walked the one-mile fitness trail in Carroll Valley Park on Oct. 21 in memory of Lacie Wivell, who died last year of Tay-Sachs disease. Rick and Lisa Wivell, shown here with son Colby, led the group. This first annual walk raised \$4,000, all of which will be donated to the National Tay Sachs and Allied Disease Association.

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Catoctin Mountain Park turns 70

BY JAMES RADA JR.
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THURMONT, Md. — Catoctin Mountain could tell you a thousand stories if you would listen. They are tales told on the wind and seen in the architecture, both man-made and natural. Some have grown over time. Others have simply grown forgotten.

From this mountain so peaceful and serene, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt gave the order for Jimmy Doolittle to make his bombing run on Tokyo.

Here, a jealous husband killed his wife Bessie Darling at her sum-

mer home on the mountain.

Loggers scoured areas of the mountain clear for wood to turn into charcoal to heat the powerful blast furnaces at the base of the mountain. Those furnaces turned ore into iron, which legend says became cannonballs for the Continental Army in the Revolutionary War.

Now as Catoctin Mountain Park prepares to celebrate its 70th birthday, those stories and others have become part of its history, a history that gives the mountain part of its unique character.

"The two big stories of the park are: one, given enough time and energy you can regenerate any landscape and two, who was on the mountain what they did and their lifestyles," Park Superintendent

Mel Poole said.

In the early 1930s, decades of farming and charcoaling for Catoctin Furnace began to show on Catoctin Mountain. The land was bare of trees and nutrients in the soil. Then three years of drought forced farmers who were left to ask for federal aid.

"In the 1930s, the mountain was suffering from resource exploitation and fires that had burned on the mountain in the late 1920s," said Mel Poole. "It impoverished an already impoverished community."

The United States Government purchased the farms and on Nov. 14, 1936, Catoctin Mountain joined the National Park Service as the Catoctin Recreational Demonstration Area.

"The first people in were the WPA (Works Progress Administration)," Poole said. "They began building the structures, roads and trails."

The WPA was joined three years later by men from the Civilian Conservation Corp.

Misty Mount was the first camp built and the League for Crippled Children began to use it as a summer camp. Except for the war years, the league has used it every year since 1937.

When World War II started, British sailors used Camp Hi-Catoctin as a place to rest and enjoy themselves while their ships were being repaired.

Then in April 1942, Camp Hi-Catoctin became known as Shangri-La, President Roosevelt's 125-acre

mountain retreat. Though Roosevelt liked yachting, the Secret Service felt uncomfortable having him in open water while a war was raging. And Roosevelt's doctors felt that Catoctin's mountain air was better for the president's health than the humidity in Washington, D. C.

In 1953 President Dwight D. Eisenhower renamed Shangri-La, calling it Camp David, in honor of his grandson.

During the 1950s, the park became known for its environmental programs and activities. In the 1970s, the Catoctin Folk Center showcased the people who had lived on the mountain and their skills.

On Nov. 14, to mark the park's birthday, the visitors' center at Route 77 and Park Central Road will host an art exhibit of work created by Catoctin High students.



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Albert Wilhide was a blacksmith at the Catoctin Folk Culture Center, located in Catoctin Mountain Park. He worked in the on-site blacksmith shop demonstrating smithy skills to visitors.

First-day covers for stamp collectors will also be available with a special cancellation and, of course, no birthday would be complete without the cake.

For more information about the park and its activities, call (301) 663-9388.



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When Catoctin Mountain Park was first established in 1936, it was known as the Catoctin Recreational Demonstration Area. Over the years, it has been the site of political and social intrigue.

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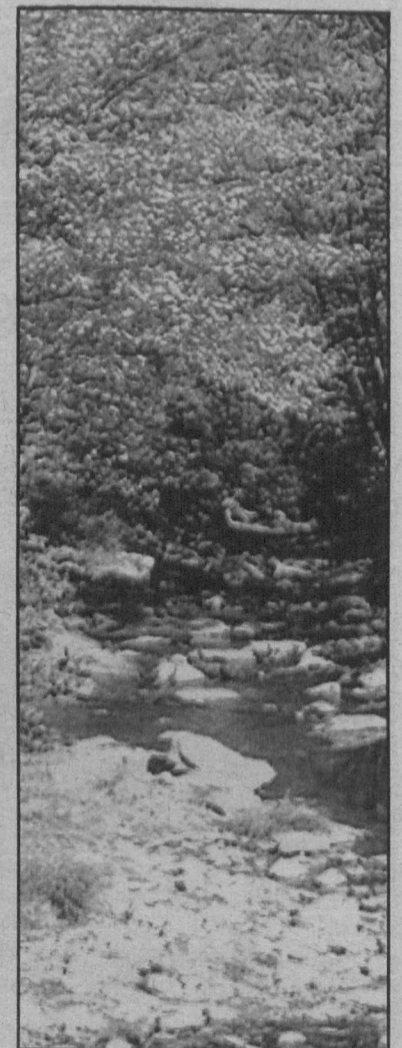
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Agriculture - The County's goal is to place 100,000 acres in Ag Preservation by 2020. At present, more than 41,000 acres is in one of the programs offered to our farmers. Nearly half of this land was preserved during my term.

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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November 7th

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.

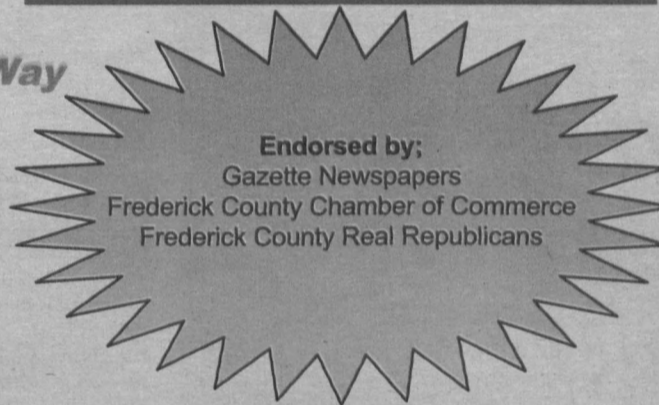
For the first time in recent history, the County adopted the "Constant Yield Rate" that lowered the property tax from \$1.00 to \$.936 per \$100 taxable assessed value. Additionally, the County reduced the amount of increase residential property assessments may increase from 110% to 105% per year.

Road Improvement—On the Way



By working with our state delegation and the governor, the traffic gridlock this Board of County Commissioners inherited is being addressed. The current State "Consolidated Transportation Program" includes an unprecedented \$389.7 million for highway improvements in Frederick county.

I will continue to work with our State elected officials, with whom I enjoy an excellent rapport, to secure funding for our sorely needed road improvements.



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In the four years before taking office, my predecessors issued 9,400 building permits. While during the four years I have served, the County Commissioners are on track to issue no greater than 7,500 (a 20% reduction).

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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.

For more information visit www.votecady.org

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BUSINESS

Weis Market opens in Thurmont

BY BRENDAN WEEKS
Special to the Dispatch

THURMONT Md. — Weis Market held the ribbon-cutting ceremonies for its newest store, which opened in Thurmont on Oct. 21. The 53,700 sq. ft. store is the fifth in Frederick County and the supermarket's 24th in Maryland.

"It's a nice size store," said Dennis Curtin, Weis Market director of public relations, "This is our latest store design."

Self-scan registers will help cus-

tomers check out items from the extensive produce department, which includes organic produce, the floral department, seafood department, full-service bakery and pharmacy. There is a sit-down eating area, and a large deli with a pizza kitchen and a hoagie shack.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony included a performance by the Catoclin High School marching band as well as a procession by AmVets Post 7. During the celebration, Weis representatives presented \$1,000 checks to the Town of Thurmont,

the Thurmont Food Bank, Guardian Hose Fire Company, and the Catoclin High band, as well as a \$10,000 check to the Frederick Memorial Health Center. The money donated to FMHC will be used to establish a neo-natal clinic for uninsured or under insured mothers in Frederick County.

"It's very important to us to be a good neighbor and part of that means giving back to the community," said Curtin. "We believe in giving back to the community we serve."

Community resident Debra Thompson is excited about the new store. "We like shopping at Weis and we always had to run to Frederick," said Thompson. "Now we have an opportunity to shop at two different places."

"It's so nice to have something this nice and clean and fresh," said Nancy Summers, another Thurmont resident.

The new supermarket brings 125 full and part-time jobs into the community. Weis is open seven days a week from 7 am. to 10 p.m.



—BRENDAN WEEKS / THE DISPATCH

Shoppers crowded into the new Weis Market after the grand opening on Saturday, Oct. 21. The 53,700-square-foot store includes a 500-item produce department, deli with pizza kitchen and the Hoagie Shack with a sit-down dining area.

Economic Development Commission begins new hunt for funding

BY JAMES RADA JR.

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THURMONT, Md. — You might say that the Thurmont Economic Development Commission is asking state agencies, "What can you do for me?"

The Economic Development Commission has started seeing the fruits of its labors with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development in securing designations for Thurmont. And with those designations have come grants and other funding opportunities.

Now the commission is looking toward the offerings of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development. Frederick County businesses received \$1.3 million in DBED assistance for fiscal year 2006 and the Economic Development Commission would like to see more of that coming to Thurmont.

"The Department of Housing and Community Development has been our focus up to now," Commissioner Bill Blakeslee said. "We have

not done much to approach DBED."

Pat Xeller with DBED's capital region office recently spoke to the Economic Development Commission about some of the state programs through DBED that could benefit local businesses.

"We're trying to go out and locate the businesses that haven't been in touch with us ever or in touch with us lately," Xeller said.

- Some of the programs include:
- *Governor's Office of Business Advocacy and Small Business Assistance* - keeps businesses informed on how legislative and administrative regulations affect them
 - *Maryland with Pride* - free statewide marketing initiatives for Maryland business
 - *Community Development Block Grants*
 - *Job Creation Tax Credits* - for businesses adding 25-60 jobs over two years and keeping them for at least three years
- "What we're really trying to do is stimulate the economy of the state by assisting business," Xeller said.

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SPORTS

The Mount to host military boxing classic

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The 2006 Military Boxing Classic, a tournament of collegiate boxers, will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11, in the Knott Arena. The event is co-sponsored by Mount St. Mary's University, Gettysburg College and the Glory Gym in Gettysburg.

Teams from Gettysburg College and Mount St. Mary's will compete against teams from the United States Air Force, United States Coast Guard Academy, the United States Naval Academy, the United States Military Academy, The Citadel and Virginia Military Institute.

Tickets are available for the Military Boxing Classic. They will cost \$45 per person, \$20 per student and \$300 per ringside table of eight. All tickets will be held at the door.

According to Corie Matijevic, special events coordinator at the Mount, the Veteran's Day program will also commemorate two local veterans. The honorees are Robert Kessel, a Gettysburg resident who died in action during the Vietnam War, and U.S. Army 1st Lt. Robert Seidel III, a Gettysburg resident who recently died in combat in Iraq. Kessel will receive a special place of honor at the

Wall of Glory, recognizing Vietnam veterans, at Gettysburg's Glory Gym. The Mount's ROTC honor guard will also participate in the program.

The Mount's intercollegiate boxing program began in 1935 with Dom Greco as coach. In 1948, Memorial Gym on the Mount campus was built by the Navy, and dedicated to the 17 alumni killed in WWI, and the 28 alumni, including 3 chaplains, who died during WWII.

For information and to reserve tickets, please call Corie Matijevic at the Mount at (301) 447-5772 or e-mail: matijevic@msmary.edu.



-DICK BLOOM / THE DISPATCH

Homecoming loss for Fairfield

Fairfield Knight Robbie Potts (#17) readies a pass to Devon Smith (#31) during Fairfield's 48 to 0 homecoming game loss to Delone Catholic High.

Catoctin football success lifts school's spirit

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

7-1 record for the season thus far.

THURMONT, Md. - Rain kept coming on Friday night, Oct. 27, but so did the Cougar football team in their homecoming game against South Hagerstown.

Catoctin High School's defense created multiple turnovers which the offense turned into points on the scoreboard, for a final tally of 52 points. Cougar defenders held the South High Rebels to 14 points. Robert Groft scored four touchdowns; Colton Eureka, D. J. Doyle, Nick Stiles, Sean Chilson, and Kyle Sanders each added points to the Catoctin total. The win gives the team a

The game brought a positive end to a sorrowful week that began with Catoctin coach Doug Williams' loss of his infant daughter, Abra. Williams attended the game but did not coach.

Candidates for Homecoming king and queen walked onto the track at halftime and were introduced. Student voters chose Adam Scalese as king and Heather Jones queen. They presided over the Homecoming dance on Saturday night. The senior class selected Jamie Hill and Lindsay Russell prince and princess.

Weather turned the traditional post-game bonfire into an indoor event held in the auxiliary gymnasium.

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EDUCATION

Parents and children — “Partners in Print” at Emmitsburg School

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. - Emmitsburg Elementary teachers Sharon Rice and Heather Corl aren't quite sure how many years they have been offering the “Partners in Print” workshops after school. But they are certain that the seven-week program gives the school's youngest students a boost with reading and writing skills.

For one hour once a week, parents of pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students come to an evening class with their children. Each class

has a particular focus — fine motor skills, phonics, or vocabulary, for example — that matches the school curriculum goals. Class usually begins with a “fun” group activity, such as the “Color Words” song, followed by an introduction by Rice or Corl. The teacher quickly demonstrates the various activities available for the evening and how they relate to the skill focus. Then it's up to the child and parent to choose the first activity. Over the course of the hour they work through them all, one-on-one or in a small group with another parent and child. Some families bring younger children along, and they too are welcome to try the matching game or use magnetic letters and repeat the sound each letter makes. There is always time for parents to read to their children.

At the end of the evening parents receive written tips on activities they can continue at home. Both teachers agree that the follow-up activities are important reinforcement to learning that takes place in the workshops. The extra time spent after school and at home shows up in the child's success in the classroom. What is just as important but can't be measured, they say, is the sense of “special time” spent with a parent, learning unconsciously that “school is important because mom and dad come too,” and that learning can be great fun.

For information on this program and other special events for parents and children at EES, call (240) 236-1750.

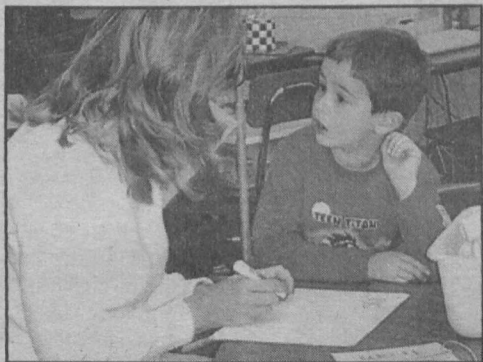


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Jennifer Bingman and her son Max work on printing the alphabet.

FFA sponsors fruit fundraiser

THURMONT, Md. - The Catoctin FFA is having a Florida Citrus Sale through Nov. 22.

Citrus prices are as follows: Navel oranges, full box \$22, ½ box \$11; red grapefruit, full box \$22, ½ box \$11; tangelos, full box \$22, ½ box \$11; and tangerines, ½ box is \$18. Juice oranges are: full box \$20, ½ box \$10. The Holiday Gift Trio is \$23. This trio will include: 12 navel oranges, 12 red grapefruit and 12 red delicious apples. A citrus trio is \$19 per

box. This trio includes: 6 red grapefruit, 12 navel oranges and 16 tangelos. Mixed cases of any 2 varieties of fruit are also available.

Fruit will be available for pick-up on Dec. 12 from the Catoctin High School agriculture shop from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Call the agriculture department at (240) 236-8117 to place your order. Please order by Nov. 22. Late orders will be taken on a first-come basis.



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In photo above, Paul Fer, C'01, and his wife, Nicki, are pictured with Dr. Campbell, Mrs. Jackie Campbell, C'82, George Gelles, C'64, and Terri Gelles.

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November 8

7:30 p.m. Knott Auditorium

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DEBRIS & DIASPORA: IRAQI CULTURE NOW — LECTURE PERFORMANCE BY THE FILM DIRECTOR SINAN ANTOON

November 13

7:30 p.m. Knott Auditorium

Sinan Antoon is a poet, novelist and translator. He teaches Arabic culture at New York University. He studied English literature at Baghdad University before moving to the United States after the 1991 Gulf War. He received his Master's degree in Arab Studies at Georgetown University and a Ph.D. in Arabic Literature at Harvard University. He has published a collection of poems *Mawshur Muballal bil-Huroob* (A Prism; Wet with Wars, Mirit Books, Cairo) and a novel *I'jam* (Diacritics, Dar al-Adab, Beirut). Sinan returned to Iraq in 2003 to co-direct/produce the award-winning documentary *About Baghdad* about the lives of Iraqis in a post-Saddam occupied Iraq. He is a Senior Editor at the Arab Studies Journal, and a member of Pen America. He is a contributing editor to Banipal and a member of the editorial committee of Middle East Report.

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OBITUARIES

Regina C. Shields

Regina C. Shields, 83, of Anandale Road, Emmitsburg, died Oct. 12, at the Shepherds Choice, Gettysburg, Pa.

Born Sept. 6, 1923, in Frederick County, Md., she was a daughter of the late William and Annie Shorb Shields

Surviving are a number of nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Oct. 16 from St. Anthony's Shrine parish with the Rev. Dr. David W. Shaum as the celebrant.

Mr. Frank Waggoner

Frank N. Waggoner, 66, of W. Main St., Emmitsburg, died Oct. 16, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg, Md.

Born June 4, 1940, in Charleroi, Pa., he was a son of the late James H. and Cecelia Dillon Waggoner.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia A. (Coburn) Waggoner, one daughter, Arlene P. Kuykendall; two grandchildren; and three sisters, Virginia, Nancy and Rita.

Funeral services were held on Oct. 19, 2006, from the Skiles Funeral Home, 210 W. Main St., Emmitsburg. Inurnment will be at the convenience of the family.

Birth: Joanne and Jon Howe, Fairfield, Pa., a son, Oct. 10.

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For Thanksgiving, sponsors provide non-perishable food items plus a gift certificate for perishable items. Christmas sponsors can provide either toys and clothing, or food, or all three, for a family. Cash donations are also needed for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Volunteer sponsors are matched with a family according to their resources. For example, a business or church group might sponsor a family with a number of children, whereas a single person might choose to sponsor a single parent with one child.

To sponsor a family, make a cash donation or volunteer to help at Seton Center, call Sister Ellen at (301) 447-6102 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Or e-mail your interest in sponsoring a family to setoncenterinc@doc.org. Thanksgiving donations must be delivered to the Seton Center at 16840 S. Seton Ave. Emmitsburg, MD 21727 by 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 17, and Christmas donations must be made by 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15.

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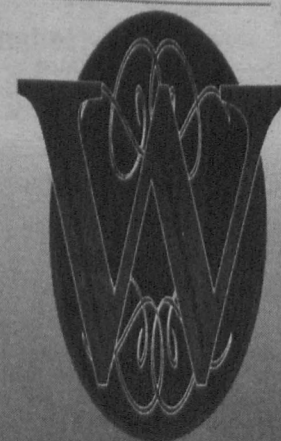
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ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

Library Events

November at the Emmitsburg Library

Celebrate Art - Emmitsburg area artists, Nov. 4-18. Opening Nov. 4 at 2 p.m.

Nov. 11-18- National Children's Book Week Book Swap. Donate one gently used children's book to the library; receive a ticket at the library good for one children's book from the library bookstore.

Storytimes

Babies with Books (birth-24 months with an adult) Nov. 8, 15, 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Two-Terrific Storytime (age 2 with an adult) Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28 at 7 p.m.

Family Storytime (all ages) Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29 at 7 p.m.

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5 with an adult) Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Global Groove (ages 5 and older with an adult) Come along with Sneaks as he learns about other cultures around the world. Nov. 3 at 4 p.m. Registration required.

Children's Programs
"Did You Know?" Series:
Native American Heritage Celebration

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month through folklore, facts, and crafts. Nov. 18 at 11 a.m. Registration required.

The Book Bunch (ages 6-9) A celebratory book discussion with craft or activity. Check the library desk for book titles. Nov. 15 at 4 p.m. Registration required.

Reading Rocks! (ages 10-12) Choose either book, and join us for a snack, an activity, and book discussion. "Standing in the Light: the Captive Diary of Catherine Carey Logan" by Mary Pope Osborne or "Sign of the Beaver?" by Elizabeth George Speare. Nov. 13 at 4 p.m. Registration required.

Uncle Pete with Kids!
More Books Please! (all ages) An interactive musical extravaganza to kick off National Children's Book Week. Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. Registration required.

Teen Programs
Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club (teens and adults) Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. "Another Fine Myth" by Robert Asprin.

Movie Makers Club (grades 6-12) Use your imagination and have fun making short movies. Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.

Animé/Manga Club (grades 6-12) Join us for Animé/Manga movies, card games and more. Nov. 17 at 6 p.m.

Stampin' Up with Olivia (ages 12 and up) Join Stampin' Up demonstrator Olivia Sielaff to learn card making and scrapbooking techniques. Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. Registration required.

Adult Programs
Tuesday Evening Book Club "Books of Guys" by Garrison Keillor (or a funny book) Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Non-Fiction Book Club Nov. 9 at 1 p.m.

Knitting Nook (teens and adults) Beginners and experienced knitters welcome. Bring your own needles and yarn, or call for info. Nov. 16 at 4 p.m.

Genealogy Focus Group (teens and adults) Learn how to do genealogical research and track down elusive ancestors. Nov. 30 at 7 p.m.

Leaving a Legacy Join this writing group and learn to record your personal stories. Nov. 6 at 1:30 p.m.

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

Senior Events

November has arrived with winds that "sting the nose and bite the toes" but they won't stop us from enjoying Thanksgiving Day when it comes. We hope you all have many blessings to give thanks for this year. **The center will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 7 for Election Day. Other closing dates are Friday, Nov. 10 (Veterans' Day), and Thursday-Friday, Nov. 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving. Meeting Day is Tuesday, Nov. 21.** We've got "Turkey Bingo" the following day, Nov. 22. Our bowling group is still growing; join us on Monday afternoons. Don't forget men's pool games every Wednesday at 1 p.m. We are still looking for a

volunteer to teach us how to make beaded jewelry and we know there's someone in the community who has the skill to share with us.

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

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

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

Bingo: Nov. 8 and 22.

Cards, 500, and Bridge Group: Nov. 15, and 29.

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

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

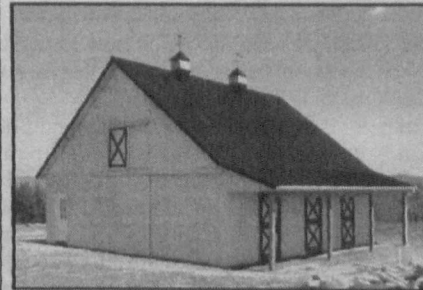
Frederick Shopping: Second Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.

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

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Thurmont Thespians present "Grace & Glorie"



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Mary Beth Johnson and Beth Royer Watson as "Grace & Glorie" in the Thurmont Thespians fall production.

Opening on Friday, Nov. 3 for two weekends at the Thurmont American Legion Auditorium, The Thurmont Thespians will present the area premiere of "Grace & Glorie" by Tom Ziegler.

The show will star Beth Royer Watson as "Grace" and Mary Beth Johnson as "Glorie." Spence Watson will direct and the production will be staged arena-style with the audience on three sides.

This charming comedy-drama set in the Blue Ridge Mountains of rural Appalachia was presented in a 1998 "Hallmark Hall of Fame" TV movie starring Gina Rowland. Grace, a feisty 90-year-old cancer patient, has checked herself out of the hospital and returned to her beloved homestead cottage to die alone. The volunteer hospice worker

who appears at her door with the pain medication Grace willfully left behind is a Wharton MBA recently transplanted to this rural backwater from Philadelphia. Glorie is tense, unhappy and guilt-ridden, her only child having been killed in an auto accident when she was driving. As she attempts to care for and comfort the cantankerous rustic, this sophisticated urbanite gains new perspectives on values and life's highs and lows.

Show dates are Friday and Saturday, Nov 3-4 and 10-11 at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees Nov. 5 and 12 at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$10. There will be a fried shrimp and chicken dinner-theatre on Saturday, Nov. 11 starting at 6:30 p.m. for an additional \$15 with cash bar. For early reservations, call (302) 271-7613.

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A&E Calendar

LOOKING AHEAD

For Children

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

Concerts

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

Nov. 4 - Dave Mallett. Maine singer/songwriter. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Common Ground on the Hill concert series, Carroll Arts Center Theater, 91 West Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157. Tickets \$15-\$17. Available at the door, by phone or e-mail. Information and tickets: 410-857-2771 cground@qis.net or www.commongroundonthehill.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 "Feasts & 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.

Nov. 19 - Allison Durham Speer concert. 6:30 p.m. Mt. Airy Full Gospel Church, Mt. Airy. Information: contact Rev. Tom Gue, 301-829-2199.

Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

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 to 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 Padgett, Harriet Wise, Roni Nehemias and Margaret Dowell.

Nov. 4 to Dec. 22 - Landscapes by Mark Brockman. Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick. 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.

Nov. 29 to Dec. 23 - Holiday Poster Art Competition and Frederick Camera Clique. Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick. Reception, Nov. 29, 5:30-8 p.m. Annual poster competition sponsored by The City of Frederick's Office of Special Events. This year's submissions will be exhibited in the F&M Gallery. In the Kline Gallery the Frederick Camera Clique will exhibit members' digital, black and white, and color photography.

Nov. 30 - Alice Neel's Women. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, 40 South Carroll Street, Frederick. \$45, \$35 members. Known for her bold, candid portraits, Neel painted raw images of real people, including the famous self-portrait at her easel at age 81 - wearing nothing but her eyeglasses. 80 paintings and drawings.

Stage

Nov. 3-4 - "Kabuki Lady Macbeth." 7:30 p.m. Catoctin High School auditorium. Performance by CHS Drama Dep't. Tickets: \$8 adults, \$7 students. Information: 240-236-8100.

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.

Festivals/Events

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.

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Nov. 2 - Flu shot clinic. 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Thurmont Senior Center, 806 E. Main St., Thurmont. Free with Medicare cards, others \$25.

Nov. 7 - Free college financial aid workshop. 7 to 9 p.m. Farmers & Mechanics Bank's main office, 110 Thomas Johnson Drive, Frederick. Limited seating, reservations requested: stop by any bank location or call 301-644-4440. Workshops also on Dec. 5, Jan. 9, Feb. 6 and March 6.

Until Nov. 12 - Citrus fruit sale. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Creagerstown. Fruit from Florida Indian Groves Inc. For information or to place an order: Carmi Saylor or Hallie Long-Saylor, 301-696-0527 and press 3 to leave a message.

Nov. 4-8 - Annual Treasured Heirloom Event. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Frederick Towne Mall. Over a dozen experts in a variety of fields will examine objects and discuss their values with participants. Tickets: \$5. Sponsored by the Historical Society of Frederick County. Proceeds benefit the historical society's museum and library programs.

Nov. 4 - 23rd Annual Holiday Bazaar. 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sam's Creek Church of the Brethren, Rte. 407 Marston Rd (near New Windsor and Taylorsville). Handmade ornaments, holiday decorations, practical items for everyday use, baked goods and lunch. Information: call Mrs. Roma Green (New Windsor area) at 410-848-0687 or Pastor Paul Leatherman (Damascus area) at 301-253-5469.

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, 1:30 p.m.

Nov. 4 - Turkey and oyster dinner. Noon to 5 p.m. Tom's Creek United Methodist church, Tom's Creek Rd. (off Route 140). Adults, \$13; ages 5-10, \$5; carryout \$14.

Nov. 4 - Oyster and turkey dinner. 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Faith United Church of Christ, 9333 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick. Adults \$12, children 6-12 \$6, carry-out \$13. Information: 301-695-6850 or 301-898-9047.

Nov. 4 - Moonlight Bingo. Emmitsburg Ambulance Co., 300 South Seton Ave. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., games begin at 9 p.m. Contact Marylou Little, 301-447-2073, Diane Kelly, 301-748-6894, or the ambulance station, 301-447-6626.

Nov. 5 - Holiday Basket Bingo. Doors open 12:30 p.m., games begin at 2 p.m. Thurmont AMVETS, 26 Apples church Road, Thurmont. Sponsored by Thurmont AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary to benefit child welfare programs. Tickets: \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door. Tickets: 301-271-1868 or 240-315-3714.

Nov. 5 - Walk for Hunger and Human Needs. 1:30 p.m. Start and finish at Thurmont Senior Center, 806 E. Main St. Walk a 4.6 mile route to benefit the Thurmont Ministerium. Information and to register: 301-271-2379.

Nov. 8 - Safe & Sane committee meeting. 7 p.m. at the CHS Media Center. Junior and senior parents needed as volunteers.

Nov. 9 to 11 - 46th Annual International Gift Festival. Mennonite Church, 201 W. Main St (PA Rt. 116) Fairfield, Pa. Open to seniors Tuesday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring Ten Thousand Villages crafts and rugs. Hours: Thursday & Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact: 717-642-8936. www.tenthousandvillages.com.

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. Proceeds benefit St. Paul's Lutheran Church Women's League. Information: contact Louise Ediger, 301-898-9945.

Nov. 11 - Mother Seton School Gala. 6 to 11 p.m. Liberty Mountain Resort and Conference Center, Carroll Valley, Pa. Dinner, live and silent auctions, prizes, dance music by "Fire City Jazz Band." Tickets: \$60 per person/\$440 for table of 8. Information: call co-chairs Susie Nield 410-756-5274 or Danielle Kirby 717-794-5824

Nov. 11 - Dinner/Dance/Silent Auction. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., meal at 7 p.m. Thurmont AMVETS Post #7. DJ following until midnight. Tickets, \$15 per person. Contact Tina Delauter, 301-271-3078.

Nov. 11 - U.S. Armed Forces Boxing Tournament. 7 p.m. Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg.

Tickets: students and seniors, \$20; individual, \$45; ringside table of eight, \$300. Information: call Corie Matijevic, 301-447-5772 or e-mail matijevic@msmary.edu.

Nov. 12 - Snip-its of History. Grace United Church of Christ, 40 W. Baltimore St., Taneytown. Will honor the 1972 time period when a new parsonage was built on Roberts Mill Road. Information: 410-756-2302.

Nov. 12 - Annual lot holders meeting of Mt. Tabor Cemetery, Rocky Ridge. 2 p.m. at Mt. Tabor Church. Information: 301-447-6422.

Nov. 12, 18, 19 - Orienteering (Map and Compass Reading). 1 p.m., Catoctin Mtn. Park Visitor Center. Indoor slide program introducing maps and their components and the orienteering compass. Participants then complete a short outdoor course, going off-trail in varied terrain. Free, but limited class size. Reservations: call the Visitor Center at 301-663-9388.

Nov. 13 - Mount Connections lecture series. Mount St. Mary's University Frederick Campus, 5350 Spectrum Drive. Speaker: Dr. Karl Einhorn, professor of business at the Mount, on "Management Economics: How understanding economics can make one a better manager." Information: 301-682-8315.

Nov. 13 - Mood disorder support group. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Emmitsburg. A mutual-help support group for

persons with depression or bipolar disorder. The group will meet the second Monday of each month. No charge to attend. For location and more information, please call Paul at 301-447-2207.

Nov. 14 - Catoctin Mountain Park 70th anniversary. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitor Center. A special one-day postal cancellation, art display by Catoctin High School and birthday cake will be available.

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Nov. 17 - Italian Night. 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center, Thurmont. All you can eat. Adults, \$10; ages 4-12, \$3; under are free. Proceeds go to charitable causes. Information: 301-271-4439.

Nov 18 - Country butchering. Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company. Advance orders by Sunday, Nov. 12. Call Dennis Mathias at 301-271-4252; or Helen Ogle at 301-271-2880; or Gertie Whetzel at 301-271-4253. Pick-up meat Saturday from 6-10 a.m. at the Activities Building (old fire hall). Buffet breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 18 at the Activities Building from 6-10 a.m.

Nov. 18 - Remembrance Day. Various locations throughout Gettysburg. Held in conjunction with the Lincoln Observance. Includes a parade at 1 p.m. of Civil War troops to the Albert Woolson Monument for a wreath-laying ceremony, sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans.

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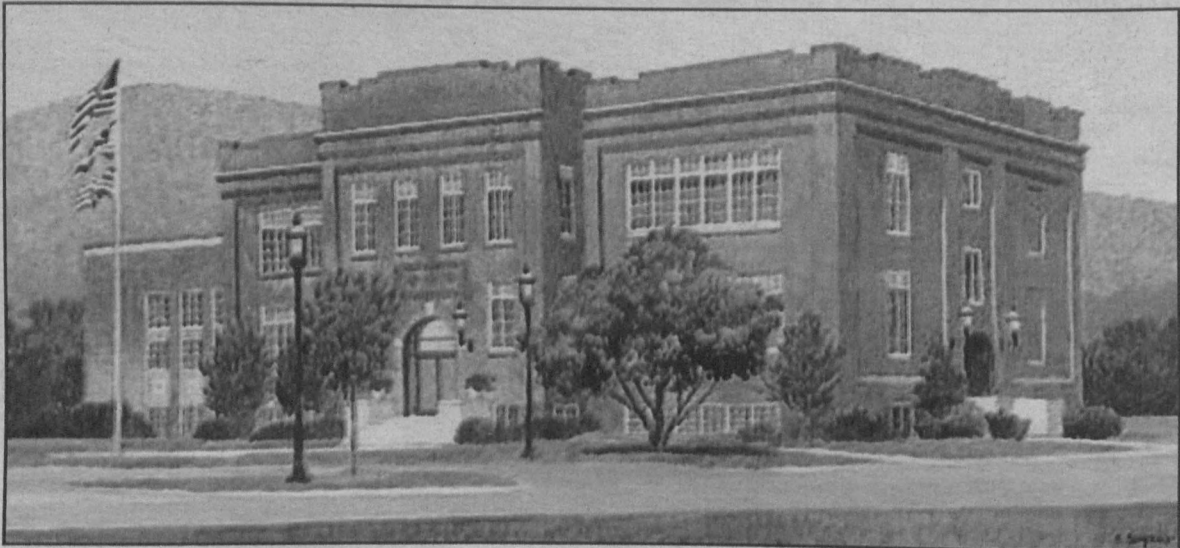
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Friends of the Emmitsburg Library sponsor raffle



As part of the library's 100-year celebration in December, the Friends of the Library are sponsoring a fundraising raffle to support adult and children's programming. Local artist and former pastor of Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church, Reverend Benjamin Jones has donated an original watercolor painting of the Emmitsburg Community Center, current home of the library. The painting is on exhibit in the library. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. Contact any library staff member at (240) 629-6329 or Friends of the Library members Annetta Rapp at (301) 447- 2992 or Bo Cadle at (301) 447- 6275 to volunteer to sell tickets. The drawing for the painting will be held at 7 p.m. on December 2, during the library's anniversary celebration. You need not be present to win.

Veterans Day Memorial Services

The Monocacy Valley Memorial VFW Post 6918, located at 5801 Conover Road, Harney, Md., will host a Veterans Day Memorial Service at the post on Sunday, Nov. 12, from 2 to 6 p.m. The Honorable Congressman Roscoe G. Bartlett will be a guest speaker. Patriot Guard riders from Maryland and Virginia will be present, and members of the Maryland Army National Guard from A Battery, 110 Field Artillery, Westminster, will fire a 21-gun salute. Historic and present day military vehicles and personnel equipment will be on display. Light refreshments will be served. All veterans and their families are invited to attend and participate. Contact the post at (410) 765-6866 or Junior Vice Commander, Frank M. Rauschenberg at (410) 756-5444 for further information.

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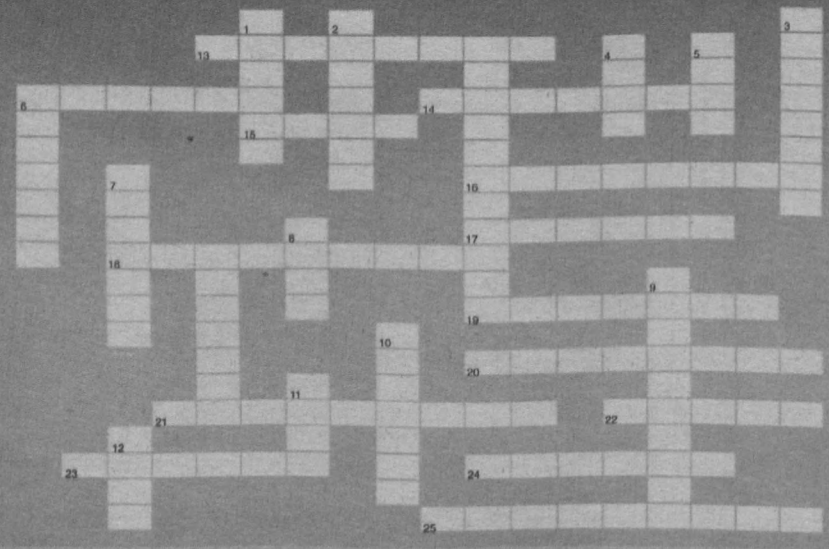
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- DOWN:**
- The last name of the incumbent Clerk seeking your vote for re-election on November 7
 - The one who is granted; allowed or given
 - Performing an act that is forbidden by law; one who performs such an act
 - What to do on November 7 to re-elect Sandra Dalton as Clerk
 - A legal document relating to the transference of property
 - The legal dissolution of a marriage
 - An order of command to perform a duty; a notice to appear at a certain place
 - Security or money given to guarantee the appearance of a person for trial
 - A type of license issued to an establishment that sells food and provides tables and chairs
 - The finding of a jury or judge on the matter submitted at trial
 - The legal right to claim; hold or sell the property of another to satisfy a debt or obligation
 - What to do on November 7 to re-elect Sandra Dalton as Clerk
- ACROSS:**
- A brief written summary of a document; an agenda
 - The act or ceremony entered into by a man and woman so as to live together as husband and wife
 - The one who is granted; allowed or given
 - A solemn promise that a person will speak only the truth
 - Legal document requiring a person to appear in court for testimony
 - A proposal or request that action be taken
 - A temporary conveyance of property to a creditor as security for the repayment of a debt
 - Type of business license sold to retailers
 - The act to legally take into one's family as their own
 - The person charged in a criminal or civil lawsuit
 - A person who serves on a jury
 - A proposal or request that action be taken
 - A case from a lower court to a higher court for re-hearing
 - A person who brings suit

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