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## Sheriff Hagy honored at NETC- has accepted a position with Homeland Security



—EMILY BALLENGER / THE DISPATCH

Frederick County Sheriff James W. Hagy (center), with local realtor Donald Briggs (left) and Ronald P. Face Jr., director of the Department of Homeland Security's NETC Management, Ops and Support Services (right) received certificates of appreciation Nov. 8 at the National Emergency Training Center in honor of the assistance and support he has shown the staff of the federal facility. Hagy will join Homeland Security before the end of the year.

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Outgoing Frederick County Sheriff James W. Hagy was honored Nov. 8 at the National Emergency Training Center in recognition of his efforts and of those of his office in supporting the NETC.

Hagy did not run for re-election as sheriff this year, a position he has held for the past 12. He has been offered, and has accepted, the position of state and local law enforcement coordinator for Homeland Security. No start date has been set.

About two-dozen business, law enforcement and Homeland Security representatives held an award luncheon at NETC in Hagy's honor.

Presenting certificates of appreciation and recognition to Hagy was Ronald P. Face Jr., director of the Department

of Homeland Security's NETC Management, Ops and Support Services.

A teary-eyed Hagy thanked the presenters for the show of appreciation of his and his office's work with NETC, stating, "None of us are what we are without all of you. The key is that I'm only successful because all of you make me that way."

Face told *The Dispatch* that the sheriff and his staff from the county sheriff's office "have been very close friends to all of us here."

When the World Trade Center Towers were attacked on Sept. 11, 2001, Face said, "We placed a call (to Hagy) and within minutes he began to provide support to us at no expense to the county," including providing security at NETC for six months after the attack.

The sheriff's office, Face said, "continues to maintain a good working relationship" with NETC staff.

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## Mount plans growth and improvements

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Mount St. Mary's University, the second-oldest independent Catholic university in the country, has begun to implement changes spawned by the development of a campus master plan.

Greg Kniesler, director of

Mount St. Mary's Engineering and Capital Projects, recently told *The Dispatch* the university is not looking at a dramatic increase in students over the next decade, but is looking to celebrate the university's bicentennial, improve the functionality of already-existing campus resources, and plan for new structures that would enhance the campus community.

In addition, whatever changes

may take place, university President Thomas H. Powell has stipulated that changes must promulgate the Catholic identity and mission throughout the campus.

### Development of the master plan

The Mount began working on its master plan in 2004, contracting with Ayers/Saint/Gross, a Baltimore

firm that provides master planning and architectural services for college and university campuses.

The entire master plan process, completed June 2005, cost the university less than \$100,000, according to Kniesler.

According to the report prepared by Ayers/Saint/Gross, the

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## Business community puts brakes on sign review

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — A number of members of the business community and local residents spoke up at the Oct. 30 planning and zoning commission meeting about problems they perceived with the town's sign ordinance revision, especially as it relates to businesses. The planning commission

and the board of commissioners have been struggling since the 2005 town election with revisions proposed for the existing sign ordinance after the American Civil Liberties Union threatened action over the town's political sign restrictions.

With input from town Attorney John R. Clapp and planning consultant Christopher Jakubiak, and after several rounds, the planning commission submitted draft sign changes to the

board of commissioners for their Sept. 18 meeting, only to have them referred back once again, this time to allow for business community input.

### Signs of progress

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Special thanks for a successful community show

The Thurmont Grange, Catoc-tin FFA and Catoc-tin FFA Alumni would like to thank everyone who helped with the 50<sup>th</sup> annual Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show. We would especially like to thank the community businesses for advertising and sponsoring our show booklet.

Thanks to the approximately 30 community organizations who participated in the opening flag ceremony and in the celebration of the past Chapter Sweethearts and Chapter Ambassadors. Thanks to committee members, Helen Troxell, Jean Myers, Denise Valentine and Robert Beavan for coordinating this successful event. Congratulations to Kandice Lenhart, daughter of Denton and Shari Lenhart of Lewistown, named the 2006-2007 Catoc-tin FFA Ambassador.

Thanks to the Richard Lee Troxell who sang during a Saturday night show. Thanks to the many individuals who helped with the many show activities during the weekend.

We would also like to thank the 750 exhibitors who entered over 3,000 exhibits and our department superintendents and helpers who assisted with entering and judging exhibits. Trudy and Austin Garver of Keyser-Garver Well Drilling of Yellow Springs purchased Maxine Troxell's chiffon cake for a record price of \$1,500.

Special thanks to John Kin-naird and his historical Thurmont pictures; Helen Mackley and her antique button display; the Thurmont Library and its annual book sale and to the many other commercial displays. Thanks to Patty Johnston for the display of pictures

and articles of previous Community Shows.

Special recognition also goes to Jubilee Foods of Emmitsburg for promoting our show booklets and supporting the 4-H and FFA Beef, Sheep & Swine Sale. Thanks to Cozy Restaurant for sponsoring a free meal ticket for all champions. Thanks to Robert Beavan for taking photographs at the Beef, Sheep and Swine Sale and also at various events throughout the weekend.

We are especially grateful to *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, *The Thurmont Dispatch* and other media for their excellent press coverage.

It is the dedication and hard work of many citizens who volunteer their time that makes the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show a success; one that the Catoc-tin High School area can be proud of.

- C. Rodman Myers,  
President

- Robert N. Valentine,  
Vice President

- Robert Beavan,  
Diane Ogg,  
Catoc-tin FFA Chapter Advisor

## 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 30, 1906

### Thanksgiving Service

Thanksgiving Day was observed in a most appropriate manner in Emmitsburg, all the Protestant Churches uniting in a service of worship and of public acknowledgement to the Source of All Good for the peace and prosperity which our country, our state and our community enjoys. The Lutheran Church was well filled and the congregation listened intently to the splendid sermon of the Rev. Mr. Bailey, pastor of the Methodist Church in this place. The speaker called attention to the improvement in sociological conditions, the desire of the richer classes to help and uplift the poor and, in the world of education, showed the notable advance made by the Universities, Colleges and Schools in this Christian country of ours. In the religious world there is more of a fraternal spirit existing between denominations, Mr. Bailey said, and for all of these conditions as well as the blessings enjoyed by our State and County and community we should be sincerely thankful. But after all there was one blessing dating back 2000 years, a blessing greater than any and for which we should never cease to give thanks; that blessing was Jesus Christ, Our Lord. There was no sin, no habit, no evil, the preacher remarked, that could not be overcome by walking in the way which He had pointed out; by following where our personal Savior led, and by giving Him a place in our hearts, our homes and our lives.

### Trespass Suits

On Monday morning Squire Stokes tried a trespass case in which three residents of this community were involved. The bases are of interest just at this time when the hunting season is on as they bring the subject of trespass, the penalties for which seem so little known, before the people in a very practical way.

It seems that Samuel R. Grinder had often warned George T. Humerick, the father of Bernard Humerick, not to pass over the land owned by Grinder, and that as a last resort informed Humerick that he would be arrested if he continued to trespass. Grinder also published a trespass notice in *The Chronicle* warning all persons not to come upon his property with dog or gun.

Neither measure, so it turned out, was effective as Geo. T. Humerick continued to cross the Grinder land and Bernard Humerick trespassed thereon with dog and gun. Carrying out his determination Grinder swore out warrants against the Humericks and Constable Ashbaugh brought the offenders before Squire Stokes where Grinder agreed to settle as follows: George T. Humerick, to pay \$1.50 and costs, and Bernard Humerick, \$3.00 and costs, and to withdraw the suits.

Had settlement not been agreed upon by the parties concerned it would have been in the power of the magistrate to have fined the offenders respectively from \$1 to \$100 in the first case, with jail penalty if not paid. Thus it will be seen that trespassing upon another's land in any manner whatsoever, carries with it a fine large enough to cause anybody who contemplates entering upon land not his own, to think before acting.

### Local Item

On the evening of the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Baker were pleasantly surprised by their friends. The guests, remembering that this was a crystal wedding celebration, presented Mr. and Mrs. Baker with many appropriate and useful presents. The evening was pleasantly spent, the music, furnished by Mr. Edgar Shriver's phonograph, added much to the enjoyment of all present.

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# Mount

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plan developers faced a number of challenging issues from the outset, including:

- Many of the existing buildings were old and in need of maintenance;
- Walkways and parking areas had not been well-placed or thought out;
- Vistas between buildings were so great it created the illusion of increased walking distances;
- Pedestrian and vehicular traffic is sometimes mixed without clarity;
- There are no standards for things like lighting, seating, trashcans and other universal utilities;
- The architecture between buildings did not always match;
- The campus is separated by U.S. 15;
- There is no real main entrance to the university.

In addition, the planners were asked to "identify building sites for the future" within walking distance of the existing campus, both for potential campus structures and expanded parking areas, according to Kniesler.

To address objectives and the perceived existing deficiencies, the consulting firm developed a strategy that included six general goals:

- 1) Ensure that the Catholic identity and mission is reflected throughout the campus.
- 2) Address the landscape and pedestrian experience.
- 3) Address entrances and gateways.
- 4) Construct the Founder's Plaza.
- 5) Improve residential life (housing and related).
- 6) Develop a high-quality athletic atmosphere.

## Plan implementation

The six main goals listed are not in sequential order. Work on some of them will occur simultaneously; and achieving others may take multiple years. One of them, ensuring that the Catholic identity and mission is reflected throughout the campus, will be woven throughout the creation process.

Also, the entire master plan is not written in stone. It was developed to provide direction, not provide a definitive set of instructions. It allows for flexibility.

For example, a conceptual sketch showing a pedestrian cross-over spanning U.S. 15 from the athletic facilities to the academic campus will probably not be pursued. However, it is at least on the "wish list."

Some of the proposed projects are already underway. Work on the new Waldron Family Stadium and the E.T. Straw Baseball Stadium is nearing completion. Work on the Founders Plaza, part of the Mount's bicentennial projects and considered the first project undertaken under the master plan, has progressed significantly since the groundbreaking ceremony on June 22.

The next major undertaking as part of the master plan is the construction of the new "Bicentennial Hall" on Annandale Road, a residence hall that will house more than 180 students. The university is awaiting permits from Frederick County to begin work.

The Mount will also be looking at ways to reconfigure the cement walkways that seem to form a mini airport-looking web across some of the campus grounds, possibly incorporating a fountain as a hub of any new pathway system.

## In the less-immediate future...

On the mountainside behind the campus lies the seemingly isolated Grotto, university property that the staff would like to tie-in better with the campus. A new, small museum/visitor center at the Grotto is planned for 2008.

The campus has grown somewhat naturally over the decades into two separate sub-campuses, an academic one on the west side of U.S. 15 and an athletic one on the east side. The master plan calls for the continuance of and expansion on that divide.

Areas identified in the master plan could house future academic-related structures. Included would be several buildings on the west side of U.S. 15, a potential building next to the existing service barn, and expanding on the Flynn Hall performing arts building.

A "key building site" has also been identified adjacent to U.S. 15 behind the William J. McGowan Center, Kniesler stated. The site is located "on a knoll with a great view."

On the west side of U.S. 15, future development could include a number of residences for university staff and expanded sports complex-related structures.

The plan, as conceived, covers a ten-year period, possibly longer, depending on progress and funding. Kniesler said, "We are still



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This conceptual rendering produced by Ayers/Saint/Gross, Baltimore, in conjunction with Mount St. Mary's University's master plan reveals a number of potential buildings, such as those shown facing U.S. 15 at the lower left. The future residence hall along Annandale Road is also shown at center right.

### Mount St. Mary's University Master Plan Project Expenditures

*Project costs have not been worked out for all proposals discussed in the master plan.*

Current Projects	Status	Proposed Construction Cost
Waldron Family Stadium	In process	\$ 3,500,000
Founders Plaza	In process	\$ 650,000
E.T. Straw Baseball Stadium	In process	\$ 400,000
Bicentennial Hall (New residence hall)	Waiting permits	\$ 12,000,000
Fine Arts addition to Flynn Hall	Planning	\$ 11,000,000
Grotto Pilgrim Center	Planning	\$ 2,000,000

assessing how much we want to do. We may not do it (all) as described in the plan."

Additionally, because the plan is flexible and could change, there is no real projected bottom line cost for total implementation. "We have no idea of the cost of implementing the entire plan," Kniesler told *The Dispatch*. "What the plan does is it gives us a framework to move a lot of individual projects forward (with one vision)."

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**An Emmitsburg Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving is a time a reflection and a day dedicated to giving thanks for that with which we have been blessed, sometimes even under the worst set of circumstances. It is a time to put aside the daily struggle and think about how far we have come and what we have learned along the way.

Regarding the community we, *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, serve, a number of things to be thankful for stand out.

First and foremost, Emmitsburgians should be thankful for the glorious valley in which they live, which, a couple of years ago, Iraqi

visitors characterized as having the appearance of "paradise."

The community should be thankful for the mayor and town staff and their dedication to duty. There are times when we, the newspaper staff, and the town administrators clash, and we certainly do not agree on every issue, but there is no denying that they have always had what they perceive to be the best interests of the community at heart.

The community should be thankful for the boards and committees that guide the town, although they could do more - but

then, couldn't we all?

The community should be thankful for our town activists, Catherine Forrence and Harold Craig and others, without whom we would all likely become "comfortably numb." We may not always agree with their positions, but at least they take a stand.

The community should be thankful for the town's community deputies, who have immersed themselves seamlessly into the social and cultural structure of the town, and tirelessly serve the community. The town has been very fortunate to acquire the professional-level law

enforcement officers that it has.

The community should be thankful that such generous individuals as the Reavers and the Bollingers reside in the immediate environs and willingly provide support for worthy causes.

The community should be thankful that it is blessed with an outstanding constituency of respectful youth. There are not too many "bad eggs" in the bunch, and even they are not outrageously so.

Everyone who lives in the community will almost certainly be able to elaborate on this list.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

*A Word from the Mayor*  
**If I were Mayor ...**

Each year the Maryland Municipal League sponsors an essay contest, "If I were mayor, I would ..." The essay is for all fourth grade students. The students can be in private or public school or be home-schooled. Each year the MML sends information to all schools and to each municipal office. They ask the mayors and teachers to introduce the program to the fourth graders. Teachers may elect to have students enter just one essay as a class project or they may have each student enter their own essay. If a school is not participating in the essay contest,

students may still enter an essay on their own, but they must include their school and teacher's name.

The Maryland Municipal League's communications committee receives and reads thousands of entries and select one winner from each of the Maryland Municipal League's 11 regional districts. Each winner receives a \$250 savings bond and a plaque. Winners may also be invited to meet the governor to receive their plaques during the municipal government event in May.

Essay contest information

will be arriving in schools in the next few weeks; students will have to the end of March to enter their essays. Students must write their essays on the essay topic included in the information.

As mayor, I have visited both Emmitsburg Elementary School and Mother Seton School in the past and plan to meet with both again this year to discuss the essay with the fourth graders. This year I want to extend my offer to the home-schooled students.

While the essay will be judged on legibility and grammar, the main objective is to encour-

age students to learn more about municipal government and to see how much they may already know about the role of a mayor.

If any teachers, home-school parents or other organizations are interested in additional information or would like me to speak to their fourth graders, please contact me at the Emmitsburg Town Office. For additional information about the essay contest, contact the Maryland Municipal League at 1-800-492-7121.

- James E. Hoover  
Mayor of Emmitsburg

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## TOWN NEWS



-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

The town's right to explicitly regulate campaign banners and signage, like this one shown hanging on the balcony of the Hotel Emmitsburg, was challenged during the 2005 town election by the American Civil Liberties Union after a candidate filed a complaint. Although planning has been assigned the task of addressing the issue, revisions of other parts of the sign ordinance have lengthened the review process.

## Signs

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ceive to be overly-restrictive commercial sign regulations on the books, Libby Briggs, wife of local realtor Donald Briggs, told the board there are 20 to 25 businesses in Emmitsburg who are "struggling and need signage and parking. Signage brings the people in."

Robert Rosensteel Sr., Rosensteel Photography Studio, agreed, stating, "It's about what we can do as a community government to promote business here." He said home businesses should also be permitted to have some form of sign in the yards promoting what they do.

Antiques Folly owner Dora Connelly pointed out on behalf of the Antique Mall that many visi-

tors to town cannot even locate the establishment because there are no directional signs. Antique Mall owner Philip Postelle noted that if a business is not located on either Main Street or Seton Avenue, "You have no chance to be found."

Main Streets Sweets co-owner Wendy Glass said that her business opens when it's still dark out. But current signage regulations do not allow for signs that can be readily seen in the dark. Although Glass has an "Open" flag hanging in front of the shop, she noted, "Lots of people have flags out. A flag doesn't bring attention."

Under the current sign ordinance, Main Street Sweets could get a permit to put out a temporary sign for 45 days, but, once the first 45 days expired, they would have to wait another 30 days before they could put it out again.

## Signage regs unfair to 'newbies?'

Objections to the existing sign ordinance regulations for new businesses seem to be two-fold: the ordinance stymies creativity and creates a skewed playing field for new enterprises.

Local resident Tim O'Donnell stated at the Oct. 30 planning and zoning commission that the sign ordinance seems to promulgate an "anti-new business climate," forcing business owners to go with lesser quality signage than they might otherwise have installed, resulting in cheapening the general appearance of the business.

Susan Glass, owner of the Ott House, noted that grandfathering signs gave older business an unfair competitive edge over incoming businesses by allowing older enterprises greater signage flexibility.

Generally, a law cannot be backdated to apply to any period of time before the law was passed. "Grandfathering" is a

term used to indicate *exemption* for a practice that existed before a new law was enacted. For example, if a town were to pass a law this week outlawing neon signs, shops that had neon signs before this week would have to be exempt, or "grandfathered," under the law.

Glass stated, "The (current) allowable signs don't attract any business in the village zone. We depend on drive-bys. I don't feel the sign ordinance is doing anything for businesses. I think we need to back up and take a second look (at the regulations)."

Noting that the Ott House was grandfathered from the existing sign ordinance, Glass said that if the Ott House were ever sold, "you may as well board it up," because any new business operating there would not even be able to keep the current signage and, being a new business, would have to abide by the sign ordinance.

-R. Fulton

## A sign of the times

Little discussion took place about the commission's original task, revising the way the ordinance addressed political signage, except for comments made by resident Harold C. Craig Jr., who had brought on the ACLU complaint against the town.

Craig stated, "You know how I stand on political signs," adding that, in fact, "I'm opposed to any sign ordinance at all."

Craig, who ran for a seat on the board of commissioners in 2005, had objected to the portion of the sign ordinance that related to size of campaign signs. He gained a victory when the town backed down from enforcing the sign regulations, but lost in the election.

The proposed ordinance will remain before the planning and zoning commission for continued work. Unless a special work session is announced, the next regular meeting of the planning and zoning commission will be Nov. 27, at 7:30 p.m., in the town meeting room, Community Center, 300A S. Seton Ave.

## Emmitsburg holiday trash pickup

There will be no trash pickup on Thursday, Nov. 23. The next trash pickup date in town will be Monday, Nov. 27.

## Police Activity ...

## Bomb threat caused elementary evacuation

EMMITSBURG, Md. - Emmitsburg Elementary School was evacuated around 1:30 p.m., Nov. 3, after staff noticed what was described as a note etched on an exterior door stating a bomb was to go off at a specific time.

Students were evacuated as a precautionary measure until authorities arrived to investigate the report.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office responded to assist school staff in sweeping the building before pronouncing the scene safe for students to re-enter, according to sheriff's spokesperson Deputy Jennifer Bailey.

The students returned to their classes after about 30 minutes, and the incident is still under investigation.

## New car for Emmitsburg deputy

FREDERICK CITY, Md. - The county board of commissioners approved 4-1 at their Nov. 9 meeting the purchase of a new vehicle for the latest community deputy assigned to Emmitsburg.

Commission President John L. Thompson Jr. provided the sole "no" vote.

The vehicle will cost \$28,200 and will free up the vehicle the community deputy brought with him when he was transferred to the town.

Commissioner Jan Gardner, who had previously questioned such expenditures, said she had changed her mind after hearing from county Sheriff James W. Hagy, who pointed out that the county, not just the town, benefits from the police cars acquired as a result of partnerships formed with municipalities.

Emmitsburg hired its third community deputy this year from the county sheriff's office, costing the town \$95,000.



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## TOWN NEWS

## Two added to planning committee

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON  
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Concluding a unique series of events surrounding committee appointments, ranging from failed motions to alleged behind-the-scenes "strong-arming" of commissioners regarding their votes, two new members were appointed to the town planning and zoning commission on Nov. 6 by the town board of commissioners.

Catherine Forrence, recently reappointed to the streets and transportation committee, was confirmed in a 4-1 vote as a member of the planning body, while Timothy O'Donnell, a parks and recreation committee member, was unanimously appointed as an alternate. The board of commissioners had previously failed to confirm either appointee.

## Division and diversity

Forrence's recommendation by Mayor James E. Hoover failed to receive a second, either for or against her confirmation at the Sept. 5 commissioners' meeting. Larry Little, former One More Tavern co-owner, was confirmed to the planning commission at that same meeting.

One of the staunchest opponents of Forrence's appointment was board of commissioners Presi-

dent Christopher V. Staiger, who had defeated her in the last town election. He later told *The Dispatch*, "Our involvement in public affairs leaves a track record. Sometimes the voters make a determination based on that record and sometimes it can fall to elected officials."

He further stated, "Based on my previous experience on the planning commission and my assessment of the applicant's track record, I didn't feel the mayor's nominee would be a good fit for this particular position."

Staiger stood by his position at the Nov. 6 meeting, casting the only vote opposing Forrence.

An effort by Commissioner Glenn Blanchard to have O'Donnell appointed as an alternate member of the planning commission ended quickly at the Oct. 2 meeting after Hoover expressed concerns over lack of gender, race, or geographical diversity on town boards.

Blanchard also serves as board of commissioners' liaison to the planning commission.

Hoover explained later that when he talked about diversity regarding where members lived he was referring to current planning members being from only one or two specific developments in town, and not from other developments or non-development neighborhoods.

Before the latest appointments, the planning commission consisted of Pembroke resident

Rich Kapriva, Brookfield resident Tom Cashour, and in-town resident Larry Little. O'Donnell is also a Pembroke resident. Forrence lives on West Main Street.

## Back in business

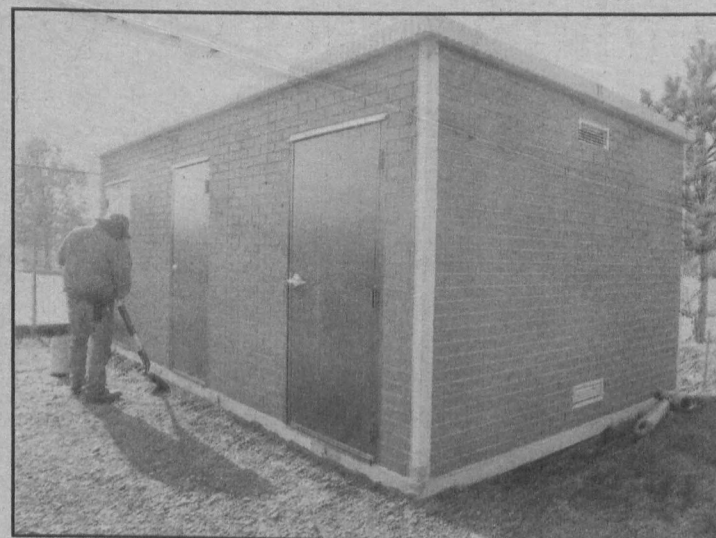
Frustrated with the lack of members serving on commissions and committees, Commissioner Clifford Sweeney was the first of the board to state at the Oct. 16 meeting that the commissioners should reconsider their previous rejections of the proposed appointees to the planning commission.

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

Innuendoes cast at the Oct. 16 meeting suggested that, possibly questionable, behind-the-scenes events might have played a role in the rejection votes. Board members obliquely referred to comments allegedly made by elected officials regarding who should or shouldn't be supported for board seats.

As a result, the board agreed to reconsider the appointment recommendations.

Effective as of the Nov. 6 meeting, all seats have been filled on the town planning and zoning commission, including that of alternate. Efforts to fill a number of other town committee seats continue.



—RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

## New bathrooms available soon in town park

The arrival of a prefabricated bathroom at Community Park Nov. 2 marks the end of a multi-year effort by Mayor James E. Hoover with the aid of town staff to purchase the facility and have it installed. The town had money for the project, but could not find a reasonable bidder to provide and install it. The bathrooms needs to be connected to water, sewer and electric, and should be usable by Dec. 1. The total cost, including site preparation, building, and plumbing and electric, was about \$66,000.

## Comprehensive plan workshop

BY BRENDAN WEEKS  
Special to the Dispatch

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The town held another comprehensive planning workshop on Nov. 13. The meeting allowed the planning and zoning commission to continue to review input from community members.

At the suggestion of Dianne Walbrecker at last month's workshop, planning consultants from Jakubiak and Associates put together a survey that was mailed throughout the community. Attending the Nov. 13 meeting was Sarah Franklin from Jakubiak and Associates who presented the results of the survey to the commission.

Senior inspector Frank Henry thinks that the survey results were somewhat beneficial. "Yes I think it's a little helpful," said Henry, "I think it was a little confusing in certain parts."

Out of 765 surveys mailed, only 135 were returned, around 18 percent. "I think it would be more helpful maybe if more people had sent in the results," said Henry.

The survey was broken into four sections — live, work, move, and play. Each section had five different choices for a direction the town could take and residents were asked to rate on a scale of one to five what they felt most important.

Some of the information received from the surveys showed that the town was split on certain topics. Half of those surveyed selected "The town's traditional patterns of development (including lots sizes and street layouts) should guide how we develop future neighborhoods," while the others chose "A large lot, low-density suburban subdivision is the preferred pattern for how we should develop the future."

"On the specific issue of the pattern and style of the development, the survey doesn't indicate there is a strong consensus on the issue one way or the other," said planning consultant Christopher Jakubiak.

Jakubiak anticipates that the town will be able to reach its goal of a completed plan by February.

"By the end of the year we'll have a really good draft and then the town can schedule a time for the public to comment on it," said Jakubiak.

At the next meeting, scheduled for Dec. 12, Jakubiak and Associates will present the commission with a rough draft of the completed comprehensive plan. Following that there will be a mandatory 60-day review period and then sometime in February the town will vote on adopting the new plan.

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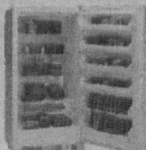
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


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# Commissioner O'Neil's daughter seriously injured in deer 'attack'

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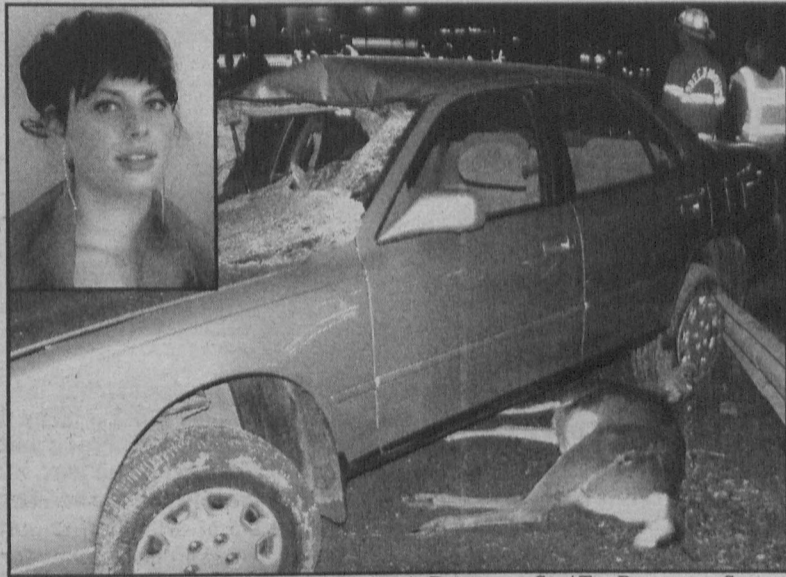
EMMITSBURG, Md. — The 19-year old daughter of an Emmitsburg commissioner is continuing to recover from serious injuries received in a vehicular collision with a large buck on U.S. 15 Nov. 4, and is facing therapy and plastic surgery as a result of the accident.

Jennifer O'Neil, daughter of Commissioner William B. O'Neil Jr., was a passenger in a Toyota Camry being driven northbound on U.S. 15, near the Baltimore Pike exit, by friend Brady Gantt, 20, en route to a theater in Gettysburg around 9:30 p.m. when the vehicle was charged head-on by a 300-pound buck, according to Commissioner O'Neil.

The animal dove through the windshield landing in the passenger seat as Gantt fought to control the vehicle and bring it to a halt. The deer survived the impact and continued to struggle inside the car. O'Neil said he thought the car was traveling about 55-65 mph when the collision occurred.

In an e-mail to *The Dispatch*, the commissioner stated, "The buck exploded through the windshield of the Toyota Camry with such force that it ... (caused) the deer to land in Jennifer's lap, forcing her to the floor ... The deer, still alive with antlers intact, began to violently thrash about the cabin of the car."

The commissioner's daughter was "badly gored" as she sat



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Jennifer O'Neil, 19, (insert) suffered serious injuries in the accident on U.S. 15 on Nov. 4 when a buck charged head-on into the vehicle in which she was a passenger, pinning her beneath the still-fighting animal. Less injured was the driver, Brady Gantt, 20, who was able to control the vehicle and ultimately rescue O'Neil from the car.

trapped in the car beneath the injured and struggling deer. Gantt suffered facial abrasions, cuts and some blows to the chest, but managed to bring the car to a stop and free O'Neil from the vehicle. He was subsequently transported to Gettysburg Hospital.

O'Neil was transported to Washington County Shock Trauma, arriving in critical condition. She has since returned home and will undergo therapy and, at some point, extensive plastic surgery. Gantt remained overnight at Gettysburg Hospital and was released the following day.

O'Neil and Gantt are both students at Mount St. Mary's University.

## DNR posts driver alert for deer season

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources offers motorists the following tips on its Web site to improve the odds of avoiding a deer-related collision:

- A deer standing near the road may suddenly leap onto the road. Slow down and sound your horn to scare the deer away from the road.

- If you see a deer crossing the road ahead, slow down and scan for more deer. Deer travel in groups; others may be nearby, but out of view.

- Slow down and brake to avoid hitting a deer, but do not swerve. Swerving can cause a driver to lose control and strike another vehicle. Drivers may lose control of their vehicle, causing

the vehicle to leave the roadway and strike a tree or roll over. The Center for Disease Control reports that one-half of motorist fatalities related to deer strikes result from the driver swerving to avoid the deer.

- Throughout the year, increase your awareness for deer in the early morning hours and late afternoon hours. Deer commonly move between daytime resting areas to evening feeding locations.

- Be more alert in areas of deer-crossing highway signs. These warning signs indicate locations of frequent deer crossings.

For more information, visit [www.dnr.state.md.us/dnrnews/pressrelease2005/100305.html](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/dnrnews/pressrelease2005/100305.html).

## Law enforcement report for September

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Emmitsburg community deputies with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office filed the following activity report with the board of commissioners at their Oct. 16 meeting.

Calls for service and enforcement (not a complete list):

- Accidents — 1
- Alarms — 7
- Domestics — 3
- Follow-up investigations — 4
- Juvenile complaints — 4
- Destruction of property — 3
- Parking/traffic — 1
- Patrol checks — 30
- Burglaries/thefts — 8
- Suspicious act/person or vehicle — 10
- Traffic stops — 73

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### General election winners for county offices

(winners are in bold)

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Alex Mooney	21,379 (51.94%)		
State Senator Dist. 4			
David Brinkley	23,370 (98.50%)		
House of Delegates Dist. 3A		Sue Hecht	13,795 (28.69%)
Patrick Hogan	12,099 (25.16%)	Galen Clagett	12,335 (25.66%)
Linda Naylor	9,821 (20.43%)		
House of Delegates Dist. 3B		Paul Gilligan	6,006 (38.30%)
Richard Weldon	9,640 (61.58%)		
House of Delegates Dist. 4A		Maggi Hays	10,479 (23.41%)
Paul Stull	17,678 (39.50%)		
Joseph Bartlett	16,459 (36.78%)	Timothy Schlauch	742 (36.28%)
House of Delegates Dist. 4B			
Donald Elliott	1,302 (63.67%)		
County Commissioners		Jan Gardner	44,714 (14.71%)
David Gray	38,508 (12.66%)	Kai Hagen	37,710 (12.40%)
Charles Jenkins	35,268 (11.60%)	Richard Floyd	31,521 (10.37%)
John Thompson, Jr.	35,235 (11.59%)	Ron Wolf	21,613 (7.11%)
Mike Cady	29,473 (9.69%)		
John Lovell, Jr.	29,469 (9.69%)		
State's Attorney		Bill Poffenberger	33,182 (47.47%)
Charlie Smith	36,676 (52.47%)		
Clerk Circuit Court		Richard Gibbs	25,571 (37.29%)
Sandra Dalton	42,982 (62.68%)		
Register of Wills		Sarah Finerock	26,003 (38.69%)
Virginia Fifer	41,157 (61.24%)		
Orphans Court Judge		Fern Hines	30,832 (18.52%)
Tim May	38,480 (23.11%)	John Norman	26,804 (16.10%)
John Tregoning	36,513 (21.93%)		
James Grimes	33,679 (20.23%)		
Sheriff		Charles Tobery	28,359 (40.53%)
Chuck Jenkins	41,491 (59.30%)		
Board of Education (non-partisan)			
Bonnie Borsa	35,054 (17.61%)		
Mike Schaden	30,850 (15.50%)		
Jean Smith	30,217 (15.18%)		
Daryl Boffman	26,234 (13.18%)		
Leslie Mansfield	22,065 (11.08%)		
Angie Fish	20,258 (10.18%)		
Whitney Duck	18,098 (9.09%)		
Jonathan Switzer	15,959 (8.02%)		



-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

Michele Frech, representing the Charlie Smith for State's Attorney campaign, weathers out a chilly drizzle as she encourages voters to support her candidate. Frech said the crowd had been steady since she arrived, and that she was surprised at the numbers of younger voters in their late-teens and 20s.

### Few snafus on Election Day

BY JAMES RADA JR.  
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THURMONT, Md. — When Linda Reed turned 18, she registered to vote in Ohio where she was attending college.

"They said, 'Aren't you anxious to come in and register to vote?' I told them, 'Yes, because I can't vote where I live,'" Reed said.

She was raised in Washington D.C. and wasn't able to vote there. The first election she voted in was the Kennedy-Nixon presidential election of 1960 and she's been voting ever since.

"It's a thing you do," Reed said. "I do it and I've instilled it in my kids to do it."

She was one of 66,825 Frederick County residents who voted on Nov. 7. Another 5,104 residents submitted absentee ballots by mail. In all, about 57 percent of the county's registered voters cast a ballot on Election Day.

For the most part, voting using the electronic voting system went smoothly. Sylvia Brantner of Thurmont said, "I had no problems. It was easy to use."

Frederick County Election Director Stuart Harvey said, "The biggest problem we had was a bad electrical connection in Thurmont."

Chief judges at Thurmont Middle School were Tim Demarais and James Bentz. They explained that the voting machines had been plugged into the outlet used for the primary election. The problem was that between the primary and general elections, those outlets had been deactivated and a new one activated.

"We didn't know because the machines were running on batteries," Bentz said.

However, the batteries began to die after an hour and it took about an hour and a half to figure out what the problem was and correct it.

Another reported problem was at Emmitsburg Elementary School. One of the voting machines would lock up in the middle of voting.

"We would restart the machine and then issue a new voter's card and have them vote at another machine," said Chief Judge Kristina McGuire.

The machine was closed down until it could be fixed.

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## REGIONAL NEWS



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### Heavy rain contributed to flood conditions

Bob Carter, of Manassas, Va., clings to the side of his pick-up truck on Nov. 8 after it became stuck in rising waters while trying to ford Beaver Branch at Buck Forest Farm, Rocky Ridge. Emmitsburg recorded 1.4 inches of rain at the treatment facility during the deluge, while rain gauges in Thurmont indicated 1.5 inches.

### Help a dying Thurmont 4-year-old

THURMONT, Md. - Four-year-old Sammie Puvel is dying.

It's an unavoidable truth, though her parents have tried everything to change it. Sammie was born with a brain tumor, which was removed. However, the tumor returned and further treatments have been unsuccessful in stopping its growth.

To help offset the medical expenses, a fundraiser will be held Nov. 25 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center next to the Francis Scott Key Mall in Frederick.

The fundraiser, called Sammiejam, is a concert featuring four bands:

- The I Steadies: Performing in the Martinsburg and Frederick area for over 20 years
- Love Machine: (featuring members of 'The Cool Jerks')
- Kathleen & Friends: Frederick keyboardist / singer and a rag-tag band of players (including Bobbie Flurie, Charlie Dupon, and Brian Derek)
- Blasting Zone: Sam Felker's new group will play a short set (featuring wife Karen on drums)

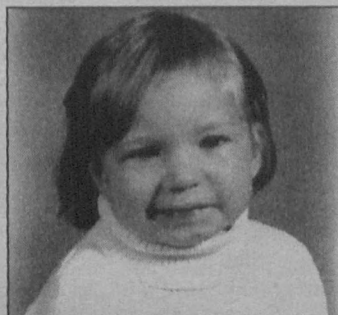
Admission is \$ 10 per person, children 12 and under will be admitted free. The music begins at 7 p.m. and will continue into the night.

There will be door prizes, a special children's room, 50/50 drawing, caricatures, and a silent auction featuring a signed edition of "A Photographer's Life: 1990-2005" by photographer Annie Leibovitz.

If you have a service, gift certificate, or item to donate please bring it along and it will be added to the collection.

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# “By all means let us have a library”

## Emmitsburg Library celebrates 100 years

BY BRENDAN WEEKS  
Special to the Dispatch

“By all means let us have a library” were the infamous words that appeared in an editorial by Sterling Gault in *The Chronicle* newspaper in June 1906. As editor and manager, Gault used the newspaper to champion his dream of a town library and is credited for sparking interest in the community.

Gault’s message resonated in the minds of Emmitsburgians as the library stands this year at its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, being the oldest in Frederick County. Through the Great Depression and government quarrels the library has survived. No matter where the library has been located, the idea of public learning remained. Today, in a recently renovated building, the library serves as a focal point for community creativity.

### Planning the ‘member’ library

Shortly after Gault’s editorial appeared, a committee formed and began planning to open the library in August of 1906. After a few months of preparation, the Emmitsburg library opened on Dec. 1, 1906.

The library started out in a



-PHOTO COURTESY OF EMMITSBURG BRANCH LIBRARY

Old Emmitsburg Library, which used to be on West Main Street throughout the 1960s. When the library first began, people living with or close to contagious diseases were not allowed to borrow books. From a collection of less than 200 books to a collection of well over 3,000, the library celebrates its 100th anniversary this year.

rented room of storeowner C.T. Zacharia, which was located next to the Reformed Church of the Incarnation, with a mere 52 members and less than 200 donated books. Unlike today’s libraries,

it started as a subscription library with a yearly \$1 membership fee and nickel late fees.

The committee agreed on 12 rules to help preserve the collection, including “No person living in a house where there is a contagious disease can draw a book from the library. And no book which has been in such surroundings can be returned to the library;” and “All books may be kept two weeks and, except fiction, may be renewed for the same time.”

By the end of the first year the library held 438 books and 77 members. Two years later when the annual report from the Maryland State Library Commission came out, field secretary J. Herbert Stabler said “In only one town, Emmitsburg, in Frederick County, did I find a thriving public library in good working order, with a good selection of books of reference and good modern fiction.”

### Expansions and moves over the years

As the library expanded, extra space was needed. In 1912 the library made the first of many moves to a larger location, to the home of Henry Stokes on West Main Street.

Committee members and volunteers got creative in raising money to keep the library thriving. A “women’s exchange” was formed and proved to be the greatest source of income for several years. The program was designed to profit not only the library, but

also women in the community interested in peddling goods. If, for example, a woman wanted to sell a cake for 30 cents, the library would sell it for 45 cents and keep the profit.

When the library wasn’t able to raise the money needed, community members would pitch in, donating simple items like box fans or pencil sharpeners. Free trash collection was offered and community civic groups even paid the rent from time to time.

“It’s really a story of the community valuing a library and coming together,” said current librarian Joan Fisher. “This was a central place in the community where people came for culture.”

### Revitalization in the ‘60s and continued growth

After suffering through the Great Depression and a loss of interest in the 1950s, the Greater Emmitsburg Junior Chamber of Commerce took it upon themselves to revitalize the spirit of the library in 1961. The committee worked to acquire necessary funds and relocated yet again, this time into the C.A. Harner building. In a little over half a year since the revamping, the library had reached a circulation of over 2,800 with 454 members.

The library remained in the Harner building until 1976 when it moved to the former high school and their current home on South Seton Avenue. The chairman of the library board, Mr. Holmes, toasted to the new location at the

next meeting saying, “After years and years of trying to get into a new building, we finally made it into an old building, but it is far superior to our old facilities – to the new library.”

Again in the 1990s the library would have to fight for survival when Frederick County officials made a motion to tear down the building and consolidate the Thurmont and Emmitsburg libraries.

“There was such a strong sentimental feeling about the building itself,” said Fisher. “People were really upset.”

Not about to stand for this, the community invited county commissioners for a meeting in the town about the proposed closing. With over 100 citizens in attendance and letters and petitions pouring in, Emmitsburg proved to the county that the library wasn’t going anywhere.

### Today – the old and the new mix well

“It is the oldest library and over the 100 years different people have stood behind the library as something important,” said Bo Cadle, member of the Emmitsburg Branch of the Friends of the Library.

From a small room with less than 200 books to a 6,000 sq. ft. building with a collection of over 3,000 items, including a unique local genealogy section, the library has come a long way.

Today, patrons come to the library and are able to enjoy more than just reading. Paintings from Caroline Jones and Linda Postelle are on display, as well as children’s art that was submitted for the “100 years of service” contest. The library also hosts a filmmaking class for kids, an animé club, and a yearly holiday tea party for children.

The library offers downloadable e-books and videos, as well as wireless Internet service. “(These features) make this little library a big library,” said Fisher.

In honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and in support of the library, the Friends of the Library are raffling off a watercolor painting of the building, painted and donated by local artist Reverend R. Benjamin Jones. The painting has an estimated value of \$2,000, and the winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the library’s birthday celebration on Dec. 2.

The library invites all residents to come out and celebrate the birthday at the community center, 300 South Seton Avenue. “We will have some fun stuff, because after all this is a birthday party,” said Fisher. “You don’t turn 100 every day.”

## Library administrator to retire after 21-years

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON  
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EMMITSBURG, Md. –

Joan Fisher, a 21-year veteran of the Frederick County Public Libraries, has announced her retirement from public service effective Jan. 1.

Fisher joined the FCPL in 1985 after having relocated to Maryland from Massachusetts with her husband, Robert, in 1984. She had previously worked with the public school system and Lesley College, Cambridge.

The move south of the Mason-Dixon Line was primarily prompted by her husband becoming employed by The National Cancer Institute based in Bethesda.

Fisher earned a Master’s Degree in Library Science from Boston’s Simmons College in 1970, and a Master’s Degree as a Reading Specialist from Lesley College in 1979.

Before becoming a branch administrator, Fisher worked in

several other positions in the FCPL, including children’s librarian, extension librarian, and as a reference librarian.

The soon-to- retire administrator lives in Sharpsburg and plans to remain in that area. Two daughters, Cristine Fisher and Teri Lowry, also live in the Sharpsburg area. Additionally, Fisher has four grandchildren (ages 7-13) in the Washington County schools.

“I loved working for the Emmitsburg community,” Fisher told *The Dispatch*, adding that during her initial years with the Frederick County system she had an opportunity to work at nearly all of the Frederick County libraries and especially liked the Emmitsburg branch.

“When the Emmitsburg position came open I said that’s the job I want,” Fisher stated.

After retirement Fisher plans on “just doing all the things I’ve wanted to do. I plan to do some bicycle riding and enjoying my grandchildren and my family, traveling and, of course, reading.”

## REGIONAL NEWS

### Celebrate 50 years of the Thurmont Library

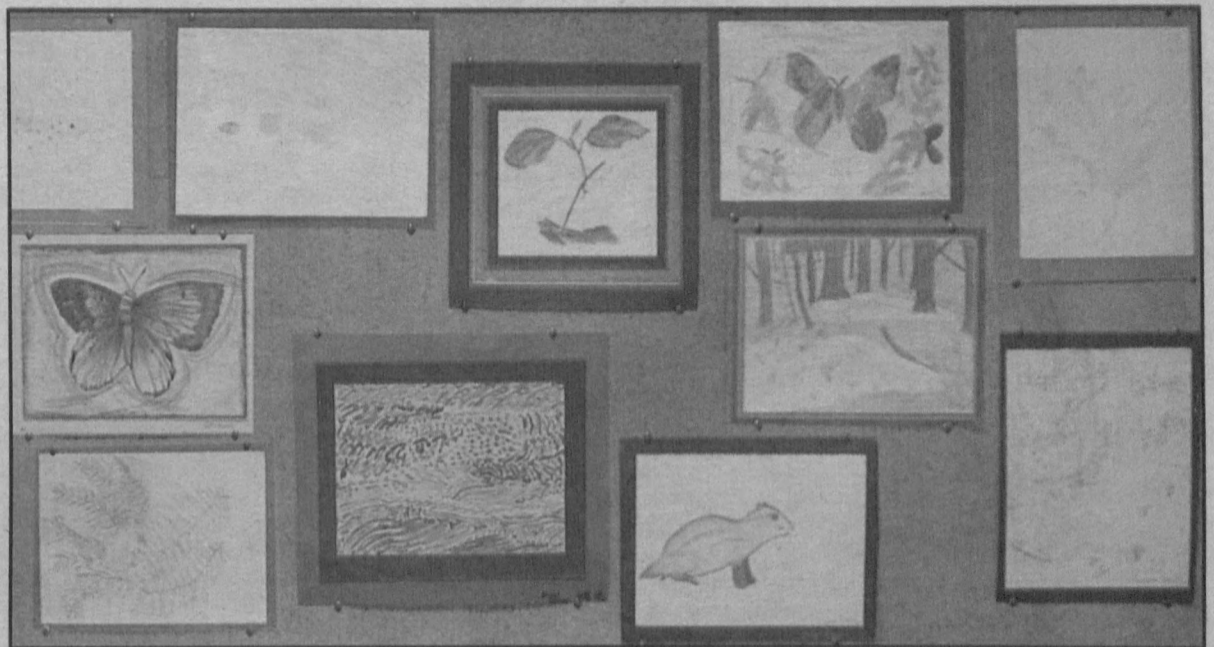
THURMONT, Md. — Join in the celebration of the new Thurmont Regional Library and the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of the Thurmont Library on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. The event will be at the site of the new library at 76 East Moser Road.

“Celebrating the Past, Digging the Future” will be the theme of the day’s events. Representatives from Frederick County and Thurmont will be on hand to witness the first shovel full of dirt during the official groundbreaking. Birthday cake will be served at the site to mark Thurmont Library’s 50th birthday. More birthday festivities, sponsored by the Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library, will continue back at the current branch at 11 Water Street until 1 p.m. with displays of original scrapbooks and photos, a visit with Bob the Builder plus other surprises to mark this special occasion.

PSA-Dewberry Inc., of Fairfax, Va., designed the Thur-

mont Regional Library. Waynesboro Construction Company, Inc. will build the 25,000 square foot structure, scheduled to open in the spring of 2008.

The Thurmont Regional Library will serve the entire northern Frederick County area. Two meetings rooms will be available at no cost to community non-profit groups. There will be a number of computers available to the public as well as relaxing seating areas to sit and enjoy the latest periodicals or newspapers. The collection of materials available to northern county residents will increase dramatically. Children will be able to enjoy the section of the library designed just for them which will have lots of colorful art, unique furniture, plenty of computers, and comfortable spaces to sit and read. There will also be a special room just for programs and story times. Teens will also have their own trendy space to choose books, use the computer, and participate in special programs.



—PHOTOS BY EMILY BALLENGER / THE DISPATCH

Art based on scenes at Catoctin Mountain Park and drawn by students at Catoctin High School served as the centerpiece of the park’s 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. The park has an interesting history of iron forging, farming, moonshining, murder and politics. It is probably best known for housing Camp David, the presidential retreat.

## Catoctin Mountain Park celebrates 70 years

By JAMES RADA JR.  
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THURMONT, Md. — Though Catoctin Mountain Park is truly as old as the mountains, it only officially turned 70 on Nov. 14.

The United States Government purchased the farms on Catoctin Mountain and created the Catoctin Recreational Demonstration Area on Nov. 14, 1936.

To celebrate the park’s birthday, the park visitor’s center hosted an art exhibit with artwork created by Catoctin High students.

“They came in October and spent a day in the park to get their initial drawings,” said Ranger Sally Griffin. “Then they went back to the school to add the color and prepare them.”

The United States Postal Ser-

vice was on hand to offer first-day covers with a special cancellation and cupcakes.

Emily Brown and Susan April of Wolfsville have been to the park many times to hike, explore, and do Emily’s home school projects.

“I like the lake, (in Cunningham Falls State Park) Emily said.

“It’s fun here. I like the deer, too.”

Now she is considering a science project about deer populations that would be conducted at the park.

Jim Woodmansee came up from Southern Maryland to have



some work done on his RV. While waiting for the work to be done, he decided to visit the park.

“I’ve always wanted to explore the park and now I’ve got the opportunity,” Woodmansee said. “It’s beautiful. I’d love to get on the hiking trails.”

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### Habitat to dedicate 25th home on Dec. 16

THURMONT, Md. — Frederick County Habitat for Humanity Executive Director David Ozag and Board President Larry Snody have announced that Habitat plans to dedicate its 25<sup>th</sup> home at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16. The Blue Mountain Road home has been under construction since Aug. 19.

“Good weather and a regular crew of able volunteers on Saturdays have kept us on schedule,” said Bill Wivell, construction supervisor.

Public officials are expected to join Habitat officials in the dedication. The public is welcome.

Among the regular volunteers have been Lisa Wease, the future homeowner, and her sisters, Carla Howell and Terri Wease. They have been earning the 300 hours of sweat equity Lisa needs before becoming the homeowner. Habitat policy allows relatives and friends of the prospective homeowner to contribute up to 40 percent of the required sweat equity hours.

CitiMortgage and Freddie Mac have been project sponsors. Earlier, approximately 50 employees from both organizations spent a day at the site clearing underbrush and removing trash.

During construction, employees from both firms have joined the ranks of the Saturday volunteers. The project has also benefited from the experience of many long-standing Habitat volunteers who had worked on previous homes.

In June Habitat dedicated its 24<sup>th</sup> home, in Emmitsburg, built in a week by Drees Homes of Frederick as part of a national “Five-homes, Five-cities, Five-days” campaign with Habitat for Humanity International. The Thurmont home will be the 25<sup>th</sup>.

# The (retired) Ecologist Of slugs in winter



BY BILL MEREDITH  
*Dispatch Columnist*

Eight years after retiring, I still have a collection of potted plants that I used as examples when I taught botany. Through the summer months they reside under a tree in the back yard; I water them occasionally in dry weather, but in all other respects they are on their own. They grow with weed-like exuberance, but that is an illusion; they have lived in captivity too long

and have become too soft to survive a Maryland winter. So each year I have to begin watching the weather forecasts in mid-October. Fall may come on a specified day according to the calendar, but biologists know it really comes according to the thermometer. We may have a few weeks when we can enjoy mellow days of bright red, yellow and gold colors in the fields and forests, but inevitably there comes a night when things change. The first killing frost arrives, and nature performs the alchemist's trick in reverse; the gold in the fields turns to lead, colors go to gray, and anything that hasn't got ready for winter is in serious trouble.

Some years this involves a last-minute rush, carrying plants in after dark to beat an unexpected

cold snap, but this year I had time to do it right. I took a couple of days to clean the greenhouse, and then started bringing the plants in, re-potting and pruning those that needed it in the process. It was an enjoyable task. Some of them date back as far as the 1960s, and were given to me by friends who have long since died but were remembered that day. Some needed to be divided, providing extras to be shared with friends; a few had to be discarded. And one provided a surprise.

One plant had fallen over and rolled under its bench, and in that damp, dark environment, it had succumbed to decay. Fortunately, it was a duplicate, so it was no great loss. But along with its rotting remains in the half-spilled clay pot there was a mass of small, glass-like spheres. They were a little less than an eighth of an inch in diameter, and appeared to contain a clear, oily substance; and each one contained a tiny gray spot in the center, visible through a magnifying lens. Obviously they were eggs of some sort, and I could not recall seeing anything exactly like them before. But it was easy to guess where they came from; when I picked up the pot a large slug was

curled up on the bottom of it.

Slugs are fairly common around here; some years they are rare, and at other times they become abundant enough to do damage to tomatoes and other vegetables in gardens. Most people know only that they are closely related to snails, and consider them repulsive because of the slime they produce. Not surprisingly, I find them fascinating.

The word, "slugge," seems to have been brought to England by the Vikings; it was incorporated into the Middle English tongue to mean someone who was slow in thought and movement, and remains in our modern vocabulary as "sluggard." It is not a bad description for the animals we now call slugs; they are never in a hurry, and, like Winnie the Pooh, are of little brain. I don't recall seeing them as a child; I first encountered them in my college zoology class, where I learned they were classified as mollusks. This is a very large group of animals, second only to the insects in the number of species it contains; it includes snails, clams, oysters, squids, octopi, and several others you will never hear of unless you become a marine biologist.

Over 2,000 years ago, Greek biologists described slugs as "gastropods," animals that used their stomachs as a foot to crawl on. This is not literally true; their stomach is used for digestion, and is located inside the body where it belongs. The underside of the body, or "foot," is actually a muscle that produces wave-like contractions to move the body along. Slugs secrete a slimy mucous which holds them fast to the surface they are crawling on; it also keeps their skin from drying out. The mucous produced in some species is toxic; one species found on the West Coast is said to produce a rash comparable to poison ivy. The ones we have around here

are not toxic; the slime is supposed to taste bad, and may protect them from some predators. I've never tried them myself, but apparently they taste good to starlings. One of the oddest things I have ever seen was a starling that apparently had some sort of misdirected maternal complex, and tried to sneak into a blue jay's nest and feed slugs to the nestlings. The nest was just outside the window of our old house, and I watched the starling for a couple of hours. She would wait until the adult jays were gone and dart in to stuff slugs into the mouths of the chicks. The young jays didn't appear to like the slugs, and usually spit them out as soon as the starling was gone, but she persisted until the adult jays chased her away.

The reproductive process is the most bizarre thing about slugs. The common ones around here usually live only one year. They begin life as males, but by middle age they have become hermaphrodites, growing a set of female organs as well. The male organ is usually broken off during mating, so they end their lives as females. Toward the end of summer or early fall, they produce a few dozen eggs; these are usually buried in moist ground and remain dormant until spring. And that, I assume, was how the eggs got into my flower pot: in the dark, damp area under the bench, the slug didn't know the difference between potting soil and the soft loam of a forest floor.

I covered the eggs with damp leaves and left them where I found them. Chances are that they will freeze this winter, or some critter will find them and eat them; but that could have happened to them if they had been properly deposited in the ground. It was about three weeks ago when I found them; as of today, they are still there and look viable. It will be interesting to see how they fare as winter comes and goes ... as it will for all of us.

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## Kids create Christmas cards

Approximately 160 cards can now be added to Thanksgiving food baskets by the Emmitsburg Lions and sisters from the Seton Center, thanks to the efforts of students and adult volunteers at a card-making workshop at Incarnation UCC on Nov. 12. Jessica Coghlan (left) and Morgan Glass, both eight years old and from Emmitsburg, joined 17 other students, ages 6-16, along with seven adult volunteers, crafting cards for three hours, sharing pizza afterwards. Susan Allen, an Incarnation UCC member, came up with the idea and sought Emmitsburg Council of Churches approval in September. Participants, in what is hoped to become an annual event, were from Elias Lutheran Church, Tom's Creek United Methodist and Incarnation UCC.

## Catoctin CASS links students, families, schools, and communities to needed services

BY SUSAN ALLEN  
Contributing Writer

Debbie Wivell, coordinator of Community Agency School Services for the Catoctin area, wants the community to know more about the programs and services CASS offers.

Although CASS has been active in the local schools since 1993, "Most people don't find out about us until after a problem or emergency confronts them directly ... (yet) every family at some time has stress and may need help," according to Wivell.

"Our prime focus is to help children to be successful academically and socially," Wivell says. She is a 12-month employee of Frederick County Public Schools, and works in collaboration with other agencies to bring services to families locally rather than offer them only in Frederick.

Geographically the Catoctin feeder pattern is the largest in Frederick County and the availability and cost of transportation can be a factor that undermines some families' access to assistance. A parent or guardian can contact Wivell directly about a problem. Often people come to CASS through a school guidance counselor, a pastor, or even a concerned neighbor. Over the course of a year, 80-100 families in the Catoctin system receive direct services coordinated through CASS.

CASS can link families to both public and private agencies, ranging from Frederick County Department of Social Services and Health Department to local faith-based

organizations such as UpCounty Family Services, the Emmitsburg Council of Churches, and the Seton Center. Already this year, CASS has partnered with the Council to provide free school supplies to 80 students. For at least four years Wivell, and her predecessor, Bill Derbyshire, has worked with Elias Lutheran Church to provide Thanksgiving food baskets to families in need.

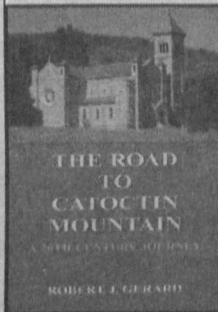
For three years running CASS has offered a support group at Catoctin High School for students dealing with grief and loss. A related parent workshop, "Coping with grief and loss over the holidays," will meet at Emmitsburg Elementary School on Nov. 29 from 6-8 p.m. This year's series of Wednesday night workshops include free dinner and child care (registration is required), and cover topics that vary from "Internet Safety for Kids" (held Nov. 1 at Catoctin High School) to "Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder" (Feb. 21 at Thurmont Elementary School).

The CASS office is located on the lower level of the Emmitsburg Community Center, in a suite that includes private rooms for counseling and a health room. The Department of Social Services sends a staff member twice each month, on the second and fourth Wednesday, to handle walk-in applications for public assistance. Women's Health Services are offered every other month on Thursdays.

CASS services are free and confidential. For more information, call (240) 236-1770 or contact your local school's counselor.

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Dr. Robert Gerard, professor emeritus, recently published a book about his life experiences: *The Road to Catoctin Mountain*. Life has its twists, unpredictable turns, and bumps in the road. Who can predict what the future will bring?

How does one select a meaningful career, or do events lead us in one direction or another? One source of sustenance is an optimistic view of the world around us. These are some of the themes that readers will discover as Robert Gerard shares his personal experiences of life during the Great Depression and the periods of peace and war that followed with the release of his compelling new book.

The book includes three major themes: growing up in New Jersey, a career in the U.S. Army, and a second career as a professor of management at the Mount. *The Road to Catoctin Mountain* truly captures the era of the 1930s, the war years of the 1940s, the experiences the author had during the Korean and Vietnam wars, and the interesting life of a college professor. Gerard's story incorporates countless personal insights, descriptions of leadership, organizational behavior, and education, which makes this book attractive to educators, historians and people who enjoy nostalgia.

*The Road to Catoctin Mountain* is available at the university bookstore, Amazon, and Xlibris.



### ADVENT SEASON AT THE MOUNT

The Mount's annual Advent concert will take place Sunday, December 10 at 3:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception.

The service of Lessons and Carols will feature the Mount's Chamber Choir and Women's Ensemble, along with a guest appearance by the Flute Choir. Among the pieces are motets by Johann Eberling, Michael Praetorius and Johann Neukomm, as well as carol/hymn settings by J.S. Bach and John Rutter. The audience will be invited to sing along with several carols, and the program will close with a special setting of *Adeste Fideles*. **The concert is open to the public with a free-will donation accepted.**

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Thursday, December 7

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## OBITUARIES

### Mrs. Mary Flynn

Mrs. Mary Frances (Keaveny) Flynn, 83, of Rocky Ridge, Md., died Oct. 26, 2006, at Homewood Nursing Home, Frederick, Md.

Surviving are seven sons, John F. Flynn, James P. Flynn, Charles E. Flynn, Michael P. Flynn, Richard D. Flynn, Timothy J. Flynn and William T. Flynn; 16 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two brothers, John Keaveny and Richard Keaveny.

Funeral services were held Oct. 30, at Flynn and Son Funeral Home, Metuchen, N.J., with a funeral Mass celebrated at St. Matthew's Church, Edison, N. J. Burial was in Resurrection Cemetery, Piscataway, N.J.

### Mr. Harry Swomley Jr.

Mr. Harry Swomley Jr., 92, of Emmitsburg, Md., died Oct. 29, 2006, at St. Catherine's Nursing Home in Emmitsburg.

Born Oct. 17, 1914, in Frederick, Md., he was a son of the late Harry and Nellie Swomley, also of Frederick.

Surviving are his wife of 69 years, Helen, 91, of Emmitsburg; three sons, Richard, Kenneth and David; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Charles Swomley; two sisters, Ruth Lugar and Charlotte Mathews; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Stauffer Funeral Home, 1621 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, on Nov. 2, with The Rev. Jeff Walter officiating. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick.

## Thank You

We wish to thank all our family, friends and second family at Co. 26 who donated food, cash, prizes and time to the 'Friends of Jamie Eyler benefit bingo' on October 1st. Everything was greatly appreciated. It's a wonderful feeling to know so many care. Again thank you.

May God bless each and every one of you.

-Jamie Eyler and family

## QUILTERS

# Let's keep 'Granny' quiltmaking alive!



BY MARY ELLEN CUMMINGS

Dispatch Columnist

to be used and, in my opinion, are the ones that kept quilting alive during the bad times.

Those of us, who experienced the Great Depression, remember that making and using quilts was widespread. However, as with any craft, quilting is geographical. Quilts made in Maine were different from those made in Texas. The art quilting of today forms a bridge, drawing all geographical areas together. Most of the granny quilts were used and used until all that remained were rags and then they were used again - as a bed for Fido.

One lady in my community was a typical family quilter. She bought a bolt of fabric at the country store (20 cents a yard.) From this she made dresses for her daughters, shirts for the sons and an apron for herself - with scraps for a quilt or rug. The boys hated their pink and blue flowered shirts and the husband would only wear "boughten" clothes.

In today's logical and technological atmosphere, making quilts for covers just doesn't fit in. Being sentimental over something old is rare. However, I have repaired four old quilts in the past year because the owners are sentimental. Let's hope that these people can help in the preservation of Granny quilts.

While visiting the 2006 Quilt Odyssey, several people asked if I am a quilter, and, of course, I said, "Oh yes!" I had always assumed that visitors to a quilt show are quilters or quilt collectors, not "just visitors." At this year's show, it was evident that entire families were in attendance - mother, father, the kids and a few of their grandmothers. Some of the fathers seemed to be there to control the children - and carry packages! However, many of the men had a genuine interest, and were quite knowledgeable of the craft of quilting.

It was gratifying to see so many young visitors. They seemed to have a real interest in "how a quilt gets to be a quilt." These young people are the ones to keep quilt-making alive for future generations. It is very important for us to encourage these young quilters to also make and use so-called "Granny" quilts in addition to the quilted fabric art. The granny, or utility quilts were made

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The change in the Cozy Restaurant to a winter wonderland each Christmas season began in 1962 with one leaning Santa Claus decoration. The restaurant is now a holiday attraction with animated decorations, themed Christmas trees and thousands upon thousands of Christmas lights.

# The Cozy lights up for Christmas

BY JAMES RADA JR.  
Thurmont News Editor  
jrada@thurmontdispatch.com

THURMONT, Md. — On Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m., Vickie Grinder will hold her breath and throw a switch inside the Cozy Restaurant. With a massive surge of electricity, the Cozy will be transformed into a winter wonderland.

"We have hundreds of thousands of lights," Grinder said. "It takes us a month to get prepared and get the decorations ready."

Saturday, Nov. 25 will be the annual tree lighting ceremony at the Cozy Restaurant. It will follow the town's tree lighting at 6:30 p.m.

"We won't have as much outside this year because of the hike in electric rates, but inside it will truly be a winter wonderland," Grinder said.

As part of the evening's festivities, the Thurmont Canaries from the senior center will be singing

Christmas songs. Visitors can sing along, win door prizes and enjoy cider and cookies.

Besides all of the Christmas lights, 13 themed Christmas trees will also be set up. Among the trees will be the Betty Crocker tree decorated with muffin tins, cooking utensils and old cookbooks. Visitors will also see a Catoctin Mountain tree decorated with fishing and hunting items.

"It reflects Catoctin Mountain and the animals that live on it," Grinder said. "That's actually my favorite one."

The caboose will become Santa's workshop filled with animated Christmas decorations. Many of these will be refurbished decorations from the 1960s that still move and delight children.

Santa Claus will also arrive that night. He'll be at the Cozy for dinners from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and for breakfast on the weekends 8 to 11 a.m. in December.

"If this will not get you in Christmas spirit, I don't know what will, quite frankly," Grinder said.

The Cozy Christmas festivities began in 1962 when Jerry Freeze, the current Cozy Restaurant owner, bought a \$10 leaning Santa from Sears and Roebuck.

"We put it on the telephone booth so he was looking at people as they came in," Freeze said. "It was the only decoration we had that year, but it took off. Each year we bought a few more decorations and changed the display a little."

The annual display of lights and decorations has become a popular attraction and turned what had been a bad month for business at the Cozy into one of its best, according to Freeze.

"It is definitely without a doubt worth it," Freeze said. "People come from further away to the Cozy and have made us a tradition. Parents brought their kids when they were young and now those kids are bringing their kids."

## Woodsboro Bank to build new branch in town

THURMONT, Md. — Woodsboro Bank will soon be building a new Thurmont branch on the empty lot on the west side of Frederick Road, north of the intersection with Thurmont Boulevard.

"I think this is going to be a big improvement to that area," said Thurmont Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman John Ford.

The new branch will have four drive-through lanes and a 2,700 square foot building on .89 acres. Planner Denis Superczynski pointed out that the project would make use of a vacant site within the town boundaries and would reduce the amount of impervious surface on the lot now, reducing water runoff entering the town sewer system.

Woodsboro Bank has had a Thurmont branch since 1993. It was the bank's first branch office and six more have followed around Frederick County.

- J. Rada

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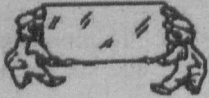
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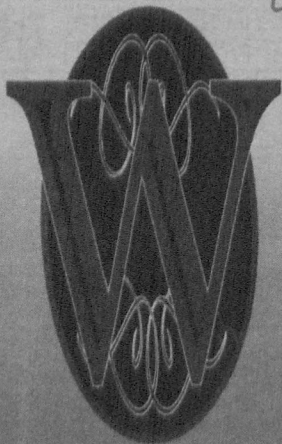


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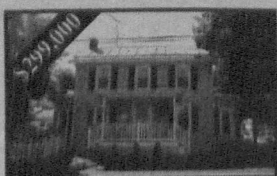
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# A&E Calendar

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### For Children

**Nov. 24 - Russian American Kids Circus.** 1 and 5 p.m. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 West Patrick St., Frederick. [www.weinbergcenter.org](http://www.weinbergcenter.org).

**Nov. 25 - "Cinderella."** 3 p.m. The Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. Enchantment Theatre Company performance. Original music, exquisite costumes, fascinating illusions, life-size puppets, and masked performers. Tickets: \$19-\$24. Information: [www.gettysburgmajestic.org](http://www.gettysburgmajestic.org) or call 717-337-8200.

**Nov. 29 - Scents and Sweets Competition.** Displayed at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick. Amateur and professional bakers and florists create gingerbread structures and floral centerpieces. Information: contact the Office of Special Events 301-228-2844 or visit [www.celebratefrederick.com](http://www.celebratefrederick.com).

**Dec. 1 - Kris Kringle Procession.** 6:30 p.m. East Street, Frederick. Local children dressed as reindeer, snowflakes, angels, elves, and gifts will accompany costumed characters, some modern, some traditional, through Frederick's downtown streets.

**Dec. 9 and 10 - Children's Weekend in Frederick.** Breakfast with Santa, Belsnickling, live performances and a Holiday Market for kids. Information: 301-228-2841 or visit [www.celebratefrederick.com](http://www.celebratefrederick.com).

**Dec. 9 - Museums by Candlelight.** Noon to 5, Frederick County locations. 2-7 p.m.; City of Frederick locations. Free, self-guided tours of 20 museums. Special children's activities. Locally: National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; Catoctin Mountain Park; Cunningham Falls State Park Visitor Center and Catoctin Furnace. For driving directions, visit [www.fredericktourism.org](http://www.fredericktourism.org), and click "attractions."

**Dec. 9 - American Boychoir Christmas Concert.** 8 p.m. The Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg Sacred and secular holiday music. Tickets: \$29-\$34. Call 717-337-8200.

### Concerts

**Nov. 18 - Gettysburg College-Community Orchestra.** 8 p.m. The Majestic Theater, Carlisle St., Gettysburg. Featuring Russian and French masterpieces

of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. No charge. Reservations: 717-337-8200. Information: [www.gettysburgmajestic.org](http://www.gettysburgmajestic.org).

**Nov. 18 - Phil Vassar.** 8 p.m. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 West Patrick St., Frederick. [www.weinbergcenter.org](http://www.weinbergcenter.org)

**Nov. 18, 19 - Frederick Chorale 30th Annual "Feaste & Revels."** Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 4 p.m. The Great Hall, All Saints Episcopal Church, Frederick. Tickets: \$40 per person, 301-662-7442 or [www.frederickchorale.org](http://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.

**Nov. 20 - Mount Chamber Music.** 7 p.m. Featuring Greg Heron. Knott Auditorium. Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg.

**Nov. 25 - Adams County's Rock and Roll Reunion Super Session 2006.** 7:30 p.m. Eisenhower Hotel, 22634 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg. Featuring a dozen bands from the 60s, 70s, and 80s. Tickets: \$27.50 for general admission; \$32.50 for reserved seating. Information: 717-223-9171.

**Nov. 26 - Gallery Quartet.** 2:30 p.m. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, Hagerstown. Quartet members include Mark Kapeluck and Cari Tretter on violin, Jere Stern, viola and Vsevolod Lezhnev, cello. They will be joined by guest artist Adelaide Edelson, well-known Washington, D.C. area pianist. The program will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dmitri Shostakovich, pre-eminent 20th century Russian composer. Information: 301-739-5727.

**Dec. 1 - Symphony Band and Wind Ensemble Concert.** 8 p.m. The Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. Free with ticket: 717-337-8200.

**Dec. 13 - A Viennese Christmas.** 7 p.m. The Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. Features America's first touring pops orchestra, the New Sigmund Romberg orchestra. Christmas carols, holiday classics and Viennese waltzes. Tickets: \$41, \$35, \$30. Reservations: 717-337-8200.

**Dec. 17 - Christmas Concert.** 10:30 a.m. Mountain View Ministries, 103 Apples Church Road, Thurmont. Featuring the Wingert Family Singers. Free. Information: 301-271-2380 or 301-271-9088.

**Dec. 19 - The Lettermen Christmas Show.** 7 p.m. The Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. Famous love songs including "The Way You Look Tonight" and "Can't Take My Eyes off of You." Tickets: \$22-\$28. Reservations: 717-337-8200. Information: [www.gettysburgmajestic.org](http://www.gettysburgmajestic.org).

### Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

**Through Nov. 26 - 9 Artists, 25 Years.** Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick. This exhibit reunites nine women artists who exhibited their artwork in and around Frederick in the fall of 1981, showing their work then and now. Carolyn Parker Lamuniere, Anne Gibson Snyder, Debbie Souders, Andrea Burchette, Christina Lund, Gail Padget, Harriet Wise, Roni Nehemias and Margaret Dowell.

**Through 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. Information: 301-228-2844.

**Nov. 30 - Alice Neel's Women.** 10 a.m to 4 p.m. Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, 40 South Carroll Street, Frederick. 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. \$45, \$35 members.

**Dec. 2-3 - Candlelight House Tour.** Self-guided tour of private homes in Frederick decorated for the holidays. Information: contact the Office of Special Events at 301-228-2844 or visit [www.celebratefrederick.com](http://www.celebratefrederick.com).



# Community Calendar

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Nov. 16 – Flu Clinic.** 1 to 6 p.m. Emmitsburg Senior Center, South Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. No appointments necessary. Flu shots, FluMist® and pneumonia vaccine will be available. Payments can be cash or check; credit or debit cards are not accepted. If you have Medicare Part B, please bring your card with you. Sponsored by Frederick County Health Dep't.

**Nov. 16 – Third Thursdays at ThorpeWood.** 1 to 2:30 p.m. 12805-A Mink Farm Road, Thurmont.

**Nov. 17 – Italian Night.** 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center, Thurmont. All you can eat. Two kinds of pasta, 10 kinds of pizza. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Adults, \$10; ages 4-12, \$3, younger are free. Information: 301-271-4439.

**Nov. 18, 19 – Orienteering (Map and Compass Reading).** 1 p.m., Visitor Center, Catoctin Mountain Park. 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: 301-663-9388.

**Nov 18 – Buffet Breakfast.** 6 to 10 a.m. Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company. Pick up pre-ordered meat at the Activities Building (old fire hall).

**Nov. 18 – Adoptive Families and Friends open house.** 2 to 4:30 p.m. C. Burr Artz Public Library Community Room, 110 East Patrick St., Frederick. Featuring rep-

resentatives from adoption agencies, adoption support and cultural groups, adoption-related programs for kids and adults including a professional storyteller. No charge.

**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.

**Nov. 18 – Graceham Volunteer Fire Co. Sportsman Drawing.** Doors open at 5 p.m. Held at the Fire Hall. \$20 donation admits one. Prizes supplied by Stateline Gun Exchange. For info or tickets call 301-271-3460 or 240-674-4695.

**Nov. 18 – Annual Evergreen Swagmaking.** 9 to 11 a.m. Town garage, Emmitsburg. Join other volunteers to help make evergreen swags to decorate downtown Emmitsburg.

**Nov. 19 – CHS Safe & Sane Basket Bingo.** Doors open at 11 a.m., games begin at 1. Thurmont Activities Building on Carnival Grounds. \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door. To purchase tickets, contact Shari Lenhart at 301-898-5982. Scooter

raffle tickets available at Jubilee, Weis Markets and other locations around town.

**Nov. 19 – 143rd Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.** An annual observation with brief memorial services in the Gettysburg National Cemetery at 1 p.m. Sponsored by the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania.

**Nov. 19 – Fortenbaugh Lecture.** 8 p.m. Majestic Theatre, 25 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg. The Civil War Institute and the Department of History at Gettysburg College present distinguished scholars James Oliver and Lois E. Horton as guest lecturers on Abraham Lincoln in African American History and Memory. Free event with reserved ticket: 717-337-8200 or e-mail [MajesticTheater@gettysburg.edu](mailto:MajesticTheater@gettysburg.edu).

**Nov. 20 – Emmitsburg Area Historical Society.** 7 p.m. Community Center, Emmitsburg.

**Nov. 21 – Mother Seton School Memorial Service.** 1 p.m. Memorial service for all deceased alumni. Please call the main office at 301-447-3161 or e-mail [office@mothersetonschool.org](mailto:office@mothersetonschool.org) with names of persons you wish to be remembered.

**Nov. 22 – The Emmitsburg Council of Churches Thanksgiving Service.** 7 p.m. at Trinity Methodist Church, with Reverend Judy Kelly presiding.

**Nov. 24 – Gettysburg Christmas Parade.** Caroling and lighting of the town Christmas tree. Lincoln Square. Information: 717-253-0303.

**Nov. 25 – Christmas Craft Fair.** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Social hall at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Thurmont. Proceeds to benefit Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Anthony Shrine of Emmitsburg. Information: call Betty at 717-642-6375.

**Dec. 1-3 – “Purifying Our Personalities ... Becoming Whole & Holy in Christ and the Spiritual Life.”** Spiritual retreat for laity. Seton Retreat Center, Emmitsburg. Directed by Father Jack Lombardi. Cost: \$160. Checks payable and mailed to Rev. John J. Lombardi, 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd., Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Information and reservations, contact Rose Grimes, [rosegrimescarmel@aol.com](mailto:rosegrimescarmel@aol.com) or phone 301-831-7708.

**Dec. 2 – Annual Children's Christmas Party.** 10 a.m. Emmitsburg Fire House, West Main St. Crafts, face painting, hot dogs, hot chocolate, and a photo with Santa. Khan-Du Magic and Illusion show at 11 a.m. Sponsored by the Emmitsburg Lion's Club. Free. Information: contact Dianne Walbrecker at 301-447-6962.

**Dec. 2 – Beef, turkey & ham supper.** 1 p.m. Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg. Supper, crafts, home-baked products, White Elephant table. Adults \$9, children 6-12: \$3, Carry-outs \$10.

**Dec. 2 – Frederick County Homemakers annual holiday event.** 1 to 3 p.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Utica. Hosted by the Lewistown Homemakers. All county clubs are invited to participate. Contact Carolyn Smith 301-898-7356 or Lyla Franklin 301-447-6545. Tickets: \$3.50

**Dec. 3 – Holiday Sampler.** 1 to 4 p.m. The Children's Museum of Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 N. Market St., Frederick. Hands-on seasonal activities including hand-dipping candles by the open hearth. Cost: \$4 per person. 24-hour line - 301-694-1650.

**Dec. 3 – 43rd Annual Emmitsburg Community Chorus Christmas Concert and Cantata.** 4 p.m. St. Joseph's Provincial House, Seton Ave., Emmitsburg.

**Dec. 7 – Advent Retreat.** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Seton Retreat Center,

Emmitsburg. Theme, “The Eucharist.” Presenter, Fr. Sigfrid Torche. Cost: \$10 includes lunch. Information: call Shirley Salomon at 301-271-7639.

**Dec. 7 – Strawberry Hill Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.** 5 to 7 p.m. Strawberry Hill Nature Center, 1537 Mount Hope Road, Fairfield, PA 17320-9420. For all who have volunteered during the past year. Held in the 1798 Log House. Potluck dinner and gift exchange. Register by Dec. 6. Information: 717-642-5840.

**Dec. 9 – Teen Winter Wonderland Ball Ages 11-17.** Emmitsburg Ambulance Co., 300 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. Cover charge \$5. Refreshments and door prizes. Attire: Semi-Formal Drop teens off and pick up at door. No one is permitted to leave without a parent. Information: 301-447-6626.

**Dec. 8 and 9 – ThorpeWood Holiday Open House.** Friday, 5 to 9 p.m., Saturday, 3 to 7 p.m. Light refreshments, a warm fire, seasonal music, and the beautifully decorated Christmas tree, with over 3,000 lights and many homemade decorations. Information and directions call 301-271-2823 or visit [www.thorpewood.org](http://www.thorpewood.org).

**Dec. 9 – Cookie Walk.** 9 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by the Tom's Creek United Methodist “Oldies And Goodies.” (Snow date Dec. 16). Tom's Creek Church Rd, off Rt. 140 Emmitsburg. There will be homemade Christmas cookies and candy at \$6.25 per pound. Prepaid platters of 4 lbs. must be ordered and paid for by Dec. 1 for \$25. Information or to order platters, call 301-271-3260.

**Dec. 9 – Live Nativity.** 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, along route 140 between Taneytown and Emmitsburg. Complete with Mary, Joseph, Jesus, angels, shepherds, and live animals. Enjoy the tree, hot chocolate and cookies. Questions, contact Rev. Judy Kelly at 301-447-3171. No rescheduled date in case of bad weather.

**Dec. 11- 17th Annual Evening of Christmas Spirit.** 6 to 9 p.m. Tree lighting in town square at 6 p.m. Open house with Santa and elves at NETC Building K at 6:30 p.m. Followed by caroling, a live nativity scene, horse-drawn surrey, hayrides through town and complimentary hot dogs and cookies at The Carriage House Inn. Canned goods and donations accepted for Emmitsburg Lions Club Christmas food drive.

**Dec. 11 – “Healthful Holiday Entertaining.”** 1 to 2 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Maryland Cooperative Extension Office 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick. Appealing, and nutritious recipes to include in your holiday entertaining. Cost: \$3. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Call 301-600-1594, ext. 11599 for class availability.

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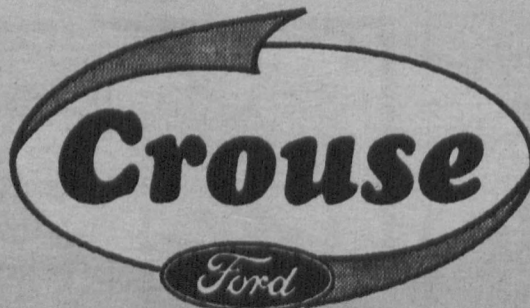


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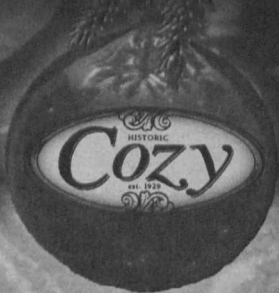
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