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O'Neil cleared of ethics charge

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — An ethics complaint against Emmitsburg Commissioner William B. O'Neil, Jr. by a former town planner has been dismissed.

On Feb. 1, former Emmitsburg Town Planner Michael Lucas sent an ethics complaint to Emmitsburg Ethics Commission Chairman Ted Brennan "outlining how Emmitsburg Town Commissioner William B. O'Neil Jr., while serving as a Town Commissioner, did violate Section 2.32.030 of the Emmitsburg Municipal Code (conflicts of interest) in an attempt to influence public policy that would directly impact him as a private citizen. Moreover, the complaint demonstrates how Commissioner O'Neil did violate his oath of office, by providing deliberate and demonstrably false testi-

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Vigilant Hose responds to vehicle blaze



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Members of Vigilant Hose Company work to extinguish a burning vehicle on Mar. 21. The Jeep Cherokee's engine caught fire on northbound Route 15 near College Avenue. The fire company responded and extinguished the blaze without further incident.

Residents support school at county hearing

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

FREDERICK, Md. - Parents, students, and staff from Emmitsburg Elementary School (EES) put on their blue school T-shirts for the public hearing on school construction projects on March 27. Approximately 25 EES supporters were among hundreds who came to Frederick's Weinberg Center for the Arts to show their colors and air their concerns before four members of the Frederick County Commissioners. Commissioners Jan Gardner, John L. Thompson, Kai Hagen, and Charles Jenkins attended the meeting, which was moved to the Weinberg Center from Winchester Hall because of renovations at the county building. Citizen turnout at last year's meetings was so large that the hearing room at Winchester Hall could not accommodate them all, said a speaker from Linganore High School. Commissioner David Gray was out of the county inspecting waste-to-energy plants.

Before public comment began, Gardner and County Finance Division Director John Kroll addressed the issue of financing for pending school construction projects. The recommended budget for fiscal year 2008 totals over \$882 million, of which 42 percent is allotted to the Board of Education. The cost of school construction, said Gardner, is increasing "at a significant pace." She and other commission-

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Thurmont Middle School teacher guilty

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FREDERICK, Md. — Thurmont Middle School teacher Michelle Dohm was found guilty on Monday April 2 on five counts of making false statements concerning the detonation of a destructive device to five different students at the school.

"The defendant is in fact responsible for the creation and delivery of these five documents," Frederick County Circuit Court Judge Julie Stevenson Solt said after hearing a statement of facts read into the record. The documents were essentially bomb threats sent to five different students in Thurmont.

Solt presided over the trial, which lasted less than an hour. Dohm pled not guilty to an agreed-upon statement of facts. Because of this, Dohm gave up her right to a jury trial and the right to hear and call witnesses. On the prosecution side, the state agreed to ask for no more than 18 months of prison time in

the Frederick County Detention Center, though each count carried a maximum penalty of 10 years and/or \$10,000.

A soft-spoken Dohm took the witness stand to answer questions from Solt to make sure she understood the implications of the agreement she had made.

Dohm, a sixth-grade teacher at Thurmont Middle School who has been on unpaid administrative leave since November 2005, was indicted in December 2005 on charges stemming from October incidents where she sent letters to students that intimated a bomb threat and death threats against the students. Many of the letters used the phrase, "Tick tock. Tick tock. Is it a bomb or is it a clock?"

States Attorney Charlie Smith read the statement of facts into the record. It detailed the progression of the investigation and the unfolding of the events.

It began in September 2005 with a sealed letter Dohm said a woman had asked her to give to the administration. The letter told the administration to check a Landon Routzahn's locker for

knives. Dohm could only give a vague description of the woman who asked her to deliver the note.

"To this day, this woman has never re-appeared at Thurmont Middle School nor has she been identified," Smith said.

The tone of the letters escalated from terms like "suffer", "bound and tied" and "shoot you" to the bomb intimations.

An additional incident in April 2006 was the basis of one of the five charges against Dohm. This incident came after Dohm had already been indicted four months earlier.

Forensic evidence that included microscopic examination of the stamps on the mailed threats and handwriting analysis linked Dohm to some of

the letters and the letters to each other. Through the connections, Smith said, "it is more likely than not that the defendant prepared the note that was left in the boys' bathroom in Thurmont Middle School on Nov. 21, 2005, as well as the note left on the Routzahn's vehicle on Sept. 30, 2005. Consequently, it is more likely than not that the defendant prepared the notes that were delivered on Apr. 21, 2006 by U.S. Postal Service to both Dennis Tokar and Kenny Kober."

Other circumstantial evidence linked Dohm to the situation, including knowing information she shouldn't have known or being seen where letters appeared shortly before their appear-

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Commissioner Thompson should visit county libraries

The March 1 *Dispatch* reported on the Frederick County 2008-2013 Capital Budget. In that article, Commissioner Lenny Thompson made a startling comment regarding future funding of Frederick County Public Libraries. He stated that he did NOT support use of county money for future library construction. His reason? Mr. Thompson's children don't use the public library. While I find this a sad situation, especially for his children who are missing out on the wonderful resources and programs that FCPL offers, I don't see how his children's failure to visit the library has any bearing on the library's ultimate value and importance to the community at-large.

Apparently, the Commission-

er doesn't realize that Frederick County population does not consist solely of school-aged children. Or perhaps he considers reading, research and learning a past-time reserved exclusively for those under eighteen? Nor do all those youngsters within the school-aged population attend public schools. As Mr. Thompson knows from the hearings last year regarding threat to cut funding for the proposed up-county regional library to be built in Thurmont next spring, neither private nor home schooled children have access to the public school libraries and must rely heavily on public library resources.

And, unless the public school libraries are allowing open access these days to working adults

and seniors, where else does Mr. Thompson suggest that these voting segments of his constituency find free access to books, periodicals, research materials, computer resources, DVD's and reference media for both personal and professional development?

I suggest that Commissioner Thompson visit the FCPL website and register himself (and his children) for a few of the many opportunities for learning and intellectual exploration that are offered at the library branch nearest his home. Perhaps then he will see that the public library isn't just for kids anymore.

Denise Cofer
Thurmont

Thanks to those who care

By now everyone is aware of the tragic situation with the Bly family. Casey has lost his mother, sister, and brother to cancer in the last six years. Casey has now undergone his needed bone transplant and is reported to be doing very well.

On Saturday, March 24 Trinity United Church of Christ, the Thurmont Lions Club and Thrivent Lutheran joined together and held a breakfast at Trinity Church. The support from the Thurmont and surrounding communities was overwhelming. Many people jumped in to sell tickets and offer their support and help. Items of food were donated by Roy Rogers, Jubilee of

Emmitsburg, Frederick Produce, Feeser Foods of Harrisburg, and Catocin Mountain Orchard. Trinity Church and Thurmont Lions supplied all other necessary items and foods. We served 750 breakfasts to people from all over Frederick County. Along with many personal donations, an amount in excess of \$13,000 will be given which will help this young man in his fight for his life. What tremendous caring and support from every one!

With as many people that attended it had to touch every church in the community and people from all walks of life. There have been many complimentary comments made to many of us concerning

the fact that Trinity as well as the Lion's Club is willing to go that "extra mile" in helping in our community. Words cannot possibly express the overwhelming gratitude we at Trinity have for our church family, our community of Thurmont and our neighboring areas a last thought, a BIG THANKS to all who themselves in any way to be of help. Time does not always allow a personal thank you, but your efforts are recognized and appreciated - it could not have been done without everyone's help.

Council of Trinity United Church of Christ and the Thurmont Lion's Club

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.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday was appropriately observed by the local churches, and despite the weather large congregations joined in the services.

The Elias Lutheran Church was tastefully decorated and one of the largest congregations in the history of this church took part in the Holy Communion service. A case of six young ladies were confirmed and took their first communion. In the evening special services by the children were held. The music at both the morning and evening services was of a special nature and the choirs acquitted themselves well. The following were confirmed: Misses Alice Hartman, Mary McNair, Fay Linn, Alice and Nellie Eyer, and Mrs. Bentzel.

The Methodist congregation observed the day in a fitting manner the members and children of the Sunday School joining in the service. The offering was for the benefit of missions.

The congregation of the Reformed Church observed the feat of Easter. Both morning and evening the church was filled, any parents accompanying their children to the special service in the evening. The church was beautifully decorated and all who attended seemed to be imbued with the Easter spirit. The offering, which was unusually large, was devoted to benevolence.

At St. Joseph's Church the celebration of Holy Week began on Palm Sunday; the procession commemorative of Our Savior's triumphal entry into Jerusalem followed. The celebrant on Easter Sunday was Father Hayden. The choir under the direction of Miss Grace Lansinger rendered the "Military Mass." Father Hayden preached a dogmatic sermon on the mystery of the day.

Personals

Mr. Charles Ashbaugh and Miss Vina Ashbaugh, visited in Thurmont on Easter Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brook Boyle and family, formerly of Unionville, are now residents of this place.

Mrs. William Rosensteel and child, of Baltimore, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hoke.

Mrs. Francis Felix of this place, has gone to St. Agnes' Hospital, Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baumgardner have moved from this place to near Greenmount.

The Emmit House, under the capable management of Mr. J.W. Breichner, is already attracting many travellers.

When the house was not fully in condition for the reception of guests some insisted on accommodation, and ever since, Mr. Breichner's popularity has become more and more apparent.

The new management looks forward to a very prosperous season, and judging from the auspicious beginning this expectation will be realized.

The large horse sale of the Patterson Bros., is held on Saturday the 20th, will no doubt bring many buyers from all parts of the country. The Patterson Bros., never offer anything but good stock and the purchaser of any horse put up by them may rest assured that he will get just what he pays for.

Four Points and Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. N.C. Stansbury spent last Sunday in Rocky Ridge, the guests of Mr. P.B. Ogle.

Mr. Joseph Roddy, of Baltimore, spent Easter with his brother, Mr. John Roddy.

Miss Alice Hockensmith spent a few days with the family of Mr. James Harbaugh.

Mr. William Warner visited the family of Mr. Charles Keilholtz.

Mrs. Emory Ohler and family visited her sister, Mrs. Elmer Valentine.

The regular monthly meeting of the Mite Society of the M.E. Church was held on Tuesday last, at the home of Mrs. Jacob Stambaugh.

BIG FIRE AT THURMONT

The warehouse and store belonging to George W. Stockdale, at Thurmont, was totally destroyed by fire last Saturday morning causing a loss of \$6000 partly covered by insurance.

The fire which was supposed to have been caused by sparks from a locomotive, was first discovered about eleven o'clock and the prompt work of volunteer firemen prevented the spread of the flames. Within an hour the building was completely destroyed.

An Exciting Runaway on Sunday

A horse belonging to Mr. Hott, living near Payne's Hill, ran away on Sunday morning just after the close of services at St. Joseph's Church. In trying to avoid a team coming down street, the horse ran in on the pavement in front of Mr. Charles Rowe's house on West Main street. The horse fell, knocking off a shutter and breaking the door step. Before the animal could get up he was caught. The buggy to which he was attached was uninjured.

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ance. In one instance, temporary printing files on Dohm's school computer showed that some of the threatening letters had been printed from it on a day when there were no students in the school, but Dohm had been seen at her computer.

An April 2006 search and seizure of her home yielded the stamps that were connected to the ones used to mail letters to students and handwritten practice threats.

"I would wager to say the entire community is offended by what she did," Smith said after the trial.

Dohm, who is currently free on bail, will be sentenced at a hearing on June 26. At that time, families of the victims are expected to make their wishes known. Dohm also has to undergo a psychiatric evaluation before then. Smith also encouraged Thurmont residents to write or call with their thoughts on the case. These can be presented at the sentencing hearing as well.

"The only thing that is really perplexing is why she did it," Smith said. He added that the prosecution has some theories, which they will present at the sentencing hearing, but they are only theories. Dohm is the only one who knows her reasoning.

A timeline of events

- Sept. 28, 2005** - Dohm delivers sealed letter from mystery woman urging a student's locker to be checked for knives.
- Sept. 30, 2005** - A student's father finds a letter threatening his son on the windshield of his vehicle. The house is along Dohm's regular walking route.
- Oct. 14, 2005** - Threatening letters printed from Dohm's school computer when no students were in the school but Dohm was seen at her computer.
- Oct. 17, 2005** - Four students find the letters printed from Dohm's computer in their lockers that reference bombs.
- Nov. 1, 2, 2005** - Staff at TMS find additional threatening letters.
- Nov. 3, 2005** - Dohm tells vice principal she received a call from a young boy saying "Tick tock tick tock" on Oct. 24.
- Nov. 4, 2005** - When records are checked, no call was made and Dohm has dropped her cell phone service.
- Nov. 16, 2005** - Dohm suspended from teaching.
- Nov. 21, 2005** - A note threatening a bomb explosion is found in the boys' bathroom.
- Dec. 22, 2005** - First indictments handed down.
- Mar. 31, 2006** - TMS student receives threatening letter in the mail.
- Apr. 21, 2006** - Same student receives a second note in the mail. Another student also gets a threatening note. Police execute search and seizure of Dohm's home.
- Apr. 22, 2006** - Dohm contacts mother of student who received the day before and has knowledge that police hadn't made public. Dohm also called postmaster to check on whether mail can be traced.
- Apr. 2, 2007** - Dohm convicted.

Chicken Bar-b-que

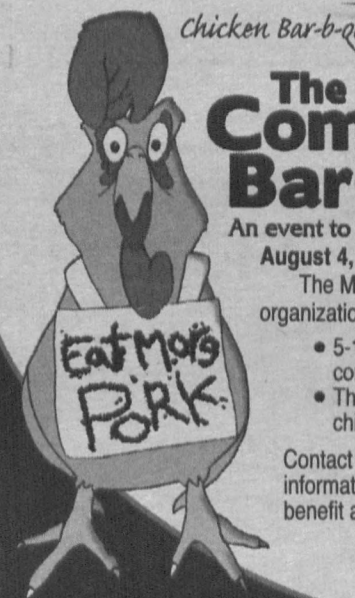
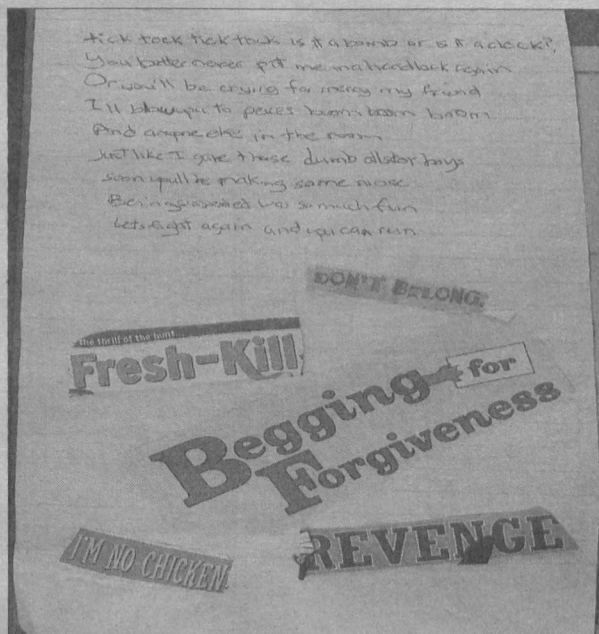
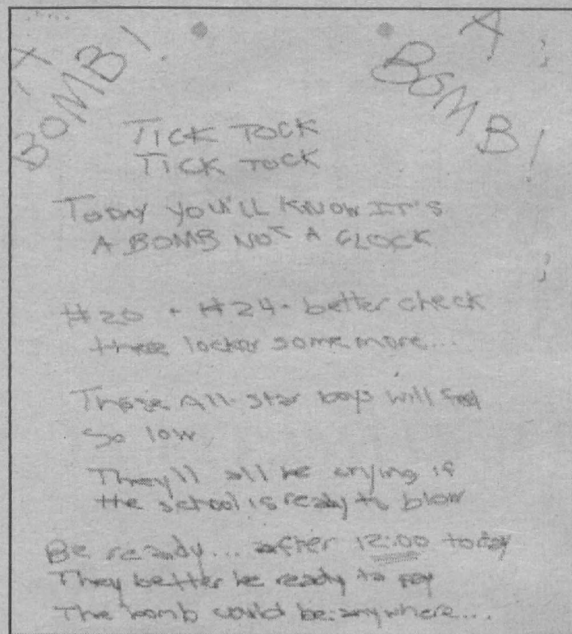
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These are two of the letters that Michelle Dohm sent to students at Thurmont Middle School. The handwritten note led to the school being evacuated on November 21, 2005. The letter with cut-out words was delivered to student Dennis Tokar on March 31, 2006, after Dohm had already been indicted in December 2005.

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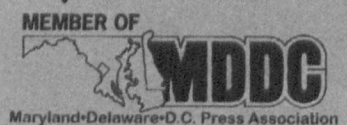
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EDITORIAL

A Word from a Town Commissioner

Sidewalk repairs on the way; new playground equipment and bandstand coming

Hello Emmitsburg, my name is Cliff Sweeney and I'm the town's parks and recreation commissioner. During the 2007-2008 fiscal year, I will try my best to support the rehab of the town's sidewalks. Many sections have buckled, making it dangerous to even take a walk through town. I have been complaining about the condition of the town's sidewalks

for the last six years. Finally we're working on the problem, but it will take some time and money to fix.

The town is also in need of more parking places or parking lots for public parking, which we are working on now. Major alley repairs are also in this next budget for 2007-2008.

For the town parks, the town is putting a new bandstand in

Community Park. All of this year's concerts will be in the new bandstand. Behind the town pool, we are working on walking paths and mountain trails in conjunction with Mount Saint Mary's University. There is also a new bathroom in Community Park and new playground equipment in Memorial Park. The parks committee is in the process of trying to develop a

tot lot in Emmit Gardens.

Thanks to everyone who I've seen or talked to about the new traffic light at Jubilee. Everyone loves it. Talk to you later. I'll have more updates on park activities and other issues.

Cliff Sweeney
Emmitsburg Commissioner

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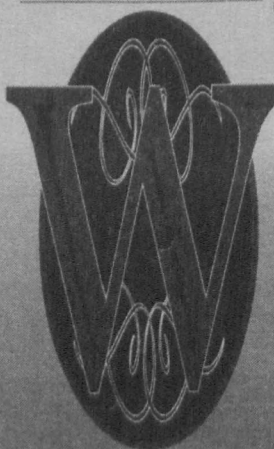
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TOWN NEWS

Planning & Zoning continues to shape town's future

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Emmitsburg Planning and Zoning Commission continued reviewing the draft comprehensive plan at its March 14 meeting. The topics of discussion seemed to focus more on how the town will physically look in the future.

Community Facilities and Services

The plan recommends designating a site for a new middle school in Emmitsburg.

"The county currently does not have a plan for a school," said Sarah

Franklin, senior associate with Jakubiak and Associates. "It's been in your plan to have a site reserved for a school."

Commission member Catherine Forrence pointed out that by her estimate, Emmitsburg would need 11,000 townhouses, 9,000 single-family homes or some combination of the two to have enough students in the town to justify a middle school. She suggested that the town consider a preK-8 school, which wouldn't necessarily need a middle school as large as would be needed if it was a stand-alone school.

"It just seems like it might suit everyone to talk about the expansion of the campus we have now," Forrence said.

The plan also calls for a new

park on the north side of town where additional development is expected to occur in the future.

Community Design and Historic Preservation

The plan calls for continuing Emmitsburg's historic village appearance since it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1992. Franklin said churches and institutional buildings should be preserved and restored. Forrence added that the town's historic cemeteries should also be preserved.

Franklin said that land for a public park and institutional/civic building should be reserved in Irishtown Road between Emmitsburg Road and Brookfield.

The plan also calls for, "Undeveloped areas along South Seton Avenue should develop in institutional uses in park-like setting. Buildings should be setback far back from South Seton Avenue in ways comparable to FEMA and St. Catherine's."

Boundaries

"No annexation south of Toms Creek or west of Middle Creek should occur before 2030," Franklin said.

Development outside of the municipal growth boundary should be allowed to occur only where there are overriding municipal objects that need to be met.

At the end of the meeting, some citizens and lawyers spoke to specific

proposals. Bruce Dean representing a client who has property that plan calls for specific development on.

"To say, put a church or park we feel that's a violation of my client's property rights," Dean said.

David Thaler, representing the Daughters of Charity, said the plan didn't seem to address how the town's "three big engines of growth" — the Daughters of Charity, U.S. Fire Academy and Mount Saint Mary's University — will affect growth in the town.

The Planning and Zoning Committee will continue discussing aspects of the plan and is considering holding a joint workshop with the town commissioners about the plan. The comprehensive plan is Emmitsburg blueprint for development over the next 25 years.

Town's audit looks good

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Town of Emmitsburg received the report of its financial audit for fiscal year 2006 at its March 19 meeting.

Required by the State of Maryland, the audit is an examination of the town's budget by an independent firm to ensure the budget statements are free of "material misstatement." Draper and McGinley of Frederick conducted the town's audit and Michelle Mills of Draper and McGinley was on hand during the meeting to mention the highlights and answer any commissioner questions.

"It's a very important document," Mayor Jim Hoover said in an interview. "It goes to the state to tell them we're doing things right."

While Hoover said the general fund information shows "the nuts and bolts of the operation," it has very little change because they are expenditures that have to be made to run the town. He is generally most interested in the capital expenditures the town makes.

"I want to see that the projects

are getting done and getting done successfully within budget or under budget," Hoover said.

Audit highlights

- Assets increased \$960,704 in 2006 compared to \$646,092 in 2005.
- Governmental activities total assets were \$4,138,143 (down \$23,549).
- Enterprise funds total assets were \$13,383,628 (up 984,253).
- Liabilities were up 11.1 percent "due in large part to infrastructure re-construction projects."
- Fund balance was \$972,638 (up \$12,360). Of this amount, \$577,180 was unrestricted or undesignated, which was up 40.6 percent.
- General fund revenues were \$1,494,571 (up 4.7 percent).
- Enterprise fund revenues were \$2,127,652 (up 41.5 percent). "This is due in large part to government grants received and the creation and collection of a water and sewer surcharge on all new taps."
- General fund expenditures were \$1,178,128 (up 4.1 percent).
- Enterprise fund expenditures were \$1,128,124 (up 1.5 percent).

Bulk trash pick-up on April 26

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Town of Emmitsburg will have a bulk trash pick-up on Thursday, April 26. Two bulk items per household will be picked up.

The following items will not be accepted as bulk trash: construction and building ma-

terial, propane tanks, cardboard, paper and books (these must be recycled), tires, batteries, yard waste, dirt, rocks or sod, root balls and tree trimmings, concrete materials, paint, fencing, gasoline, oil and other inflammables, hazardous waste, explosives and ammuni-

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TOWN NEWS

Parks and Rec Committee makes budget request

BY JAMES RADA JR.
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EMMITSBURG, Md. – The Emmitsburg Parks and Recreation recently made its budget request to the town commissioners for funding in the fiscal year that begins July 1. The budget request totals \$30,300 and includes:

- \$2,500 to support the summer concerts and pool parties.
- \$2,500 for 10 banners to advertise the town concerts. The banners will be hung along Main Street starting the weekend before the concerts.
- \$1,000 for pool plants in front of building and trellises or pergolas to increase badly

needed shade.

- \$500 for a paved walkway at the pool for strollers and wheelchairs.
- \$10,000 for the multi-user trails. "We believe it is important to start budgeting for the trails now in the CIP," Committee member Patrick Joy wrote in an e-mail. "If the town does not decide to build the trails the money can be reprogrammed but by putting aside funds now, we can spread the costs over a few years lessening any potential financial impact."
- \$500 for a wood Community Park sign along Southgate entrance of Community Park.
- \$300 for blue informational

sign along Patterson avenue and West Main Street.

- \$500 to support Arbor Day activities in April 2008.
- \$7,500 to re-establish the park in Emmitt Gardens. "The park exists but equipment was removed many years ago and not replaced," Joy wrote.
- \$10,000 to build multi-use all-purpose field in Community Park area. "This field should contain at a minimum of two soccer fields, four gold posts and eight benches," Joy wrote. "This field is necessary to expand youth sport programs into the Town. Currently, Town residents must go to Catoclin Youth Association (CYA) in Thurmont in order to play soc-

cer. The CYA would be happy to expand into the Emmitsburg area since they are currently running out of fields."

Summer concert schedule

The committee has also announced its summer concert series for 2007. The schedule is as follows:

- **June 29** - Emmitsburg Community Chorus
- **July 20** - Home Comfort Bluegrass Band
- **August 3** - ThElvisMan & Co. Elvis Impersonator
- **August 17** - Ray Owen
- **August 31** - Pickn' and Grinin'
- **September 7** - Daniel Sherman

Town Meetings

Municipal meetings

Town Meeting
Apr. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Water Committee
Apr. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Workshop
Apr. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Comprehensive Plan

Planning and Zoning
Apr. 30, 7:30 p.m.
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Town debates best way to plow streets

BY JAMES RADA JR.
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EMMITSBURG, Md. – On the first anniversary of their last change to the town snow plowing policy, the Emmits-

burg Town Commissioners are considering reversing the policy change made last year.

Town Director of Public Works Jim Click asked the commissioners at their Mar. 19 meeting to reinstate the snow emergency plan for the entire town. This would mean that when a snow emergency was declared, cars would have to be moved off all town streets. Cars not removed could be towed or fined.

This had been the way the town handled snow removal before 2006. Last year, the commissioners voted to remove snow emergency signs from secondary streets and have the snow plows plow down the center of the street.

Click said that having cars on the road when trying to plow made the work time consuming and stressful for the town crew. Having all roads empty of cars

would allow easy and quick plowing of streets from curb to curb.

"We wouldn't have to go back several times wasting time and effort," Click said.

Commission President Chris Staiger asked, "Where the heck do all the cars go?"

Commissioner Bill O'Neil suggested that perhaps arrangements could be made to use the Antique Mall parking lot in such a situation.

O'Neil and Staiger agreed that the problem was residents weren't complaining about the current policy and they had complained about a town-wide use of the snow emergency plan.

"We see the people and the people aren't upset with it (the current policy)," O'Neil said.

The commission asked O'Neil to take the issue back to the Streets Committee to seek its recommendation.

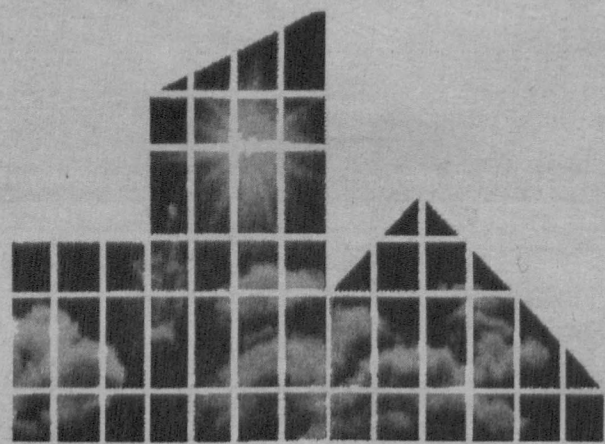
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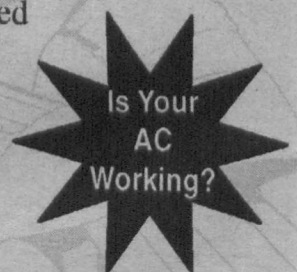
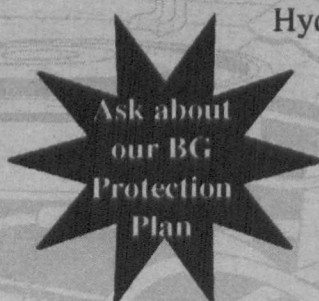
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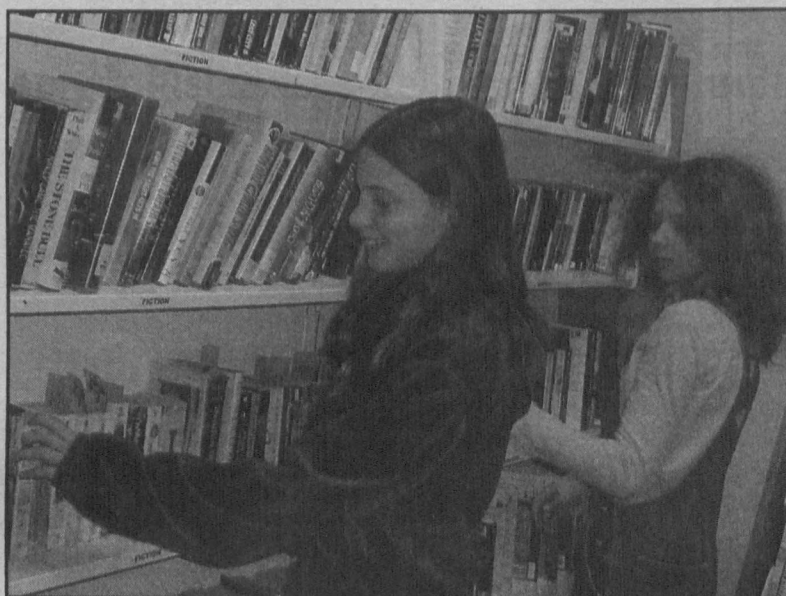
Young "Friends of the Library" operate The Book Nook

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. - Eleven-year-olds Eliza Schmidt of Fairfield and Rose Mercandetti of Emmitsburg are probably the youngest business managers in town. Together they operate The Book Nook, a small used bookstore located inside the Emmitsburg Library, on behalf of the Emmitsburg Library Friends. They volunteered to take over its management in late fall of 2006, and part of the project is "to allow the girls to learn how to run a business," says Eliza's father, Brett Schmidt. Each girl is homeschooled and uses the library's resources for her studies.

One of the girls' first tasks was to name the bookstore and establish its "brand." Eliza created the double-owl logo (the owls' eyes form the "o's" in Book Nook) using *Corel Draw 12* computer software. She and Rose painted it, and supervised mounting the sign on the center wall of the bookstore alcove. They use the same owl motif on bookmarks that advertise membership in the Friends organization and give information about the bookstore. They also painted arrows that point library patrons to free materials inside.

Organizing the merchandise was a big job. "It took us all day



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Rose Mercandetti and Eliza Schmidt, both of Emmitsburg, run The Book Nook for the Friends of the Emmitsburg Library. The homeschooled girls run all aspects of the operation from pricing to inventory to advertising.

the first day we started," according to Rose, "trying to straighten everything out," but now they spend just a couple of hours each week putting their shelves in order. Nearly everything in the store has been donated to the library. After the library staff selects out items suitable for their collection, the leftovers are consigned to Mercandetti and Schmidt. They set the prices, which range from ten cents to two dollars. Their inventory includes books and magazines, films in both VHS and DVD format, and music cassettes and CDs.

Some of the items they sell

are "de-accessed" or duplicates from the library's holdings. Those are shelved separately and proceeds from their sale are returned to the central library. The funds generated by sales of donated materials are used by the Friends to support various library programs. The bookstore is self-service, and actual sales are handled by the library staff. The librarians enjoy the young entrepreneurs' enthusiasm and the posters and seasonal decorations they add to the Book Nook's décor. They have also seen sales increase since the girls took over management of the store.

Commercial vehicle check yields eight citations

EMMITSBURG, Md. - The Frederick County Sheriff's Office conducted a commercial vehicle equipment operation on March 19 along Main Street in Emmitsburg. The operation, which ran from 6:30 a.m. until noon, performed 33 commercial vehicle inspections.

As a result, eight citations, one safety equipment repair order and thirteen warnings were issued. In addition, two vehicles were temporarily taken out of service for problems with having secure loads.

-J. Rada

FCSO February stats

EMMITSBURG, Md. - These are a few of the highlights from the 238 calls for service the Frederick County Sheriff's Office deputies answered in Emmitsburg in February:


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TOWN NEWS

Planning and zoning finishes sign ordinance

BY JAMES RADA JR.

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Emmitsburg Planning and Zoning Commission approved the final piece of a new town sign ordinance on March 26.

"We took the final vote and gave it our stamp of approval," said Chairman Larry Little. "Once we get the final draft back, we'll sign it and pass

it over to the town commissioners."

The ordinance rewrite has gone on for three years as the commissioners and public have worked to put together something that will be fair and uniform.

"This started off to be one small change in political signs," Mayor Jim Hoover said. "It's gone on for three years and the current ordinance is less than five years old."

"I know it slowed down, but I wanted to make sure we did have the

participation from the public," Little said.

As an example, he said that the input the commission received from the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association was valuable.

Hoover said one of the reasons that the ordinance took so long is that it "became very personal. There was a lot of personal interest in different sections."

Now that it is completed, Hoover said he wants to compare the current

ordinance with the ordinance that the commission sends to the town.

"It doesn't matter what is. It doesn't matter what was. It doesn't matter what should be. They (the planning and zoning commission) looked at it with blinders on. So I want to see what was in there and what was removed," Hoover said.

The ordinance will give the rules governing signs that are displayed in town. It can affect banners, home signs, business signs and political

signs. Little said he also plans to have a catalog filled with examples of acceptable types of signs to show people the variety that the ordinance still allows for signs.

"A sign ordinance can help us, as a town, look good and sell ourselves," Little said.

Hoover also added that the ordinance will give the town enforcement power over the signs to make sure that everyone "is treated fair and reasonably."

Hearing

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ers have proposed a \$1 increase in the county's current \$5 recordation tax, which is paid on the sale and transfer of homes. The increase would be dedicated to school construction; about half would pay for replacement of Linganore High School. With the tax increase, Linganore will be completed in 2009, while Emmitsburg and three other elementary school additions will be finished in 2011. Without the tax increase, Kroll emphasized, completion of Linganore High will be pushed to 2011 and the EES addition bumped to 2013. In the timetable set in the previous capital improvement program, the EES addition was to be completed in 2009.

Emmitsburg speakers were united in their position that construction of the proposed addition to EES should take place on the earlier schedule. Town Commissioners Chris Staiger and Glenn Blanchard were first to comment on the local school. Each urged the commissioners to stick with the earlier date for the project. Blanchard added his perspective as both a teacher and the parent of a special-

needs child who "will need the space for one-on-one" interaction with instructors in order to succeed in school.

EES third-grade teacher Michael Hakkarinen, parent of two students at the school, also brought a dual viewpoint in his remarks. He spoke of the unpredictable nature of the HVAC system, which was built to accommodate an open-classroom design in the 1970s. Hakkarinen highlighted the "fairly outdated" technology which teachers must supplement with their own equipment in order to provide a "first-class education" for their students. "None of us," he stressed, "push back test dates or assessments...conferences or IEP meetings," yet improvements to the building and instructional upgrades have already been pushed back several times.

Hakkarinen's son, Jaik, a first-grader, offered a kids-eye view of the building's shortcomings. The cafeteria, he said, "is always loud and full of people...[and] the library is loud just like the cafeteria.... Our school has over 300 kids, but we only have four bathrooms, two for the boys and two for the girls." He hopes the building is fixed before he fin-

ishes attending there.

Building security and student safety were primary concerns for parents Kate Zentz, Sharon Brent, and Tina Ridenour. Visitors to the school can walk directly into the cafeteria, which contains two of the four student bathrooms, and leads to the music and art classrooms, the gym, and other classroom areas. Ridenour's son is a fourth-grade student. His classroom is a portable, and he will be in a portable again for fifth grade. The ramp into the main building is not covered and is slippery when wet. Ridenour noted that she attended the school herself, and that "it basically hasn't changed in 30 years."

The commissioners will consider public comment from the March 27 hearing at its meeting at Winchester Hall on the morning of Monday, April 9. The public hearing on the proposed recordation tax increase is scheduled for April 24, and Gardner advised that those who support it should attend the meeting, because there is opposition to it from the real estate industry. The CIP will next be considered on May 15, with a meeting to adopt the CIP slated for June 5.

O'Neil

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mony before officials of the Town of Emmitsburg."

The three-page complaint received a two-paragraph response on Mar. 9 from town ethics commission attorney Harry deMoll saying, "the complaint does not merit further proceedings."

"The ethics commission looked at the complaint and it did not raise any issue under the ethics ordinance," deMoll said in an interview.

Lucas said he wasn't surprised at the outcome and he expects to take the complaint to the Maryland State Ethics Commission.

"They (the town commission) did not say the things I outlined weren't true," Lucas said. "They said they weren't ethics violations."

Lucas said he suspects that "the only way to get to the truth is to get O'Neil under oath."

Mayor Jim Hoover hopes this is the end of the case. "Mr. Lucas should reconsider

the validity of the complaint and accept the commission's decision," he said.

O'Neil said he never understood what the basis for the complaint was about. He said it referred to a situation concerning whether the town was taking responsibility for the road where O'Neil lives. The complaint also dealt with statements O'Neil made concerning how town staff handled the situation.

"The town at the time was asserting they had not accepted the road and not plowing it," O'Neil said. "They can't say they're not accepting it and then ticket. The town attorney agreed with me and my ticket was refunded."

O'Neil, who has faced and is facing similar situations, said he doesn't like the way local politics has become about personal destruction.

"My father believed in honor and integrity and he gave me his good name. I also believe in honor and integrity and try to live that way. This is just dragging that good name through the mud," O'Neil said.

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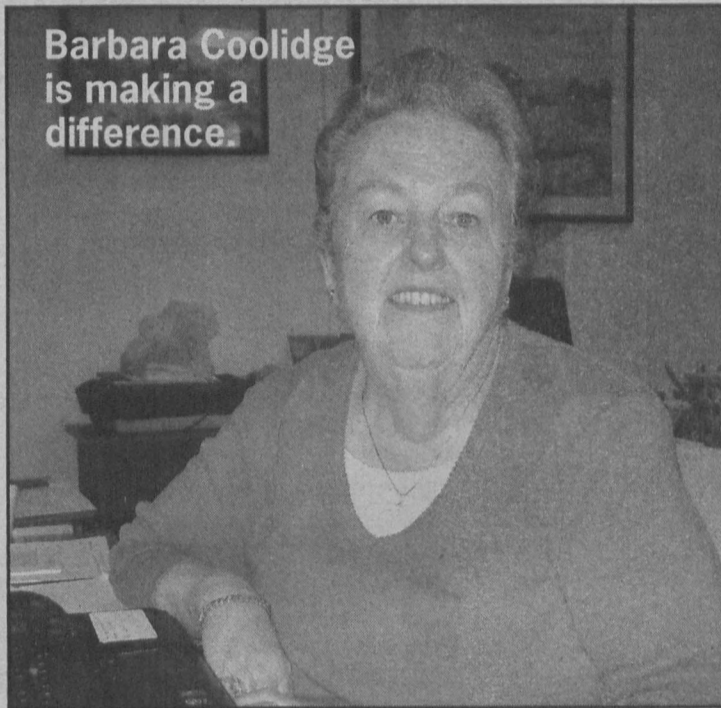
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Barbara Coolidge is making a difference.

BY CHRIS PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. - For about 16 years Barbara Coolidge has made a difference in her community by driving to the Thurmont Senior Center every tax season to prepare taxes for seniors and moderate-income households free of charge.

It's a busy time of year for her now, so busy in fact that despite a recent Friday snowstorm, Coolidge drove to the center early in the morning only to find that it was closed.

Of course, a couple of her clients arrived at the same time and Coolidge took the opportunity to exchange tax documentation with them in the parking lot. A little ice and snow weren't going to keep this 75-year-old grandmother from picking-up and delivering taxes.

Every year Coolidge takes a week-long class to renew her certification to prepare taxes. Then one day a week, every week, she meets with people at the senior center, gathers their documents and takes them home. When the taxes are done they are submitted electronically to the Internal Revenue Service. All of this is done for no cost to the client.

Mary Esther Rippeon, 75, is one of Coolidge's clients who met with her at the center recently to ask about her taxes, just to make sure Coolidge had done them right. "She was right," Rippeon smiled.

Rippeon now lives in Frederick, but she started getting her taxes done by Coolidge when she lived in Thurmont. She likes coming there and she feels comfortable working with Coolidge, which is why she keeps coming back.

"She's a very nice person, very good, very pleasant," Rippeon said.

It was after Coolidge retired

as a histopathology technician for the federal government that she started officially volunteering to prepare taxes. In fact, helping people with taxes actually started when she would help her fellow colleagues at work with their taxes.

But preparing taxes is not all that Coolidge does for the community. Since her husband died in 1987 shortly after moving to Thurmont, she has been involved intensely with her church. Currently acting treasurer, she is also known to cook church dinners, help with the disaster fund auction held each May, and anything else that's needed.

In addition, Coolidge said, she has a neighbor who is very good at "roping me into things."

Coolidge's next-door neighbor Judy White, a long-time volunteer with the Thurmont Ambulance Company, said Coolidge is always there when she needs help. Coolidge has helped with many projects and fund-raising efforts including stapling fire-prevention materials together for 30 classes, putting posters up in the mall every year, and working the carnival in the summer, among other things.

"She is an invaluable resource," White said of her neighbor, "and is always willing to do whatever needs to be done."

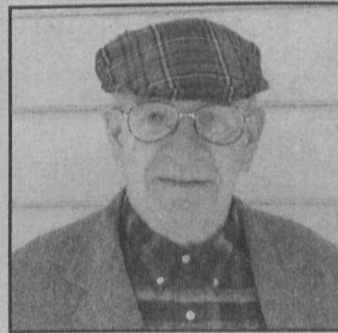
Coolidge explains her seeming obsession with volunteering by explaining she is a "PK" or "Preacher's Kid."

"Anything that needed to be done I'd do it. If somebody didn't show up for a play they said 'here's the play, Barbara' or if they needed an umpire for the little league baseball team, 'you're it, Barbara,' and my whole life was like that," Coolidge laughed.

"I always help with anything I'm asked to do," she said. "I guess I was born volunteering."

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Harold Craig

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stuffed, but happy."

After being in business around 40 years, she closed. If you ask many of the old timers about the Green Parrot, they will tell you in surprising numbers that they worked there. I remember especially Mrs. Eleanor Humerick, recently deceased, and Mrs. Nancy Danner.

Miss Leone was quietly very charitable feeding the sick and poor in my opinion no finer per-

son ever lived in Emmitsburg, bar none.

Editor's Note: The Green Parrot Tea Room with the slogan, "It speaks for itself," opened around 1930 on the square. Around 1936, it moved to the current VFW building on the square. It then moved to 325 East Main Street in 1952. Former waitresses included Polly Shank, Ann Rodering, Ruth Eyley, Maude Harbaugh, Pauline Baker and Lou Bushman.

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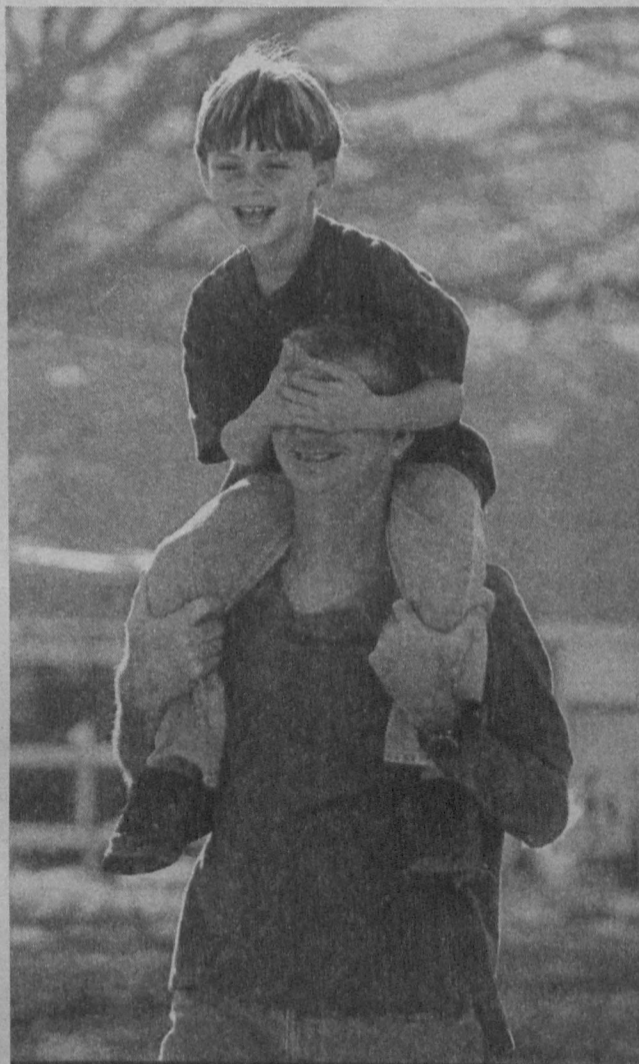
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Utica Park to open April 26

FREDERICK, Md. - Frederick County has a new park! The Frederick County Commissioners and the Frederick County Parks and Recreation Department will hold the official grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Utica District Park, south of Thurmont, on April 26 at 2 p.m.

Phase I of development, which was recently completed, includes multi-purpose athletic fields, special event areas, trails, a pavilion lighting, a playground, a maintenance building and parking. An agricultural education area is to be added in the future to utilize the existing historic farmhouse

and outbuildings. Future park amenities may include additional pavilions, a fishing pond, a visitors center, swimming pool, concession building, etc. A tree planting will also take place to celebrate Earth Day.

The ceremony will be held at Utica District Park, located along Route 15 approximately three miles North of the Frederick city limits. The park entrance is just off of Old Frederick Road.

For more information please call (301) 600-1646 or email parksandrecreation@fredco.md.net.

- B. Vinyard

State official to speak on Cullen Center future

SABILLASVILLE, Md. - Donald Devore, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, will speak at a special meeting of the Northwest Frederick County Civic Association on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Sabillasville Elementary School. He will address the department's future plans for the Victor Cullen Center in Sabillas-

ville. H. Erle Schafer, Legislative Liaison of the Department of Juvenile Services, will also be present. Other officials have been invited. The public is welcome at this meeting. Sabillasville Elementary School is located on Hwy 550 in Sabillasville, Maryland. For more information contact George Kuhn, President of the NWCCA, at (301) 241-3997.

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State Grants	\$17,815,000
Service Charges	\$4,854,850
Fines and Forfeitures	\$182,500
Investment Earnings	\$7,000,000
Miscellaneous	\$2,346,800

Fund Balance	\$43,160,262
Total All Sources	\$470,961,712

Appropriations

County Departments	\$135,606,735
OPEB Trust- County & BOE	\$16,854,754
Board of Education	\$219,087,655
Frederick Community College	\$13,476,985
Frederick County Library	\$8,628,643
Debt Service	\$30,633,264
Capital Projects Fund	\$20,488,790
Agricultural Preservation Fund	\$1,008,751
Citizens Care & Rehab. Fund	\$310,044
Montevue Home Fund	\$1,891,378
Grants Fund	\$7,415,064
Housing Initiatives Fund	\$225,000

Sub-Total Expenditures	\$455,627,263
Unallocated	\$15,334,449
Total Expenditures	\$470,961,712

By JAMES RADA JR.
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FREDERICK, Md. - The Frederick County Commissioners were recently presented with a nearly \$471 million operating budget, which is about \$27 million more than the county will bring in through taxes, fees and grants.

The budget for fiscal year 2008, which begins July 1, is or \$34.2 million or 7.8 percent larger than this year's budget.

"About 40 percent of that increase is from the commercial side, which is not capped. ... The balance is because of residential or new growth," Mike Gastley, acting budget officer, told the commissioners at a recent meeting. Unlike residential properties, which are capped at a 5 percent growth in their taxable assessment, commercial properties have no such cap and are taxed on their full assessable value.

The county is only expected to receive about \$444 million in various revenue streams

next year. The two largest revenue streams are \$212.8 in property taxes (up 13.1 percent) and \$159.6 million in income taxes (up 6.8 percent). However, as growth in the county slows, recordation taxes, which has been a strong revenue stream in the past (\$22.1 million this year) is down 9.5 percent.

All this adds up to a budget that spends more than it generates.

"We're spending \$27 million more than we're bringing in so have to rely on fund balance," Gastley said.

The fund balance is the amount of money that is left over from prior year's budgets because the county spent less than expected or received more money than expected.

Finance Director John Kroll said that even with the county using some of its fund balance to balance the budget for next year, the remaining balance, "should not be anywhere close to this magnitude."

One new, though not unexpected, item that is having an impact on the budget is Other Post Employment Benefits. OPEB is a fund that sets aside money now for future retirement benefits of employees. It is

a requirement of the Government Accounting Standards Board.

The largest portion of the budget, however, will go to the Frederick County Board of Education. The board is budgeted for a 6.7 percent increase to \$219.1 million.

The budget is based on using the current property and fire tax rates. This means the property tax rate is 93.6 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. The fire tax rates are 12.8 cents per \$100 for urban areas and 8 cents per \$100 for suburban areas.

The county's constant yield rate is expected to be about 86.6 cents per \$100. This is the amount that the county would have to set the rate to generate that same amount of property tax (not including new growth) next year as it received this year. This year, the commissioners lowered the tax rate to the constant yield amount and still saw the budget increase.

The commissioners will begin hearing budget appeals from various departments and county-funded agencies this month.

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The Liquor Barn celebrates 20 years

TANEYTOWN, Md. - The Liquor Barn in the Taneytown Shopping Center is celebrating 20 years in business. The store is a family owned and operated full service packaged goods store.

The Liquor Barn has actually been around longer than 20 years. James and Judith Coyle of Westminster, along with brother Bruce Coyle, bought the store, remodeled, restocked, and reopened on April 3, 1987. After a few years, Bruce moved on to other things, but James and his family have been running the business ever since. In 2001, The Liquor Barn underwent a major renovation and doubled its size to better meet the needs of the growing Taneytown community.

- J. Rada

REGIONAL NEWS

All quiet on the Carroll Valley Council front...at least until April 10

BY WILLIAM K. REINKE
Contributing Writer

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. - Two weeks after a volatile council meeting resulted in a new council president and vice president and the resignation of Councilman Ted Talbert, life in Carroll Valley Borough is business as usual. It's been quiet, which is a good thing "because the residents in Carroll Valley were embarrassed enough," said former council Vice President Thomas Fitzsimmons.

Asked if the functioning of the borough government has been materially affected, Borough Manager David Hazlett said, "No, the borough manager runs the day to day functions, and that position has not changed."

Former Council President Thomas Wolf, who indicated that he would have to consider whether to remain on council at all when forced to step down as

president on March 13, has yet to make a public decision. "I have no comment. I will decide between now and the next meeting whether I intend to stay on. You will find out at that meeting." Fitzsimmons was equally cryptic, indicating his status as councilman was "day to day."

New Vice President Daniel Patton indicated that as many as six candidates have expressed their interest in the council vacancy. Fitzsimmons said no action has been taken yet to fill that vacancy. That will happen at the next council meeting on April 10, "which is within the 30 day time frame for the required action," he said.

Fairfield Tax Collector Vacancy Filled, Salary Raised

BY WILLIAM K. REINKE
Contributing Writer

FAIRFIELD BOROUGH, Pa. - During its March 27 meeting the Borough Council appointed Joyce Beckman of Lockwood Business Services to be Fairfield's the interim tax collector, replacing Ray Fitz who resigned recently due to "too much time and too little money," according to Borough Secretary Robert Fortenbaugh. Councilman Carroll Smith indicated that Beckman was chosen, in part, because the tax collection office will now be conveniently located at her business, located at 121 West Main Street, with plenty of parking and employees that can accept residents' payments even when Beckman is not in the office.

In an effort to reduce turnover of tax collectors, the council restructured its compensation to 3.5 percent of all receipts collected, effective January 2, 2008. The former flat salary of \$850

per year had not been changed since 1993, and was the lowest compensation of any tax collector in Adams County. The new rate amounts to "a couple thousand dollars" according to Fortenbaugh, and is about in the middle for similar positions in the county.

The percentage-based salary was chosen by the council to allow the collector's pay to increase with future growth. This is important in light of the McGinley's Choice subdivision, which will increase the number of houses in the borough by "nearly 50 percent," according to Borough Solicitor Matthew Battersby.

The appointment of Beckman is effective through the end of the year. Beckman, and any other interested candidates, must run for election as a write-in candidate during the November general election. Asked if he would consider running in light of the increased salary, Fitz commented, "I've resigned and I have no intention of re-running as a write-in. I'm moving on."

Fairfield library may cut new books

BY BROOKE VINYARD
Contributing Writer

FAIRFIELD, Pa. - When Fairfield School District officials sat down to create their 2007-08 budget, several cuts were proposed in an effort to reduce tax increases. Among the possible cuts, are those targeted at the school library budget. While the district plans to continue their subscriptions and computer databases, the cut would essentially eliminate the funds used to purchase new books.

Due to a greater increase in outside expenditures, the board has had to make broader cuts throughout the entire district, including areas that haven't been touched before. The school board has found themselves faced with reducing next year's budget by over \$171,000.

While reviewing possible cuts, board members carefully analyze every option, trying to arrive at a conclusion that is in the best interest of the student. "We consider everything before presenting any information to the public," said Mark Sewell, business manager of Fairfield schools.

"Our library's material is focused on the curriculum of the district and that's what the money is used for," said

Fairfield Schools Superintendent Gary Miller. "Every request for financing academics has been filled. If its not there, it's because someone hasn't asked for it."

Sewell said that any material they can't find in our libraries can be accessed from any of the public libraries in Adams County. "We aren't limiting programs or taking materials away from students," he said.

"We are very aware and very concerned about our teachers and students having what they need," said Miller.

Last year, the board had to refrain from purchasing textbooks, because the budget simply wouldn't allow it.

According to Miller, there are several other areas taking a financial hit as well including staff development, athletics, textbooks, supplies and equipment.

While the tentative budget has not yet been finalized, some parents have already begun expressing their concerns at a recent school board meeting. If adopted, this would be the first time in more than a decade new library books weren't included in the school budget. The school board is scheduled to officially adopt a final budget on June 15.

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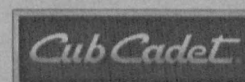
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EDUCATION

Emmitsburg fourth-graders compose verses, host poetry café

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. - Missy Kearchner's 46 fourth-grade language arts students at Emmitsburg Elementary School learned about poetry by writing it themselves. They studied examples of different types of poems, and part of their exploration included creating poems on topics of their own choosing.

Each student produced four poems using ballad, haiku, cinquain, and diamonte forms, and a self-identification poem describing "where I'm from." Some of the styles are formally

limited by number of lines and the number of syllables in each line (haiku and cinquain), while the requirements of diamonte style produce a diamond-shaped poem that moves from one image to its opposite. Subject matter ranged from pets, nature, sports and sports heroes. Here are two samples of their work:

Hockey

Shin-pads helmet
Scoring yelling skating
I get goals and score many points
Exciting

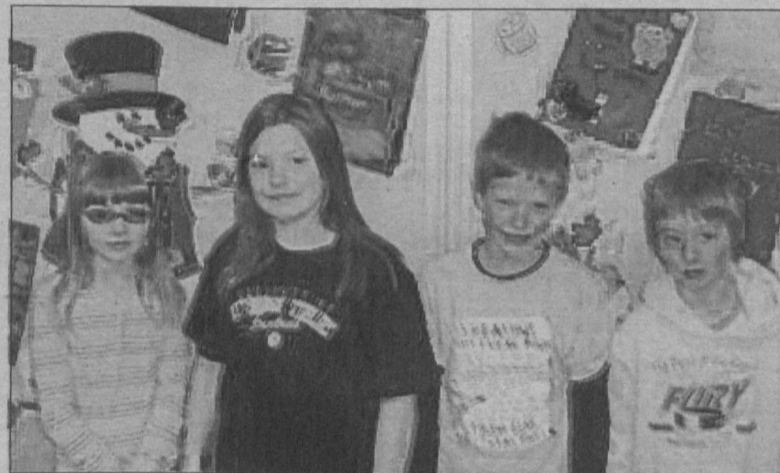
A cinquain by Josh Thom

Flowers

Flowers like the sun
Flowers come from tiny seeds
Flowers need water

Haiku by Tonya Wetzel

At the completion of their studies, the students held a morning poetry café in the art room for their parents, grandparents and friends. Each student selected three favorite poems to share out loud. Approximately twenty-five guests attended the event and enjoyed the readings, as well as coffee and breakfast snacks donated by Jubilee Foods and its manager, Rich Boyd.



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Tonya Wetzel, Bryanna Grimes, Devin Cash and Josh Thom were among the Emmitsburg Elementary students who learned poetry by composing it.

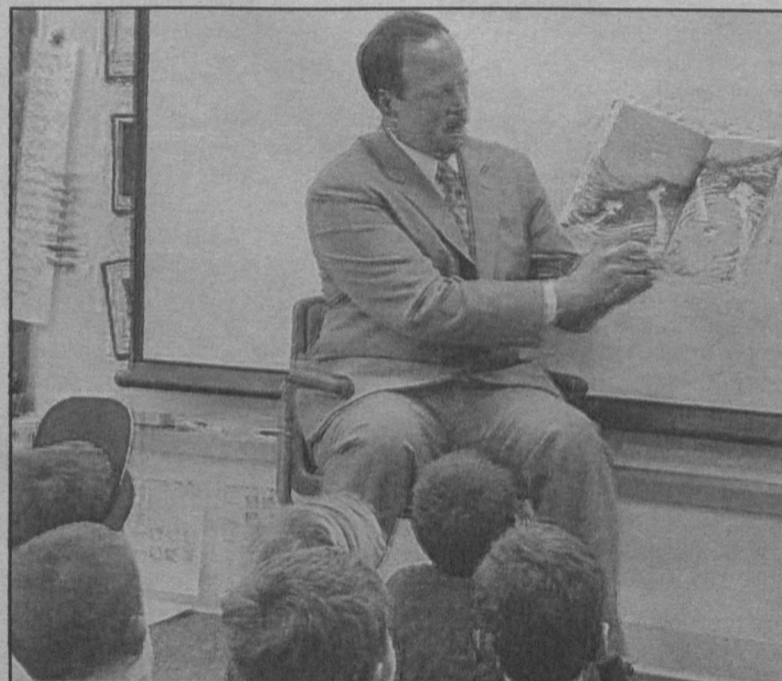
Teacher wins award of excellence



-PHOTO COURTESY OF MOTHER SETON SCHOOL

Jayne Breighner, a third grade teacher at Mother Seton School, received the Award of Excellence from the Friends of Catholic Education Inc. Breighner, who won the award for her outstanding dedication and leadership in the classroom has taught at Mother Seton School for the past eight years. Her enthusiasm and creativity support her belief that learning can be fun for students. She is the coordinator of the Mother Seton School Care of the Earth Committee, who is currently working with school staff, parents and the general community to create a "Green School Plan" for Mother Seton School. Breighner has been an educator for the past twenty years, working in special education, early childhood education and elementary education.

Mayor Burns hears a Who



-PHOTO COURTESY OF THURMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

On March 2, millions of teachers, librarians, celebrity readers and students across the county participated in the 10th annual Read Across America celebration. The event, sponsored by the National Education Association, commemorates Dr. Seuss' birthday. Thurmont Mayor Martin Burns visited Thurmont Primary School to read Dr. Seuss books to six classes of students.

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EDUCATION

Students extend learning with Trinity Methodist Church's after school program

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

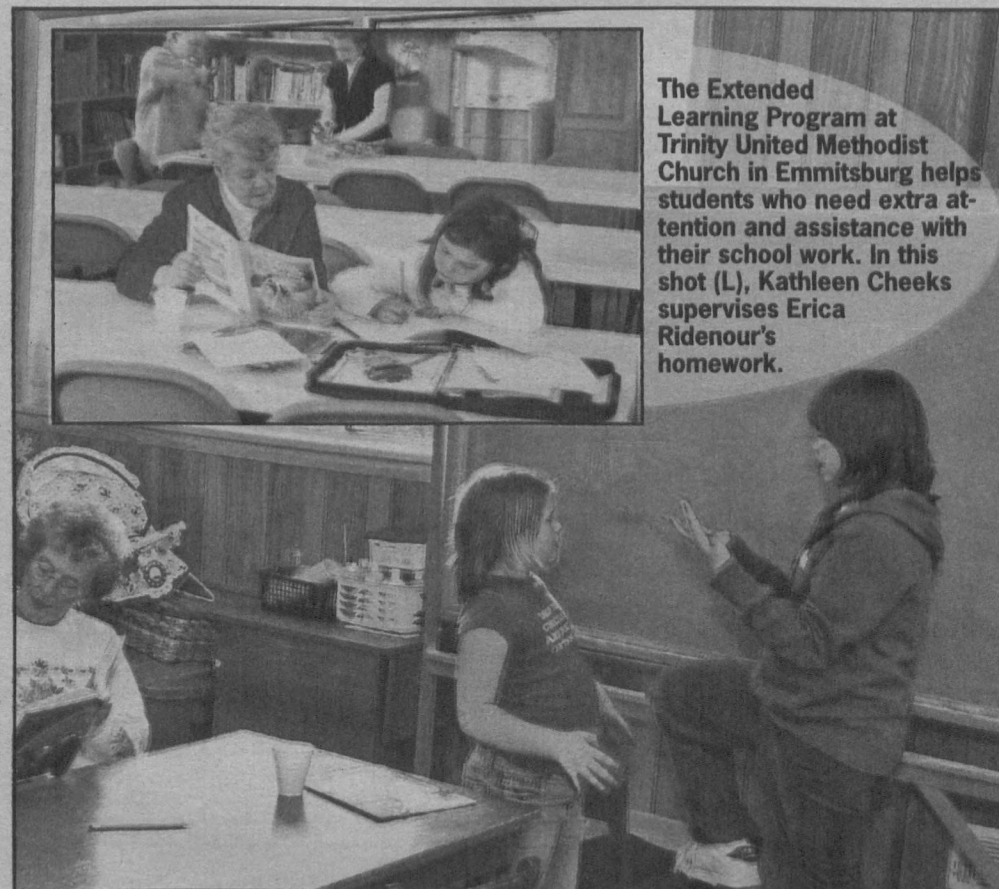
EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Extended Learning Program at Trinity United Methodist Church began with parishioner Judy Smith, a retired teacher with 21 years' experience in Montgomery County elementary schools. She approached Rev. Wade Martin, the church's pastor, with her proposal to organize an after school mentoring program at the church. The congregation "prayed about it," says Pastor Wade, discussed the details of getting it started, and then he met with principal Wanda Severance.

That was three years ago, and the program is flourishing. On Tuesday and Thursday, eight Emmitsburg Elementary School students walk to the church with Smith and Jean Stambaugh, another adult volunteer. A third adult, Kathleen Cheeks, meets them there. "We are so excited," Smith adds, "that this year we have three Thurmont Middle School students, and a student from Fairfield High School, who are volunteering to work with the students." Stephanie Andrew, Nicole Flohr, and Julia Youngblood all attended Emmitsburg Elementary before moving on to Thurmont Middle. They

volunteer twice a week. Carolyn Smith, a sophomore at Fairfield High, comes on Tuesdays.

Teachers at Emmitsburg Elementary recommend students for the program to staff member Jennifer Harbaugh. She contacts parents to get their permission for a child to participate. Both Harbaugh and Emmitsburg Elementary Principal Wanda Severance agree that the teachers are very supportive and appreciative of the extra assistance and attention the children receive through the program. The students spend their first hour on homework, reading together with a volunteer, practicing math facts and spelling. The second hour is "fun time: we have a snack, do crafts or some kind of indoor physical activity, play board games...we try to have a balance of activities," says Smith. They have even taken a few walking "field trips" in town. Parents pick up their children at the church at the end of the day.

The Trinity congregation, states Martin, "sees the program as a ministry. They support it with the classroom space, with money, and with prayer, especially with prayer." He and Smith believe they have the volunteer support to increase the program to ten students soon.



The Extended Learning Program at Trinity United Methodist Church in Emmitsburg helps students who need extra attention and assistance with their school work. In this shot (L), Kathleen Cheeks supervises Erica Ridenour's homework.

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In the above shot, Jessica Flohr practices her math facts on the chalkboard with TMS student volunteer Stephanie Andrew.

Report cards coming home April 12

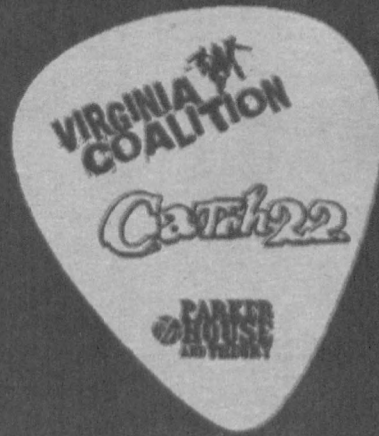
FREDERICK, Md. — Students in Frederick County Public Schools will be bringing home their report cards on April 12.

Besides class grades, the report cards will show how a student's

school did on state tests and the school's adequate yearly progress required law. In addition to the paper copy, FCPS is linking the results online from each school's web profile at www.fcps.org.

— J. Rada

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ROCK THE MOUNT

Virginia Coalition, Catch 22 and Parker House and Theory will "Rock the Mount" at Mount St. Mary's University's Spring Concert on April 21

Virginia Coalition and Catch 22, will share the stage at Rock the Mount at Mount St. Mary's University on Saturday, April 21. Opening for them at 6:30 p.m. is Parker House and Theory. The event is open to the public, and will be held in the Knott Arena. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$16 in advance and \$20 at the door.

Virginia Coalition—or VACO, as loyal fans affectionately refer to them—released their newest album, "Live at the 9:30 Club," in 2006. The band, formed 10 years ago by four friends who met in high school, writes their own music and each member can play almost every instrument. VACO has appeared with bands such as Dave Matthews Band, Blues Traveler, Maroon 5, O.A.R., Ben Folds Five and Counting Crows. They are set to go on stage at 7:15 p.m.

Catch 22, also formed in 1996, released their sixth and latest album, "Permanent Revolution," in 2006. Their unique sound is a product of their funky, instrumental collaboration, as the band includes a guitarist, bassist, drummer, trumpeter, saxophonist and trombonist. They will perform at 8:30 p.m.

Parker House and Theory performed at the Mount in the fall of 2006 and created such a buzz that they were asked to come back for an encore. The band will release a live album, "The Great Lavanchy," this spring. Their style, which blends the bluesy sound of a lead harmonica with gripping lyrics, won them a Boston Music Award in 2006 for best live band.

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WOMEN'S SOFTBALL HOME GAMES

Sat. Apr 7, St. Francis, 12 and 2 p.m.
Tues. Apr 10, Towson, 3 and 5 p.m.

MEN'S LAX HOME GAMES

Tues. Apr 10, Georgetown, 4 p.m.
Wed. Apr 18, St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.

WOMEN'S LAX HOME GAMES

Fri. Apr 13, Mountaintop, 3:30 p.m.

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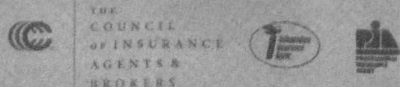
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RELIGION

Tyler ordained a Presbyterian elder

BY BILL MEREDITH
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. - In a ceremony connecting the modern Presbyterian Church to its oldest traditions, Frank Tyler was ordained as an elder in the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 11.

Rev. Walt Peters, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, conducted the ordination. He also acted as moderator of the Emmitsburg Session. The ceremony included a profession of faith and "laying on of hands" by members of the Session. Elders participating were Patricia Howes Bell, Lyla Franklin, Margaret Franklin, R. Benjamin Jones, Rebecca Jones, William Meredith and Susan Noffsinger.

In addition to the regular congregation of the church, the service was attended by several members of the Tyler family, including Frank's wife, Nancy, three sisters, four children and five grandchildren. A reception was held in the church after the service.

Frank Tyler was born on a farm in Montgomery County, and his family moved to Emmitsburg when he was two years old. He attended elementary and high school here in the old school building, now the Emmitsburg Community Center. After graduating, he worked at the masonry trade for a time before entering the trucking business in the early 1960s. He drove gasoline tank trucks for the Phoenix and Ewing oil companies until 1995, when he bought his own



- ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL SR. / THE DISPATCH

Frank Tyler (kneeling, center and inset) was ordained as an Elder in the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 11, 2007. Rev. Walt Peters (left, in pastoral robe and stole) performed the ordination. Clockwise from Peters are Nancy Tyler, William Meredith, Susan Noffsinger, Lyla Franklin, R. Benjamin Jones, Rebecca Jones, Margaret Franklin, Patricia Howes Bell.

truck and became an independent hauler. He and his wife, Nancy, were married in 1970; they reside on West Main Street in Emmitsburg.

Frank has been a member of the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church since 1952. He recalls the late Sam Hays and Wilson Franklin, both former Elders, as influential in stimulating his life of service to the church. As a young man he helped them install a coal-fired furnace and boiler in the church in the early 1950s; later they converted it to oil and finally to natural gas. This experience was vital when

Frank became custodian of the church in 1982. He also has served several terms as trustee.

Elders of the Presbyterian Church are elected by the congregation, and ordained for life. They serve as active members of the Session, or governing body of the local congregation, for three-year terms. The Emmitsburg Session is now actively engaged in searching for a new pastor, after the retirement of Rev. Ben Jones last June; in the interim, the regular Sunday worship services are being served by the Rev. Dr. Peter Keith.

As the newest member of the Session, Frank Tyler recognizes that the local church has a major task of renewal before it; in addition to a new pastor, new members must be found and made welcome. Frank regards his life in the church as 60 years of preparation for his new responsibilities, and has said that although it will be a lot of work, it can only make him a better man as a result. The congregation welcomes him with appreciation and promises of support.

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Friday, April 6 - Good Friday
 3 p.m. Service, Noon Stations of the Cross in the Old Cemetery (Rain: Basilica)
Saturday, April 6 - Holy Saturday
 7 p.m. Mass
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 9 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Mass
Please Note: All shrine sites will be closed Easter Sunday except for Mass times.

Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church
Thursday, April 5 - Maundy Thursday
 7:30 p.m. Service with Holy Communion
Friday, April 6 - Good Friday
 7:30 p.m. Penebrea
Saturday, April 7 - Holy Saturday
 7:30 a.m. Vigil
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 6 a.m. Sunrise service at Elias Sanctuary
 7:45 a.m. Sunday breakfast
 9 a.m. Easter egg hunt
 10:30 a.m. Service with Holy Communion

Emmitsburg Presbyterian
Thursday, April 5 - Maundy Thursday
 7 p.m. Service
Friday, April 6 - Good Friday
 7 p.m. Service
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service, held across from church
 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Service

Eyler Valley Chapel
Friday, April 6 - Good Friday
 7 p.m. Service, chapel open all day.
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 7:30 p.m. Service

Grotto of Lourdes - Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service.
Emmitsburg Council of Churches
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 6:30 a.m. The Resurrection of the Lord

Grotto of Lourdes - Catholic
Friday, April 6 - Good Friday
 Noon Stations of the Cross, 1:30 p.m. Sermon "The Seven Last Words",
 3 pm Liturgy of Good Friday, Music by Mark Forrest.
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. & noon Easter Sunday Mass, Music by Mark Forest.

Incarnation United Church of Christ
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 9:30 a.m. Service with Holy Communion
 Sunday school for all ages held during service.

St. Anthony Shrine - Catholic
Thursday, April 5 - Holy Thursday
 7:30 p.m. Liturgy
Saturday, April 7 - Holy Saturday

8 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 7 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. Service

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church
Thursday, April 5 - Holy Thursday
 7 p.m. Mass of the Lords Last Supper
Friday, April 6 - Good Friday
 3 p.m. Celebration of The Lord's Passion
 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 7 - Holy Saturday
 7:30 p.m. Vigil
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 8 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and noon Mass

Toms Creek United Methodist Church
Thursday, April 5 - Maundy Thursday
 7 p.m. Service
Friday, April 6 - Good Friday
 7 p.m. Service
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 6:30 a.m. Sunrise service held at church
 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. service

Trinity United Methodist Church
Thursday, April 5 - Holy Thursday
 7 p.m. Service
Friday, April 6 - Good Friday
 7 p.m. Service
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 9 a.m. Service

Thurmont Area

The Church at Owens Creek
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. Services

Germantown Church of God
Thursday, April 5 - Maundy Thursday
 7 p.m. - Communion service
Friday, April 6 - Good Friday
 6 - 8 p.m. - Reflection and prayer
 The Sanctuary will be open for your personal reflection and prayer. The ministry of prayer and anointing will be offered to those who desire
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 6:30 a.m. - Sunrise service
 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Easter worship
 9:30 a.m. - Church family breakfast

Graceham Moravain Church
Thursday, April 5 - Maundy Thursday
 7:30 p.m. service w/ Holy Communion
Friday, April 6 - Good Friday
 7:30 p.m. Penebrea
Saturday, April 7
 9:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 6 a.m. & 7 a.m. sunrise service, 10:30 a.m. morning service

Harriet Chapel Catoctin Episcopal Parish
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. services

Mountain View Ministries Church of God
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 10:30 a.m. Mass

Pioneer Baptist Church
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 10 a.m. Sunday school
 11 a.m. Morning service
 6:45 p.m. Family Training Hour
 7:30 p.m. Sunday evening service

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - Catholic
Friday, April 6 - Good Friday
 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross
 7:30 p.m. Liturgy
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. Service

St. John's Lutheran Church
Thursday, April 5 - Maundy Thursday
 7 p.m. Service
Friday, April 6 - Good Friday
 7 p.m. Service
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 10 a.m. Service

Thurmont Church of the Brethern
Thursday, April 5 - Maundy Thursday
 7 p.m. Service
Friday, April 6 - Good Friday
 7 p.m. Service
Saturday, April 7
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 7 a.m. Sunrise Service
 8 a.m. breakfast

9 a.m. Sunday school
 10 a.m. Worship

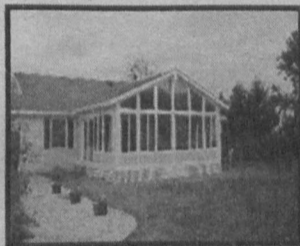
Trinity United Church
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 10:30 a.m. Worship

Thurmont United Methodist Church
Thursday, April 5 - Maundy Thursday
 7 p.m. Service
Friday, April 6 - Good Friday
 7 p.m. service
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service, pot luck breakfast
 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Services

Walkersville Christian Fellowship
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 8:30 a.m. Service held at Thurmont Primary School

Wellers United Methodist Church
Thursday, April 5 - Maundy Thursday
 7 p.m. Service
Friday, April 6 - Good Friday
 7 p.m. Service
Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday
 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service,
 8:30 & 11 a.m. services

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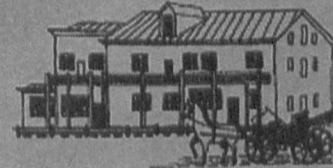
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BUSINESS

Goodbye Thurmont Co-op, welcome Thurmont Feed Store

BY BRENDAN WEEKS
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. - After shutting its doors for good as the Thurmont Cooperative in March, the Thurmont Feed Store was instantly born.

According to store manager Jerry Lillich, the change, which does not affect the product, probably has some advantages. As a co-operative, ownership was shared by the customers who would supply a board of directors to head things up. The difficulty with this, Lillich explains, is the same difficulty that comes whenever more than two people are trying to come to a decision about something. "It's never unanimous," said Lillich, "there are always people that

are never happy."

Another catalyst in the shift spawns from the rapid decline of serious farm businesses around the area. "The theory on the co-op was that they were able to aid agricultural producers by allowing them to band together to get the economy of size," Lillich said. "That's a good theory, the problem in the area here is that the major contributors are going out of business."

With too few large farms in the area, there couldn't be enough major financial contributions to keep the co-op afloat. Lillich, as well as many other farmers see the rise of what they like to call the "weekend farmer".

"With the loss of the core constituency of the co-op, it was hard to continue to do business,"

he said. "It needed to change its direction to take into account the hobby farmers, the weekend farmers, the suburbanites."

The Thurmont Feed Store is now owned by Ronnie Hoke, who owns two other similar stores in Pennsylvania. After the last of three fires the co-op had to endure, which occurred on New Year's Eve in 2006, the grain mill was damaged. Because of this, the store will no longer be doing its own milling for custom feeds. However, Hoke owns a mill at another location and will still be able to make the feeds.

Lillich asks a question that I'm sure a lot of people have themselves. "If the co-op couldn't make it, can the LLC?" he wonders. "But (Hoke) has given it a good try and that's the story really."

New Windsor State Bank donates retail space to charity

TANEYTOWN, Md. - When an employee of the New Windsor State Bank heard of the Shepherd's Staff desire to open a retail store to help support the non-profit organization's mission, the employee approached Tom Rasmussen, the New Windsor State Bank's President/CEO and pitched the idea of donating space in their Taneytown Professional Center. Mr. Rasmussen agreed to the partnership and "The Shepherd's Shoppe" became a reality.

"I've been waiting 10 years for this," said Kathy Brown, executive director for The Shepherd's Staff.

The Shepherd's Shoppe is filled with one-of-a-kind items, gifts and recycled treasures. The store is located in the New Windsor State Bank, Taneytown Branch, 222 East Baltimore Street and will be open every Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and every Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Proceeds from each purchase

will benefit disadvantaged families and individuals who come to The Shepherd's Staff each day. This additional funding will allow the organization to expand its programs and services to help more people throughout the year.

The Shepherd's Staff is a grassroots non-profit organization located at 30 Carroll Street, Westminster and has been helping people in the Carroll community for over 15 years.

- J. Rada

Carriage House and Classic Affairs merge



- PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CARRIAGE HOUSE

Classic Affairs Catering with Carriage House Catering have merged. The two companies offer catering services from picnic to formal events. The Hance family from Carriage House Catering and Ebaugh family from Classic Affairs Catering have been close friends for more than 20 years. Elaine Ebaugh plans to stay on staff as an event coordinator. We are very excited about working together to put forth the best quality food and service to our clients. The Ebaughs will continue their professional DJ and Karaoke service for our community.

Police station construction contracts awarded

THURMONT, Md. - The Thurmont Commissioners approved \$1,526,000 in bids to 15 different contractors for various aspects of the construction on the new police station on East Main Street. The winning contractors were all the low bidders. They are: Wastler Construction, American Concrete, Robert W. Sheckles, Miscellaneous Metals, Troutville Inc., Mick's Plumbing and Heating, Kennedy Fire Protection, G&S Electric, Frederick Ceilings, Jakabs Contracting, C. B. Flooring, J & D Kitchens, Emmitsburg Glass, Western Carey and Home Depot. According to Commissioner Bill Blakeslee, some additional items have yet to be awarded, which should bring the total construction budget up to \$1.8 million.

- J. Rada



Hagemann gets additional certification

Marcia Hagemann owner of Center of Life Pilates Studio in Thurmont recently returned from Dallas, Texas where she participated in a week long "enhancement" training with Power Pilates of New York. She was been chosen as an International Teacher Trainer for Power Pilates, a certification she shares with only a few of teacher-trainers worldwide. Her extensive education in Pilates allows her to train clients with various fitness levels, as well as teach future Pilates instructors.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Scholarships available to county students

Thurmont Lions Club Scholarships

The Thurmont Lions Club is offering three \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors of Catoctin High School who wish to pursue a higher education. While two of the scholarships are one-time awards, the third is the "Lion Vic" scholarship which is renewable for up to four years. The award is based on career objectives, academic record, leadership roles, extra-curricular activities, recommendations, and work experience. Applications may be picked up in the guidance office of Catoctin High School. Deadline is April 30. For additional information, please contact Susan Favorite at (240) 409-1747.

Acacia Lodge Scholarship

The Thurmont Acacia Lodge #155 is offering a \$4,000 scholarship to be used over four years with passing grades from an accredited college or university. To be eligible, you must be a graduating high school senior who resides within the Catoctin High School district boundaries. Award is based on academic record, recommendations, financial need, personal resume, leadership roles and the organization of the overall application. Applications are available in the Catoctin High School guidance office and the Thurmont public library, and must be submitted to the location from where they were picked up. To receive consideration for this award, applications must be received on or before April 30. The winner and their family will be invited to the Lodge's annual Strawberry Festival in June. Any questions regarding the application should be sent to ACACIA155Lodge@verizon.net.

Eleanor Harper Music Scholarship

The Community Foundation of Frederick County is now accepting applications for the Eleanor Harper Music Scholarship. Available to students, grades K-12, and awarded to those who exhibit talent and desire to pursue vocal or instrumental music. Also eligible are adults, ages 18-22, who take private lessons in order to further their career in the field.

This scholarship is in remembrance of Eleanor Harper, who dedicated her life to the art of performing and teaching music.

Scholarship guidelines and applications may be downloaded from www.cffredco.org, or picked up from the office of the Community Foundation. Applications must be hand delivered, no later than 5 p.m. on May 1, to the Community Foundations office, located at 312 East Church Street, Frederick.

Sperry L. Storm Memorial Scholarship

Applications for the Sperry L. Storm Memorial Scholarship Fund are now being accepted. Offered to Frederick county residents in grades K-11, scholarships are for private instruction in either vocal or instrumental music.

This fund is in honor of well-known Frederick county musician and educator, Sperry L. Storm.

Scholarship guidelines and applications may be downloaded from www.cffredco.org, or picked up from the office of the Community Foundation. Applications must be hand delivered, no later than 5 p.m. on May 1, to the Community Foundations office, located at 312 East Church Street, Frederick.



-RAYMOND BUCHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

EBPA awards scholarships

(From left to right) Bob and Jean Rosensteel of The Rosensteel Studio, Community Foundation President Betsy Day and Trustee Andy Carpel, Pat Larson of Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association, and Alan Knott and Dan and Greg Reaver of Emmitsburg Glass.

EMMITSBURG, Md. - At a recent meeting of the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA) nearly \$12,000 in donations were made to the Frederick County Community Foundation's "Tribute to a Friend" Scholarship Fund and Emmitsburg Area Fund. Both Funds benefit Emmitsburg through social and educational enrichment.

Rosensteel Studios donated \$6,000 to the "Tribute to a Friend" Scholarship. The Fund honors the memory of Vigilant Hose Fire Company members David Copenhaver, Greg Hollinger, Tom and Sharon Topper, and Terry Myers. Scholarships from the Fund are awarded

to Emmitsburg and Frederick County graduating seniors who plan to attend an accredited college or university in Maryland.

The Community Foundation's Emmitsburg Area Fund also received support at the Association's meeting with a \$5,000

contribution given by Emmitsburg Glass Company and \$600 from EBPA. Providing financial support to charitable organizations, the Emmitsburg Area Fund also awards scholarships to local students.

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OBITUARIES

Mr. Dale Gladhill

Mr. Dale Gladhill, 54, of Keymar, died Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

He was born January 11, 1953, at the Bethesda Naval Hospital, the son of Ray M. Gladhill and Dorothy R. Gladhill of Thurmont.

Mr. Gladhill had several jobs during his lifetime. He was employed by Eastalco, High's Ice Cream, and Weis Markets, and worked on many construction projects. He enjoyed playing cards with his friends.

Surviving, besides his parents, is one son, Dale A. Gladhill of Waynesboro. He was the brother of Gary W. Gladhill of Walkersville. He is also survived by a niece, nephew and great-niece.

Funeral services were held at the Stauffer Funeral Home in Frederick on March 9, with the Rev. Richard P. Rutkauskas officiating. Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Garden.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace Rocky Hill Lutheran Church, c/o Mary Ritchie, 11122 Renner Road, Woodsboro, MD 21798.

Mr. Gerardo Gonzalez

Mr. Gerardo "Jerry" Gonzalez, 47, of 12017 Legore Bridge Road, Keymar, died suddenly Friday, March 2, 2007, at his

residence.

Born April 24, 1959, in Costa Rica, he was the son of Israel and Amanda Castillo of Guatemala. He was the husband of Ines Vargas, his wife of 21 years.

Mr. Gonzalez and his family have resided in Woodsboro for many years and he was currently employed by Oak Bluff Farms as a mechanic and a machine operator. He attended St. Timothy Roman Catholic Church, Walkersville. Jerry loved spending time with his wife and daughters, whom he taught many things, including how to be strong. He enjoyed making people laugh and sharing love to everyone around him, working on and restoring vehicles and fixing many things. He will be missed by many family and friends.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and parents, are daughters, Amanda, Jessica and Alexa Gonzalez, all at home; brother, Pablo and wife Paula; sisters, Marielos and husband Oscar and children, Chepita and husband Levis, all of Guatemala; brothers-and sisters-in-law, Rafa and Maria Vargas and sons, Jose and Marlen Vargas and children, Fran and Majorie Vargas and children, Alonso and Ada Vargas and sons and many family and friends in Costa Rica.

He will be remembered by Dorothy and Dominic Lay, who were like parents to him, and

their family; his employer and friends, the Glenn Eaves family; Ric Eaves, whom he worked with every day and was like a brother, and wife Tammy; and his friends at Oak Bluff Farms and Walkersville schools.

He was predeceased by grandparents, Gonzalo and Virginia Gonzalez.

The family will receive friends at St. Timothy Catholic Church from 3 - 7 p.m. Monday, March 5, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 7 p.m. with Rev. Fr. Andy Aarons as celebrant. A reception will be held following the service.

Contributions, to assist the family, may be made to Ines Vargas, 12017 Legore Bridge Road, Keymar, MD 21757.

Mrs. C. Elizabeth Nester

C. Elizabeth Morrison Nester, 103, died Friday March 2 at St. Catherine's Nursing Center in Emmitsburg. She was wife of the late James L. Nester and the daughter of George M. Morrison and Susan C. Waesche Morrison. She is survived by nephews W. Robert Morrison of Canton, Ohio and Richard D. Morrison of Venice, Fla. She was predeceased by brothers, William E. Morrison, Charles A. Morrison and George W. Morrison.

She was born on a farm near Emmitsburg and, as a young girl, moved with her family to Baltimore, where she graduated from

Towson State Teachers College and Johns Hopkins University. She earned a masters degree from Columbia University New York City, while teaching history in the Baltimore City school system. She returned to live in Emmitsburg when she married James L. Nester and continued to teach in the Baltimore school system for a total of 41 years.

She was an avid reader and enjoyed studying the Spanish language. She was a world traveler who enjoyed multiple trips to Europe, and Cuba and other trips to Canada, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, China and Singapore. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Emmitsburg.

Mr. John Ohler

Mr. John David Ohler, 82, of Emmitsburg, died Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg.

Born September 13, 1924, near Taneytown, he was a son of the late Russell B. and Edith Baumgardner Ohler.

He was the husband of Ann Marie Topper Ohler, his wife of 21 years.

Mr. Ohler was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Iowa and the USS Columbus.

He worked with his father as an electrician until his father's death, then worked as the

head of electrical and refrigeration maintenance at St. Joseph's Provincial.

He was a member of Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, Emmitsburg. He enjoyed working in his yard and cultivating roses.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, is a nephew, Paul Ohler Jr. of California; special sister-in-law, Jean Topper Walter; and several cousins, including a special cousin, Denny Baumgardner and wife Linda of Taneytown. He will also be remembered by a special friend, Nena Eyer of Thurmont.

He was predeceased by brothers, Russell Jr., Joseph and Paul Ohler.

A memorial service was held March 13 at Skiles Funeral Home with his pastor, the Rev. Judy Kelly, officiating. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Benevolent Fund of St. Catherine's Nursing Center, 331 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727, in recognition of the excellent and loving care Mr. Ohler received there.

Births

Stephanie & Jason Benfield, Emmitsburg, MD, a son, Feb. 14

Tara & Tyrone Jenkins, Fairfield, PA, a daughter, Feb. 13

Melissa & Gary Bassler, Taneytown, a daughter, Feb. 16

Yeimi & Sergio Gagliardi, Emmitsburg, a son, Mar. 3

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ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

Library Events

April at the Emmitsburg Library

Storytimes

Babies with Books
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April 11, 18, 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Two-Terrific Storytime
(age 2 with an adult)
April 10, 17, 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime
(all ages)
April 11, 18, 25 at 7 p.m.

Preschool Storytime
(ages 3-5 with an adult)
April 12, 19, 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Children's Programs

Head Start Storytime
For children attending Emmitsburg Head Start and their caregivers
April 10, 17, 24 at 9:45 a.m.

Bookmark Art Contest
(all ages)
Design a bookmark for the summer reading club. Enter between March 7 and April 7.

Reading Rocks!
(ages 10-12)
Choose either "Once upon a poem: favorite poems that tell stories" or "Love that dog" by Sharon Creech. April 9 at 4 p.m. Registration required.

Global Groove Storytime
(ages 6-12)
Learn about Ireland through facts, folktales and crafts. April 13 at 4 p.m. Registration required.

"Did You Know?" Series (ages 6-12)
Celebrate Youth Art Month with local potter Daniel Blackmore. April 21 at 11 a.m. Registration required.

Teen Programs

Animé Club
(grades 6-12)
April 14 at 6 p.m.

Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club
(teens and adults)
April 17 at 7 p.m. "Crown Duel" by Sherwood Smith

Adult Programs

Just Mousin' Around
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Non-Fiction Book Club
April 12 at 1 p.m.

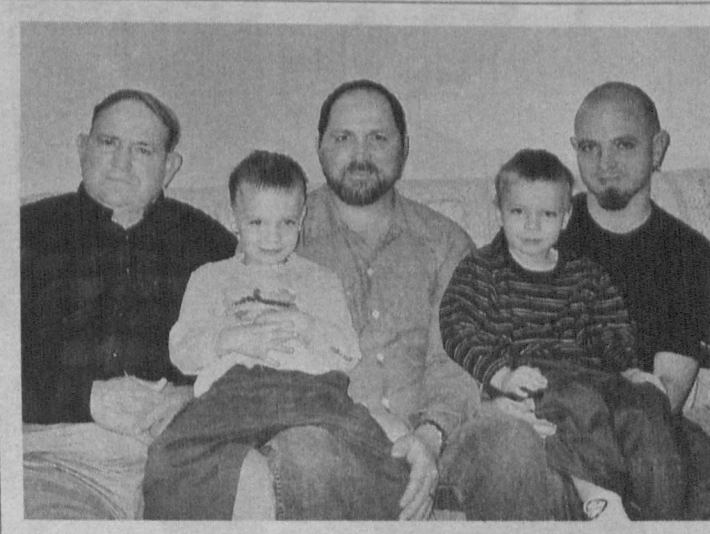
Tuesday Evening Book Club
April 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Knitting Nook
(teens and adults)
April 19 at 4 p.m.

Genealogy Focus Group
(teens and adults)
April 26 at 7 p.m.

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

Four generations of Liller men



Pictured above are four generations of the Liller family of Thurmont. From l to r are: Clifton (71), his son Jeffrey (48), Jeffrey's son Michael (28) and Michael's twin sons Davin and Ryn (5).

Senior Events

Senior Events in April

April showers and Easter flowers show us that spring is finally here! Spring has also brought us a new telephone number: (301) 600-6350. We are planning to bring AARP's 55 Alive Driver Safety Program to the center in May. This two-day program runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. The course teaches defensive driving techniques and driving adjustments necessary due to age-related changes in vision and reaction time. Fee is \$10. Anyone interested in taking this course should call Linda, (301) 600-6350.

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

Special events

April 6 - Center will be closed
April 16 - Come to eat lunch and then take the van to WalMart. Transportation: \$3.00. This new activity will continue on the third Monday of each month.
April 17 - Meeting day.
April 27 - Volunteers' breakfast, 9 a.m. All are welcome; sign up by April 20.

Regular activities

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

Bingo: April 11 & 25

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Men's Pool: Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

Pinochle: Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

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

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

Programs are held in the Community Center on South Seton Avenue. Call for lunch reservations 24 hours in advance. The Senior Center will close whenever county offices are closed. To register for special events or for information, call program coordinator Linda Umbel, (301) 600-6350.

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Arts & Entertainment

Fun with the nuns



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Alyce Luck, Chris Smith, Kelli Donaghue, (front) Andrea LaBombard



Alyce Luck, Chris Smith, Kelli Donaghue, Becca Corbell

THURMONT, Md. — The Little Sisters of Hoboken are coming to Thurmont in the Thurmont Thespians' production of "Nunsense."

This spring's musical follows on the success of the other Thurmont Thespians production of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," another musical. Dan Goggin's "Nunsense" is a humorous show that has delighted audiences so much it has ended up with at least five follow-up

shows done in the same format with twists. This production is the original and promises to be a fun evening for both the cast and the audience.

The show starts by introducing The Little Sisters of Hoboken as they explain why they are putting on a fundraiser to raise money. The money will be used to bury the four nuns who are in the convent freezer after the culinary disaster accidentally poisoned 52 of their order. Reverend Mother

has auditioned the remaining nuns in the order and has hand picked a cast of nuns to provide an evening of entertainment. Each nun has been asked to display her talent and what you see will range from a ballet by Sister Leo to a Nashville parody by Sister Amnesia all accomplished in their nun habits — no small feat!

Chris Smith of Fairfield leads the cast as the feisty Reverend Mother and Alyce Luck of Frederick portrays Reverend Mother's right hand nun Sister Hubert. Sister Robert Anne, the trouble maker of the group, is played by Kelli Donaghue of Woodsboro. Becca Corbell of Fairfield will be taking on the role of Sister Amnesia with dreams of being a country music star. Rounding out the cast will be Andrea LaBombard of Thurmont who will be the innocent novice nun Sister Leo. Becca Richards of Thurmont will be the understudy for

the show and is ready to step in at a moment's notice.

Local audiences will remember performances by Becca Corbell in "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" and most recently "Teenages" by the Thurmont Thespians. Sister Amnesia is Becca's most-challenging role musically so it is well worth coming to see her shine on stage as the heartwarming innocent nun! Although Chris Smith has sung locally for years, this is her first appearance on stage in an acting role! Chris is taking on the role of Reverend Mother Regina and will have laughing with her energy and zest! The choreography in the show is the work of Jennifer Buchheister who is responsible for the dancing that has been seen in many shows for the Thurmont Thespians including last spring's "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown."

The show will be done in the ¾ round so that the audience will be seated on three sides of the stage. The format also allows the nuns the freedom to interact with the audience.

Steven Ross of Frederick directs "Nunsense" and Beth Watson of Sabillasville co-directs. Musical direction is in the hands of Anne Raugh of Frederick. Robbie Freed of Frederick will be the accompanist for the show — a first for Thurmont Thespians! Mary Lou Royer of Florida (soon to be Thurmont) has taken on the role of creating costumes for the show. Spence Watson of Sabillasville will be doing set construction and designing the lighting. Sean Collins is taking a turn back stage instead of on it to stage manage the production.

The show will open Friday April 20 at 8 p.m. with dessert or snack theatre on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday the first weekend. The second weekend (April 27th) will consist of dinner theatre on Saturday and dessert or snack theater Friday and Sunday. The ticket price for shows is \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. The dinner theatre price is \$25 for everyone and will consist of fried chicken and ham. The reservation number for all performances is (301) 271-7613. Reservations are encouraged.

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April 6-8, 12, 13, 15, 19-22, 26-28 - The Three Penny Opera. The boss of London's beggars is determined to have Macheath, the city's most notorious bandit, arrested after he marries his daughter. Set in a time when Germany was struggling to uphold economic order, is a story full of beggars, prostitutes, thievery, and where any character willingly sells out another for their own gain. Maryland Ensemble, 31 W. Patrick Street, Frederick. 301-964-4744 or marylandensemble.org.

April 6 to June 2 - Matices de la Vida: Works by Latino Artists. Influenced by a Latino heritage, artists create work in the themes of nature, birth, growth and death. Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, Westminster. 410-857-2771.

April 7 to May 3 - Maggie McCarthy Art Show. The work of Margaret Mary "Maggie" McCarthy will be the highlighted art exhibition at the Cultural Arts Center of Frederick County, located in downtown Frederick. An opening reception will be held as part of Gallery Walk from 4-6 p.m. on opening day. For further information, call 301-662-4190 or visit www.frederickartscouncil.org.

April 7 - First Saturday Gallery Walk. An evening of shopping, eating, books, art and special events. Featuring *Much Ado About Books*. View literary inspired window display and guest authors. More than 80 shops, galleries and restaurants are open until 9 p.m. or later. www.downtownfrederick.org.

April 7 - Critiques Over Coffee. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$10 per portfolio. Have your photography portfolios review and critiqued by Dan Scenna in a relaxing atmosphere. Open to photographers on all levels as well as models, and other performers. Reservations recommended, walk-ins will be taken if time permits. Westside Creative Arts conference room. 1 West 2nd Street, Frederick. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Sheri at 301-620-1007 or email eri@westsideartsfoundation.org.

April 8 - Special Easter Service at The Full Gospel Pentecostal Church in Sabillasville, Md. Featuring "One-Arm Guitarist" Kenny Johnson and son Ken, Jr. from Bunker Hill, WV. Kenny was a polio victim at age six, who now plays the guitar with only the use of one arm. Witness a living miracle. Kenny will be speaking. For directions to the Church call 310-293-0172. Free admission.

April 10 - Screening of Travellers and Magicians. 7:30 p.m. Admission, \$6. CinemArts presents *Travellers and Magicians*, the story of two men who embark on separate journeys with one common goal - to lead better and different lives. Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center. 40 South Carroll Street, Frederick. For more information, e-mail info@CinemArts.org, or visit www.cinemarts.org.

April 11 - Proteus Ensemble. 7:30 p.m. \$15 per person. A combination of instruments, including the piano, violin, cello, flute and clarinet produce a variety of musical sounds. Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg. For more information call 717-337-8200 or visit majestic-theater.org.

April 11, 12 - Frederick Reads. Join Frederick County public libraries and other local organizations to expand interest in reading throughout the community. This years features, "Manhunt: The 12-day chase for Lincoln's Killer", the story of the hunt for John Wilkes Booth. For more information, visit www.fcpl.org.

April 12-26 - Youth Pottery Class. Accomplished Adams County potter, Jack Handshaw will teach a basic pottery class for children, emphasizing instruction on hand building techniques. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The class will be held at Handshaw's Hobbitt House Party studio, located at 1575 Mount Hope Rd. in Fairfield.

April 13-15 - History Meets the Arts Festival. 10th annual festival in Gettysburg, hosts more than 50 events through out historic downtown including artistic receptions, exhibits, book signings, music, tours and more. Festival headquarters is located at the Historic Gettysburg Hotel, One Lincoln Square. 717-337-3491 or www.hm-tarts.com.

April 13-15 - Murals of Historic Adams County Structures. View a series of murals, which depict over 80 historical structures located throughout Adam's County. Also visit, the first ever Barn Art show featuring various barns of Adam's County. Exhibit will be open Friday, April 13, 6 - 9 p.m.; Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday, April 15, 12 - 4 p.m. The GAR Hall is located at 53 E. Middle Street in Gettysburg.

April 14 - Symphony Band and Wind Ensemble. 8 p.m. Free event, but tickets are required for entry. Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg. 717-337-8200 or gettysburgmajestic.org.

April 14 - Retro Prom. 7 - 11 p.m. Tickets: non-club MET members: \$35 per person, or \$60 per couple. Club MET member \$25 per person. Dance the night away in prom attire from any decade. For more information, call 301-694-4744 or visit www.marylandensemble.org.

April 14 - 1964: The Tribute. 8 p.m. Tickets, \$20-30. A recreation of an early 1960's Beatles concert, complete with instruments, apparel and banter of the period. Weinberg Center, 20 W. Patrick Street. Frederick. To purchase tickets call the Weinberg Center 301-600-2828, stop by the box office, or visit www.weinbergcenter.org.

April 15 - Inaugural Frederick Artist Market to Debut. 1 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free event, open to the public. An indoor art and craft market featuring local and regional artists. Artists displays include work of photography, painting, pottery, jewelry, wood, glass, etc. Cultural Arts Center of Frederick County. 15 W. Patrick Street, Frederick. For more information, call 301-662-4190.

May 12 - Frederick Chorale Concert. 8 p.m. Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors. The Frederick Chorale joins with a professional jazz band to present their spring concert, entitled "Let the Good Times Roll".

Held at Kussmaul Theater, Frederick Community College. Tickets will be available at the door, or you may purchase them, by calling 301-662-8506. For more information on the Frederick Chorale, visit www.frederickchorale.org.

June 1 - Deadline for the 2007 Photography Contest. Embarq and the Adams County Arts Council are seeking entries for their annual photo contest. Photos must be of scenes in Adams County. No entry fee, and may submit up to five photos. The winning entry will be featured on the cover of the Gettysburg Phone Directory. Cash Prizes will be awarded for the top three entries. Guidelines and entry forms are available through the Adams County Arts Council office in Gettysburg, 18 Carlisle St. Suite 201, Gettysburg Photo, 168 Carlisle St. or on their website, www.adamscountyartscouncil.org. For more information, contact Suzannah Miles at ACAC, at 717-334-5006 or email aa@adamsarts.org.

June 23, 24 - The Fabulous Hubcaps Benefit Concert. In conjunction with the annual Catoctin Challenge cycling event, The Fabulous Hubcaps will provide entertainment following the conclusion of each days' cycling events. For additional information, e-mail Phil Heffler at pheffler@aol.com or call him at 301-662-5518.



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April 6, 7- Fairfield Lions Easter Flower Sale. Old Bank Parking Lot, Main St. Fairfield, across from Monahan's Funeral Home. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

April 6, 7 - Catoctin U.M. Sunday Schools Easter Bake and Gift sale. Rocky's Pizza in Thurmont, Friday, April 6, 7. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. rain or shine. Easter baskets, cakes pies and candies. Call Mary 301-416-0501.

April 8 - Community Easter Egg Hunt. Emmitsburg Community Park ball field, Easter Sunday at 1 p.m. Children to age 12. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

April 9 - Depression or Bipolar Disorder Support Group. A mutual-help support group for persons with depression or bipolar disorder is meeting in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Sponsored by the DBSA (Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance), the group meets on the second Monday of each month from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. No charge. For more information and location, call: Paul at 301-447-2207.

April 11 - Safe & Sane Committee Meeting. 7 p.m. at Catoctin High School Media Center on 2nd floor. Volunteers are needed. Senior parents - remember this is to benefit your child. Junior parents - you'll want this

experience to make next year's event even better! As always, if you are unable to volunteer, monetary donations would be graciously accepted.

April 12 - Bicentennial Distinguished Lecture: Francisco J. Ayala, Ph.D. 7 p.m. Free event, open to the public. 2001 National Medal of Science recipient Francisco J. Ayala, Ph.D., will present "The Biological Foundations of Morality" and explore various aspects of morality. The first of four bicentennial academic seminars in the series *Notes to the Class of 2058: The Challenge of Faith and Culture*. Held in the Marion Burk Knott Auditorium, Mount St. Mary's University. For more information, visit www.msmary.edu/bicentennial or call 301-447-3416.

April 12 - April Lunch Exchange. 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$20 Chamber members, \$30 non-members. Registration and prepayment are required. Please register by April 9. Call 301-662-4164 or visit www.frederickchamber.org. Our monthly lunch exchange offers members (and non-members) a chance to gather for lunch in a relaxed atmosphere at a member location. The cost is affordable, and we'll have plenty of fun, door prizes, and of course, business connections! Please join us for at the Carriage House Inn for a fantastic lunch buffet and networking opportunities.

April 13 - Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital, Candlelight at Christ Church. 8 p.m. Free event. Live Civil War era music featuring Folk and Friends, poetry, and readings from hospital diaries. Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30 Chambersburg St, Gettysburg. For information, call 717-334-5212.

April 14 - Tour the Famed Cupola. 9 a.m. Open for only the third time; take a tour of the famed cupola in Schmucker Hall, which was used in 1863 as an observation point by Union General John Buford and the Union Signal Corps. Learn about the history of the building and view rare and signature artifacts related to the Civil War. A donation of \$100 for members of the Society or the Seminary Ridge Historic Preservation Foundation, and \$125 for non-members is requested. Reservations are required and granted on a first come, first serve basis. No children under the age of 12 permitted. Ages 12 to 17 must be accompanied by their legal guardian. For information or to register call (717) 334-4723 ex. 201, email infor@achspa.org, or go to www.achspa.org.

April 15 - Bingo Bonanza. Emmitsburg Fire Hall. \$25 a ticket. Doors open at 11 a.m. Over \$2,000 in cash prizes. For tickets contact Joyce at 301-271-1107 or Sharon at 301-447-2401 or contact any Auxiliary member.

April 15 - Celebrating 150 Years in Small Church Ministry. Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, Rouserville Charge of the Chambersburg District, will celebrate their 150 anniversary of ministry in Christ on Sunday. Former pastors, local congregations and special musical groups will be in attendance.

All are invited to celebrate during the 9:30 a.m. worship, 12:30 p.m. luncheon and or 2 p.m. celebratory worship service at 654 Old Waynesboro Road in Fairfield. Rev. Heather Hughes, pastor of Wesley Chapel, will lead the morning celebration. District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Timothy Baer will be the guest speaker for the afternoon service.

April 16 - Sociologist James W. Loewen, Ph.D. Racism Lecture. 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Free event, open to the public. Sociologist James W. Loewen Ph.D. presents a lecture on his latest book, "Sundown town: A Hidden Dimension of American Racism", exploring racism in modern American towns. Copies of Loewen's book will be available for purchase and signing. The lecture is part of the university's Alpha Kappa Delta sociology honor society's annual induction ceremony. Held in the Laughlin Auditorium, Mount St. Mary's University. For more information, contact the Mount St. Mary's Communications Office at 301-447-5366.

April 16 - Girl Scout Registration. 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. \$10 annual fee due at the time of registration. Parent or guardian must be present. St. John's Lutheran Church, in Thurmont. For more information, contact Merry Moch at 301-271-0522 or Kim Waltz at 301-271-0012.

April 17 - Prevention Health Screening. A mobile screening group offering five quick, painless, non-invasive health tests to see if you are at risk for serious health problems, including heart disease, strokes, among pulmonary function, among others. Screenings will be held at the Weller United Methodist Church, located at 101 N. Altamont Avenue, in Thurmont. For more information and to

register call 1-800-466-0925. Space is limited so register early.

April 20 - Guardian Hose BINGO. 2007 New BINGO on the 3rd Friday of the month at the Guardian Hose Activity Building on the carnival grounds in Thurmont. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and Games begin at 7 p.m. New games, Higher pay outs, New holder jars, King Tuts, Game Boards and new menu items available.

April 21 - Tom's Creek United Methodist Church. Tom's Creek Church Road (off Route 140 between Taneytown and Emmitsburg) will be having a Turkey and Oyster Supper. On Saturday, from 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. Featuring turkey, oysters, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, stuffing, peaches, cracker pudding and drinks. Adults \$13, ages 5-10 \$5, carry-outs \$14. Bake Table available.

April 21 - Vera Bradley BINGO. Mother Seton School 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg, Md. 6 p.m. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. For advance purchase call 301-447-3161.

April 21 - BASKET BINGO. Doors open at 5 p.m. Games begin at 7 p.m. \$15 in advance/ \$20 at the door. Featuring Longaberger Baskets and Pampered Chef products. Thurmont Activities Building on Carnival Grounds. To purchase tickets, contact Kelly Chmelik at 301-898-7251.

April 24 - Girl Scout Registration. 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. \$10 annual fee due at the time of registration. Parent or guardian must be present. Held in the Mother Seton School cafeteria. For more information, contact Susan Keane at 717-794-5014.

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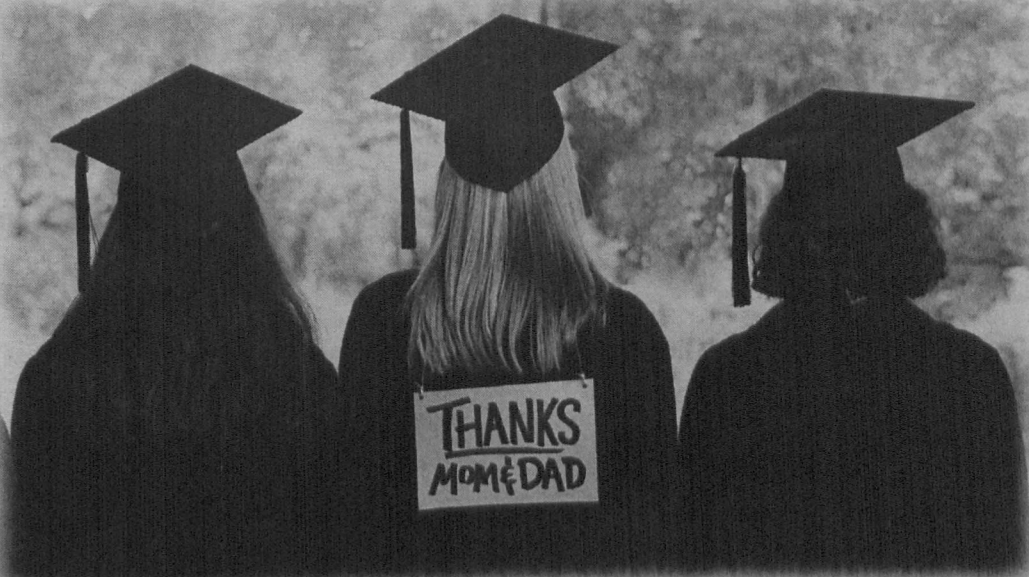
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