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## Ideas for a town bypass changing

*Planning and Zoning Commission continues work on comprehensive plan*

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — As the Emmitsburg Planning and Zoning Commission works to reach agreement on a comprehensive plan to recommend to the mayor and town commissioners, the idea of a southern parkway won't happen...at least in its current form.

During a workshop on April 19, Planning Consultant Chris Jakubiak presented a number of changes that he saw needed to be made to the draft comprehensive plan the commission has been discussing.

Jakubiak said he had received a number of comments about the proposed Mountain View Parkway. He told the commissioners, "There doesn't seem to be much support for this."

Commissioner Catherine Forrence said she might support a minor arterial road with restricted access points that was built to state standards so that the state would maintain it.

"I don't think we should expect Andy Mackintosh to build a bypass for Emmitsburg," Forrence said. "I think what we should do is set aside the land."

Commissioner Patrick Boyle said, "If we're thinking about getting rid of truck traffic, we need the northern bypass."

Jakubiak said one of the problems with the southern route was the intersection with Route 15. "The State Highway Administration will only allow the town to restrict truck traffic if there's an interchange at 15," Jakubiak said.

Forrence also said that the State of Maryland will be closing all at-grade intersections that weren't designated for interchanges. She said she didn't know when it would happen but that it was in the state plans. However, Jakubiak said an argument could be made to keep the Cream-

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## SOUTH SETON WORK COMPLETED

*Traffic flowing smoothly once again*

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — All of the backhoes, jackhammers and other construction equipment is gone from South Seton Avenue and what's left behind is a smooth new road, but it's what is underneath that is more important.

"Everything on South Seton Avenue is serviced by a new main," said Mayor James Hoover. "We modified the scope of work and improved the sidewalk and while the street was torn up, we had them run conduit to put street lights in."

"There's an airtight (stormwater) system that will last 100 years under there now," said Kirby Delauter, whose company W.F. Delauter and Sons did the road work. "And what you have on top is a brand new street."

The work that has been going on since Fall 2006 and traffic has been detoured around stretches of the road during work hours.

Hoover said the project "will improve the quality and appearance of South Seton and make it look better."

However, the work needed to be done because the sewer and water lines under the road were undersized and beyond their life expectancy.



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"They were clay lines," Delauter said. "Some weren't in bad shape but many were worn out."

Because South Seton Avenue is a state road, there were certain conditions that governed when the work could and couldn't be performed.

"Had we not had those restrictions probably could have cut that project time by 25-30 percent," Hoover said.

The project cost just under \$1

million and was financed with a 1.1 percent loan from the Maryland Department of the Environment.

All in all, Delauter said the project went smoothly and the state-imposed work restrictions had been anticipated.

"The town's been good to work for," Delauter said. "They tell you what they want and are fair about it. Some places like to play games."

### This Issue

#### Emmitsburg

Town loses a great volunteer

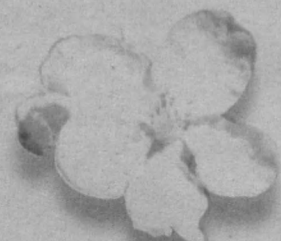
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Car wash recycles 2 million gallons plus

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Emmitsburg baseball and softball celebrates Opening Day

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Silver Fancy Garden Club holds its annual plant sale

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## Sr. Debes heads Emmitsburg Province of Daughters of Charity

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Sister Claire Debes was installed at Visitatrix and Provincial Superior of the Emmitsburg Province of the Daughters of Charity on April 21.

"It's a bit of a surprise," Debes said. "I'm grateful for all the previous experiences I've had to prepare me for this."

In a solemn ceremony during morning Mass in the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in the presence of the sisters, Sister Margaret Barrett, Assistant General of the Daughters of Charity, read the letter patent from the Superioress General in Paris, France.

Debes said she is looking for ways that the Daughters of Charity can collaborate with the total Vincentian community and programs that will have a greater impact on the poor.

At the time of her appointment as provincial, Debes was scheduled to assume a new

position as Director of Vincentian Integration Experience Program, a collaborative project of the English-speaking provinces whose aim is to form and develop Sisters in the Vincentian charism and spirituality in order to transmit this to other Daughters of Charity, members of the Vincentian family and lay colleagues so as to better serve persons who are poor. Prior to this, she served as Vincentian Family Coordinator for the province. In this role, she served on Na-

tional Vincentian Family committees and spent a great deal of her time providing formation programs in Vincentian spirituality to the Vincentian Family lay groups, especially the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Ladies of Charity.

There are presently 176 sisters in the Emmitsburg province engaged in various works

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### An obituary of a much-loved dog, Fanny

Several years ago a friend found Fanny wandering the streets of Emmitsburg. He could not keep her but asked me to take her in, which I did, because her owner could not be found. I always think of Fanny as a nice old lady with a knowing look, but very well bred. She was the perfect companion for an old gentleman who loves dogs.

Fanny had a calm but firm personality. Although she could not speak English, sign language sufficed to make her needs known. She was not very demanding, and

in her stoic way always seemed to be well.

You can imagine how alarmed I was when it appeared that Fanny became ill all of a sudden. I thought that she had been poisoned. Fortunately, that was not the case, as Dr. Michael Schaden discovered in exploratory surgery. Unfortunately, Fanny has a pervasive and incurable malignancy and had to be assisted to the next dimension in order to avoid any further suffering.

Although highly distraught at this turn of events, I was, nevertheless, highly cognizant of the very kind and highly professional treatment Fanny received from Dr. Emily Yau and Dr. Michael Schaden. Moreover, they could not have been nicer to me in my distress.

On reflection, I am sincerely grateful for the odd chain of events that led me to the Thurmont Veterinary Clinic on North Carroll Street.

Harold C. Craig, Jr.  
Emmitsburg

## 100 Years Ago "In this place" From *The Emmitsburg Chronicle*

This column offers a regular look back at Emmitsburg through the eyes of *The Emmitsburg Chronicle* which first appeared on June 14, 1879, published by Samuel Motter. In 1909 the paper became known as *The Weekly Chronicle*. It continued regular publication, allowing for a 5-year hiatus during World War II, until February 9, 1977.

### Entertained by Their Friends

On Tuesday evening the Misses Stahley were most pleasantly surprised by their friends, who in a body called at the home of the young ladies. Until a late hour games and music added to the enjoyment of the evening. The refreshments were bountiful and delicious.

The following is a list of those who were present: Mr. and Mrs. William Stahley, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. McCleaf, Misses Emma Heyser, Mary, Walker, Rose Stahley, Annie Dorsey, Hazel Martin, Carrie Sanders, Edith Riley, Lucy Stahley, Blanch Shroder, Lydia Sanders, Rose McCleaf, Della Flohr, Frances Stahley, Margaret McCleaf, Olive Shroder, Bessie Shriner, Beatrice Riley, Alice and Lucy McCleaf, Messrs. Charles Frye, Luther Tresler, Oliver Sanders, Raphael Stahley, Howard Yeager, Clarence Wills, Frank McCleaf, Curtis Flohr, Mervin Sanders, Calvert Hauver, Herbert Ginggell, Vernon Rile, Arthur McCleaf, Lewis McClain, William Longenecker, Walter Sanders, John Davidson and Zachariah Saunders.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hockensmith and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hockensmith spent Sunday with the family of Mr. James Harbaugh.

### GRACEHAM NEWS

On last Friday, at Midnight, our people were startled by the alarm of fire by the ringing of the church bell, the memory and experience of fourteen years ago made the alarm more apprehensive and fearful to many of us.

About 12 o'clock the warehouse of Mr. J.C. Pyle at the Railroad Station, was discovered to be on fire and already so far advanced that nothing could be done to save the building or any of its contents. The Cream Separator building nearby and its machinery was also destroyed. Only by hard work, and the near supply of water was the hay shed and its contents saved.

It is quite evident that a spark from a freight train which passed here about 11 o'clock is the real cause of the fire, as those first to reach the place say that the Northwest end of the porch, and warehouse was already consumed.

The buildings were insured but Mr. Pyle carried no insurance on his stock of goods, which to him is a total loss of between \$5,000 and \$4,000. His loss was further increased by the burning of his books and accounts.

Mr. Hyson of Bridgton and Messrs. Pyle, of Gatchellville, York County, Pa., brother-in-law and brothers of Mr. Pyle, were here Tuesday, and their visit may conclude his future plans. It is hoped he may be encouraged by the kindly help of his many friends to rebuild and begin business again, as Graceham cannot possibly do without such a source of general exchange of produce.

Mr. Hostetter, one of the firm of The Hanover Produce Company, Hanover, Pa., who were running the Cream Separator, was here also on Tuesday. This company will speedily rebuild the plant and put it into operation.

Mr. Norman Six who was very seriously ill with measles is now improving. This disease is epidemic here.

### FAIRFIELD ITEMS

Work on the pipelines in this neighborhood is at an end. The line is completed as far as Hamiltonban Township.

Mr. C.A. Landis lost a valuable mare. The animal died a few days ago.

Mr. Robert Carson died at the home of his brother near Waynesboro. Mr. Carson formerly lived in this place. The funeral services were held on Monday, the interment being made in the cemetery near Fairfield.

Mr. Henry Welty has moved from Waynesboro, his former home, to his property near this place.

Mrs. John Hopselhorn and Mrs. W.P. Nunemaker of Emmitsburg, were recent visitors to this place. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Shulley.

Mr. Jacob Musselman, of this place, who has recently installed one of J.T. Hays and Son's gas machines, has the best light in Fairfield.



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### Peach Crop Will Be Short

Fruit growers in the vicinity of the Pen-Mar state that the outlook for a good peach crop this year is anything but hopeful. They assert that the crop received its first check in February, when the thermometer was 13 degrees below zero and the sap had begun to flow up into the branches. The warm days in March again gave the buds great impetus and then came the severe weather which caused further damage. It is estimated that two-thirds of the crop has been lost.

### Date Set For Eyler's Execution

Governor Stuart, of Pennsylvania, has set Tuesday, June 25, for the hanging of William Eyler convicted of killing Howard Miller at the Globe Hotel, Gettysburg, May 30 last. As a last resort to save his life an appeal will be made to the Board of Pardons at its next meeting in Harrisburg, to change the death sentence to that of life imprisonment.

### Streams Stocked With Perch

Through Mr. Elmer Zimmerman, 10,000 yellow perch have been placed in our local streams. On Wednesday, 5,000 were put in Tom's Creek and 5,000 in Flat Run. It is the intention of those in charge of this matter to procure trout and bull frogs as soon as possible.

### FOUR POINTS AND VICINITY

Mrs. E.E. Zimmerman and Mrs. L. M. Zimmerman and family, of Emmitsburg, spent last Friday with the family of Mr. N.C. Stansbury.

Miss Maud Maxell of this place is visiting her brother, Mr. Thaddeus Maxell, of Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Samuel Hockensmith and Miss Alice Hockensmith visited the family of Mr. H.F. Maxell.



# Debes

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throughout the province. In 1850 the Emmitsburg community became affiliated with the Daughters of Charity in France and today comprises five provinces in the United States. The Emmitsburg province, also known as the Southeast province, extends from Maryland to Florida. The Daughters of Charity are an international community.



Sister Claire Debes

Debes takes up the reins as 19th successor to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,

foundress of the Sisters of Charity in the United States in 1809. As provincial superior, she succeeds Sister Elyse Staab who guided the province for nine years. Staab's new assignment is as yet undetermined.

Debes served as Vincentian Family Coordinator lived both in Wheaton, Md. from 1999-2004 and Georgetown, SC from 2004-2007. Sister served as provincial assistant from 1989-1998. She began her ministry in education first as an elementary teacher, then served as principal and local superior at times in schools in

Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia.

Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius George Debes, Debes received her early education at St. Dominic School, and Institute of Notre Dame High School in Baltimore.

"I had our sisters in elementary school and I was impressed with their rapport with their students," Debes said. "We were also invited to accompany

them on visits to the poor and shut ins of the parish and I was touched and attracted to their desire to be of service."

She attended St. Joseph College, Emmitsburg, and received her bachelor's degree in elementary education. In 1977 Sister earned her master's degree in education with a major in guidance and counseling from the University of Dayton in Ohio.

# Bypass

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ery Road intersection open because of the presence of the new ambulance company building on the road.

Other changes include:

- Removing the idea of a community village east of Route 15 because deed-restricted land stops it.

- Differentiating between village zone and town residential zoning.
- Adding more preserved land.
- Creating a more-detailed designation of the village core.
- Phasing in of municipal growth.
- Updating the groundwater section.
- Updating the community facilities data and the estimated level of service.
- Adding a water resource element to the plan.

One recommendation that already appears to be taking place is the creation of a greenbelt around the town. Jakubiak said that because of property owners placing their land in preservation, "You can see an emerging greenbelt in the town."

Jakubiak said that the town should consider restricting development near sensitive environmental areas. He said that if this is done, the owner should be allowed to increase density elsewhere on the property.

## Mother Seton School student wins Maryland Fair Housing Poster Contest

EMMITSBURG, Md. — On the 18<sup>th</sup> in Annapolis, the Frederick County Association of Realtors recognized three finalists for the 2008 Fair Housing Poster Contest. Among the finalists were Abigail Greco and Sydney Reaver, 7th graders from Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg, and Laura Berman, a sixth grader from Urbana Middle School. Abigail Greco was selected a state winner.

Each year, members of the Maryland Association of REALTORS (MAR) Equal Opportunity/Cultural Diversity Committee partner with local schools to encourage and promote the understanding of equal opportunity in housing through a Poster Contest.

The theme for the poster contest was "Fair Housing - The Freedom to Choose in 2008." Students from Maryland schools in grades K-8 were eligible to participate. They were asked to illustrate the theme and what it means to them.

Winners were chosen from entries submitted to MAR from local boards and associations. Thirteen winners, including one to appear on the cover, were chosen and two honorable mention posters will be featured in the colorful calen-



-PHOTO COURTESY OF MOTHER SETON SCHOOL

Abigail Greco receives her statewide award for winning the 2008 Fair Housing Poster Contest from Governor Martin O'Malley.

dar. Winners were awarded framed certificates and savings bonds presented by Maryland's Governor Martin O'Malley at a ceremony in Annapolis.

Humberto and Elizabeth Benitez from Real Estate Teams LLC and the

Frederick County Association of Realtors attended the award ceremony for the Poster Contest Winners to show local support for the program and to participate in congratulating the Frederick County winners.

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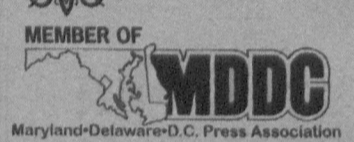
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**OPINION**

**Hold the media accountable**

In the public's eyes, just about the only folks struggling with believability issues more than the Bush administration are journalists.

And journalists largely have themselves to thank for that.

This week, newsrooms nationwide are observing Ethics in Journalism Week, and they have a sorry state of affairs to consider.

Since the mid-1980s, Americans have been increasingly skeptical of the information they receive from the news media, and no major news outlet has escaped the trend, according to The Pew Research Center for the People and the Press.

Last year, only 19 percent of people surveyed by the Project for Excellence in Journalism said they believed "all or most" of what they read in their daily newspaper, a drop of 10 points in eight years. Another 40 percent believed only "a good deal" of what they read in the paper.

The loss of public trust should come as no surprise. Journalists have been caught making up stories (Jayson Blair, formerly of The New York Times, and others); rushing stories into the public domain ("Al Gore is our next president. No, make that George Bush. No, make that ..."); accepting payment from the government in exchange for news coverage (three journalists formerly at El Nuevo Herald in Miami, and others); plagiarizing (too many culprits to name here); and juicing their stories with loaded language and sensational imagery (again, we don't have enough space to start naming names).

Business agendas are also getting in the way of good journalism. What else would explain an ABC reporter's "story" about a medical procedure that just happened to play a starring role in the episode of Grey's Anatomy that aired right before the newscast? What happens to local news coverage when hundreds of

reporting positions are cut to satisfy investors' expectations, or one corporation owns hundreds of news outlets?

Good journalism is at the heart of our democracy. Like it or not, a free press - warts and all - is what creates an informed citizenry that can hold business, government and the institutions that affect our lives accountable. This nation is great because it has a free - albeit noisy and messy - news media.

The easy thing for a cynical public to do is watch passively as journalism reels from its self-inflicted wounds, or bash the news media until they deliver nothing of substance or value.

The media most certainly needs to win back the public trust they've lost. That trust starts with a commitment to ethical news production, which is, above all, accurate, fair and independent of special interests. Many news organizations, publicize their ethics

policies online. The Society of Professional Journalists' code is widely considered the gold standard of the industry and can be found at spj.org. SPJ members routinely debate journalism ethics online and encourage the general public to join their conversations.

Rather than tune out, readers, listeners and viewers should hold news organizations and the companies that own them accountable for their news coverage and the business decisions that undermine responsible journalism. Write letters, send e-mail, make phone calls or blog. We'll all be better for it.

Christine Tatum

*Christine Tatum is national president of the Society of Professional Journalists, the nation's largest journalism advocacy organization, and an assistant business editor at The Denver Post.*

**A Word from a Town Commissioner**  
**Change is in the air**

Spring is here and change is in the air. Flowers are in bloom and the mountains are turning a nice shade of green. I would like to use this opportunity to talk about some changes that have happened already in Emmitsburg and a few that are occurring right now.

First off, it is with disappointment that I have witnessed the Emmitsburg Elementary addition get pushed back again. As a teacher of Frederick County Public schools who currently works in a portable classroom, I understand what the Emmitsburg Elementary schoolteachers are going through. Until ground is bro-

ken, the addition is a constantly moving target. That aside, we have to continue to push for the addition, and it will eventually happen. As a parent of two little children, I am proud of the new playground equipment that the town has installed in memorial park behind the post office. When you are pushing a stroller, a parent is always looking for a place to relax and let your children play.

The next item of change involves the traffic of Emmitsburg. The new traffic light installed by the town at the intersection of 140, and Silo Hill has made that intersection safer for both commuters

as well as pedestrians. Two of the other changes in this town involve two of the major institutions in Emmitsburg. First, the ambulance company is in the process of relocating to Creamery Road. I have supported this move as a town commissioner and I believe the people of Emmitsburg will be better served by this move. As anyone who has walked past the firehouse recently, the expansion of this facility is very evident. As a town commissioner, I have supported this expansion of the fire company and will continue to do so into the future.

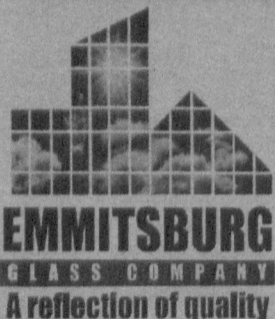
This spring and summer, it is my

goal to visit the different neighborhoods of Emmitsburg on my bicycle. I look forward to meeting different citizens of Emmitsburg and hearing what you have to say about the future of our town. I would like to close with stating that serving, as a town commissioner of Emmitsburg for the last two years has been an honor and a privilege. I look forward to continuing to serve as a town commissioner for the municipality of Emmitsburg and working for the betterment of this community.

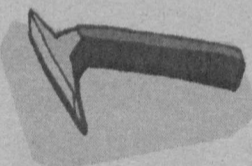
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## TOWN NEWS

## Emmitsburg loses long-time ambulance volunteer

By JAMES RADA JR.  
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Black bunting flapped against the bays of the Emmitsburg Community Ambulance Building. An EMS helmet hung above the center bay and the company flag flew at half staff.

Jamie Eyer died April 14 and the ambulance company is mourning the loss of one of its own.

"He has been the backbone for this company, and we greatly appreciate the time, energy and passion that he has given to us, and the citizens of this community," said Joe Pelkey, president of the ambulance company.

Eyer, 48, died after an unsuccessful fight against cancer. Emmitsburg Ambulance Company held a

memorial service for him April 17.

Eyer gave more than 50,000 hours of service to the community, including 17 years with ambulance company. He served as vice president, sergeant and various committee chairman positions. He was project manager for the new ambulance company building and planning for the new ambulance 269, which is in service.

"He was always willing to help with any job and was always here when we needed him. From plumbing to electrical and building maintenance to landscaping, he was always there to help. Even if it was a job no one else wanted to do," Pelkey said.

Pelkey gave an example of

Eyer's dedication to the ambulance company. Eyer answered a call during a snowstorm one night, but he forgot to cover his windshield to keep

the snow and ice off of it. He pulled into the station with his head hanging out the window so he could see and his beard and mustache covered with ice and snow, but he made it to the station.

"Jamie is probably the example of a guy who had an excuse not to volunteer and give to the community, but he did volunteer. He didn't let his reasons stop him," said Bob Rosensteel, Sr., who explained that Eyer struggled not only with cancer but he had a child with special needs.



Jamie Eyer



— ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL SR. / THE DISPATCH

Jamie Eyer was a long-term volunteer in the Emmitsburg community, working with the ambulance company and Vigilant Hose Company. He would turn out in all types of weather to assist the community.

## Seton Center develops a new low-income dental program

By BROOKE VINYARD  
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Seton Center has developed a new dental program to assist low income individuals receive the dental care that is greatly needed, yet they are unable to afford. The DePaul dental program is designed to partner with local dentists and oral surgeons in the area to provide dental services at a discounted price, which will be covered by grants the program has received. Multiple grants have been awarded to the program on behalf of the Order of the Malta Foundation, the Community Foundation of Frederick County and Riggs, Counselmen, Michaels and Downs Financial Foundation.

Sister Ellen Eisenberger, the Director of the Seton Center, said, "Our goal is to not only do patchwork, but to enable people to better themselves. When you look better, you are able to secure a good job, support your family."

If an individual wishes to seek assistance from the program, they

must first submit an application and undergo a screening process to determine if they meet the required criteria. Each applicant must provide evidence to show they are working individuals who fall within the state and federal poverty guidelines, including any income they receive and their expenses. Patients are then assigned a doctor, who performs an evaluation to determine the severity of each case, the procedures that need to be done and the approximate costs. A dental committee assesses each evaluation and then decides whether or not to authorize the work.

"We would like to do a follow up on patients to see how they have advanced in life after our assistance. It would be great if we were able to compile that information and then show our findings to the commissioners," said Eisenberger.

The program currently has five patients whom they are serving. As they continue to pursue future affiliations, the program has already partnered with many local dentists and oral surgeons in the Emmitsburg and Thurmont areas

as well as Gettysburg.

"I hope to help at least twenty five people this year, and I hope to receive more grants, so we can continue to assist the community," said Eisenberger.

While the program was officially started back in February, planning began in August 2006 and was built off of the framework from similar St. Josephs Provincial House employee programs.

"When we approached the Frederick County Commissioners with our proposal, and we were strongly encouraged to start the program. Not only did they recognize the great need for such a program, but also the fact that no other program as this one, was in existence," said Eisenberger.

After the three grants were received, coordinators were able to begin building the criteria and compiling the necessary forms. Then they contacted various local dentists and oral surgeons, seeking partnerships, and finally designing each step of their protocol.

Due to the fact that the program runs strictly on the grants in which it has been awarded, there are no over-

head funds. In short, once the current grants run out, the program goes right along with it. Coordinators continue to seek out grants from other organizations and collect donations from the

community in hopes of keeping the program alive.

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## TOWN NEWS

## Veterans groups remember their comrades



BY JAMES RADA JR.  
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Walking through local cemeteries you might see a bronze-like medallion on the ground in front of the graves. More than 300 were placed on graves in the area to mark the service that these men and woman gave their country whether it was in the Revolutionary War or the War in Iraq.

"We placed them on quite a few Revolutionary and Civil War veteran graves. Some of the gravestones were so old that you couldn't read them," said Project Coordinator Bob Dinterman.

Dinterman estimates that about 325 markers were placed on graves over two weekends in April. The markers can be found in the Lutheran cemetery, Emmitsburg Memorial

Cemetery, St. Anthony's cemetery, the old Presbyterian cemetery on Route 15, the old and new St. Joseph's cemeteries and the old United Church of Christ cemetery by Shriver's Meat Market.

"Every year, we place flags on the veterans' graves on Memorial Day and we leave them up through the 4<sup>th</sup> of July," Dinterman said. "This is our way of distinguishing those graves easily all year."

The markers are round and about six inches in diameter. A star is imprinted on the marker with the words "U.S. Veteran" on it. At the top of the marker is a hole where the Memorial Day flags can be inserted.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6658, American Legion Post 121, Sons of the American Legion and Knights of Columbus all participated in this project. On Memorial Day, scouts will help the veterans place the flags in the new markers as we remember our veterans.



— JAMES RADA JR./THE DISPATCH  
Local veterans groups spent two weekends placing round markers on the graves of all of the veterans' graves in Emmitsburg as a way of recognizing their service. About 325 markers were placed next to veterans' headstones.

## Emmitsburg residents are using less water, system also leaks less

BY JAMES RADA JR.  
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Water usage in Emmitsburg has apparently gone down, but not because residents are using less but because the town is losing less.

Emmitsburg resident Jef Fitzgerald recently presented the town commissioners with a comparison of water they used between by the town in 2005 and 2006.

"Water consumption is down drastically," Fitzgerald told the commissioners.

Fitzgerald's data showed that only three of the 12 months showed an increase between 2005 and 2006. The town used 117,381,143 gallons of water in 2006 compared to 129,292,222 in 2005, a decrease of 9.2 percent.

Fitzgerald said he could think of three reasons for the decrease:

The town is conserving water, leaks have been found and repaired or the meters need to be recalibrated. He said though, he hoped it was the first two reasons, he thought that the town should check its meters "so we don't want to get a false sense of security."

Mayor Jim Hoover said in an interview that the town staff looked over Fitzgerald's information and considered his conclusions.

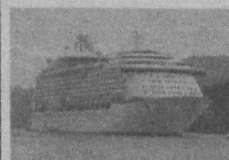
"The meters have been calibrated and have been calibrated every year," Hoover said.

He said while he believes there has been somewhat of a decrease in water usage it wasn't as much as Fitzgerald suggested. He said that much of the difference is because the system is improving, therefore where it might have taken 105 gallons leaving the tank to get 100 gallons in the home, now it might only take 101 or 102 gallons leaving the tank.

"The consumption is probably less, but there also isn't as much leakage," Hoover said.

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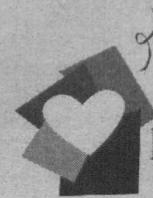
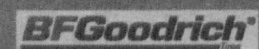
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## Silo Hill Car Wash uses almost no new water

By JAMES RADA JR.  
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Silo Hill Car Wash recently passed the 2-million-gallon mark in the amount of water it has recycled.

The Silo Hill Car Wash opened in April 2005 and spent the first three months of business filling its water tanks with fresh water. Since then, the water has continued to wash car after car as it is continually recycled and has surpassed 2.1 million gallons.

"We recycle about 95 percent of the water," said owner Kirby Delauter. "All of the water we use is recycle except for the rinse water. That's fresh. Our water bill is next to nothing."

The state-of-the-art system controls odor in the used water by pumping a high level of oxygen into the water to kill bacteria.

"We can kill the bacteria without any chlorine

or chemicals," Delauter said.

The system also uses three sediment tanks and two filters to remove sediment from the used water.

"Once the water goes through the system, it's as clean as potable water, though it's not drinkable," Delauter said.

Delauter decided to build the \$850,000 car wash to offset the \$50-\$100 a week he was paying to have his trucks washed for his business W.F. Delauter and Sons from Thurmont to Emmitsburg. He had already built a similar car wash in Thurmont.

"We saw so many people coming down from Emmitsburg to wash their cars," Delauter said. "They were saying, 'Why don't you build one up there?'"

He decided that was a good idea and also invested the extra money for water recycling and other technology. The wands in the bays spray water at 1200 pounds per square inch, which cuts down on the amount of water used by 20 percent. All of the soaps used are water based and biodegradable.

Using state-of-the-art technology, the Silo Hill Car Wash recycles 95 percent of the water it uses. After two years in business, the car wash has recycled more than 2.1-million gallons.

## Benitez awarded certified residential specialist award

THURMONT, Md. — Humberto "Beto" Benitez of Real Estate Teams, LLC, received the Certified Residential Specialist designation by the Council of Residential Specialists, the largest not-for-profit affiliate of the National Association of Realtors.

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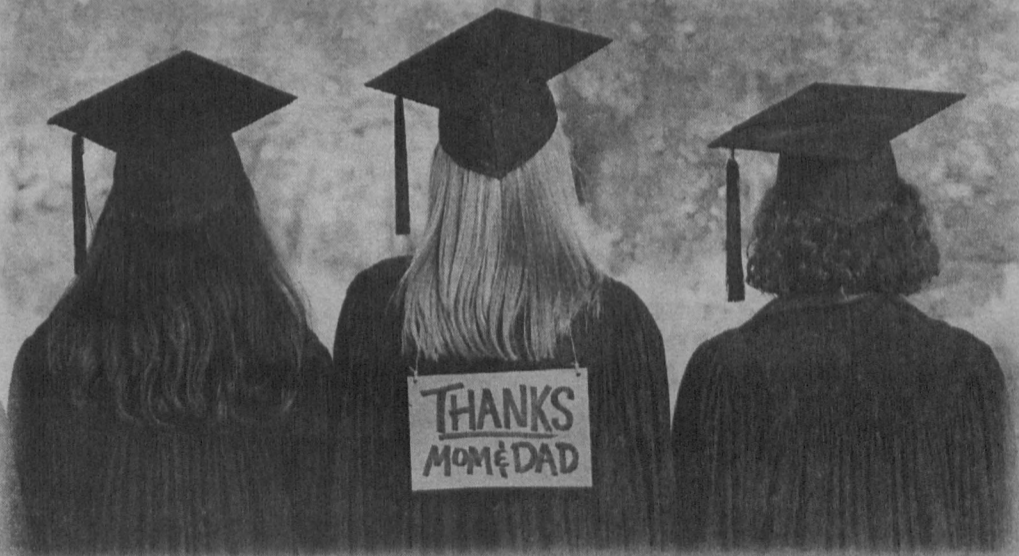


Benitez

fessional expertise in the field of residential real estate. Fewer than 38,000 Realtors nationwide have earned the credential.

Benitez is a graduate of the Real Estate Institute (GRI) and licensed in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia. He is a member of Frederick County Association of Realtors and recently won 2006 FCAR Volunteer of the Year and the 2006 Merit Award for his service to the association.

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# Prongas brings new forests to north Frederick County



- CHRIS PATTERSON / THE DISPATCH

Elizabeth Prongas leads the New Forest Society, which has distributed about 8,500 trees throughout the area.

BY CHRIS PATTERSON  
Contributing Writer

ROCKY RIDGE, Md. – Words like classy, wise and passionate are frequently used to describe Elizabeth Prongas, though flowery descriptors make the lady uncomfortable. She'd much rather people focus on the work of her organization The New Forest Society.

In just seven years, and with a small group of dedicated volunteers, the New Forest Society – which is led by Prongas – has distributed about 8,500 trees throughout the area. Prongas points to the group's accomplishments in one of several attempts to change the subject away from herself.

But she is the founder and the organization's leader. There is no denying how much this one life has made a difference in her community.

Born in New York, Prongas's

family moved to England when her father died. She took a job at 14 and remembers the bombs dropping during World War II on her way to work. She has been a licensed practical nurse and served on other boards doing work for the environment. She teaches art and is an accomplished local artist.

It is perhaps because of her artist's eye for beauty that trees hold such a reverence for Prongas. But her feelings about saving the environment include all aspects of it, according to friend Michael Hillman.

She is "classy and without pretense. She leads from the front and would not ask you to do anything she would not do," he said. "...She is an advocate of nature," said Hillman.

Even people who just meet Prongas for the first time are moved by her passion for the environment.

Karen Finneyfrock of Common Market grocery store in Frederick said the store recently held a summit

meeting with many local organizations that focus on the environment. Of all of them, Prongas made such an impression that the store chose to do a fundraiser giving proceeds to two groups; The New Forest Society was one of them.

"(Elizabeth Prongas) is driven by a real desire to make change and strikes you as the kind of woman who is not going to take no for an answer," Finneyfrock wrote in a statement to *The Dispatch*. "But what impressed me even more was how highly all the other guests at the summit spoke about Elizabeth and her organization."

When asked why she does what she does, Prongas replied succinctly, "I just thought we should be doing this in the waterways."

And when someone mentions that she does not appear to be slowing down and, indeed, does not appear to be ready to stop, she replies just as succinctly with a smile.

"Well, I'm 80."

## I Remember When...

I waitressed at the Green Parrot



Audrey Glass

My waitressing career began when I was in the tenth grade at Bucher's Restaurant (now the Carriage House Inn). Two of my classmates and I worked there after school and on weekends until we were seniors. When we asked off for the Saturday evening of the junior-senior prom and the owner scheduled us to work anyway, we all just up and quit. Not long after that, Miss Leone, (Mrs. Charles McNair and a member of our church) the owner of the Green Parrot called at my home and asked if I would be available to work at her Tea Room that weekend. Of course,

my mother said, "Yes" and thus my retirement from the waitressing career was short-lived. However, my parents would never allow me to work on Sunday mornings until after church. Imagine such a dictum today.

One of my fellow waitresses, Eleanor Humerick, was also from our church as was "Mi-Maw" Hoke. She made all the rolls for the Tea Room. Everyone got a one homemade white and one homemade wheat roll with their dinner. Her daughter, Bechi Ginggell, the cook (we didn't call them chefs back then) was also a member of our church. We had our own mini Reformed congregation at the Tea Room.

Sunday dinners were very big affairs at the Tea Room and since there was no alcohol served and thus no lounge, crowds really backed up at the front door. But there were those patrons who had their pre-dinner cocktails before coming to dine and that made things interesting at times.

At the Tea Room, all meals were dinners—a first course, salad, entrée, dessert and beverage—all for \$2.35, an exorbitant cost in the fifties. Everything was made right in the kitchen of the restaurant and the Sunday fried chicken was a great favorite.

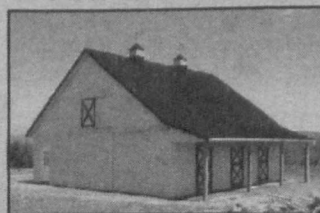
Then I got married and became a mother and once again I retired from the waitressing industry. Oh, by the way, I was never the waitress at Harold's (Craig) table—surely I would have remembered that.

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## SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY NEWS

### Annual Fishing Derby a Hit With the Under 15 Crowd

BY WILLIAM K. REINKE  
Contributing Writer

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — One hundred seventy five children enjoyed a cool, blustery Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> morning trying their luck at catching one of the nearly 300 rainbow trout released into the creeks running through the Carroll Commons Park for the Carroll Valley Trout Fishing Derby.

With so many people fishing such

a small section of stream, most of the fish were hiding more than biting. Most of the participants did not seem to mind however, and the playground saw a steady flow of children whose patience had worn thin.

Borough Manager David Hazlett attributed the success of the event to the wonderful support of the community and the generosity of several major sponsors, which included McSherrystown Fish and Game, [TROUTLET.COM](http://TROUTLET.COM), Wal-Mart, Shakespeare, Berkley, Gander Mountain,

Eagle Claw, the Adams County Conservation District, and Mr. Douglas Laptook. Unlike most fishing derbies which award prizes based on the catch, every participant won a prize donated by one of the sponsors.

"On behalf of the Borough of Carroll Valley, I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this a very special day for area children," Hazlett said. "The Borough is committed to programs such as this for the betterment of the entire community."

### Council, Committee Vacancies Filled at Special Meeting

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — After two months of turmoil, the Carroll Valley Council held a special meeting on May 1 to fill vacancies left in the wake of the resignations of Ted Talbert in March and Thomas Fitzsimmons and Thomas Wolf in April.

Frank Burhman was appointed to fill Talbert's position on April 10. Fitzsimmons and Wolf tendered their resignations at the end of that meeting.

Borough ordinance calls for council vacancies to be filled within 30 days, so a special meeting was called since the normally scheduled meeting of May 15 was outside the 30-day window.

Four candidates ran for the two vacancies and after each candidate pleaded his case, the council appointed William Reinke and Neil Abrams.

Six committee vacancies were also filled during the special meeting. George Fisanich and Carol Herl were

appointed to the two vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Committee. Sam Delaurence, who had expressed an interest in council, accepted the nomination for the Municipal Services Committee. Four residents applied for the three vacancies on the Finance Committee, and the council appointed Ray Rabenold, Myron Bowman, and William Reinke to these vacancies.

- B. Reinke

#### IN BRIEF

#### FREMA mock disaster happens May 21

FAIRFIELD BOROUGH, Pa. — Mayor Robert Stanley announced to the Fairfield Borough Council that the Fairfield Regional Emergency Management Agency (FREMA) would hold its first ever tabletop disaster drill at the borough office on May 21 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The exercise, which will be followed this summer with a live simulation in the field, will be filmed by ACTV.

Stanley commended the outpouring of support from community volunteers, saying the meetings have been packed houses with a stimulating exchange of ideas. Stanley also noted that FREMA is the first regional emergency organization of its type in the state and many other municipalities are looking at it as the model upon which to develop their own agency.

#### Carroll Valley Community Yard Sale to be Held This Weekend

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — The annual Carroll Valley Community Association community yard sale will be held this Saturday May 5th from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Carroll Commons Park on PA Route 116 across from Liberty Mountain Resort.

Some tables are still available for individuals wishing to sell their wares, according to CVCA President Alan Olson. Table spaces are \$10 apiece, and those interested can call Olson at (717) 642-9162 to reserve a spot.

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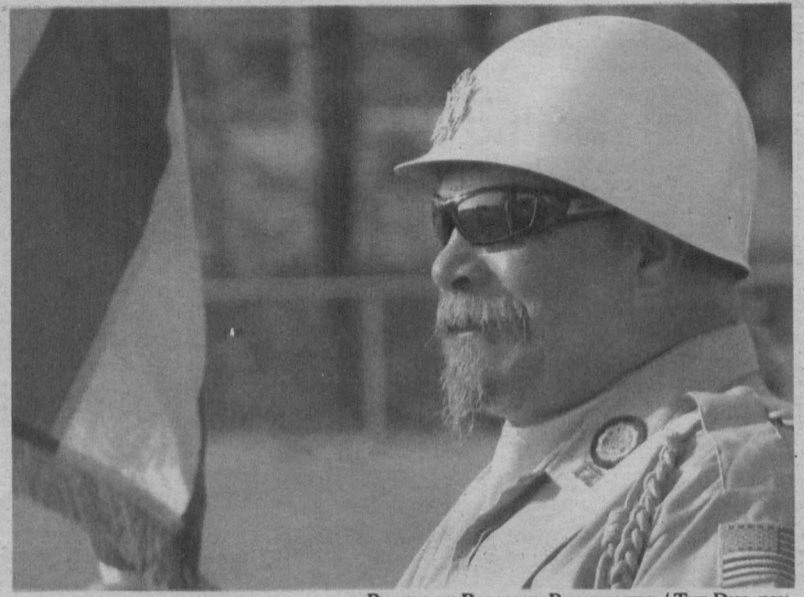
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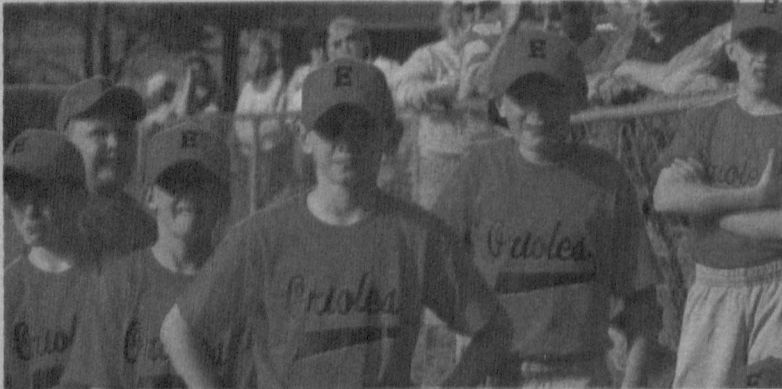


# PLAY BALL!

*Emmitsburg baseball and softball celebrate Opening Day*



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**E**MMITSBURG, Md. — On Saturday, April 28, 2007, Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball held its opening day ceremonies. The ceremonies included a moment of silence for Jamie Eyler who passed away recently. Eyler was an active volunteer in the community who volunteered thousands of hours through out the community. A number of residents and organizations were recognized for their support of the league.

The league began a new tradition this season. Mr. Holt presented the first Guy McGlaughlin Award for service. Guy McGlaughlin was the first president of the Emmitsburg Baseball League. The first recipient of this award was Jack Topper. Unfortunately, Topper could not be present to accept the award, however, his son and daughter, Jeff Topper and Sandy Umbel accepted the award on his behalf. Jack Topper was chosen as the first recipient of this award because of his long standing history of service to Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball.

In 1955 Jack played on one of the first Emmitsburg baseball teams, the Yankees. Jack continued on to play high school baseball as a pitcher. He pitched

every game his senior year which is the year their team went undefeated. After high school he tried out for the Baltimore Orioles and made it through the first tryout. Rather than continuing Jack decided to go to college.

When Jack's three children, Jeff, Sandy and Mark began playing in the league Jack once again became active in the league. He coached, managed and umpired while his children played. After his children grew Jack took a break from his service to the league. When a third generation began playing Jack once again began coaching, managing and umpiring. Over the years Jack has helped with multiple projects on the fields and within the organization. He did not hold an office but he still continued to attend many of the league meetings.

Jack was a plethora of information and a contributor in planning the league's 50th anniversary celebration in 2005. Today Jack has five grandchildren playing in the league and attends as many games as possible. He even won the home run derby, men's senior division in 2005. Jack has been a crucial part of Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball

over the last 50 plus years. In honor of his service he will always be remembered as the first recipient of the Guy McGlaughlin Award.

Following the presentation of the award the annual Parade of Teams was held. Twenty four teams were called to the field. The lines had to be looped through the infield to make enough room for all of the players present.

The Dodgers were recognized in "A Salute to the Champs." During the spring 2005 season the Dodgers, Bronco League Division played in the Mason Dixon Pony League. The team finished first in the league among teams from Emmitsburg, Taneytown, Charles Carroll and Littlestown. In honor of their win the league unveiled a banner that will be hung on the outfield fence.

A second "Salute to the Champs" was presented to the 2006 Red Sox. During the spring 2006 season the Red Sox, Bronco League Division also placed first in league among all of the teams in the Mason Dixon Pony League. In honor of their win the league unveiled a second banner in that will also be hung on the outfield fence.



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## MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

## MOUNT ST. MARY'S WIND AND JAZZ ENSEMBLE AND FLUTE CHOIR TO PERFORM SPRING CONCERT ON MAY 6

The Mount St. Mary's University Wind Ensemble and Jazz Workshop will perform their annual spring concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 6, 2007. The performance will also feature the university's flute choir. The concert will take place in the Knott Auditorium at Mount St. Mary's University. Admission is free and open to the public.

The wind ensemble will be performing pieces from composers from around the globe, including "Festive Overture," which was written in just two days by once-controversial Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich for the anniversary of the October Revolution. This work will be complemented by Australian-born composer Percy Grainger's "The Immovable Do," an inventive tune composed on (and about) an organ with a stuck—or, "im-movable"—key.

The wind ensemble will also play an early Charles Ives piece, "Fugue in C," which dates back to his college days at Yale. Ives was one of the first American classical composers to receive international recognition.

The homage to American composers continues with several performances by the jazz ensemble, which will feature songs by monumentally influential modern jazz musician John Coltrane and fellow tenor saxophonist and award winning musician Wayne Shorter, both of whom began their careers with jazz legend Miles Davis in the mid 20th century. Shorter's current band recently won the 2006 Grammy Award for Best Instrumental Jazz Album.

The flute choir, only in its third year, is under the direction of Prof. Jennifer Rundlett, a classically trained flut-

ist who performs professionally. The choir's performances will include folk pieces like "Black is the Color of My True Love's Hair" and the well-known 19th century Shaker spiritual "Simple Gifts."

*For more information, please contact the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at 301-447-5308.*

## MOUNT BUSINESS TEAM COMPETES!

The new Mount St. Mary's Students in Free Enterprise—or "SIFE"—team made a great impact in its first year.

The Mount SIFE team attended the SIFE Regional Competition March 30, 2007 in Philadelphia, PA. Over 40 schools competed.

The Mount's SIFE team was launched by Professor Sandra Sjoberg and Dr. Richard Brocato. Throughout the year, 12 students developed, executed, and evaluated three projects focusing on market economics, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and business ethics. The Mount team themed their presentation at this year's competition as "Our Inaugural Year" and received both "Rookie-of-the-Year" and "2nd-Runners-Up" awards.

**Team members include:** Jack Lynch, president; Katie Bushong, vice president; Victoria Budosh, communications director; David Sofield, treasurer; Ryan Audy; Alison Conick, Jennifer Cooper; Abby Diffenderfer; Kyle Mooney; Brian Smith, Danielle Szerlik, Jordan Taylor.



## EDUCATION

## Catoctin students complete State SkillsUSA competition, and advance to national level

BY SUSAN ALLEN  
Contributing Writer

FREDERICK, Md. - Ninety Frederick County Career and Technology Center students, including students from Catoctin High School, participated in the SkillsUSA Maryland State Championships held March 30-31. Catoctin High students were among the county's 38 medal winners announced at the awards ceremony held at Glen Burnie High School.

Catoctin's Job Skills Demonstration team "A", Jessica Deeter and David Cody Burrier, won gold, as did Adam Willard in the Web Design category. CHS graduate Warren Zentz received a gold medal in post-secondary competition in Customer Service. Gold medallists will represent Maryland at the National SkillsUSA Championships, which will be held in Kansas City, Missouri on June 26-29.

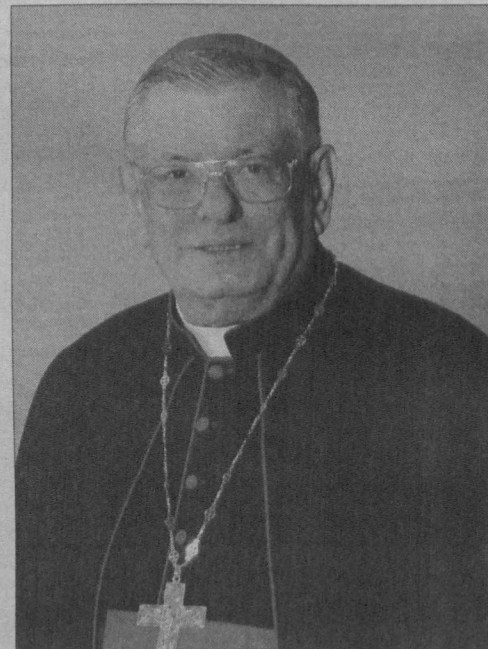
Other local award winners were T.J. Fry, silver medal for his Promotional Bulletin Board entry, and Elyssa Cool, bronze medal in the Health Knowledge Bowl. Deeter also received an individual bronze medal in Job Skill Demonstration.

The following Catoctin students also competed in state championships in the categories listed: Action skills-Jerry Travis; Technical math-Michael Goodyear; Architectural CAD-Brian Leatherman; CISCO (Internetworking)-Anthony Butler; HVACP (Residential plumbing)-Bobby Stouffer; and HVACP (Sheet metal)-Camden Shorb.

All of these students progressed through local and regional competitions to earn the opportunity to compete in contests at the state level. Forty-one different state competitions were held at several venues: Catonsville Community College, the Center for Applied Technology North, Anne Arundel Community College's Hospitality, Culinary Arts and Tourism Institute, and ITT Technical Institute.

SkillsUSA is a national non-profit organization which provides a partnership between students, teachers, and industry representatives. It is dedicated to serving students who are preparing for careers in trades, technical, and skilled service occupations, including the health care fields. Frederick County's Career and Technology Center offers 25 career-specific educational programs for students in grades 10-12.

## Archbishop Pietro Sambi to lead Mount commencement



Archbishop Pietro Sambi

EMMITSBURG, Md. - Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Pietro Sambi, will give the commencement address at Mount St. Mary's University's 199th Commencement Exercises, scheduled for May 20.

Pope Benedict XVI appointed Archbishop Sambi as apostolic nuncio in the United States of America and permanent observer to the Organization of American States in December 2005. A nuncio represents the Holy Father to both the hierarchy and church of a particular nation and to that nation's civil government.

"The Mount community and I are both honored and pleased that His Excellency, Archbishop Pietro Sambi, will give this year's commencement address," says Mount President Thomas H. Powell. "As we look ahead to the university's bicentennial in 2008, speakers such as Archbishop Sambi offer us the chance to reflect on our mission and our promise of service to God and our nation."

For more information, please contact the Office of Communications at (301) 447-5366.

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# ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

## Library Events

May at the Emmitsburg Library

### Storytimes

**Babies with Books**  
(birth-24 months with an adult)  
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10:30 a.m.

**Family Storytime**  
(all ages)  
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 7 p.m.

### Children's Programs

**Head Start Storytime**  
For children attending Emmitsburg Head Start and their caregivers  
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 19 at 9:45 a.m.

**Cinco De Mayo Celebration**  
(ages 6-11)  
Join the celebration and observe Cinco De Mayo Day with games, crafts and more  
May 5 at 11 a.m. Registration required.

**Reading Rocks!**  
(ages 10-12)  
Choose either "Once upon a poem: favorite poems that tell stories" or "Love that dog" by Sharon Creech.

May 14 at 4 p.m. Registration required.

**"Did You Know?" Series**  
(ages 6-12)  
Celebrate Youth Art Month with local potter Daniel Blackmore.  
May 19 at 11 a.m. Registration required.

### Teen Programs

**Animé Club**  
(grades 6-12)  
May 11 at 6 p.m.

**Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club**  
(teens and adults)  
May 15 at 7 p.m. "Crystal Gryphon" by Andre Norton.

### Adult Programs

**Just Mousin' Around**  
Ongoing one-on-one computer lessons. Call to arrange a time.

**Annual Plant Exchange**  
Exchange your surplus plants and browse the offerings of other gardeners.  
May 5 at 9 p.m.

**Leaving a Legacy: Write About Your Life**  
Learn to record your personal accounts of life "back when", to share with others.  
May 7 at 1:30 p.m.

**Tuesday Evening Book Club**  
May 8 at 7:30 p.m.

**Friend of the Library Meeting**  
May 14 at 7 p.m.

**Knitting Nook**  
(teens and adults)  
May 17 at 4 p.m.

**Genealogy Focus Group**  
(teens and adults)  
May 24 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.

## Senior Events

Senior Events in May

May is arriving with lilacs a-bloom, bringing college graduation events and a solemn Memorial Day at the end of the month.

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

**May 11** - Mother's Day Tea at noon.

**May 14-15** - AARP "55 Alive" Driver Safety Program, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. daily.

**May 23** - Bingo party lunch at Thurmont center; leave Emmitsburg at 10:45 a.m.

**May 23** - Card Party at 7 p.m.; doors open at 5:30 p.m.

**May 28** - Center will be closed.

### Regular activities

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

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

**Bingo:** May 9 & 23.

**Cards, 500, and Bridge Group:** May 2, 16 & 30.

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

**Pinochle:** Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

**Cards & Games:** Fridays at 12:30 p.m.

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

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

Programs are held in the Community Center on South Seton 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 at (301) 600-6350.

Chicken Bar-b-que

## The Mayor's Community Bar-b-que

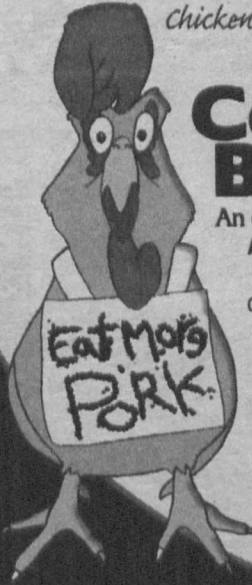
An event to bring the community together  
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The Mayor encourages local individuals, civic organizations, and businesses to participate.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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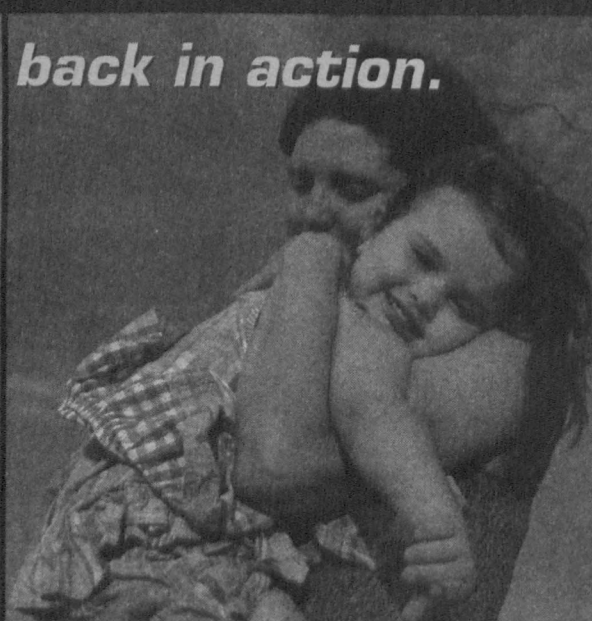


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COMMUNITY NEWS

# Frederick Youth Orchestra announces music camp

WALKERSVILLE, Md. — The Frederick Regional Youth Orchestra announced that it will hold its 2007 Summer Music Camp in conjunction with the Heritage Academy of the Music and Arts. The camp will be held July 23-27 at the Peace in Christ Lutheran Church in Walkersville.

The day camp will offer an opportunity for student musicians

who have played their orchestral instruments for at least one year to extend their musical training and performance skills through summertime orchestra and ensemble playing. The camp is held in an air-conditioned setting. Tuition for the camp is \$225 (includes a non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee). Campers provide their own instruments and supplies (ex-

tra strings, reeds, etc.), transportation, and lunches. We supply sheet music and a daily snack. Dress is casual.

During the week-long session participants will study under music educators, Tom Mitchell and Elijah Wirth, in large and small performance groups. Musicians will have the opportunity to perform a variety of orchestral music

selections, play chamber music, explore music theory, and make new friends. Guest instructors will provide additional experiences through sectional rehearsals and master classes. The FRYO summer camp is an excellent opportunity for students who are new to ensemble playing to explore performing with a group in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Expe-

rienced players will find that attending the camp will help them to keep their performing skills sharp while meeting new acquaintances and seeing old friends. All students will perform in an informal concert at the end of the week for family and friends.

Please call (301) 473-4140 or visit our website at [www.fryo.org](http://www.fryo.org) for more information.

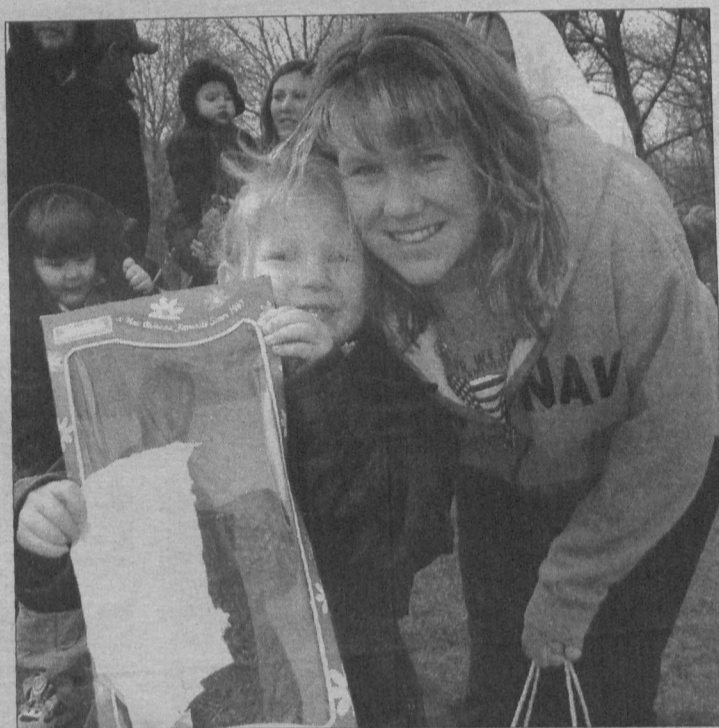


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## Hunting hidden treasures

Despite a cold, windy and snowy afternoon, Community Park in Thurmont was filled with children on April 8 for the Thurmont Lions Club annual Easter Egg Hunt. Volunteers hid 1,000 eggs filled with either candy, coins and special eggs containing "green stuff" throughout Community Park. Large chocolate rabbits were the rewards for finding the special eggs. Sadie Hughes was one of the winners of a chocolate rabbit. She's seen here with her mother.

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# Community CALENDAR

**May 5 - Yard Sale.** 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lots of bargains and great food! Held by the Graceham Moravian Church Senior High Youth. Proceeds to benefit the 2001 Youth Mission Trip. Graceham Moravian Church, 8231 A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont.

**May 5 - Horseshoe Pitchers Tournament.** The Frederick Horseshoe Pitchers Association will host a pitching tournament. \$20 tournament fee. Registration begins at 8 a.m., games are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Classes are formed based on ringer averages, so plan to arrive early if you need to pre-qualify. Held at Maryvale Park, W. Patrick St. across from W. Frederick Middle School. For more information e-mail wamsamowdy@adelphia.net or call 301-846-3483.

**May 5, 12, 19 - Catoclin FFA Hosts Bedding Plant Sale.** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Catoclin High School FFA/Agriculture program will hold their 2007 spring Bedding Plant sale. Proceeds benefit FFA and horticulture activities. Held in the greenhouses of Catoclin High School, 14745 Sabillasville Rd., Thurmont. For more information, contact either Ms. Ogg or Mr. Beavan at

240-236-8192 or 240-236-8115. Order forms can be sent by mail, by fax to 240-8108 or via e-mail to diane.ogg@fcps.org.

**May 6 - Emmitsburg Lions Chicken Bar-B-Q.** 11 a.m. \$6.50 per plate, includes half a chicken, roll, applesauce & potato salad. S. Seton Ave, Emmitsburg. Across from Getty's. For advance orders with home delivery to zip code 21727, contact Lion Diane before May 4, to notify her of the number of guests in your party. E-mail her at talkemmitsburg@aol.com or call 301-447-6962.

**May 7 - Horseshoe Pitching League Sign-ups.** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. League runs from May 14 through August 27. The Frederick Horseshoe Pitchers Association invites pitchers of all ages and skill levels to join their summer league. Held at Maryvale Park, Patrick St., across from W. Frederick Middle School. For more information contact Diana Ratiiff by calling 301-846-3483 or by e-mail at Diana.ratiiff@antek.com.

**May 7, 14, 21 - Shopping Budgeting Session, Shopping Trip; Substance Abuse Video & Discussion.** 1 p.m. at the Up-County Family Center, 303 West Lincoln Avenue, Emmitsburg MD 21727, 301-447-2810.

**May 9 - Safe & Sane Committee Meeting.** 7 p.m. at Catoclin 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.

**May 9 - Sexuality: What We've Learned from the Nike Generation.** Presented by the Adams Coalition to Prevent Teen Pregnancy at the Gettysburg Hotel, this full-day program will address internet safety, contraception, sex and the college student, and healthy relationships. Call 717-339-2018 or e-mail acptp@juno.com for a registration brochure.

**May 9 - Frederick County Master Gardeners: Gardening Seminar.** 7-9 p.m. \$10 per person. Lisha Utt teaches the proper way to grow annuals. Maryland Cooperative Extension Office, 330 Montevue Lane in Frederick. For a copy of the seminar brochure and registration form, visit [www.agnr.umd.edu/frederick/MG](http://www.agnr.umd.edu/frederick/MG), call 301-694-1595, or visit the Cooperative Extension Office.

**May 10 - "Sun Safety" Discussion with Valerie and Mary of the Frederick County Health Department.** 11 a.m. at the Up-County Family Center, 303 West Lincoln Avenue, Emmitsburg MD 21727, 301-447-2810.

**May 11 - Karaoke with Ron & Brenda.** Thurmont American Legion. Kitchen open 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Legion members and guests.

**May 11 & 12 - Fairfield Lions Mother's Day Flower Sale.** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Old Bank Parking lot, across from Monahan's funeral home, Main St., Fairfield.

**May 12 - DJ and Karaoke with Rob Fogle.** Thurmont American Legion. Kitchen open 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Legion members and guests.

**May 12 - Annual Community Dinner.** 12 to 6p.m. Adults \$12, Child \$6. Fried Chicken, Country Ham, Pot pie, Family style. Benefit for the street lights and upkeep of the cemetery. For more information, call 301-898-7905.

**May 12 - Cancer Society Benefit Dance.** "Camp Can Do" 8 p.m.-12 a.m. \$6 donation. Open to public (adults only). Cash bar, munchies. Blue Ridge Sportsman's Assoc. Ask the bartender for tickets. Traditions Unleashed. For tickets or to donate call 301-447-6810.

**May 12 - Yard / Flower/Bake Sale.** 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Vigilant Hose Company Auxiliary at the Vigilant Hose Company building. If you would be interested renting a space for the yard sale, please contact Shannon Cool at (301) 447-3959. The cost is \$10 per table. Setup may begin anytime after 7 a.m. The Auxiliary will also have flowers/hanging baskets available for sale. Food will be available for sale.

**May 16 - Multiphasic Blood Screenings.** Gettysburg Hospital will sponsor the screening from 6:30-9 a.m. in the Gettysburg Recreation Park Building. Call 800-840-5905 to register.

**May 16 - Divorce Workshop.** 6 - 8 p.m. Free of charge. Join two elementary school guidance counselors to discuss the four C's, Cause, Change, Cure and Coping that a child undergoes as a result of divorce. The program will conclude with an art therapy project. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. followed by the 6:30 p.m. program. Sabillasville Elementary School, 16201-B Sabillasville Rd. Registration required for dinner.

For more information contact Families Plus! at 301-694-9002 or Debbie Wivell CASS Coordinator at 240-236-1770.

**May 16 - Frederick County Master Gardeners: Gardening Seminar.** 7-9 p.m. \$10 per person. Liz Bartlett will instruct a seminar on growing and harvesting an herbal tea garden. Maryland Cooperative Extension Office, 330 Montevue Lane in Frederick. For a copy of the seminar brochure and registration form, visit [www.agnr.umd.edu/frederick/MG](http://www.agnr.umd.edu/frederick/MG), call 301-694-1595, or visit the Cooperative Extension Office.

**May 16 - Go Red for Women!** An educational and entertaining evening dedicated to women's heart health. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Gettysburg Hotel. The program is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and Gettysburg Hospital. Call 717-334-1704 to register.

**May 18 - Guardian Hose BINGO.** 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.

**May 19 - ThorpeWood Inc. Dinner.** 6- 10 p.m. \$100 per plate. First annual fundraising dinner to benefit the ThorpeWood program, "Season's of Growth." The program is designed to assist teenage girls who are involved with the juvenile justice system. Features chefs from Brewers Alley, Mealeys, Morgans American Grill and Canapes. Registration Required. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Julie Parlaman at 301-271-2823.

**May 20 - Lewiston Ruritan Chicken Bar-B-Q.** U.S. 15 North & Fish Hatchery Road. 301-748-1708

**May 26 - Karaoke with Denny and Elaine.** Thurmont American Legion. Kitchen open 5:30 - 8:30 pm. Legion members and guests.

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**May 6 - Mount St. Mary's Wind and Jazz Ensemble Spring Concert.** 3 p.m. Free admission, open to the public. Mount St. Mary's Wind and Jazz Ensemble presents its spring concert, also featuring the Flute Choir. Knott Auditorium, Mount St. Mary's University. For more information, please contact the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at 301-447-5308.

**May 6 - Shine the Light Christian Youth Chorale presents Journey, Journey, Jesus.** Fellowship Baptist Church, Fairfield. 1:30 p.m. Concerts are free and open to the public.

**May 10 - Shine the Light Christian Youth Chorale presents Journey, Journey, Jesus.** Fairfield Mennonite Church, 7 p.m. Concerts are free and open to the public.

**May 12 - Shine the Light Christian Youth Chorale presents Journey, Journey, Jesus.** Cross keys Brethren Home (9 a.m. performance for Walk for Life to benefit Tender Care Pregnancy Center) Concerts are free and open to the public.

**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](http://www.frederickchorale.org).

**May 12 - Steppin' Out Benefit Concert.** 7 p.m. Tickets, \$6. Gettysburg Dance Center staff and students present *Steppin' Out*, a special benefit concert for the Adams County Arts Council. The Holly's will make a special guest appearance. Gettysburg Middle School's Riegle auditorium. Tickets are available at the

Gettysburg Dance Center, the Art Council office, online at [www.adamscountyartscouncil.org](http://www.adamscountyartscouncil.org) and at the door. For more information, call the Dance Center at 717-334-4394.

**May 13, 20 - Spring Wildflower Walks.** While exploring several habitats, discover flowers that are blooming and learn about their significance. Join in at the Brown's Farm Trail in Owens Creek Picnic Area. Walk begins at 2 p.m. For more information visit [www.nps.gov/cato](http://www.nps.gov/cato) or call 301-663-9330.

**May 18 - The youth of Mountain View Ministries** will be hosting a block party and silent auction on Friday, at 7 p.m. in the church parking lot at 103 Apples Church Road, and all proceeds raised during this event will be forwarded to Youth World Evangelism Action. Higher Power, a Christian contemporary rock band out of Frederick, will be playing great music. Come out and bring the whole family. Any questions, please call the church at 301-271-9088.

**May 20 - Shine the Light Christian Youth Chorale presents Journey, Journey, Jesus.** First Baptist

Church, Gettysburg 1:30 p.m. Concerts are free and open to the public.

**May 20 - Challenger Baseball League Dinner and Silent Auction** at Beef O'Brady's 6959 Crestwood Blvd., Frederick, MD. 2 - 8 p.m., 10 percent off all food and drink sales will be donated to Challenger. We are looking for donations for the Silent Auction; if you or someone you know has a business we would appreciate either a monetary donation, product or a service of the business (i.e. Longaberger basket, Partylite, gift certificates, oil changes, etc.) for more information please contact Debbie Green 301-788-8034 or Bob Shaffer 301-676-7739.

**May 21 - C.S. Lewis Society of Frederick Spring Lecture.** 7 - 8:30 p.m. Free of charge. The C.S. Lewis Society of Frederick presents a spring lecture on *Evangelicals and Roman Catholics: Christian Unity* by C. S. Lewis, featuring guest lecturer Kevin Offner. Held in the Community Room of the C. Burr Artz Public Library, Frederick. For more information e-mail [FrederickLewisSociety@yahoo.com](mailto:FrederickLewisSociety@yahoo.com) or visit [frederickslewisociety.org](http://frederickslewisociety.org)

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The play for this year's camp will be "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". Campers will rehearse the play and design and build the set and costumes. The play will be performed for family and friends on the final day of the camp. Creative

drama games will also be incorporated into the two-week camp. The camp is ideal for both the beginning and experienced child actors.

Jenny Kreyl Shoeman will again direct this year's camp. Jenny is the Director of Drama at the Renaissance Academy in Philadelphia and a native of Franklin County.

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# OBITUARIES AND BIRTHS

## Mrs. Patricia Faulkner

Mrs. Patricia Stella Faulkner, 68, of East Main Street, Emmitsburg, died Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa.

A memorial service was held April 10 at Skiles Funeral Home in Emmitsburg. The Rev. Stephen P. Trzeciecki, C.M., officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made for the care of Mrs. Faulkner's daughter Dawn to Mrs. Catherine L. Haines, P.O. Box 881, Emmitsburg, MD 21727-0881.

## Ms. Alexis Shriner

Alexis A. Shriner, infant daughter of Lawrence A. and Kristy A. Stabler Shriner of Fairfield, Pa., was born and died Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at York Hospital in York, Pa.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her sister, Taylor Shriner of Fairfield, paternal grandmother Louise S. Shriner of Fairfield; maternal grandfather Roderick Stabler of Fairfield; maternal great-grandmother Julie Stabler of Frederick and aunts Jennifer Shriner of Fairfield, Katie

and Amy Stabler, both of Durham, N.C., Kacy Stabler of Fairfield and Sara Stabler of Shippensburg, Pa.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 30, with a Mass of the Angels from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. The Rev. Michael J. Kennedy, C.M., was the celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, P.O. Box 376, Emmitsburg, MD 21727 or the March of Dimes, 160 S. Progress Ave., Suite 1-A, Harrisburg, Pa. 17109.

## Area Births

**Kristen & Bob Cposky**  
Fairfield, Pa., a daughter, Mar. 13

**Maria Alameda**  
Emmitsburg, a daughter, Apr. 3

**Shelly & Tom Fraley**  
Keymar, a daughter, Apr. 5

**Jen Stull & Alex Febus**  
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**Courtney & Warren Kelly III**  
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