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Mayor proposes \$1.7 mil. budget

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Emmitsburg Town Commissioners got their first look at Mayor James Hoover's \$1,648,100 proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2008.

"There's not anything really outstanding in this budget from year to year," Hoover told the commissioners.

The budget is based on the current tax rate of 36 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The \$1.7 million operating budget is 9.4 percent larger or \$143,087 more than the current operating budget.

"That increase in the money is from numerous places," Commission President Chris Staiger noted.

Property tax collections are estimated at 7 percent more comparing this year's budget to next year's, but comparing next year's budget to what has been collected this year shows only a negligible increase.

The town is expecting about \$31,000 more or a 17.2 percent increase in tax equity money from Frederick County. This is money that county government gives to the town government to reimburse the town for services the county provides that duplicate services offered by the town.

On the negative side of revenues, the budget shows nearly two-thirds less in parking meter fees and parking fines.

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The circus is coming to Emmitsburg

• Town gets a taste of the Big Top •



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Emmitsburg will have a circus under the big top when the Kelly Miller Circus comes to Community Park for two shows on June 10.

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The big top is coming to Emmitsburg!

The circus big top will go up in Community Park on June 10 and fill with performers, horses, ponies, dogs, elephants and camels. The Kelly Miller Circus will perform two 90-minute shows for attendees. They will see the Wheel of Destiny, jugglers, trapeze artists,

Tony the Clown and other performers delight and enthrall them.

"I wanted to get a circus here last year and started inquiring, but one was outrageously priced and the other didn't have enough time to do a show here," said Mayor James Hoover.

So he spoke with officials in Taneytown, who bring a circus to their town, about circuses he could contact.

"These folks (Kelly Miller Circus) this year called us," Hoover said.

An agreement was worked out, contracts signed and the circus is coming to Emmitsburg. Tickets will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

The Kelly Miller Circus began in 1938 and performs for American and Canadian audiences. Last year, John Ringling North II, great-nephew of the famous Ringling Brothers, became president of the circus.

The show travels in 25 vehicles and uses 90,000 square feet for the big top and midway set up. The big top can seat 1,500 and is 120 feet by 130 feet by 40 feet high. It is raised by elephants pulling on ropes.

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BY STEPHANIE LONG
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THURMONT, Md. — New Year's Day 2003 was no holiday for the Patrick family of Thurmont.

Around 6 p.m. Robert Patrick's young daughter came up out of the basement saying she had heard a noise and was afraid. Robert went downstairs and found water frothing up from the toilet, flooding the basement. He placed a towel and a big rock on the toilet in an attempt to keep the lid down and sewage in. When the sewage continued to spill out, he called the town emergency number.

This is part of the testimony Robert gave in court on May 9 as a four-year-old case finally came to trial. The Patricks and eight other Thurmont families are suing the town for \$9 million problems related to sewage back-ups in their houses in 2003.

The town's response

Gary Dingle, Thurmont water and sewer superintendent showed up to assess the problem in response to the call. Dingle informed the Patricks that a pump at the sewage treatment plant had failed, causing sewage to back up and flood their home, but assured them it was a freak accident and would not happen again.

Rachel Patrick, Robert's wife, said that in spite of Dingle's assurances she did



- JAMES RADA JR. / THE DISPATCH

Although the town employees pumped sewage from manholes around the area of Ironmaster Court, the town's sewer problem hasn't been fixed yet and residents complained about the nuisance the pumping caused.

not feel her home was safe to live in and, "Never really stopped cleaning."

On the morning of May 16, the Patrick family experienced the nightmare again. Rachel knew what to do from experience and jumped into action calling the town emergency number.

After several hours the sewage stopped pouring into the Patricks' home and the cleanup began. The fire department pumped out the sewage and a professional cleaning service cleaned up the basement.

According to the Patricks, the second time around the flooding had been more severe and the family ended up losing personal belongings, such as family pictures. The town had also attempted to prevent further flooding in the homes by pumping out the manholes in front of the homes. The Patricks claimed that this caused a lot of noise and disruption.

Robert went on to say that after the second flooding, they handed in receipts to the town and were told that they would be reimbursed for the expenses incurred due to the flood. Although the town did give them a check for \$2,000, the Patricks claim they were never fully reimbursed. Insurance companies did reimburse the Patricks nearly \$72,000, but after the Pat-

rick's house flooded for the third time on June 2, 2003 and they had yet to receive their full reimbursement from the town, the Patricks decided to take the town to court.

Filing the lawsuit

On May 16, 2003 other neighbors on their street experienced flooding as well and decided to join the lawsuit against the town.

On June 24, 2004, the case was filed. According to court documents, Wayne and Tina Brown, Ron and Kathy Bishop, Harold and Paula Furr, John and Kim Lavigne,

"Although the town did give them a check for \$2,000, the Patricks claim they were never fully reimbursed."

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Qually should be Adams County Commissioner

For 15 years, Tom Weaver has been a cornerstone at the Adams County County Commissioner's Office. He's been a valuable asset to the community and his leadership will be missed. Over the past few years, I have had the opportunity to meet both Glenn Snyder and Lucy Lott. I believe that they both bring great strength to the County.

In reviewing the various candidates for the Democratic and Republican tickets, Marty Qually's name stands out. Marty has been a lifelong friend of mine. He and I were classmates at Saint Francis Xavier and Delone Catholic. Over the years, I have grown to know Marty as an

honest, hardworking person. We played youth sports together and I always admired his heart. Marty reminds me of Rudy Ruettiger, who played football for Notre Dame in the 1970's. He was never the biggest or the fastest player but he always gave his top effort to accomplish the task at hand.

A few years ago, I ran into Marty at a local coffee shop. He told me that he wished to run for Gettysburg Borough Council. I admired his ambition, gave him my support, but did not think he would get elected because not many people knew who he was. Marty beat the odds and became councilman in the first ward.

He personally worked with me on a zoning issue by my home and was very prompt with results.

This winter, Marty informed me of his intentions to run for county commissioner. I truly believe that Marty can provide the essential skills that are needed to be an effective commissioner. He is an outside the box thinker and a creative problem solver.

Marty has my vote and hopefully you will consider casting a ballot for him as an Adams County Commissioner in 2007.

Matt Sheads
Gettysburg, Pa.

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.

UNGENTLEMANLY AUTOISTS

On Sunday afternoon four young men, it is said from Frederick, came through Emmitsburg in an automobile. The run from Frederick was made in sixty minutes and going through town this speed was exceeded. Several pedestrians made narrow escapes and the scant courtesy shown to young ladies by the occupants of the car was decidedly out of place. It is not often that our citizens have had to complain of either the speed or conduct of these tourists but he above incident was certainly bad enough to call for comment.

TOWN OFFICIALS ELECTED

The annual election of corporation officials was held on Monday, May 6. While there was little excitement manifested yet quite a heavy vote was polled and the choice made by the citizens was good, representative men having been elected to office. Last year the votes cast did not number seventy while on Monday 119 ballots were voted. Out of this number four were spoiled. A few tickets were written. Mr. W.H. Ashbaugh was Judge of the election and Mr. Norman Hoke, Clerk. The following, except for a few ballots cast for other than the names on the ticket, is the result of the day's voting.

For Burgess; T.E. Zimmerman, elected, 62; George L. Gillelan, 17; M.F. Shuff, 33.

For Commissioners: John T. Long, 43, William Morrison, elected, 70; W.D. Colliflower, 32; George T. Gelwicks, 15, Edgar L. Annan, 28; John H. Rosensteel, elected, 71; James B. Elder, 12; Oscar D. Frailey, 33; Edward Chrismer, 39; James W. Eichelberger, 7; Edgar W. Shriver, 28; Joseph D. Caldwell, elected, 59; A.M. Patterson, 114; Herbert M. Ashbaugh, elected 72; C.T. Zacharias, 4; M.F. Shuff, elected, 65; Harry C. Harner, elected, 55.

A PECULIAR TRANSACTION

On Saturday evening William Eckenrode, of near this place, went to Heidlersburg, Adams County, and traded horses with a Mr. Cook, of that place. Later Cook sold the animal to Mr. Harry Stevens. Stevens took the horse to his home and on Sunday afternoon he and his family being away, it is alleged that Eckenrode went to Steven's stable, forced the door and took the horse, driving it over the state line into Maryland. When Mr. Stevens returned and found that his newly acquired horse was gone he drove to Gettysburg and consulted a lawyer. Upon the suggestion of the attorney he came to Emmitsburg on Monday and put his case in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Ashbaugh.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Eckenrode by Squire Stokes. Mr. Ashbaugh found Eckenrode later in the day and with the consent of Mr. Stevens and the release of the horse by Eckenrode, the case was dropped. Mr. Stevens after paying all the costs of the transaction returned to his home.

INPOLITIC MOVE

The Gettysburg Compiler has this to say concerning the petitions being circulated for the commutation of Eyler's sentence:

Petitions are being circulated for signatures for presentation to the Board of Pardons asking that the sentence of death of Wm. Eyler on June 25 be commuted to imprisonment for life.

One of these petitions was presented at the office of the Compiler last week and signature to same requested and a refusal given to the signing of any such petition couched in the language used.

It was explained that the petition was prepared in Emmitsburg and the first dozen names were citizens of that place. The name at the head of the list was that of Edward H. Rose. He was the party who sat beside William Hersh, Esq., during the progress of the

trial. This petition containing the names of a few citizens of our town illustrated the harm that can be done one in the house of friends, for a paragraph in the petition would certainly do the prisoner more harm than good before the Board of Pardons.

In this paragraph the trial of William Eyler was styled a "miscarriage of justice" and trial and verdict were reflected upon and those who signed their names to the rather long petition could not have read it.

To call the trial a "miscarriage of Justice" would not only be untrue but could do no good. The man was carefully and fairly tried and practically every ruling of the Court was in his favor so that full justice could be one him. The Supreme Court of the State has declared that the man was properly convicted of murder in the first degree. Any such statement would only do the prisoner more harm than good before the Board of Pardons, by either provoking a smile on account of its hot air character or might be resented because of its reflection upon a trial which the Supreme Court has declared to have been just, fair and proper.

It is usual also to ask the Court, District Attorney and jurors to sign such petitions and it is impossible to conceive how these officers would see their way clear to sign a petition for commutation and stultify themselves by saying the trial they had a part in was a "miscarriage of justice," and to ask them to sign a petition not so worded and to have in existence another reflecting upon them would be unjust and unfair to the Court trying the prisoner.

Of the very large number of men who have been heard to discuss the matter the great majority say he should be imprisoned and not hanged. Those who hold this opinion believe he was properly tried and convicted. They also recognize that the degree of drunkenness of the prisoner is no excuse for murder in Pennsylvania.

The sentiment however grows out of the peculiar circumstances of the case and conditions of the man. There is a total absence of cold bloodedness and wickedness of heart in the case. The man cannot be called depraved. He is woefully ignorant, so much so as to be harmless when sober. Though drunkenness is no excuse for the crime, it is realized that his drinking had everything to do with making him capable of committing murder. He has no history of being old in misdeeds. There was nothing of the hardened criminal or lawless desperado about him. He had been a hard working, industrious densely ignorant young man and by the whiskey capable of taking the life of another. He has a wife who has born a good name and the prisoner has become a father since the commission of his act. These circumstances and conditions have created quite a sentiment for commutation, and it is altogether possible if the case was presented to the Board of Pardons from this point of view, Court, officers and jurors might be willing to further this sentiment and the case of the prisoner given some hopeful aspects.

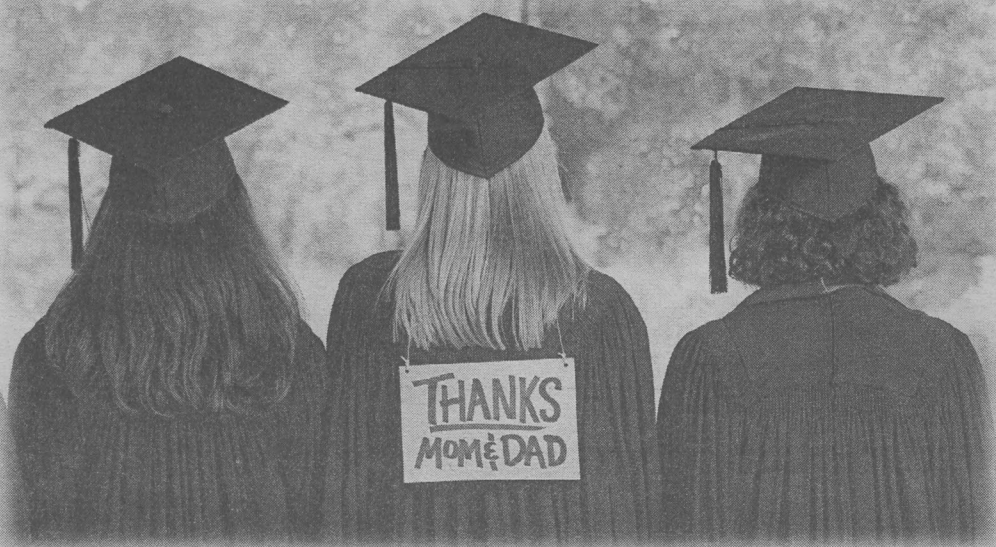
DETOUR ITEMS

Mr. Oliver Angel has sold his store to Mr. E.L. Mauer, a young and prominent businessman of our town.

A horse belonging to J.P. Waybright, driven by his son, Roger, became frightened last Thursday at the ringing of the bell at the Railroad crossing west of town, and ran off. The animal turned into the Academy grounds where a number of children were playing but fortunately none were hurt.

Mrs. W.H. Troxell met with a painful accident on Tuesday. While she was cleaning up the spring house, a stone fell from the wall and struck her on the head, inflicting a very bad cut, also wounding severely her shoulder. At present she is somewhat improved.

Mr. James Warren is giving his shop a coat of paint. This is quite an improvement.

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Budget

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The budgeted amounts drop from \$55,000 combined to \$19,811. When *The Dispatch* asked Hoover about the large decrease, it was discovered that a typo in the line item for parking meter fees shortchanged the town about \$20,295.

"That means we've got \$20,000 more to spend somewhere else," Hoover said.

As far as where the money will be spent, the street department will see a nearly two-thirds increase jumping from \$201,178 this year to \$330,718 for next year. However, parks, recreation and culture will see an 11.7 percent drop from \$188,993 to \$166,792. Planning and zoning will also see a 37.8 percent drop from \$162,262 to \$100,957.

"Now it's this board's budget to look at, discuss it and at a future meeting vote on it," Hoover said. "The bottom line is that the bottom line has to stay balanced."

The commissioners also got a look at the proposed \$729,219 capital improvement program. The items in this budget

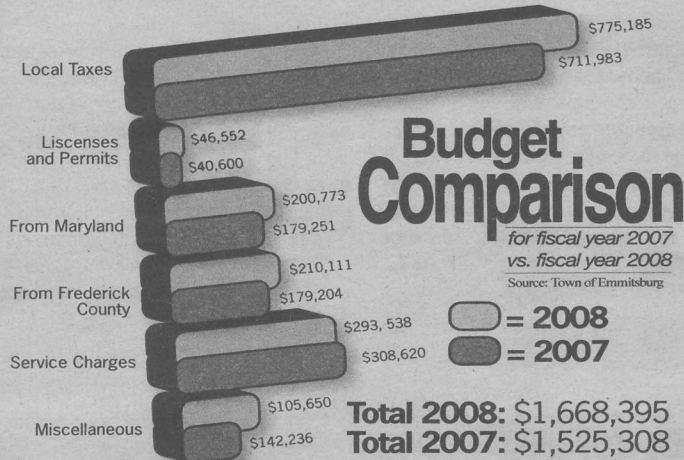
are for one-time purchases for large equipment and land or for the materials to maintain those items.

"You'll see a \$60,000 revenue increase related to an increase in the impact fees," Hoover said.

The town currently receives \$1,200 in impact fees for each dwelling unit built in town. Hoover proposed to increase that number to \$3,200 per unit. With the increase, the town expects to

receive \$96,000 in impact fees next year. Among the new projects included in the list is a Silo Hill Road median and streetlights along South Seton. It also includes money for the community pool, sidewalk/tree replacement and street repaving.

The commissioners will begin discussing the budget at the May 21 town meeting and the approved budget will take affect beginning July 1.



Sewer

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Marida and Paula Matweecha, Robert and Rachel Patrick, Robert and Deborah Massett, Andrew and Beth Linker and Randy and Holly Valentine filed suit as plaintiffs against Thurmont Town, Thurmont Board of Commissioners, and Thurmont Town et al for \$9 million. Each party is suing for \$500,000 to \$600,000, except for the Patrick's suit for \$800,000.

The jury trial began on May 7, 2007 nearly three years later. The plaintiffs allege the techniques used to maintain the sewer system at the time of the incidents were not up-to-date and the town did not fix the problem as they said they would after the first incident. Several of the plaintiffs claimed they cannot sell their homes because the flooding has depreciated the value of their affected homes making them virtually worthless.

The town's defense

According to Thurmont Mayor Martin Burns at the time of the incidents the sewer system was state of the art and since the May 16 incident the town has spent \$1.6 million on sewer repairs and \$700,000 on inflow and infiltration repairs.

"Once we realized that this may not be a single occurrence, we took action to fix it," Burns said. "We've done everything prudently possible to mitigate it."

Also, the town is currently trying to get a \$4 million grant to fix other sewers in town, Dingle said.

As for the allegation that the damaged homes have depreciated in value due to the flooding, several of the homeowners have refinanced their homes, some several

times, but did not disclose the damage to the lenders, yet they received a maximum value for their homes. "How can you claim a loss of value when you've refinanced to the maximum value of the house?" Burns asked.

Burns also contends the town only pumped water out of the manholes because they wanted to prevent the homes from flooding again.

Since the May 16 incident four years ago no other homes have experienced flooding except one incident due to contractor error, Burns said.

The two parties have debated as to what could have caused the sewer to back-up in the first place. According to Dingle and Burns, heavy rain fell the day before and the day of the May 16 incident.

"We had 5.2 inches of rain within a 24 hour period before the 16th of May," Burns said. "The creek next to the town office was nearly overflowing."

The amount of rain that fell could have lead to the sewer becoming flooded Burns and Dingle said.

"We haven't determined any specific reason except there was too much water coming in," Dingle said.

However, several of the plaintiffs testified the rain was not heavier than normal on May 15 or May 16. According to *weather.maryland.com* several inches of rain had fallen on the Fredrick area by 8 a.m. May 16.

As of May 11 the plaintiffs had rested their case and the defense was to begin trying their case May 14. Also, the Linkers case was dismissed because they did not disclose it in a bankruptcy.

A decision is expected by May 18.

How events have progressed

January 1, 2003 - Around 6 p.m. the Patricks discover sewage in their basement.

May 16, 2003 - Around 7 a.m. or so the plaintiffs discover sewage in their basements.

June 3, 2003 - The Patricks' basement floods a third time.

June 24, 2004 - The lawsuit is filed.

Full 2004 - A detailed inspection of town sewer system reveals problems.

July 27, 2005 - Consent agreement between Thurmont and Maryland Department of the Environment finalized.

March 2006 - \$1.6 million sewer repair project undertaken.

May 7, 2007 - The jury trial starts.

May 11, 2007 - The plaintiffs rest their case.

May 14, 2007 - The defense begins their case.

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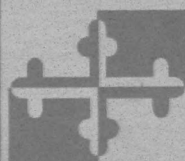
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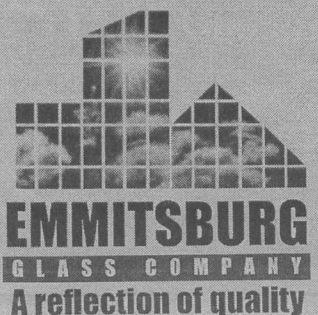
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OPINION

A Word from the Mayor Join Emmitsburg's Youth Advisory Committee

Over the next few months I am going to work on establishing a mayor's Youth Advisory Committee. The committee will be made of Emmitsburg residents from 12 to 18 years old and we will meet once a month. I hope to have the first meeting take place in September or October 2007.

The primary purpose of the committee is for the mayor to listen to and consider suggestions from the youth in

our community. The secondary purpose of the committee is to teach and mentor members about town government.

The committee will be a stand-alone committee for the mayor, established the same way the Farmers Market Committee and Trails Task Force Committee were established without creating a town ordinance. The Youth Advisory Committee will consist of eight to 12 members (boys and girls) from all areas

in town. Each member's term will be for one year but, they may be selected for more than one term. The committee members will select a chairperson, vice chair and a secretary each year.

The Emmitsburg Town Government is no different than civic organizations. We must provide an opportunity to get our youth interested and involved.

If you want to volunteer or get more information about the committee,

contact Mayor Jim Hoover at (301) 447-2140 or Amy Nail at the Town Office at (240) 600-6303. As a member of this committee, the only thing that will be expected of you, you must be willing to discuss your thoughts (or your friends' thoughts) about how the Town may be able to make Emmitsburg a better place.

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TOWN NEWS



Making a whistlestop in Emmitsburg

The National Firefighters Foundation 20-city whistlestop tour was in Emmitsburg on April 29. The tour is promoting fire safety and education and highlighting the message of "Everyone goes home." On average, 100 firefighters die in the line of duty each year. The goal of the tour is to promote efforts to reduce this number.



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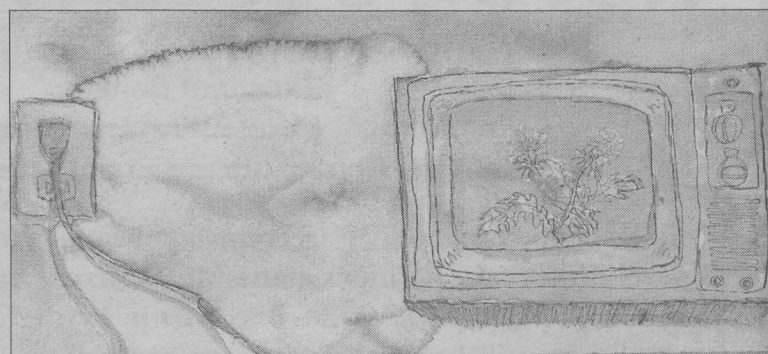
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Library showcases paintings by local artist Amelia Carroll



Local artist Amelia Carroll will be displaying her artwork on the walls of the Emmitsburg Public Library through the end of the May.

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Pa. — Visitors to the Emmitsburg Library certainly go there expecting to find books of all types and even a used-book shop. They might not notice

that the library walls serve as a small art gallery space, currently displaying seventeen paintings by Amelia Carroll. Librarian Sue Cardella organized this exhibit, and four others which preceded it.

"We have a wonderful hanging system purchased by the Friends of the Library," Cardella said, which gives the library a chance to showcase local artists and make their work available to the community to enjoy and purchase.

Carroll grew up in Emmitsburg (she is the daughter of Dr. Alan Carroll and his wife Rita) and attended Mother Seton School and St. John's High School at Prospect Hall in Frederick. She graduated from Goucher College in 2002, and her art studies included summer courses at the Pratt University and the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. She has been accepted at the renowned Art Institute in Chicago, and will begin graduate work there in fall 2007.

Carroll describes her current work as "experiments with different media," mixing acrylic paints with oils, for example, or black and white line drawings with splashes of color. "I'm exploring color a lot," she says, which shows in some of the paintings displayed at the library, "and some are more abstract." She is very pleased to have this opportunity for her second one-woman show. Her first area exhibit was at Frederick Community College in 2004.

The show will continue through May 31 and will end with a closing reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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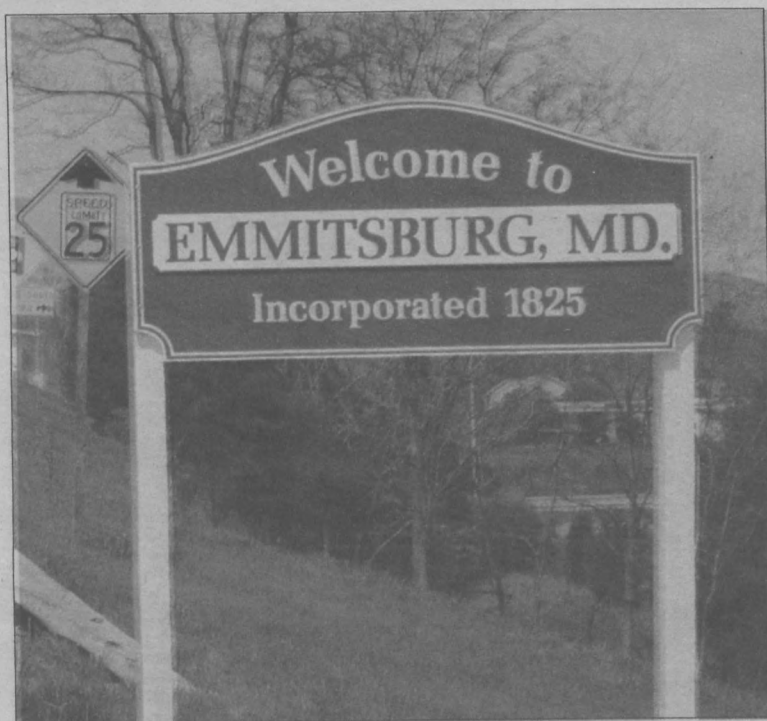
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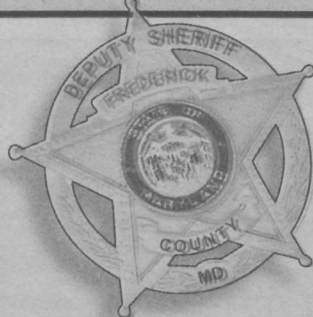
TOWN NEWS



- RAYMOND A. BUCHHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

The sign of the times

Emmitsburg's new signs along Main Street that welcome visitors to town only cost the town about \$350 because the developer of the Southgate subdivision paid the remainder. The signs also feature the town incorporation date of 1825 due to a decision by the commissioners to minimize controversy over what the town's founding date is.



The Community Deputy Program is alive and well in Emmitsburg. Starting in this issue, a short article will appear in *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* the second issue of each month. Called 10-43: For Your Information, which is the police call for information, the column will cover topics from identity theft and how to protect yourself from it, to different programs the Frederick County Sheriff's Office provides to the community.

Since adding a third deputy to Emmitsburg, police coverage in town has greatly increased. Focusing on traffic enforcement has decreased the number of traffic violations in town.

Upcoming commercial vehicle inspections are being arranged through our commercial vehicle inspection unit. A commercial vehicle inspection was conducted in town several months ago. Several citations, warnings, and

equipment repair orders were issued and two vehicles were placed out of service.

Citizens probably see us active in traffic enforcement throughout town. Staying busy with traffic enforcement helps to decrease traffic violations in town and also helps to identify people who choose to drink and drive, drive on suspended/revoked licenses, have warrants issued for their arrest, are in possession of illegal drugs, and are engaged in other illegal activity. When you see us monitoring traffic in town, be sure to know we are doing it for your safety and well being. The community deputies are looking forward to the warmer weather and the chance to get out in town on bike patrol. Citizens will see us this summer focusing bike patrol in the parks, pool area, and alleys.

We encourage the town residents to contact county dispatch when they see or hear of anything suspicious in town.

We hear about community policing

10-43: For Your Information Community deputies serving Emmitsburg

but what does it mean to our community? Quickly defined, it is simply the citizens and town officials partnering with their police to prevent and solve crime and handle other community related issues. The goal for the community deputies and the citizens of Emmitsburg needs to be for us to work together to make Emmitsburg a great place to live and work.

Our office is located at 22 East Main Street, but we are seldom there. To have us assist the citizens contact us through our dispatch at (301) 600-2071. Please feel free to contact us about anything. If we are off duty and police assistance is needed, contact the Frederick County Sheriff's Office dispatch at the same phone number. Following is the voice mail numbers for the community deputies assigned to Emmitsburg.

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DJS Youth Recreation Specialist I	\$33,436	\$35,284	\$37,256

To apply: Go to www.djs.state.md.us and click on Current Job Announcements. For consideration, submit ONE fully completed application packet to: Department of Juvenile Services, Office of Human Resources-2nd Floor, One Center Plaza, 120 W. Fayette Street, Baltimore MD 21201. For immediate consideration, please fax your application to 410 333-4188. EOE



Town Meetings

Municipal meetings

Town Meeting
May 21, 7:30 p.m.
Off street parking surfaces
Revisions to financial disclosure regulation
Increase to impact fees
Tax rate consideration
Budget discussion

Planning and Zoning
May 29, 7:30 p.m.

Town Meeting
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REGIONAL NEWS

Welcome to Furmont, Maryland

BY JAMES RADA JR.
News Editor
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THURMONT, Md. — Most people dread the dog days of summer, but Thurmont is looking forward to its dog days so much so that on June 2, Thurmont becomes Furmont.

June 2 is Furmont Day in town and owners are invited to bring their dogs to the carnival grounds from noon to 3 p.m. Event chairperson Tammy Bomberger is hoping for 300-400 owners and their dogs to show up.

"Every dog that enters the fairgrounds gets a doggie bag with lots of goodies," said Vickie Grinder, Thurmont's Main Street manager.

Different vendors, such as PetSmart and Two Paws Up, will have products for dogs on display. The Catoctin Veterinary Clinic will be offering microchip tracking chips for only the cost of the chip. The Blue Ridge Kennel Club will be offering a free obedience training seminar.

Dogs can also compete in musical chairs, the "waggiest" tail, best costume and pet parades. All of the dogs that participate will be given a ribbon and the winners will get larger ribbons and prizes.

"Every dog goes home a winner," Grinder said. "There are no losers."

From 9 a.m. to noon, owners can take a pet passport around to participating businesses in town and have it punched. Filled passports will qualify the owner for a prize drawing at the end of the event.

Visitors to the stores can also vote on the cutest pet. Pictures will be on display at the stores. If you have a picture of your pet, you would like to submit, mail it to: Vickie Grinder, 10 Frederick Road, Thurmont, MD 21788.

"This is another way to get people curious and involved so they can see that Thurmont's a great little town," Bomberger said.

Information and pet registrations for Furmont Day is available at the town office. The events at the carnival grounds will be under a large tent so Furmont Day is rain or shine.

"It's a dog world we live in," said Grinder. "People love their dogs. They're like one of the family."

Senior Events

Events at the Fairfield Senior Center

The Fairfield Senior Center is alive and well and welcomes all seniors of the Greater Fairfield area. The center is in the social room at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13 E. Main St., Fairfield. Questions about activities? Call Cheryl Kulkusky, the site director, at (717) 642-6523.

Special Events

May 22 - Spring Fling at Gettysburg College. Lunch, great bingo prizes and health checks, all for \$6. The center is closed.

May 24 - We're going to the movies in Gettysburg and eating there too. Meet at center at 9:30 a.m.

May 28 - Closed for Memorial Day.

May 31 - Bring a packed lunch. We will go to the park and have a picnic (weather permitting).

Regular Activities

Exercise: Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Dress comfortably and wear athletic shoes.

Knitting: Mondays, 10:30 a.m. - Noon. Bring your project - beginners welcome. (Other needleworkers are welcome too.)

Lunch: Monday through Friday at Noon, except for special events

already noted.

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Games and puzzles: Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., except for special events.

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REGIONAL NEWS

Spring cleaning can help reduce mosquito populations

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Maryland's weather recently has created perfect conditions for mosquito breeding.

"As the weather begins to warm, homeowners are reminded that their regular spring cleaning activities can help reduce mosquito populations," said Maryland Agriculture Secretary Roger Richardson. "Measures such as removing containers which accumulate water and cleaning roof gutters will help prevent mosquitoes from breeding and will make spring outdoor ac-

tivities such as gardening, barbecues and outdoor sports more pleasant." While spring cleaning residents should:

- Remove any buckets, cups, bottles, plastic bags, etc. that may have accumulated outside.
- Clean roof gutters (after the oak trees have finished flowering).
- Check rain barrels to make sure they're completely screened (including around the down spout).
- Remove any old tires (or drill holes

in those used for playground equipment). Store usable tires in a shed or garage so they won't accumulate water.

- Fix dripping outdoor faucets.
- Introduce fish to ornamental ponds, even those with fountains or bubblers. Most fish will eat mosquito larvae.
- Make sure outdoor trash cans have tight-fitting lids. If lids are not available, drill holes in the bottom of the can.

First Annual Founders Day Planned for Carroll Valley

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — During his report to the borough council on April 10, Mayor Ron Harris proposed the first ever

Founder's Day Event for the borough to be held Sunday, September 23. The event is designed to "take a time out and celebrate who we are," Harris ex-

plained. The family friendly event will have activities and a contest for children as well as art and photography contests for adults, all designed to highlight life in Carroll Valley.

In addition to these events, community representatives will have booths set up to meet the public. Expected exhibitors include the borough office, council, committees, Carroll Valley Citizens Association, boy and girl scouts, Fairfield and Fountaintdale Fire Departments, EMS, and local non-profit and other businesses.

The council was very receptive to the mayor's proposal and more details will unfold as the event draws near.

- W. Reinke

Around the county

The following are some of the happenings around Frederick County as reported by the Frederick County Office of Business and Economic Development.

Frederick County

- The Frederick County Commissioners have released a "Top 10" list of accomplishments. Included are: lobbying reform (passed locally), ethics reform bill (passed through the legislature), construction of Linganore High (proceeding on time) and a transportation summit (planned for June 16, 2007).
- The Commissioners have created a new Division of Emergency Planning and Management and reorganized the Division of Fire and Rescue Services.
- The Frederick County Office of Economic Development has released its annual report highlighting economic development accomplishments for 2006. The web link is: www.discoverfrederickmd.com/business/annual-report

Middletown

- Town Council has voted to hold

the line on property taxes at 23 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

New Market

- Results are in on a controversial annexation referendum...residents voted 148-105 against annexing two farms. Mayor Burhans says the decision also means a bypass of Main Street may never occur.

Rosemont

- Three candidates, including incumbent Jackie Ebersole, are running for the post of Burgess in the town's election on May 5.

Thurmont

- Town commissioners have approved construction bids for a new police station. The project is estimated to cost nearly \$2 million.

Woodsboro

- Two council seats are on the ballot for the town's election May 12. Incumbent Ken Morgan and residents David Eaves and Joel Rensberger are vying for the posts.

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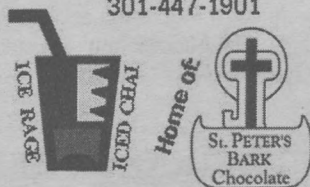
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EDUCATION

Thurmont Lions announce Teacher of the Year nominees

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. — The Thurmont Lions Club announced nominees for its 2007 Teacher of the Year award at a reception held at Thurmont Primary School on April 17. Candidates for the honor are nominated by parents, students, and fellow educators at six area schools: Lewistown Elementary (LES), Sabillasville Elementary (SES), Thurmont Primary (TPS), Thurmont Elementary (TES), Thurmont Middle (TMS), and Catocin High (CHS). One candidate is selected to represent each school, and the Teacher of the Year will be chosen from among the six nominees.

The six finalists for Teacher of the Year are: Matt Sweigart, Modern World History teacher at CHS; Michelle Keegin, a kindergarten teacher at Lewistown; Jim McGivern from Thurmont Elementary, who teaches fourth grade; Tonya Wantz, Sabillasville Elementary, who also teaches fourth grade; Rebecca Althoff, seventh-grade math teacher at TMS; and Heather Hommey, a first-grade teacher from Thurmont Primary School.

These nominees and their principals will be recognized at a dinner at Cozy Restaurant on May 23, 2007.



— SUSAN ALLEN / THE DISPATCH

The Thurmont Lions Club recently announced its finalists for its Teacher of the Year award. They are front row (l to r): Jim McGivern (Thurmont Elementary), Tonya Wantz (Sabillasville Elementary), Michelle Keegin (Lewistown Elementary), Matt Sweigart (Catocin High); Back row (l to r): Rebecca Althoff (Thurmont Middle), and Heather Hommey (Thurmont Primary.) Also shown on the back row is Lions Club President Susan Favorite. The overall 2007 Teacher of the Year will be announced at the Thurmont Lions Club's Education Night, May 23.

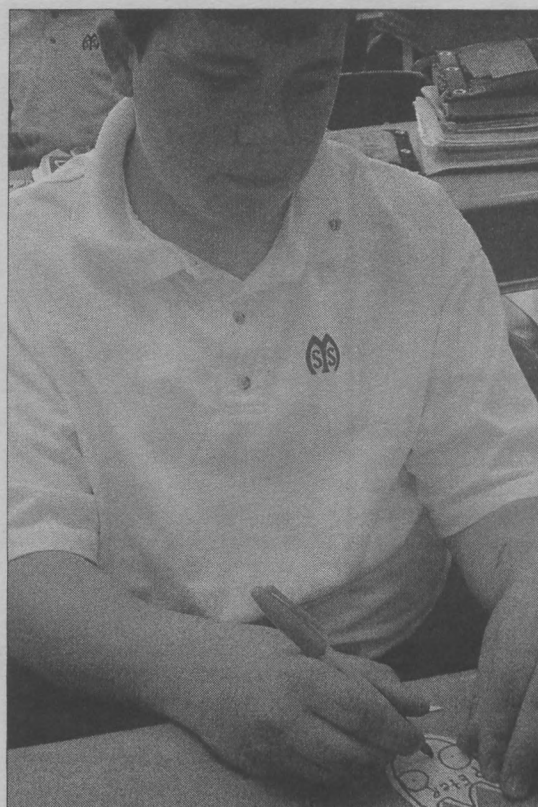
The 2007 Teacher of the Year will be announced at the event.

Other nominees were kindergarten teacher Heather Flickinger (TPS), Berna LaForce (theatre arts and chorus, TMS), and Brenda Smith (third grade) and Marnie Mortenson (second grade) from Sabillasville.

This is the fifth year the Lions

Club has sponsored the program, which is designed to show the community's appreciation of its educators, and the second year that the Lewistown and Sabillasville schools have been included. Emmitsburg Elementary School is not included because the area is served by a separate Lions group.

Middle school students learn about "Precious Feet"



— PHOTO COURTESY OF MOTHER SETON SCHOOL

Students at Mother Seton School are adopting unborn children, choosing names, praying for their child's mother and father, and wearing a "Precious Feet" lapel pin that represents the exact size and shape of a 10-week unborn baby's feet. These 6th-8th graders in Mrs. Hallinan's religion classes plan to have a baby shower to celebrate the births of their "adopted children" in January 2008. Current 8th graders will be invited to return for the event. Gifts and donations will be given to a Gabriel Project or the Catocin Pregnancy Center. Around 1970, physician Dr. Russell Sacco became aware of the highly developed human characteristics of pre-born infants. His striking photo of the perfectly formed feet of a 10-week unborn child was published worldwide.

Spring Registration for 2007-08 at
Mother Seton School.

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Spring registration for pre-K through 8th grade at Mother Seton School has opened. Tours and application materials available. Pre-K has a full program option. Financial assistance is available. The school is located at 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. For more information call (301) 447-3161 or visit www.mothersetonschool.org.

EDUCATION

CHS senior Evan Richards completes duties as House of Delegates page



- PHOTO COURTESY OF ALLISON RICHARDS

Catoctin High student Evan Richards checks out the view from the podium in the Maryland State House. Richards served two weeks as an Annapolis page during the 2008 legislative session.

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. — Catoctin High School's Evan Richards spent his second week as a page in the Maryland House of Delegates during the final days of the 2007 legislative session. From April 2-6 "the delegates were voting all the time, so we were really kept busy" running errands, carrying messages, and copying the roll call after the most-important votes. The constant activity was a marked contrast to his first assignment in early February, when most work was conducted in committee meetings. The experience, says Richards, gave him "a much better understanding of the state legislative process, as well as

a close look at bills that will impact the lives of people in Maryland."

This is the second consecutive year that a CHS student successfully competed for a place in the Maryland Page Program. Richards was one of five Frederick County students (plus one alternate) selected. His favorite subjects have always been history and social studies, and he was a prosecutor on the mock trial team this year. He will attend Towson State University in the fall, majoring in history with a minor in political science. His career plan to this point has been to teach in high school, but his Annapolis and mock trial experiences have piqued his interest in the law.

Qualifications for applicants vary from county to county. Some use grade-point average and school

activities as their basis for selecting successful applicants, while others sponsor an essay contest to determine which students will participate. Richards says that the pages he met from other counties feel that "Frederick County has one of the tougher selection processes." According to David Gadra, the CHS advisor, each public high school and St. John's College Prep is allowed one applicant. Each applicant must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average (out of 4 possible points) and be in good academic standing. Applicants first compete at their local school, preparing and delivering a five-minute speech. At the county level, they are interviewed, make a three-minute speech, and participate in a question-and-answer period with curriculum specialist Michael Bunitsky and school advi-

sors. The students vote along with Bunitsky and advisors for the six Frederick County page slots.

The Maryland Page Program began in 1970 and is funded by the legislature. One-hundred and twenty high school seniors (and 36 alternates) are selected statewide each year and their duties include keeping the members' bill books up-to-date, running errands, delivering messages and materials to members, answering phones, and assisting visitors.

The selection process included a group interview and question-and-answer session with Michael Bunitsky, Frederick County Public Schools Social Studies curriculum specialist. Each student also had to prepare and deliver a three-minute speech.

Mother Seton School at the Meyerhoff

Four Mother Seton School students were chosen to perform with the 120-member Celebration Concert Band in "A Celebration of the Arts" at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall on April 9. Eileen Connell and Kerri Ann Gasior (flute), Alex Nigida (clarinet), Karen Gasior (alto sax) were the students selected to take part in the performance. The Archdiocese of Baltimore, Division of Catholic Schools presented "A Celebration of the Arts," to launch the National Catholic Educational Association Convention. The show was a celebration of music, song, dance, theatre and visual arts. The band performed several pieces including, *Splashdown!* by Norman Ward, *Starship* by John O'Reilly and *The Sound and the Fury* by Robert W. Smith, among others.



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RELIGION

Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church celebrates 250 years

By SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. — "We have come this far by faith" sang the choir as the congregation of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church observed its 250th anniversary with a special Holy Communion service on Sunday afternoon, April 22, 2007. Rev. H. Gerard Knoche, Bishop of the Delaware Maryland Synod, pastor emeritus Rev. W. Ronald Fearer, former pastors Rev. Susan Yatta and Rev. David Knodel joined 130 church members in the day's celebration.

The worship service was one of many anniversary year events. On April 29, the congregation dedicated a tree planted on the west side of the 210-year-old stone church building. A brass plaque bearing a quotation from Martin Luther will accompany the tree: "Even if I knew most certainly that the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree" (paraphrasing by Elias' pastor, Rev. Jon Greenstone). It reflects, says Greenstone, "our hope for generations to come."

The Lutherans in Emmitsburg began with a small group of German settlers living in Toms Creek Hundred about 2.5 miles east of the present town. In 1757 the Rev. John George Bager began periodic visits to the settlement, and they erected a log chapel to accommodate services. This June, 21st-Century members will meet at the original site to re-enact those early rites.

The congregation grew, joining with a group of German Reformed residents to build a larger union church (1782). In 1797 the two congregations purchased land in Emmitsburg and built a stone church. They started the Union Sabbath School (1827) to provide religious education for

their children. Two years later the Union Academy was founded, teaching the "three R's" and religion. Worship services were conducted in German until 1828. The building's sanctuary was enlarged to its current size in 1835.

In 1867 the congregations separated. The building became Elias Lutheran Church, named for the prophet Elijah. The Reformed group built its own church nearby, now Incarnation United Church of Christ. Though the congregations remain separate, they are good neighbors, and since the 1960's have worked closely on ecumenical issues. Their pastors at that time, Rev. Fearer and the late Rev. John Chatlos of In-

carnation, led the formation of the Emmitsburg Council of Churches. Through the Council, a summer Vacation Bible School, open to children throughout the community, began. The two churches will join again for Sunday worship on May 20.

Today Elias' ministry includes sponsorship of the after-school Creative Kids' Academy and The Basement coffeehouse. Two of Elias' members, Rev. Ronald Reaves and Rev. Jill Valentine Seagle, have been ordained into the Lutheran ministry. Its active membership is more than 300 strong, and in Greenstone's words, they "look for God to continue to use Elias to build the kingdom."



— ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL SR./THE DISPATCH

In celebration of Elias Lutheran Church's 250th anniversary, the congregation planted a commemorative tree to the west of the church. Pictured in the foreground above are (l to r) Jessica Potts, Pastor Jon Greenstone, Harry Hahn, Roland Frock and Elias Council Vice President Roger Adams.

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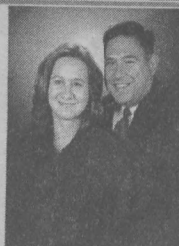
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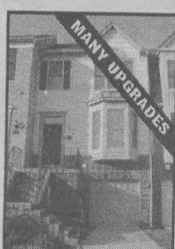
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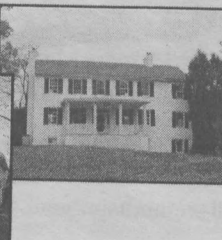
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Emmitsburg jumping beans

Mount students have fundraiser fun with trampoline



- CHAD SMITH / THE DISPATCH

Mount St. Mary's students held a "Hop for Scott" to raise money for the Harbaugh family, whose four-year-old son, Scott, is dying from a brain tumor. Students jumped on a trampoline for 24 hours beginning April 28 at noon. Checks for donations can be made out to MSM Campus Activities Board, memo line: Jumpathon. They can be mailed to: Campus Activities Board, Mount St. Mary's University, 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Volunteers spend day of service to the community

ROCKY RIDGE, Md. — On April 14, volunteers with the Frederick County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans joined with youth from 4-H, Girl Scouts, and many churches of the county cleaning, painting and preparing the Mt. Tabor Park for visitors to enjoy.

The activity was part of the eighth annual JOIN HANDS DAY, which is sponsored by America's fraternal benefit societies and is the only national day of service specifically focused on bringing youth and adults together to form lifelong relationships while improving their communities through neighborhood volunteering. Approximately 28 adults and youth participated in the activity.

"This year's Join Hands Day project accomplished what we set out to do," said Viola Noffsinger, Thrivent Financial member and project coordinator. "We made a difference in the community while sparking new relationships among volunteers of different age groups. Both adults and youth who participated in our project experienced firsthand the gratification and impact of volunteerism."

During the Join Hands Day activity, participants formed small teams to pick up garbage in Mt. Tabor Park. Following the massive clean-up, the teams spent several hours, scrubbing pavilion floors, and painting picnic tables.



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Members of the Frederick County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans joined with area youth to clean, paint and prepare Mt. Tabor Park for the upcoming season. The service was part of "Join Hands Day."

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, the nation's largest fraternal benefit society, has nearly 3 million members who belong to one of 1,362 local chapters. Thrivent chapters meet regularly in order to plan and execute benevolent, social and educational activities enabling members to support their local communities through fund-raising and service projects.

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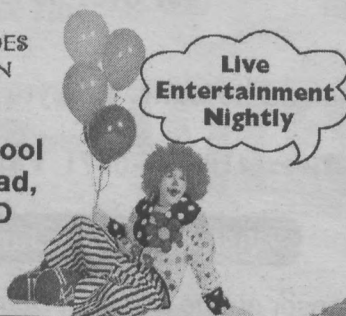
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COMMUNITY NEWS

275th Anniversary parade and service for Creagerstown

CREAGERSTOWN, Md. — St. John's Lutheran Church of Creagerstown will celebrate its 275th anniversary with an anniversary parade and "old time church service" on Sunday, May 20 at 3 p.m.

St. John's Evangelical Church was organized in 1732, the year of George Washington's birth. The original church building was described as log construction with a dirt floor. Rev. John C. Stoever was the first pastor.

The church moved from Monocacy Village to Creagerstown in 1791 when the original church became unfit for use. This wooden church was replaced by a brick church in 1834.

At 275 years old, it is the oldest Lutheran congregation in continuous operation in Western Maryland.

Continuing the observance of the 275th anniversary of St. John's Lutheran Church of Creagerstown,

an invitation is extended to everyone to participate in or watch a parade from 8313 Blacks Mill Rd to the church at 8619 Blacks Mill Rd.

Transportation from the church parking lot to parade line up area will be provided. Line up time is 2:30 p.m. with the parade beginning at 3 p.m. We encourage people to dress in period clothing, bring decorated bikes, hand pulled wagons, antique vehicles, be walkers dressed as trades people of a century ago etc.

Following the parade a short "old fashion church service" will be held in the "old church" with a light meal in the parish house. A fourth church building was built in 1908 and dedicated the following year.

Please contact Viola at (301) 898-9898 or late evenings at (301) 271-7308 with any questions or entries.

Nominate a deserving volunteer

FREDERICK, Md. — If you know a deserving volunteer, nominate him or her for the 2007 Wertheimer Fellows for Excellence in Volunteerism. Those nominated must be caring, diligent volunteers in the Frederick County community who tirelessly improve the human condition by sharing heartily of their own special talents and energy. These special people give generously and unselfishly of their time and ability — remarkable people who have decided to find a need and fill it, making a profound difference in the lives of others by volunteering through sweat equity rather than financial capital.

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Nomination forms for the 2007 Wertheimer Fellow for Excellence in Volunteerism can be downloaded from the Community Foundation's web site at www.cffredco.org. Copies may also be

picked up from the Community Foundation's office at 312 East Church Street in Frederick. To receive a form via fax, call (301) 695-7660. Nomination forms can also be found in the May 2007 issue of *Frederick Magazine*. Nominations must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 2007.

Locals make showing in international farming competition



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Frederick County residents took home awards from the International Red and White Show during the New York Spring Dairy Carousel on April 14. The junior champions of both the junior and open shows, along with the reserve junior champion of the open show, were owned and exhibited by Frederick County residents. Ri-Va-Re SS Cindy-Red, a fall calf owned by Hannah Thompson, 16, of Walkersville, (left picture) was named junior champion of the junior show. Wea-Land SS Mia-Red, a winter yearling, was the junior champion of the open show and is owned by Chris (right picture, center) and Jen Hill, James and Sharon Keilholtz, and Chad (right picture, right) and Sandy Umbel of Emmitsburg. Reserve champion of the open show, Premier-S Advent Treat-Red, a spring yearling, is owned by the Hills and Richard Green. More than 70 entries and over 40 exhibitors participated in the show. Perry Phend (right picture, left) of Wisconsin judged the show held at the New York State Fairground located in Syracuse.

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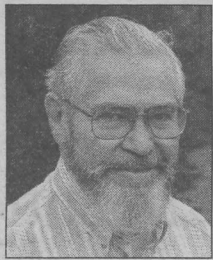
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The (retired) Ecologist

Birds of a Feather flock to an old teacher



By BILL MEREDITH
Dispatch Columnist

Most birds are aggressive toward each other, and as a result of their constant bickering and generally bad table manners, they spill more seeds from the feeder than they eat. However, the spilled seeds don't go to waste; many species normally feed on the ground anyway. So each morning this winter, among the half-dozen kinds of sparrows under our feeder, there would be three or four male cardinals with bright red crests and sinister black faces. There were also an indeterminate number of drab-colored females and juveniles, probably the mates and offspring of those males from last summer. But previous relationships were forgotten when winter came. The males established a pecking order among themselves, but each of them chased the females and juveniles away whenever the seeds began to get scarce. It was every bird for itself, and the females and juveniles were the last ones to the table.

When spring finally arrived, things changed. About the first

of May, I was idly watching a female cardinal foraging under the feeder when a male alighted nearby. He was full of confidence and authority, crest fluffed up and deeper red than he had been in the winter, and obviously the boss of the local territory. But instead of chasing the female away, he picked up a sunflower seed in his beak, hopped over to her and fed it to her with every appearance of tenderness. There was a story going on here.

My first impulse was to make up a dialog between the two birds... "Thanks for the seed... it was good, but why are you giving it to me now when there's plenty to eat, after chasing me away last winter when I really needed it?" But before I could go farther, a voice somewhere inside my right ear suggested that I stop and think again. It was a gentle, slightly tired voice that I hadn't heard in real life for over 35 years, but I recognized it immediately: Dr. H. Leland Taylor, my first teacher of animal behavior. He died decades ago, but he

seems to live on in my head, and he has a habit of popping up at times like this.

Maybe he appeared just then because this is the anniversary of our first meeting. It was in May, 1955; he helped me make out my first schedule of graduate courses when I matriculated at WVU. I was 22; he looked ancient, though he actually was in his early 60s (a decade younger than I am now). I am ashamed to admit that I was not impressed. No doubt the arrogance of youth colored my judgment, but in fact he was easy to underestimate. He was a small man, slightly stooped, with an unruly shock of white hair, a sallow complexion and a tired, seen-it-all expression on his face. His lab coat had been white once, but that was years earlier; now it was stained yellowish brown by a combination of chalk dust and smoke from the cigarettes that he lit one after the other. It was clear that he knew most of the things I was concerned about were not important, but he answered my questions with courtesy and patience.

By the end of that semester I

had been assigned to a permanent advisor, and I was surprised that he insisted I take Dr. Taylor's course in Animal Behavior. The opening class seemed to bear out my first impression; he came into the room in the same lab coat, still smoking, carrying a battered manila folder filled with yellow, frayed lecture notes. As he lectured, when he finished a page of notes he would pause, pick up the stack of papers, move the one he had just finished from the top to the bottom, and tap the stack on the table to make sure the edges were neatly lined up before going on. When he wrote on the blackboard, he occasionally forgot that the chalk was not a cigarette and

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absent-mindedly puffed on it, while the dust from the eraser added its hues to the ancient lab coat. But to my surprise,

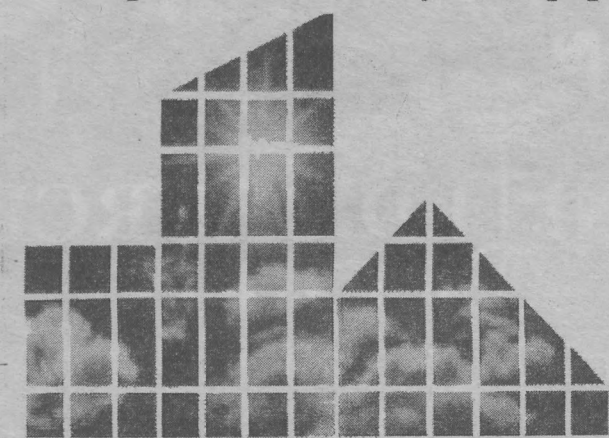
in spite of these eccentric rituals I stayed awake and focused. His voice was still tired, but it was clear and articulate. He was a masterful storyteller, and the stories were spiced with a wry, ironic wit, always illustrating the points he was making rather than just filling time.

When the course was over my notes contained a large amount of information that was well organized and completely new to me; in fact, years later when I needed to refresh my memory for my own teaching, I was amazed at how up-to-date the course had been. Some of the paper Dr. Taylor's lecture notes were written on was probably older than his lab coat, but that was because, having survived the Great Depression, he never threw anything away. When I saw the notes close up, they contained items obviously written at different times; old information was crossed out or erased until the paper wore through, and new facts and ideas were added. He was conversant with the latest research in his field, as a university professor should be.

His favorite taboo was anthropomorphism, the attributing of human qualities to animals. Until the end of the 19th century, this was done by many scientists and most of the general public, who believed animals (especially pets) were like small, furry people that understood and learned with human-like thought processes. Around 1900, scientific opinion went to the opposite extreme, considering animals to be like machines that were limited to inborn, instinctive responses, modified only slightly by learning. The pendulum was swinging back in the 1950s, but anthropomorphism was still seen as an incorrect way to interpret behavior. When we covered that topic, Dr. Taylor said we should watch birds like cardinals, in which the sexes are easily distinguished. In the spring, he said, you will see the male offering food to the female just like teenagers sharing refreshments at a prom; but beware of anthropomorphism. This behavior is the result of instinct and hormones, not love; a month ago, he was chasing her away from food when both were threatened by starvation.

I last saw Dr. Taylor at a scientific meeting in the mid-1970s, and was pleasantly surprised that he remembered my name. Then in his mid-80s, he no longer smoked and had lost that infernal lab coat, but otherwise seemed little changed. His eyesight was failing, but he was still keeping up with developments in his field. We had lunch together and talked about the work of younger researchers like Jane Goodall, which had established an evolutionary continuum between the behavior of humans and the higher primates. I never saw him again; but I still hear him gently prodding me when I am tempted to be less than rigorous in explaining why animals behave as they do. And this spring, after 55 years, I saw his story happen through my kitchen window.

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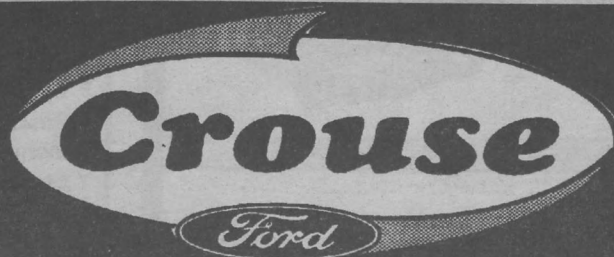


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May 18, 19 - Catoctin Youth Football and Cheerleading Sign-ups. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to noon. Cheerleading, \$70. Football, \$90. Flag Football, \$60. A \$10 discount is offered for each additional child in a family. A copy of each participant's birth certificate is required at registration. Thurmont Ambulance Building. For more information contact Karen Schildt at (301) 271-2026 or James Angerett at (301) 271-1147.

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 Parlamen at (301) 271-2823.

May 19 - Silver Fancy Garden Club Plant Sale. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the parking lot of Nationwide Insurance Agency. The address is 441 East Baltimore Street, Taneytown. There will be a wide variety of perennials that are all dug from our member's yards. The proceeds from this sale help fund the seasonal flower plantings in both Emmitsburg and Taneytown. Please stop by and get a heirloom specimen or two for your yard. For more information please call Susie Heck (410) 756-1113.

May 19 - Flea Market. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Shepherd's Staff parking lot, 30 Carroll St. Westminster. Refreshments available. Donations accepted May 14 & 15, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., May 16 & 17, 2 - 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Shepherd's Staff programs. For more information, call (410) 875-5944.

May 19 - St. Stephen's Church Annual Spring Festival. 11 a.m. until. Enjoy delicious food, children's

games, raffle, auction and ice cream for Antietam Dairy.

May 20 - Pancake Breakfast. 8 a.m. to noon. Adults, \$5. Children ages 6 to 12, \$2. St. Mary's Church. 256 Tract Road, Fairfield. For more information call (717) 642-8815.

May 20 - Rabies & Microchip Clinic. 1 - 3:30 p.m. Rabies vaccines available for \$6. Microchips are \$30. County pet licenses will also be available for purchase from Frederick County animal control. Owners should bring proof of prior rabies shots, if applicable. Frederick County Humane Society, 5712 D Industry Lane. For more information call (301) 694-8300 or visit www.fchs.org.

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

May 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 21-22 - 55 Alive Mature Driving Course. At Gettysburg Hospital Community Room A from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$10. Auto insurance premium discounts may be offered to graduates. Sponsored by Gettysburg Hospital and AARP. Call (800) 840-5905 to register.

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

May 26 - Monthly Summer Super Sandwich Sale & Yard Sale. Sandwich sale 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Yard sale 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pit Beef, pork, turkey & ham plus sides and beverages. Yard sale to benefit Lions vision and eye disease research Sightfirst program. Bell Hill Farm, 1 mile N. Thurmont, Rt. 15.

May 30 - Women's Check-Up Day. 4 - 7 p.m. in the Gettysburg Hospital Community Rooms. Cost: \$10. Take care of yourself and get screened for heart risk, osteoporosis, breast health, diabetes, nutrition, body fat, and ovarian/uterine cancer risk. Relax with a chair massage and light healthy snack. Prescription information are also available. Call (800) 840-5905 to register.

May 31 - Literacy Day Field Trip to Tire Park and Outside Nature Story Time (Lunch provided). 10:30 a.m. at the Up-County Family Center, 303 West Lincoln Avenue, Emmitsburg MD 21727, (301) 447-2810.

June 1 - Graduation Practice. 8 a.m. Auxiliary Gym. Followed by senior group photo. Catoctin High School (240) 236-8100.

June 2 - Cash Bash. Doors open at 2 p.m. Only 500 tickets will be sold, \$25 per person. Tickets not available at door. Includes food and refreshments. Drawings will be held every hour beginning at 3 p.m. with cash prizes. Large cash prize drawing at 8 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center, Church St., Thurmont. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact John Dowling at (301) 271-4439 or call the parish office at (301) 447-2367.

June 2, 3 - Catoctin Youth Football and Cheerleading Sign-ups. Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon; Sunday 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Cheerleading, \$70. Football, \$90. Flag Football, \$60. A \$10 discount is offered for each additional child in a family. A copy of each participant's birth certificate is required at registration. Thurmont Ambulance Building. For more information contact Karen Schildt at (301) 271-2026 or James Angerett at (301) 271-1147.

June 2 - Pet Fair. 2 - 5 p.m. Show off your dog in one or more classes for the dog show, climb the wall, play flamingo croquet, watch obedience demonstrations and have your pet's fortune told. Also available, a Canine Good Citizen Evaluation, to reward dog owners who have good mannered canines. Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital, 9436-B Waynesboro Pike, Emmitsburg.

June 3 - Crab Feed. 1 - 4 p.m. \$25 per person. Menu includes steamed crabs, hot dogs, crab soup, beverages and sides. Emmitsburg Ambulance Co., 300 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. For more information contact Marylou at (301) 447-2073 or call the station at (301) 447-2613.

June 4 - Senior Awards Ceremony. Ceremony begins at 7 p.m. Seniors must arrive at 6:30 p.m. Catoctin High School (240) 236-8100.

June 6 - Catoctin High School Graduation. Ceremony begins at 7 p.m. Students must arrive at 6:30 p.m. Catoctin High School (240) 236-8100.

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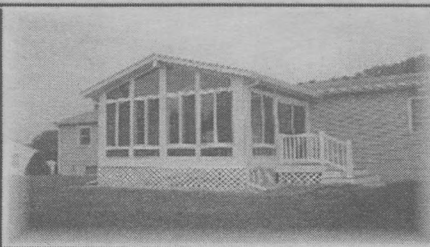
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May 18 - The youth of Mountain View Ministries will be hosting a block party and silent auction on Friday, at 7 p.m. in the church parking lot at 103 Apples Church Road, and all proceeds raised during this event will be forwarded to Youth World Evangelism 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 19, 20, 26, 27, June 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 30, July 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22 and August 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 - Living History Weekend. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Demonstrations of drills and camp life during the Civil War era. Different camps vary on the various dates. Gettysburg National Military Park. For more information call (717) 334-1124.

May 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 or call (301) 663-9330.

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 of 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 or visit frederickcslewisociety.org

June 1 - Deadline for the 2007 Photography Contest. Embark 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 e-mail aa@adamsarts.org.

June 2 - "Friends of Gettysburg" Volunteer Work Day. 8

a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The annual volunteer work day is sponsored by the Gettysburg Foundation. Gettysburg National Military Park. For more information call (717) 338-1243.

June 2 - Art in the Park. Local and regional artists and artisans gather to exhibit and sell their work in a laid back and festive atmosphere. Live musical performances by local musicians. Food and beverages available for sale. Free craft activities available for attending youth. Held in the park behind Westminster City Hall. Carroll Arts Center, 91 W. Main St., Westminster. (410) 857-2771.

June 2 to 17 - Always... Patsy Cline. Tickets, \$27-\$35. A musical tribute to legendary country singer Patsy Cline that narrates the story of her friendship with a Houston housewife. Featuring classics, such as "Honky Tonk Angels," "Walking after Midnight," and "Crazy." Totem Pole Playhouse, 9555 Golf Course Rd, Fayetteville. For more information, to purchase tickets or for show times, call (717) 352-2164.

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will teach an introductory digital photography class for adults. Students are to bring a digital camera, and the camera's instruction manual to class. Imagination Station, 18 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. For more information, call the arts council at (717) 334-5006 or visit adamscountyartscouncil.org.

June 6, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28 - Campfire Program. 9 p.m. Join a Park Ranger to discuss topics of natural history, resource management issues, park history and the National Park Service. Owens Creek Campground, Catocin Mountain Park. For more information call (301) 668-9388.

June 7, 14, 21, 28 - Pottery Class with Jack Handshaw. 6 - 8 p.m. Adams County potter Jack Handshaw will teach a class entitled "Hand-Building in Porcelain." Class will provide instruction on various types of hand building techniques, and each individual will create multiple pieces. The class will set up an exhibit to view one another's work. Handshaw's Hobbit House Pottery studio, 1575 Mount Hope Rd. in Fairfield. For

more information, call the arts council at 717-334-5006 or visit adamscountyartscouncil.org.

June 7 to July 7 - Southern Exposure: Works by the South Carroll Fine Arts League. Artists of the Arts League present work reflecting the theme of the south. Work may include landscapes of the deep south or other art with the flavor of south Carroll county, produced by an array of media. Community Gallery, Carroll Arts Center. 91 W. Main St., Westminster. (410) 857-2771.

June 10, 11 - Dance Unlimited. Sunday, 2 p.m.; Monday, 7 p.m. Tickets, \$12- 15. Dance Unlimited presents its dance recital. Weinberg Center, 20 W. Patrick St., Frederick. (301) 228-2828 or weinbergcenter.org.

June 10, 17, 24 and September 16, 23, 30 - Whiskey Still Talks. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Meet at the site of the original Blue Blazes Still in Catocin Mountain Park for an informal discussion that will explain how an excise tax took whiskey stills from the family farm to moonshine operations in mountain coves and hollows. For more information call (301) 663-9388.

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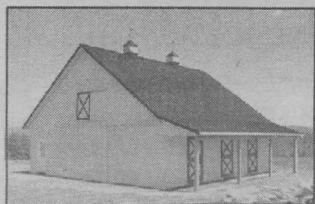
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OBITUARIES

Mary Margaret Nagle

A Mass of Christian burial was offered Saturday, April 28, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, for Sister Mary Margaret Nagle, DC, and former dietitian. Nagle died Thursday, April 26, 2007 at Villa St. Michael, the province's retirement residence in Emmitsburg. She was 94 years of age and 70 years of vocation.

Mary Margaret Nagle was born June 2, 1912 on the Emerald Isle, Kilconnell, County Clare, Ireland, and was baptized at St. Malachy's Church there. She was the first of three children born to Michael and Margaret Nagle.

Mary Margaret graduated from St. Brigid's School, Dereen, County Clare, in 1928 and the next year came to the United States to join her brother living in Utica, N.Y. After living in Utica for a

short time, she moved to Syracuse, N. Y. where she became acquainted with the Daughters of Charity administering Cathedral School. As Mary Margaret learned more about the Sisters and their community, she felt God's call to become a Daughter of Charity.

Sister Mary Margaret was the last of her immediate family and has no relatives in the United States. Her niece Bridie Leyden lives with her family in Ennis, County Clare, Ireland.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Daughters of Charity Support Fund for the Elderly and Infirm Sisters, 333 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

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F/T position w/full State benefits available at the Victor Cullen Academy in Sabillasville in Frederick County. Must possess a current certificate as a Nurse Practitioner or as a Nurse Midwife from the Maryland State Board and must possess 1 yr exp as a Nurse Practitioner or as a Nurse-Midwife.

Submit a MS100 application to Dept of Juvenile Services - OHR, One Center Plaza, 120 W. Fayette St., Balto., MD 21201. To download the MS100 & for detailed info, go to www.djs.state.md.us or www.dbm.maryland.gov. EOE

MD Dept of Juvenile Services Food Administrator II

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