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Grease doesn't make sewage flow easier

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The last time a storm came through Emmitsburg, something else came through the town's sewer lines and settled in A. M. Winch's toilet ... sewage.

"I do not understand why I should have sewage in my basement, in my garage, in my toilet," Winch said.

It is not the first time something like this has happened in that area of town. Emmit Gardens is the lowest-lying area on the town sewer system. Sewage from all areas of town passes through there on its way to the sewer plant.

"I have personally witnessed sewer water spilling out of and springing up from manhole covers in the middle of the street and the field adjacent to my property. This sludge enters my yard and home from the stream, the field, the street, the driveway and via reflux into the commode and sink in my basement," Winch wrote in a letter to the Emmitsburg mayor and commissioners.

She wrote that homeowners in her neighborhood "plug their drains

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The Harney Carnival



HAVING FUN at the Harney Carney



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The Harney Volunteer Fire Company's annual carnival ran from July 9-14. Visitors enjoyed food, rides, games and a variety of entertainment nightly.

Above: Two girls enjoy a motorized set of swings while (left) a young man spots his family from "The Paratrooper" ride at the Harney Carnival.

Bring your hunger to Emmitsburg's community bar-b-que

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Who will be Emmitsburg's "Grand Griller"?

Mayor James Hoover is hosting the first Emmitsburg Community Bar-b-que in the Community Park on August 4 beginning at 11 a.m.

"The real attraction is that it's a community event to bring people together with a friendly competitive event," Hoover said.

Nine different vendors will begin grilling or smoking chicken in the morning as they pursue the title of Emmitsburg's "Grand Griller." For

\$6.50, people can purchase a quarter chicken, apple sauce and potato salad. Corn on the cob and drinks will also be available for sale.

"I'm providing them all the food and paper products," Hoover said. "They are bringing their personal grills, personal seasonings and sauces."

The grillers will be the UpCounty Center, Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, Glenn Higgs, Danny Ebaugh, Jubilee Foods, The Butcher Block, Randy Hall, Dawn Carr and Kevin Stoltz.

"I like to barbeque," Hoover said. "It's a source of entertainment. This provides an opportunity to socialize."

A moon bounce will be available for children to play on at 11 a.m. and Springfield Exit will provide live music from noon to 3 p.m.

"Door prizes are every 30 minutes and start at 11:30," Hoover said. "You have to be present to win."

Among the prizes will be four bicycles.

"I am hoping to get enough money to create a \$1,000 scholar-

ship," Hoover said.

His plan is to continue this event each year to put enough money into an account to perpetuate the scholarship.

The sponsors of the event include Jubilee Foods, The Dispatch Community Newspapers, the Emmitsburg Business and Professionals Association, Life Horse and E+ Copy Center.

Town considers WATER RESTRICTIONS

Town looks to head off drought conditions

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — As temperatures soar, flowers wither and lawns turn brown, Emmitsburg's water consumption is up 12 percent since April.

With little rain to replace water used, town staff is starting to see signs of a water shortage. Rainfall is 6.7 inches below average since April and Rainbow Lake is four inches below the spillway, according to Emmitsburg Town Manager Dave Haller.

"It may be time for the mayor and commissioners to consider some kind of restrictions," Haller told the mayor and town commissioners on July 16.

Commissioner Joyce Rosensteel, who serves as liaison to the town's water committee, asked that town staff draft recommendations as to what precautions should be taken.

"Normally, the first phase is voluntary restrictions where we ask you to use your own judgment and conserve," Mayor James Hoover said.

He said that the town hasn't had to impose any water restrictions since the 2002-2003 drought when the town actually prohibited certain types of water use.

"I don't believe we're at a point where we really need to consider any significant restriction. Four inches below the spillway is not a real concern," Hoover said.

He said the staff had done a good job of

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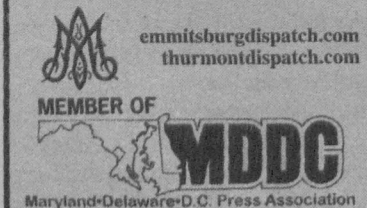
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A July 4th thank you

We would like to thank the organizers of the Carroll Valley 4th of July celebration for a great community event. We had the opportunity to volunteer at the event and help with the children's games. It was amazing to witness first-hand the sense of community this event created. Four municipalities (Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Liberty, and Hamiltonban), many local groups and many citizen volunteers, spearheaded by the Carroll Valley Citizens Association, worked together to create a wonderful day. It was refreshing to witness the family-focused spirit of our small

town communities.

The children had a great day watching the magician, going on hay rides by the McCleaf farm and playing the free carnival games. We both felt very optimistic about the next generation being raised in Adams County. And surely this experience could be found all over Adams County this past 4th of July!

Marty Qually, Adams County Commissioner Candidate
Marcia Wilson, Adams County Register and Recorder Candidate

Opinion

A Word from the Mayor How to beat the heat in Emmitsburg

With the 100-plus-degree temperatures, there's no doubt that summer has arrived and so has many of the Emmitsburg community activities

The town pool is open and fully functioning. Again this year we are holding four pool parties. The first pool party was held on Friday, July 13th and we had a great turnout. The weather and the water was a little chilly, but about 35 kids did not let the temperature discourage them from having a good time. The next pool party is scheduled for Friday, July 27th; it will be for the teens. At each of the pool parties we provide music, a moon bounce and food; which are all free of charge. The only fee that is requested is a \$1 admission fee. All of the pool parties are supported by generous and much appreciated donations from local businesses.

The farmers' market is also open every Friday from 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. This is the fourth year of the market. When you visit the market this year, you will see some new vendors and some new items. Vendors at the market offer organic produce, baked goods, herbs, honey products, cheese, beef, chicken, turkey, ham, eggs, hanging baskets and potted plants. Other vendors are expected to join the market and space is still available. If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the market, contact Amy Naill at the Town Office at (301) 600-6303 for more information. The farmers' market is conveniently located on South Seton Avenue next to the Community Center.

Concerts in the Park are back; the first concert was held on Friday, June 29th and had a great turnout. The next concert is scheduled for Friday, July 20th. This year in anticipation of the completion of the new band stand, concerts in the park are now performed in Community Park. The concerts are funded by the town but, I want to thank the members of the Parks and Recreation Committee for their hard work. The members of the Parks Committee have taken the lead in contacting and scheduling the concerts and they have stayed within their budget and before they make

any commitments to the bands, they request permission first.

In addition to the farmers' market, pool parties and concerts, I am continuing to look in to the feasibility of providing at least one movie in the park and at least one comedy show. Due to the cost of hiring a comedian, I believe that the comedy show will have to have a small entry fee. So continue to look for flyers and posters around town announcing dates and time of activities. Most of the activities will be held on Friday nights.

Another activity that I hope will happen this year; I am trying to set up a youth advisory committee. I am looking for teens 12-18 years old to meet and discuss their suggestions with me. I always hear that there is nothing in our town for the teens to do. I don't fully agree with that statement but, I believe that there is always room for improvement and in this case I believe the teens are the best source for information. So, if you are a teen or you know of a teen that may be interested in being a part of this committee, please call me at (301) 447-2140.

The final item I wish to tell you about is The Mayor's Community Bar-B-Que. I hope by now everyone has seen the posters around town and the ads in *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* about the Bar-B-Que. This is the first Community Bar-B-Que competition held in Emmitsburg. I have nine competitors signed up to compete for bragging rights and the title of "Grand Griller". This is a non-sponsored town event; all the proceeds will benefit a local scholarship. Like the pool parties, I am able to personally host this event because of the generous donations from local businesses. The bar-b-que will be held August 4th from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Community Park. We have live music, door prizes, a moon bounce and four bicycles to give away. So come out and enjoy the entertainment and see who wins the title of "Grand Griller". I hope to make this an annual event so, if your not competing in this year's event, you have a full year to practice your bar-b-que skills to compete in next year's Community Bar-B-Que.

James Hoover
Emmitsburg Mayor



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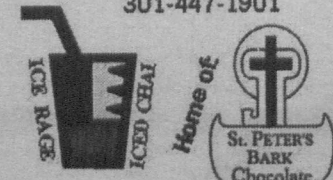
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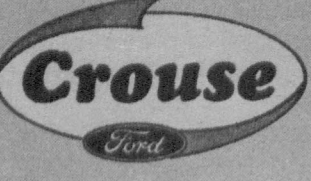
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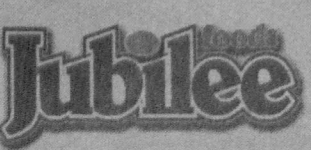
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to avoid regurgitation of the effluent and must serve as involuntary auxiliary pumping stations for the town by using their sump pumps."

Mayor James Hoover responded on July 10 that the town has experienced two small spills of untreated sewage over the past seven months.

Town Manager Dave Haller told the commissioners, "It wasn't due to the high flows. It was excess grease build up."

Haller said the problem is businesses that are not using grease traps as defined by town ordinance to keep grease out of the sewer system. When grease gets into the system, it tends to build up on the pipes.

"Where you did have a 10-inch pipe you might have a four-inch pipe," Haller said.

For now, the pipes in the Emmit Gardens area have been cleaned out and town staff is putting together a plan to identify the businesses in violation of the ordinance.

Winch suggested that the town seal its manholes to keep the sewage from getting outside the system. Hoover said this would only force sewage spills to come out into people's homes.

"While we don't want to see the spills in the environment, we also don't want to see it in people's homes. So you're damned if you do and damned if you don't," Hoover said.

Though the system is ill-suited

for its current uses, when it was first built, it was adequate. However, it was built in 1947 before the town had regulations governing such things as sewer capacity.

Winch recommended that a building moratorium be imposed until all of the sewer problems are fixed. Hoover replied that new growth allows the town to sell water and sewer connections and builders pay \$22,000 for a water and sewer connection. It is that money that allows the town to make capital improvements to the system. Without it, repairs and improvement would not be funded or not be funded as quickly.

"Without some growth and the collection of the 'sewer collection system charge' the cost to repair and upgrade the town's existing sanitary sewer system would have to be borne solely by the existing residents," Hoover wrote.

While the town has started working to address Emmit Gardens problem specifically, Hoover said it could still take a year to fully address.



This is one of the areas in Emmit Gardens that has been known to overflow sewage. It is the low-lying area on the town's water system where the pipes have been clogged by grease from businesses in town not using grease traps.

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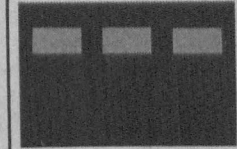
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alerting the commissioners to a possible problem on the horizon so that steps could be taken to avoid what was done in 2002-2003.

Town staff will present recommendations to the mayor and commissioners at the August 6 town meeting.

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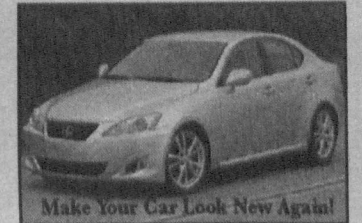
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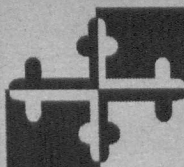


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TOWN NEWS

Being different is good for town

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — If Emmitsburg is to have an enduring future, it needs to embrace its past, according to one land-use expert.

"A town without historic buildings is like a town without a memory," Edward McMahon, senior resident fellow for sustainable development at the Urban Land Institute in Washington, told town officials at a recent meeting.

McMahon believes that the traditional small town of the past with all of the character that goes along with it is the planning model for how to build towns in the future.

"In America, one of the things that's been happening the last 25 years is every place is coming to look like every place else, we have what I call the geography of nowhere," McMahon said. "If you can't differentiate Emmitsburg from any other place you have no competitive advantage."

McMahon told the town commissioners, mayor, planning commissioners and residents that chain stores don't have to look alike. He said the same people that complain about government restrictions on property are

willing to allow multinational companies to come in and tell the town what the buildings will look like but it doesn't have to be this way.

"If you accept off the shelf cookie cutter, you're going to get it every time," McMahon said.

Instead, the town needs to look at what makes it unique and build on that. New construction should then blend in with that vision of the town. However, in some cases, it is the town's own zoning that leads to poor design.

"Oftentimes our codes and ordinances require us to build stuff nobody likes and prohibit us from building what we all love," McMahon said.

Building a structure that blends in with a town's vision does not necessarily lead to restrictions on businesses or homeowners. He used the example of two Montgomery County Barnes & Noble bookstores. One is on Rockville Pike, a location with plenty of parking and lots of traffic, and the second is in downtown Bethesda with little obvious parking. McMahon said that the downtown store does 20 percent more business per square foot than the Rockville Pike site because it is part of a downtown that is readily accessible by a

variety of means.

"People stay longer, spend more money, and come back more often," McMahon explained.

To develop a plan that works for business, the environment and the community requires all parties sitting down and talking through the issues and thinking of ways to accomplish their goals without delaying the other groups' goals.

"If we could show some creativity and negotiate a little bit, then we might have a pattern that will satisfy," said Commissioner President Chris Staiger.

Locally, McMahon said he was against Thurmont annexing the Myers Farm north of the town so it can be developed. However, rather than harming the owners financially, McMahon suggested instead that state and federal money be used to purchase scenic viewshed easements.

As Emmitsburg updates its comprehensive plan, McMahon said the town should look for small victories that will help develop momentum and create larger successes.

"Think small in a big way," McMahon said.

Clarke releases Emmitsburg history book

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Emmitsburg is 222 or 257 years old, depending on which version of town history you choose to believe. Perhaps part of the reason for the disputing dates is that there has been relatively few histories written about the town in book form. The last book that attempted any look at the town's history was compiled in the 1970's.

That changed recently with Paul Clarke's book, "Emmitsburg, Maryland: A History of Over 200 Years." It comes three years after his book about Emmitsburg's Catholic heritage.

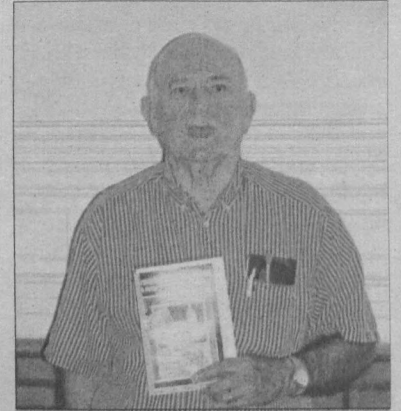
"This one is devoted more to the generality of the entire town rather than focusing in more on Elizabeth Ann Seton," Clarke said.

However, Clarke points out that because of the influence of Seton and the Daughters of Charity and Mount Saint Mary's University, the book couldn't help but touch on religious themes.

"I can't apologize for the fact that this is a Catholic community," Clarke said.

Clarke said that he wrote his first book primarily to help him function better as a docent at the Seton Shrine where he has volunteered for seven years. In the new book, he is willing to explore the town's history outside of Catholicism.

The 156-page book has five



Clarke

chapters, one of which is dedicated to the Center of Mary's Immaculate Heart. It outlines the story of Gianna Talone Sullivan and the visions she says she received from Mary, the mother of Jesus.

"The chapter is a completely documented updated review of where that is," Clarke said.

Clarke is urging that a non-denominational Christian shrine be built in Sullivan's honor. He is dedicating half of the money from his book to that cause. The other half he is willing to give to the group working toward that.

The other half of the money from the books he is willing to give to any group that is willing to sell the books.

"I don't get a penny out of it," Clarke said.

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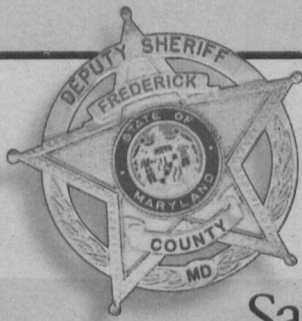
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Safety tips while on vacation

BY DFC JOHN BARTLETT
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. – If you are traveling on your vacation, here are some safety tips to help make your trip safe and enjoyable.

If you plan on using your vehicle for travel, make sure that you or a certified mechanic inspects the vehicle. You can check fluid levels, windshield washer fluid, and tire pressure and condition. A mechanic can check brakes and suspension or do a general vehicle tune-up. Ensuring your vehicle is ready for the trip may keep it from breaking down and also help in fuel efficiency.

It is important to have an emergency kit in your car because things can go wrong no matter how well you prepare. The kit could include jumper cables, basic hand tools, flares or reflective warning triangles, a first aid kit, and a flashlight with new batteries.

Determine the vehicle's carrying capacity by looking at the sticker attached to the driver's door and make sure not to overpack the vehicle with luggage. Avoid putting luggage on top of the vehicle as this

creates wind resistance resulting in poor gas mileage.

Always plan the route to your vacation destination by using a current map or a map site on the Internet, such as MapQuest. Keep your fuel level at least half full because the next gas station may be farther than you expected. Obey all vehicle laws. If you see an aggressive driver, back off from the vehicle and let it pull away. If the driver continues to harass you, call 911 and report it to the local police department. If the vehicle decides to follow you, drive to the nearest business or law enforcement office. Call 911 or #77 and give the dispatcher your location, description of your vehicle and a description of the other vehicle. Stay locked in your car until the police arrive. Having a cellular phone with you is important for quick calls and it can also be located by GPS if you get lost and need help.

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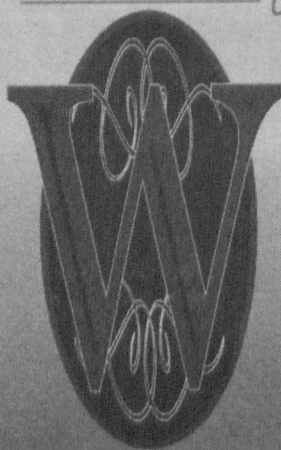
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GETTYSBURG, Pa. — A record number of sponsors have signed on for The Gettysburg Championship — A Duramed FUTURES Tour event, set for August 24-26 at The Links at Gettysburg.

Tournament Director Duff Forsythe said the response by sponsors has been “phenomenal this year, with more sponsors than we have ever had for the FUTURES tour stops in Gettysburg or York. Without their support, this tournament and the opportunity for midstate golf fans to see tomorrow’s stars up close and personal would never have happened. Our sincere appreciation is extended to all of those companies that are participating in The Gettysburg Championship this year.”

Forsythe noted that the roster of businesses supporting The Gettysburg Championship is headed by The Klein Builders

Group, Inc. and Hanover Honda, who are signed as the cornerstone or “Presenting” sponsors. Presenting sponsor benefits include widespread signage rights, guest passes and foursomes in the Battlefield Harley Davidson Pro-Am tournaments slated for Wednesday, August 22 and Thursday, August 23 of Championship Week. Prizes for the two Battlefield Harley Davidson Pro-Ams — in which local golfers are teamed with FUTURES players — are being provided by Zero Restriction Outerware and Shelley Jewelers, and include items from Callaway Golf, Champ Spikes, Etonic Golf, LaPetite Salon and Day Spa, Season’s Bakery & Café, Sun Mountain and YES! Golf.

“This is the second year of an exciting and aggressive three-year plan that culminates in 2009,” said Forsythe. “The Gettysburg Championship greatly values our sponsor relationships in our ongoing efforts to make this one of the largest and

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“This will be the second year The Links at Gettysburg has hosted the professional tournament,” said Ken Picking, general manager of The Links at Gettysburg. The Links is consistently ranked as one of Pennsylvania’s top-10 golf courses by the prestigious *Golfweek* magazine, and *Golf Digest* has designated it as one of the top “Places to Play” in the nation. The par-72 course features a links-style design spread out over 400 acres of beautiful rolling hills just seven miles from historic Gettysburg National Military Park.

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E-bay purchase ends in fatal accident

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — A Jonestown, Pa. man died in a motorcycle accident at Sunshine Trail and Grouse Trail in Carroll Valley after he purchased the motorcycle off of eBay.

The accident occurred around 10:19 a.m. on July 13. Ricky L. Schaeffer, 31, of Jonestown, was driving a 2002 Honda Super Hawk motorcycle, when he lost control and left the roadway striking a tree. Schaeffer was transported to York Hospital by STAT MedEvac after being attended to at the scene by Fairfield Fire and EMS and Gettysburg Medic 28 where he later

succumbed to his injuries.

“From what we have been able to reconstruct to this point, Mr. Schaeffer apparently bought the motorcycle on eBay. He paid the owner at his home on Violet Trail for the motorcycle then took it on the road,” said Chief Richard Hileman, “It is a tragedy and our hearts go out to his family.”

Police believe Schaeffer traveled about 300 feet to the intersection of Sunshine Trail from the house on Violet and then about 800 feet to the intersection with Grouse Trail where all traffic must make a left turn. The motorcycle continued

straight, left the road way and struck a tree. Witnesses report the motorcycle was traveling at a high rate of speed at the time of the crash. Anyone with information is asked to call Carroll Valley Borough Police at (717) 334-8101. Hileman says the investigation is continuing.



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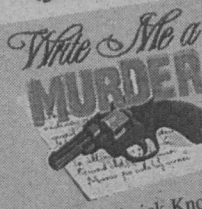
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EDUCATION

D.C. students' volunteer community service touches local lives

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Community service has become an accepted part of public high school students' learning in Maryland and many other parts of the country. In church-affiliated schools, particularly at Gonzaga College High School in Washington, D.C., service to others is deeply embedded in religious teaching and the daily activities of students enrolled in the Catholic school. The school's motto is "Men for Others," and the end of each school year is marked with weeks of volunteer outreach beyond the school's neighborhood on Capitol Hill. For a number of years, at least since 1998, Gonzaga students have been coming to Emmitsburg to extend their helping hands to local individuals, families and community groups.

This year the first group of 34 (including chaperones) arrived on May 28 for four days of activities. A second group, approximately the same size, spent the week of June 4-8 in Emmitsburg. The students are sponsored by the Daughters of Charity, who have provided "camping out" space for the boys in an unoccupied wing of the Provincial House since 2003. In the



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Each summer since 1998, students from Gonzaga College High School come to Emmitsburg to perform community service for the residents in town. This summer, more than 60 students spent from 4 days to a week working in town doing home repair, yard work and painting.

first years of student service in this area, they truly camped out on farm property then owned by Jim Nalls, who had a family connection to the school.

Work schedules were coordinated through the Seton Center. The students were divided into teams of 5-8 and assigned to a

variety of projects including yard work, home repair, and painting a barn for individual property owners. During the first week a team helped with spring cleaning at the Emmitsburg Food Bank and the Catocin Pregnancy Center. They also prepared the deck, steps and ramp of the building for painting which was performed by another team the following week. Students also visited with retired sisters at Villa St. Michael, helped out at the Up-County Center and Mother Seton School, and worked in the gardens at ThorpeWood in Thurmont.

Sister Mary Pavonarius at the Seton Center says the students "are awesome!" Their service, she adds, is a ministry. At the end of each day they met "to reflect on how they met God during the day's activities." The school website states that, "Gonzaga seeks to provide students with opportunity to grow in generosity by serving those around them." In Washington, this includes operating a Campus Kitchen in which students prepare and deliver meals to hungry and homeless youth and the elderly. Graduating seniors undertake two-week-long service projects on an Indian reservation in South Dakota, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic.

Appreciating art in the city



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The Thurmont Middle School Art Club recently traveled to Frederick to visit the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center's Regional Juried Art Show that is held in conjunction with Frederick Festival of the Arts. They visited John O'Neil, a local potter, who works full time as a potter after years in the corporate business world. The group also took a walking tour of the downtown Frederick murals and spent time on Carroll Creek viewing all the painted symbols on the bridge mural and the anamorphic painting near the Delaplaine Center.

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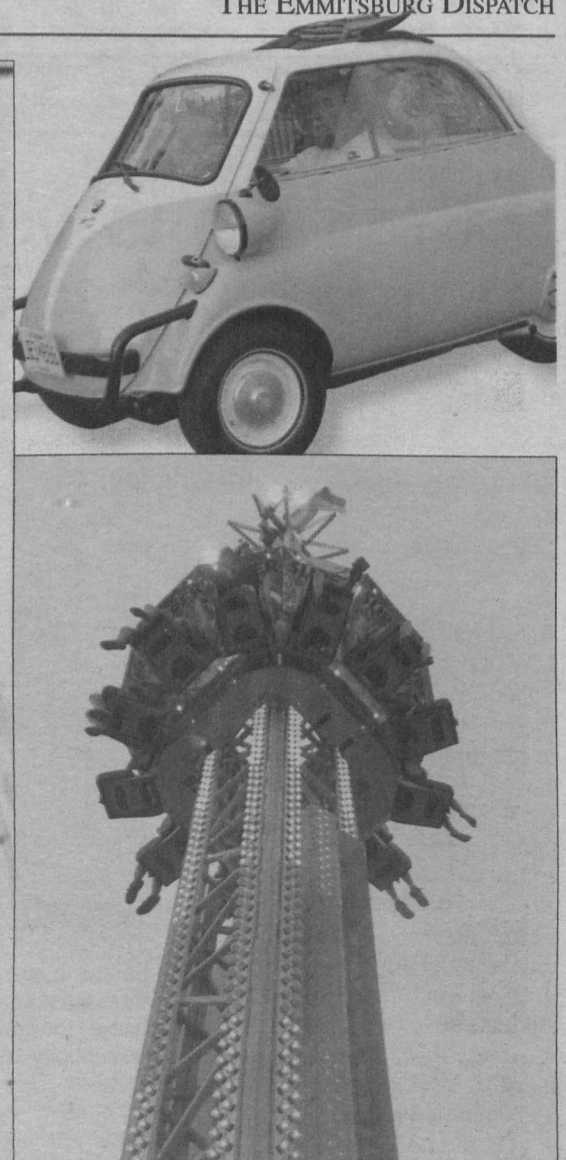


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THURMONT CELEBRATES

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By JAMES RADA JR.
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THURMONT, Md. — Though the annual Thurmont parade doesn't start until the fire station whistle blows at 6:30 p.m., people show up an hour and a half, sometimes two hours, early just to get ready to watch the array of vehicles, marchers and bands go by.

Oh, and did I mention candy? There's enough candy being thrown into the crowd to put each child watching on a sugar high for a year. "You have to come early to get

the good spots," said Bonnie Baust of Thurmont.

Her spot is on the south side of East Main Street just west of the grandstand. Her spot provides her shade while she waits for the parade to begin and a good view of the parade units as they pass the grandstand. She sets up the chairs while her husband goes into the carnival grounds to buy them dinner.

"If they're going to do something, they'll do it in front of the grandstand because of the judging," Baust said.

She wasn't disappointed, either. The parade featured around 200 units

and lasted more than an hour. Besides baton twirlers and bands, spectators saw live animals, emergency vehicles, old cars, custom cars, and more.

The Thurmont Thespians' float had the young actors in costume who will be performing in "The House on Pooh Corner."

"It certainly gives us a lot of visibility and the kids love it," said Beth Watson, Thurmont Thespians' director.

Once the parade was finished, much of the crowd moved into the carnival grounds to enjoy the rides and games.

Amanda Barth and her friend, Lisa Eichelberger, both of Thurmont, came out just to see which of their friends they would see.

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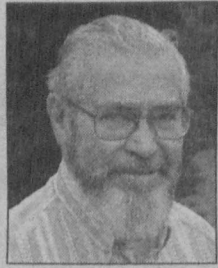
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Changing Forest: A Career Spent Watching Disasters



BY BILL MEREDITH
Dispatch Columnist

“If man, for any reason, drastically alters the natural order, setting in motion whole series of chain reactions, then he had better know what he is doing.”

- David McCullough, *The Johnstown Flood*, 1968.

When I started teaching biology at Mount St. Mary's, I always managed to take the class on a field trip to Indian Lookout on the mountain behind the college. It was a round trip of about two miles; it covered terrain that was steep and rocky in places, but it could be walked comfortably in a two-hour lab. Sometimes when classes were large I had to make the trip twice in the same afternoon; but I was younger then, and it was worth

the effort because there was so much to see. Since I retired, the hill has grown steeper and the trail is longer, but I still manage to go up there at least once a year to watch the ongoing changes that began 300 years ago.

The mountain was covered with a mixed hardwood forest. The dominant tree species, chestnut oak, comprised as much as 90 percent of the cover on south-facing slopes where the soil is driest. On the east and north slopes there was more variety; red oak, black

gum, red maple, and various birches were mixed with the chestnut oaks. On the thin, rocky soil at the crest of ridges were stands of Virginia pine. In ravines where the soil stays damp, tulip poplar and beech trees could be found. A few places that had been burned by forest fires were covered with dense stands of aspen. Under the trees were a variety of wild flowers, including pink lady's slippers and Indian pipes, as well as ferns, mosses and lichens. To the students, most of whom were city-bred, it seemed like the primeval forest that had been there since the Ice Age, and they were ready to believe that bears and wildcats were waiting around the next turn of the path.

It was a healthy forest, but by no means primeval; it was in an ongoing series of changes which began when European settlers arrived. Some of these changes were severe enough to be called ecological disasters; they were caused either directly by human activity or by alien species of pests that were introduced by humans. Other changes resulted from ecological succession, the process by which forests recover from such disasters.

“Disaster” is admittedly a pejorative term; lumbering was a sign of progress to the people of the growing nation, but to the forest it was devastating. Between 1700 and 1900, most of the original forest was cut for lumber and firewood. Nature was resilient; the forest grew back, and was cut again, as trainloads of firewood were shipped to Baltimore and Washington. As the 20th century opened, coal became more economical for heating, so large-scale tree-cutting stopped and the forest began growing back into what looked like its original form.

Originally, the dominant tree was the American chestnut, but around 1930 the second disaster arrived in the form of chestnut blight. It was caused by a fungus introduced from Asia, and it killed all of the adult chestnut trees within a few years; they were replaced by the chestnut oak. So although the forest looked undisturbed to my students in the late 1950s, it didn't take an expert to notice that trees with trunks over 18 inches in diameter were rare,

and that scattered among them were the still un-rotted stumps and logs of chestnut trees that had died 30 years earlier.

In 1957 all northbound traffic went comfortably through the stoplight at the square in Emmitsburg; but things were changing. The post-war baby boom was followed by the automobile boom of the '50s and '60s, and cars multiplied like rabbits. Within 10 years it was necessary to build bypasses around small towns like ours, and air pollution was becoming a problem. By the 1970s the air pollution inversion from Washington, D. C. spread as far north as Emmitsburg every summer, and on some days the haze was too thick to see the top of the mountain from town. The lichen called reindeer moss, which was well known as an indicator species, disappeared from the forest floor. My ecology classes also noticed that the trees were growing more slowly than they had two decades earlier. These sorts of things were happening all over the country, and they provided evidence that led to the passage of environmental regulations in the mid-70s. The problems were not cured instantly, but within ten years air quality began to improve. And it was about then that the next disaster arrived.

Gypsy moths are native to Europe and Asia; they were brought to America by a misguided French astronomer in 1869*. After escaping near Boston, they spread southward and appeared in Maryland around 1980. That year they defoliated just three acres of forest, but within a decade over 100,000 acres had been destroyed, and they continued to spread. Ecologists call them an irruptive species because they undergo population explosions at irregular intervals. Their favorite food is oak, and since this is the most common tree in our forests, they are especially devastating here. They hatch as tiny caterpillars in early spring when tender new leaves are just coming out; they eat leaves and grow for the next several months. Their presence was evident in late May and early June this year, when motorists on Route 15 could

see patches of pale green in the forest along the top of College Mountain; as summer wore on, these patches turned brown as the trees were completely defoliated. They are nearing the end of their life cycle now. They will pupate and emerge as adults in mid-July, and each adult female will produce from 400 to 800 eggs.

Last summer I walked to Indian Lookout with my granddaughter and showed her a stand of oak trees killed in 2001, the last bad outbreak. We found an egg mass on the bark of a surviving oak tree, and crushed it with a stick, but as we looked around we saw hundreds more of them, far too many to destroy by hand. It was obvious that a bad outbreak would come this year; what we could not foresee at the time was that the effect of the moths on the trees would be compounded by drought. It is likely that next year will see more destruction; then, if history repeats as it has, the moth population will die out for a few years. But they will return again.

Trees will grow back in the areas where the oaks have been killed, but it will be a different kind of forest. Without the oaks, faster growing but less desirable trees will come in; they will create a forest, but it will not be like the one that we have now. Without the annual crop of acorns, many native animals, birds and insects will decline or become extinct locally; without the annual layer of slow-to-decay oak leaves, soil will erode faster and its chemical composition will change. Without the shade from mature trees, ferns and wildflowers will be crowded out by grasses, weeds and briars. Biodiversity will decrease, and the forest will be less stable and resilient when the next disaster comes. I cannot tell my grandchildren what that will be, but I know it will happen; new pests like the emerald ash borer have reached Maryland in the past year, and unknown others are waiting in the wings.

* For the story of how gypsy moths got into the U. S., readers may refer to an article entitled “Silken Connections” from this column in June, 2001.

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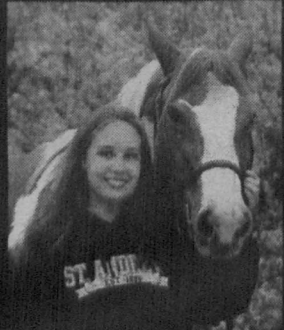
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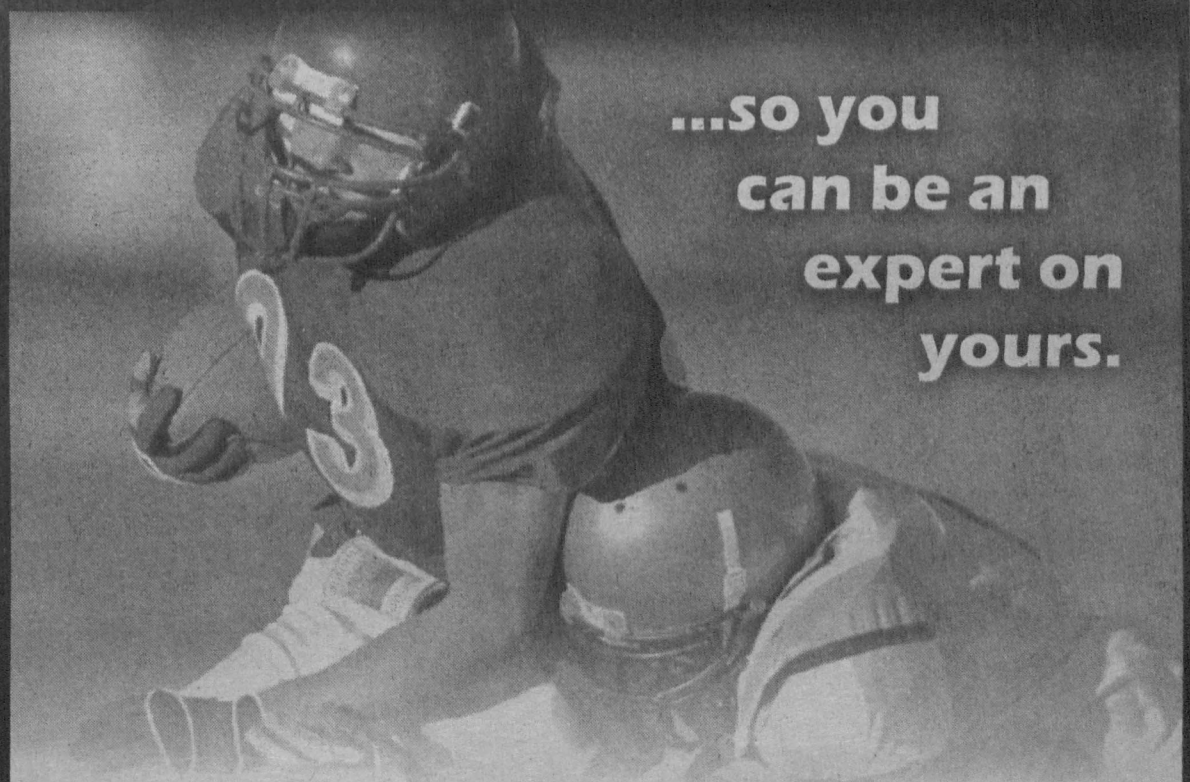
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The Carroll Valley Garden Club recently recognized Brenda Small of Carroll Valley's garden as the Garden of the Month. Jean Compton, president of Carroll Valley Garden Club; Laura Scudder, chairman of the Community Beautification Committee and Phyllis Fosnaught, Carroll Valley Garden Club Member were the committee that recognized Small's garden.

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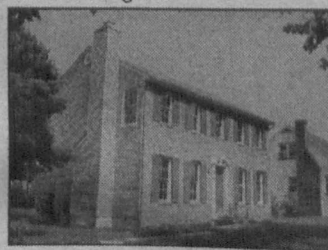
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Community CALENDAR

July 20-22 - Ghost World Conference. At the Wyndham Hotel and Conference Center at Gateway Gettysburg. Visit www.ghostworldconference.com for more information.

July 21 - Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital, Candlelight at Christ Church. 8 p.m. Free event. Live Civil War era music featuring Folk and Friends, poetry, and readings from hospital diaries. Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30 Chambersburg St, Gettysburg. For information, call (717) 334-5212.

July 21 - Gettysburg Farmers' Market. On Lincoln Square from 7 a.m.-noon. Call (717) 334-8151 for more information.

July 21 - 8th Annual Adams County Irish Festival. 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Gettysburg Moose Park to benefit Children's Friendship Project for Northern Ireland. A full day of Irish music, dancers, food, merchandise and more. Admission is \$8 for adults and free for children 12 and under. For more information visit www.adamscountyirish-festival.com.

July 21 - Peach Festival. 4 - 8 p.m. Food available; Fried chicken platters, sandwiches, peach pies, and ice cream. Games for children and live music. Graceham Moravian Church, 8231 Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont, MD. For more information, call (301) 271-2379.

July 21 - Conscious Contact with God: Praying in the Modern World. Day retreat at the Grotto of Lourdes in Emmitsburg. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Led by Fr. Jack Lombardi.

July 21 - Mt. Tabor Church Festival. At Mt. Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge beginning at 4 p.m. Enjoy home-cooked food, games and bingo. Music by "The Bluegrass Chapel Band" begins at 7:00 p.m.

July 22 - 4th Annual Old-Fashioned Cornfest at the Historic Round Barn and Farm Market. Featuring our own home-grown corn roasted in the husk over an applewood fire, BBQ chicken, pulled pork and more! Free entertainment offered by Orchard Boys. Food starts at 11:30 and Orchard Boys begins at noon. 298 Cashtown Road. For more information call (717) 334-1984 or visit www.RoundBarnGettysburg.com.

July 22-27 - Emmitsburg Community Vacation Bible School. "Take the Plunge: Make a Splash With Jesus," sponsored by the Emmitsburg Council

of Churches. Elias Lutheran Church, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Lessons, crafts, music for children age 3-grade 6. All are welcome. For more information, call (301) 447-6891.

July 23-27 - Graceham Moravian Church Vacation Bible School. "Avalanche Ranch - A Wild Ride through God's Word" 6:30 - 8:45 p.m. age 3-grade 5. 8231A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. To register call (301) 271-2379.

July 25 - Nature Discovery Walk - Trees. Meet at Hog Rock Parking Lot in Catocin Mountain Park at 10:30 a.m. for an activity-based program that will introduce special characteristics of trees. Learn terms to describe physical features of the species and techniques to measure and describe individuals.

July 26 - Baltimore Pike Farmers' Market. At Mulligan MacDuffer, 1360 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg, is open from 2-7 p.m. every Thursday. Call (717) 337-1492 for information.

July 26 - Weller United Methodist Church takes over Roy Rogers. Between the hours of 5-8 p.m., the church will receive 25 percent of the profits that Roy Rogers takes in. The profit will go towards the church's roof fund. Come out and have dinner at Roy Rogers in Thurmont and at the same time, you'll make a donation

to Weller United Methodist Church.

July 27 - 2nd Annual Golf Outing. Musket Ridge Golf Club in Myersville to benefit the FCC Women's Soccer team. 9-hole scramble format and reception dinner on the pation. \$70/player or \$280/foursome. Registration forms at www.zipsnap.com/golf or call Kristi Jacobs Woods at (301) 788-4236.

July 27 - Teen Pool Party at the Emmitsburg Pool. 6-8 p.m. at the Emmitsburg pool. For more information, call (240) 629-6300.

July 29 - Land, Speed and Air Event. Antique, classic and hot rod vehicles will gather from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association Glider Port. Glider rides will be available. \$5 per car to benefit Save Our Liberty fund. For more information, call (717) 642-9886.

July 28- Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital, Candlelight at Christ Church. 8 p.m. Free event. Live Civil War era music featuring Folk and Friends, poetry, and readings from hospital diaries. Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30 Chambersburg St, Gettysburg. For information, call (717) 334-5212.

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July 28 - "Christmas in July" Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Santa's elves will be serving hot dogs, chili dogs, kraut dogs, hamburger-b-q plus beverages and a bake table with delicious homemade cookies, pies, cakes and more. Everyone is welcome for "tis the season to be jolly"! A "book nook" will sell both adult and children's books both Christmas and non-Christmas related topics. The Christmas theme will carry over to the regular Sunday worship service on Sunday, July 29th at 9 a.m. Taneytown United Presbyterian Church Located at 32 York Street, Taneytown, MD.

July 29 - "Comfort Measures Plus" Natural pain management techniques. Class held at FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick. Advance registration & payment required. Fee: \$30/couple. For more information, call (240) 379-6000.

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July 20 – Concert in the Park with Home Comfort Bluegrass Band. 7 – 9 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Community Park Pavillion. Dancing and music for the whole family.

July 20, 27, 28, August 2, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 – You're A Good Man Charlie Brown (revised) the musical. Showtime's 12:30 and 7 p.m. (include dinner and show.) Special Children's Menu and show only tickets available. Group rates are available. The Village Dinner Theatre of Gettysburg. Visit website for menu and other information. www.thevillagedinnertheatre.com, or call 1-(800) 570-4590 or (717) 337-0080.

July 21 – Concert at Adams County Winery. 1-5 p.m. at 251 Peach Tree Road, Orrtanna. Free admission, rain or shine. Features Twin Hill Express, a bluegrass and 50's country music band. For more information, call (717) 334-3631 or visit www.adamscountywinery.com.

July 21, 26, Aug. 3, 4, 9, 23, 24, 25. Grant Us Some Leewayan interactive murder mystery. Showtime's 12:30 and 7 p.m. (include dinner and show.) Special Children's Menu and show only tickets available. Group rates are available. The Village Dinner Theatre of Gettysburg. Visit website for menu and other information. www.thevillagedinnertheatre.com, or call (800) 570-4590 or (717) 337-0080.

July 23 to 27 – "Creative Constructions" Summer Camp. At The Imagination Station, 18 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, across from the Majestic Theater. Children will explore sculpture through assembly. They will build castles, rocket ships, and other creations using a wide variety of sculptural materials, particularly found objects. For more information, call the arts council at (717) 334-5006 or visit www.adamscountyartscouncil.org.

July 23 to 27 – "Artists THEN!" Summer Camp. At The Imagination Station, 18 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, across from the Majestic Theater. Children will put a new twist on old masterpieces. They will turn Van Gogh's Starry Night into an art installation, re-create da Vinci's Mona Lisa with recycled materials, and imagine Monet's Waterlilies as performance art. For more information, call the arts council at (717) 334-5006 or visit www.adamscountyartscouncil.org.

July 23 to 27 – Frederick Regional Youth Orchestra 2007 Summer Music Camp. In conjunction with the Heritage Academy of the Music & Arts, this day camp offers an opportunity for student musicians to expand their musical training and performance. Students must have a years experience

playing their instrument. Campers must provide their own instruments, supplies, transportation and lunches. Sheet music and a daily snack will be provided. Tuition is \$250 per student and \$200 for each additional child in the same family. Each FRYO family is required to meet the mandatory fundraising requirements. Peace in Christ Lutheran Church, Walkersville. For more information, call (301) 473-4140 or visit www.fryo.org.

July 26 – Summer Pottery Workshops with Jack Handshaw at Strawberry Hill Nature Center. Shape works of art from raw redware clay and use natural objects to decorate your work. Each class will focus on a different project and all projects will be fired after the August 9 workshop. Cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for non members. Held from 6:30 to 8 pm. (Note: Evening classes are coordinated with camps for ages 7 to 10). Classes suitable for ages 5 and up as well as adults. Call (717) 642-5840 or visit www.strawberryhill.org.

July 27 – Men Of Faith at the In God's Hands Coffeehouse. An outdoor event from 7-10 p.m. Limited seating available so bring your lawn chair and sit back and relax and enjoy the wonderful free entertainment. Hosted at Weller United Methodist Church in Thurmont, Maryland For more information, visit our website at ighcoffee.com.

July 27 – Borderline at Carroll Valley Resort. Enjoy the great sounds of country/rock at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Cash bar available. Arrive early and dine in one of Carroll Valley Resort's two restaurants. Call 642-7009 or www.carrollvalley.com for information.

July 28 – Concert at Adams County Winery. 1-5 p.m. at 251 Peach Tree Road, Orrtanna. Free admission, rain or shine. Features Dave Holt Band, a swing, jazz, Dixieland blues and funk band. For more information, call (717) 334-3631 or visit www.adamscountywinery.com.

July 28 – Rumble in the Jungle Overnight Family Adventure. 6 p.m. Saturday to 9 a.m. Sunday. Spend the night with all the animals that call the preservation home as you enjoy a tour, campfire and other activities. Tickets, \$45 per person for current members. \$50 per person for non-members. Attendees must be at least 5 years old with adult supervision. Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo, 13019 Catoctin Furnace Rd., Thurmont. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (301) 271-3180.

July 28 – Swinging Forties Jazz in the Garden. The Historical Society of Frederick County will be turning back the clock to the 1940s in the Society's Heritage Garden at 24 E. Church Street in downtown Frederick on Saturday; from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to those judged to be wearing the best male and female period costume. Tickets for the event are \$25 per person in advance and \$30 per person on the evening of the event. Limited number of tickets available. For more information, contact Duane Doxzen at the Historical Society at (301) 663-1188 or ddoxzen@hshfcinfo.org.

July 31 to August 12 – Driving Miss Daisy. Tickets, \$27- \$35. When Boo-Boo tells his mother Daisy Werthman, 72 that she can no longer drive a car and must rely upon the services of a chauffeur, she doesn't take to kindly to the new arrangement. Totem Pole Playhouse, 9555 Golf Course Rd, Fayetteville. For more information, to purchase tickets or for show times, call (717) 352-2164.

August 3 – Concert in the Park with The Elvis Man. 7 – 9 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Community Park Pavillion.

August 4 – Concert at Adams County Winery. 1-5 p.m. at 251 Peach Tree Road, Orrtanna. Free admission, rain or shine. Featuring Nightlite, a 70's, 80's, and 90's dance band. For more information, call (717) 334-3631 or visit www.adamscountywinery.com.

Winnie-the-Pooh cornered in Thurmont



—JOHN URIAN / THE DISPATCH

The Thurmont Thespians will perform "The House at Pooh Corner" at the American Legion Theater this month. Pictured above are Mallory Donaghue (Pooh) and David Dorsey (Christopher Robin).

THURMONT, Md. – Winnie-the-Pooh (and Tigger, too!) will star in "House At Pooh Corner: The Musical!" presented by the Thurmont Thespians July 19-29. The show will be at the American Legion Theater at 8 Park Place in Thurmont for eight performances.

"House At Pooh Corner: The Musical!" is the 10th Annual Summer Youth Musical for the Thurmont Thespians. Beth Royer Watson directs the show based on A.A. Milne's classic storybook with six original songs by local composer Kurt Johnson.

The show features 35 children from age 6-13. They have been rehearsing for six weeks in the St. John's Lutheran Social Hall and all but two portray assorted stuffed animal characters, including the well-known "Winnie-the-Pooh", "Piglet", "Owl", "Rabbit", "Kanga" as well as the every-gloomy "Eeyore". In Milne's second book, "The House on Pooh Corner" (published 81 years ago) we are

also introduced to "Tigger" and Christopher Robin (Milne's real-life son) prepares his animal friends with the news that he is about to be sent away to school for his education.

Evening performances on Thursdays thru Saturdays, July 19-21 and July 26-28 begin at 7:30 p.m. and there are two Sunday matinees, July 22 and 29 with curtain time at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7 and include intermission snacks and refreshments courtesy of The Thespian Volunteers. Early reservations for seating can be made by calling Thespians House Manager, Mrs. John Urian at (301) 271-7613.

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OBITUARIES

Mrs. Elizabeth Hoover-Hill

Elizabeth Cooke Hoover-Hill, 52, of Rocky Ridge, Lil or Lillie as known by her family and friends, passed away quietly at her home, after a long illness on June 25, 2007.

Born June 17, 1955, in Washington, D.C., she was the third child of the late William and Elizabeth Randolph Cooke Hoover.

Survivors are her husband for more than 30 years, Gregory A. Hill of Rocky Ridge; two stepdaughters, Leslie Ann Hill of Fairfield, Pa., and Stephanie Lea Hyde and husband Rodney of Hampstead; a sister, Anne Bland of Emmitsburg; six grandchildren, Danielle "Dee

Dee" Hoover, Katelynn Meyers, Rachel Hoover, Benjamin Meyers, Nicholas Howarth and Dalton Ahman Calimer; three nieces, Jennifer Hoover-Gardner, Nicole Elizabeth DeMambro and Sarah Bland and son Christopher; and ex-son-in-law and close friend Steven N. Calimer. She was preceded in death by a brother Conway Hoover.

A memorial service was held at 7 p.m. Thursday, at the Robert E. Dailey & Son Funeral Home in Thurmont. Interment was in Blue Ridge Cemetery.

Mr. Lawrence Myers

Lawrence C. "Abner" Myers, 86 of Graceham, went to be with the Lord

Sunday, July 1, 2007, on his 58th wedding anniversary, surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with cancer. He was the husband of Clara Dewees Myers, whom he married July 1, 1949.

Born August 24, 1920, in Unionville, he was a son of the late Lewis and Evelyn Wetzel Myers. He grew up and lived in Creagerstown.

Myers was the last surviving member of his immediate family. Surviving, besides his wife, are three children, Christine Kline and husband Jeffrey Keyser of Thurmont, Theresa Canfield and husband Donald Jr. of Keedysville and Dennis Myers and fiancée Annette Somin of Thurmont; four grandchildren, Denise Hahn and husband Chris of Woodsboro, Gregory Dorsy and wife Darlene of Palm Coast, Fla., Donald Dorsey and wife Jenni of Hagerstown and Bryan Myers of Thurmont; two great-grandchildren, Thomas Brooks and Dalen Hahn;

one step-great-granddaughter, Valerie Purcell; and a sister-in-law, Lula Chalmers of Massachusetts. Many nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret "Sis" Price; and three brothers, Roland "Pete" Myers, Lewis "Jr." Myers and Alton "Peanut" Myers.

A service was held July 6 at Graceham Moravian Church in Rocky Ridge with Rev. Jeff Gehris officiating. Interment was with full military honors in Blue Ridge Cemetery, Thurmont.

The family requests that memorials be made in memory of Mr. Myers to the Hospice of Frederick County, P.O. Box 1799, Frederick, MD 21702.

Mr. David Dunn

David James Dunn, 70, of Brown Street, Waynesboro, Pa., formerly of Washington, died Wednesday, July 4, at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Born on May 7, 1932, in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was a son of the late George C. Dunn and Catherine Corcoran Curlis of Florida.

Surviving is his wife Kathleen (Golden) Dunn, Waynesboro, Pa.

Also surviving is a son, Ryan A. Dunn and wife Kristen of Fairfield, Pa.; a daughter, Amy K. Myles and husband Jay of Sabillasville; and four grandchildren, Tyler Myles, Maggie Myles, Aedan Myles and Kiernan Myles.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 9, with a Mass of Christian burial from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Vincent J. O'Malley, C.M. as the celebrant. Innumment was on July 10, in the new St. Joseph's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to: Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018 or M.S. Society, 420 E. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701.



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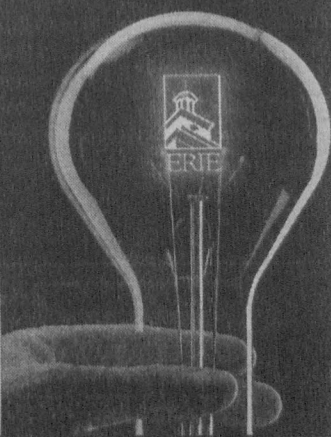
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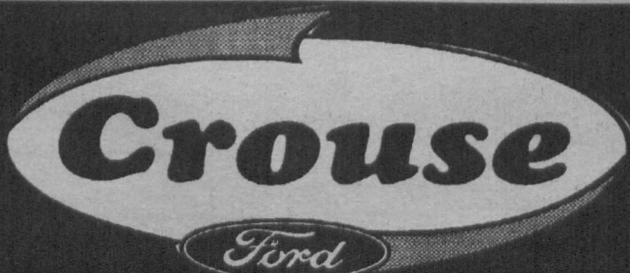


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