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Music at the Mount



- RAYMOND BUCHEISTER JR. / THE DISPATCH

The Maryland Symphony Orchestra conducted by Music Director Elizabeth Schulze, the Mount Chorale conducted by Andrew Rosenfeld and pianist Jack Wickelgren performed at Mount St. Mary's University on April 26. It was an all-Beethoven program that featured two major works that premiered in 1808, the same year the Mount was founded. The free concert was part of the year-long celebration of the Mount's 200th anniversary.

Emmitsburg wants countywide fire tax

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — For the Emmitsburg Town Council, deciding to go with a scenario that would lower the fire tax rate for town residents by 1.8 cents the first year and 0.8 cents in the second year was a “no brainer.”

They supported it.

“The best thing for our residents is to lower rates for them,” said Mayor James Hoover. “We’re already receiving services and will continue to. It’s a no-brainer.”

The county has urban and subur-

ban fire tax districts. Residents in urban districts pay 12.8 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. Residents in suburban districts pay 8 cents and use mostly volunteer staff.

The Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services has asked the county commissioners to consider creating a single fire tax rate that would start at 11 cents per \$100 of assessed value in July and increase to 12 cents in July 2009.

“The town would be benefited by that rate,” said Town Manager Dave Haller.

For Emmitsburg property owners, this would result in a decrease of \$18 per \$100,000 of assessed prop-

erty value in July and an \$8 decrease in July 2009.

Frank Davis with Vigilant Hose Company explained to the commissioners during a recent town meeting that if the county adopts a countywide fire tax, besides lowering the rate for Emmitsburg citizens, it would mean that it would be easier to adjust the rate in the future because public hear-

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Forrence violated county ethics ordinance

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — A member of the Frederick County Planning Commission, accused in the past of trying to protect her parents’ property when she was a member of the Emmitsburg Planning Commission, has been found to have violated the county’s ethic ordinance for doing much the same thing.

Catherine Forrence was found in violation of the county ethics ordinance because “it seems clear to the Ethics Commission that changing the allowable density on those parcels located so close to the parents’ property would nevertheless have a direct financial impact on the value of the property...”

The April 18 decision stems from a vote initiated by

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Locals enjoy Pope's visit

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Unruly behavior not tolerated by university

Mount St. Mary's University wants to continue to be a good neighbor to the citizens of Emmitsburg and that is why they are making every effort to address the concerns of the community. The town officials and citizens recently opened discussions with Mount St. Mary's concerning disorderly behavior at some of the off-campus houses in Emmitsburg. According to Barry Titler, public safety director at the Mount, the meeting was very positive and productive.

Mr. Titler and MSM Community Liaison Joe Lebherz made it clear that any student found to be in violation of the Mount's strict Code of Conduct can be held accountable by the University, whether they are on or off campus.

"In order to hold students accountable, said Mr. Titler, "we need the cooperation of town residents when they experience the problems. The Frederick County Sheriff's Office will respond if citizens make a complaint and will file a police report. Once we have

a police report documenting improper conduct by a Mount student we can and will hold them accountable. The residents seem happy to hear we are partnering with the town and the Sheriff's Office to improve the situation and the residents have agreed to work with all of us."

If necessary, University Public Safety officers will respond to assist the Sheriff's department and town residents to identify those involved in any incident and if they are students, they will be held accountable.

"Mount St. Mary's is part of this fine community and we have a responsibility to make sure we are doing our best to keep it a great place to live," said Joe Lebherz. "At the Mount we are educating young men and women, challenging them to become tomorrow's leaders. Learning the lessons of community and leadership can begin immediately and right in our own backyard."

Mount St. Mary's University

McCain not offering straight talk

President George W. Bush aided and abetted by a compliant Republican Congress is the most financially irresponsible president in the history of the nation. Look at the nation. Look at the astronomical national debt. Consider the sinking value of the dollar. Remember the U.S. Treasury is bleeding billions of dollars every month in Iraq.

Knowing this, and in spite of President Clinton's budget surplus, Senator McCain has had the gall to accuse the Democrats of being "tax and spend Democrats". What a bold, old, hypocrite Senator McCain is! Straight Talk Express? Bah-Humbug.

Harold C. Craig
Emmitsburg

Government should take action against oil companies

There is a new terrorism in the United States that we realize a pinch of, but have not really realized what is in store for us.

A \$40-million profit for any company should not just be addressed but have something done about it NOW not down the road. Did not the government step in to break down AT&T?

We all know what I'm talking about ... gasoline! We are feeling the squeeze at the pump but we haven't realized the effect of the growing squeeze.

So much depends on gasoline, our trucks, cars, farming equipment. Each of these, in turn, affects the price of food, meat, dairy, heating oil, mail, school lunches, daycare, hospitalization, and much more; anything that depends on gasoline.

All of this leads to eventual anxiety terror. Men and women will have to deal with issues of transportation, keeping and providing food and shelter for their families. Getting the necessary care for physical and mental health will falter. I wonder

how good the benefits are for the \$40-million-profit employees?

The above stresses can lead to dread and fear and eventually terror of failure of loss, more crime, depression, suicide and other health problems.

Terrorism is created by people and organizations that do not look out for the public welfare. Look at Hussein and Castro. Rulers must focus on the general need rather than the gain of corporations or their own needs and desires.

Greed is a sin, for greed only looms on oneself and not the general public. To see a jump of 15 cents in gasoline prices within days when the companies are making a \$40-million profit is pure stealing. God says not to steal in His Commandments. God desires a generous heart. Looking out for other's needs rather than their own and trusting their lives for provision from God the Provider.

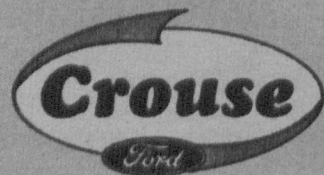
Carole Bishop
Fairfield, Pa.

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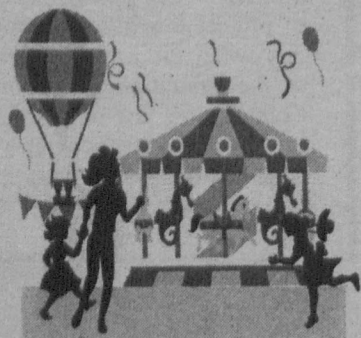
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NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED FINAL BUDGET ADOPTION AND

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT FINAL BUDGET April 29, 2008

At a meeting on April 28, 2008, the Board of School Directors of the Fairfield Area School District adopted a PROPOSED Final Budget totaling \$15,033,730 for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Please note that this was not the final budget adoption.

The proposed final budget includes the following taxes as sources of revenues:

Real Estate tax.....	40.50 mills	(2.14 increase)
Per Capita Tax, Act 511.....	0	(no change)
Per Capita Tax, Act 679.....	0	(no change)
Earned Income Tax.....	1.5%	(no change)
Occupation Assessment.....	None	(no change)
Amusement Tax.....	10%	(no change)

The proposed millage increase consists of the following: 2.14 mill increase for the operational requirements of the school district related to the increase in health insurance, contractual salaries, electricity and other operational requirements.

The detailed budget is now available for public inspection. Please see Dr. Mark S. Sewell, Business Manager at the Business Office located in the Administration wing between the hours of 8:00am and 3:00pm Monday through Friday, until the final adoption of the budget.

INTENT TO ADOPT FINAL BUDGET

Final budget adoption is scheduled for MONDAY, June 16, 2008 at 7:00pm in the Fairfield District Board Room.

If you are a person with a disability and wish to attend the public meeting noted above, and require accommodation to participate in the proceedings, please contact the district at 642-8228 to discuss how the Fairfield Area School District may best accommodate your needs.

John Tomko
Board Secretary
Fairfield Area School District

TOWN NEWS

Bike Rodeo May 17 in Emmitsburg

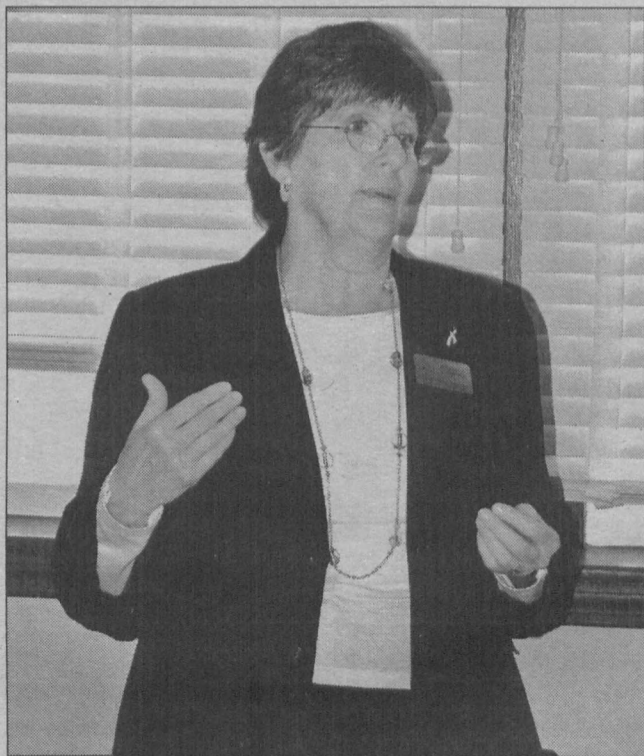
EMMITSBURG, Md. — Following up on the success of last year's bike rodeo, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office will be conducting another one on May 17 from 10 – 11:30 a.m. in the parking lot behind the Emmitsburg Library. Sheriff's

deputies will work with children on safe riding techniques through a series of stations. The stations will include 1) bicycle inspection and helmet fitting, 2) mounting and dismounting, 3) straight line control, 4) stopping ability, 5) signaling turn,

6) weaving and maneuvering, and 7) figure-8 turns. Rodeo participants should bring a bike, helmet, and wear comfortable clothing to bike in.

- J. Rada

Mikulski aide speaks to EBPA



- ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL / THE DISPATCH

Juliana Albowitz, an aide to U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski's staff, spoke to members of the Emmitsburg Business and Professionals Association during their April 15 luncheon at the Carriage House Inn. She spoke of efforts the senator is making on behalf of Marylanders and that senator considers budget earmarks as "pennies from heaven." Albowitz also told the gathering that as far as getting results on various issues, "We don't guarantee the outcome. We guarantee the effort."

Tax

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ings would not be required to move from one district to the other.

However, towns that are still in the suburban district like Thurmont would still be expected to maintain their current level of volunteerism while paying the higher rate.

Davis asked the town council to support the countywide rate.

"I've listened to the pros and cons, am concerned about unfairness, but am in favor of a county wide tax," said Mary Lou Little with the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company. "For

the most part it will be more fair in the long run."

The reason behind this most-recent request is that the volunteer fire companies in Woodsboro, Carroll Manor, Libertytown, Myersville and Jefferson have requested to move from the suburban district to the urban district. Currently 70 percent of the county's stations are in the urban district. If all five companies moved to an urban district, more than 80 percent of the county would be in the urban fire district.

Emmitsburg resident Larry Little said, "The time is here that we go with it... I ask the town for support."

The commissioners did

unanimously.

The county will be holding a public hearing on May 15 at 7 p.m. at Winchester Hall in Frederick to hear what the public thinks about going to a single, countywide fire tax or moving some or all of the five requesting fire companies into the suburban fire-tax district.

For additional information please contact the Fire and Rescue Services Division at (301) 600-1536 or the Treasury Department at (301) 600-1111, or by e-mail using the Citizen Request for Service - Fire and Rescue Services link at www.co.frederick.md.us/requesttracker.asp.

Ethics

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Forrence and on which she voted to downzone properties on Annandale Road that border her parents' property.

During the summer of 2007 when Forrence was a member of the Emmitsburg Planning and Zoning Commission, member Pat Boyle accused Forrence of violating the town's ethics ordinance. The basis of the accusation was that Forrence recommended shifting development on a parcel that abutted her parents' property away from the shared property without acknowledging that it was her parents' property.

Forrence's actions on the county planning commission caused Frederick County attorney Leslie Powell to write a letter to Forrence asking her to recuse herself from decisions that affect her parents' property. Attorney Krista McGowan and developer Andy Mackintosh brought up the letter during a county planning commission meeting and were chastised by commission members rallying to Forrence's defense.

Commission member Bob White called the letter "inflammatory," "intimidating," "shameful" and "something that ought to be withdrawn and an apology issued."

The ethics commission saw it differently. The commission ruled that because such a decision affects only a limited number of homes, it does "constitute a direct financial impact, as distinguished from the public generally." For the

commission to say that there was no direct impact would have been too narrow an interpretation of the ethics ordinance.

Forrence wrote in an e-mail reply to an inquiry from The Dispatch that she doesn't see how there is a direct impact on her parents' property.

"As I told the Ethics Commission, I am simply not aware how any change in the comprehensive land use designation of the EDC property would affect the value of my parents' property - either positively or negatively. Indeed, no one has articulated a *direct* financial impact on my parents' farm, but instead only alluded to an indirect impact - without even stating what that impact would be," Forrence wrote.

Even if that were true, the Ethics Commission wrote that her vote "could give the appearance of a conflict of interest under the Ethics Ordinance."

Because of these things, the Ethics Commission wrote, "Should a similar situation arise in the future where a discussion or vote would have an impact on a limited number of properties, one or more of which is owned by a close relative of the Planning Commission member, ... the Ethics Commission recommends that the Planning Commission member identify the nature of the potential conflict on the record and then recuse herself from any discussion or vote on that matter."

"I will certainly abide by the conclusion of the Frederick County Ethics Commission," Forrence wrote.



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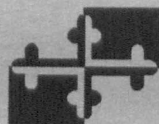
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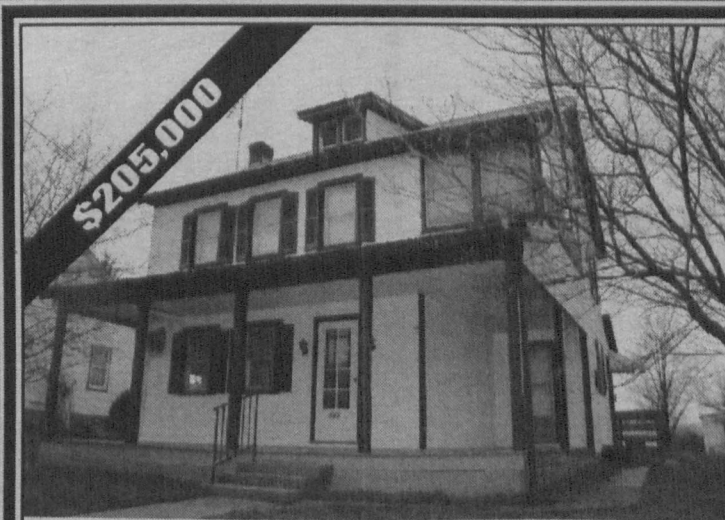
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TOWN NEWS

Water committee given a second chance

BY STEPHANIE LONG
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The fate of the Emmitsburg water committee is still unknown, following further discussion of its purpose and future at the April 21 Emmitsburg Town Council meeting.

In April, commissioner and water committee liaison Joyce Rosensteel expressed her concern that the water committee had outlived its usefulness and asked the commissioners to consider dissolving the committee altogether.

Initially Mayor James Hoover said he was open to discussing the issue, but did not agree that the committee was useless, which he reiterated at the April 21 meeting. Hoover said one problem with keeping committees active and involved might go back to their lack of training from the get-go.

Patrick Joy, a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee, did not necessarily agree and said there was one problem with the

committee — focus.

“The problem is water is a tight focus,” Joy said. “One needs to care a lot or have a problem in order for action to be taken by a committee,” Joy added, “therefore the council should look at combining committees together.”

Town Manager Dave Haller agreed with Joy that focus was a problem, but in a different way, suggesting that the committee perhaps focus on just one task.

“If the water committee stays on task by recognizing ways to preserve water, then keep them ... there will be something to do,” Haller said.

Because of overwhelming support, the decision was made to keep the water committee intact for a few more months while the hunt for new members continues.

“I hesitate to eliminate the water committee without giving it another shot,” said Commissioner President Chris Staiger, who then asked council members to support the decision and bring potential committee members to future council meetings.

Building a future for a family



- JAMES RADA, JR. / THE DISPATCH

Volunteers with Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County are building a new home on St. Joseph's Lane that will be given to a deserving family near Thanksgiving. In appreciation for the hard work that the volunteers do on Saturdays at the house site, the Emmitsburg Council of Churches has been providing lunches for the volunteers so they can keep their energy.

“Stamp out” local hunger May 10

EMMITSBURG, Md. — In an effort to support local food bank programs, all post offices will be holding its regular “Stamp Out Hunger” campaign on Saturday,

May 10.

Carriers will pick up any non-perishable or canned food that is placed in or hanging from mailboxes. Each post office will then

give the collected food to their local food bank.

The Emmitsburg Post office will have a hamper in the lobby so that local residents can drop off items during the entire week. According to Susan Allen, Board member of the Emmitsburg Food Bank, the summer months tend to really stress food bank resources because of summer break for many school age children.

“It’s one of our major sources of food for the year,” said Rev. Sally Giffin-Joyne, director of the Thurmont Food Bank.

Local programs supported by the postal service will be the Emmitsburg Food Bank, Thurmont Food Bank, Fairfield Mennonite Church Food distribution program, and St. Joseph’s Church Taneytown Food distribution program.

- J. Buchheister

Chicken Bar-b-que

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Town Meeting
May 19, 7:30 p.m.

Parks Committee
May 20, 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Emmitsburg Town Office, Emmitsburg Community Center, 300A South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg. For information call (240) 629-6300 or visit www.emmitsburgmd.gov.

Dispatch wins editorial award at MDDC 2007 editorial contest



JAMES RADA, JR.

ELLICOTT CITY, Md. – Dispatch News Editor James Rada, Jr. won a second-place award in Features: Profile category at the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association's 2007 editorial contest.

The award was for the story "Working in Hussein's House" that appeared in the August 2, 2007 edition of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*. It detailed the story of Sergeant Chris Alley's tour of duty in Baghdad where he managed part of the city from an office in the former palace of Saddam Hussein.

"Part of the mission of the Dispatch has been to bring quality

community news to areas that usually don't attract the attention of the big dailies. Jim's award shows that we are doing that and we continue doing that," said Dispatch Publisher Raymond Buchheister, Jr.

The awards luncheon was held on April 18 at the Turf Valley Country Club in Ellicott City. The Dispatch competed against 46 other newspapers in the "Non-dailies under 10,000" category and was one of 19 papers to win awards in the category.

MDDC is a 160-member press association, founded in 1908, which includes newspapers in Maryland, Delaware, the Eastern Shore of Virginia and the District of Columbia. Membership includes all the dailies and the great majority of the non-dailies in these jurisdic-

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ROUTE 15 UNDERPASS UNDERGOES MAKEOVER
 By Mary Margaret Coughlin, '08

Mount St. Mary's Route 15 underpass will no longer be plain and dark, thanks to art students who are creating a mural in the underpass. Elizabeth Holtry, associate professor in the Mount's visual and performing arts department came up with the idea to brighten up the space about three years ago. This semester, Holtry offered a mural painting class devoted specifically to the project.

To prepare, students in the class interviewed fellow students, faculty, and staff to get the Mount community's opinions and suggestions of what they would like to see in the mural. After gathering input, the class decided on five themes they found best represented the university: academics, the arts, faith, community service and athletics.

The class then split up into five groups, with each group taking on a different theme. Senior Jamie Penrose says, "From day one, every person in the class contributed so much to every aspect of this project." Claire Hatfield, a freshman, adds, "Our ideas have really come together which is the hardest part...trying to make everything cohesive. Painting is the easy part."

After each group finished their initial designs, the class showed the concepts to President Powell and Vice President Rehm for approval.

Painting began in February with students hoping to complete the mural by the end of the semester.

To sum up the class' feelings, senior Marissa Hoffman explains, "With such a diverse group--art majors and non majors alike--working side by side, the final piece should prove to be a representative masterpiece of Mount cooperation and collaboration. General excitement emanates from the project with the sense that we are contributing to the aesthetics of the Mount campus and its history."

Look for the mural to be finished later this spring.

"Our ideas have really come together which is the hardest part...trying to make everything cohesive. Painting is the easy part." — CLAIRE HATFIELD, C'11

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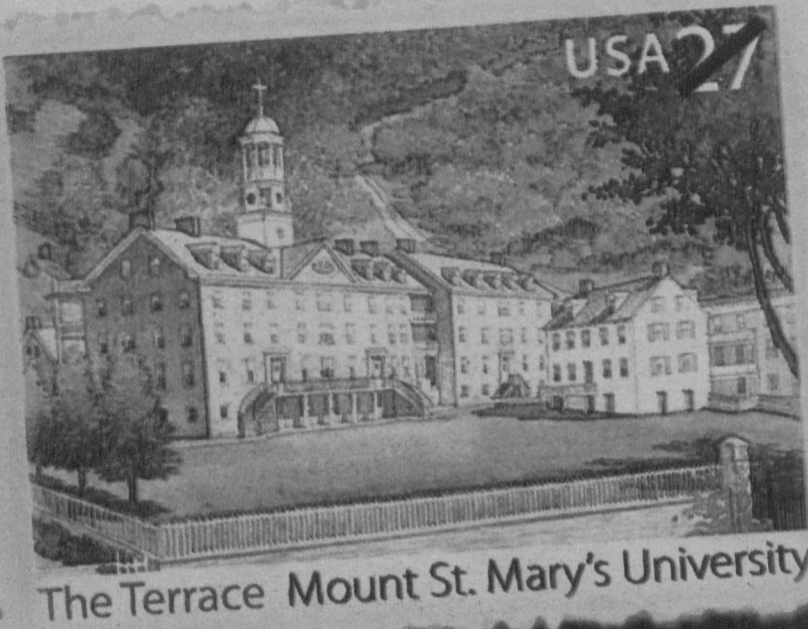
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Postmaster General unveils postal card featuring the Mount

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – A United States Postmaster General came to Emmitsburg for the first time on Saturday, April 26, to celebrate Mount St. Mary's University bicentennial year and unveil a new pre-stamped postal card featuring the Mount.

The 27-cent postal card features an original watercolor of the campus.

Postmaster General John Potter and Mount President Thomas Powell dedicated the card during an April 26 event in the Knott Arena.

"The painting on the postal card is a symphony of color and a tribute to Mount St. Mary's tradition of excellence. As an organization with its own history of more than two centuries, the Postal Service is pleased to dedicate this stamped card and share in the prestigious

bicentennial celebration," Potter said.

According to the U.S.P.S. Medial Relations representative Yvonne Yoerger, the organization's postal historian can find no records of another official visit by a U.S. Postmaster to Emmitsburg.

"Mount St. Mary's University is honored that the U.S. Postal Service recognizes our historical significance and the contributions that the university has made to higher education," Powell said. "We're so pleased to have this wonderful stamped postal card to mark the occasion of

our bicentennial."

The postal card is the 58th in the U.S.P.S.'s *Historic Preservation* series, which began in 1977. The postal card shows three of the Mount's oldest buildings: Dubois, Brute and McCaffrey Halls, collectively called "the Terrace" and make up the heart of the campus. The buildings were built during the 19th Century and are now primarily used as residence halls.

Frank Constantino, an award-winning architectural illustrator in Winthrop, Mass., used historic photos and drawings to create the scene.

Following the unveiling of the card, the Maryland Symphony Orchestra performed an all-Beethoven concert featuring two pieces which debuted in 1808, the same year the Mount was founded.

"I have been to many stamp events, but this is one of the classier ones," Potter said. "The Mount is lovely, steeped in tradition and yet also modern. ... It's an honor to be part of this 200-year celebration." He noted the outpouring of the community that was present.

Potter said he was not originally scheduled to attend the Mount's dedication ceremony. Master of Ceremonies Walter O'Tormey, U.S.P.S. Vice President – Engineering, has a son at the Mount and was the only one scheduled to represent the postal service. However, Father John Enzler, a member of the Mount's board of trustees and Potter's long-time pastor at Our Lady of Mary Blessed Sacrament, insisted the postmaster general come.

People interested in obtaining a collectible version of the postal card have 60 days within which to obtain first-day-of-issue cancelled cards. The card goes on sale nationwide on May 12. For more information or to get your card, visit the Emmitsburg Post Office or go to www.usps.com/shop.

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Above: Mount St. Mary's University President Thomas Powell speak about the honor of having the Mount on a new postal card. Left: U.S. Postmaster General John Potter and Mount St. Mary's University President Thomas Powell autograph the new postal card featuring the Mount for Rev. Robert Zylla, an instructor at the Mount's seminary.

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Getting a sneak peek at the new county fire museum



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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Though the new Frederick County Fire and Rescue Museum wasn't open in time for this year's museum season, residents were able to get a sneak peek at what it will contain when it is opened.

The county fire museum will be in the former Emmitsburg Community Ambulance building on South Seton Avenue. It will share the space with the National Fire Heritage Center, a national archive of fire service documents, books and manuscripts at the back of the ambulance company building where the social hall now is.

For Frederick County

Bell and History Days, Clarence "Chip" Jewell, one of the board of directors for the new museum, had a few pieces of equipment and some samples of materials that could be in the National Fire Heritage Center.

The most-beautiful piece was an 1893 hand-drawn hose carriage from Independent Hose Company in Frederick.

"It was purchased in 1893 for Maryland State Fireman's Convention in Frederick," Jewell said. "It's been refurbished over the years by three to four generations of the same family in Lancaster (Pa.)."

The carriage is white with black detailing and gold finish. It has mirrors on the sides of the reels and colored-glass lamps.

Another item on display was an old hand pumper used

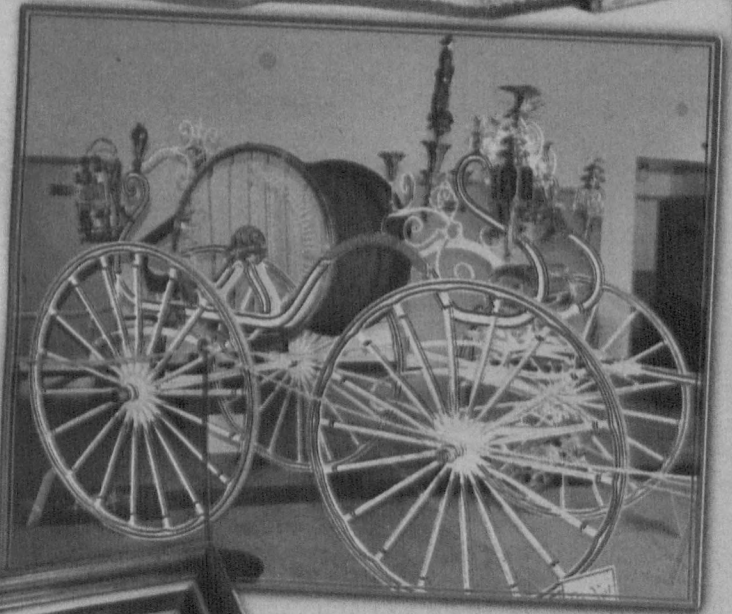
by United Hose Company in Frederick.

Jewell said that the plan now is to expand the front of the ambulance company building before adding a facade to make it look like an old fire station. This will double the size of the current bays.

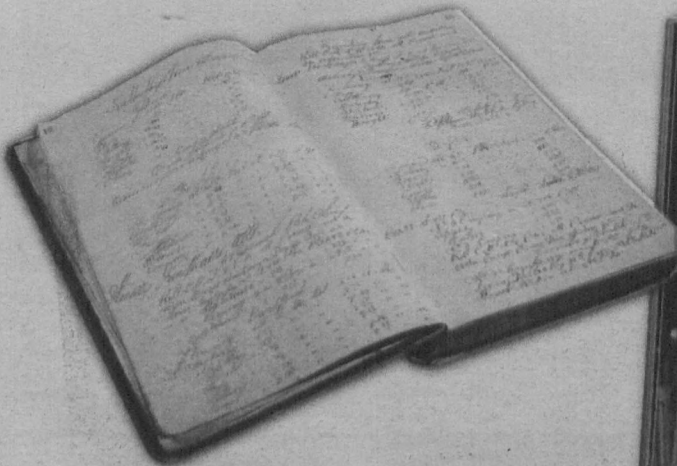
"There would be enough room we believe to put an additional three to four pieces of equipment in here," Jewell said.

The National Fire Heritage Center is expected to use the back of the building for three to five years until they can relocate into their own building.

"It will be a nice mix," Jewell said. "The front of the building is local history and the back is national written history."



Above: An 1893 fire carriage purchased by the Independent Hose Company will be one of the many artifacts of Frederick County's fire heritage on display at the new Frederick County Fire Museum that is being developed in Emmitsburg. Left: A historical photo of a Frederick County fireman will be part of the displays at the new museum.



Above: Record books, such as the one above, will be part of the National Fire Heritage Center that will be housed at the rear of the new Frederick County Fire Museum. It will feature historical written records from fire companies across the nation. Right: Clarence "Chip" Jewell has been the driving force behind developing the new Frederick County Fire Museum in Emmitsburg.



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Fairfield closer to getting cell tower

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FAIRFIELD, Pa. — Fairfield residents are one step closer to being able to answer yes to that one question that's plagued them for years: "Can you hear me now?"

For some time, the Fairfield area has been without reliable cellular phone service due to the lack of a cell tower, which has raised concerns amongst local emergency crews and residents who don't have a reliable signal in emergency situations. A long-standing debate has gone on to determine which company, if any, should be allowed to build a cellular tower in the area.

Now Liberty Towers, a company that constructs cell towers and then leases out the space to cellular providers, seems poised to fill the slot.

Currently Liberty Towers is in the process of filing an application seeking approval for con-

struction of a tower in Fairfield Borough. Although the application has not been filed and no presentation or decision made, the company has overcome one potential stumbling block.

A recent meeting with the Historic Architectural Review Board, where Liberty Towers and the board discussed the tower, yielded no opposition, clearing the way for the company to proceed with the application.

It is expected that Liberty Towers will file its application by the deadline for the borough planning commission meeting, which is to be held May 11, and will present a formal presentation to the commission at the time.

If the board does approve the company's plans, it will be one step closer to securing the construction of the cell tower, but will most likely still have to gain approval from other groups before construction can begin.

Vigilant Hose battles fire in Fairfield



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A house fire at 28 Fairfield Station Lane in Fairfield brought out firefighters and equipment from six companies on Sunday, April 27 at 3:21 p.m. Firefighters from Fairfield, Vigilant Hose, Fountaindale, Greenmount, Harney and Barlow brought the blaze under control in about 40 minutes. It began in the basement of the house and traveled up through the walls into the attic. The house was damaged but it is salvageable. A cause for the fire has yet to be determined.

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Commissioners seek public input on fire tax

FREDERICK, Md. – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on fire and rescue tax districts on Thursday, May 15, at 7 p.m. in the first floor hearing room of Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Md. The commissioners highly encourage public comment at the hearing.

A letter that all county residents

will receive regarding the fire and rescue district tax proposals and public hearing is posted on the county homepage at www.co.frederick.md.us.

The county's Geographic Information Systems website provides a fire tax property search and proposed fire tax maps for viewing and printing at www.co.frederick.md.us/gis.

For further information,

contact the Fire and Rescue Services Division at (301) 600-1536 or the Treasury Department at (301) 600-1111. Citizens may also utilize the Constituent Services Program to make comments to ask questions (see the blue bar marked "Citizen Concerns" on the county homepage, and use the Fire and Rescue Services link).

Baseball at Taneytown History Museum

TANEYTOWN, Md. – The Taneytown History Museum has just added an exhibit of Carroll County Baseball. In addition, the book "The Carroll County Maryland Baseball, Men's Amateur and Semi-Pro Baseball from 1850-1999" written by local author Daniel D. Hartzler is available for purchase.

The book is a collection of interviews and pictures of the history of baseball in Carroll County. Daniel (Danny) Hartzler has written several books of historical information over the years concerning a variety of subjects such as weaponry, clocks and clock makers. The book may be purchased

through the Taneytown History Museum located at 24 E. Baltimore Street, Taneytown, MD and sells for \$46. Museum hours are 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Fridays and 1 – 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free. For more information call (410) 756-4234.

Floyd and McClurkin appointed to county planning commission

FREDERICK, Md. – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners have appointed Richard Floyd and John McClurkin to fill two upcoming vacancies on the seven-member Frederick County Planning Commission. The new commission members will begin serving a five-year term on July 1, 2008.

The new members will replace Joan McIntyre, who currently serves as vice chairperson, and J. Denham Crum, who have both served on the Planning Commission since July 1998.

Floyd brings extensive planning and zoning experience to the planning commission. He previously served two terms on the commission and has been active in the

Maryland Planners Association.

McClurkin holds a bachelors of science degree in computer science with a minor in nuclear engineering from the University of Virginia. He currently serves on the Urbana Civic Association and the Frederick County Civic Federation.

The planning commission functions as an advisory body to the county commissioners on many planning and zoning-related issues such as the comprehensive plan, region plans, rezoning, water and

sewer planning, and text amendments. The commission has final authority over site plans, subdivision plats, planned unit development phase II plans and determination of adequate public facilities for new developments.

Fifteen individuals submitted applications for the planning commission vacancies. The board selected 10 to interview over a two-day period. The interviews may be viewed at www.co.frederick.md.us/video under the Board of County Commissioners listing.

Enjoy a doggy fashion show at Bark in the Bark

LEWISTOWN, Md. – The Lewistown Jr. Girl Scouts Troop 81224 is putting on a Doggy Fashion Show at Utica Park on May 10 at 11 a.m. Bring your dogs all dressed up and win prizes! Some of the categories for awards include: silliest, most colorful, prettiest, ugliest, best Halloween costume, owner-dog look-a-likes, and 1960's. Admission for the entire event—which features all kinds of canine fun activities, is \$5.



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Cancer Walk on May 10

BY ELIZABETH PIAZZA
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. — On May 10, Sarah Topper, 17, will walk for cancer.

A senior at Catoctin High School in Thurmont, Topper has organized The Catoctin Cancer Walk, a seven-mile walk, 28 laps, around the track at Catoctin High School. All proceeds from the walk will benefit the American Cancer Society.

Topper originally thought of the idea as a way to complete her senior graduation project requirement. As a person who has been affected by cancer, it seemed a perfect choice. Topper's maternal grandfather, David Bushman Sr., died of lung cancer in September 2006 and her stepfather's mother, Diane Black, died in 2005 of colon cancer.

"She has a good reason for doing this project," said Catoctin High Athletic Director Tom Sherald. "She's been touched by cancer quite a bit throughout her life and she has a passion for it, which makes a project like this easier."

With the help of Laurie Frey at the American Cancer Society of Frederick and Washington County and Sherald, Topper began working on the event planning last August. By

January she had completed the layout and gave her presentation in school.

"This is all her effort," Frey said. "Aside from supplying lots of education and awareness information, I take no credit for the effort. This is her baby."

"I was kind of nervous," Topper said. "I went all over Thurmont and put out flyers. I am nervous, but excited."

Originally, Topper hoped to walk in Thurmont, but due to difficulty obtaining permits and safety, she opted to host the walk at the high school track. She is hopeful that at least 150 people will participate.

Topper is a native of Thurmont. After graduation, she plans to attend Hagerstown Community College for an associates degree in Nursing. After, she hopes to attend Penn State at Mount Alto to become a registered nurse.

The walk will take place on Saturday, May 10. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and will cost \$5 per walker. There will be Daffodil Bears from the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Campaign for sale as well as colored ribbons representing various types of cancers. Door prizes will also be awarded. For more information, contact Sarah Topper or Robin Black at (301) 241-4213.

REGIONAL

Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company receives recognition at annual banquet

WALKERSVILLE, Md. — The Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association held its 15th Annual Volunteer Fire and Rescue Program on April 28 and Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company won a number of honors.

• James Rice of the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company won the Millard M. "Mick" Mastrino Trainer/Safety Award, which is sponsored by the United Steam Fire Engine Company and the Mastrino Family, was created in

memory of Mastrino to recognize the contributions of an individual in the area of fire and rescue instruction and safety training. Rice assisted with several acquired structure training burns and provided over 30 company drills to departments in Northern Frederick County.

• Paul Burrier of the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company was posthumously inducted into the FCVFRA Hall of Fame. He was one of 10 inductees. Individuals inducted must have at least 10

years of distinguished service to their respective department or the county fire and rescue service.

The was the first year that the FCVFRA combined with the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services for a joint recognition program. The program was held at the Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company and featured the presentation of 14 awards, the induction of 10 individuals into the Hall of Fame, and a couple of special presentations.

Thurmont to take over town's emergency services?

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THURMONT, Md. — Mayor Martin Burns thinks that the Thurmont needs to start planning now how to make the Guardian Hose Company and Thurmont Ambulance Companies part of the town government rather than county organizations.

"We need to have a serious conversation about taking it over now," Burns said during the April 28 town meeting.

Burns said if the fire and rescue companies are part of town government, then the town can recover costs from the county as part of the tax

equity program, which in turn, can be used to support the fire company.

"If we got some of the money back, and it better be equal to what we're putting in it, it may be something to look at," Burns said.

He said that Walkersville is thinking about doing the same thing and the Frederick City has considered the possibility. In the case of Frederick City, it would have to purchase back all of the buildings and equipment from the county, which would be very expensive.

Burns said later that the idea is worth discussing with the county, not to threaten them but to present an option that the town is seriously con-

sidering. None of the other commissioners expressed an objection to investigating the idea.

Burns was also not happy that Emmitsburg's mayor and town council broke with a decision by the Frederick County Maryland Municipal League not to support a countywide fire tax.

"If the roles were reversed, I would not support it even if it lowered taxes for my residents," Burns said during the Thurmont town meeting.

Burns called the position a "short and narrow view" of the problem because while residents in the urban fire tax districts like Emmitsburg will see short-term relief in the tax rate, it will continue to rise.

Hoover said he didn't attend the MML meeting or Emmitsburg would have voted to support the countywide fire tax.

"We'd have to be crazy not to support a tax decrease to our residents," Hoover said.

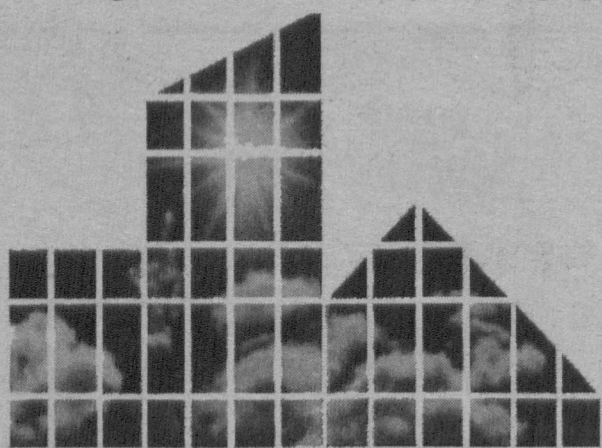
He said his job as the Emmitsburg mayor is to look out for the residents of Emmitsburg.

"Especially once the volunteer companies all decide to go 24/7, you know the rate will go up," Burns said later.

However, Hoover pointed out that Vigilant Hose Company is still experiencing a strong level of volunteerism despite paying the highest fire tax rate.

He also said that the argument that suburban areas like Thurmont benefit from mutual aid is true, however, what isn't pointed out is that Guardian Hose Company assists companies in urban areas like Emmitsburg.

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Catoctin High losing some teaching positions next year

Marching band threatened as music slot is reduced to half time

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. — With pre-registration for school year 2008-09 classes completed, Catoctin High School faces the loss of two and one-half staff positions, including reduction of the school's only music teacher slot to a half-time position. Not enough students registered for music courses in the fall to justify a full-time instructor. Some parents are very concerned that this may mean the end of the marching band at CHS.

CHS Principal Jack Newkirk stresses that all staffing is determined on a year-to-year basis and having to cancel a course one year does not mean that "it's gone forever." School enrollment is not static. Staff may be lost one year and regained in the following one. Besides the change in music staffing, CHS gained half a staff position in science, and lost slots in English, math, and targeted intervention.

"Staffing changes also do not mean firing," though sometimes a teacher will have to change schools or work at two schools. (Catoctin's music teacher,

Matthew Curran, has been with the school since 2001.) Newkirk adds that "our goal is to keep programs." He has met with the Catoctin Music Boosters to consider options for next year. Two other high schools in Frederick County, Middletown and Walkersville, have already faced this issue and maintain marching band as an after-school activity without a classroom component.

If marching-band continues solely as an after school activity, the Music Boosters will have to provide all of the financial support to hire a director, an assistant, and coaches for the color guard and percussion section. President Mike Krouse says that while their budget is currently in good shape, they will have to increase their fundraising efforts to cover personnel costs. He and the rest of the board members are exploring the possibility of corporate sponsorship, and opportunities for fundraising in conjunction with the carnival and Colorfest.

Without classroom instruction, booster volunteers will also have to organize additional out-of-school

practice time during the summer prior to band camp in August. Krouse believes that "there is a lot of support for the band in Thurmont and Emmitsburg," but added that parents and students need to understand that "if they want their marching band to continue [in the future], they have to sign up for the course."

Frederick County high school students often have very little flexibility in scheduling their classes each year. With the establishment of four 90-minute-period "block" schedules in the mid-1990's, students are limited to four courses per semester. Many of their courses must fulfill credit requirements in English, math, social studies, and science needed for graduation. More students are choosing to include Advanced Placement classes to get a head start on college-level work. Some students need extra time to prepare for the demands of tests now required for graduation. This leaves many students with less time available for elective classes such as music and art.

New VP for Catholic Identity named at Mount

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Mount St. Mary's University announced that Msgr. Stuart W. Swetland, S.T.D., director of homiletics and pre-theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, will serve as Vice President for Catholic Identity and Mission for the university.

"Msgr. Swetland's appointment illustrates our mission as a liberal arts institution is intrinsically linked with our identity," says Mount President Thomas H. Powell. "Universities today grapple with Catholic identity and academic freedom. Here at the Mount, we are unabashedly proud to be Catholic and this new position shows we are diligently working to maintain that balance."

Msgr. Swetland received his undergraduate degree in physics from the United States Naval Academy and was elected a Rhodes Scholar in 1981. Monsignor entered the Catholic Church while studying at Oxford where he received his B.A. and M.A. in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. He

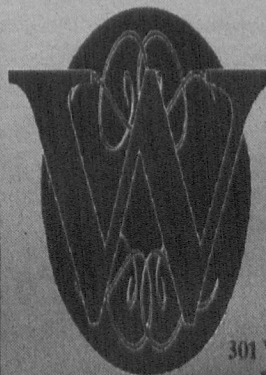
became a priest in 1991 following his degrees in M.Div. and M.A. in theology from Mount St. Mary's Seminary; and his S.T.L. and S.T.D. from the Pontifical Lateran University.

In today's world there is, in fact, no real center of gravity in our towns and cities and so ministering to modern college students is a daunting task," explains Msgr. Swetland. "We try to reach young adults where they are and not where we might wish them to be. This is only possible if we radiate Jesus Christ in everything."

Msgr. Swetland hosts the EWTN program Catholicism on Campus discussing questions of faith with college students on campus. EWTN will be on the Mount campus until April 10 filming for the show. Msgr. Swetland is often a guest on Relevant Radio's Searching the Word Program and a frequent lecturer at conferences around the country.

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EDUCATION

Catoctin High hosts "A Night with the Stars"

Astronomy Club and PTAs sponsor K-8 activity

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. — Members of the Catoctin High School Astronomy Club transformed the school's auxiliary gymnasium into a children's science center for "A Night with the Stars" on April 17. The program, designed to interest students in the space sciences, was co-sponsored by the Thurmont Primary, Thurmont Elementary, and Catoctin PTAs. It was open to kindergarten to 8th grade students and their families in the Catoctin feeder area (Lewistown, Emmitsburg, Thurmont, and Sabillasville.)

NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. participated in the program with displays of genuine moon rocks, models of a three-stage rocket and a shuttle astronaut's spacesuit, and a computer showing of the film "Cosmic Collisions." One corner of the gym housed the Cosmic Adventures traveling planetarium which featured a 20-minute star show. At the opposite corner, George Michael of the Tri-State Astronomers club based in Hagerstown displayed a large telescope and photographs of a total solar eclipse. Later in the evening, club president Dan Kaminsky set up a telescope on the sidewalk outside so visitors could view the craters of the moon.

The rest of the gym was filled with many space-themed games and hands-on activities led by high school students.



CHS Teacher Lisa Bruck and NASA Educator John Leck show Devin Baxter a moon rock that is encased in acrylic during "A Night with the Stars," which was held at Catoctin High School on April 17.

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Kids could make paper bag astronaut puppets and have their picture taken in a space shuttle costume. "We're having a great time here!" said Amie Balderson, as she passed out construction paper, glitter glue and star stickers to children who wanted to make constellation pictures. Classes in Frederick County schools had dismissed two hours early that day; the Astronomy Club spent their afternoon setting up tables and supplies and decorating the walls.

Jacob Rich, president of the group, said it took about four hours to get everything ready for the 6 p.m. opening. Rich asked classmate Nick Schneider, a violinist with the Frederick Regional Youth Orchestra, to provide music in the lobby. Visitors were greeted by Nick playing the theme from "Star Wars" while they waited for their tickets to the planetarium

shows.

Event organizer Lisa Bruck, who teaches earth and space science at CHS, estimated attendance at 300-plus. "This is a really big event for us," she said, requiring a lot of advance planning, and commitment of school resources and volunteers. Those requirements make it an every-other-year program, though she and Principal Jack Newkirk wish they could do it every year. "And we absolutely could not do it without our [Astronomy Club] students," Bruck added.

The program was scheduled to end at 7:30 p.m., but the planetarium's star show was still running at 7:40 p.m., and there was still a line of students and parents outside waiting to view the moon in the darkening sky.

Archbishop to lead Mount's bicentennial commencement

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Archbishop Edwin Frederick O'Brien will give the commencement address at Mount St. Mary's University's 200th Commencement Exercises on May 11. Archbishop O'Brien was appointed Archbishop of Baltimore in 2007.

"Mount St. Mary's University is the oldest Catholic university in Maryland and to have Archbishop O'Brien speak at commencement is a privilege and honor," said Mount President Thomas Powell. "His service to the Church and people if Maryland is a model to us all."

Archbishop O'Brien was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of New York on May 29, 1965 by Francis Cardinal Spellman.

His first assignment was as a civilian chaplain at the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He would later be commissioned to become a military chaplain and in 1970 serving with the 82nd Airborne Division. From 1971 to 1972, he served a tour of duty in Vietnam with the 173rd Airborne Brigade and 1st Cavalry Brigade. From a base of operations in the middle of a jungle, he and a Protestant minister flew by helicopter to defensive outposts where they provided for the spiritual needs of soldiers.

In 1973, he left the military and began his doctoral studies at Rome's Angelicum University. While preparing for his doctorate in sacred theology, Archbishop O'Brien was a graduate student at the Pontifical North American College. He studied moral theology and completed his doctoral in 1976.

He returned to continue his

service to the Archdiocese of New York, serving as vice-chancellor for the Archdiocese and associate pastor at St. Patrick's Cathedral. In 1979 he coordinated Pope John Paul II's visit to New York and for two years served as communications director for the Archdiocese. In 1986, he was elevated to Monsignor and served two terms as rector of St. Joseph's Seminary from 1985-1989 and 1994-1997. From 1990-1994, he served as rector of the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

On February 6, 1996, he was named Auxiliary Bishop of New York and bishop of the titular see of Thizica. Cardinal John O'Connor consecrated him at St. Patrick's Cathedral on March 25, 1996. On April 7 of the following year, he was named co-adjutor bishop for the Archdiocese for the Military Services and on August 12, 1997, he succeeded as archbishop. The Archdiocese for the Military Services serves 1.5 million Catholics including all U.S. Armed Forces and their families as well as 170 Veterans Administration hospitals and U.S. Government employees overseas.

From September 2005 to June 2006, he served as the Holy See's coordinator for the Papal Visitation of Seminaries and Houses of Priestly Formation and this spring was appointed a member of the Congregation for Catholic Education and Seminaries.

On July 12, 2007, his appointment as Archbishop of Baltimore by Pope Benedict XVI was announced. He succeeded Cardinal William Keeler, who served as the 14th archbishop.



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BUSINESS

Dr. Timothy Bringardner celebrating 25 years in Emmitsburg

BY ELIZABETH PIAZZA
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. — His patients call him "Mr. Painless." Considering his tools consist of drills, needles and pliers, the nickname is more than a compliment. Working out of an old cozy stone house, Dr. Timothy Bringardner, D.D.S., has been keeping patients in the Emmitsburg area out of pain for the past 25 years.

A graduate of Ohio State Dental School, Bringardner did not grow up aspiring to become a dentist.

"My dentist growing up was very good to all of us," Bringardner said. "I didn't think about [becoming a dentist], although it wasn't an unpleasant thought."

It wasn't until a friend encouraged him to attend a meeting for a dental club that Bringardner began to consider dental school.

After graduating dental school, Bringardner spent a year working at the University of Maryland-Hospital in Baltimore and married his wife Kathy in 1982.

"To me, it was an adventure," said Kathy Bringardner. "Baltimore was a fun city for a newly married couple. Once I learned we were expecting, my ideas completely changed."

The two wanted to find a nice environment to raise their children. They both liked the Maryland area and discovered a dentist in Emmitsburg who was ready to move to Florida.

In 1983, with a six-week-old infant son, Bringardner purchased the practice from Dr. Donald Sammarco at 101 North Seton Ave. in Emmitsburg.

"[Emmitsburg] is a very friendly town," said Bringardner. "People are very warm and I never felt like an outsider." He felt that the transition was a smooth one.

"The beginning was tough," said Kathy. "He worked evening hours, weekend hours and was generally in the office for long hours so

he could build his practice."

Eventually the practice grew large enough so that Bringardner could purchase the building as he was initially renting it from Sammarco. For most of the 25 years, he has been the only dentist in Emmitsburg.

During his time in Emmitsburg, he has seen not only his own three children, Patrick, 25, Allison, 24 and Eric, 21, grow up but those of his patients as well. He has witnessed his patients having children of their own.

Patients come from all over — Thurmont, Gettysburg and Fairfield.

"The chair is always booked," said his receptionist Debbie Hobbs.

Part of the reason he is known as Mr. Painless or the Painless Dentist is due to this calm quiet nature and understanding the fears people have of the dentist. He believes in working with each patient, so that the overall experience is positive.

"The best thing is to communicate any fears," Bringardner said. "A lot of people just don't like someone doing things in their mouth. It's such a private area. For others, going to the dentist is a control thing, but most people realize after a while that it is fine."

Changes in dentistry over the years have allowed Bringardner to employ the newest technology available, such as computers and digital x-rays. Even with technological advances, he has maintained a

down to earth, cozy environment for his patients.

In addition to seeing patients at the Seton Avenue office, Bringardner sees patients at the Provincial House, a retirement home and administration center for the Daughters of Charity. He is the on-call dentist for the Fire Academy and Mount Saint Mary's. Bringardner also sees the seminarians at the Mount. In February, he speaks about dental health care at Mother Seton School and gives oral cancer screenings for the health fair. Bringardner has also done pro-bono work for children who are very poor and in need of dental care.

As if that is not enough, Bringardner enjoys golfing and woodworking. He has run in three Boston Marathons and the Frederick Marathon.

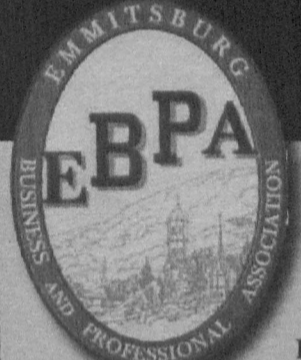
Kathy hopes that he will eventually scale back a bit so that they can do more traveling. They were able to take a trip to visit their eldest son, Patrick, who is living in Peru working for the Peace Corps. Bringardner plans to work for another 10 years or so and then slowly cut back.

"Maybe," he says with a smile. "After 25 years, if you don't like what you're doing, you'd do something else. Everyday is the best day," said Bringardner. "There are too many best days — even on days that feel so strange, there are always good things about the day. Besides, I get to go home to a wonderful wife."



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Dr. Timothy Bringardner has been practicing dentistry in Emmitsburg for 25 years. Besides treating area residents, he is the on-call physician for St. Catherine's Nursing Center, the Mount St. Mary's Seminary and the National Fire Academy.



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April 15, 2008
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ball's Base-
 website,
 www.eteamz.com/thurmont,
 for additional information and schedules. The Thurmont Little League is in its 55th year, one of the three oldest Little League organizations in the county. They also sponsor a Challenger League team from Frederick Civitan.



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Thurmont Minor League Teams, A's and Pirates, faced off in an opening day of baseball season in Thurmont on April 5.

CYA Football and cheerleading sign-ups

THURMONT, Md. — If you'd like to play CYA football or do cheerleading, the time to sign up is approaching.

All sign-ups will be held at the Thurmont Ambulance Building. A copy of each football player's birth certificate is needed at registration. Practice begins on July 21st at Thurmont Middle School.

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- May 8 - 6 - 8 p.m.
- May 30 - 6 - 8 p.m.
- May 31 - 9 a.m. - noon
- June 13 - 6 - 8 p.m.
- June 14 - 9 a.m. - noon
- June 28 - 9 a.m. - noon
- June 29 - 4 - 7 p.m.

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Meet Catoctin High's scholar athletes

BY TINA DELAUTER
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. — Tara Stackhouse and Ceth Parker were honored as Catoctin High School's 2008 Scholar-Athlete nominees by the Frederick County Coaches Association at its April 27 banquet. The ceremony was held at the Morningside Inn in Mount Pleasant, Md.

Tara and Ceth have excelled both academically and athletically throughout their high school careers.

Tara is ranked 1st in her class of 239. She has a GPA of 4.0 (4.56 weighted). She is a member of the National Honor Society, and was selected Maryland Distinguished Scholar for Academics and Maryland Distinguished Scholar for Art. She has played basketball for four years, soccer for four years, and tennis for three years. Tara was awarded First Team All Conference for basketball in her senior year. She will continue her education at Slippery Rock University in the fall. She is the daughter of

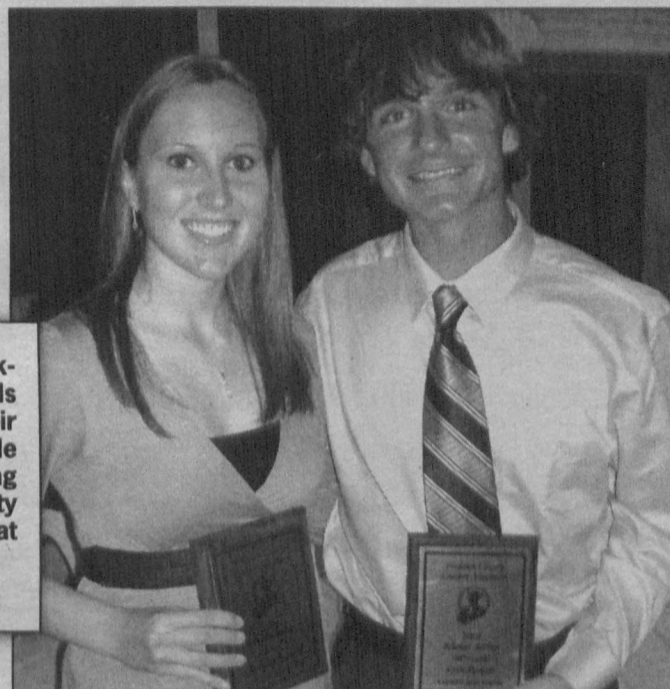
Tom and Sandy Stackhouse.

Ceth is ranked 8th in his class. He has a GPA of 3.93 (4.46 weighted). He is a member of the National Honor Society, and served as NHS historian his senior year. He has played soccer for two years, participated in indoor and outdoor track for four years and run cross country for two years. Ceth received the Hill and Dale Cross Country award and the Golden Spike award in his junior year, and obtained a Maryland State Championship title in track in his senior year. Ceth will continue his athletic and academ-

ic endeavors at Juniata College. He is the son of Steven Parker and Melody Roelke-Parker.

Catoctin High School Seniors Tara Stackhouse and Ceth Parker are the schools scholar athletes. Both have played their respective sports at a high level while maintaining excellent academic standing in their senior class. The Frederick County Coaches Association recognized them at an April 27 banquet.

- TINA DELAUTER / THE DISPATCH



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Ben Scharp and Tyler Jones each had two goals for the Cougars.

Mar. 27 — Walkersville 20, Catoctin 6

Carl Kirkland had two goals for Catoctin.

SOFTBALL VARSITY

Mar. 26 — Catoctin 12, South Hagerstown 6

Despite getting down early, the Lady Cougars battled back from a 4-0 deficit to win. Jenna Davis pitched five innings for the win. Megan Peomroy pitched the final 2 innings to secure the victory. Jamie LeGore and Carly Farr each had a homerun for the Cougars in their 12 run attack. LeGore, Davis, and Kelly Sweeney had multiple hits to pace the Cougars.

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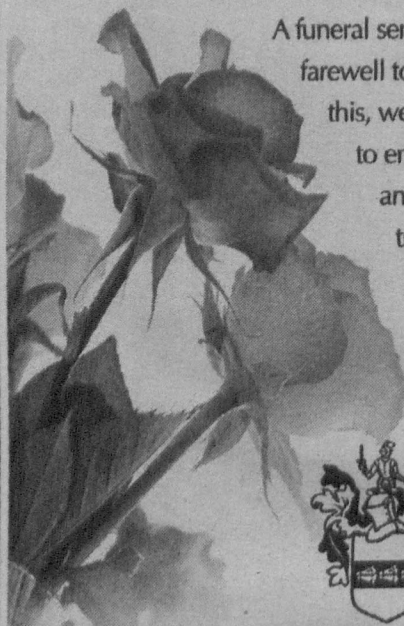
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Lions donate to new library



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The Thurmont Lions Club recently presented a check for \$6,250 to Erin Dingle of the Thurmont Public Library. The funds have been collected over 4 years and will be used to purchase a handicapped-accessible computer system for the new Thurmont Regional Library on East Moser Road. Though the library officially opens on Aug. 2, there will be a community open house on Aug. 1. Pictured above are: Thurmont Chief Administrative Officer Bill Blakeslee, Thurmont Lions Club President Paul Cannada, Thurmont Librarian Erin Dingle, Thurmont Lions Club member Vic Jagow, Lions Vice-District Governor Susan Timmons and Lions Regional Chairman Bob Disinger.

Help keep the trolley trail looking great

THURMONT, Md. - Now that the old Thurmont Trolley Trail has been reopened for bikers and walkers, the Thurmont Lions Club, the Thurmont Gardeners' Club and the Boy Scouts of America Troop 270 want to make it look even more lovely. That requires your help,

though. They are asking for volunteers to come out to the trail on May 17 to help spruce it up. They will be planting flowers, shrubs, and trees and cleaning up the trail. If you have questions or can help, please contact Gene Long at (301) 898-7004 or Lynn Stuart at (301)

271-0214 or just show up on Saturday, May 17 at 9 a.m. at the Trolley Trail bridge at the end of Park Lane (near the back of Memorial Park). Show your appreciation for the Thurmont Trolley Trail and your pride in our community - come out and help!

Jones named Administrative Professional of the Year

Peggy Jones of Fairfield, Pa. has been named the Administrative Professional for 2008 by Manpower of Frederick, Maryland. Jones was chosen because of her exceptional performance record and inspiring dedication to serving Manpower's clients. The award was presented in conjunction with Administrative Professionals Day. Pictured are: Marjie Despeaux, Peggy Jones, John McKeever.



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May at the Emmitsburg Library

Storytimes

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-6)
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Two Terrific Storytime (age 2)
May 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Head Start Storytime (ages 3-5)
May 6, 13, 20, 27 at 9:45 a.m.

Babies with Books (birth-24 months with an adult)
May 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime (all ages)
May 7, 14, 21, 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Children's Programs

"Did You Know?" Series (ages 6-12)
Frank Culler delights with a magic show. May 10 at 11 a.m.

Reading Rocks! (ages 10-12)
Read your choice of *How to train your dragon* by Cressida Cowell or *To Catch a Mermaid* by Suzanne Selfors. May 12 at 4 p.m. Registration required.

Children's Book Week Celebration (all ages)
Vote for your favorite book and use your artistic talents to add a page to our Reader's Choice notebook. May 12-17, all day.

The Book Bunch (ages 6-11)
Read and discuss *Encyclopedia Brown Cracks the Case* by Donald J. Sobol/
May 21 at 4 p.m.

Night Owls Club (ages 9-12)
Enjoy card games, board games, DDR and pizza. May 30 at 5 p.m.

Teen Programs

Knit 1 Bead 2 (teens and adults)
Bring your favorite craft materials.
May 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Animé Club (grades 6-12)
May 9 at 6 p.m.

Movie Makers Club (grades 6-12)
May 20 at 7 p.m.

Adult Programs

Leaving a Legacy: Write About Your Life (adult)
Learn to record your personal accounts of life "back when", to share with others. May 5 at 1:30 p.m.

Non-Fiction Book Club (adult)
May 8 at 1 p.m.

Annual Plant Exchange (adults)
Exchange your surplus plants with other gardeners. May 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Friends of Library Board Meeting (adults)
May 12 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday Evening Book Club (adults)
May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Knitting Circle (teens and adults)
May 15 at 4 p.m.

Genealogy Focus Group (teens and adults)
May 29 at 7 p.m.

Programs, unless otherwise noted, are held at the Emmitsburg Library in the Community Center on South Seton Avenue. Registration or information: (301) 600-6329.

SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Events in May

It's the merry month of May! College seniors are preparing to graduate—congratulations to all. Our lawns and trees are lush and green now, and it's safe to plant tomatoes and all the veggies that thrive in warm temperatures. A more solemn planting of flags throughout the nation's cemeteries will occur as we observe Memorial Day at the end of the month.

The seniors encourage all eligible persons (50 years and older) to join them for regular program activities and special events. We're calling on men 55 and older to get our pool league started again. Our lunch program is open to those 60 and older. The center is lovely and the "natives" are friendly! Check us out!

Regular activities

- **Bowling:** Mondays at Taneytown bowling center. Carpool; meet at center at 12:30 p.m.
- **Strength Training & Conditioning:** Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. Dress comfortably, wear athletic shoes. Participants will use small weights. Free.
- **Bingo:** May 7 & 21.
- **Cards, 500, and Bridge Group:** May 14 & 28.
- **Men's Pool:** Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
- **Pinochle:** Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.
- **Cards & Games:** Fridays at 12:30 p.m.
- **Shopping at Jubilee Foods:** Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

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

Special events

- **May 7 – Speaker: Fred Baillius.**
- **May 20 – Speaker: Deb Rhoades on "Osteo-Arthritis,"** 11 a.m. - noon.
- **May 26 – Center closed for Memorial Day.**

FAIRFIELD SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Events at the Fairfield Senior Center

All seniors in greater Fairfield are invited to take part in the following events, which are held in the community room in St. John's Lutheran Church at 13 W. Main Street, Fairfield. Questions and reservations? Call Cheryl Kulkusky, site director, at (717) 642-6523.

Special Events:

- **May 1 - Video Exchange.** Tired of watching the same old movies? Bring in your DVDs or VHS tapes to exchange.
- **May 7 - Exercise** at Gettysburg Rec. Park. Introduce new walking trail with kindergarten. 9:30 a.m.

- **May 15 - Shopping** at the Gettysburg Outlets and lunch.
- **May 20 - Annual Spring Fling** at Gettysburg College. Great time for all seniors. Exercise there. \$6 for lunch.
- **May 21 - Blood pressure checks.** 10:30 a.m.
- **May 22 - Out to Lunch** at Montezuma's Mexican restaurant in Gettysburg.
- **May 26 - Closed for Memorial Day**
- **May 28 - Asera Care** speaker, "Staying Active", 10:30 a.m.
- **May 29 - "Lets Talk Food"** with Eleanor Pella: "Improve Your Health with Seasonings and Spices."

Regular Events:

- **Monday, Wednesday and Friday:** 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Exercise. Wear athletic shoes.
- **Tuesday and Thursday** 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Beginning Exercise (easier and slower movements).
- **Monday and Friday** 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Line Dancing.
- **Monday** 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Needlework of all kinds; bring the project that you're working on.
- **Tuesday and Thursday** 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Cards and Games.
- **Wednesday** 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Chat time.
- **Monday - Friday** 12 p.m. Lunch (Please sign up 48 hours ahead.)

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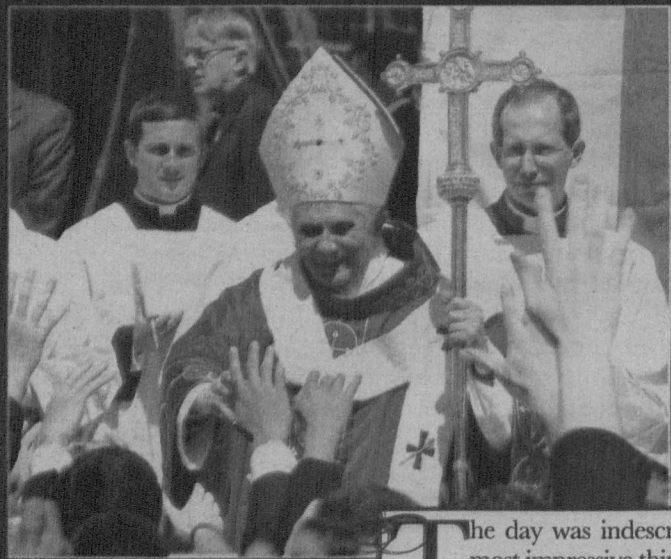
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POPE VISITS U.S.A.

Local residents participate in Pope Benedict XVI's visit



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was able to meet the Pope at Catholic University's reception for Catholic educators. Powell was presented with a medal that bears the image of the Pope and the United Nations.

Thousands of Americans traveled to see Pope Benedict XVI during his trip to the United States, and Emmitsburg and Thurmont residents were there in the crowds and up close to the Pope.

Eileen Winston of Thurmont received an invitation to see the Pope at the South Lawn of the White House because of her work with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

The day was indescribable. The most impressive thing was hearing the Holy Father's voice. I just wept."
- Eileen Winston
National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

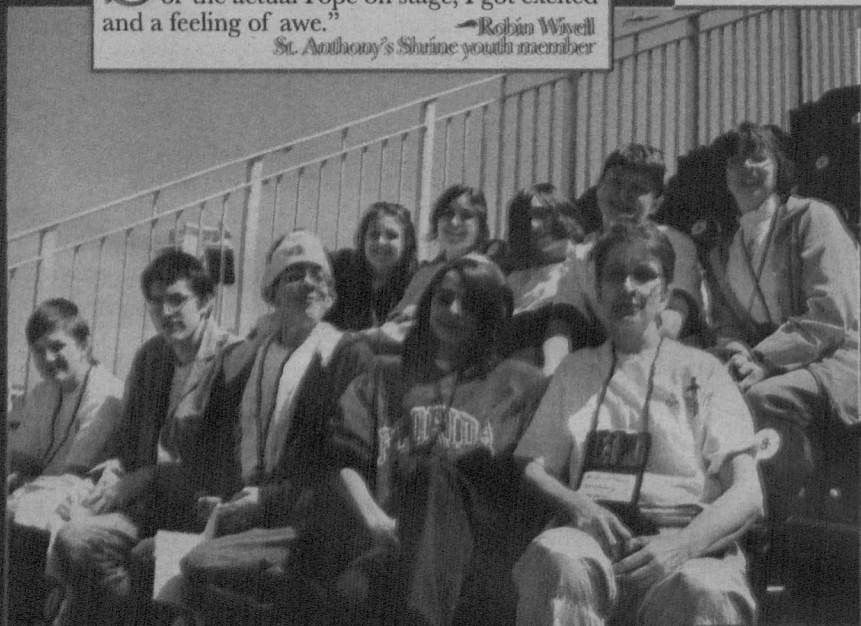
The Pope's trip lasted six days and went through Washington D.C. and New York City. The Pope's visit had a two-fold reason: one was to visit the Catholic Church in America and the other was to visit the United Nations to reaffirm basic human rights throughout the world.

Several Catholic churches in the area also traveled to the different events and masses with the Pope. A group of eight teens and seven adults from St. Joseph's Church in Emmitsburg traveled to the mass at Nationals Stadium in Washington D.C.

All of the Mount St. Mary's seminarians were at the Mass in Nationals Stadium in Washington D.C. and seminarian David Wells had the opportunity to hold the Mass Book that the Pope read from. Mount St. Mary's University President Dr. Powell

Fifty-three youth and adult chaperones from Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish in Thurmont and St. Anthony Shrine parish in Emmitsburg traveled up to Yonkers, New York to St. Joseph's Seminary for the youth rally with Pope Benedict XVI.

Seeing the Pope on the wide display was amazing in itself, but when I got a view of the actual Pope on stage, I got excited and a feeling of awe."
- Robin Wivell
St. Anthony's Shrine youth member



Meeting the Holy Father has had a profound impact on me. This holy man especially thanked Mount St. Mary's University parents for their sacrifice in providing a Catholic education for their children which ultimately results in a hopeful, strong Catholic Church in America."
- Thomas Powell
Mount St. Mary's University president

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After Communion, I was instructed to wash the Pope's hands, what we call the lavabo. As I approached the Pope, I bowed, and then I heard the instructions to genuflect. I didn't do this, though, because I was confused, and as I started to pour the water over the Pope's hands I heard a much louder 'Kneel!' I fell to my knees awkwardly, and the expression on the Pope's face was classic; he just had this wry smile, as if to say, 'Everything's OK.'"
- David Wells
Mount St. Mary's seminarian



- PHOTO COURTESY OF EILEEN WINSTON

He seems like a smart and open-minded man."
- Maria Smaldone
St. Anthony's Shrine youth member



Area residents were able to attend Pope Benedict XVI's Mass at Washington, assist him in the Mass or meet with him at Catholic University. Upper left: The Pope greets well wishers at National Stadium. Middle left: Students from St. Joseph's parish were in the stands for the Papal Mass. Middle right: Mount St. Mary's University President Thomas Powell meets the Pope at a Catholic University reception. Left: Mount St. Mary's Seminarian David Wells held the book the Pope read from during his Papal Mass. Above: President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush hosted a reception for the Pope.



Editor's Note: This is the eighth in a series of articles The Dispatch will include to highlight the year-long celebration of Mount St. Mary's University's bicentennial.

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Mount St. Mary's began in 1808 in a brick cottage that gave young men their secular education.

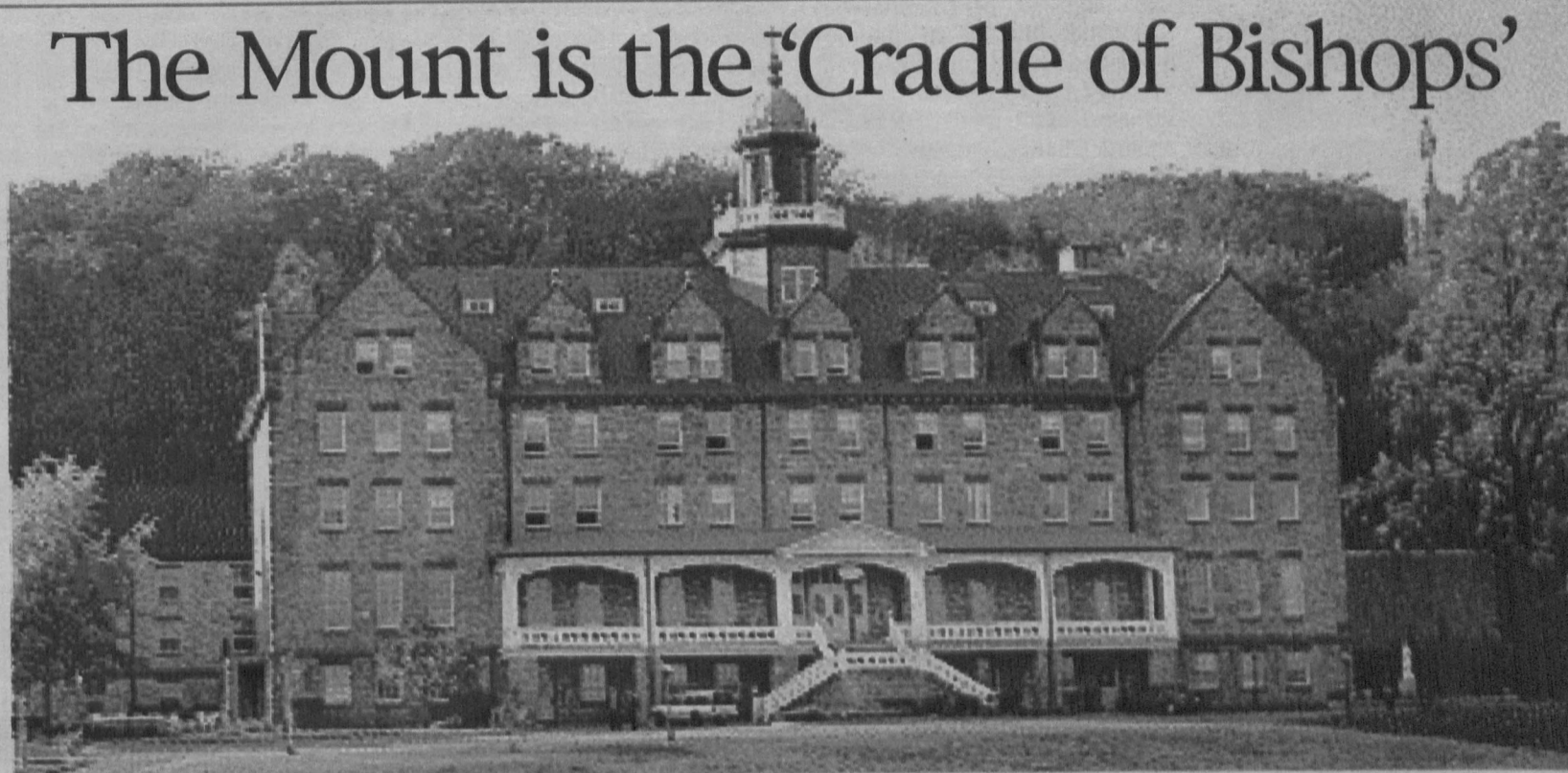
"Some years later the Society of St. Sulpice in Baltimore closed its preparatory seminary in Pennsylvania and transferred the seminarians to Emmitsburg. Their arrival in 1808 marked the formal beginning of Mount St. Mary's," according to the Mount St. Mary's University web site.

The earliest classes for the college were held in the Chinquapin Cottage until buildings could be built on what would become the campus.

Among the first students were John Lilly of Conewago, James Clements of Littlestown, Rev. John Hickey of Frederick, Dr. James A. Shorb, according to *The Emmitsburg Chronicle*. The first class had 39 resident students and seven or eight day students.

"Father Dubois enlarged the scope of the institution and established classes of philosophy and theology, so as to retain his assistant teachers as long as possible; this finally led to the organization of the College and Seminary on a basis of entire independence, to be conducted by an association of priests under the jurisdiction and protection of the Archbishop of Baltimore," James Helman wrote in *History of Emmitsburg, Maryland*.

Because of the seminary at Mount St. Mary's, the college's reputation grew steadily on a religious level as well as a secular one. By 2005, the Mount boasted 48 episcopal alumni, including: Most Rev. John Hughes (seminary of 1826), first Archbishop of New York; his Eminence John Cardinal McCloskey (seminary of 1831), also Archbishop of New York and first native-born American cardinal; Most Rev. William B. Friend (seminary



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The Mount St. Mary's Seminary has around 160 seminarians training to be Catholic priests. The seminary is one of the longest-running and most-successful seminaries in the country.

of 1959), Bishop of Shreveport; Most Rev. Harry J. Flynn (seminary of 1960), Archbishop of St. Paul-Minneapolis; Most Rev. William E. Lori (seminary of 1977); Most Rev. Michael O. Jackels (seminary of 1981), Bishop of Wichita; and Most Rev. Paul S. Coakley (seminary of 1983), Bishop of Salina. At present, Mount seminary alumni total more than 2,000, approximately half of whom are alive and active in priestly ministry. Alumni have served as first bishops of 15 newly formed dioceses, and 32 U.S. dioceses have been led by at least one bishop from the Mount.

"Emmitsburg has turned out some of the most notable American Jesuits. Father Early, my predecessor in the presidency of Georgetown, was a Mountaineer. In our needs we naturally turn to this college. ... There is an axiom that there is nothing in the effect that we may not find in the cause: now Mt. St. Mary's is called the 'Mother of Bishops,' and the bishopric is a perfect state; hence we find perfection in Mt. St. Mary's that is the envy and the despair of all other colleges. ... The secret of this is, I suppose, in the noble-hearted faculty which conserves and holds sacred the traditions of the saintly

founders of the College," Most Rev. John Farley, Archbishop of New York, said during the Mount's centennial celebration.

Because of this, Mount St. Mary's became known as the "cradle of bishops" and the "mother of bishops."

"All the early universities of Europe were of priestly foundation, and almost all of our American ones had a similar origin. Religion and civilization go hand in hand. Now the priest is trained in the seminary. Hence the seminary is the nursery of civilization and its preserver, for things are preserved by the same

causes that give them origin. Mount St. Mary's is the second in point of age of our seminaries, and has had very much to do with diffusing and preserving civilization as well as religion in the Republic. A dozen other colleges and seminaries owe their origin to her. Overbrook, her younger sister, acknowledges her precedence and wider influence, and pays her due honor on this her Centennial birthday anniversary," Rev. Henry T. Drumgoole, LL.D., Rector of St. Charles' Seminary, Overbrook, Pa., said of the Mount during the centennial celebration.

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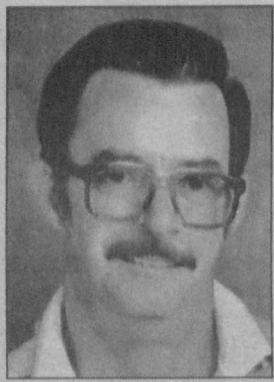
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OBITUARIES



Mr. Clair "Buck" C. Cullison
January 7, 1938 - April 14, 2008

Clair "Buck" Calvin Cul-

lison, age 70, of Emmitsburg, Maryland, died in an automobile accident in Pennsylvania on Monday April 14, 2008.

Born January 7, 1938, in Adams County, Pa., he was the son of the late Harvey Edgar and Laura Gertrude (Winebrenner) Cullison. He was pre-deceased by his wife, Doris Josephine (Poulson) Cullison in 1997.

Surviving are children, Lisa A. Cullison and companion Scott Albright of Emmitsburg, Kevin "Buck" G. Cullison of Emmitsburg, and Mark T. Bowers formerly of Emmitsburg; grandchildren, Ashley D. Scott of Emmitsburg, and Victoria

and Jessica Bowers, both of Thurmont; brothers and sisters and spouses, John E. and Kate Cullison of Fairfield, Genevieve and Nelson Utz of Hanover, William and Terry Cullison of Gettysburg, Margaret and Dave Sprinkle of Biglerville, Kathryn and Gene Pottorff of Gettysburg, and Donald and Sharon Cullison of Fairfield; and many nieces and nephews.

Also surviving is his longtime companion, Evelyn "Sis" Wolfe, and her children, Monica and Monty Mummert.

He was pre-deceased by a brother, Charles E. Cullison in 1973, and by infant brothers,

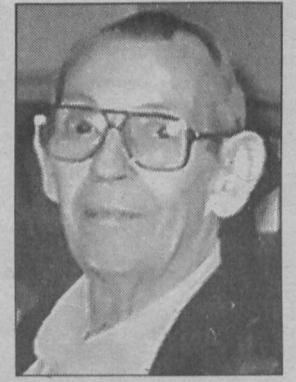
James and Harvey Cullison.

A prayer service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 19, at the Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home, 210 W. Main St., Emmitsburg with the Rev. Paul Murphy from St. Joseph's Catholic Church officiating. Interment followed in Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Frederick. The family received friends Saturday before the service at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Terry Brown, Jason Andrew, John, Bill, Donald, and Michael Cullison, Frank DeGroft, and Ashley Scott.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to either the SPCA of Adams Co. Gettysburg, 11 Goldenville Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325 or to the American Cancer Society, 1393 Progress Way, Suite 908 Eldersburg, MD 21784.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.myersdurborawfh.com.



Mr. Glenn Glass
July 27, 1928 - May 16, 2005

Mr. Glenn Rule Glass, 79, died Sunday, April 20, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, following several months of illness. Born July 27, 1928, near Emmitsburg, he was the son of Paul C. and Estelle Davis Glass, both deceased. Glenn was the husband of Mary Francis Starnier Glass, who passed away May 16, 2005. He resided near Emmitsburg.

Glenn leaves a son, Glenn Dale Glass, who resided near Emmitsburg; also surviving are two brothers, David M. Glass and Eric E. Glass, both near Emmitsburg; three sisters, Linnis H. Dagnin, Santa Ana, Calif., Mildred McNair, York, Pa., and "Boots" Mackinzie, Taneytown; and many nieces and nephews. Glenn was preceded in death by a brother, John P. Glass.

Mr. Glass graduated from Emmitsburg High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1945, serving in Europe, Greenland and numerous Air Force bases in the States. He retired after 22 1/2 years as a Chief Warrant Officer. Upon retirement, he worked at Taney Supply & Lumber in Taneytown. Glenn will be missed by his many friends and family.

Grave side services and burial were held at 11 a.m. on Wed. April 23, in the Keysville Union Cemetery with Rev. Judy Kelley, pastor of Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, officiating.

Stauffer Funeral Home, Thurmont, served the Glass family and online condolences may be offered to the family at www.staufferfuneralhome.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Mrs. Betty Louise (McDonnell) Ridge, of Emmitsburg, died Saturday, March 22, 2008.

Mr. Paul M. Carter Sr., of Emmitsburg, died Monday, March 17, 2008.

The family received friends Sunday, March 23, 3 - 5 and 7 - 9 p.m. at the Stauffer Funeral Home, 104 E. Main St., Thurmont, where a vigil for Mr. Carter was held at 7:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 24, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Stephen P. Trzeciecki officiating. Burial followed in the New St. Joseph's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Outreach Program, 47 DePaul St., Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Online condolences may be offered to the Carter family at www.staufferfuneral-home.com.

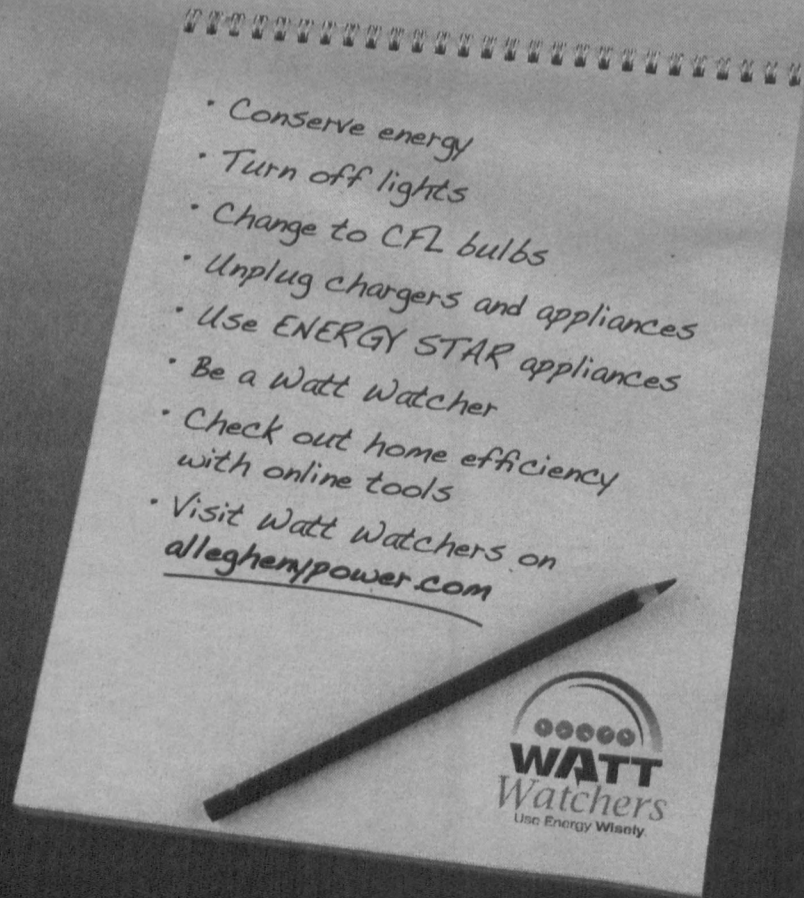
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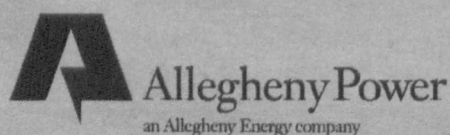
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May 3 – Community Computer & Electronics Recycling. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. John's Regional Catholic School, in conjunction with eEndUSA. 8414 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick. Recycle computers, printers, scanners, cell phones, PDAs, VCRs, and more. \$15 per carload. Information, (301) 662-6722 or visit sjrcs.org.

May 3 – Country Ham, Oyster and Turkey Dinner. Noon to 5 p.m. Lewistown District Volunteer Fire Department. 11101 Hesong Bridge Rd. Family style. All-you-can-eat. Adults \$13.50, children 5-10 \$6.50, 4 and under free. Carryouts \$14.50. (301) 898-9988.

May 3 – Dance to the 50s and 60s with the "Shades." 8 p.m. to midnight. Thurmont American Legion Post 168. Tickets, advance \$10, at door \$12. Cash bar, snacks. Members and guests only. Over 21. Contact Alice Eyer (301) 271-7960 or Marsha Ridenour (301) 271-3707.

May 4 – Basket and Money Bingo. 11:30 a.m. Games begin at 1 p.m. Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Co. 2 raffles. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. (301) 271-3370 or (301) 271-0233.

May 4 – Chicken Barbeque. 11 a.m. South Seton Avenue, across from Getty gas station, Emmitsburg. Cost: \$7. Sponsored by Emmitsburg Lions Club. Advance orders with home delivery to 21727 zip code, call Dianne Walbrecker, (301) 447-6962.

May 4 – Yard Sale & Flea Market. First Sunday of each month through November. St. Anthony's Church, St. Anthony's Rd., Emmitsburg. Reserve a your 25' x 25' space, \$20. Information: call Leo (240) 529-2737.

May 4 – Open Horse Show. 9 a.m. Thurmont Riding Club, 14981 Roddy Rd. Pointed for MPHSC & APHA PAC. Halter, pleasure, minis, gaming. Information: www.geocities.com/thurmontridingclub.

May 4 – Open House. 2-5 p.m. St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Sabillasville. Light refreshments.

May 9 – Vera Bradley Bingo. St. Joseph Church, Taneytown, Md. Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo begins at 7 p.m. Tickets advance \$15, at the door \$20. For tickets call (410) 756-6758 or (410) 756-2500.

May 10 – Mother's Day Flower and Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Emmitsburg Vigilant Hose Company. Table rental (\$10), call Shannon Cool (301) 447-3959. Information: 301-447-3959 or e-mail scoolpop@aol.com.

May 10 – Plant Exchange/Sale and Used Book Sale. 9 a.m. to noon. Emmitsburg Library. Bring perennials, garden vegetables, houseplants to exchange, or purchase (donation to the Friends). Used books, \$1/bag. Sponsored by the Friends of the Emmitsburg Branch Library.

May 10 – Walking/Racking Horse Show. 10 a.m. Thurmont Riding Club, 14981 Roddy Rd. Plantation, lite shod, western, racking. Pointed for PWHM. Information: www.geocities.com/thurmontridingclub.

May 10 – Annual Creagerstown Community Dinner. Noon to 6 p.m. Creagerstown Parish House. Adults \$12, children \$6, under 4 free. For upkeep of cemetery and for streetlights. (301) 898-7905.

May 11 – Mothers Day Country Style All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet. 7 a.m. to noon. St. Joseph's Catholic Church Social Hall, 44 Frederick St., Taneytown. Adults \$6, children 7-10 \$3.50, (6 & under free). Early bird special 7-8 a.m.: adults, \$5; children, \$3. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph Taneytown Council 11631.

May 15 – Open House. 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. Pre-K through 9th grade families. Informational meeting at 11 a.m. Tours, principal visit and information. (301) 447-3165.

May 16 – Basket Bingo. 5:30 p.m., games at 7. Woodsboro Fire Co. Complex, 10307 Coppermine Rd., Woodsboro. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. Cash sales only at door. Information: (301) 845-8406.

May 16 – Frederick County Relay for Life Kids' Walk. 7:30 p.m. Eventplex, Frederick Fairgrounds. Registration \$10, payable to American Cancer Society. Information: www.FredrickRelay.com, or contact Beth Case, casecrew@comcast.net or (301) 668-0454.

May 16, 17 – Mount St. Mary's RATS (Recycle All That Stuff) Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Inside Memorial Gym, entrance by Echo Field/Seminary. 100% of sale proceeds donated. Information: e-mail Rats@msmary.edu.

May 17-18 – "Double Day" Childbirth Education. Frederick Memorial Hospital, 400 W. 7th St., Frederick. Advance registration and payment required: \$110 per couple. Information: (240) 379-6000.

May 17-18 – Healing Ceremony. 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bon Secours Spiritual Center, 1525 Marriottsville Rd., Marriottsville, MD 21104. Dr. Meredith Young-Sowers, spiritual teacher and author, will guide participants to experience the nature of their life plan through blending mind/body healing and spirituality. No charge; donation requested. Information: 1-800-847-4014, ext.106 or e-mail pprice@stillpoint.org.

May 18 – Bike-n-Hike. St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Sabillasville. (301) 241-3287.

May 21 – Signs of Spring Storytime. 10 to 11:30 a.m. ThorpeWood. 2-5 years old. \$5. Stories, crafts and hands-on activities. Registration required: (301) 271-2823.

May 23 to 26 – Girls' Fast Pitch Softball Tournament. Pikesville, Md. B level fast pitch competition in the 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 & under age divisions; featuring round-robin competition. Open to all Mid-Atlantic club, recreation and school-affiliated teams having competed on a "B" level during the current season. Information: www.usamateursports.com or contact Skip or Alan (410) 363-8610.

May 30 – Golf Tournament. Check in registration 8 a.m., shotgun start at 9 a.m. Mountain View Golf Course. Sponsored by the Carroll Valley Citizens Association. Fundraiser for the Carroll Valley Community Park July 4th picnic. \$65 per golfer. (4-person scramble). Information: Bob Forshey (717) 642-8989 or Mountain View Golf Course (717) 642-5848.

May 30 – Morning Retreat. National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, Emmitsburg. Retreat with Fr. Phillip Chavez, SOLT, and celebration of Fr. Phillip's 15th anniversary to the priesthood. Free-will offering. Information: (717) 757-1773.

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May 31 – Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Graceham Moravian Church, 8231 A Rocky Ridge Rd. Thurmont. Sponsored by senior high youth.

June 7 – Yard Sale. 8 a.m. St. Stephen's United Church of Christ, 25445 Highfield Rd., Cascade, Md. Donated items needed. Crafters and vendors welcome. \$10 per table. (717) 642-8504 or (301) 241-3332.

June 7 – Spring Family Festival @ the Farm. Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Information on participating farms and a printable map: www.discoverfrederickmd.net/funfarm.

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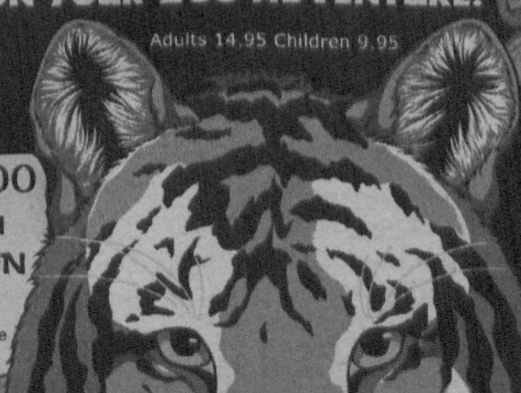
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May 3 – Westminster Ringers. 7:30 p.m. Graceham Moravian Church, 8231 A Rocky Ridge Rd. Thurmont. A multi-sensory program under the direction of Larry Henning, celebrating familiar sacred songs, secular favorites and original bell compositions. Information: (301) 865-9183.

May 4 – Shine the Light Christian Youth Group Concert. 3 p.m. Fellowship Baptist Church, 110 Mt. Hope Rd., Fairfield. Pa. Information: (717) 642-9306.

May 7 – Flute Choir “Spring Flowers” Concert. 7:30 p.m. Frederick Community College, JBK Theater, F. Building. Free. Information: (301) 846-2512 or 2566.

May 17 – Shine the Light Christian Youth Group Concert. 2 p.m. Somerford Place, 2100A Whittier Dr., Frederick. Information: (717) 642-9306.

May 18 – Shine the Light Christian Youth Group Concert. 3 p.m. Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church, 1865 Knoxlyn Rd., Gettysburg, Pa. Information: (717) 642-9306.

May 18 – “Of Faith and Freedom” by Joseph M. Martin. The community is cordially invited. The Worship Choir of Thurmont United Methodist Church will celebrate our legacy of liberty. 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church at 13880 Long Road, Thurmont, MD.

EVENTS

May 4 – DanceFest. 2 p.m. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 16 W. Patrick Street, Frederick. 17th annual opportunity for area dances to showcase their talent, while promoting Frederick County's entire dance community. Produced by Frederick Arts Council; sponsored by Footlights Dance and Theatre Boutique. Tickets: adults, \$12; students and seniors, \$6. Proceeds benefit Frederick Arts Council

annual dance scholarship fund. (301) 662-4190.

STAGE

To June 28 – “Sleeping Beauty” Way Off Broadway, Children's Theater, 5 Willowdale Drive, Frederick. This classic musical tale tells the story of the Princess who is enchanted by an evil fairy, pricks her finger on a spindle, falling into a deep sleep, only to be rescued years later by the Prince, with a bit of magical help. (301) 662-6600, www.wayoffbroadway.com.

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“Community Dance Events Highlights Local Talent”

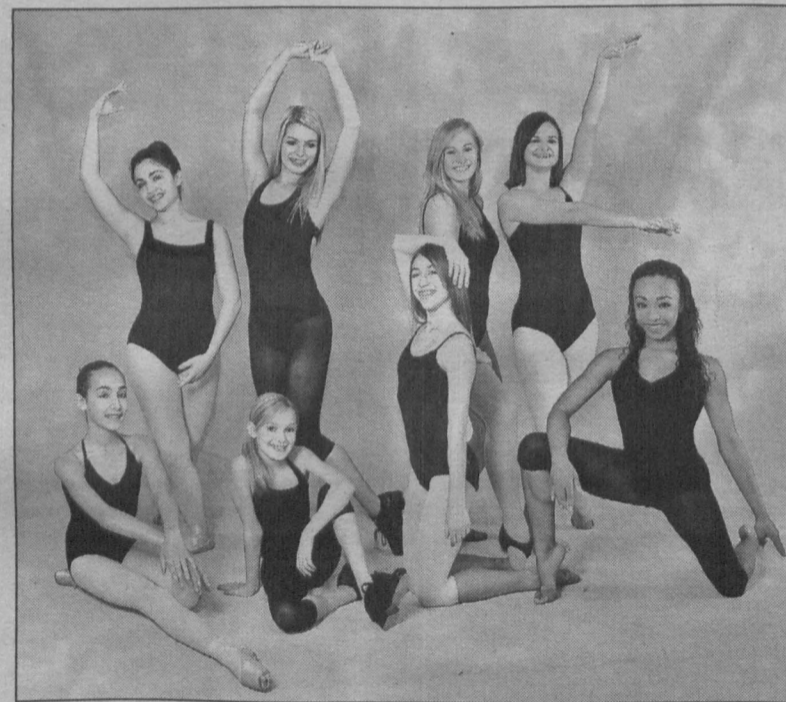
FREDERICK, Md. – Dance Fest is a collective countywide celebration of dance. In its 17th year, DanceFest is an opportunity for area dancers to showcase their love of dance with others while promoting the entire dance community in Frederick County.

The event, produced by the Frederick Arts Council and sponsored by Footlights Dance and Theatre Boutique, is scheduled for May 4 at 2 p.m. at the Weinberg Center for the Arts.

Every dance group in Frederick County is invited to participate. Each participating studio can perform up to two different pieces. The dance organizations participating this year include 24/7 Dance Studio, Bettie Jane's Center of Dance Art, Bernetta R. Brown Y.G.B. Dance Troupe, Dance Etc., Dance Unlimited, Davidson School of Scottish Dancing, Dee Buchanan Studio of Dance, Elite Feet Dance Studio, Elower-Sicilia Productions Performing Company, Hood College Dance Ensemble, Mid-Maryland Performing Arts Center, Middletown High School Dance Team and Urbana Dance Studio.

The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors. Proceeds benefit the annual dance scholarship fund of the Frederick Arts Council.

The annual event is intended to coincide with National Dance Week, scheduled for April 25-May 4.



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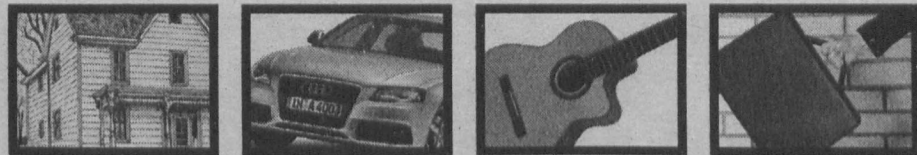
Featured are the 2008 Frederick Arts Council dance scholarship recipients, including first row (left to right), Armani Coiner, Jenny Krause, Lindsey Yoder, and Ciara Gray. Second row (left to right): Elissa Giammanco, Emily Krause, Colleen Hayes, and Katie Heilman. The group will perform a dance together at the 17th annual DanceFest on May 4th.

Other dance activities that week are included in Mayfest on Saturday, May 3 at Eveready Square. These include free community dance/movement classes and demonstrations every half hour from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. These include an Elite Feet Dance Studio Demonstration, Jitterbug with LeeAnn Wolf, Zumba with Kelly Donohue, and Salsa with LeeAnn Wolf, respectively.

Children's activities are also planned in the afternoon. Story-

time and an interactive dance session for young children (ages 3 and up) from 2 - 2:30 p.m. and again from 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. Kids are encouraged to come dressed in their favorite dance costume and enjoy story time with an Angelina Ballerina book and then join in the fun of dancing like Angelina.

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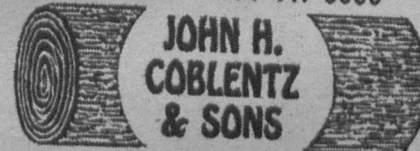
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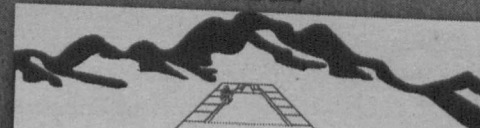
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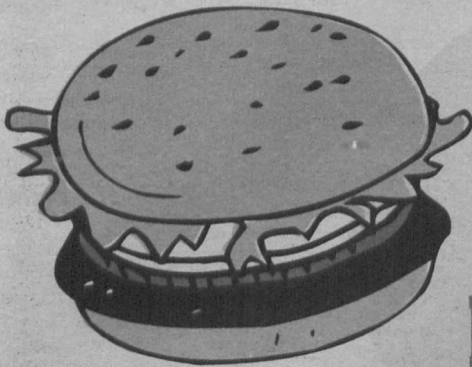
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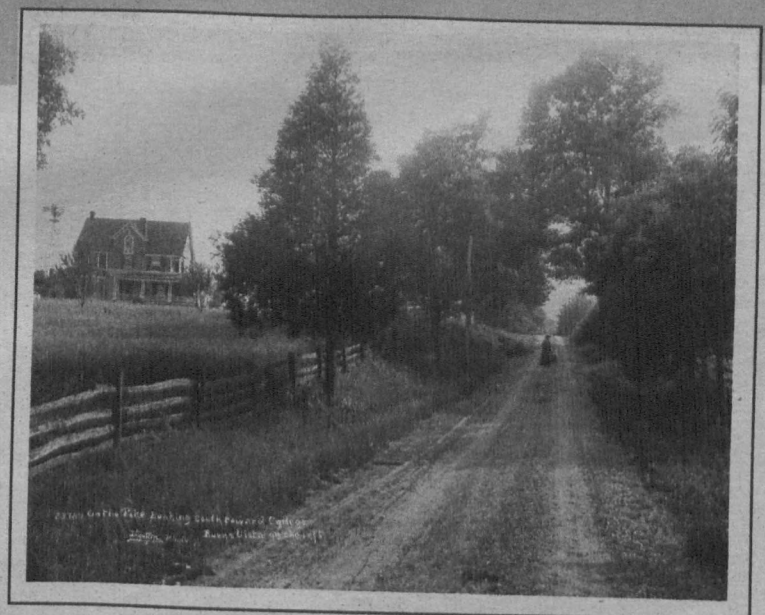
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