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DOUBLE TROUBLE ON ROUTE 140



on July 7, 2008...



...three days later

A mobile home found a temporary lot in the middle of Route 140 halfway between Emmitsburg and Taneytown on July 7. About 12:15 p.m., the mobile home shifted on the trailer driven by Freedom Ramer and tipped over, closing both lanes of Route 140 near Bridgeport Road. A detour was set up to get drivers around the crash. The road remained closed for about seven hours, opening later in the evening. Three days later, in the same location, Route 140 was closed again. Around 2:15 p.m. on July 10, a dump truck hauling road construction materials tipped over while crossing the bridge over the Monocacy River. The driver was taken to Carroll County General Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

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New Forest Society votes dissolution

By SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Board of Directors and members of the New Forest Society voted to end its existence "as a corporation and separate legal entity" by the end of 2008. The vote was taken at their meeting on June 21. NFS attorney Marcia Watters will draw up articles of dissolution by November. Watters handled the incorporation of the organization as a 501-3C nonprofit in 2000.

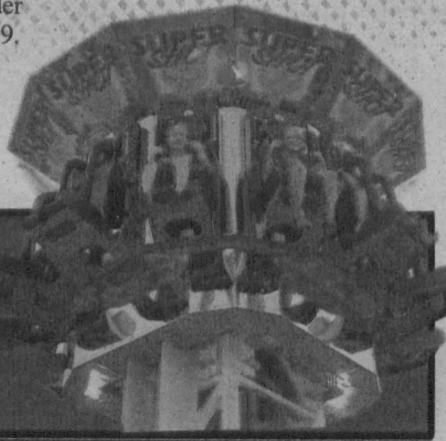
Chairperson Elizabeth Prongas organized the group in 1999 to support local landowners who had enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. Under CREP, property holders agreed to reforest areas adjoining

the Monocacy River and the creeks and streams that feed into it. Many had lost their initial trees due to extended drought in the area in the mid-1990s and were required to replant at their own considerable expense. The NFS' first goal was to provide new seedlings to them at no cost. In eight years, the society has distributed 10,000 trees, many purchased from the state nursery in Easton, Md. and others propagated from native nuts and seeds at their own experimental grow-out station on Old Frederick Road. Streamside restoration remains an ongoing effort as the members voted to order trees for distribution in spring 2009.

The NFS also developed a focus on education concerning reforestation, erosion, water pollution, and other environmental

issues. Prongas has led classes of kindergarten students from Emmitsburg Elementary and Mother Seton schools on tree-planting field trips. This year the NFS received an unsolicited grant from the Scheuer Foundation in New York that enabled it to donate \$1,000 to each school to support their outdoor classroom and "green schools" projects. Mount St. Mary's University received \$400 from the same grant, designated for water-testing equipment for the de-

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THURMONT ENJOYS ITS CARNIVAL AND PARADE

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BBQ competition heating up in Emmitsburg

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Mayor's Community Bar-b-que may be over two weeks away, but things are already heating up between the contestants.

"I try to aggravate people, egg them on," said Allen Fitzgerald, last years winner. Fitzgerald says he eggs on people for one reason, to get more and better competition to enter the contest.

Even though he holds the title, Fitzgerald says he's not in it for the glory.

"I love doing it whether or not I win," Fitzgerald said. "I do it [BBQ] every chance I get."

In fact, many of the contestants said they weren't entering the competition for the title, but for different reasons.

Like Kerry Shorb, who will be cooking under the name of Scotty's Ride.

"I wanted to do it for

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Hoping Main Street Sweets stays

First the sidewalk tables, now the shutters. I can see why the town would want to make life difficult for the Sweet Shop Ladies. Just the other day, I saw a group of teens sitting outside, eating ice cream and candy. It made me pine for the good old days when they all stood smoking outside the liquor stores. In all seriousness, I hope

these women won't take their business to a more welcoming town - I want to see them stay and paint those shutters green with orange polka dots. In fact, maybe everyone on Main Street should consider such shutter adornment.

Sabrina Paxton-Daily
Emmitsburg

McCain is a "little old warmonger"

A famous Republican president said that you can fool some of the people all of the time, all of the people some of the time, but not all of the people all of the time.

I wonder what scheme the republican party has to fool the public in voting for Sen. John S. McCain as President of the United States.

We do not need a little

old warmonger for president. In addition to warmongering, he is wrong on a variety of other issues which I will not take the space to enumerate. You know what they are. Remember his warmongering is reason enough to vote democratic in November.

Harold C. Craig
Emmitsburg

A Word from the Mayor Don't chicken out and miss the BBQ

The 2nd Annual Mayor's Community Bar-b-que Competition is just two weeks away. So far, there are nine competitors signed up to compete. I am looking forward to this year's event and excited to see who will be named "The Grand Griller" this year. If you are interested in competing, you still have time to enter but, you must be registered before July 27, 2008.

This year's event is the same as last year except we will be starting a little later so it will be more of a late lunch or early dinner activity.

Competitors must be done all grilling by 3 p.m. They will be able to begin grilling their chicken at 10 a.m. We will begin selling hamburgers, cheeseburgers and corn on the cob at 1 p.m. and chicken dinners at 2 p.m. Same as last year, a table will be set up to sell dinner tickets. Dinner tick-

ets may be redeemed by any competitor for a bar-b-que chicken dinner. Chicken dinners will be put in containers so you may take them home with you or if you wish you can stay and enjoy the activities and entertainment. Tables will be available under the pavilion. This is another great opportunity to stay and talk with some old friends and meet and make some new ones.

I am very grateful of the many local businesses that are supporting this event with the many donations of advertisement, food, door prizes, entertainment, labor and equipment.

Last year, we had an estimated of 400 people attend this event. I hope to see you there this year. The competition will be held in Community Park. Setup begins at 10 a.m.

James Hoover
Emmitsburg Mayor

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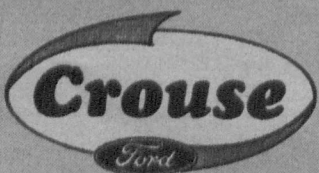
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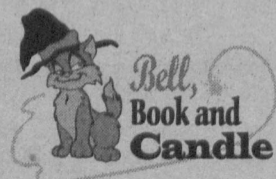
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Mayor retains appointment powers

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – The Emmitsburg mayor will retain his powers to make commission appointments, following a discussion on the issue at the June 7 meeting.

Town Council President Christopher Staiger informed the board that he was displeased with the current appointment power lying solely in the hands of the mayor and wanted to discuss giving the commissioners the same power.

“The power has been in the mayor’s hand and he’s gotten people to fill the committees,” Staiger said. “But it seems to me though that it might be appropriate for commissioners to also have the ability to make a nomination.”

Staiger explained that the commissioners are the ones attending the committee meetings and therefore, in his opinion, might be better apt to know who should be nominated to the committees, which he said the mayor has not always listened to.

“Honestly, we’ve seen the mayors authority has sometimes been a roadblock,” Staiger said.

But Mayor James Hoover disagreed and said “in the six years as mayor there’s only been

two individuals that have not been appointed that were suggested. Ninety-five percent of the time they’re [nominees] approved.”

Staiger did caution against allowing just any commissioner to make nominations to any committee, and said he appreciated the separation of powers but “on a practical standpoint this seems like a good idea.”

But not everyone agreed with Staiger.

“Personally I like it the way it is,” said Commissioner Joyce Rosensteel. “It’s the mayor’s choice and he brings it to us and we vote it in or not and we can make recommendations to the mayor.”

Commissioners Cliff Sweeney and Denise Etris agreed and said that they we’re OK with keeping the appointment powers the way they were, despite Staiger’s insistence to change the procedure.

“I ask the people to keep in mind that things are never so good as when they’re good,” Staiger said. “I know of cases when qualified people aren’t brought forward because of perceived notions. I personally think it would be a good move.”

Without the support of the board, Staiger said there was no point for further discussion on the issue and let it die.

Master plan available for public review

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The Emmitsburg Comprehensive Plan, revised by the Emmitsburg Planning Commission, is available for public review. The draft can be viewed in the town office during regular business hours, purchased at the

town office or downloaded at no charge from www.emmitsburgmd.gov. The planning commission will take public comments at a Sept. 22 meeting, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Following the hearing, the commission can make final changes to

the plan based on the public input or send it to the town commissioners to be considered for adoption.

The plan was last updated in 1998 and this review began in 2004.

- J. Rada

Bar-b-que

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the community,” Shorb said, “and to get information out on Scott’s Ride and to have a good time and support the mayor.”

And although he said he’s not in it to win, he thinks he stands a chance.

“No one has tasted our chicken yet, so I guess we have a good of chance as anyone,” Shorb said.

Even Maryland State Competitor David Nash, competing under the name Hot Belly BBQ, has won three other competitions thus far but said he’s not looking to win anything.

But Emmitsburg Mayor

James Hoover, who started the event last year, doesn’t buy all the talk.

“They’re all in it for the bragging rights,” Hoover said.

Regardless of their motivation, each contestant has a different reason for why their chicken is special. For Fitzgerald it’s his method of cooking, low and slow, that set his chicken apart. For Shorb, it’s the element of surprise – the fact that no one has tasted his chicken before. And for Nash it’s his marinade and rub that contains 28 differ-

ent spices which he thinks will set him apart.

But for now everyone will have to sit back and wait to see who is named “Emmitsburg’s Grand Griller” until Aug. 2, a day that Hoover is looking forward to.

“I’m looking forward to it,” Hoover said. “I think there will be some good, friendly competition.”

Anyone still interested in entering the competition may do so until July 27 by contacting Hoover.

ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED FOR 2008 ELECTION

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners are seeking persons to serve as election judges for the September 30, 2008 Town election.

In accordance with the Emmitsburg town Code, judges must be registered and qualified voters and not hold or be a candidate for any other Emmitsburg public office.

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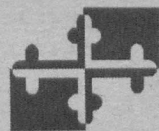
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partment of environmental studies. NFS members raised funds to establish a New Forest Society scholarship with the Community Foundation of Frederick County. The organization also sponsored educational forums and guest speakers at their meetings which were open to the public.

Prongas and the NFS board hold out the prospect that the organization and its purposes will be adopted by another nonprofit corporation. Other, larger organizations have come into the northern Freder-

ick County area to work in the arena of forest preservation, streamside restoration and wetlands protection. She praised the NFS members as “loyal, supportive ... ambassadors for the environment” and believes they continue to be willing to work toward the same goals.

NFS meetings will be held until the end of the calendar year and its members will be collaborating with other individuals and organizations as future projects are discussed. By law “The New Forest Society” name may be retained for up to 10 years with payment of an annual fee and could be attached to a project or committee under the auspices of another regional entity.

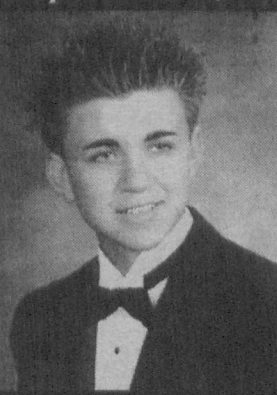


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Emmitsburg agrees to clean up tree wells

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Several tree wells along Emmitsburg's Main Street will be given a little facelift by Emmitsburg town staff following a decision by the town commissioners.

At the July 8 town meeting, Town Manager Dave Haller informed the town council that six to eight tree wells were not being maintained and asked for direction on what to do.

"Historically and as you'll see even today, a lot of the property owners take personal pride in those and they have flower beds in them," Haller said. "And some now aren't, and I've noticed it and I thought it looked really bad and it made the town look bad and I was asking how you would like us to address that."

Haller said that the issue could be handled as a staff issue, meaning the town would become responsible for the tree well maintenance, or it could be a sidewalk maintenance issue whereas the adjacent property owners would become responsible for tree wells.

"Whichever way you direct us to do it I really think we need to take action," Haller said. "You know we have a lovely main street and that's becoming

a really bad scene; it detracts from the beauty of the town."

In the past the Silver Fancy Garden Club has taken care of much of the maintenance for the tree wells, Mayor James Hoover said. But when questions arose this year as to whether or not the trees would even be staying in their current locations the club, which was willing to help maintain the wells, was left wanting for an answer.

In lieu of that, Hoover said, "I don't believe it should be the adjacent property owners [responsibility]. I think we've taken the major stance to say that those trees to belong to the town government. Being that they are our trees, therefore our tree wells, I think the town staff should maintain them ... or third party it out."

Haller said that the town staff would therefore take care of the overgrown wells, but he wanted to allow those homeowners who take care of the tree wells in front of their house to continue to do so, to which the Mayor agreed.

"I don't think that there's a lot of cost associated with this," Commission president Christopher Staiger said, "they could probably have it done in an afternoon or two so it's probably just as well ... so we're ok as a staff to treat that as a staff issue."

Fire on Bollinger School Road



— ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL, SR. / THE DISPATCH

A garage at 16949 Bollinger School Road caught fire on July 11 around 10:15 a.m., according to the Vigilant Hose Company. Fire crews from Frederick, Carroll and Adams counties responded. The fire destroyed a 28-foot x 28-foot garage. One firefighter was treated for heat exhaustion at Gettysburg Hospital. The damage was estimated at \$50,000.

Sidewalk Ordinance to be brought back to the table

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — A year and a half ago Emmits-

burg's sidewalk ordinance was presented to the board of commissioners for approval and was later voted down. Now the ordinance is being brought back to the table for reconsideration.

The original aim of the ordinance was to mandate if tables, portable signs and other items should be allowed on town sidewalks and if so, determine what restrictions, whether related to size or type, should be in place.

"It failed because the town couldn't agree on certain issues," said Mayor James Hoover. "We never came to a mutual agreement and it was put on the back burner."

Since then the town has received several request for temporary signs and tables and while doing some "house clean-

ing" decided to bring the ordinance back to the table for reconsideration.

Several edits have been to the ordinance that reflect suggestions from town staff, elected officials and community members. Currently the town attorney is reviewing the ordinance, Hoover said.

The intent of the revised ordinance is much the same, to allow tables, portable signs and other items, Hoover said, while determining what restrictions should be in place.

If everything goes as planned and town attorney gives the OK, Hoover said the ordinance could be presented to the board for discussion at the July 21 town council meeting, but he admits that he doesn't "know what's going to happen."

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Fairfield Senior Center looking for a new home

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FAIRFIELD, Pa. — The Fairfield Senior Center is looking for a new home and has until Sept. 1 to find one.

For the past three years, the center's home has been at St. John Lutheran Church in Fairfield, but the church is enlarging their preschool and can no longer accommodate the center, said senior center board president Bob Holmes.

The center has already begun looking for a new place and is willing to make a donation or pay rent for a suitable space. "We have some places in mind," Holmes said, mentioning the possibility of using the Fairfield Fire Company facilities, the borough office building or a room at Ski Liberty.

But having some places in mind doesn't mean the center will find a new home.

"Nothing at all is definite," Holmes said, "We're

kind of panicking."

Nearly 50 people use the services of the center, which range from exercise to knitting classes. The center is looking for a space includes a large room that can be used for an exercising class, a closet for storage, limited kitchen use, desk space, restrooms and parking space.

If anyone knows of a suitable new home for the center located in Fairfield they are asked to Bob Holmes at (717) 642-5539.

"Buy Local Challenge" Week set

FREDERICK, Md. — Stock up at your local farms, farm stands and farmers markets that offer genuine local products, and dine at restaurants featuring local farm food and wine. The Maryland "Buy Local Challenge" week is set for July 19 — 27. The Frederick County Office of Economic Development encourages citizens of Frederick County and

Maryland to take the "Buy Local Challenge." To participate, citizens would need to pledge to eat at least one product from a local farm every day during the "Buy Local Challenge" week.

You can find directories of farms and markets at www.discoverfrederickmd.com/farmersmarket or pick up a 2008 Frederick Farm Guide at the

tourism office, welcome center on Rte. 15, office of economic development or visit www.discoverfrederickmd.com/farmersmarket to download the guide.

For more information, contact the Frederick County Office of Economic Development at (301) 600-1058.

Taneytown Christian Music Festival

TANEYTOWN, Md. — Come and listen to 18 local and regional Christian music acts at the first Taneytown Christian Music Festival. The festival is on Saturday, August 2 from 9:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Taneytown Memorial. The event will be held rain or shine. Acts range from country, bluegrass, and gospel to contemporary Christian and Christian rock, providing attendees with a chance to experience many different types of praise music.

The following acts will perform at the festival: Vincent John, Jim Schumacher, Jon Lewis (of Jon & Carrie Lewis), Karla Slowey, Bluegrass Chapel Band, Awestruck, Sherwood Country, Bob Plunkert & Real Country, Catoctin Promise Band, Children's Praise Choir of Emmitsburg, Mile 9 (formerly Cry of Mercy), Taneytown Dance Troupe, 7 Mile Road, Country Gospelaires, Maria Rose & Danny Elswick, Holy Harmony Quartet, Souled Out, and Common Clay.

Food will be available for purchase on-site. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets (however, no lounge chairs) and may also bring their own picnic lunches. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted. Tickets for the festival are \$10 for persons 16 years of age and older; children 15 years old and younger are free. Tickets will be available at the gate the day of the festival.

The festival is being organized and presented by the Taneytown Christian Music Festival committee, which is a component fund of the Com-

munity Foundation of Carroll County, Inc. The committee is still looking for volunteers to help on the day of the event in a variety of areas such as working the admissions gates, site cleanup, parking, stage hands, etc. Also, sponsors are needed to help offset the various costs associated with presenting the festival.

Sponsors and persons wanting to volunteer with the festival may contact festival committee members Rick Galloway at (410) 346-6900 or at rick@ricknco.com or Allen Shatzer at (410) 756-1214 or allen.shatzer@yahoo.com.

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BY RALPH BUCCA
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. - They come decked out in colorful outfits, powering efficient green machines, invented over 100 years ago, ruling the roads long before the automobile was king. Over 500 cyclists from the Mid-Atlantic area will converge in Emmitsburg from July 24-27 for the 20th Annual Cycle Across Maryland.

First started in 1989, 300+ brave souls pedaled for a week from Hagerstown over the Conowingo Dam ending at Snow Hill, 300 miles later on the lower Eastern shore. It was quite a trek, half of it under rainy skies, I remember it fondly, being one of those pioneers. It was truly a cycle across Maryland.

CAM XX is now a week-end event. This year's event works from a home base of Mount St. Mary's University, where all rides will originate. The bikers will stay in dorms, reliving their college days or camping. Starting Friday, the cyclists will have a daily choice of rides from a leisurely 13 miles to 100 miles, the cyclists equivalent to a runner's marathon.

Friday's and Sunday's rides will tour thru much of Frederick County's eastern and central scenic back roads, while Saturday's rides will venture north into Pennsylvania with Gettysburg National Historic Park being the focus. Rest stops will be provided along the routes to refuel and refresh the riders. In addition to the rides, the cyclists will be offered related classes, movies, massages, evening entertainment and a BBQ picnic with a country fair on Saturday. Sunday will close the event after the rides with a farewell pizza party.

CAM XX is sponsored by One Less Car, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting healthful activities such as cycling and walking as transportation alternatives to the automobile. Food and Friends,



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The battlefields at Gettysburg are one of the many sites bikers will see on the Cycle across Maryland.

another non-profit dedicated to feeding the unfortunate in the Washington DC area, will be quite noticeable with 60+ riders, in their distinctive jerseys. Each Food and Friends cyclist has personally raised over \$1000

in pledges to make this ride possible. Registration for CAM is still open at the onelesscar.org website. Volunteers are also welcomed to assist, and will be reimbursed on their registration fee.

When and Where

Cycle Across Maryland 2008 - The Rides

Each day the cyclists will have a choice of ride distances depending on their skills and abilities.

FRIDAY, JULY 25

13, 30, 43, 60 miles

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SATURDAY, JULY 26

16, 32, 62 and 100 miles

The cyclists head north into Pennsylvania and the rides are centered around the Gettysburg National Park. The longest routes feature a metric (62 miles) and a full English Century ride (100 miles), which is a badge of honor for serious cyclists. This century ride is very challenging as it ascends over South Mountain to Pine Grove Furnace State Park before heading south.

SUNDAY, JULY 27

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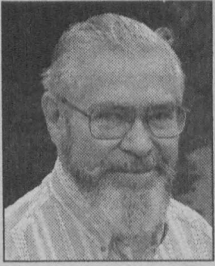
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Watching Butterfiles Flutter By



BY BILL MEREDITH
Dispatch Columnist

"There is nothing like looking, if you want to find something."
...Thorin Oakenshield

The five-acre lot that came with our house when we moved into Emmitsburg was always a source of contention with my mother-in-law. We planted a large garden at the upper end of it, but that left over 4 1/2 acres vacant, and every time she came to visit she reminded us that we should be doing something with "all that land." So when our youngest son reached the age at which he needed some extra spending money, she encouraged him to go into business by planting several hundred raspberry vines just below the garden. It wasn't an entirely bad idea; projects like that build character, and it did keep him occupied for the summer. But it neglected several realities. The field sloped in such a way as to make about two-thirds of the selected area too wet for raspberries, and even in the well-drained part fertilizer and spray would have been needed to make the vines yield enough berries for a profit. And most important of all was the inescapable fact that kids of that age grow faster than raspberry vines, and then they get married and move away.

After the passage of 30-odd years a small remnant of the raspberry patch remains

in the southeast corner of our yard. Sometimes it yields enough berries for a couple of pies; in dry years it may yield none at all. It developed a tendency to become overgrown with weeds; this gave it a disreputable appearance and attracted my wife's attention, so early last spring I cleaned it out. I put down a thick layer of mulch and congratulated myself that it looked orderly and well tended, and turned my attention to other things; and then the laws of entropy took over, just as the physicists said they would. Hot days and rain make the garden grow, and they have the same effect on weeds. Order was replaced by chaos, and a few weeks ago when it was time to pick raspberries I found a vigorous stand of goldenrod had grown right up through the mulch and stood higher than the berry vines. So it came to pass that on the hottest day of June I found myself pulling weeds in the berry patch.

It was not an unpleasant task; as I worked, a few raspberry vines emerged timidly from the goldenrod jungle, and they had some berries on them. Even the heat was bearable. One of the things you learn by growing up in the hayfields of West Virginia is how to sweat, and I have not forgotten; within half an hour my clothes were drenched. Pausing to rest, I was reminiscing about how everyone in the hayfield used to drink water from the same gallon jug, balancing it on our forearm with our thumb through the hole in the handle, when I happened to glance downward. There on my chest were two butterflies; they were drinking the sweat from

my shirt.

I moved over into the shade and watched them for a while. They were skippers, the medium-sized dark brown butterflies with the silver spot on their wings and the erratic flight pattern that made them so hard to catch when I was a child. They were not thirsty, for the weeds were wet from the last night's rain; what they were after was the salt in the sweat. If you're a butterfly, water and sugar are easy to come by in the nectar of flowers, but salt is a scarce and precious commodity. Sometimes dozens of butterflies will crowd around a puddle by a roadside, poking their beaks into the mud; they are after the salt that was dissolved in the water and is crystallizing in the mud as the puddle dries. Entomologists call this behavior "puddling," and it is quite common; I once saw 40 or 50 zebra swallowtails, one of our most spectacular species, around a puddle near Rainbow Lake.

Teaching grandchildren about nature is a serious responsibility, and even my wife has joined in it. She allows a few milkweeds to grow in the garden for monarchs to lay their eggs on, and tolerates the swallowtail caterpillars that defoliate her dill and fennel plants. When the kids were little, I always made sure a butterfly net was on hand when they came for their summer visits, and we always began our expeditions with Thorin Oakenshield's obvious wisdom (in case you may have forgotten, Thorin was the chief of the dwarves in Tolkien's book, *The Hobbit*). Butterflies taught the kids a lot of basic science... life cycles, food chains, preda-

tor/prey relations, symbiosis, and the value of observation and detail... and much that is not science... that small living things must be handled gently, and that there is beauty in the most unexpected places.

I also learned from them. Kids ask obvious questions, like "Why are they called butterflies?" I replied, "It's because they flutter by," but I really didn't know, so again we took Thorin's advice and looked it up in the dictionary. We found the name comes from an Old English word, "butorfleoge," which dates from the time of King Arthur, and is based on folklore. In those days, so long before refrigeration, butter had to be left sitting out, and when butterflies came "puddling" around in their quest for salt, people thought they were trying to steal it.

The grandchildren have

grown up now, and there aren't any great-grandchildren yet. There don't seem to be as many butterflies as there used to be either. I've seen several of the white cabbage butterflies, whose larvae are eating our broccoli and kale plants, and a number of skippers around the window box, but only one monarch and a few of the little blue hairstreaks. The big yellow and black swallowtails haven't come to our butterfly bush yet. It may just be that they're late in arriving, like the lightning bugs that showed up the day after I wrote about them last month; but waiting for them is stressful, like waiting for someone at the airport when the plane is overdue. With the environment in the shape that it is, there are a lot of things that could be wrong. Thorin and I will have to keep looking.

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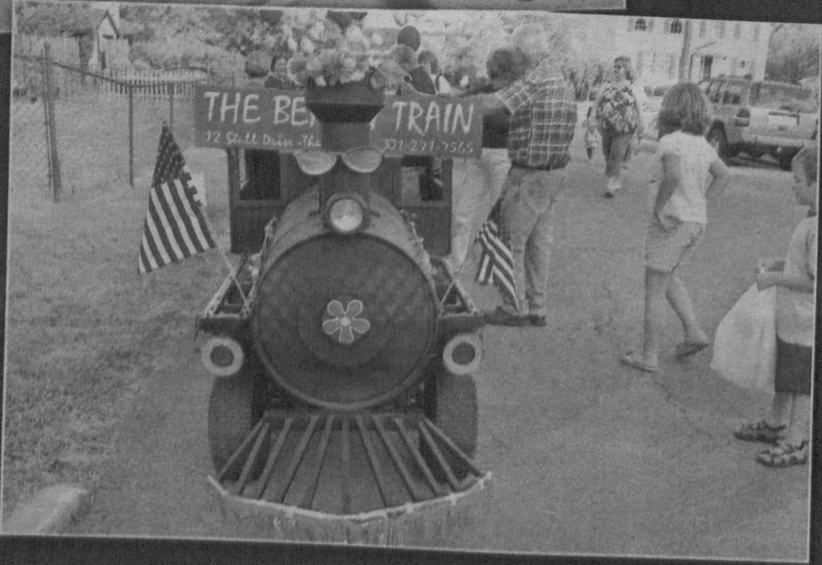
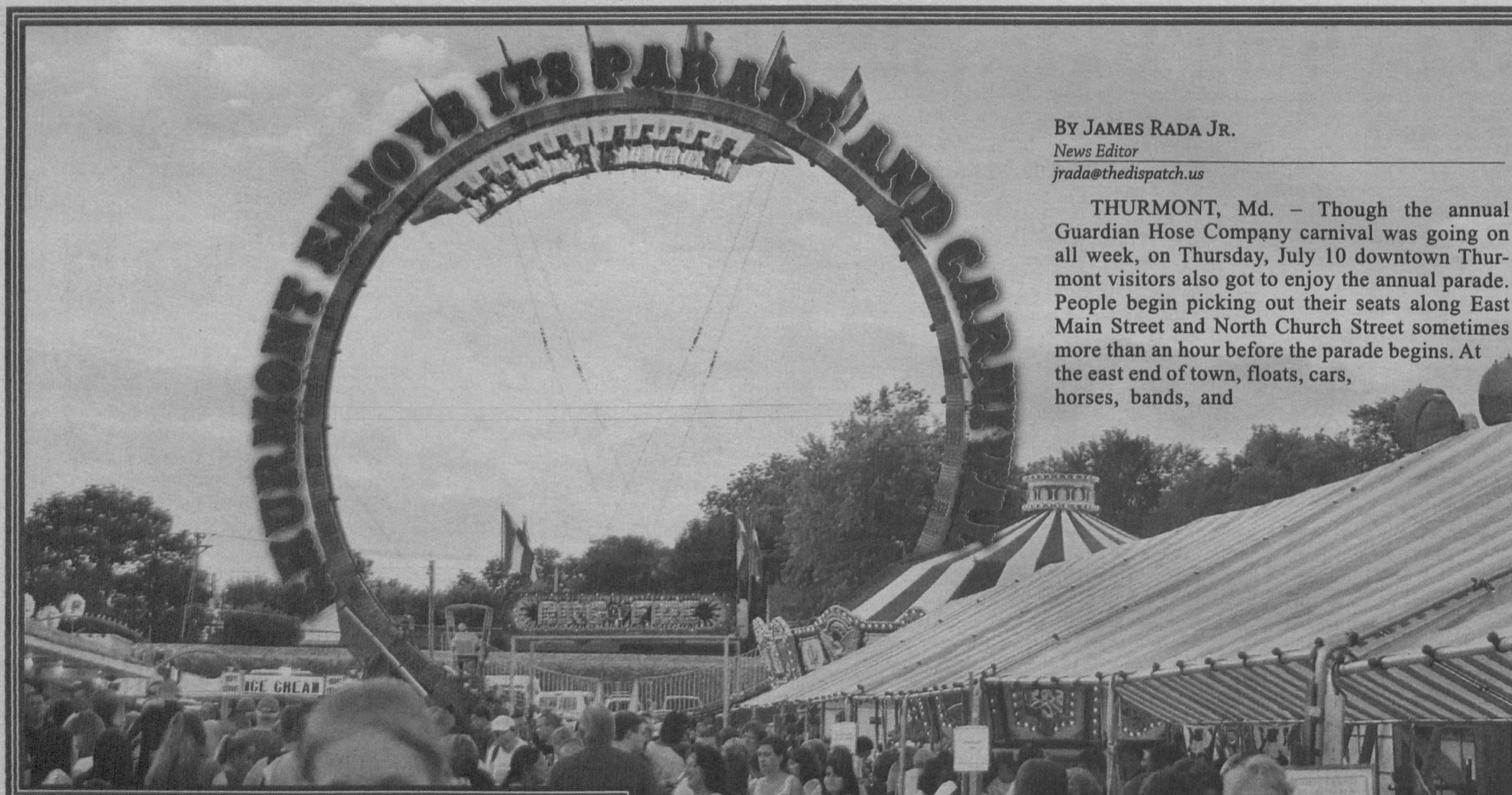
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THURMONT, Md. — Though the annual Guardian Hose Company carnival was going on all week, on Thursday, July 10 downtown Thurmont visitors also got to enjoy the annual parade. People begin picking out their seats along East Main Street and North Church Street sometimes more than an hour before the parade begins. At the east end of town, floats, cars, horses, bands, and



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Scenes from the 2008 Thurmont parade and carnival.

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emergency equipment snake through the neighborhoods as they find their places in the parade line.

Cub Scout Carson Morrow, 9, of Sabillasville, was riding on the float for Cub Pack 270 for the first time. "Being on it for the first time, it's kind of exciting and I get candy. It's really exciting," he said.

Carson's fellow scout, 8-year-old Alex Mayhew had been in four parades and took everything in stride. "It's still lots of fun even after four times. I like all the attention you get," he said.

The parade lasted about an hour with adults waving as friends passed by and children scrambling for the candy those in the parade threw out.

"I like everything about the parade," said Peggy Tobery of Thurmont. "It's exciting, though I think they should cut back on the candy."

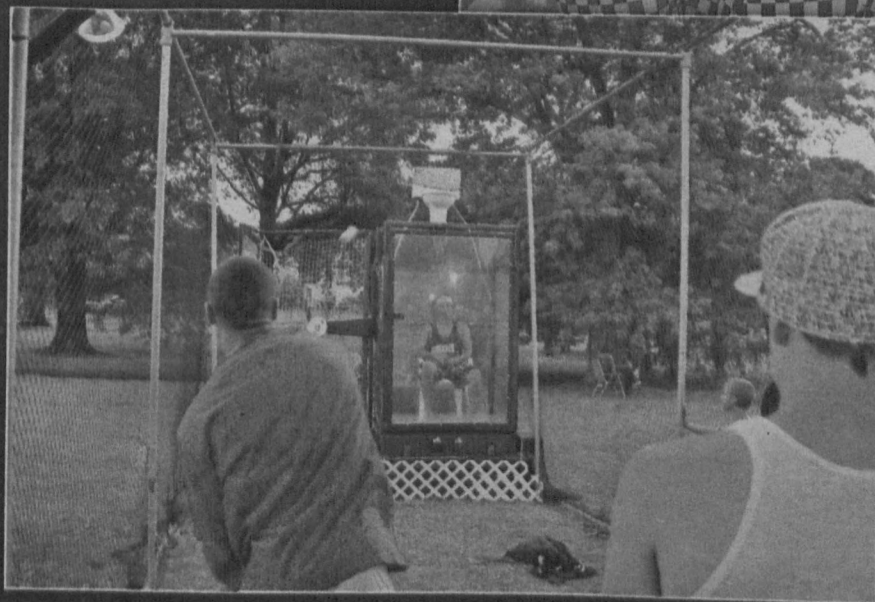
So much candy is thrown to the crowd during the parade that not all of it gets picked up. However, any child who wants can manage to go home with a full bag.

Once the parade ended, many people headed

to the carnival grounds to enjoy the food and rides there and to support the Guardian Hose Company.

"I come more often now that I've got kids," said Allen Smith of Thurmont. "They really enjoy it and I get to meet old friends."

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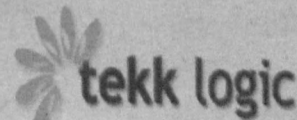
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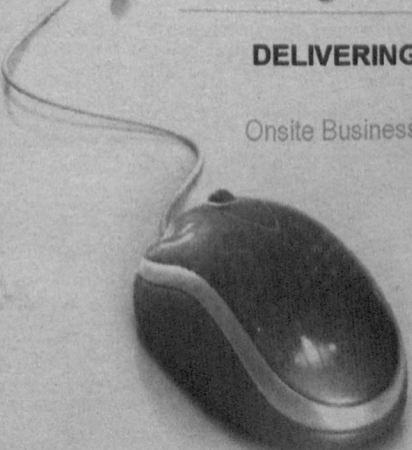
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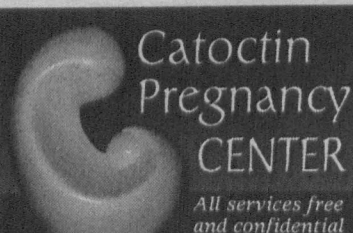
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Local visionary gives apocalyptic message

Dispute over validity of messages causes Sullivans to leave St. Joseph's parish

BY RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER AND JAMES RADA, JR.

Publisher / News Editor

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Gianna Talone-Sullivan, who some say is a visionary, recently claimed to have received a message from the Blessed Virgin Mary for the world that has caused some controversy.

"After awhile, you will see a time when there is another body in orbit around your solar system, coming between Earth and the Sun and leading to tremendous devastation. Approximately 60-70 percent of the world's population, as you know it, will cease. Of those who survive, 60 percent of them could die of disease and starvation," Sullivan gave as part of her June 1 message that she said was from the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sullivan has claimed to receive apparitions of Mary since 1989 and has been given messages and teachings from Jesus, and most recently God the Father. The Our Lady of Emmitsburg prayer group currently meets monthly at the Lynfield Complex, where this message was reportedly received.

Local media response

Sullivan was last in the local news in February 2007, but the June 1 message caused Michael Hillman, webmaster for www.emmitsburg.net, to post his interpretation of the message, which NBC 25 followed up on with a broadcast report.

Hillman wrote an article called, "Emmitsburg's own end of the world cult?" In it, he said that the message "is predicting the Earth is about to get smacked by an asteroid or comet." The article lists asteroid tracking information and links, as well as outlined eight "end of the world" cults that have been in the recent news.

He said that reading the message left him "troubled" and NBC 25 quoted him as saying in response to Sullivan, "You've crossed the line into predicting doom and gloom."

The Foundation of the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, a web site that publishes Our Lady of Emmitsburg messages published a special Enewsletter on June 30 to explain the revelation in response to the negative publicity.

"That newsletter was put out to demonstrate how the Church has responded in previous approved apparitions," said Sullivan's husband Michael. He said in at least five previously church approved apparitions Mary has given apocalyptic messages.

Predictions of the future

Hillman's web site now hosts an "Our Lady of Emmitsburg Cult Watch" and he has posted another



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Gianna Talone-Sullivan (center) kneels next to her husband Michael as she receives a message from the Blessed Virgin Mary in this Dispatch file photo.



article "Debunking the Myth of the Coming 'Two Suns'." The article ultimately deals with predictions of the year 2012 as the end of the world.

The date has gotten a lot of attention of late, including programs on The History Channel and a documentary by televangelist Dr. Jack Van Impe. Depending on the site where the information comes from, 2012 has been predicted as the year the world ends or the year that events will unfold related to Christ's second coming.

Sullivan declined to be interviewed, but her husband said the message is about change. One part of the message reads, "When you see the two suns on the horizon, you must know that this is a time of change, a time of this new beginning about which I have spoken to you before." However, neither Sullivan or her husband offered an interpretation of the message.

The Church's position

In 2003, Archbishop William Cardinal Keeler of the Archdiocese of Baltimore declared, "that in this case, constat de non supernaturalitate (it is established not supernatural)" and banned Sullivan's messages and visions from Archdiocesan churches and property. The results were the findings of a theological commission that investigated Sullivan's visions and locutions for two years.

Father Vincent O'Malley, pastor of St. Joseph's parish in Emmitsburg said, "Rome has spoken. The issue is over."

"The Gianna movement is on the verge of schism," he said. When asked if he thought this was a cult, he said the Our Lady of Emmitsburg group had "cult-like characteristics."

Michael Sullivan responded, saying, "How can this be a diabolical cult? Gianna attends daily

Mass, prays the daily rosary, frequents confession and encourages people to do the same, and has been doing so for 20 years. How is that diabolical?" Father Kieran Kavanaugh also serves as her spiritual director.

O'Malley did not call the group "diabolical", but he did say, "The devil rejoices with division in the church. If there is nothing spiritual occurring here, then what is the origin of the messages?"

Michael Sullivan pointed out that multiple current and ex-parishioners have been harassed and intimidated by O'Malley. The Sullivans themselves have left St. Joseph's and are now registered at St. Mary's parish in Fairfield, Pa.

Michael Sullivan, a physician of 33 years, cited O'Malley's quickly changing moods, behavior outbursts, distortions of the truth, and obsession with spreading false statements about his wife and people who are using this private devotion to Our Lady of Emmitsburg, as reasons for their departure.

Furthermore, Michael Sullivan said O'Malley's actions "cause me serious concern for his overall health; and with what appears to be malicious intent, these matters may even constitute what would 'legally' be considered defamation of character, over and above a lack of Christian charity, even though Gianna is considered a 'public' figure."

Father Michael Messaro, pastor of St. Mary's, said he has made no judgment on the matter since he is Sullivan's confessor. However, the Diocese of Harrisburg issued a statement saying it "accepts the findings and conclusions of the theological commission of the Archdiocese of Baltimore in matters regarding Gianna Talone-Sullivan."

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MEMORIAL DAY

Little children, praised be Jesus! Little ones, Thank you so much for praying. Thank you for loving my Son. Thank you for uniting as family. Thank you for being together as husbands and wives. Thank you for being a sign for the future of relationships that can prosper and work through hardships. Thank you for loving the Triune God. Thank you for listening to me. Thank you for bringing children into the world. Thank you for your “yes.”

Now allow me to talk about “death.” Truly those who are united to God, those who have worked for God, who have prayed and who believe are so safe. Those parents who pray for their children, even if their children stray and if they were to die, those children are safe. You see, God knows the incentives of the heart. When someone you love dies, you miss them, yes; you desire to be with them, yes indeed; but the beginning of “life,” true life, is at the moment of death.

Now, there is another element here. For those who do not pray and do not believe, then there is a problem; because, at the moment of death, they will have to meet their Creator. Then they must decide to atone in remission for their sins or never to see God, ever again.

There is yet another element. For those, the “unborn,” they too meet their Creator; and they in turn, pure as angels, are safe. If you now are concerned for those who have the angel of death at their door, think of this: With the stars aligning and moving in their own orbits, what is to come, sooner than you know, could result in the death of 70% of this world’s population. When you see two “suns” in the sky, wherever you are, come home to your*** Center of my Immaculate Heart. There you are protected. Prepare now, and be the “light.”

Think of it this way: Every time you have a desire and you pray to me and to my Son, I look to you and desire all of your wishes. You also should desire all of God’s wishes, without the opinions and biases of your nature. Then all good things will unfold; and you will live and be “one” in His Divinity. You will fulfill His Divine Will.

I bless you, and I love you. I take all of your petitions, as I usually do, because you are special. Pray for those who do not know the goodness of God. Pray, and lend a hand of love. Peace. I love you. God’s Peace to you (fading whisper).

***(The word “your” might imply not only a physical place, but also, for many of her children, a place in your heart that Our Lady has prepared for you and you for her.)

PRIVATE MESSAGE FROM OUR LADY OF EMMITSBURG MAY 31, 2008 THROUGH GIANNA TALONE SULLIVAN
THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY & THE VISITATION OF MARY

My dear little children, praised be Jesus! Little ones, it is difficult for you to trust. I do not know the reason for this. When I found out that my cousin Elizabeth was with child, I trusted and in haste went to her aid. When God tells you something, can you not trust and believe? Do you not realize that all of “faith” and all the graces and virtues which stem from faith come down to “trust”? In humility you should embrace all that you have.

You do not have to fear if you trust; but even the slightest little storm ruffles your inner being; and from there stems fear. If you trust and are confident in God, with filial confidence, totally dependent on Him, there is nothing to fear. You are safe! I have for a very long time told you that there is no time for fear, only time for change. You must look beyond the horizon of your own vision, but look to how I have helped other people, trying only to bring them to my Son. When you beckon me and plead your cause, even in your sinful ways, I come to your aid. Why too can you not bow, remove your “self” and come to my Son, pleading to Him for all good things?

Help one another, and do not be biased or opinionated. Whether they be enemy or friend, do you not see that those who will survive to this new beginning are only those who can have a vision beyond this horizon, but are looking to the next one full of Love and Peace. Remove your “self.” Always strive to be pure; and when you fail, go and confess, make amends, and try again.

There are too many people who place their own sentiments above the Truth; and the Truth is: God loves all! To love all as God loves, so too must you. Peace.

PUBLIC MESSAGE FROM OUR LADY OF EMMITSBURG TO THE WORLD THROUGH GIANNA SULLIVAN
JUNE 1, 2008

My dear little children, praised be Jesus! Little ones, thank you for coming to pray. Know how much God loves you. He has given you tremendous gifts.

Children, for the last 20 years I have oftentimes spoken of “change.” I have told you that there is no time for fear; there is only time for change. You must know by now that I have recently spoken of an arising of “two suns.” When you see the two suns on the horizon, you must know that this is a time of change, a time of this new beginning about which I have spoken to you before. After you see the two suns, there is only a short time before you will see a tremendous change in weather. After this, as you know, there are more changes to come. Children, God did not create only the Earth. God is the Creator of the cosmos, with its many galaxies, many orbits, different stars and different planets. God is the Creator! There are other planets like earth, far beyond your understanding.

I can tell you this: Even your governments and the Church authorities already have knowledge of the stars aligning and its implications upon you. You must not fear but must be prepared, primarily spiritually.

After awhile, you will see a time when there is another body in orbit around your solar system, coming between Earth and the Sun and leading to tremendous devastation. Approximately 60-70% of the world’s population, as you know it, will cease. Of those who survive, 60% of them could die of disease and starvation.

Prayer is the answer! Prayer can mitigate much of anything to come. Love and unity must be at the forefront, not survival of the fittest. But I can assure you that secretly those in governmental positions around the world and Church authorities all know. As your Mother and with you as children of God, it is my duty to forewarn you and to draw you to my Son for protection.

Look not too far before you will see two suns. Make my words known to all people: Life is important because God loves you. Those who are in control of the financial world think differently. But I your Mother know what true Life is!

So prepare, spiritually prepare. You will always be with my Son if you trust. God has a special plan, a new beginning! Look to Him; and do not fear, but love with all your heart. I look to you, and I answer your prayers. Even if you are a sinner, and even if you were wrong, I come for your intercession. Now you must remove your “self” from your desires and look to help all people. Peace to you (fading whisper).

Reflection by Fr. John B. Wang

Our Heavenly Mother is issuing an extremely serious warning concerning coming cataclysmic events as She outlines the scenario. It seems that our Creator will soon renew, remodel or reshape the earth and its inhabitants as predicted repeatedly for many years. Now the designated time has come. The process will be drastic and painful, but the end result will be glorious and paradisiacal. Death and destruction will be followed by a new world, a new society and a new humanity of love, faith, peace and harmony.

Our Mother and Queen tells us not to fear, but to trust in God’s Wisdom and Love. We should be concerned about our eternal salvation more than our temporary survival, our spiritual life more than our earthly existence. PRAYER IS THE ANSWER. So pray, pray, pray! Prayer can mitigate what is to come. Be spiritually ready and prepared. Spread this important message to help all people. Our temporary survival, our spiritual life more than our earthly existence. PRAYER IS THE ANSWER. So pray, pray, pray! Prayer can mitigate what is to come. Be spiritually ready and prepared. Spread this important message to help all people.

THE WORDS OF GOD THE FATHER THROUGH GIANNA TALONE SULLIVAN TO THE WORLD
JUNE 8, 2008

My Children of Humanity,

I love you, and I thank you for all of your prayers. As the God of your fathers and forefathers, I am your God of Light, always there to be by you, to protect you and to intervene. I am a good, loving Father; and yet, so many are afraid to come to Me.

Please, children, in all my messages to you, whether they be warnings or challenges, I am still a compassionate Father, full of Mercy and Love. Look to me, and change your ways. What “father” would deny a son or a daughter for straying from the Truth?

Let us celebrate and know, with all of your hearts and with love, a great new beginning awaits you, one where I will be with you.

Peace to you, and receive My blessings. You are never alone, in all that you do and in all that you say. In everything that you are, I am!

Peace.

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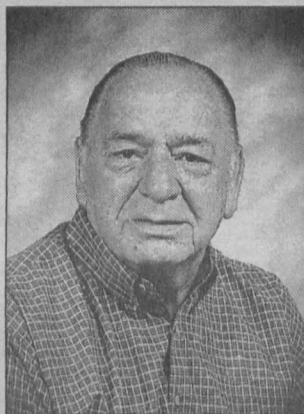
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Francis "Frank" E. Krietz
July 4, 2008

Francis "Frank" E. Krietz, age 80, of Emmitsburg, died on Friday, July 4, 2008 at his home.

Born in Thurmont, he was the son of the late Cecil and Lottie (Shorb) Krietz.

He was predeceased by his wife Josephine H. (Topper) Krietz on July 14, 2000.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Emmitsburg. Mr. Krietz was employed as a cook at Mount St. Mary's for many years, and enjoyed woodworking in his spare time.

Surviving are children and spouses, Elizabeth and Timothy Jacobson of Emmitsburg, Patricia and Michael Trout of Thurmont, Barbara and George Beavers of Emmitsburg, Michael and Toshi Krietz of Gaithersburg, Anthony and Carol Krietz of Emmitsburg, Donald and

Linda Krietz of Ortanna, Pa., Paul and Debra Krietz of Emmitsburg, Cecil and Nancy Krietz of Cascade, Darlene and Gregory Medve of Emmitsburg, and Melissa and Barry Gladhill of Cascade.

Also surviving are 18 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by siblings, Marie Sharer, Eugene Krietz, Rose Ridenour, Florence Knott, Cecil "Bud" Krietz, and Theresa Lingg.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 47 DePaul St., Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Michael J. Kennedy, C.M. as celebrant. Interment followed in the New St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Emmitsburg. The family received friends on Monday, July 7 from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at the Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home, 210 W. Main St., Emmitsburg, where Rosary Prayers were recited at 8 p.m.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.myers-durborawfh.com.

Graceham Moravian Church, 8231A Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont with Rev. Jeff Gehris officiating. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Graceham Moravian Church, 8231A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont, MD 21788 or Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library, P.O. Box 43, Thurmont, MD 21788.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at StaufferFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are by Stauffer Funeral Home.

Ms. Rosemary Nancy May, of Emmitsburg, died Thursday, July 3, 2008.

Services and interment will be private. Arrangements were made by the Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home in Emmitsburg.

Charles Lockwood, of Fairfield, died Thursday, July 10, 2008.

Funeral arrangements being made through the Monahan Funeral Home are incomplete.

DEATH NOTICES

Mr. Robert Edward Keilholtz, of Rocky Ridge, died Friday, July 4, 2008.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 12, at

BIRTHS

Lisa and Blaine Hatch, Carroll Valley, PA, a daughter, June 27

Simone Carrier and John Francis Lewis IV, Rocky Ridge, a son, July 3.

Catholic Youth Ministry plan World Youth Day

EMMITSBURG, Md. — On July 19-20, 2008, Catholic youth from all over the area will gather to celebrate World Youth Day. World Youth Day — Emmitsburg at St. Anthony Shrine will be a smaller version of the week-long celebration being held in Sydney, Australia. There will be music, teaching, group prayer, Eucharistic adoration, Holy Mass, fellowship and campfires.

Students will gather at 2 p.m. on Saturday and jump right in to praise with live mu-

sic. The welcoming address will reflect the theme of World Youth Day, "You will receive power!" There will be evangelization sessions and a viewing of the closing Mass at Sydney celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI. The teens will have opportunities to share their own faith stories in small group discussions throughout the night.

World Youth Day in Sydney Australia is out of reach for many teens. The Youth Ministry of St. Anthony Shrine/Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

and St. Joseph Church have joined to bring a small part of that experience to local teens. World Youth Day — Emmitsburg is meant to give them the pilgrimage experience of World Youth Day- Sydney in a one night close to home situation.

Participants will spend the night under the stars on the grounds of St. Anthony Shrine just like the Sydney pilgrims do. Eucharistic adoration will be in St. Anthony Shrine throughout the night. An early morning Mass will be celebrated on the grounds of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. This will be followed by more live music and a closing address. The activities will end Sunday, July 20 at 11 a.m.

This event is open to all freshmen in High School in the fall of 2008 through those who are graduating from high school now. Participants must register with the youth minister at a Catholic church. For more information, contact Roberta Alvarez at ralvarez@archbalt.org or call (301) 447-2926 ext 26.

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EVENTS

Through Oct. 17 – 5th Annual Emmitsburg Farmers Market. 3-6:30 p.m. every Friday. 302 South Seton Ave. Vendor space still available. Information: contact Amy Naill (301) 600-6303 or anaill@emmitsburgmd.gov.

Through late October – Gettysburg Farmers Market. 7 a.m. to noon every Saturday. Lincoln Square.

July 19 – “Tours for Twos.” For two-year-old siblings. Frederick Memorial Hospital. Advance registration & payment required: \$20/child. Information: (240) 379-6000.

July 19 – “Comfort Measures Plus.” Natural pain management techniques. Frederick Memorial Hospital. Advance registration & payment required: \$30/couple. Information: (240) 379-6000.

July 19 – Festival. 4 p.m. Mt. Tabor Church of Rocky Ridge, Mt. Tabor Park. Food, bingo, music by “Blue Grass Chapel Band” at 7 p.m.

July 19 – Peach Festival. 4-8 p.m. Graceham Moravian Church 8231 Rocky Ridge Rd. Thurmont. Dinner, sandwiches, peach pies, ice cream. Games, and live music. Information: (301) 271-2379.

July 19 and 20 – World Youth Day. Saturday 2 p.m. to Sunday at 11 a.m. St. Anthony Shrine, St. Anthony Rd. Emmitsburg. Music, teaching, group prayer, Eucharistic adoration, Holy Mass, fellowship and campfires. Open to all high school freshmen through those who are graduating from high school now. Register with the youth minister at a Catholic church. Hosted by Thurmont Catholic Youth Ministry. Information: contact Roberta Alvarez at ralvarez@archbalt.org or call (301) 447.2926 ext 26.

July 21 – Thurmont Democrats and friends breakfast meeting. Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, 133 Frederick Rd., Thurmont. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Thurmont Food Bank. All area Democrats and interested voters are welcome. Information: (301) 271-4945.

July 22, 29 – U-13 Maryland Predators Baseball Club Tryouts for 2008 fall and/or 2009 spring season. 6 p.m. Be-

hind Lewistown Elementary School, 11119 Hessong Bridge Road, Thurmont. Information or to register for tryouts: call Tim Wiles at (240) 620-6477 or Patrice Wiles at (301) 693-7444.

July 24 – Food Bank Drop. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 103 N. Church St., Thurmont. Everyone is eligible; no need to bring documentation.

July 24 – Pottery Workshops. 4-5:30 p.m. Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve, 1537 Mount Hope Road, 3 miles outside Fairfield. For children ages 5 and up as well as adults. Class fee, including clay and firing: \$15 for members, \$20 for nonmembers. Information and registration: (717) 642-5840.

July 25 – Teen Pool Party. 6-8 p.m. Emmitsburg Pool.

July 27 – FMH BirthPlace Tours – Frederick Memorial Hospital. Guided tour of BirthPlace & Family Center. Advance registration required. Free. Information: (240) 379-6000.

July 27 – Old Fashioned Corn Fest 11:30 a.m. Historic Round Barn, Cashtown Road, Biglerville, Pa. Free entertainment provided by The Orchard Boys, a local bluegrass band. Free parking, no admission fee. Information: (717) 334-1984, (717) 677-8842.

July 28 – Homeschool informational meeting. 7 p.m. Fredericktowne Baptist Church,

8645 Biggs Ford Rd. Walkersville, Md. Free. Sponsored by the HOPE Homeschool Support Group. Information: contact: garciasusan@rocketmail.com.

July 29 or 30 – Boot Camp for College Students. 1-2 p.m. Maryland Cooperative Extension, Frederick County Office, 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick. Class designed to teach teens and young adults how to eat healthfully on a tight budget, with a busy schedule, and with little cooking experience. Cost: \$3. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Information: (301) 600-1599.

July 30 – Mother Seton School Open House. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. For Pre-K through grade 8. Bus transportation, before and after care, financial aid and specials are offered. Information: www.mothersetonschool.org or (301) 447-3161.

Aug. 1 – Midsummer Night Barbecue and Silent Auction. Ceresville Mansion Pavilion. Registration - 6:15 to 7 p.m. Followed by a barbecue chicken and pit beef buffet dinner. To benefit Teach Autistic Children Today. Cost: \$35 per person (children 13 and over are welcome).

Aug. 2 – Thurmont Lions Club Super Summertime Sandwich Series. Bell Hill Farm, 1.5 miles north of Thurmont. Information: www.thurmontlionsclub.com.

Aug. 2 – After Hours Game Show. 6 p.m. Thurmont Riding

Club, 14981 Roddy Rd, Thurmont. Information: www.geocities.com/thurmontridingclub.

Aug. 3 – Second annual revival, “Revive the Spirit.” Weller U.M.C. 11 a.m., outside service, followed by lunch. 12:45, guest speakers and musical groups with a closing around 7 p.m. Baked goods, kids’ games, pig roast and more. Free and open to the public. Will be held indoors in case of rain.

Aug. 8 – Pre-Teen Pool Party. 7-9 p.m. Emmitsburg Pool.

Aug. 9 – Annual Jacob’s Church Festival. 495 Harbaugh Valley Rd., Fairfield, Pa. Food, entertainment by the *Crossroads Gospel Bluegrass*, York, Pa.

Aug. 10, 17 – “Sunday Run” Childbirth Education. Attend two consecutive Sunday ses-

sions. FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick. Advance registration & payment required: \$110/couple. Information: (240) 379-6000.

Aug. 13 – 2008 CYA 4th Annual Golf Outing. Carroll Valley Golf Resort, Fairfield, Pa.

Aug. 15 – Karson Brewster Golf Benefit. 8:30 a.m. Glade Valley Golf Club, Walkersville, Md. All proceeds will benefit the Brewster family, whose daughter has a rare 18q-Syndrome. \$100 per person or \$400 per team. Fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, balls, unlimited beverages, lunch buffet, 50/50, putting contest, closest to the pin and longest drive, door prizes and raffle, gift bags. Information: Mike McMahon (301) 846-5634, (304) 279-4590, mtcmahon1@hotmail.com or Tim Brown (301) 271-9845.

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July 24 - 26 - Bobby Horton in "Songs & Stories of the Civil War." 8 p.m. Majestic. 25 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg. Dressed as a 19th century performer and using period musical instruments, Horton explores stories of both the North and South through music. Tickets: (717) 337-8200 or www.gettysburgmajestic.org.

July 25 - Outdoor Concert. 7 p.m. In God's Hands Coffeehouse. Weller United Methodist Church, Thurmont. Featured band, *Covenant*. Information: www.ighcoffee.com.

July 27 - "Bright and Brassy Summer Pops." 3 p.m. Incarnation United Church of Christ, 124 W. Main St., Emmitsburg. Featuring Byron Stay, trumpet and Clair Moblard, piano, with guest soloist Carl Glover. Free admission, with refreshments following the performance.

Aug. 1 - Concert in the Park. 7 to 9 p.m. New Community Park bandstand, Emmitsburg. Al Parsons Band.

Aug. 8 - "Red, Hot & Blue: An American Musical Revue." 8

p.m. Majestic. 25 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg. Six performers lead a nostalgic musical journey through the decades, from the roaring '20s through the '70s. Reservations: (717) 337-8200.

EVENTS

July 19 - Annual Adams County Irish Festival. Gettysburg Moose Park, on U.S. 30, approximately 1.5 miles east of the U.S. 15 intersection. Irish music, dancers, food, merchandise and more. Benefits the Children's Friendship Project for Northern Ireland (CFPNI) as well as the long-term goal of establishing a national Irish history museum and library in Adams County. Information: (717) 337-3500 or www.adamscountyirishfestival.com/.

STAGE

Through July 27 - "Bell, Book and Candle," by John Van Druten. Totem Pole Playhouse. Romantic comedy where a heroine casts a spell over the object of her affection, and must still overcome obstacles before romance has its way. Information & performance times, 1-888-805-7056 or (717) 352-2164. Post-show discussion, Wednesday evening, July 23.

Through Aug. 16 - "Ghost Hunts are Deadly" and "The Booty of Gettysburg." The Village Dinner Theatre of Gettysburg, 241 Steinwehr Avenue,

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July 17-20 and 24-27 - "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Thurmont Thespians Summer Theatre Workshop performance by area teens. Ticket reservations: (301) 271-7613.

July 29 through Aug. 10 - "Oatmeal & Kisses" by Murray Schisgal. Totem Pole Playhouse. Romantic comedy targeting diet, nutrition and modern exercise fitness programs. Information & performance times, 1-888-805-7056 or (717) 352-2164. Post-show discussion, Thursday evening, Aug. 7.

Through Aug. 16 - "Ghost Hunts are Deadly" and "The Booty of Gettysburg." The Village Dinner Theatre of Gettysburg. An interactive murder mystery. Spend the evening with a paranormal investigator and her young medium protégé. Tickets: \$37 and \$40. 1-800-570-4590, ext. 101. www.gettheatre.org.

Aug. 12 to 24 - "The Taffetas." Conceived by Rick Lewis. Totem Pole Playhouse. A musical tribute to the girl groups of the 1950s including the McGuire Sisters, The Fontaine Sisters and The Chordettes. Info. & performance times, 1-888-805-7056 or (717) 352-2164.

'Bewitching' comedy opens at Totem Pole

FAYETTESVILLE, Pa. - Although Halloween may still be several months away, the stage of Totem Pole Playhouse will soon be filled with modern-day witches as the curtain rises on a revival of the Broadway hit from the 1950s, *Bell, Book and Candle*. John Van Druten's popular comedy is sponsored by F&M Trust and plays from July 15th through the 27th at the Caledonia State Park professional summer theatre.

Produced successfully on Broadway in 1950 with Lili Palmer and Rex Harrison in the leading roles, *Bell, Book and Candle* was later turned into a popular motion picture featuring Kim Novak and James Stewart. This is Totem Pole's third revival of the play having previously presented productions in 1953 and 1966. "Because it has been 42 years, we realize a lot of theatre-goers are not familiar with the charms of this comedy," states Wil Love, Associate Artistic Director of the Playhouse. "This is a great old-fashioned well-made play for the entire family and the time is absolutely right for bringing Mr. Van Druten's play back to life."

The author assumes that a few modern people can cast spells and perform feats of supernatu-

ralism. Beautiful Gillian Holroyd (Tess Hartman), of the Murray Hill district in New York City, casts a spell over Shepherd Henderson (Paul DeBoy), a handsome and unattached publisher, partly to keep him away from a rival and partly because she is so attracted to him. He falls head over heels in love with her at once and wants to marry her. But witches, unfortunately, cannot fall in love, and this minute imperfection leads into a number of complications and an engagingly funny evening of theatre.

Surrounding Hartman and DeBoy are Mary Rausch as Miss Holroyd, Gillian's outrageously eccentric aunt, Ray Ficca as Nicky, Gillian's impish and impertinent brother. Richert Easley

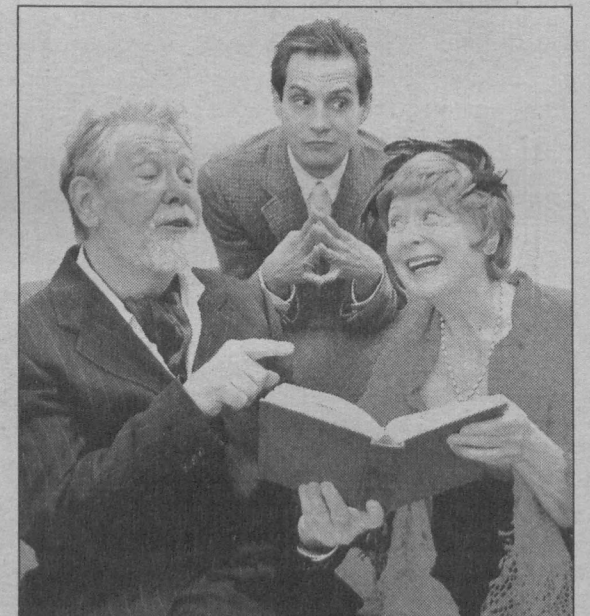
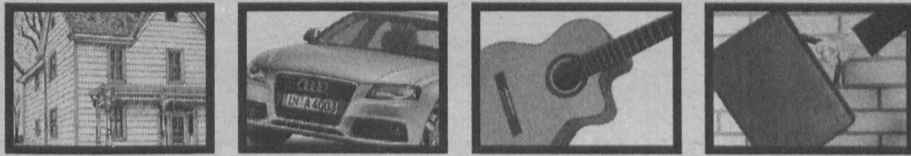


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Richert Easley plays Sidney Redlitch, Ray Ficca plays Nicky Holroyd and Mary Rausch plays Nicky's aunt in *Bell, Book and Candle* at the Totem Pole Playhouse through July 27.

appears as Sidney Redlitch, a rather unkempt older gentleman who enjoys the cocktail hour.

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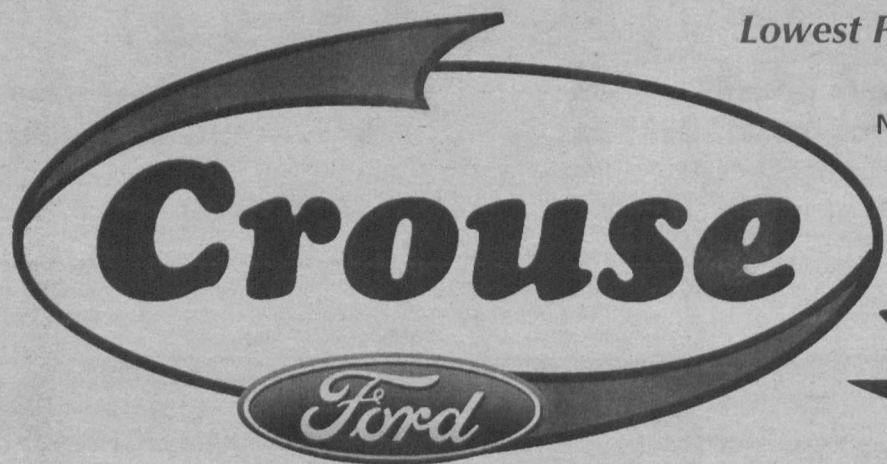
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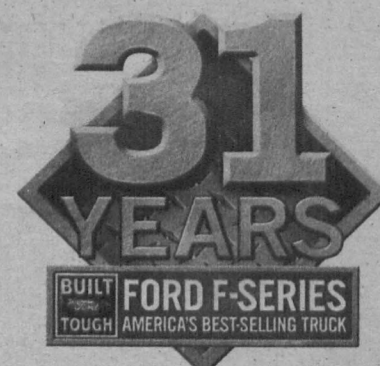


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major oliver horner emmitsburg's civil war hero

■ By Mike Hillman & the
Emmitsburg Historical Society

With the recent unveiling of the historical mural at the Jubilee, we've

received many inquiries about the figure depicted in the Civil War section labeled "Cole's Cavalry." The image is that of Major Oliver Horner of Emmitsburg. Horner enlisted as a private in the company at the start of the war and rose to rank of major due to his fighting skill and came to be known as the company's leader.

In a June 7, 1989 article, the Gettysburg Times wrote: "He is accident-prone," "He'll be late for his own funeral" and "You couldn't reach them with a 10-foot pole." Thus, do people acquire labels because of quirks in their personalities. If we were to so tag Maj. Oliver Alexander Horner, Civil War hero, civil servant, postmaster, banker, devoted husband and father, it would probably be with a slippery or baffling quality that helped him evade his adversaries and emerge comparatively unscathed. This characteristic served him well as he seemed to move at will through enemy lines.

The Emmitsburg members of Cole's Cavalry marched over 7,000 miles during

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100
years ago
July 1908

Record Breaking Crowd Helps Celebration of the Fourth

The day we celebrated dawned with the sky overcast. The weather man had predicted occasional showers and he made good before the day was over. The ceremonies began with the great parade which started punctually at 8:30, in the following order:

Chief Marshal,
Charles R. Hoke.

Mounted Aids
Richard M. Zacharias
Theodore Bollinger.

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Mounted Aids,**
Edgar Shriver,
Charles J. Rowe.

Why Emmitsburg is "Our Town"

When Chris and I moved to Emmitsburg nearly six years ago, we were looking for a single-family home within 30 minutes of Frederick where I was working at the National Cancer Institute. That August, we had no idea of the surprises ahead of us in the coming years. Over that time, I began an extremely rewarding career teaching in the Science Department at Mount St. Mary's University and Chris left his job of 18 years in Baltimore to work at Evapco in Taneytown. Jim Hoover, Thelma Richardson, Don Briggs, and I pulled together a Farmers Market. Thelma invited Chris to join the Lions Club and he was elected to the Town Council a year or so later. Most importantly, we have been blessed with two children, Caleb (2 1/2 years) and Wyatt (6 months). So many of these changes were fueled by our arrival in Emmitsburg - a small town filled with history and tradition - and the people we met here.

For Chris, it is probably his involvement with the nuances of town government and the fellowship of the Lions Club that make this place unique. However, for me it is the people. Both within town and at the Mount, it is the people with whom I enjoy living and working. I have met so many "old" and "new" people in this town. I enjoy going to the Jubilee and having a conversation with someone I haven't seen in a while, feeling like I am more than a number at the Pharmacy (where, unlike in Baltimore, the Pharmacist often asks about Chris and the kids), and going to the fire house for breakfast on Community Day or a Seafood Dinner during Lent to share a meal with friends.

So many of those you meet open a new door through their own involvement in the community activities and organizations they've chosen to join. As with any community, there are always people who will come and people who will go. The particular strength of Emmitsburg is the strong commitment of many of those who live here to maintain the traditions of community service and involvement they grew up with or were invited



■ Photo by Robert A. Rosensteel Sr.

The Staigers: Chris and Jennifer Staiger with their sons Wyatt and Caleb.

into. This is the environment Chris and I want our kids to grow up in - something we did not have when we were growing up in the Baltimore suburbs.

■ Jen Staiger
Emmitsburg

Looking Back on Emmitsburg

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

Town Fathers In carriages,
Burgess, Thaddeus
Zimmerman;
Commissioners, John T. Long, Joseph Caldwell, Sterling Galt

Some of the attractive features were: Joe R. Hoke - Clown in dog cart, The town children in Mr. John T. Long's wagon beautifully decorated, Mr. Harry Beam's and Mr. J. Stewart Annan's pony carriage,

The Knights - Mr. Clarence Frailey and Mr. Francis White who was the Knight of Pennsylvania, Mr. George E. Clutz's ice cream wagon fantastically decorated with Mr. Clutz in costume as Uncle Sam.

The route of the parade was as follows: Gettysburg and Green streets to Broad alley, to East Main street, to the Emmitt House, returning on Main street to the Square, thence by way of Frederick street and the alley to the field.

By common consent it was the best parade Emmitsburg ever had and the citizens testified their appreciation by hearty applause as the column swung down the Main street. Many houses were decorated with flags, and Messrs. Frailey's blacksmith shop honored the occasion by

having the nails and signs removed from the shop which was treated to a liberal coat of whitewash and the door painted red. Even before the parade reached the field the ladies had begun to unpack the dainties which they had prepared. The stands were roofed over with canvas and decorated profusely with the national colors, and when the cakes, sandwiches, coffee, lemonade and other good things were displayed the celebration was fairly under way.

After the people had become acquainted with one another and had touched up a few lemonades the first game of ball was called. This was between the Sebolders and the Ashbarrels. Last year the Sebolders defeated their opponents by the score of 10 to 6; this time, owing very probably to the absence of their captain who was blowing himself and his horn in the band, the Ashbarrels were overwhelmed. The Ashbarrels now gave an exhibition of the game as it should be played - the first three men stuck out. (Much trouble with the umpire who was seen counting sundry pieces of money).

Doc Zimmerman was hit by

the pitcher and School Commissioner Stokes made a hit. Galt struck out and Boyle did likewise. Following this game The Fairfield baseball team headed by the Fairfield band marched on to the field, the band playing "Hail, Hail the Gang's All Here." And they were, too.

After the baseball tournament a lively pig was brought to the grounds and the ladies retired to the benches. A score of young people took part in this chase. The porker was caught, after a hard tussel, by Paul Agnew.

The crowd then gathered around the dancing floor where Mr. White, the winning knight, crowned Miss White, the "Queen of Love and Beauty." Her maids were the Misses Ruth Gillelan, Rachel Shulenberg and Barbara Beam.

The crowd which was unusually large during the day, in the evening was almost doubled; the delightful cool evening drawing almost everybody in town to the grounds, beside the throngs of country people who came in to see the fireworks. Dancing was kept up until half past ten with music furnished by the Emmitsburg Cornet Band.

Joseph Rodgers Legion Head

50
years ago
July 1958

The regular monthly meeting of the Francis X. Elder Post 121, American Legion, was held Tuesday evening in the post home. Commander Eugene Sprinkle conducted the meeting with 48 members present.

Blood donors for the month of June were: Jack Timmerman, Lloyd Herring, Brooke Damuth, Ruth Myers and Allen Davis.

Election of post officers were held with the following results: Commander, Joseph Rodgers; first vice commander, Wayne McCreaf; second vice commander, Carroll Topper; Adjutant and Finance officer, Charles B. Harner; Sgt.-at-Arms, Edgar Wastler and Andrew Shorb; chaplain, Raymond Baumgardner; historian, Everett Chrismer and Trustee, William E. Sanders. Judges of election were Jack Rosen-

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Letters to Emmitsburg, Part 2



Mary Jo Botham

Here are some more treasures that Dora Connolly from Antique Folly loaned me. These letters show the art of letter writing from a time when e-mail was an expensive cablegram and snail mail was the way people communicated. Letters were, like this collection, treasured, stored away only to be taken out and read over and over again. Thank you, Dora, for allowing me to share these letters with the fine folks of Emmitsburg.

Libertytown Md
March 10, 1908

Dear cousin

I guess you think that I have forgotten you but not so. I have not had time until now. Rec'd your card and appreciated it very much. I am well and so are the rest hope you are the same. Well do you think I was tired when I got home that night after walking 6 miles with the snow all off the roads and muddy and carrying my telescope but I got there just the same, went to Artie Kemp's helped to get ready for the sale and now I am back to Mr. Stitley's again but I haven't any job yet and don't know what I will do as yet this summer. I have thought of you many times since I left you at the railroad station. I enjoyed being in your presence much but I guess you did not think it though you were so merry and full of fun that one would not get lonesome while with you but we had to part did'nt we, so it goes. Say don't forget

those photos when they come. I will send you the money for them. I said something to Raymond Stitley about his picture but he did'nt say whether he would send it or not. I would like to get you and him started in correspondence as he is such a nice boy. Well I must close for this time. Answer soon

With love I remain your sincere Cousin

Wm E. Baker

Six miles in the snow!! I'm lucky if I can get across town someday in fair weather!!

Sounds like Wm. E. Baker was playing matchmaker!

Libertytown
Mar. 22nd, 1908

My Dear cousin

I take pleasure in answering your letter. I am well at present and hope you are all

well. I have been at Uncle Dal's and Uncle Sam's lately, found them all well as usual. Have been attending some sales. Went to one Friday and got cold enough too. I delivered your message to Raymond and when he went to bed tonight while I was writing he said tell you he was still kicking yet. I wish you and him could get up a correspondence as he is such a good boy, a gentlemen in every respect.

Tell Aunt Sarah to keep on the lookout for that old man you were telling me about and she will come out all right. Tell Felix to look out for the little gray hen and George to look shady and Joe to keep his pledge.

Aunt Annie says she wants one of our pictures so I guess I will have to call upon you for some again. I think they are very good only our eyes are drawn too much from the light. Send me a few more of each kind and state price

and I will remit at once. I was glad to hear you were coming down at Easter. If you let me know before hand, I will see too it that you get from the train all right. I will make Raymond come to Union Bridge after you or if you drive down we will get to see you just the same as I am back to Mr Stitley's again. Was glad that Felix has taken such a business turn. Have not heard from May lately.

Goodbye with love

Your Sincere Cousin
Wm. E. Baker

It appears that cousin Wm. is still trying to be matchmaker to Marie and Raymond. He also has quite the sense of humor when it came to his Aunt and his cousins!

It would be interesting to know what letter from Marie would have preceded this response!

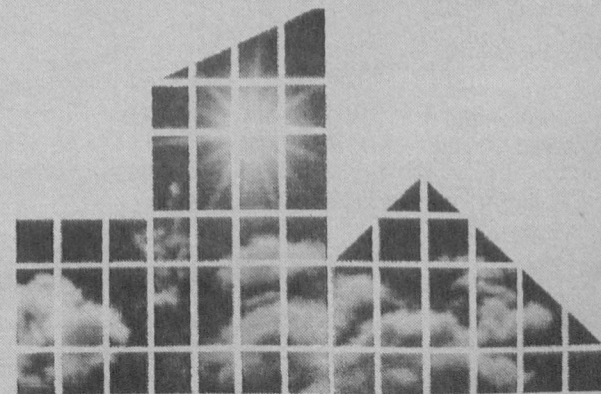
A flower a day



Stephanie Long / The Dispatch

A customer purchases flowers from Linda Mullineaux at the Emmitsburg Farmers Market. Linda and her husband, Tom, run a small farm in Keymar, Maryland, where they grow produce and flowers. Each week Linda and Tom set up a stand at the farmers market and sell their locally, homegrown flowers and homemade bread. Linda and Tom started selling their goods at the market to "try something new." The Emmitsburg Farmers Market is Open every Friday, except for holidays, through October 17 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. next to the old Emmitsburg Ambulance Company building on South Seton Avenue.

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Do you know where the Blair Mansion was?

By Chris Husson

I am looking for information about the Blair Plantation in the Emmitsburg area.

The picture with this article is of the house where my grandmother grew up in Cleveland, OH. It was built in 1836 by John Blair, the husband of her great aunt. The house was supposedly patterned after his ancestral home in the Emmitsburg area.

As best as I can figure, John Blair (1793-1872) was the son of Samuel Blair (1757-1809) and Polly Shields (1776-1818). He was thus the grandson of Capt. William and Hannah Blair and William and Jane (Williams) Shields.

While the www.emmitsburg.net web has been a great resource for fleshing out these genealogical details, I am not directly related to John Blair, but I would like to know more about the Blair ancestral home.

A transcription of William Blair's will, proved 9 Dec.

1778, appeared in *Western Maryland Genealogy*, vol. 5, p.132:

"To son Samuel... my plantation in Toms Creek purchased of Adam [Rankin?] of 200a..."

"The plantation devised to my son Samuel to be finished... and my whole family is to move to that place..."

I have tried, so far unsuccessfully, to track down this property using *MDLandRec.net*, the resources on www.emmitsburg.net and the state archives online patent index. I can find transactions for *Kitchen Garden, Kneedeep* and other properties that William instructed in his will to be sold, but no clear indication of this property in what I am assuming to be Tom's Creek Valley.

So, if you have an idea where this new Blair plantation was established in Tom's Creek please let me know.

Any information can be sent to editor@thedispatch.us.



Photo courtesy of Chris Husson

This house in Cleveland, Ohio, was built by John Blair in 1836. Blair's ancestral home is in Emmitsburg.

105 year-old tablets return to Emmitsburg

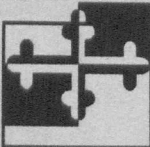
Vic Gavin, Joe Catchings and Michael Wright, all with the National Park Service, recently reinstalled metal tablets explaining the town's role in the Civil War. The refinished tablets were sandblasted, primed, painted and lettered. Then they were mounted on posts between the post office and Willow Hill near South Seton Ave. The tablets are believed to date back to 1903, according to Gavin. The tablets are considered monuments and among only a few dozen that are outside of a national park's boundaries. The tablets were last refinished in 1980. This refinishing is expected to last about 15 years.



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Hance competing in Miss Teen Pennsylvania Pageant

Macy Nicole Hance, daughter of Bob and Dana Hance of Fairfield, Pa. will be one of the candidates competing for the title of Miss Teen of Pennsylvania at the 2008 State Pageant this weekend in Shippensburg. The winner of the Pageant competition will receive a \$1000 cash scholarship and a \$1000 U.S. Savings bond. The new state titleholder will then also be eligible to compete for the national title of Miss Teen of America and vie for additional scholarships, awards and many other prizes.

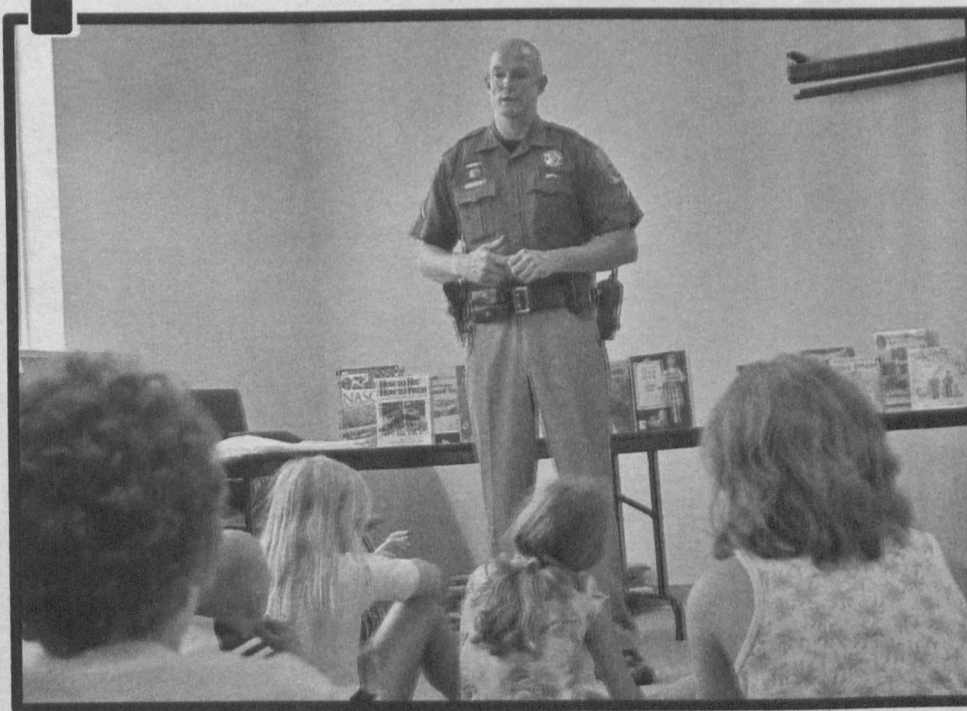
Each state candidate will be scored in five judging categories, which are scholastic records, achievement and service to school and community, personal development of talent and skills, personality projection in formal wear and interview. National pageant founder, Warren Alexander, stated, "This pageant truly represents the young women of the twenty-first century. Sixty percent of the judging involves written resumes detailing each girl's accomplishments, with the strongest single category being her interview with the judges."

Macy will be sponsored in the pageant by the Carriage House Inn, and Briggs Associates, as well as other small local businesses, her friends and family. If you are interested in helping sponsoring her in this wonderful experience send monetary donations to: 1A Fawn Trail, Fairfield, PA 17320.



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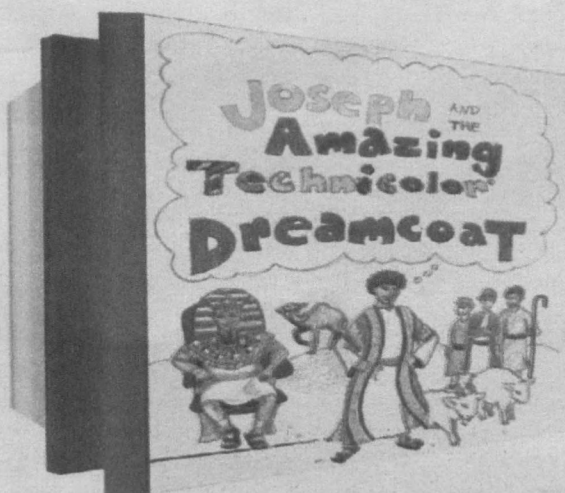
■ James Rada Jr. / The Dispatch

Frederick County Sheriff Deputy John Bartlett wasn't at the Emmitsburg library recently to make an arrest. He spoke to about 20 children from the Emmitsburg Early Learning Center. Bartlett will be putting in an appearance monthly at the library to read to the children as part of their summer reading program. As one of Emmitsburg's community deputies, Bartlett sees this program as a way he can become involved in the community and familiar to the children.


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Randy Hall
David Nash
David Fisher

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Other competitors can still sign up!

🍷 Dinners \$6.50 - 1/4 chicken, applesauce, and potato salad
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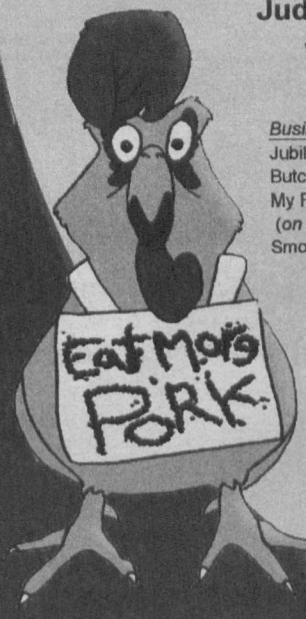
* Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, corn on-the-cob,
drinks (available at 1 p.m.)

* Door prizes every 30 minutes

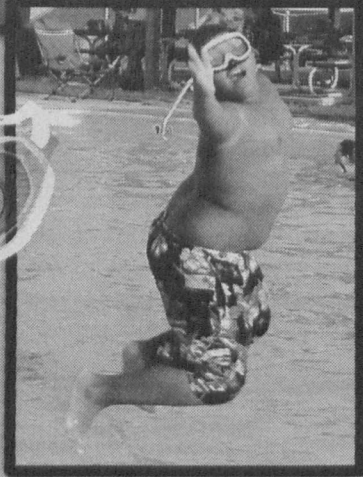
* Live Band... *The Rock & Roll Relics*

* Moon Bounce

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Splish, splash



Families enjoyed the food, fun and swimming at the Emmitsburg pool on July 11, the first of the season. The town sponsors several family and teen pool parties during the summer. The next one will be a teen pool party on Friday, July 25 from 6 - 8 p.m.

■ Photos by Robert A. Rosensteel Sr.

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hero

their nearly four years of active, arduous service in scouting and raiding in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

On June 29, 1863, two days before the opening shots at Gettysburg, at the battle of Fountaindale in Adams County, Oliver Horner and his squad came upon some rebel cavalrymen with 20 stolen horses in their possession. Fifteen out of the 25 Confederates were captured and all of the horses recovered. Horner received special mention, having captured a Rebel officer who was bearing dispatches from Gen. Lee to Gen. Ewell. The dispatches were turned over to Gen. Meade, commander of the Union forces, and were of great importance during the subsequent Battle of Gettysburg.

On July 6, 1864, Oliver Horner, while part of a scouting party sent to seek out Confederate forces advancing on Frederick, came upon them just outside of Middletown. Horner ordered his men to charge and drove the Confederates back. In the Confederate counterattack, Horner's horse was shot and fell upon him. Though his men thought he had been captured, Horner managed to slip away, concealing himself in a small nearby cabin.

Smearing his face and hands with black soot from the fireplace and wearing an old coat and hat belonging to the former occupant of the building, Horner shuffled forth in full view. Long before the Rebs realized they had been duped, Horner was safely in the mountains. He walked to Frederick and reported to headquarters in his unmilitary attire. After procuring suitable clothing and a fresh horse, he returned to action.

Oliver Horner was mustered out of ser-

vice on June 28, 1865, having achieved the rank of major. Back in civilian life in Emmitsburg, his hopes of establishing a family seemed to elude him just as he had eluded the enemy so often during the war.

All the children of his first marriage died in childhood and he lost his beloved wife in 1872, less than five years after their marriage. Bereft of his entire family, Horner threw himself into his labors as a civil servant. He was appointed postmaster of Emmitsburg in 1869 and served in that capacity for over eight years.

In 1878 Horner married Anna Annan, daughter of Dr. Andrew, and finally marital bliss eluded him no longer. Three sons and a daughter were born to this union. In 1882, Horner and his in-laws formed the Annan & Horner Bank, and in 1888, they built the stately bank building which still stands on the northwest corner of the square.

Horner, who had so often eluded his adversaries, was not able to escape the swath of the Grim Reaper. That he died of natural causes in 1897 is truly amazing considering that his was one of the most-active Union cavalry units in the entire war.

The mourners at Horner's funeral in 1897 read like a Who's Who among the military and civil service personnel of the Old Line State. Union veterans performed rituals and furnished exotic floral decorations. It is said the church was filled to capacity and many had to be turned away for lack of room.

To learn more about Major Oliver Horner or other individuals who helped shape Emmitsburg's history, visit the Historical Society section of www.Emmitsburg.net.

Special thanks to John Horner, author of *The Elusive Major Horner* from which material for this article was drawn and John Miller, Emmitsburg Historical Society Civil War Historian and author of the *History of Cole's Cavalry*.



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1st Honors (Straight As)

9th Grade

Alvarez, Roberto
Baker, Miranda
Beall, Brittany
Bodnar, Tyler
Dorsey, Jacqueline
Dower, Megan
Gros, Joseph
Heaton, Nicholas
Hertel, Brandon
Ledger, Shelby
Manning, Elise
Marlow, Rachel
Miller, Tyson
Phillips, Helen
Roelkey, Michael
Routzahn, Landon
Saylor, Shaleigh
Seiss, Todd
Smith, Ashley
Stouter, Brandon
Tressler, Cody
Trevorrow, Alexanne
Tylicki, Benjamin
Wivell, Jennifer

10th Grade

Baseley, Sara
Candela, Rachel
Delauter, Amy
Despeaux, Katie
Deweese, Devan
Eyler, Amy
Eyler, Matthew
Forrence, Alexander
Hertel, David
Hoffman, Jenna
Hogan, Jessica
Kinna, Bridgette
Kruhm, Joshua
Metheny, Hannah
Meunier, Lynly
Moore, Karly
Paguirigan, Jessica
Robinson, Ashley
Shields, Carolyn
Stone, Leah
Sweeney, Kathleen
Sweeney, Kelly
Yeager, Emily

11th Grade

Albright, Justin
Alvarez chaves, Diana
Crowder, Lyndsey
Crum, Karen
Ewing, Graham
Fauconnet, Maria
Fields, Jacob
Geisinger, Breana
Haines, Kimberly
Harris, Constance
Lambert, Jessica

Linker, Andrew
Martin, Rebecca
Miller, Amanda
Roman, Kourtney
Triplett, Kevin
Tumulty, Paul
Wildasin, Josef
Zickefoose, Taylor

12th Grade

Abel, Rebecca
Althoff, Mitchell
Beall, Steven
Beard, Deidre
Benchoff, Ashley
Boyer, Michelle
Brady, Jacqueline
Buckley, Hannah
Cubbedge, Patrick
Delauter, Karen
Engelberg, Rachel
Eyler, Stephanie
Frech, Olivia
Hamrick, Eric
Hemler, Emily
Kidd, Dusty
Kime, Taylor
Kokoski, Heather
Landry, Brandon
Lipscomb, Jessica
Mcfarren, Shirley
Miller, Chelsey
Parker, Ceth
Portier, Joel
Rickerd, Michael
Ridenour, Justin
Ridenour, Samantha
Rissler, Candace
Robinson, Mary
Routzahn, Lane
Shank, Justin
Shields, Katherine
Stackhouse, Tara
Stoner, Kimberly
Thompson, Laura
Thompson, Matthew
Topper, Kassondra
Tylicki, Philip
Whetzel, Amanda

2nd Honors (3.0+ GPA, no Ds or Fs)

9th Grade

Althoff, Kara
Atzrott, Derric
Bachir, Joseph
Baer, Cady
Benjamin, Alison
Bewley, Travis
Bomberger, Courtney
Bostian, Joshua
Bradfield, Cole
Brehm, Ashlea
Burke, Patrick
Burrier, JC

Carter, Austin
Cole, Morgan
Donnelly, Tyler
Ellison, Michael
Farr, Carly
Faust, Elizabeth
Fox, Matthew
Frankel, Catherine
Ganley, Cheyenne
Gelwicks, Chelsea
Georgoff, Meghan
Giffin, John
Gouker, Diana
Grimes, Miranda
Grissom, Katelyn
Heinzl, Brent
Helt, Jennifer
Hemler, Molly
Hobbs, Eric
Hoff, Danielle
Hollinger, Nicole
Howard, Luke
Hurt, Joshua
James, Joan
Kauffman, Bradley
Keller, Logan
Kirsch, Anthony
Krietz, Zachary
Krstanovic, Nickolas
Lambert, Laura
Lenhart, Kayla
Lind, Matthew
Lindahl, Graham
Little, Carrie
Little, Sarah
Long, Kristi
Martinez, Justine
Maxey, Kellam
Maxey, Nicholas
McBreen, Corrine
Merico, Caitlin
Messner, Angela
Metal, Kelley
Miller, Ashley
Miller, Taylor
Myers, Kathleen
Neibecker, Kathleen
Nowaczyk, Craig
O'Neill, Joseph
Odom, Elizabeth
Olson, Priscilla
Parker, Cynthia
Pittinger, Ryan
Rader, Rebecca
Reaver, Sean
Reese, Jessica
Rhodes, Alicia
Rockwood, Timothy
Sanders, Ashleigh
Schray, Elaine
Seltzer, Natasha
Shaffer, Robert
Shook, Adam
Sloane, Tiffany
Smith, Nelson
Snedegar, Thomas
Spahr, Randall

Stansbury, Lauren
Stull, Dylan
Swanson, Melissa
Swomley, Nicholas
Thom, Nicole
Thomas, Brittany
Tomasini, Justin
Trapane, Nicholas
Triplett, Bradey
Waldron, Joshua
Weddle, Brandi
Williams, Nicole
Wivell, Cody
Wolf, Christopher

10th Grade

Adamovicz, Mason
Alvarez, Joseph
Ammenheuser, Chad
Athey, Amanda
Baseley, Samuel
Beard, Shayna
Behrendt, Evan
Biser, Eric
Bishop, Olivia
Bittner, Robert
Boller, Jessica
Borek, Chelsea
Bradshaw, Misti
Brandenburg, Cody
Cavanagh, Amanda
Dabbs, Joseph
Dubois, Jacob
Eastridge, Alyssa
Eidel, Hallie
Eldridge, Jessica
Erfurdt, Kelly
Everhart, Stephanie
Fenner, Rachel
Flanigan, Stacey
Free, Jessica
Fuller, Caitlyn
Gautney, Matthew
Gregory, Breanna
Hildebrand, April
Jacks, Mackenzie
Jewell, Brandon
Jones, Tyler
Kesselring, Ashley
Kline, Amanda
Knott, Chad
Lambert, Kayte
Larsen, Mark
Lee, Jessica
Little, Jessica
Little, Tiffany
Llewellyn, Alexander
Llewellyn, Rachael
Long, Alisha
Long, Carrie
Maly, Kolby
March, Amanda
Marine, Max
Mcguire, Erin
McMahon-rowe, Merhl
Medve, Nicole
Michalik, Michael

Miller, Dale
Nesbitt, Matthew
Nichols, Chloe
Norris, Sarah
O'neil, William
Ohlwiler, Marc
Poole, Lauren
Rebert, James
Roberts, Gerald
Russo, Ashley
Scheider, Ethan
Sheppard, Samantha
Smaldone, Maria
Smith, Ashley
Smith, Samantha
Stouter, Kaitlin
Szabados, Derek
Tremaine, Aidan
Trey, Dustin
Whetzel, Megan
Williams, Kristin
Wobbleton, Daniel
Wright, Katie

11th Grade

Baird, Dillon
Beall, Ashley
Beebe, Amanda
Biser, Jennifer
Bodnar, Robert
Brashears, Laura
Brown, Angela
Brown, Ashley
Bull, Stacy
Burke, Katelyn
Burrier, David
Butler, Samantha
Butler, Tiffany
Carter, Kevin
Chilson, Sean
Cochran, Samantha
Crabill, Wayne
Crawford, Rachael
Crone, Aaron
Delauter, Emily
Derbyshire, Myra
Douglas, Sabrina
Fahnestock, Jared
Farmer-long, Victoria
Fields, Morgan
Ford, Joshua
Free, Tara
Gammie, Christine
Glancey, Christine
Grider, Eleanor
Grimm, Jared
Heaton, Colleen
Henderson, Miranda
Hoke, Michael
Humerick, Amber
Jurkowski, Timothy
Keilholtz, Katelyn
Kelly, Lauren
Krouse, Kimberly
Kuhn, Lauren
Late, Kylie
Lawson, Megan

Lawyer, David
Lebosky, Amber
Lee, Jennifer
Legore, Jamie
Lenhart, Nathan
Lindahl, Grant
Little, Joshua
Little, Shawn
Mcfarland, Scott
Mcgrady, James
Mcgrath, Stephanie
McNair, Chad
Miller, Hannah
Moore, Kersti
Morgan, Amanda
Myers, Robert
Nearing, Katharine
Nietner, Anna
O'Brien, Chelsey
Orndorff, Jaime
Ott, Sarah
Poole, Michaela
Puvell, Lindsay
Reckley, Jessica
Rej, Thomas
Rice, Taylor
Richards, Rebecca
Ricketts, Kyle
Rippeon, Randi
Rowe, Nicole
Sabine, Michele
Sanders, Crystal
Savage, Linda
Scalese, Jonathan
Shafer, Ashley
Sier, Robert
Smith, Bryan
Snyder, Emily
Steiner, Kristy
Stone, Miriah
Torgerson, Nicholas
Tregoning, Jacob
Triplett, Brett
Triplett, Christopher
Urian, Megan
Valentine, Lacey
Viers, Eric
Watson, John
Weagley, Ariel
Wilt, Bradley
Wivell, Charity
Wivell Kelsey
Wobbleton, Amanda
Wolfe, Michael
Yingling, Elizabeth
Yoak, Tyler

12th Grade

Baer, Rachel
Baseley, Brett
Becker, Sarah
Benjamin, Hilliary
Blake, Hilary
Borek, Matthew
Bowers, Emily

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Honors

Buhrman, David
 Bushman, John
 Cartee, Megan
 Chmelik, Brittany
 Cool, Elyssa
 Cool, Randy
 Cool, Richard
 Dellinger, Paul
 Doyle, Darrel
 Eaves, Andrew
 Eckenrode, Bryan
 Edleblute, Rebecca
 Ehman, Kaitlyn
 Fogle, Devan
 Fogle, Stephanie
 Ford, Kathleen
 Franklin, Stephanie
 Georgoff, Stephanie
 Guariglia, Michael
 Hagelin, Julie
 Haller, Heather
 Hamilton, Kevin
 Hashemzadeh-irani, Margaret

Hayes, Sara
 Hays, Kaitlyn
 Heidel, Megan
 Hogan, Erin
 Jacobsen, Dana
 Lawyer, Mary
 Little, Zachary
 Manahan, Kassandra
 Miller, Amanda
 Miller, Amanda
 Miller, Daniel
 Miller, Stephanie
 Mullennex, Courtney
 Munday, Joshua
 Murray, Rachel
 Murrell, Ryan
 Myers, Taylor
 Opel, Kayla
 Owens, Stephen
 Price, Phillip
 Reynolds, Brian
 Rivera, Jessie
 Roche, Julianne
 Rubeling-kain, Jury

Sanders, Kyle
 Scharp, Benjamin
 Shuff, Kirstin
 Smith, Kaitlyn
 Spahr, Molly
 Squires, Catherine
 Stotler, Jennifer
 Stottlemyer, David
 Sweeney, Adam
 Thomas, Bradley
 Tibbs, Gerald
 Tomasini, Taylor
 Toms, Taylor-shae
 Topper, Sarah
 Tyeryar, Jaclyn
 Tyeryar, Jessica
 Unger, Travis
 Vaughn, Dwayne
 Watt, Tyler
 Weikert, Amber
 Whetzel, Daniel
 Wiles, Bradley
 Willard, Sarah
 Wilt, Ryan
 Wivell, Carrie
 Wold, Elizabeth
 Wolf, Johnathan
 Wurdeman, Ryan

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Looking Back

gardner; historian, Everett Chrismer and Trustee, William E. Sanders. Judges of election were Jack Rosensteel, Thomas Saylor, C.C. Combs, Richard J. McCullough and Gerald Ryder.

Delegates to the State Convention are: Charles B. Harner, Curtis Topper, Floyd Manning, Joseph Rodgers and Prof. Richard J. McCullough.

Two new members, Bernard Seltzer and Joseph Shorb, were accepted into membership.

It was voted to donate \$100 to the Emmitsburg Water Company for getting water into the Little League Park.

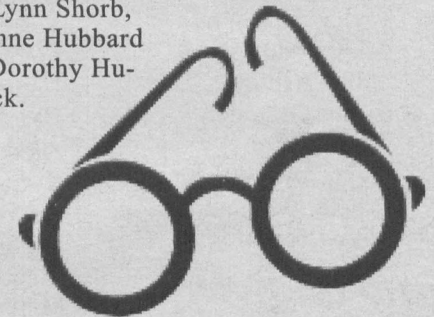
Harold Hoke, commander of the local FVW. Post, presented an award for community service. This award was presented through national headquarters.

It was decided to suspend dances on Friday evening's after the next two engagements which are July 4 and 11.

Girl Scouts Visit Cities

The Emmitsburg Girl Scouts visited last week in Harrisburg and Hershey, Pa. In Harrisburg, the Scouts visited the capitol building and the Pennsylvania State Museum. In Hershey, they

visited the Rose Gardens, the Hershey Chocolate factory, and the amusement park and zoo. The trip was chaperoned by Mrs. George Baker, Mrs. Margaret Myers, Mrs. Doris Winebrenner, and the Misses Theresa Rybikowsky, Jean Topper and Patricia Sprinkle. The following Scouts participated in the outing: Connie and Sharon Baker, Linda Bucher, Jeannie Myers, Jeannie Chrismer, Stephe Baker, Linda Lou Myers, Rebecca and Susan Haley, Linda and Betty Smith, Gwen Shorb, Jean Marie Herring, Gertrude Rosensteel, Danielle Topper, Theresa Kelly, Dianne Topper, Lynn Shorb, Suzanne Hubbard and Dorothy Hummerick.



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