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## Emmitsburg, prepare to be liberated!

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — On Saturday, Sept. 20, Emmitsburg will need saving and only American troops will be able to liberate the town from the Nazis.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Military Police Platoon 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne and 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Parachute Battalion (totalling about 26 vehicles and at least 60 soldiers) will march and drive north on South Seton Avenue and through the town square to St. Joseph's Church. They will capture German troops belonging to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gebirgsjager Division.

The 15-minute event will be designed to look like the liberation of a French town with a name similar to Emmitsburg in August 1944. The platoon will liberate the town on their way to the Eisenhower National Historic Site to participate in their WWII weekend event. Then they will stop next to St. Joseph's Catholic Church to meet and talk with residents.

"This is a fun way for us to drive to the Eisenhower event and everyone really likes it," said Bob Buker, the event organizer. "Last year was

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## Emmitsburg baseball and softball begin planning for next year



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The Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball League will hold a meeting on Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. to elect new officers for the 2009 season. The meeting will be in the Emmitsburg Senior Center, which is in the lower level of the Emmitsburg Community Center. All members of the community are encouraged to attend the meeting and become an active league member. Volunteers do not have to be parents of one of the players.

## Plan nearly ready to go to board

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Emmitsburg Comprehensive Plan is nearly ready to go to the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners for their review and approval. The final plan will be the guiding document for the growth and development of Emmitsburg for the next 20 years.

"Our board is 99.99 percent complete with the plan," said Larry Little, Emmitsburg Planning Commission chairman.

The commission will hold a public hearing on its version of the plan on Monday, Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. At that time, interested parties can speak on what they like or don't like about the plan. The draft plan can be reviewed at the town office or on the town's Web site at [www.emmitsburgmd.gov](http://www.emmitsburgmd.gov).

Little said the commission is glad that the plan is nearly ready to go to the town commissioners.

"They're glad it's over," he said. "It's been a long drawn-out process."

The planning commission will take comments from the public hearing and make any final adjustments to the plan by Sept. 29. At that point, they hope to

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## Emmitsburg crime on the rise, Thurmont's falling

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Though one of the smaller municipalities in Frederick County, Emmitsburg's crime rate was higher than any other town's in the county except for New Market and Frederick City.

The recently released "Crime in Maryland: 2007 Uniform Crime Report" shows that Emmitsburg's crime rate for 2007 is 3017.6, the number of major crimes per 100,000 residents. By looking at the crime rate, comparisons can be made between different size towns and towns with changing populations. Emmitsburg's 2007 rate represents a 63-percent increase over 2006 and a 138-percent increase since 2004.

"It's concerning, but given the reports we've been hearing from the deputies lately, it's not surprising," said Mayor James Hoover.

Frederick County Sheriff Chuck Jenkins said there has definitely been an increase in crime in the county. Last year, in particular, there was a series of copper thefts in the area that added to Emmitsburg's crime numbers.

"Any time there's an increase in crime, I'm concerned, especially if it's in violent crime, aggravated assault and theft," Jenkins said.

Last year, larceny theft made up about 75 percent of the town's 72 major crimes and the trend seems to be continuing. Hoover believes the sluggish economy has been a factor.

"More and more people are forced to do things they don't normally do and those that would normally do it are doing it more often," he said.

Last year, the town had 72 major crimes, which puts it on par with Thurmont and Walkersville, both towns more than twice Emmitsburg's size.

"We as citizens need to be looking out for one another and calling 911 if we see something. You can stay anonymous, but you need to make the call," he said.

Cpl. Jennifer Bailey with the FCSO agreed, saying, "Many times citizens are our eyes and ears with what's going on."

Thurmont, in contrast to Emmitsburg, has been seeing a decreasing crime rate between 2004 and 2007 and at the same time maintaining the highest clearance rate among police agencies in the county.

Police Chief Greg Eyler said the two factors work together because solving a case acts as a deter-

rent to crime.

"What helps us is that more citizens are getting involved with reporting crime and helping us solve them," Eyler said.

Thurmont's crime rate of 1,264.0 is significantly lower than Brunswick and slightly higher than Walkersville, the two Frederick County towns closest to the same size as Thurmont. Overall, Thurmont has the fourth-lowest crime rate in the county behind Rosemont, Myersville and Walkersville.

"I believe we've been able to reduce crime because we have an

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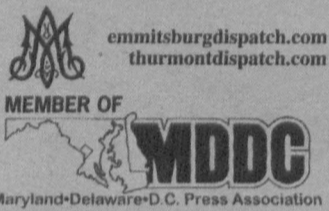
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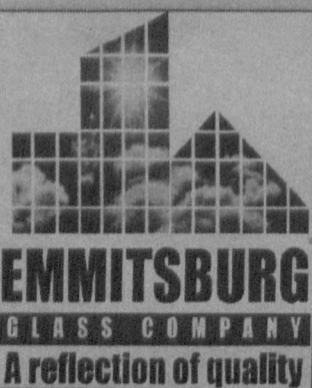
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**In trying times, we should trust in God**

I am writing about a recent article about the foreclosure rates in Emmitsburg and Thurmont being on par with other towns. It's sad that many families have and will lose their homes. Not only is there rising concern about the housing crisis, many are fearful over our country's economic crisis, failing banks and prices that seem to steadily rise. Things we thought secure are being shaken, some are falling.

God is greater than these hard times and the world we live in. His promises are secure. God offers us a peace that is not based on the world around us. It is the peace with God of a heart rightly related to Him through Jesus Christ. Sin separates us from God. But God sent Jesus

to die on the cross to bear the punishment for our sins. He rose from the dead. God offers forgiveness to all those who will turn from their sin and put their trust in Him. Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

No amount of turmoil, hard times or economic crisis can separate those who will put their trust in Jesus from His love. His peace and His hope are for all eternity.

Janice Airey  
Taneytown

**McCain's her man**

I am writing in response to Bernie Kaufhold's letter regarding John McCain. I too live in Emmitsburg and you are not alone in your support for McCain. He is a true American hero and I feel that he is the right man to be our next President. I want someone who has experience to be my leader. I feel that McCain is hon-

est in his campaign and despite his age, he has a lot to offer this country. I pledge to support him during his presidential run and come November he has my vote.

Lauren McCloskey  
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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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**Archdiocese weighs in again on Gianna's visions**

*Editor's Note: The Archdiocese of Baltimore issued this statement to The Dispatch on Aug. 31.*

In 2003, the Archdiocese of Baltimore issued a decree stating that the alleged visions of Dr. Gianna Sullivan were not supernatural in origin. This followed an extensive study by a commission comprised of experts in the field of theology and canon law who interviewed several individuals, including Dr. Sullivan, and who examined approximately 600 pages of testimony and other documentation. The commission's finding was based, in part, on the fact that many of the messages were apocalyptic in nature, placed undue emphasis on future destruction, and called for great and miraculous signs—all of which are incompatible with tradition and teachings of the Catholic Church. This decree was issued by Cardinal William H. Keeler, who is now the retired Archbishop of Baltimore, with the approval of then-Car-

dinal Josef Ratzinger, Prefect of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, to give guidance to Catholics in the Archdiocese—many of whom were awaiting word from the Church as to the supernatural nature of the messages delivered by Dr. Sullivan. It is regrettable that any confusion remains for Catholics in the Archdiocese, who need only read the decree to understand the Church's position on this matter. It clearly articulates the Church's belief that the alleged visions of Dr. Sullivan are not supernatural in origin. To alleviate confusion among Catholics, the decree further prohibits any public activity related to the alleged visions from occurring in the churches, oratories, and other properties of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. There is no apparent evidence that this prohibition has been violated.

**Testing should have proved Gianna fake or not**

The Catholic Church has always been slow and often faltering in the evaluation of mystical experiences. Lourdes and Fatima, and the visions and messages of (now Saint) Faustina are relatively recent examples.

In the case of Gianna Sullivan, the Church authorities seem to be hesitating to reveal information that may be supportive to the authenticity of her visions and messages. Several years ago Church authorities asked her to undergo psychiatric and neurological testing at a major university but to my knowledge, the results have not been made public. As a psychiatrist, I know that the testing would include EEG brain wave recordings as well as psychological testing to identify fraudulence or mental illness. Furthermore, the brain waves of a person in ecstasy are unique. The

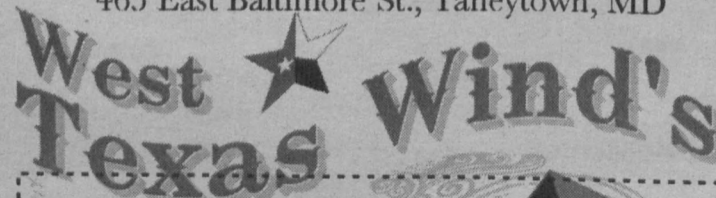
only approximation would be the brain waves of a person in a coma.

It seems likely that if there had been evidence of fraudulence or mental illness, it would have been used against Gianna by those Church authorities who have spoken against her. Since this has not been the case, it seems logical to assume that the testing was consistent with what is known scientifically, about the nature of mystical experiences.

The fact that scientific testing apparently did not rule out, and may have supported the authenticity of Gianna's experiences is just one more reason to set aside prejudice, and consider the possibility that God has something to tell us through His current day messenger.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Election to be unopposed

EMMITSBURG, Md. – Emmitsburg Mayor James Hoover and Commission President Chris Staiger won't have any competition for re-election. They are the only ones on the ballot for their respective offices.

The town election is on Tuesday, Sept. 30 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the old town office at 22 East Main Street.

This will be Hoover's third term as mayor and Staiger's second term as a town commissioner.

- J. Rada

### Town receives Emmits portrait

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The only known portrait of one of Emmitsburg's founding family now hangs in the meeting room of the Emmitsburg Town Commissioners. Michael Hillman with the Greater Emmitsburg Area Historical Society, presented the portrait of William Cole Emmit, son of Emmitsburg founder William Emmit, to the commissioners during their Sept. 2 town meeting.

Hillman had one caution to the commissioners, which was that

though the portrait is believed to be that of Emmit through circumstantial evidence, there still remains no definite proof. However, lacking such proof, at this time, Hillman believes the portrait is of Emmit.

- J. Rada

### Residents can pay bills online

EMMITSBURG, Md. – Emmitsburg residents now have one more way to pay their town bills—the Internet.

Since August 13, the Emmitsburg website has allowed for residents to pay their water, sewer and trash bills online. The town partnered with TPro, LLC, and the site, [payments.tprosecure.com/md/emmitsburg/paymentcenter/paymenta.asp](http://payments.tprosecure.com/md/emmitsburg/paymentcenter/paymenta.asp), claims, "processing your payments has never been easier" and that the service is a "simple and secure online payment service."

Seven "simple steps" are carried out during the process. Residents select the bill they are paying, enter their account number, address and payment amount before verifying the payment and receiving a confirmation and receipt of payment.

For more information on and to use the new feature, visit [www.emmitsburg.net/towngov/index.htm](http://www.emmitsburg.net/towngov/index.htm)

and click on the bills online link to proceed to the appropriate page.

- S. Long

### Changes made to election rules

EMMITSBURG, Md. – In an attempt to clear up any issues prior to Emmitsburg impending Sept. 30 election, the town council made a minor revision to its election regulation code at the Aug. 18 city council meeting.

Initially the code contradicted itself in two separate sections concerning the date a candidate must file for office and the date a candidate must disclose their finances. It stated: "All candidates for mayor and commissioners shall file written application for candidacy with the town clerk no later than twenty-one (21) business days prior to the date of the election" in Section 2.28.030, but in section 2.28.110 it contradicted itself, stating "An initial disclosure of the information required by this section shall be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to the election..."

The code will now require filing candidates to file a financial disclosure within seven days of their filing for candidacy.

- S. Long

## Town trash service ask for fuel surcharge to offset cost

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The president of Key Sanitation, the company that is contracted to collect Emmitsburg waste, petitioned the board at the August 18 city council meeting to add a fuel surcharge onto the current contract to help the company offset rising costs.

Bob Clark, president of Key Sanitation, asked the council to add a 15-percent fuel surcharge to the contract, citing the needed for the surcharge to help cover the cost of rising diesel costs.

Clark said that if the town granted his request to add the surcharge he would be willing to adjust the surcharge in the future by 2 percent if diesel cost lowered by

15 percent. Since 1999 Key Sanitation has been the hauler for Emmitsburg and has never request a fuel surcharge, Clark added.

But the town was not quick to add the surcharge. Town Manager David Haller, requested that the "staff take the request and write a recommendation" and then come back to the board for consideration at a later time. Board president Christopher Stagier agreed with Haller, as did Mayor James Hoover.

Hoover suggested holding a closed session at a later date to discuss the matter, to which the council agreed. The date of the session has yet to be determined.

- S. Long

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vote to approve the draft to be presented to the town commissioners.

"Depending on what they do with it, the plan could come to us as early as our meeting on Oct. 6," said Mayor James Hoover.

He said the commissioners will need to refamiliarize themselves with the plan, but he doesn't expect any contentious issues.

"I don't foresee us taking an excessive amount of time with it," Hoover said. "I would hope we take the time necessary, though."

He said he would guess it would take four or five meetings to work through everything and approve the plan. On this schedule, the new plan could be in effect by the new year.

However, because this plan took so long to approve, town officials will only be able to rest a couple years before beginning work on the next update.

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fantastic. Everybody there was so awestruck with the participation in the town." He added that the word-of-mouth excitement generated by the participants is why almost twice as many re-enactors will be participating in this year's event.

Activities will begin at 10 a.m. Residents are encouraged to line the street similar to how the French welcomed the American troops. The soldiers will also give the children candy and gum as they would have done in 1944. The re-enactors will also arrange to have people handing the soldiers French bread, flowers, cheese and wine (sparkling apple cider). Buker also obtained 25 original WWII French and U.S. 48-star flags that residents

can wave at the liberating troops.

"They came off of a ship that was bringing home the troops in 1945. A soldier climbed up the mast and cut the rope to get the flags as a souvenir," Buker wrote in an e-mail.

Banners that read "Vive Les Americans!" and "Vive Les Libérateurs" will be hung along the route.

Buker also said that the participation of Mount St. Mary's University's French program helped lend authenticity to last year's event.

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adequately sized police force that is full time," said Thurmont Mayor Martin Burns. "That's a significant

deterrent to crime that other towns with part-time policing don't have."

Thurmont Police also closed half of the 77 major crimes the town had last year, which is high-

er than other police agencies in the county.

"You certainly wouldn't want to commit a violent crime in Thurmont compared to some other places," Burns said.

### CRIME RATES AND INCIDENTS IN NORTHERN FREDERICK COUNTY

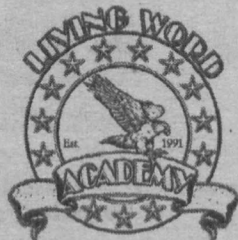
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## VHC, Rocky Ridge recognized for seatbelt usage

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Vigilant Hose Company and Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company were among the Frederick County fire companies that received recognition for their efforts to ensure firefighter safety by making sure that firefighters used safety belts.

"It's been proven that deaths have occurred because firefighters weren't wearing seatbelts," said VHC Chief Chris Stahley.

At a ceremony on Aug. 27 at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial, Frederick County firefighters and rescue personnel were recognized for using their seatbelts in emergency vehicles.

Burt Clark, who has led the push for greater seatbelt use, praised the volunteers and career personnel for setting an example for companies nationwide. Clark started the seatbelt pledge drive to Christopher Brian Hunton, a Texas firefighter who died in 2005 when he fell out of a fire truck responding to an alarm.

"This was the first time the certificates were awarded in front of the memorial on the campus.

Since we were honoring our local people, I thought it would be fitting," he said.

In 2007, 27 firefighters were killed in vehicle crashes. In the 19 fatalities in which seat belt status was known, 11 firefighters weren't wearing their seatbelts, according to the USFA's annual report.

Stahley said his company has been pushing seatbelt usage for awhile. He said he had no problem getting any of his firefighters to sign the seatbelt pledge and, in fact, the company is 100 percent compliant. "Our officers police pretty hard before we even pull out," Stahley said. "They usually don't have to say anything because everyone's already using their seatbelts."

Besides Vigilant Hose Company and Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company, the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services, Independent Hose Company, Junior Fire Company, Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue, Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company, Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company, Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company, Wolfsville Volunteer Fire Company and Urbana Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company also received recognition.

## Emmitsburg town manager celebrates 10 years

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — When Dave Haller became the Emmitsburg town manager 10 years ago, he wasn't long on the job before the town had to secure a \$40,000 loan just to make payroll.

"When Dave and I came to the town government, the town was not in the best financial situation," said Mayor James Hoover.

But that was then. This is now.

As Haller celebrates 10 years at the helm of the town, he also can be proud of 10 years of budgets that have been able to reduce the town's debt while still staying in the black.

"I've been able to apply a business practicality to the way the town runs that wasn't there before," Haller said.

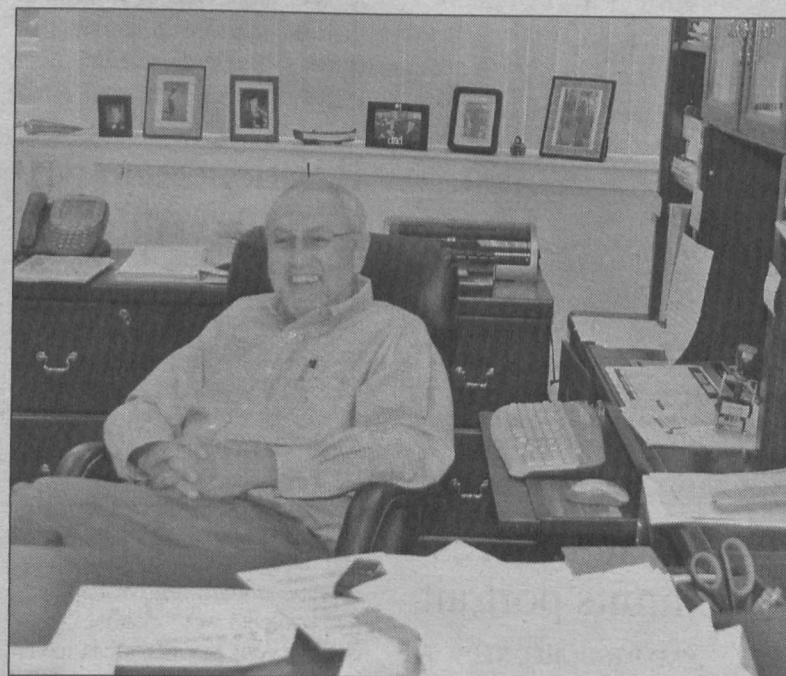
Haller was originally a commissioner in 1998, beating out Hoover for the seat. However, after only a couple months in office, he moved from Emmitsburg and resigned his seat.

"My wife wanted our son to attend high school in Walkersville or Myersville," Haller said.

So the Hallers moved to Walkersville. Then when Haller's wife heard about the job opening for the town manager position, she told her husband. Haller applied, thinking it was a way he could still be involved with the town he had grown to love.

"I was thinking this would be a half-time job...surprise!" Haller said.

Since becoming a town employee, it seems like a lot of his work has centered around water and sewer issues, which Haller's



- JAMES RADA JR. / THE DISPATCH

Emmitsburg Town Manager Dave Haller has been at the helm of the town for a decade. Much of that time, he has spent improving the town's water and sewer system and the town's financial situation.

background in civil engineering and surveying helps him with.

He has helped secure funding for a new sewer plant, established new water and sewer fee schedules, made the water and sewer system into enterprise funds, helped negotiate the water contract with Mount St. Mary's University for additional water usage, established the tap fee schedule, worked to get the National Fire Academy to pay tap fees for their campus expansion, worked to enhance the town water and sewer capacity and added land to the town watershed.

"It has had a lot to do with water and sewer because we really are a water and sewer company," Haller said.

He said he has enjoyed the

work because it is different every day. He enjoys being able to help people and being able to plan for the town's growth.

"When I do leave, I kinda want things to be on auto-pilot and have the next person not have to leap into the fire," Haller said.

Hoover, who got his own start in politics with Haller's resignation, said, "Although he and I do not always agree on everything, I do appreciate Dave's diligence on a project. He's thorough and thinks through long-term implications."

The two things Haller hopes to accomplish in the future are to bring additional water capacity online for the town and to get the town's comprehensive plan approved.

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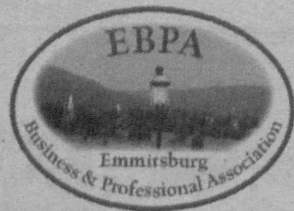
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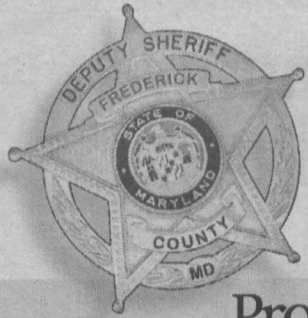
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### Providing community service

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Several issues ago, I wrote an article detailing the Victim Services Unit of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office and what they can provide for the community. Periodically, I want to highlight different units/sections of the Sheriff's Office, to make citizens aware of the assistance and help they can obtain. This article highlights the Community Services Section of the Sheriff's Office.

The Community Services Section falls under the Administrative Division of the Sheriff's Office, and has two full-time deputies and one part-time civilian in the section. In addition to these personnel, the section also runs the Community Assistance Patrol (CAP). The CAP unit consists of 20 uniformed volunteers that assist with various duties in order to free up patrol deputies for more serious calls

for service.

The Community Services Section is responsible for providing educational information to the public such as: teaching stranger danger, firearms safety (Eddie Eagle Program), identity theft, senior programs, internet safety, and other courses that patrol deputies do not have the time to teach. In addition, the section works closely with the Frederick County S.A.L.T. Council (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) and the Project Life Saver Program (a monitoring program for children with Autism). The section is also responsible for Neighborhood Watch groups within the county. Personnel in this section participate in many state level training events and activities that focus on crime prevention. The Community Services Section also represents the Sheriff's Office by serving on many crime prevention boards and committees at the county and state level.

The Community Services Section regularly attends com-

munity and civic functions representing the Sheriff's Office. Food and Friends groups often request personnel from this section to attend and speak to groups of seniors about various services the Sheriff's Office offers to them, such as the 911-phone program.

This section also conducts home and business security surveys to all county residents. These security surveys help detect vulnerable areas on homes and businesses where theft or burglary may be easier done. Suggestions to improve security are given to help ward off would-be thieves and burglars.

The Community Services Section is ready and willing to assist with any problems or needs that fall within their area of expertise. If you would like more information about the services this section of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office provides, contact Cpl. Tom Johann at [tjohann@fredco-md.net](mailto:tjohann@fredco-md.net) or DFC Kevin White at (301) 600-2167.

## Emmitsburg had one firefighter death in 2007

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Emmitsburg had one firefighter death in 2007, but he wasn't from Emmitsburg.

Michael Sowich, a volunteer with the New Hartford Fire Department in New York died of unknown causes on March 2, 2007. He was attending the New York State Weekend at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg and was found dead in his dorm room.

Sowich is one of the 118 firefighters listed in the United States Fire Administration's *Firefighter Fatalities in the United States in 2007*. The report continues a series of annual studies by the USFA of on-duty firefighter fatalities in the United States. The USFA is the single public agency source of information for all on-duty firefighter fatalities in the United States each year.

"One of the greatest challenges we face as a fire service is to stop the needless deaths of firefighters while in service to their communities," United States Fire Administrator Greg Cade said. "Every day and across this nation, firefighters are responding to emergencies that threaten the lives of their

residents. These same threats also threaten the lives of firefighters. Unfortunately, we all lost far too many firefighters in 2007."

During calendar year 2007, there were 118 firefighters who lost their lives while on duty across the United States.

Maryland lost one firefighter (Sowich is considered a New York firefighter). Racheal Michelle Wilson, a paramedic apprentice with the Baltimore City Fire Department died after being severely burned during a

live fire training exercise.

The National Fallen Firefighter Foundation maintains the list of firefighters who die in the line-of-duty and are honored during the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend held each October in Emmitsburg.

For a copy of the report, visit [www.usfa.dhs.gov/fire-service/fatalities/statistics/report.shtm](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fire-service/fatalities/statistics/report.shtm)

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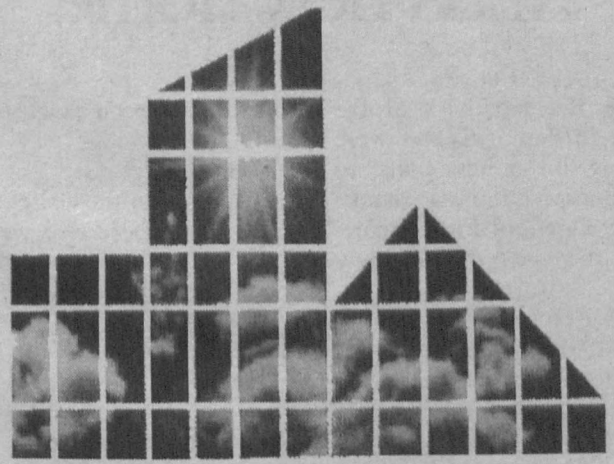
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## REGIONAL NEWS

## Fairfield Senior Center finds new home

FAIRFIELD, Pa. — Last month the members of the Fairfield Senior Center were looking for a new place to call home, but now, thanks to the Fairfield Fire Department, they've found that new home.

Bob Holmes, president of the Fairfield Senior Center, said the board of directors divided up and went looking for space at churches and other building in the Fairfield area. They looked into renting space from the borough office and fire hall and decided on the hall.

"It was a little more suitable to our needs," Holmes said.

The center uses part of the fire hall for the center and since being there two weeks have thoroughly enjoyed their new home, Holmes said.

The new center is now located at the Fairfield Fire Hall, 106 Steelman St., Fairfield. Those with question about activities at the new center may call Cheryl Kulkusky, the site director, at (717) 642-9802.

- S. Long

## Carroll Valley works to improve employee retirement plan

BY JAMES RADA JR.  
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CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. — The retirement plan for Carroll Valley Borough employees is "pretty pathetic", according to one councilman. The council agrees that the plan needs to be improved, but they are not in agreement as to how to do it.

The current retirement plan takes the average annual salary of an employee's final three years of employment with the borough and pays the employee 1 percent of that amount for each year of service up to 30 percent.

There is also no cost-of-living adjustment. Police can get up to 50 percent of their salary and retire after 25 years of service.

Borough Manager Dave Hazlett presented one option to the council during a recent meeting. It would double the

amount a non-uniformed employee could receive and improve the police retirement plan in other non-monetary ways.

Hazlett said that improving the retirement plan was important because employees don't come to work for the borough for high pay, but for the benefits and knowing that "you'll (the council) take care of them."

Though the enhanced retirement plan would mean additional costs for the borough, Hazlett also suggested a place where the personnel budget could be cut more than the new plan would cost.

He told the council that "a retirement of a long-time staffer might just provide the savings needed." The borough has been planning for the retirement of one staff person whose salary and benefits amount to nearly \$59,000.

Since her replacement is already on staff, a replacement won't need to be hired, which

frees up that money.

Hazlett said the salary savings would more than offset the additional \$35,940 needed to enhance the retirement program.

Council member Bill Reinke had concerns that "having a one-size-fits-all retirement plan for a diverse group of people" might not be the best way to go.

He also worried that the state retirement plan, which the enhanced borough retirement plan would be part of, was trending toward insolvency.

The council decided to send Hazlett's proposal to the finance committee. They will review it and make their own recommendations to the borough council.

The council will then have the final say on what, if anything, the borough will do about its employee retirement plan.

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## Bike club sponsors Civil War ride

THURMONT, Md. — Bicyclists from Maryland and other states will participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil War Century event visit-

ing the Civil War battlefield parks of Anititam, South Mountain and Gettysburg while enjoying beautiful scenery, historical sites and low traffic roads. The Baltimore Bicycling Club will hold the ride on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> which includes five routes from 25 to 105 miles in length. The marked courses range from long and mountainous to straight and flat, allowing cyclists of all skill level to participate.

The majority of the 1,600 riders come from central Maryland but the group also contains riders from other states, near and far. Most of the cyclists challenge themselves to the 105-mile ride traveling through Myersville, Sabillasville, and Emmitsburg in Frederick County; Sharpsburg, Keedysville, Boonsboro, and Smithsburg in Washington County; and Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Gettysburg, and Barlow in Adams County. This ride is the longest ride and includes four mountain climbs equaling 7,400 feet in climbing.

Riders can rest in Gathland State Park, Loy's Station Park, and the

volunteer fire stations in Mt. Aetna, Fairfield, and Barlow, where food and drinks are available. The BBC makes contributions to these supporting organizations and is also making a donation to the Thurmont Food Bank this year.

Early cyclists will depart Thurmont shortly after daybreak, and return in late afternoon. Check-in for riders will begin at 7 a.m. and continue through 10 a.m. for riders on the shorter routes. After the ride there will be a picnic with food and entertainment. The BBC would also like to remind riders that Maryland and Pennsylvania laws treat bicycles as vehicles and normal traffic rules and regulations apply.

The BBC was started in 1967 and has over 1700 members. The mission of the club is to promote and sponsor bicycling activities in Baltimore City and neighboring Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard counties. The BBC also promotes, defends, and protects the rights of bicyclists. For more information visit their website at [www.baltobikeclub.org](http://www.baltobikeclub.org).

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## World War II Weekend at Eisenhower National Historic Site

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — On September 20-21, the National Park Service will sponsor a World War II living history weekend at the Eisenhower National Historic Site. An authentic recreation of both Allied and German army camps, complete with original World War II vehicles, will be set up on the site. Over 100 living history enthusiasts will portray military personnel from the European Theater in 1944.

Living history volunteers will present programs on World War II medical services, weapons and equipment, communications, military vehicles, and the life of the common G.I. A mock Army Air Force bomber squadron mission

briefing will be presented. Dozens of World War II vehicles will be on display.

Several featured guest speakers, all veterans of World War II, will give talks on their war time experiences.

In addition to living history and talks by veterans, an educational and entertaining feature will be provided for younger visitors. The Aces Museum for Minority World War II Veterans will present several puppet shows for children. The puppet programs focus on the contributions made to the war effort made by various minority groups. These will be presented at half past the hour from 9:30 a.m. to

4:30 p.m. both days.

Saturday night there will be a World War II style "USO" dance held at the U.S. Army Reserve Center at 1200 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg. The dance, which takes place from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., will feature 1940s big band music by the Gettysburg Big Band and is open to the public. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door.

The encampment will be open to the public Saturday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact the Eisenhower National Historic Site at (717) 338-9114 or visit the web site at [www.nps.gov/eise](http://www.nps.gov/eise).

## Gettysburg Park Museum considers imposing fees

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — The National Park Service (NPS) and the Gettysburg Foundation have released a proposal for public comment to collect a single admission fee to all the venues at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. The single admission charge would cover the museum exhibits, "A New Birth of Freedom" film, and the restored Cyclorama Painting. The fee would be collected by the Foundation, to cover the cost of operations of the museum facility. Admission to the Visitor Center portion of the facility and other visitor opportunities in the park would remain free.

The proposed fee for the three combined venues would be less than the current fees structure for the theater and Cyclorama programs—from \$12 per adult for the film and Cyclorama program to \$7.50 per adult for the museum galleries, the film, and the Cyclorama program, with additional discounts for student and adult groups, and youths.

"Although this proposal increases the cost of a visit to Gettysburg NMP by those visitors who would not choose to experience either the theater or the Cyclorama program, it does provide the majority of our visitors with a better visitor experience,

by making the theater and Cyclorama programs more affordable," said Gettysburg NMP Superintendent John A. Latschar. "In essence, the proposal spreads the burden of supporting the new facility across a wider percentage of park visitors."

Long-term agreements between the NPS and the Foundation require the Foundation to operate the Museum and Visitor Center on behalf of the NPS for 20 years at no cost to the NPS. The Foundation's annual operating budget for the Museum and Visitor Center depends upon three primary sources of revenues: commissions from sales in the museum store, commissions from sales in the museum café, known as the Refreshment Saloon, and ticket revenues from the film theaters and Cyclorama program.

To date, the museum store, operated by Event Network under contract to the Gettysburg Foundation, is performing ahead of projections. The Refreshment Saloon, operated by Aramark under contract to the Gettysburg Foundation, is performing slightly below projections. The film theaters, however, are operating well short of projections. On an annualized basis, the theaters are operating \$1,784,780 short of projections

— well below the percentages necessary to allow the Foundation to meet its financial obligations to the bank, for adequate operations and maintenance of the facility, to meet its reserve requirements, or to meet its donation requirements to the NPS.

During the first four months of operation of the new facility, the percentage of visitors choosing to view the film has ranged from 18 percent to 24 percent. The Foundation's pro formas were based on 33 percent of the visitors choosing to buy tickets.

The proposal is available on the park's website, [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett). The opportunity for the public comment extends for 30 days, ending Sept. 29. In addition, a public workshop has been scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg, to present information and answer questions from the public.

Interested members of the public may comment in writing to the Superintendent, Gettysburg National Military Park, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Suite 100, Gettysburg, PA 17325, or by e-mail to [GETT\\_Superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:GETT_Superintendent@nps.gov). All comments must be received by Sept. 29.

## Pennsylvania Police draw-up agreements

CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. — The police departments of four Adams County municipalities are making plans to work together to ease jurisdictional problems.

Police Chief Richard L. Hileman, presides over the Carroll Valley Police Department, said the agreements being drawn-up will be jurisdictional agreements that will allow officers from the four municipalities, Carroll Valley, Hamiltonban, Fairfield and Liberty, to aid each other if necessary.

Currently only state-wide agreements are in place, meaning that if an officer from Carroll Valley is travel-

ing through Hamiltonban and pulls a drive over for a violation, he must call in a Hamiltonban officer to write the ticket. The new Jurisdictional agreements would change this process, allowing the Carroll Valley Officer the right to issue the ticket himself without calling in a Hamiltonban officer.

Hileman did stress that the aim of the jurisdictional agreements is to simplify the process of dealing with issues in other municipalities for officers and that the police departments will not become a regional police force or take over calls from other municipalities.

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## 33rd Annual MountainFest in Sabillasville

SABILLASVILLE, Md. — The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual MountainFest will be held October 11 and 12 at Sabillasville Elementary School, located on Rt. 550, six miles north of Thurmont in Sabillasville, Maryland. Festival hours are 8:30 a.m. — 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. — 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission and parking are free.

The event features vendors offering regional crafts, art, jewelry, antiques, children's activities, agricultural produce and baked goods. Traditional country foods

are served inside to include homemade soups and ham sandwiches. Antietam Dairy will spoon up ice cream outside. Music will be provided by the gospel group, "Catoctin Promise Band" on Saturday and country/bluegrass group, "Just Plain Country Plus" on Sunday. Animal exhibits include alpacas, dog obedience demos by Blue Ridge Summit K-9 Center and emus from Old Orchard Emu Farm. Sunday features a popular juried car show of antique, classic, street rods, trucks and sport com-

pact models.

MountainFest is sponsored by the Northwestern Frederick County Civic Association and proceeds benefit local schools, libraries and fire/emergency teams in the area. Several scholarships are also awarded annually to local students by the association.

Vendor space is available at the cost of a donation. For vendor information or more about the festival and NWFCCA, contact George Kuhn, President at (301) 241-3997.





# Catoctin's number of AP tests increases

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THURMONT, Md. — Catoctin High School is one of three high schools in the county that have seen the number of advanced placement tests have more than doubled over the past four years.

"We have been on a steady increase," said Principal Jack Newkirk. "Our focus is on how many kids we can give the experience of college work to in high school."

With that focus, the number of AP tests given since 2004 has increased 120 percent. Only Brunswick High and Linganore High had greater increases.

However, with more students taking the tests, scores tend to drop and Catoctin is no exception. The percentage of students scoring a 3 or above (the minimum generally needed to receive college credit) has fallen from 52.3 percent in 2004 to 44.9 percent in 2008. This is the lowest percentage in the county. Urbana High had the highest percentage at 73.5 percent.

"Overall, I would like the percentage of 3 or above to be higher, sure, but I feel it's a great thing with the growing number of kids taking

the tests," Newkirk said.

He said 21 percent of the students in the school took at least one AP test last school year.

**"We have been on a steady increase. Our focus is on how many kids we can give the experience of college work to in high school."**

Catoctin offers 10 AP courses. The AP Government course is in its second year and

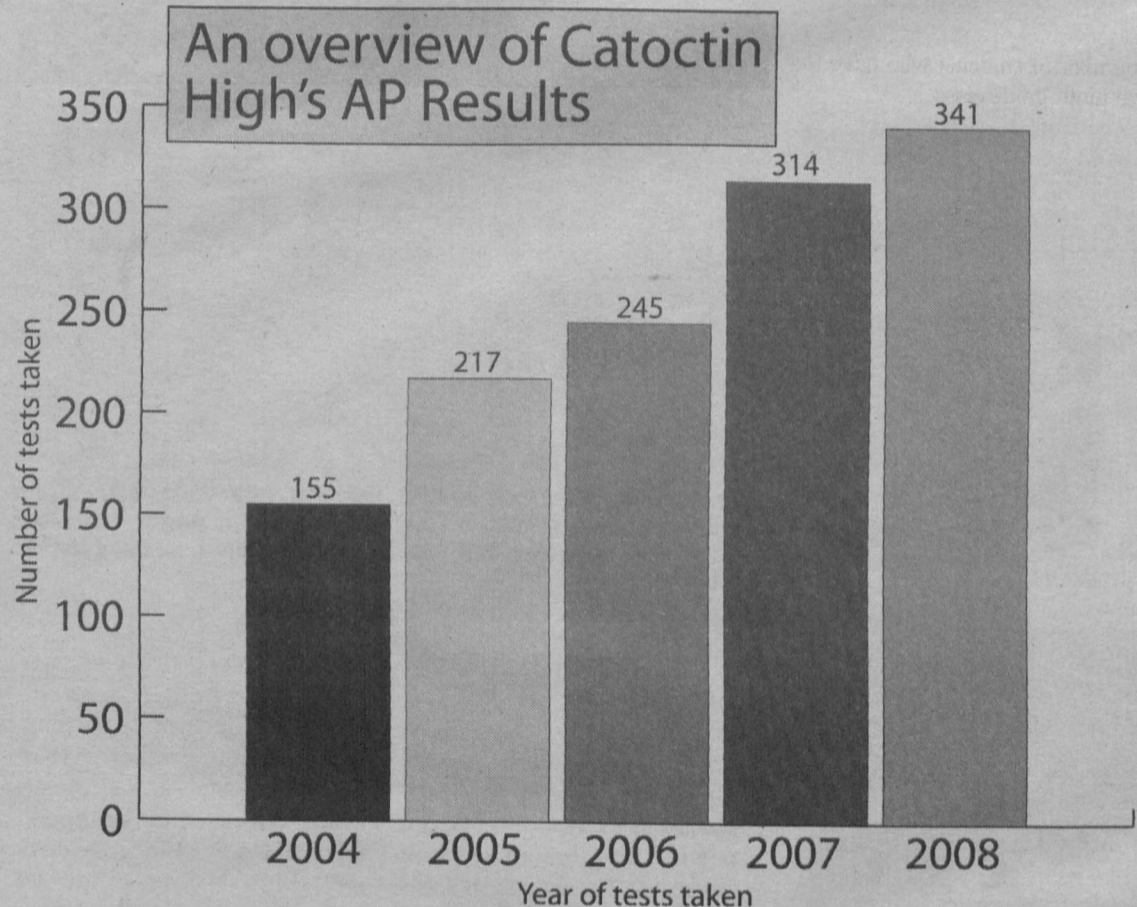
the AP World History for 10<sup>th</sup> graders is in its third year. Enrollment in this class has nearly doubled from 33 students to 62 students since its inception.

The school also has an AP Schol-

ars program to recognize students who are challenging themselves by taking more AP courses.

"In our eyes, these are the kids we really want to challenge because the high school assessments won't be difficult for them," Newkirk said.

Students who take three tests in their high school career get a bronze medal. Those who take four or five tests get a silver medal and those who take six or more get a gold medal and their names on a plaque that hangs in the school. Newkirk said last year the school had four gold AP scholars and this year, there should be more than that because a number of seniors have already taken five tests and need only take one more to earn the gold.



Source: Frederick County Board of Education

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## New leadership for Thurmont's business efforts



The Thurmont Economic Development Committee met recently and elected a new slate of officers to help continue Thurmont's business and economic growth. The new board of directors are: (l to r) John Kinnaird, secretary; Ross Smith, director; Carol Robertson, director; Bill Blakeslee, chairman and John Brown, vice-chairman. Not pictured is Tammy Green, treasurer.

## McKenzie and Benitez graduate from Realtors Leadership Academy



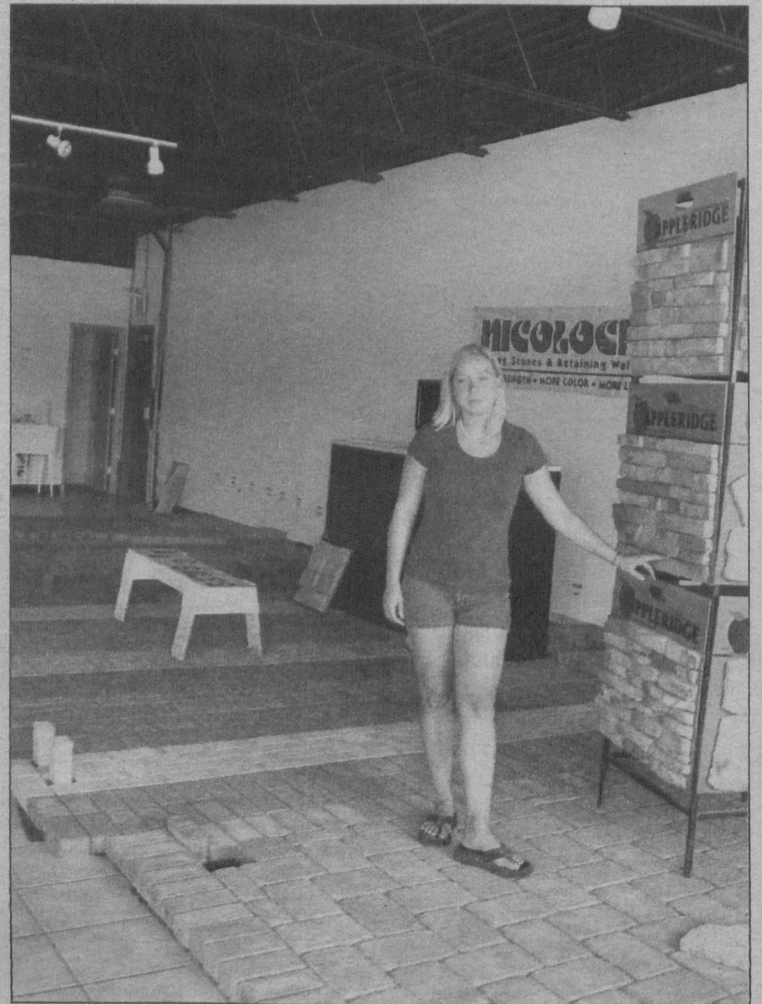
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Kathryn A. McKenzie and Humberto "Beto" Benitez of Real Estate Teams, LLC graduated from the 10-month Maryland Association of Realtors Leadership Academy. The Academy was formed by Realtors who wanted to enhance the leadership skills, knowledge, and competencies of fellow Realtors interested in making a difference in their personal lives and in their communities.



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Jessica Spruill, owner of ABC Sales at 882 West Main Street in Emmitsburg, stands in front of samples of paving materials she sells at her store that specializes in outdoor supplies for the home.

EMMITSBURG, Md. — ABC Sales, owned by Jessica Spruill, is a new business offering outdoor supplies such as mulch, propane, crafts and other home needs. You can also find materials for patios, retaining walls, landscaping and sheds. The business, which is in the former Rutter's Store on West Main Street, opened in May. The store

sells products at a cheaper price than bigger outdoor providers and retail stores, according to Spruill. ABC Sales is located at 882 West Main Street and is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The phone number is (301) 447-6222.

- A. Stanzione

## Klassey Kreations offers classy creations

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Klassey Kreations, a new business offering fabric work and other handmade items opened on June 6. The store not only sells handcrafted items such as hand-painted items and jewelry, but also offers customized items such as nurseries, flower girl dresses, embroidery and other special orders. They also offer wood-worked items, leather-work and antiques. The merchandise is a nice mixture for different gifts, according to owner Karen Mosingo. The store is located at 24 West Main Street in Emmitsburg and is open most Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or later, Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up for painting classes offered in the fall is also available.

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# Mount Professor takes home gold at Senior Games

BY STEPHANIE LONG  
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Growing up, Virginia McGovern always played sports with the kids in her neighborhood.

"I was always doing something," McGovern said. "I always had an interest in having fun."

To this day McGovern, who is a professor of criminal justice at Mount St. Mary's University, is still an avid sports enthusiast and continues to enjoy participating in sports. Thus, when she found out about the Pennsylvania Senior Games she decided to give it a try, even if she didn't know exactly what she was doing.

The Pennsylvania Senior Games are open to Pennsylvania residents age 50 or older who compete in indoor and outdoor events over several days each summer. Every other year, competitors can qualify to compete in the national Senior Olympics. This year's senior games were held in York, Pa. on July 22-27.

McGovern competed in several different events at the games for senior citizens, including shot-put and discus, which is a bit surprising, considering McGovern had never trained in either sport. But McGovern's former student, Ryan Martin, who helped McGovern train for the games, said the fact that McGovern decided to attempt the shot-put and discus doesn't surprise him.

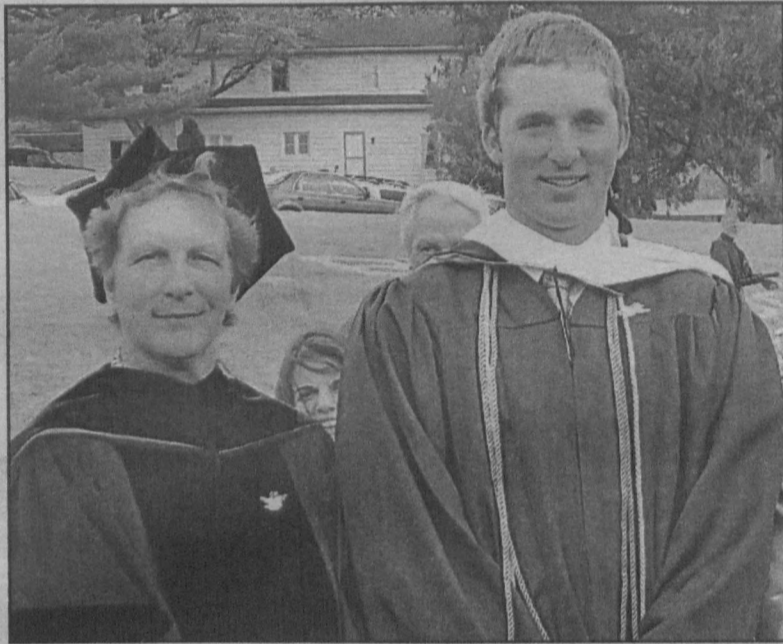
"... Dr. McGovern is a very determined person," Martin said. "When she puts her mind to something she will do her very best to reach her goals. She is truly a hard worker."

After deciding to enter the games McGovern asked Martin to help her train. Martin himself has participated in track-and-field events since the fifth grade and was the 2008 NEC conference champion in discus, making him the perfect candidate to be McGovern's trainer.

"He was a very good teacher," McGovern said. "I learned a lot from him."

Every week for about 10 months the two trained together, reversing roles, Martin becoming the teacher and McGovern the student. The training paid off, as McGovern walked away from the games with several medals, which didn't surprise Martin.

"I was extremely happy to hear how well she did. Dr. McGovern put in many hours of practice prior to the games," Martin said. "It is a great accomplishment for someone who has never competed in the throwing events before to learn them so quickly. Dr. McGovern, not only learned the events in six months but also took home the gold, which is a great accomplishment. I was just pleased to hear that all of her hard work paid off."



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Virginia McGovern (left), a professor at Mount St. Mary's University, trained for the 2008 Pennsylvania Senior Games with the coaching of one of her students, Ryan Martin (right). McGovern took nine medals at the games.

In addition to her medals, McGovern walked away with something more, a desire to re-enter the games the next time around. But she doesn't plan on re-entering without adding a few events to her arsenal or stop

competing anytime soon.

"I would like to try archery next," McGovern said. "There are 90-year olds competing in horseshoes, so if you can throw a horseshoe you can go to the games."

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# Catoctin Golf opens with a win

THURMONT, Md. — The Catoctin High School golf team opened its season on Aug. 21 with a win against Frederick High at the VFW Golf Course in Frederick. For the Cougars, Garrett Ellis shot a 40, Kemy Kober shot a 44, Tyler Miller shot a 46, and Jared Fahnestock shot a 50, with a final score of 180-192.

This year, Catoctin has one of the biggest golf teams they've ever had, with six re-

turning players and eight new players. The team's top returning player is sophomore Garrett Ellis who was all-area last year as a freshman. The other players include seniors Jared Fahnestock and Tyler Miller, junior David Hertel, sophomores Dylan Stull, Josh Waldron, Joey O'Neil, Kenny Kober, and Graham Lindahl, and freshmen Christian Yanoski, Jacob Hafner, Jeff Stone, Patrick Reaver, and Chad Brown.

Coach Chris Barnhart is in his 9th year of coaching the Catoctin golf team, and is very excited about the season's possibilities.

"We are young," he said, "We have only two seniors and one junior, but we have some improving sophomores and promising freshmen."

- T. Delauter

## UPCOMING HOME GAMES AT CATOCTIN HIGH

**Sept. 6**

• Boys Varsity Football vs. The Severn School at 1 p.m.

**Sept. 8**

• Coed Varsity Golf vs. Tuscarora High School at 4 p.m.

**Sept. 9**

• Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. Urbana High School at 4 p.m.  
 • Boys Junior Varsity Soccer vs. Clear Spring High School at 5 p.m.  
 • Girls Junior Varsity Field Hockey vs. Urbana High School at 5:30 p.m.  
 • Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Clear Spring High School at 6:30 p.m.

**Sept. 10**

• Coed Varsity Golf vs. South Carroll High School at 4 p.m.  
 • Coed Varsity Golf vs. Williamsport High School at 4 p.m.

**Sept. 11**

• Girls Junior Varsity Soccer vs. Francis Scott Key High School at 5 p.m.  
 • Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Francis Scott Key High School at 6:30 p.m.

**Sept. 15**

• Boys Junior Varsity Soccer vs. Saint Maria Goretti High School at 5 p.m.  
 • Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball vs. Walkersville High School at 6 p.m.  
 • Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Saint Maria Goretti High School at 6:30 p.m.  
 • Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Walkersville High School at 7 p.m.

**Sept. 16**

• Coed Varsity Golf vs. Linganore High School at 4 p.m.  
 • Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. Frederick High School at 4 p.m.

• Boys Junior Varsity Soccer vs. Winters Mill High School at 5 p.m.  
 • Girls Junior Varsity Field Hockey vs. Frederick High School at 5:30 p.m.  
 • Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Winters Mill High School at 6:30 p.m.

**Sept. 17**

• Boys Freshman Football vs. Walkersville High School at 5 p.m.  
 • Boys Junior Varsity Football vs. Walkersville High School at 7 p.m.

**Sept. 18**

• Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. Tuscarora High School at 4 p.m.  
 • Girls Junior Varsity Soccer vs. Walkersville High School at 5 p.m.  
 • Girls Junior Varsity Field Hockey vs. Tuscarora High School at 5:30 p.m.  
 • Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Walkersville High School at 6:30 p.m.

## UPCOMING HOME GAMES AT FAIRFIELD HIGH

**Sept. 4**

• Boys Junior High Soccer vs. Big Spring at 4 p.m.  
 • Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. Kennard Dale High School at 4:15 p.m.  
 • Boys Junior High JV Soccer vs. Big Spring at 5 p.m.  
 • Girls Junior Varsity Field Hockey vs. Kennard Dale High School at 5:30 p.m.

**Sept. 5**

• Girls Junior High Field Hockey vs. Kennard Dale High School at 4:15 p.m.

**Sept. 6**

• Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Harrisburg Christian Sch at 7 p.m.

**Sept. 8**

• Boys Junior High Soccer vs. Biglerville MS/ HS at 4 p.m.  
 • Boys Junior High JV Soccer vs. Biglerville MS/ HS at 5 p.m.

**Sept. 9**

• Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball vs. Bermudian Springs High School at 6 p.m.  
 • Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Bermudian Springs High School at 7 p.m.

**Sept. 11**

• Boys Junior Varsity Soccer vs. Littlestown Senior High School at 5:30 p.m.  
 • Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Littlestown Senior High School at 7 p.m.

**Sept. 12**

• Boys Junior Varsity Soccer vs. McConnellsburg at 5:30 p.m.  
 • Boys Varsity Soccer vs. McConnellsburg at 7 p.m.

**Sept. 15**

• Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. Hanover High School at 4:15 p.m.  
 • Girls Junior Varsity Field Hockey vs. Hanover High School at 5:30 p.m.

**Sept. 16**

• Girls Junior High Field Hockey vs. Hanover High School at 4:15 p.m.  
 • Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball vs. Eastern York High School at 6 p.m.  
 • Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Eastern York High School at 7 p.m.

**Sept. 17**

• Boys Junior Varsity Soccer vs. Biglerville MS/ HS at 5:30 p.m.  
 • Boys Junior High Football vs. Bermudian Springs High School at 6 p.m.  
 • Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Biglerville MS/ HS at 7 p.m.

**Sept. 18**

• Boys Junior High Soccer vs. McConnellsburg at 4 p.m.  
 • Boys Junior High JV Soccer vs. McConnellsburg at 5 p.m.

**Sept. 19**

• Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. Littlestown Senior High School at 4:15 p.m.  
 • Girls Junior Varsity Field Hockey vs. Littlestown Senior High School at 5:30 p.m.  
 • Boys Varsity Football vs. Bermudian Springs High School at 7:30 p.m.

**Sept. 20**

• Boys Varsity Football vs. Bermudian Springs High School

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## RELIGION

# Church refusal to clarify position continues confusion about visionary

BY RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER  
AND JAMES RADA, JR.

Publisher / News Editor

EMMITSBURG, Md. — One thing Michael Hillman, webmaster of Our Lady of Emmitsburg Cult Watch, and visionary Gianna Talone-Sullivan agree on is that the Catholic Church has not given adequate direction concerning Sullivan's visions and messages.

And the latest statement from the Archdiocese of Baltimore will do little to change that opinion.

Sullivan wrote to Archbishop Edwin O'Brien in February 2008 asking for personal direction. "I love Mother Church, I support our priest, and I have been obedient. However when the law of obedience is not applied with justice and charity, it can do more harm than good. The decree stated specifically that there could be no activity on Church property or in the oratories in the Diocese of Baltimore. Nothing was mentioned that there could be no services outside of Church property. All of my priests spiritual advisors and canon lawyers that I have consulted have told me that I am obedient, and that the Church says what it means and would have specified differently if it meant otherwise. They have all said that I should continue as Our Lady and my spiritual director asks. So we continue to hold this prayer meeting monthly, open to the public, at the Lynfield Complex in Frederick, MD. All are welcome! If you desire something different, please let me know."

According to Michael Sullivan, his wife has received no response from O'Brien or Kevin Rhoades, bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg, who also received a copy of the letter.

Neither diocese would acknowledge receipt or existence of the letter. After multiple requests by phone and e-mail for clarification about Sullivan's obedience, *The Dispatch* received a statement, which can be found in entirety on

page 2 in this issue. The statement offers no further clarification but ends by saying, "There is no apparent evidence that this prohibition has been violated."

The prohibition is that the archdiocese banned the prayer meetings and distribution of the messages from taking place on church properties. The 2003 decree that removed the meetings from church property also stated that Sullivan's messages are not supernatural and that they contain elements that are not consistent with Church teaching, particularly those that are apocalyptic in nature.

Hillman said the 2003 decree is "clear as mud." He said, "I want the archdiocese to come out with a clear statement." He'd like to see something in layman's terms. Hillman said it would have been clearer if the diocese said, "We discourage Catholics from believing and attending the prayer services."

Hillman attended a meeting in July with Fr. Vincent O'Malley, pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Emmitsburg, at the archdiocese office for a "discussion about what was going on." At that time he had just started an OLOE Cult Watch on his website where he now has 50 articles posted on the subject. His interpretation of Sullivan's June 1, 2008 message and the labeling of the OLOE prayer group as a "Doomsday Cult" drew media attention.

"I pricked a boil without even knowing it," Hillman said. Before then his website "steered clear of passing any judgment" or even mentioning the matter. "I didn't know there was this animosity on both sides," he said. Phone calls and e-mail have been non-stop since he started. According to Hillman his website gets 9000 visits each day, up 20 percent over its normal traffic with 600 people a day reading the OLOE Cult Watch articles.

One priest, who Hillman refers to as Fr. X, e-mailed saying, "Thank God someone is finally doing something." Fr. X has contributed articles

including "Truly 'From Above?'" and "Stealing for Jesus," an article that accuses Sullivan of plagiarizing the text of her messages from other religious sources.

Fr. X declined an interview and does not want his identity known. Hillman said many people who have contacted him insist on anonymity because they are afraid. They live in the area and don't want to make enemies of friends or family members who have an opposing view. Some priests, like Fr. X, have an opinion, but don't want it to affect their ministry or result in a reprimand from superiors.

Hillman, who calls himself a non-practicing Catholic, said he took a position because the June 1 message struck a cord with his interest in astronomy. He is a Certified Naval Nuclear Engineer who started college as astronomy major. Referring to his website he commented, "I'm not a newspaper. I'm not out there to give both sides." Hillman doesn't think Sullivan is visited by the Blessed Virgin Mary. "I think she's making it up," he said.

Hillman's goal is to put a spotlight on the subject. He said he wants to be nothing more than a warning label like those found on cigarette packs. "If you get into it, know what you're getting into. Other people think this is dangerous like cigarettes," he said.

It remains unclear to Catholics what participation, if any, they are allowed to have with Sullivan's visions off church property. Sean Caine, communication director for the archdiocese, explained that the diocese only has control over its property and personnel. However O'Malley has been quoted saying that by attending the prayer meeting at the Lynfield Complex near Lewistown and participating in the reading and distribution of messages is going against the spirit of the decree. He has tried to actively prohibit parishioners from attending the monthly prayer meeting that were once held in St. Joseph's.

## Happy b-day, St. Elizabeth



- PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY

A crowd turned out at the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg to celebrate Seton's 234<sup>th</sup> birthday with a Mass and a birthday party on Aug. 24. Following the Mass, the birthday party was held in the courtyard with refreshments, face painting, games, prizes, music and a birthday cake.

## Mount St. Mary's Seminary to host Marian Symposium

EMMITSBURG, Md. — As part of its Bicentennial Celebration, Mount St. Mary's University and Seminary will host a Marian Symposium on October 9 - 11, 2008.

The symposium will include nationally-renowned theologians and academics who will address various Marian topics such as Mary in Scripture, Mary in Catholic Doctrine and Spirituality and Marian Teaching of Pope Benedict XVI.

The three day-event will also include Marian music and art, and a variety of devotions

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## Gateway Market's sponsors successful food bank fund raiser



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Gateway Market owners, John and Maggie Doll and their employees recently donated \$896 to the Thurmont Food Bank. The money was collected on "Dipping for Charity Sunday" when proceeds from all hand-dipped ice cream as well as tips earned by employees Amber Baumgardner, Sarah Crotts, Myra Derbyshire, Danielle Wiltrout and Ashley Barber were collected for the Food Bank. Pictured above Rev. Sally Joyner-Giffin, coordinator of the Thurmont Food Bank, accepts a check from Maggie Doll, owner of the Gateway Market.

## 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert at Graceham Moravian Church

GRACEHAM, Md. — Pa., since September 2002. Graceham Moravian Church will celebrate its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an organ concert and serving of a Lovefeast on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 8 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

The organist will be Rebecca Kleintop Owens who has been the director of music and organist of Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem, Pa., since September 2002. Previously, she was the senior organist at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She has released several CDs and toured with the Atlanta Boy Choir in Europe. Moravian sugar cake and a beverage will be served during the concert. For more information call (301) 271-2379.

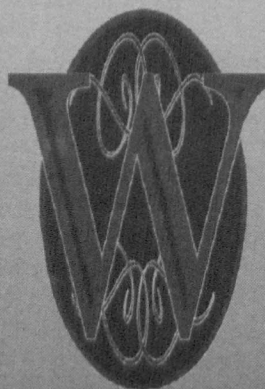
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THURMONT, Md. — Men's Oasis Barber Shop and Spa will host their third annual Toys-for-Tots drive from early November to December 16. Toys or gift-card donations can be placed in the collection box at Men's Oasis from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesday through Friday or 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays. Donations made after business hours may be left at the front door. Donators will also receive \$3 off their haircut that day. Men's Oasis is located at 317 N. Church Street. Toys for Tots is sponsored by the United States Marine Corps and distributes thousands of toys each Christmas to underprivileged children.

- A. Stanzione

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## Carroll Valley hosts local art exhibit

CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. — Local artwork produced by artists from Carroll Valley and Fairfield will be on display Sept. 19 and 20 at the Carroll Valley Commons Pavillion on Route 116.

The art exhibit will begin on Friday, Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20. A wine and cheese reception will be held Friday evening.

Artist Ron Shloyer will judge the competition. The first-place artist will receive \$100, second place will receive \$50

and third place will receive \$25. For visitors, it is a chance to buy original artwork at reasonable prices.

This is the third year for the art exhibit.

Entries will be accepted until Sept. 17. You must be a member of the Carroll Valley Citizens Association or a resident of Fairfield or Carroll Valley. You must also be 16 or older. The art must be two-dimensional, original art or hand-pulled prints. For complete guidelines, e-mail [billfos@comcast.net](mailto:billfos@comcast.net).

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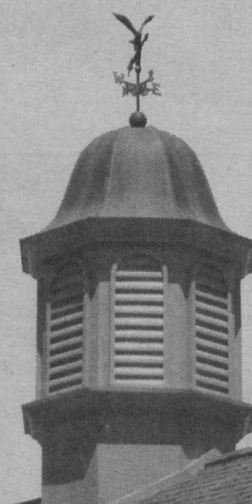
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# Hance Memorial Golf Tournament awards money




The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual JoAnn Hance Memorial Golf Tournament was held at the Carroll Valley Resort in Carroll Valley, Pa. on Monday, Aug. 11. The golf event raised money for the UpCounty Family Center in Emmitsburg, the Emmitsburg Lions Club and the Sr. Barbara Hance Homeless Shelter. Pictured above (l to r): Rob Gauss representing the Lions Club, Sr. Lucille MacDonald representing the homeless shelter and Rita Carroll representing the UpCounty Center received checks for \$2,000 each from Bob Hance (right). The homeless shelter will also receive an additional donation at a later date.

# Food arrives for 100 or more families



The Maryland Food Bank has partnered with Priority Partners to provide bread, meat, non-perishable food and hygiene products for needy families at the Emmitsburg Food Bank three times in a two-month period. Each drop-off provides enough food for at least 100 families. The program called the Mobile Food Pantry has been making similar drops at other locations in Frederick County as well as Washington County, Charles County and the Eastern Shore. In addition to directly dropping food in these communities, the program provides information regarding no cost health insurance to recipients. For more information about the program, visit [www.ppmco.org](http://www.ppmco.org). The next food distribution at the Emmitsburg Food Bank will be on Sept. 17 from 4 p.m. until dark.



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September at the Emmitsburg Library

**Storytimes**

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September 10, 17, 24 at 10:30 a.m.

**Two Terrific Storytime**  
(ages 2)  
September 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10:30 a.m.

**Head Start Storytime**  
(ages 3-5)  
September 9, 16, 23, 30 at 9:45 a.m.

**Pre-School Storytime**  
(ages 3-5)  
September 11, 18, 25 at 10:30 a.m.

**Family Storytime**  
(all ages)  
September 10, 17, 24 at 7 a.m.

**Children's Programs**

**Dragons and Droids**  
(ages 8-12)  
Join us to discuss *The Spiderwick Chronicles, Vol. 1.*  
September 15 at 4 p.m.

**American Girl Book Club**  
(ages 6-11)  
Join us for snacks and a craft featuring a different American Girl each month.  
September 17 at 4 p.m.

**Fall Harvest Festival**  
(all ages)  
Join us for games, crafts, scarecrow stuffing, face painting and other activities.  
September 20 at 10 a.m.

**A.R.T. (Artistic Readers Time)**  
(ages 3-6)  
Storytime with a coordinating art project.  
September 29 at 10:30 a.m.

**Teen Programs**

**Knit 1, Bead 2**  
(teens and adults)  
Come knit or bead with us.  
September 2 at 6:30 p.m.

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

**Adult Programs**  
**Tuesday Evening Book Club**  
(adults)  
September 9 at 7:30 p.m.

**Knitting Nook**  
(teens and adults)  
September 18 at 4 p.m.

**Genealogy Focus Group**  
(teens and adults)  
September 25 at 7 p.m.

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

# Senior Events

Senior Events in September

We hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing Labor Day, the last official holiday of summer. The annual Community Show will be held at the high school this weekend, and fall is just around the corner. We loved the surprisingly cool evenings last month, but Mother Nature can still throw us some very warm days in September. Don't forget that when you are at home and the days get too hot, our center is open and air-conditioned. Keep cool--come in and shoot some pool!

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

**Special events**

**Thursday, Sept. 25 - Weatherizing Winter seminar.** One-day program featuring speakers and activities on ways to safely withstand the high cost of winter. Participants will receive 4 energy-efficient light bulbs and be eligible to win additional winterization products. **Open to all.** 10:00 a.m.-2 p.m. **Info. & lunch reservations; call (301) 600-5350.**

**We would like to start a 50-and-up volleyball program**

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**Regular activities**

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

**Strength Training & Conditioning:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. Dress comfortably, wear athletic shoes. Participants will use small weights. Free.

**Bingo:** September 10 & 24.

**Cards, 500, and Bridge Group:** September 3 & 17.

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

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

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

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

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

# FAIRFIELD SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Events at the Fairfield Senior Center

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**Special Events**

**September 1 - Closed for Labor Day**  
**September 3 - Blood Pressure checks, 10:30 a.m.**  
**September 11 - Lunch at the Moose Lodge, Gettysburg, 11 a.m.** Hot beef, potatoes, peas & dessert. \$2.  
**September 12 - Senior Center closed, due to floor waxing and polishing.**

**September 17 - Blood pressure checks, 10:30 a.m.**  
**September 24 - Asera Care speaker, "Heart Failure", 10:30 a.m.**  
**September 25 - Healthy Cooking with Eleanor Pella, registered dietitian.**  
**September 26 - Hanover Hall Rehab speaker, bringing lunch for all!**

**Regular Activities**

**Exercise:** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Dress comfortably and wear athletic shoes.  
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# Community Calendar

## EVENTS

**Sept. 5 to 7** – 51st Annual Emmitsburg/Thurmont Community Show, Catoctin High School.

**Sept. 5 to 7** – **Steam Show Days.** 7 a.m. to dusk. Carroll County Farm Museum, 500 S. Center St., Westminster. Antique farm machinery, antique cars, working demonstrations, flea market, wagon rides and farmhouse tours. Food. Information: Dottie Freeman/Jackie Koch (410) 386-3880/Larry Airing Sr. (410) 984-6172.

**Sept. 5** – **Basket Bingo.** Taney Fire Co. activities building. Sponsored by Taneytown Ladies Auxiliary. Doors open at 5:30; games at 7 p.m. Every seat requires a ticket. \$10 advance, \$12 at door. Tickets and information: (410) 756-2969.

**Sept. 5 & 6** – **Get Rid of your Clutter!** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tom's Creek Church property, Rt. 140 across from Four Points Rd. and Tom's Creek Church Rd. Yard sale and flea market. To reserve space call: (301) 447-2082 or (301) 447-6564.

**Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26** – **Playtime Fridays.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children's Museum of Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 North Market St. Frederick. \$3 per child. Adults free with child. Information: (301) 600-1650, [www.rosehillmuseum.com](http://www.rosehillmuseum.com).

**Sept. 6** – **Old fashioned Fun Show #3.** 9 a.m. Thurmont Riding Club, 14981 Roddy Rd, Thurmont. English,

western, gaming. Information: [www.geocities.com/thurmontridingclub](http://www.geocities.com/thurmontridingclub).

**Sept. 7** – **Recycle.** 8 a.m. to noon. Scouts from Emmitsburg Boy Scout Troop 727 will collect newspapers and aluminum cans in front of St. Joseph's Catholic Church Rectory, 47 DePaul St. No magazines, newspaper ad slicks or metal cans.

**Sept. 8** – **"Stop Smoking for Life" Classes.** 6:30 to 8 p.m. Frederick County Health Department, 350 Montevue Lane, Entrance D: Room 2-139. Free. Class meets on Monday and Thursday evenings for three weeks, followed by two support sessions. Physician permission forms will be provided the first night of class. Information: call Frederick County Health Department, Substance Abuse Division, (301) 600-3289 or e-mail [jbyrd@fredco-md.net](mailto:jbyrd@fredco-md.net).

**Sept. 9** – **Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball League meeting.** 7 p.m. Community Center, lower level Senior Center, Emmitsburg. Election of new officers for 2009 season. All members of the community welcome to become active league members.

**Sept. 9** – **C. S. Lewis Society of Frederick.** Thurmont Regional Library. Introductory meeting to discuss "Mere Christianity" and "The Screwtape Letters." This will be a year-long, monthly discussion. Information: [www.frederickslewisociety.org](http://www.frederickslewisociety.org)

**Sept. 10** – **Depression and Bi-Polar Support Alliance.** For support group time and location, call Paul at (301) 447-2207.

**Sept. 10 and 24** – **Catoctin CASS assistance.** 9 a.m. to noon. Catoctin Area CASS office, Emmitsburg Community Center, 300 S. Seton Ave. Get help with DSS and FCAA programs. Applications and re-certifications accepted for health care programs, energy assistance, homeless services, food stamps, outreach and transportation, medical assistance, housing counseling & purchase of care, case management, housing assistance, weatherization & housing rehabilitation services. DSS information: (301) 600-2450; FCAA information: Todd Johnson at (301)-600-1506. No appointment necessary.

**Sept. 11** – **Powerful Partnership Series.** 6 p.m. Mount St. Mary's University, Knott Auditorium, Emmitsburg. Author Lorene Cary. No charge. Bring a canned food donation.

**Sept. 11** – **Join Scouting Night.** 7 p.m. St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall, intersection of North Seton and DePaul St., Emmitsburg. Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop 727 are accepting applications for new scouts. 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Information: contact John Slotwinski: (301) 447-2496.

**Sept. 12** – **Powerful Partnership Series.** 7 p.m. Mount St. Mary's University, Knott Auditorium, Emmits-

burg. Lecture and concert by Johnny Hi-Fi. No charge. Bring a canned food donation.

**Sept. 13** – **Peach Festival.** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Sabillasville. Soup, sandwiches, baked goods. Eat in or carry out. (301) 241-3287

**Sept. 13** – **CHS Marching Band Tag Day.** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. CHS Marching band students will be going door to door asking for donations to help support their upcoming competition/marching season.

**Sept. 13** – **Fall Festival.** Noon to 5 p.m. Wesley Chapel UMC, 654 Old Waynesboro Road, Fairfield, Pa. Silent auction, hymn sing, food.

**Sept. 13** – **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Picnic/ Music Fest.** Fairfield Amvets pavilion. Local bands *Traditions Unleashed*, *The C.B. Pickers* and *Make-N-Changes* will perform a variety of music at 1 p.m. \$15 per person, includes 3 bands and meal. Information: (301) 477-6810 or (717) 253-7538

**Sept. 14** – **Country Style Breakfast Buffet** (All you can eat). 7 a.m. to noon. St. Joseph's Catholic Church Social Hall, 44 Frederick St., Taneytown. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph Taneytown Council 11631. Adults \$6, children 7-10, \$3.50, 6 & under free. Early bird special, 7 to 8 a.m. Adults \$5, children 7-10, \$3.

**Sept. 14** – **"Blessing of the Animals,"** Lewistown United Methodist Church, Hessong Bridge Road, Thurmont. Pet food collection or donations for the local animal shelter will be accepted on Sept. 14 and 21. Information: (301) 898-7888.

**September 14** – **St. Joseph's Church Catholic Faith Formation classes** begin for children ages Kindergarten to Confirmation at Mother Seton School, 9 to 10 a.m. Please register your child immediately at the parish hall Sunday, September 7, between 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. or email name, age and grade of child to Rina Roca at [rrocal@comcast.net](mailto:rrocal@comcast.net). For information: (301) 447-2326 ext.19.

**Sept. 15** – **Emmitsburg Area Historical Society meeting.** 7 p.m. Focus on East Main Street.

**Sept. 15** – **Taneytown Chamber of Commerce General Meeting.** 7 p.m. Hesson-Snyder American Legion Hall Post # 120, at the corner of Roberts Mill Road and Broad St., Taneytown. Guest speaker: Jeff McCammon, Communications Liaison for District 6 & 7. Topic: Taneytown Streetscape State Highway Project underway within Taneytown. Open to the public. Information: Donna Sako (410) 756-4234 or e-mail [dlsako@verizon.net](mailto:dlsako@verizon.net).

**Sept. 16** – **Sandwich Sale at Vigilant Hose Company,** Emmitsburg Fire Hall. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. \$6 Crab Cake Sandwiches, \$3.75 Fried Ham Sandwiches, Crab Soup \$2.50 per bowl. For information or to order, call (301) 447-2728.

**Sept. 17** – **"Pantry on the Go!"** 4 to 8 p.m. Sponsored by Maryland Food Bank and Priority Partners, hosted by Emmitsburg Food Bank, 502 East Main St. (next to Catoctin Pregnancy Center.) Available to anyone.

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EVENTS

**Sept. 5 - First Friday at Imagination Station.** Adams County Arts Council's First Friday Student-Instructor Art Show and Sale. 6 to 8 p.m. at the Imagination Station, 18 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. Refreshments, photography and artwork produced by artists and their students. Information: (717) 334-5006, [www.adamsarts.org](http://www.adamsarts.org).

**Sept. 6 and 7 - 4th Annual Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival.** Savor the flavors of hundreds of Pennsylvania fine wines and enjoy live music. Noon to 6 p.m. Gettysburg Area Recreation Park, 545 Long Lane, Gettysburg. Admission: \$22 on-site, \$18 in advance, [www.gettysburgwine.com](http://www.gettysburgwine.com) or call 1-800-830-3976. Information: (717) 334-8151.

**Sept. 12 - "Howl and Help the Arts."** Presented by the Adams County Arts Council. 5 p.m. Acclaimed jewelry artist Judy Pyle invites you to "Howl at the Moon" at her historic, Civil War home, 302 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg. Refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, and music by Sam Huber. Proceeds will benefit the Adams County Arts Council. Reservations: \$25 per person. Online at [www.adamsarts.org](http://www.adamsarts.org) or call the Arts Council (717) 334-5006. Reservations by Sept. 9.

**Sept. 13 - 33rd Annual East Berlin Colonial Day.** Held along the National Historic District on West King Street, East Berlin, Pa. Rain or shine. Information: (717)-259-0822.

**Sept. 19-21 - 3rd Annual Northeast Storytelling Festival.** The daylong festival showcases outstanding nationally known and many lesser-known but still wonderful storytellers. Patriot Point Village, 241 Steinhewer Avenue, Gettysburg. (717) 337-0080.

**Sept. 20 - Adams County Heritage Festival.** A celebration of ethnic music, food, and crafts showcasing the multiculturalism of Adams County. Begins at noon. Gettysburg Area Recreation Park, 545 Long Lane. Information: (717) 334-8943.

**Sept. 20 - Magician Brian Brushwood.** 9 p.m. Mount St. Mary's University, Knott Auditorium. Admission \$5.

STAGE

**Through Nov. 9 - "Jack and the Beanstalk."** Way Off Broadway, 5 Willowdale Drive, Frederick. Jack's musical adventure with a jolly, songwriting giant and his temperamental wife, along with a singing harp and talking hen that lays golden eggs. (301) 662-6600, [www.wayoffbroadway.com](http://www.wayoffbroadway.com).

**Sept. 5 through Nov. 8 - "Thoroughly Modern Millie."** The Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre, Frederick, Md. Taking place in New York City in 1922, Millie tells the story of Millie Dillmount, who just moved to the city in search of a new life in a New York full of intrigue and

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**Sept. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 - "Almost, Maine"** by playwright John Ciani, at Gettysburg Stage, Keefauver Center, 157 Lefever St., Gettysburg. Director Pamela Hurlbert says, "The play is about the adventure of love. We share moments in nine couples' lives as they discover the highs and lows of love, their awakenings, regrets, disappointments and joys." The episodes take place in various Maine settings, where the Northern Lights add their own glow to the mood and production. Tickets \$12 (\$10 for seniors and youth). Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sunday matinees 2 p.m. Information: 1-866-859-5192, [gettysburgstage@hotmail.com](mailto:gettysburgstage@hotmail.com) or [www.gettysburgstage.com](http://www.gettysburgstage.com).

**Nov. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23 - "Little Egypt."** Gettysburg Stage, Keefauver Center, 157 Lefever St., Gettysburg. A tale of lusty love and hustlers, romance and discovery. Information: 1-866-859-5192, [gettysburgstage@hotmail.com](mailto:gettysburgstage@hotmail.com) or [www.gettysburgstage.com](http://www.gettysburgstage.com).

FILM

**Sept. 21 - "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull."** Mount St. Mary's University Laughlin Auditorium, Emmitsburg. 2 p.m. No charge. Bring a canned food donation.

## Nashville songwriter to perform in Thurmont

THURMONT, Md. - A Catocin High School graduate turned Nashville songwriter, will be performing at a benefit concert for St John's Lutheran Church in Thurmont on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Neal (Angleberger) Coty, the son of Ken and Gloria Angleberger, grew up in Thurmont and graduated from Catocin High School in 1982. He later attended Towson State University, where he began acting and playing his country-influenced acoustic songs on open-mic nights throughout the Baltimore-Washington area. A club owner recognized the young talent and talked him into changing his name from Angleberger to Coty, and

soon got him bookings as an opening act. It was an opening show for country superstar Mary Chapin Carpenter that resulted in a slew of publishing and recording offers from several major companies from L.A. and Nashville.

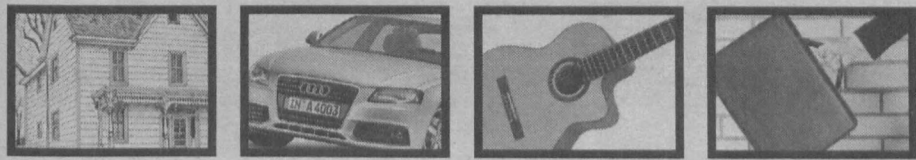
Coty moved to Nashville in 1994 and signed his first real publishing deal with Murrah Music. Although he had brief stints in New York City and Los Angeles, actually landing several small TV roles and commercials, he found happiness in Nashville where he has once again returned, to find even more success as a writer.

Realizing other country artists were having much bigger hits with his songs than he was, he decided to forget

his aspiration as a recording artist and to concentrate solely on being a great country songwriter.

Coty has had songs recorded by Mark Chesnutt, Blake Shelton, Craig Morgan, Hank Williams Jr., George Jones, Rodney Atkins, Joe Nichols, Sawyer Brown, and a slew of others. He has been making a living as a songwriter for about 15 years, and has been on staff at many of Nashville's biggest publishers like Warner Chappell, Maypop (Alabama's former company) and Sony.

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