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The Wizard of Oz

(L-R) Jamie Benson as Dorothy, Lilah Moss as Scarecrow, and Anna Lynch as Tinman sing "We're off to see the Wizard" in the opening performance of "The Wizard of Oz" on August 5. The Thurmont Thespians are presenting the musical, under the direction of Beth Watson and John Winston. The theatrical organization provides area youth with a summer activity. Future performances: August 12, 13, 14, and 15 at the Thurmont American Legion. Reservations: 301-271-7613 (tickets \$8).

Town reviews taps plan

Richard D. L. Fulton
Managing Editor

On July 12 the Emmitsburg Board of Commissions reviewed a proposed sewer connection allocation plan that could go into effect September 1. The plan includes a formula for distributing sewer connection permits under the annual 20-tap limit for residential connections.

Town staff had told the commissioners previously that if a tap limit were imposed, the town would need to develop a "fair and equitable" formula for handing out sewer connections to avoid potential litigation by developers who were denied permits.

If adopted, the restrictions would remain in effect for no less than three years. Multi-family projects could reserve their allocated taps, and defer using them for up to three years.

Town manager explains the allocation process

Town Manager David Haller

proposed using September 1 as the designated date for beginning the allocation process each year. He then detailed the taps allocation formula for the commissioners.

The first step, he explained, would be to generate a "taps/connection factor." Divide the 20-tap total "by the number of approved, buildable residential housing units (as of the deadline date)." Multiply this factor by the number of buildable units within a given subdivision. The result is the number of taps to be allocated for the year for that subdivision.

For example, dividing the total of 20 taps by 150 buildable units results in a factor of 0.133333. Multiplying that factor by 46 buildable lots in a given subdivision equals 6.133, or 6 taps (rounded down), to be allocated to that subdivision for that one-year period.

The remaining 14 taps not purchased or otherwise reserved by a

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No shortage of drinking water in Emmitsburg— Three more wells to come online

Richard D. L. Fulton
Managing Editor

With highly productive wells online, an ample reserve, and back-up water from Mount St. Mary's, a water shortage in Emmitsburg is unlikely.

Emmitsburg Water Commissioner Arthur (Art) Elder reviewed the town's water

supply status at the July 12 meeting of the board of commissioners. Elder also serves as a town commissioner, and as the board of commissioners' liaison to the Emmitsburg Water Committee

Wells not all in use

Seven wells located in town are collectively capable of pro-

viding 388,000 gallons of water every day. All of these wells are not online at present.

Well number 4 is awaiting county approval, but Elder told The Emmitsburg Dispatch that it "should come online sometime next year" and could produce 40,000 gallon per day (GPD).

Well number 7, located at

Emmit Gardens Park, will need to receive treatment when it comes online and will cost approximately \$250,000 to complete.

"I would look for that one (well number 7) within the next two years," Elder said. The well would produce 83,000 GPD.

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St. Joseph's Church begins renovation
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Taneytown celebrates 250 years

Staff Report

Taneytown will celebrate its 250th anniversary in August. Mayor Robert B. Flickinger said this will be one the largest town events since the bicentennial in 1954.

The community and town government have planned a week of festivities, including a

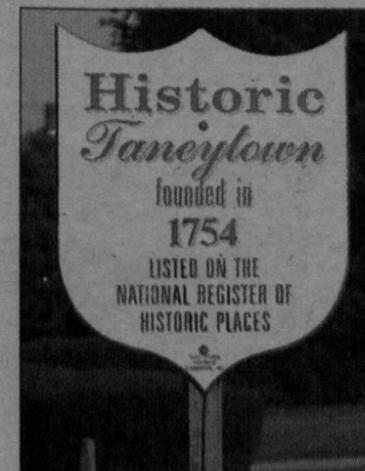
parade, a community picnic, organ concerts, time capsule ceremony, Revolutionary and Civil War re-enactments and a closing day capped off with Taneytown's first-ever fireworks.

Mayor Flickinger told The Emmitsburg Dispatch, "This is going to be a great week, starting off with a parade an hour and a

half or two hours long. There will be at least 2,000 people in the streets."

"This celebration is a coming together of our rich history, our buildings and our people, past and present," said Taneytown Economic Development Director Nancy McCormick. "It

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100 Years Ago "In this place" From *The Emmitsburg Chronicle*

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

Held Pic-nic Yesterday

August 12, 1904 — The rain of Tuesday night and the inclement condition of the weather on Wednesday morning caused the postponement of the pic-nic under the auspices of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, advertised to be held Wednesday, until yesterday (Thursday.) The pic-nic was held on the banks of Tom's Creek, in the Sisters' Grove, and was well attended, considering the threatening condition of the weather.

Quite a large number of people from a distance came to town Wednesday with the intention of attending the pic-nic, and were greatly disappointed when informed that it had been postponed until the following day.

Straw ride

August 12, 1904 — On Thursday evening of last week the young people of Dry Bridge and vicinity enjoyed a very pleasant straw ride from that place to Franklinville, and spent a most enjoyable evening at a festival there. When the wagon arrived at Dry Bridge promptly at the appointed time, 7.30 p.m., it found all of the invited guests awaiting it, except two, who sent messages of regrets, stating their sad disappointments at not being able to be present, on account of having been called away at the eleventh hour to attend to some

special business.

Those present quickly filled the wagon, and very soon found themselves enjoying a ride on a springless vehicle, through the cool evening's breeze, and reached their destination much sooner than expected. After spending several hours at the festival, they started home in the same jovial manner in which they had set out, and reached home at an early hour, feeling much refreshed and regretting that they had not further to go. Those who participated in the enjoyment were Misses Agnes Rosensteel, Alice Kelly, Dora and Vernia Hahn, Ada Warner, Jennie, Emma and Rose Lingg, Mrs. Thos. Jacobs, Messrs. Newton Shiar, Ernest Warner, Harry Roddy, George and Harry Lingg.

Fine Tomatoes

August 12, 1904 — Mr. Edward McNulty, the successful gardener at Mt. St. Mary's College, sent to *The Chronicle* office Wednesday morning a lot of the finest tomatoes we have seen this season. Among the lot were three of the Pondrosia variety, the combined weight of which was four pounds. These tomatoes were not only large, but are smooth, firm and have a fine flavor. Mr. McNulty also sent a fine cluster of Sparks Early Anders. There were ten of these tomatoes on one stem. This is also another fine variety.

Monday Afternoon's Storm

August 26, 1904 — During the heavy rain and electrical storm which passed over this place last Monday afternoon, lightning struck the dwelling house of Mr. Maurice Gillelan, on East Main Street, tearing

some shingles off the roof and somewhat damaging the chimney.

Lightning also struck several telephone poles in this place, and it is reported that the battery in several telephones was burned out while the storm was raging.

From the managing editor's notebook ... Maryland Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry

Richard D. L. Fulton
Managing Editor

Maryland Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (MD FHFH) will accept deer meat donations again this fall to feed low-income families in Maryland. MD FHFH distributes the donated meat to state food banks and other agencies that feed the needy.

Hunters need to field dress the deer as soon as possible and take it to the nearest participating meat processor. Deer must be legally tagged or have a farmer's management permit. "Because of uncertain meat quality," no road-killed deer or prepackaged meats will be accepted.

When picking up the venison from the butcher, hunters can donate some of the meat, or the entire animal, in which case, participating butchers will not charge for processing.

There are currently three FHFH processors in Frederick County: Shuff's Meat Market, Thurmont; Dorsey's Meats, Inc., Woodsboro; and Knott's Butcher Shop, Mt. Airy. MD FHFH is seeking additional processors in Frederick County.

During last year's hunting season, hunters donated so much meat that MD FHFH literally ran out of money to handle it. As a result, the organization is asking not only for venison donations this year, but is also seeking financial contributions to help pay processing costs.

For a current list of processors, to become a participating processor, or for additional information on the program, visit the organization's Web site, www.fhfh.org; contact FHFH at 1-301-739-3000; or e-mail staff@fhfh.org. Send monetary donations to Maryland FHFH, 216 N. Cleveland Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740.



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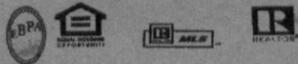
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Emmitsburg Food Bank Manager Phyllis Kelly watches contractor Samuel K. Wivell measure to install a railing, part of the West Main Street mill renovation.

Emmitsburg Food Bank could have new home by fall

Richard D. L. Fulton
Managing Editor

The Emmitsburg Food Bank, located temporarily in Elias Lutheran Church, could move into its new quarters, 502 E. Main St., Emmitsburg, by the end of summer.

The food bank will sublet space for \$150 per month, plus electricity, in the old feed mill, currently being renovated. The Catoctin Pregnancy Center has a 14-year lease on the building, which is owned by Michael Sullivan of Westminster, according to a town employee.

Volunteers handle renovations

Volunteer contractors and individuals are doing much of the rehab work.

Phyllis Chatlos Kelly, food bank manager, told *The*

Emmitsburg Dispatch, "They are still working on the building. I am hoping the food bank can move in by the end of summer."

"Josh Bollinger removed the feed chute for free," Kelly noted. She said the estimated removal cost was \$1,500.

Samuel K. Wivell, building contractor, is handling the outside work. Tim Fraily is working on the interior. Wivell has been involved since the end of April.

The food bank: yesterday, today and tomorrow

The Emmitsburg Food Bank started in the 1960s in the Seton Center, eventually relocating to the county-owned Emmitsburg Community Center.

Its original mission was to provide short-term supplies of donated food to local individuals and families during emergencies, and

included government surplus food distribution. The bank now also serves low-income residents.

After the community center renovation, the food bank moved to the lower level of Elias Lutheran Church, in a space not big enough for needed freezers, according to Kelly.

In addition to needing more space, the food bank wants its own treasury to cover rent and other expenses. It will still maintain its affiliation with the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs of Frederick County.

Many local volunteers and donations

"The food bank has always been managed by a volunteer staff," Kelly stated. Most of its 30 volunteers come from various churches; others are from the community at large. Each of the seven community churches involved provides volunteers one night a week.

An interdenominational board heads the service, and includes a member from Incarnation United Church of Christ, Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg United Presbyterian Church, St. Anthony Shrine Catholic Church, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, and Trinity United Methodist Church. Funding comes from local churches, town organizations, and individuals. Kelly said that Mount St. Mary's donates a large quantity of food. Other food comes from government surplus.

"I just can't get over how willing the people of Emmitsburg are to give. I just say we need food and someone is running a campaign (to raise money or food)," Kelly said. "You can't believe how much food we get from the Mount. The county even had a post office drive here."

Kelly especially lauded the services of two Emmitsburg resi-

dents, Ruth Seidel and Polly Knox. "If they were not helping, I would not be manager. They do the work, count the food, and stock the food. For two years they have had to open it up and lock it up (the food bank facility) three nights a week."

Managing the food bank is a part-time effort for Kelly. She works full time as a 5th grade emotional support staffer at Andrew Buchanan Elementary School in Chambersburg.

Service area and assistance

"We stay within the Emmitsburg area," Kelly told *The Dispatch*. "If we get someone from outside, we provide them with food the first time around and then send them to their area food bank."

The food bank's hours will remain the same after its relocation: Wednesday, 7-8 p.m.; Thursday, 10-11 a.m.; and Saturday, 10-11 a.m.

Volunteers, donors and those

needing assistance during other hours should contact Phyllis Kelly at 717-642-6963.

Mill history remains uncertain

The old mill building, which stands near Flat Run on East Main Street, has served as a feed mill, and at some point housed a gun shop.

Wivell believes Southern States purchased the building during the 1950s. However, the mill's original name, when it was built, and by whom, remain unclear.

Repeated calls to the Catoctin Pregnancy Center to learn about the building's history and the rehabilitation project were unanswered.

Any additional information about the mill will be included in "Town News Updates" in future issues of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*.

Susan Allen, Dispatch Staff Writer, contributed to this article.

48th Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show

Ray Van Horn, Jr.
Contributing Writer

Plans are under way for the 48th annual Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show, scheduled for September 10-12 at Catoctin High School. Show sponsors are the Thurmont Grange, Catoctin FFA Chapter, Catoctin FFA Alumni and the Maryland State Agricultural Fair Board.

This year's event will honor the 75th anniversary of the Thurmont Lions Club and the 50th anniversary of the Thurmont Community Ambulance.

Agricultural exhibits, visual arts, the petting zoo, and the popular Barnyard Olympics for chil-

dren will return this year. The baked goods auction will be held Friday, September 10.

Awards given in the past will remain the same, but the FFA Jacket (Blue & Gold Contest) will not be awarded again until the community show's 50th anniversary in 2006.

Committee Secretary Robert Beavan commented on the show's value, "People like to get together. It's beneficial to them and to the community." On a personal note, he added, "I get to see people I only see once a year and it's not as rushed."

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Town news updates ...

Work begins on old water storage tank overhaul

Town Manager David Haller told the town commissioners on August 2 that rehabilitation work has begun on the old water storage tank. The overhaul will allow the tank to be brought back into service, providing the town with an additional 500,000 gallons of storage capacity.

Utility Service Co. received a \$160,000 contract in November 2003 to overhaul the

more than 40-year-old, welded-steel water tank, located at the water plant on Crystal Fountain Road.

(See related story "Emmitsburg awards \$160,000+ contract to repair and maintain water tank" in the November, 2003 issue of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*.)

Alley speed control problems continue

A speed bump installed in July on Armstrong Lane may

TOWN NEWS

Mayor reviews Lincoln Avenue possibilities

Richard D. L. Fulton
Staff Report

Lincoln Avenue might have a "face lift" in its future, including widening along East Lincoln, metered parking along West Lincoln, and sidewalks in both directions.

The town granted a right-of-way to AT&T to lay fiber optic cable down East Lincoln Avenue as part of a regional emergency communications network, and received \$103,000 in return.

AT&T money could widen East Lincoln

Mayor James E. Hoover said the AT&T money could pay for a variety of improvements.

"In 1997, the streets committee recommended widening East Lincoln Avenue to two lanes," Hoover told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*. The project appeared economically unfeasible, until AT&T came to town.

Town Manager David Haller

and Town Planner Michael Lucas recognized the potential in striking a deal with the communications company to generate funds for East Lincoln, and alerted the mayor. "Emmitsburg was a road block" to AT&T's plans, Hoover remarked.

The town already owns enough land to widen the street in front of the Antique Mall. Mother Seton School granted an additional right-of-way when they received site plan approval for improvements.

Hoover said the fence along the school property would have to be moved. According to the town's agreement with the school, if the fence were removed during the first five years of the right-of-way agreement, the town would pay for it. If it were moved later, the school would pay.

"We are not going to widen the road now. When and if we decide to do it, we would widen the road to two lanes from

Chesapeake Avenue to Creamery Road," he said. If there is space, gutter, curbs and sidewalks may be added.

Hoover said that relocating utility poles along the street would be a major cost. "We hope to have the utilities (poles and related equipment) moved over the next 12 to 18 months."

The overall widening proposal is "not in the capital improvement plan at this time, but it has been on the radar screen for some time."

West Lincoln could get metered parking

West Lincoln Avenue could be widened enough to allow for metered parking along one side and sidewalks from School Lane to the community park entrance.

As a result of an agreement between the town and the Frederick County Board of Education, the needed strip of school property is available for

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Town News Briefs ...

Emmitsburg broadens town committee membership

The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners voted July 12 to amend a town ordinance to allow non-residents to serve on town committees. Commissioner Dianne L. Walbrecker had introduced the idea of opening committee membership to people living outside Emmitsburg.

The previous board had rejected Commissioner Art Elder's similar efforts.

Board President William B. O'Neil, Jr. recommended limiting non-resident membership to one per committee. The town planning and zoning commission will be exempt, since legally it cannot include non-resident members.

Mayor James A. Hoover agreed with the change. "I think it's worth a try. We've had a difficult time filling our (committee)

seats."

Permit and inspection fees increased

The commissioners increased Emmitsburg permit and inspection fees on July 12. Pending review by the town staff and further board action, the rates could go even higher.

New construction permits went from \$200 to \$400; and addition and repair permits from \$20 to \$35.

Town Planner Michael H. Lucas pointed out that the increases do not cover the true costs of processing permits. As an example, Lucas noted that the town's actual cost to process and issue a new construction permit could be "multiples of \$400."

The board directed town staff to compile statistics on actual costs, which might support fur-

ther permit fee increases.

Tap surcharge increased to provide funds for sewer rehab

The town board of commissioners approved doubling the new sewer connection fee at the August 2 meeting, raising it to \$7,000 per connection. The sewer tap fee money is dedicated to financing wastewater collection system improvements.

Board President William B. O'Neil, Jr. noted that the increase would generate \$900,000 over the next three-year period, even under a yearly 20-tap limit that will be part of a consent order signed with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

The base fee of \$8,000 for water and sewer service remains unchanged.

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have had little or no impact in controlling speeding computers using the alley as a short cut.

Armstrong Lane is a "connector road" between West Main Street and Fraily Road. Huffman and Stoner Lanes parallel Armstrong.

Residents of the adjacent lanes warned town commissioners previously that taking measures to control speeding on Armstrong without addressing the issue on Huffman and Stoner would likely result in an

increase in speeding on the unregulated lanes.

Commissioner Dianne L. Walbrecker told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that an Armstrong resident told her the speed bump was not effective. "I was told they (the motorists) just speed up to the bump, slow down to go over it, and then resume speeding," she said.

She could not say if speeding commuter traffic had increased on Huffman and Stoner.

"Solving the problem on one is not the best answer," she said. In addition to speed bumps, she had also previously suggested "aggressive signage."

Walbrecker said the Emmitsburg Streets Committee would be reviewing the ongoing speeding issues involving Armstrong Lane.

(See related story "Request to close Armstrong Lane rejected" in the June 2, 2004, issue of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*.)

A word from the Mayor

Traffic problems on Main Street

Traffic concerns continue to be a topic of discussion among town residents and town officials. Many suggestions have been made and considered. Money always seems to be the stumbling block, although there are many disagreements concerning the question, "Does Emmitsburg have a traffic problem?"

I see it both ways. Compared to other areas such as Frederick or Westminster, Emmitsburg may not have a traffic problem. But if compared to other towns of more similar size, it is more obvious to see that if Emmitsburg doesn't already have a traffic problem, it soon will.

No matter if you agree or disagree that Emmitsburg has a traffic problem, I believe you will agree that Emmitsburg needs to take steps now or in the near future to plan for additional traffic routes to decrease congestion. As we all know, a large amount of the traffic that comes through our town is vehicles from Pennsylvania over which we have no control. As MD 140 and Business Rt.15 (Seton Avenue) divide our town, Emmitsburg becomes a major interchange.

Obviously we cannot relocate MD 140 or Rt. 15. Therefore, we must do our best to use them to create the best advantage for our town. I am sure that almost every resident has at one time or another said or heard that we need to build a by-pass to eliminate some of the traffic on Main Street (MD 140). At one time I was a supporter of that theory.

Over the past 12-18 months I have changed my mind about

that theory. I still believe that our comprehensive plan should identify a possible by-pass route that would connect the west end of town to South Seton Avenue. However, I do not believe, even if it were possible, that we should create a by-pass right away. The comprehensive plan is a 20-year plan (updated every 5 years) intended to provide long term planning based on community change and projected needs.

I am sure through other newspaper articles most of you are aware that I support a project that would alter the traffic flow through the town square and at the same time relocate as many as 12-20 parking spaces.

The biggest source of contention about this project is the removal of parking spaces on Main Street. Some believe this will cause businesses on Main Street to fail. We can't have it both ways.

Many small businesses in town survive on the traffic coming through town and people seeing their businesses. If we build a by-pass and discourage traffic from coming through town, these businesses will lose the everyday reminder drivers get as they pass through town on their way home. Creating a by-pass will create the out-of-sight, out-of-mind syndrome.

If relocating parking spaces less than a 1000 feet from the square will cause businesses to fail, what will a by-pass do when businesses no longer get the amount of visibility they are getting today?

Jim Hoover
-Mayor of Emmitsburg

A word from a commissioner

What is the Comprehensive Plan?

As Mayor Jim Hoover mentioned in his July 2004 column in The Emmitsburg Dispatch, the Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z) is holding special meetings to review the goals and objectives of the Emmitsburg Comprehensive Plan.

What is a Comp Plan and why should you know about it?

The Comp Plan is a long-term guide for the town over the next 5, 10, 20 years. It will shape the subdivision ordinances that tell developers where they can build and what kinds of housing and businesses they can include. It will guide decisions about roads, public services, and business centers.

I thought it would be helpful to review what P&Z has discussed so far, with public input, and what we will be talking about during the next several meetings.

We started with "Chapter Four: Land Use Element" since it has such a major impact on the rest of the Comp Plan.

The crucial piece is that we agreed to maintain, as much as possible, the look and feel of our Village Center in all new areas of town. The last several developments did not do this because the

town's ordinances were never rewritten to conform to the last update of the Comp Plan. I am determined to do whatever I can to ensure that will not be the case this time.

I've reworded the policies in the interest of space, but these are the major points agreed to so far. All of these policies are still subject to change based on any additional public input. P&Z must then formally approve them. Then the entire Board of Commissioners must approve them before they become part of the Comp Plan.

Emmitsburg should:
have a full range of housing types, institutions, and places of employment; encourage mixed-use development, locating businesses and residences near each other, instead of separate huge areas of all houses and all shopping; use an interconnected street network without cul-de-sacs; include sidewalks with all streets so people can walk to shopping, parks, schools, public buildings, and businesses; put alleys behind new houses and encourage parking in those alleys instead of in driveways in front of

houses; locate commercial buildings facing the street with parking on the side or rear of the buildings; be able to negotiate density bonuses to reward developers who present creative designs that will fit in with the existing character of historic Emmitsburg; maintain our natural and cultural resources, such as our view of the mountains; allow clustered commercial development instead of strip development.

Please attend our next meeting, Saturday, August 14, from 9-11 a.m. at the town office in the Community Center. If you cannot attend, but would like to provide input or have questions about the Comp Plan, please call me at 447-6962 or write me at dwalbrecker@emmitsburgmd.gov or talkemmitsburg@aol.com.

You can always speak with other members of P & Z, including our chair, Chris Staiger; Don Briggs; Frank Henry; Ron Lind; our alternate, Rich Kapriva, or our liaison, Town Planner Michael Lucas. We all welcome your thoughts.

—Dianne L. Walbrecker
Emmitsburg Commissioner

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(See related story "Town reaches settlement with environmental agency" in the News Updates section of the July 21, 2004, issue of The Emmitsburg Dispatch.)

Silo Hill Parkway to get temporary traffic control barriers

Temporary traffic control barriers will be installed on Silo Hill Parkway as a result of safety concerns regarding motorists who "sling shot" across Silo Hill Parkway from Silo Hill Road into the Exxon station.

The board of commissioners originally considered installing a permanent median strip on the parkway to block this dangerous traffic pattern. However, Exxon and McDonald's managers told the board a median strip would

not completely address the problem and would negatively impact their businesses.

Board President William B. O'Neil, Jr. recommended addressing the problem by repainting directional indicators and using plastic pylons on the road for an eight-month period.

Commissioner Dianne L. Walbrecker suggested that the commissioners review the results at the end of the trial period.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Zoning Board of Appeals Case SP04-03

The Emmitsburg Board of Appeals will meet on Thursday August 12 at 7:30pm to consider an appeal that applies to the property located at 324 Mountaineers Way (Lot 10), Emmitsburg, Maryland. Application has been made requesting a Special Exception to Chapter 17.48.030 Issuance of a Zoning Certificate. Applicant is requesting Board of Appeals review a denied permit. This meeting will be held in the Town Office at 300A South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD and is open to the public. Additional information is available at the Town Office between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, Monday-Friday (240-629-6303).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Zoning Board of Appeals Case SP04-02

The Emmitsburg Board of Appeals will meet on Thursday, August 12 at 7:30pm to consider an appeal that applies to the property located at 345 Mountaineers Way, Emmitsburg, Maryland. Application has been made requesting a Special Exception to Chapter 17.48.030 Issuance of a Zoning Certificate. Applicant is requesting the Board of Appeals to review a denied permit. This meeting will be held in the Town Office at 300A South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD and is open to the public. Additional information is available at the Town Office between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, Monday-Friday (240-629-6303).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Zoning Board of Appeals Case SP04-04

The Emmitsburg Board of Appeals will meet on Thursday, August 12 at 7:30pm to consider an appeal that applies to the property located at 343 Mountaineers Way (Lot 34), Emmitsburg, Maryland. Application has been made requesting a Special Exception to Chapter 17.48.030 Issuance of a Zoning Certificate. Applicant is requesting Board of Appeals review a denied permit. This meeting will be held in the Town Office at 300A South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD and is open to the public. Additional information is available at the Town Office between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, Monday-Friday (240-629-6303).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice of Public Hearing On September 22, 2004 the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Emmitsburg, Maryland, will conduct a public hearing at 7:30 pm in the Emmitsburg Town Hall, 300A S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727. The purpose is to consider an amendment to Resolution 90-2, an Annexation of 10.026 acres, Section XI. Copies of Resolution 90-2 are available on www.emmitsburgmd.gov and at the Town office at 300A. S. Seton Avenue.

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EDUCATION

A piece of Mount history comes home

Richard D. L. Fulton
Managing Editor

French descendents of the brother of Mount St. Mary's co-founder, Bishop Simon William Gabriel Bruté de Rémur, gathered at the home of Mount President

Thomas Powell on July 6 to celebrate the legacy of their legendary ancestor.

The group attended a reception and dinner hosted by Dr. Powell and his wife, Irene. For Dr. Powell, one of the evening's highlights was receiving a letter Bruté wrote to his brother in Baltimore in 1840. It was signed, "from your poor and broke and beloved brother ..."

In accepting the framed letter, Powell commented, "A piece of history has come home. The letter will have an honored place at the Mount as we get ready for the bicentennial."

According to Guillaume Bruté de Rémur, the trip's organizer, all of Bruté's descendents are direct ancestors of Augustin Bruté, Bishop Bruté's brother. Guillaume told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that there are 400 descendents in France.

Twenty-five relatives, three generations, attended the reception, including several great-



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French descendents of the brother of Bishop Bruté, co-founder of Mount Saint Mary's University, pose at President Powell's home, July 6.

great-great nephews of Bishop Bruté. "And we are very happy to be here," Guillaume said.

Perhaps happiest to be in the Emmitsburg area was Father Damien Bruté de Rémur, who celebrated mass in the "White House" on the basilica grounds near the Provincial House.

Between 1818 and 1821, Bruté served as the spiritual director to Mother Seton, as well as to the Sisters of Charity. He almost certainly frequented the "White House."

Powell reminded everyone of America's long-standing friendship with the French, including their vital assistance during the American War of Independence.

"In our troubled times, it is important to remember our founding as a nation wouldn't have happened without Marquis de Lafayette (and aid from France)," he said.

Bishop Bruté came to America from France in 1810, and taught at St. Mary's College in Baltimore before being transferred to

Emmitsburg in 1812. In 1815, he was named president of St. Mary's College in Baltimore. He returned to Emmitsburg in 1818. Bruté is credited with co-founding Mount St. Mary's University (then college) with Bishop John Dubois, a Catholic missionary who had established the first Catholic school at the mountain in 1808.

Following their visit to the Mount, the French visitors traveled to Baltimore. They had toured the Gettysburg Battlefield before arriving at the university.



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Mount Saint Mary's University President Thomas Powell holds framed copy of the 1840 letter Bruté's relatives presented to the Mount.

Sixth-grader's artwork in Annapolis exhibit

Heath Nicolas Carey
Contributing Writer

Thurmont Middle School student, Amanda Rand, received a governor's citation commending her artwork displayed this spring at the Maryland State House in Annapolis.

Amanda's pencil and line drawing was included in the first annual "Underground Art Exhibit," jointly sponsored by the state and the Maryland Art Education Association (MAEA). The exhibit, celebrating National Youth Art Month, was in the tunnels underneath the State House from March 1 to April 12.

Eleven of Thurmont Middle School's best artists competed with each other for the honor of participating in the Annapolis exhibit. They were judged based on their creativity and body of work created in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. Amanda's drawing was selected as the school's entry.

"Amanda came to us with so much talent," acknowledged Kevin Miller, Thurmont Middle art teacher. "I wasn't surprised when her piece was the one to be

sent. She is very articulate and has very high expectations of herself and her artwork."

Amanda utilized many of the concepts Miller includes in his "Power Pencil" lesson. Students use ordinary #2 and colored pencils to create a 5 x 7 drawing.

The sixth-grader's very inventive and complex 14 x 10 pencil line drawing was sent to Russell Beaton, Frederick County's Curriculum Specialist for Secondary Visual and Performing Arts.

According to Beaton, "MAEA holds an art project competition every year for National Youth Art Month. This year, ten of our area schools participated."

"The exhibit was on display for about six weeks at the end of the legislative session," noted Julie Madden, Maryland's Director of Arts and Community Outreach, "At least 500 schools participated." The competition was open to all Maryland public school students, k through 12.

"Next year we hope to be able to have the art exhibit on display for the entire 90-day legislative session," Madden said. "It was such a successful and popular program. Hopefully more schools will participate."

In addition to the Governor's citation, Amanda received a letter of appreciation from Maryland State Senator, Patrick Hogan.



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Lani Gholston AND Dr. Robert Keefer NAMED TO NCAA CABINETS

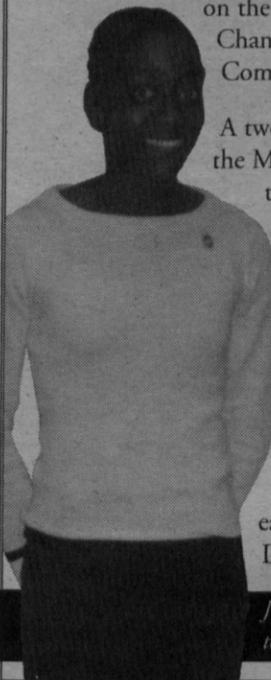
Mount St. Mary's junior Lani Gholston (Monroeville, Pa./Gateway) and Faculty Athletic Representative Dr. Robert Keefer have been appointed to positions within the NCAA governance structure. Gholston was named to the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) while Keefer serves

on the Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet.

A two-year member of the Mount St. Mary's track and field team, Gholston begins a two-year appointment to the Division I SAAC. The SAAC consists of one student-athlete from each of the 31 Division I confer-

ences. Members, who are selected by the Division I Management Council from a pool of three nominees from each of the represented conferences, offer input and assist in shaping the proposed legislation by which their division is governed.

Keefer began his four-year appointment to the Championships/Competition Cabinet on July 1. Composed of 49 members, the Cabinet supervises qualification and selection procedures for NCAA Division I and National Collegiate Championships. Other duties include regulating playing and practice seasons and oversees playing rules, injury surveillance, drug education and testing, sportsmanship and certification of postseason and exempt contests for football and basketball. The Cabinet also oversees individual sport committees. Keefer joins Quinnipiac Director of Athletics Jack McDonald as the NEC's representatives on the Council.



Junior Lani Gholston, begins a two-year appointment to the Division I SAAC.

FATHER JACK LOMBARDI

Planning the Grotto's Future



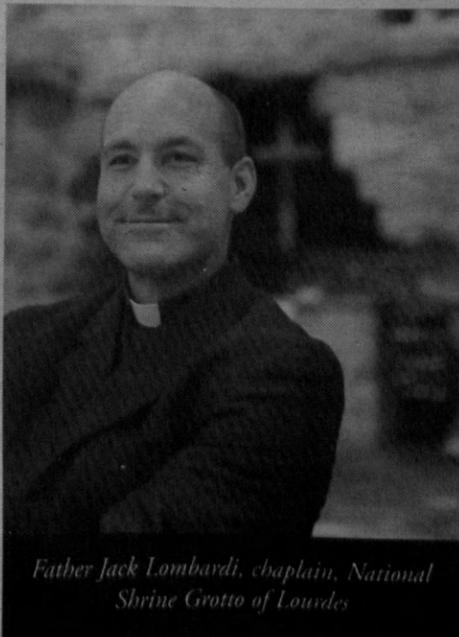
In the three years he has served as chaplain to the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, Father Jack Lombardi has especially admired the faithfulness and devotion of the Mount community.

"Like me, community members are attracted to the beauty of this sacred place, through all of its seasons," said Father Lombardi, who came to the Mount from Holy Family Parish in Randallstown, a suburb of Baltimore, Md.

Both the urban parish, and now this idyllic mountain landscape, have presented positive challenges. At Holy Family, Father Lombardi's time was consumed with administrative meetings, funerals, weddings and baptisms. At the Grotto, he celebrates daily Mass, hears numerous confessions and walks as a fellow pilgrim daily along the Grotto paths.

The challenge for Christians, Father Lombardi says, is "to be in tune to God's will wherever you are," and "to bloom where you're planted. To be a vessel of God's love. One can find well-being by doing this."

As for the future of the Grotto, Father Lombardi says he looks forward to the on-going discussions surrounding a visitor center and gift shop being built on the grounds of the National Shrine. "Visitors would love a gift shop where they could purchase postcards, medals and rosaries."



Father Jack Lombardi, chaplain, National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes

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Wednesday, September 15, 2004
7:30-9:00 p.m., Knott Auditorium
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Lecture, "Faith and Diversity"

Wednesday, September 22, 2004
7:30 p.m., Knott Auditorium
Dr. Alan Wolfe, professor and director of the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life at Boston College

Men's Soccer (home games)

September 8
v. Virginia Military Institute, 3:30 p.m.
September 11
v. UMBC, 2:00 p.m.
September 22
v. Howard, 3:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer (home games)

September 4
v. Lafayette, 1:00 p.m.
September 14
v. University of Maryland-Baltimore County, 4:00 p.m.

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St. Joseph's Church begins \$750,000 renovation

Richard D. L. Fulton
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St. Joseph's Catholic Church, established in Emmitsburg in 1842, is being refurbished to upgrade the electrical system, repair water damage, and to preserve the art and décor.

According to Father Vincent O'Malley, the project's projected cost will be approximately \$750,000, to be raised from donors and fund-raising events.

Employing a project manager provided by the Baltimore archdiocese, the church will undergo the most rigorous renovations since 1975 when its roof blew off in a storm.

O'Malley told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* it is likely that the multi-phased project, which began this June, will not be completed for several years. St. Joseph's plant manager, Dennis Ebaugh, said the third phase might not even begin until 2006.

Phase One: Electrical upgrades

"We are rewiring the entire church," O'Malley said. New lighting will also be added because the old church has a "fairly dark atmosphere. We want to make it much brighter."

The electrical work began June 10 and will continue until mid-September, at a cost of approximately \$170,000.

Although much of this work has taken place out of sight of churchgoers, daily mass will now move to the Parish Hall so that work can continue. However, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning services will still be held in the church.

Ebaugh said the church wiring dates back to 1956. The inside wiring is old, but the outside wiring, "isn't up to code."

The major electrical overhaul and additions will include replacing all wiring; installing new receptacles; replacing eight lamps; adding external "site lighting;" installing a fire alarm package; rewiring the heating system; and adding 30 recessed lights in the ceiling.

Ebaugh said the new lighting would allow the staff to create "an atmosphere" for special services, or to highlight certain areas of the church during a service.

Phase Two: Water damage and site improvements

The second phase will address rainwater seepage to prevent future water damage inside the church. Ebaugh said the church's renovation committee, which he chairs, is still defining the scope of the work. The church would like to put the project out to bid this winter, with completion by spring 2005.

"There are half a dozen stains

on the ceiling tiles, but not a whole lot (of water damage)," O'Malley said. Until bids come in, there is no estimated completion date, nor total cost.

Ebaugh told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that the 1975 storm damage caused some leakage in the ceiling and within the exterior walls, but that outside damage is far more extensive.

At first, the outside problems look minimal. On closer examination, there are noticeable cracks in the stucco surface where water ran between the original brick structure and the stucco. In fact, 10 percent of the church's stucco needs to be removed and replaced.

"We're going to have to repair the damaged walls and make them water tight," Ebaugh commented, adding that entire sections of the outside wall will have to be replaced.

Additional phase two improvements include new roofing and general refurbishing of the 1867 bell tower; replacing gutters and downspouts; new front doors; adding extra main entry steps to reduce the height of each step; a new entry railing; resetting the annex steps; removing sidewalk steps and expanding the site entry ramp; and painting the pillars.

Phase Three: Internal overhaul and art cleanup

The last phase will include refurbishing the pews and kneelers, and cleaning and restoring the art work in the church. No bids have been let on this phase.

O'Malley said no decision has been made about whether the kneelers will be restored or replaced. Plans include restoring current artwork, not adding any new art.

All the work has been planned to "to maintain the traditional look of the church. That is of significance to us," O'Malley commented.

"We will be scaffolding the interior," Ebaugh said, in order to repaint the ceiling and other

interior areas.

The proposed inside work includes repainting ceiling tiles; repainting other inside surfaces; cleaning artwork and statuary; installing new carpeting; refurbishing the pews; and possibly replacing the kneelers.

Pledges and events will finance renovation

"All aspects are determined by funding," O'Malley commented. The church's goal is to have 75 percent of the needed money in place before each phase begins. "The initial campaign started May 1 and probably \$553,000 has been pledged at this point," O'Malley stated, adding that donors have three years to pay off renovation project commitments.

The church will hold various fundraisers, including picnics, raffles, silent auctions, a cookbook sale, a house tour and a Mardi Gras celebration.

O'Malley told *The Dispatch* that there might also be a commemorative publication about the church's history and the renovation project. Individuals could donate to the church in return for advertisement or announcement space.

"We need another \$200,000, but I am fully confident we will get this," he said.

Brief church history

St. Joseph's Catholic Church began as an "underground" church, established so that worshippers could practice their faith undetected by Colonial authorities.

Starting when Oliver Cromwell toppled the British



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

government in 1652, through the passage of the 1692 "Act of Religion," and the Act of 1704, Catholicism was under siege. This anti-Catholic suppression lasted more than a hundred years in Great Britain and in the colonies.

In 1786, James Hughes and his family arrived in the area and built a house that included a room devoted to Catholic worship. Such "underground" chapels were not uncommon during the Century of Suppression. This humble beginning is considered the birth of St. Joseph's parish.

In 1793, Reverend Matthew Ryan built the first church, which served the local Catholic community until it was demolished in 1842 when the current church was built.

The Reverend John Dubois became the second pastor of St. Joseph's in 1793. Dubois is also regarded as the co-founder of Mount St. Mary's University, along with Simon William Gabriel Bruté de Rémur.

For a complete history of St. Joseph's Church, see the church Web site,

<http://emmitsburg.net/st.josephparish/index.htm>

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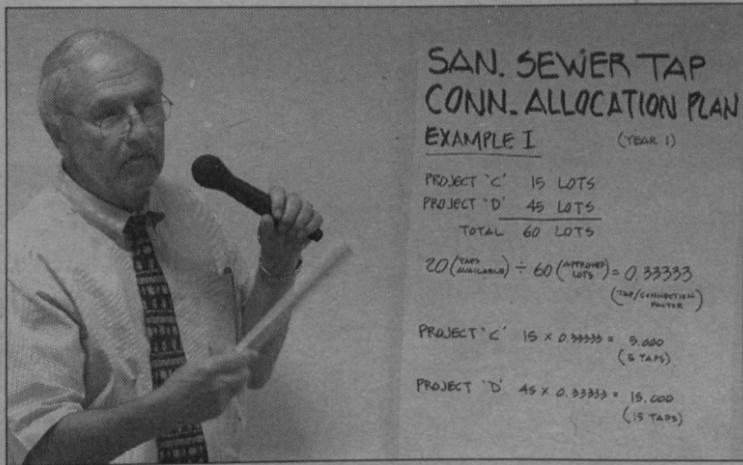
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Emmitsburg Town Manager David Haller explains the sewer taps allocation plan to town commissioners who will hold a special meeting August 23 to consider its adoption.

Taps allocation

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given date would be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

South Gate caught in middle of the sewer tap struggle

South Gate, developed by Apple Tree Homes, is presently being built-out. The development is located off South Seton Avenue, adjacent to the Emmitsburg Community Center. Groundbreaking for the development took place in April 2003.

Thomas Carolyn, owner of Apple Tree Homes, told the commissioners that efforts to sell homes in South Gate have been stymied by the informal, verbal moratorium declared in March, and the formal moratorium the commissioners adopted in June.

"Our lots met all requirements last October to receive building permits," Carolyn explained. Because his development is nearing completion, Carolyn said that South Gate should not have to compete against a new development for sewer connection per-

mits when the moratorium is lifted.

Carolyn commented that South Gate home buyers are caught in an apparent limbo, "Their whole world is without any questions being answered today."

Karen Fegani, a sales representative for Apple Tree, told the commissioners, "There are 11 to 12 anxious buyers ready to move in," but they are unclear how the current, no-growth moratorium and the proposed taps limits will affect them.

"I would have sold out already," she said, but potential buyers balked when they heard moratorium rumors.

"Some of my buyers purchased homes prior to the moratorium and sold their former houses," she said. "They are now homeless, and we don't know if they can get their (purchased) homes."

"I'm here to support my (South Gate) buyers, the future citizens of Emmitsburg," Fegani continued.

Commissioner Dianne L. Walbrecker commented, "In light of that (South Gate's readiness for permits), I'm not sure why we would want to wait until

September 1 to take action. I'd be in favor of looking at Apple Tree first."

The sooner the permit allocation plan goes into effect, the less likely it is that another developer could effectively compete with South Gate for any of the 20 taps.

State enforcement actions created tap restrictions

The town is considering adopting the "Residential Sanitary Sewer Tap System Connection Allocation Plan" in anticipation of signing a proposed consent order from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

MDE submitted the consent order draft to the town as part of an enforcement action taken because of repeated sewage spills from the degrading wastewater collection system.

In March the town received the initial MDE complaint along with a copy of the proposed consent order.

MDE lowered the suggested \$7,000 penalty assessment for previous spills to \$3,500. Emmitsburg and MDE have agreed on an annual 20-tap limit on new sewer connections, but as

of this date, the consent order has not been signed.

MDE is willing to consider additional hook-ups beyond the limit of 20 on a "case-by-case" basis.

Entering into a consent order with the state would establish a time-line for the town's repairs to the wastewater collection system. It would also shield the town from any further penalties should additional spills occur while the consent order is in effect.

No timeframe for action on the allocation plan

The board of commissioners decided to leave the record open for written comments before considering further action on the proposal.

Town Planner Michael H. Lucas noted at the July 12 meeting that the tap plan cannot go into effect until the temporary moratorium is lifted.

At this time there is no date for further, formal consideration of the allocation proposal.

Send written comments on the sewer tap allocation plan to the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 990, Emmitsburg MD 21727.

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will also give our community the opportunity to showcase the pride and spirit we have here.”

Mayor Flickinger said the town “has invested about \$40,000 to \$50,000 over the past three years in the event.” Individuals and organizations have contributed as well.

Founded in 1754

Taneytown was founded in 1754, when nearly 7,900 acres were granted to Edward Diggs and his brother-in-law, Raphael Taney. The land patent was known as the “Resurvey on Brothers Agreement.” Lots were laid out and the first deeds registered in 1762.

According to www.Taneytown.net, “The village adjoined the main road from Frederick to York, Pa., at the Piney Creek. Most of the land grant was sold in farm-size acreage.”

Raphael Taney, whose home was in St. Mary’s County, probably never lived in the Taneytown area. Nevertheless, he helped design the town’s layout and gave it his name.

Today, Taneytown is home to more than 5,000 residents, over 1,700 households, and more than 1,300 families within its 2.9

square miles, according to the Year 2,000 census.

Town revitalization and historical commitment

National and state recognitions attest to Taneytown’s pride in its long history. The downtown area is registered in the National Register of Historic Places. For the third year, Taneytown has been designated a National Main Street Community. Out of 1500 nationally, the community placed in the top 350 designees. Under the auspices of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Main Street Center assists towns with commercial district revitalization, combining historic preservation with grassroots-based economic development.

The Maryland Civil War Heritage Council has named Taneytown a Target Investment Zone, its first and only such designation made this year. For five years town businesses, nonprofits and individuals will be able to apply for Heritage Area loans to acquire, rehabilitate or restore property, for new construction, equipment or working capital.

Early in 2004 Taneytown received a Maryland Neighborhood Business Development Program façade grant of \$25,000. Local businesses, whose applications are

approved, may receive up to 50% reimbursement for approved renovations.

History Museum grand opening

The new Taneytown History Museum and Visitors’ Center will highlight the town’s past and welcome tourists to the area. The Taneytown Chamber of Commerce will host the museum’s grand opening on August 15 from 2-5 p.m. Museum Curator Tyler Boone, author of “Images of America: Taneytown,” a collection of town photos and history, will sign copies of his book. The museum is located at 24 East Baltimore Street.

Residential and commercial growth continue

The town continues to grow. New homes are being built and businesses and public services thrive. Three hundred homes have been built since 2000. Between 1999 and 2000, the town population grew 39 percent.

During the past several months, zoning certificates were issued for 83 new single-family homes; the 47-lot subdivision of White Birch Estates was completed; Interfaith Housing’s 59-home project in the Forest Glenn subdivision is nearly sold out;



A horse-drawn wagon makes its way down E. Baltimore St., Taneytown.



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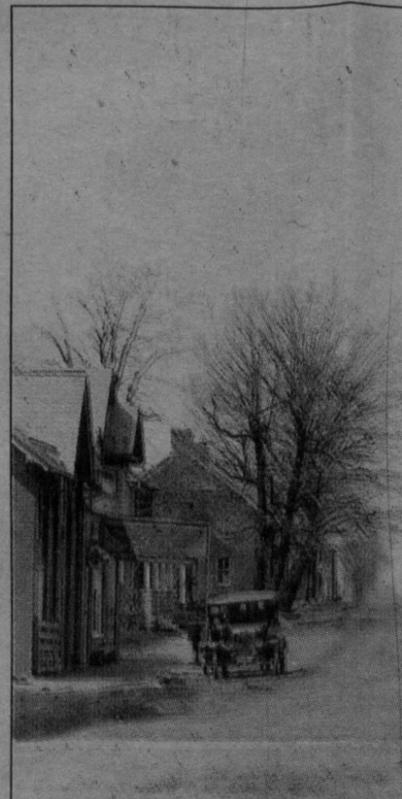
Taneytown’s “Welcome Sign” highlights town organizations, along with the 250th celebratory banner. Taneytown will hold a week of activities to commemorate its anniversary.

sales of the 35-lot subdivision of Meadowbrook Phase II are complete; and 24 lots of Roberts Mill Run, Section IV, Phase III have been completed. The 36 lots of Phase I should be completed by early spring 2005.

Construction of the infrastructure for the 19-lot subdivision, Sarah’s Choice IV, has begun; the final site plan for the 69-lot Creekside subdivision has been approved; and the 511 unit Carroll Vista, a private, gated retirement community for active adults aged 55 and over, has been approved.

Recently a new video store opened in the Taneytown Shopping Center, and a carwash has been approved for the same center. A 63-bed nursing home and a 159-unit assisted living facility are under construction.

Mayor Flickinger is committed to the community’s healthy growth. “I will do my very best to make Taneytown a place to be proud of and a great place to live. I was born and raised in this community. I want it to prosper.”



Early 20th century view of Emmitsburg. The street is unpaved, and automobiles are visible.



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St., Taneytown, in this turn-of-the-century photo by Taneytown photographer Edward P. Zepp.



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of Emmitsburg Street (West Baltimore Street) from a postcard published by N.B. Hagan. The street
mobiles vie for parking with horses and buggies.

Taneytown's 250th Birthday

Saturday August 21, 2004 - Saturday August 28, 2004

Saturday August 21

Lions Club Breakfast 6 to 11 a.m. - Firemen's Activity Building

Celebration Parade 1 to 3 p.m.

Parade route — Baltimore Street from Grand Avenue to Taneytown Memorial Park

Sunday August 22

Old-Fashioned Community Picnic 2 to 5:30 p.m. - Taneytown Memorial Park

Bring your own food or purchase from vendors. Family games and activities, including 19th-century children's games. Artists will showcase skills from the past.

"Sharing of Faith" Services 3 to 4:00 p.m. - Memorial Park ball field

A musical concert followed by a non-denominational service of sharing and caring.

In case of rain, services will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Monday August 23

Talent Show 7 p.m. - Northwest Middle School

Tuesday August 24

Time Capsule Ceremony 6:30 p.m.

Taneytown City Hall, 17 East Baltimore Street

Ice Cream Social & Cake Walk 6:45 p.m. - Municipal Parking Lot

Free ice cream, music and cakewalk - "Win a cake when the music stops!"

Wednesday August 25

Kiddie Parade & Neighborhood Block Party 6 p.m.

Roberts Mill Road and THS Park

Magicians, balloons, dance contest, karaoke singing, food and games for children of all ages

Thursday August 26

Taneytown Community Chorus Concert 7 p.m. - Northwest Middle School

Friday August 27

Fashion Show of the Decades, 7:00 p.m. - Northwest Middle School

Changing styles from colonial and Revolutionary eras to the present

Revolutionary and Civil War Living History 5 to 8 p.m. - Taneytown Memorial Park

Re-enactors of both wars will share stories, lifestyles, and events of these conflicts

Saturday August 28

GRAND FINALE

Firemen's Car Show 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Carnival Grounds
Classic cars, vendors, and food

Organ Concert 12 to 12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph's Church
Featured organist, Carolyn Lamb Booth

Heritage Tours 12:30 to 4 p.m.
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Organ Concert 4 to 4:30 p.m. - Trinity Lutheran Church
Featured organist, Peter Crisafulli

Whisker Growing Contest 7:30 p.m. - Memorial Park
Final judging of goatees, mustaches, and beards from the "Taneytown Brothers of the Brush"

FIREWORKS 9 p.m. (or after dark) - Memorial Park
Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. Come early for food and music.

Rain Date - Sunday August 29



—RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER/THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH

Commissioner Arthur Elder explains Emmitsburg's water supplies to the board on July 12. According to Elder, the town has an abundance of water, with additional wells due to go on-line.

Drinking water

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Well number 6, located near the end of Rainbow Lake, is capable of producing 10,000 GPD, but is not currently being used. "Well number 6 would only be used in case of an emergency, such as a drought, or if one of the other wells goes down," Elder noted.

Four wells are currently producing. Well number 1, across from the new water plant, provides 84,000 GPD; well number 2, at the "Cool House," produces 84,000 GPD; well number 3, near a small lake near the water plant, provides 87,000 GPD; and well number 5, near well number 3, produces 35,000 GPD.

Town infrastructure improvements

Elder told the commissioners that over the past ten years, the water supply system "fell behind on projects" intended to improve recovery, treatment, and delivery. Nevertheless, several noteworthy projects have been implemented or are underway.

In 2002, the town built a new water treatment plant costing \$1.9 million. The old treatment plant, probably built in the 1950s, is no longer functional and will be torn down.

A new 140,000-gallon, glass-lined water storage tank

was built in 2002 at a cost of \$100,000. The old iron storage tank is currently being refurbished for re-use at a cost of \$100,000.

The delivery system is also being improved. The town recently awarded a \$450,000 contract to W. F. Delauter & Son, Thurmont, to replace the lines that supply water to Mountain View Road residents.

Elder said those residents occasionally receive water contaminated with dirt and dust because of corrosion in the old waterlines. This project will also increase water pressure for Pembroke Woods residents.

"We're not going to stop improvements," Elder told The Emmitsburg Dispatch. "I think South Seton Avenue will get new water lines next," because the present water lines "are rusting shut."

"I think we may start replacing the South Seton line at the town square and go all the way down the street. It would be nice if we could start on that next year," Elder said.

The next lines that need to be replaced, according to Elder, are those on North Seton Avenue and DePaul Street, because they are also rusting shut.

"At least that is the sequence we had planned, but an emergency situation could

change that," Elder added.

Town water shortage unlikely

Eldersburg generally consumes an average of 350,000 gallons of water per day.

In addition to the more than 388,000 GPD town wells could produce when all online, available natural and made-made reservoirs contain more than 35 million gallons of water.

The main reservoir for Emmitsburg is Rainbow Lake, which holds an average of 33 million gallons of water, according to Elder. Another small lake contributes to the overall reserve.

Elder said that a recent agreement to purchase water from Mount St. Mary's can bring in 10,000 to 20,000 GPD, mainly for emergency use.

"Once one or two of the (not yet operative) wells come online, we should be in pretty good shape," Elder told The Dispatch. "Slowing down development will also help" conserve supplies while improvements are made.

Town Manager David Haller remarked that the town's abundant water supply makes it one of the few in the region capable of producing much more water than residential and commercial use consume.

St. Joseph's High School Reunion

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Lincoln Ave. —

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the project, according to Mayor Hoover.

Hoover paced off the road with *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* from the community center entrance to School Lane. He measured approximately 300 feet of roadway (excluding parking near the fire hydrant or street corner) that could be used for parking. About 15 parallel parking spaces would fit within the strip, or up to 30 angled parking spaces.

Hoover is concerned about safety issues with angled parking, because cars would have to back onto the roadway from angled spaces.

"The original intent (of adding parking to West Lincoln) was to relocate parking from the town square," Hoover said. The town commissioners recently balked at allowing the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) to proceed with developing a plan to install turning lanes at the town square because parking spaces would be lost.

In addition to more parking, Hoover would like to extend the sidewalk from the community park entrance to School Lane, and to replace the deteriorating storm drain.

Bringing it all together

If the town proceeds with the combined Lincoln Avenue projects, East Lincoln could become a two-lane roadway, and West Lincoln would have parking along one side. Both could have gutters, curbs and sidewalks, if there is room along the East Lincoln stretch.

"The sidewalk would join the swimming pool (and the community park) with the school and provide pedestrians with a safe place to walk," Hoover said.

The additional parking spaces would increase the number available in town or might compensate for any lost at some point at the town square.

Editor's note: See related story "Concerns over parking loss thwart town square improvements" in the June 23, 2004, issue of The Emmitsburg Dispatch.



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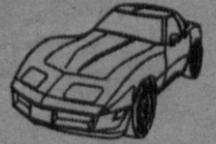

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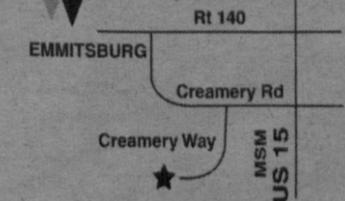
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OBITUARIES

Mary J. Valentine

Mary J. (Miller) Valentine, 89, died June 22 at home. She was the wife of Jacob E. Valentine, who died March 31, 1981.

Mrs. Valentine was born December 18, 1914 in Emmitsburg to the late John T. and Sara L. (Tressler) Miller.

She worked as a seamstress with Seven Valleys Garment Company and retired after several years of service. She was a member of St. Paul (Ziegler's) Lutheran Church.

Surviving are one son, William E. Valentine; one daughter, Rachel R. Thompson; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Msgr. Hugh Phillips

Msgr. Hugh J. Phillips, 97, Washington, D.C., died July 11 at Providence Hospital in Washington. Born February 2, 1907, in Washington, D.C., he lived in Emmitsburg from age 12.

He graduated from the old elementary school in 1923, from Mount St. Mary's High School in 1927, and from Mount St. Mary's College in 1927. He was ordained from Mount St. Mary's Seminary for the Archdiocese of

Baltimore in 1935. That same year, he received his MA degree from Mount St. Mary's College.

Msgr. Phillips served as the 19th President of Mount St. Mary's College, from 1967 to 1971. He was college librarian for 32 years and had served as professor of theology and church history at the Mount. He was a professor of philosophy, psychology and church history at St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg for 12 years. At the Providence Division of the School of Nursing Education of the Catholic University of America, he was professor of theology, psychology and medical ethics from 1937 to 1960.

Known as the restorer of the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Msgr. Phillips was appointed Director of the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes in 1958.

Surviving are nieces, Marilyn C. McGrath and Josephine Celmer; and nephews, Thomas P. McGrath, Anthony M. McGrath and F. James McGrath.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday July 16 at the Chapel of Immaculate Conception at Mount St. Mary's University, with Archbishop Harry Flynn, of St. Paul at Minneapolis, as the celebrant.

Interment was in St.

Anthony's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Sister Mary Louise Lyons, DC

Sister Mary Louise Lyons, 85, died July 11 at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg.

The former Mary Elizabeth Lyons was born in Chicopee, Massachusetts, one of five children born to Thomas William and Nora Bagley Lyons. Mary Elizabeth graduated from Immaculate Conception Academy, Washington, D.C. in 1936 and entered the Daughters of Charity in 1937. She received a bachelor's degree in nursing from St. Joseph College, Emmitsburg, in 1950, and a master's degree in nursing from The Catholic University of America in 1956.

She served as a nurse, teaching supervisor, director of nursing and later as hospital administrator in Maryland and Virginia. From 1974-1983, Sister served on the provincial council of the Emmitsburg Province as councilor for health ministry. She became a resident of the Villa in 2002.

Surviving are two brothers, James Lyons and Paul Lyons; one sister, Helen Ebaugh; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was offered July 15 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Frances Gerber

Mrs. Frances Patricia Gerber, 87, Emmitsburg, died July 16 at St. Catherine's Nursing Center. She was the wife of the late Carl E. Gerber.

Born December 4, 1916, in Belfast, Ireland, she was the daughter of the late Robert L. Keary Sr. and Catherine L. Anderson Keary.

After retiring as head librarian at Maryland General Hospital, Frances was an avid artist, painting with oils on canvas as well as china. She was a member of Our Lady of the Angels Roman Catholic Church in Catonsville.

Surviving are three daughters, Carla Frances Gerber, Kathleen Keary Gerber, and Christina Maria Withrow; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Irene Hebert and Estella Perch; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 20 at Our Lady of the Angels, Catonsville, Md., with Father William Bowen officiating. Burial will follow in Lake View Memorial Park, Sykesville.

Sister Clementine Lockwood, DC
Sister Clementine Lockwood,

93, died July 25 at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg.

The former Agnes Gertrude Lockwood was born in Washington, D.C., the fourth of seven children born to William Edward and Marie Teresa Lockwood. Agnes Gertrude graduated from Immaculate Conception Academy in Washington, D.C. in 1931. She entered the Daughters of Charity that year. Sister received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg in 1955.

Sister Clementine worked with young children throughout her career, as an elementary teacher and later as a local superior in a number of children's homes in Michigan, Virginia, and Maryland. She served as a docent at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Shrine in Emmitsburg, and a receptionist at two local hospitals. In 1994 Sister returned to Emmitsburg and became a resident of Villa St. Michael.

Surviving are one brother, Edward Lockwood; two sisters, Elizabeth Hisle and Rita Wallace; numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was offered July 28, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Bernadette (Miller) Hemler

Mrs. Bernadette (Miller) Hemler, 77, Thurmont, died, July 28 at York Hospital, Pa. She was the wife of the late Francis "Fritz" Hemler, who died September 12, 1985.

Born April 10, 1927, in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late Irvin W. and Mary S. Hartdagen Miller.

Mrs. Hemler worked for 33 years in the food service department at Mt. St. Mary's University. She was a member of St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg, and a volunteer at the Emmitsburg Food Bank and at St. Catherine's Nursing Center.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald F. Hemler and Michael A. Hemler; two daughters, Barbara J. Andrew and Sandra A. Long; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial was held July 31 from St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg, with her pastor, the Rev. James Hannon as the celebrant. Interment was in St. Anthony's Shrine Cemetery.

Mr. Fred Lieb, Sr.

Mr. Fred Lieb, Sr., 92, formerly of Keymar and

Emmitsburg, died July 30 at his home in Thurmont.

Born June 5, 1912, in Dettingen, Germany, he immigrated to the United States in 1914. He grew up on a farm in Carroll County, Iowa. He and his family moved to Keymar, where he was a dairy farmer until 1974.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Freida; three daughters, Myra Miller, Linda Curl and Lore Knouse; two sons, John Leib and Fred Leib, Jr.; 12 grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; one niece, one nephew and cousins.

A memorial service was held August 7 at the Graceham Moravian Church, Thurmont. Private interment was in Keysville Union Cemetery, Keymar.

Mrs. Catherine Marsden

Mrs. Catherine A. Marsden, 75, formerly of Emmitsburg, currently of Hanover Homewood at Plum Creek, died August 2 at Hanover Hospital, Pa.

Born January 30, 1929, in Washington, D.C., she was a daughter of the late Robert J. and Vencentia Sebold Conlon, M.D.

Surviving is her husband of 54 years, Joseph R. Marsden Sr.; one son, Joseph R. Marsden Jr.; two daughters, Ann Louise Drale and Mary Catherine Covert; three grandsons; one granddaughter; one great-grandson; and one great-granddaughter.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. She and her husband operated an antiques shop in Emmitsburg in the 1980s. She was a graduate of the Marjorie Webster Junior College in Washington, D.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered August 6 from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with her pastor, the Rev. Stephen Trzeciecki, C.M., as the celebrant.

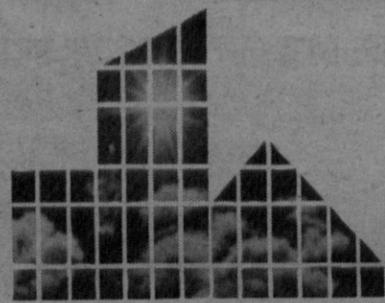
Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Sister Andrea MacVarish, DC

Sister Andrea MacVarish, 103, died August 3 at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg.

Margaret Belle MacVarish was born in Glendale, Nova Scotia. She was one of eight children born to George and Catherine MacEachen MacVarish. Margaret Belle entered the Daughters of Charity in December 1923.

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SPORTS

Not Without Controversy

Megan Zimmerman
Contributing Writer

For a few days in late June and early July, the normally sleepy town of Emmitsburg, Maryland became a prominent location on the world weightlifting map as it hosted the World Weightlifting Championship for University and College Students. Thirty countries and a record number of athletes competed for the gold.

Dr. Tamas Ajan, President of the International Weightlifting Federation and Member of the International Olympic Committee, oversaw the event. Of the 138 participating athletes, six will represent their country in the Athens Summer Olympic Games. Nevertheless, such an important event never proceeds without glitches and

controversy.

Glitches

Mike Cady, Frederick County Commissioner and event coordinator, recalled a few setbacks. The day prior to the opening ceremony, the organizers found that they were short one computer, and a few others had operating system problems.

"We scrambled, identified the resources, moved swiftly, and the requirements were met by day's end," explained Cady. "Without this change, there would not have been a competition. Although I was calm and composed on the outside, my guts were in a knot until the solution was in place."

Post Championship, the morning of the awards ceremony, organizers realized they were short a trophy for the Best

Male Athlete. Talk about a snag. But Cady came to the rescue. He "remembered his favorite trophy, went home and found it, dusted it off, had an engraving company make a plate, and it was ready for presentation by noon."

Drug-free event

As with many major sporting events, the World Anti-Doping Association conducted drug tests on random athletes during the competition. Normally, three out of 100 tested athletes are found positive for illegal drugs at a tournament like this. However, no illegal drug use was detected.

"We work hard to keep our athletes clean of banned substances, but some do not get the message," explains Cady.

Ethics questions

Some have taken Cady to task on several counts prior to the competition: using work time and his county phone num-

ber and e-mail account for event business; his executive assistant, Belinda Teague-Levy, was the volunteer coordinator, also using work time, county email and phone for event business. Many event sponsors were builders or developers. Critics expressed concerns about Cady's ability to be impartial if competition sponsors come before the Planning Commission, of which he is a member, for project approvals.

On July 2, a Frederick county resident raised these issues in The Frederick News-Post online forum on the Weightlifting Competition.

David "Kip" Koontz, a Hagerstown resident and columnist for the Tentacle, "Your Frederick County News & Commentary Website," reiterated the ethics questions in his July 8 article, "Bad Judgment or Simply Oversight?"

Cady responds

Cady makes no apologies. In

an article, "World Weightlifting Championships a Huge Success," published on Emmitsburg.net, he states, "I openly admit that I did much of the planning for this event from my office at Winchester Hall and used my e-mail address to communicate to others. But I did so as both an Event Director and County Commissioner, because I view the event as a service to my constituents in Northern Frederick County ... I do not use County resources for personal reasons or personal gain."

Regarding sponsors, Cady commented that sponsors and participation fees funded the event. Of the 52 sponsors, 15 were developers. Of the \$48,000 received in sponsorships, \$12,750 was from developers. The Sponsor Committee solicited all the funds, and all money was deposited in the USA Weightlifting account.

With a positive account balance, the money will be donated to the Sheriff's Youth Ranch. "If there are insufficient funds to pay the bills, I am personally liable," Cady stated.

Championships earn high praise

Despite any controversies, the championship event was a huge success. Dr. Ajan commended Cady, the sponsors, and volunteers at the closing ceremonies. In his 40 years of international service, Dr. Ajan proclaimed, "This was the best organized and run event I have attended."

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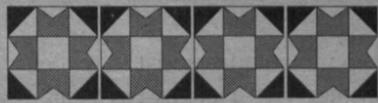
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Mary Ellen Cummings
Dispatch Writer

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People my age used to talk about the "good old days" and treasured many small tokens of remembrance - a bow of satin ribbon, a letter, or a photo. For many of us a quilt becomes the catalyst that sends our memories reeling. Today an old quilt sup-

ply catalog jogged my memory.

This catalog, "Quilts and Other Comforts," was published in 1974, 30 years ago, by Leman Publications, Inc. There are thirty pages, yellowed with age and printed in black ink. Two pages of red on white feature kits for quilts, a pillow and a doll. The most expensive all-inclusive kit was an appliqué quilt, 84" x 100". It cost \$16.50 plus postage.

Another item in the catalog that caught my eye was bath soap - human bath, not quilt. I thought the item quite unique for a quilt supply catalog. Part of the description is "Each bar is wrapped in a patch of calico about 6" square - one of 15 reproductions of 100-year-old

prints." Enclosed with each bar is a quilt-as-you-go pattern with full instructions. The soap could be ordered in three forms: bath bar, \$.85; guest size bar, 3/\$1.20; wooden crate with 3 bath bars, \$3.

Until this year, 2004, it was unusual to find patterns for Hawaiian style quilts in any magazine or catalog. However, this 1974 catalog had two patterns listed - to be used for a pillow or a quilt top. The patterns were "Ulu" and "Pika Pua," and cost \$.50 each.

On another page were children's storybook quilt patterns at \$1.25 each, and a Jack and Jill kit for \$6. Today such patterns would cost from \$7 to \$12 each.

During this National Election year, I found two patterns that were quite interesting. One is for an elephant block, no size given. Patterns were available in either paper or plastic. The second pattern is one I have seen

numerous times before listed as a donkey. However, in this catalog the donkey is a child's pony with very long ears and an angular face.

On page two of the catalog is a forward from the Editor, Bonnie Leman - yes, the same one. She relates how she and her husband started with a mail-order home business

and grew from there. She says it was always a family affair,

including the children. Her company catalogs still come to me and I still feel like we are all members of the same family - the quilt family.

Of course you've guessed by now that this catalog won't be trashed. I'm sure I will find other interesting items as I do this clean out, and I will share them with you. We might even compare them to the "good old days."

Obituaries

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During her long career, Sister Andrea served in hospitals in Michigan, Maine and New York. For ten years she worked as administrator and local superior at Kirkleigh Villa, a retirement home in Baltimore. She served as administrator and local superior to Villa St. Michael, then located in Baltimore, until 1976. After 18 years in pastoral care in Norfolk, Va., Sister Andrea returned to Emmitsburg to live at Villa St. Michael.

Surviving are two nieces.

A Mass of Christian burial

was offered August 5 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg.

Mr. Bradley Kochaniec

Mr. Bradley Alan Kochaniec, 19, Sabillasville, died August 3 at Mercy Medical Center, Baltimore, Md.

Born January 25, 1985, in Tallahassee, Fla., he was a son of George Kochaniec of Denver, Colorado, and Carol McIntosh and stepfather David McIntosh, Sabillasville.

Bradley was a student at Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg. He was a member

of the American Canoe and Kayak Association.

Surviving are his brother, Steven Kochaniec; stepbrothers and sisters, Kristopher McIntosh, Missy Gavagni, Chrissy McIntosh, Joey McIntosh and Michael McIntosh; and paternal grandparents, George and Elaine Kochaniec.

Funeral services were held August 10 from the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at Mount St. Mary's University, with the Rev. Ray Harris as celebrant.

Interment was in Mount St. Mary's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

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Arrest made in Carriage House burglary; second suspect remains at large

A suspect who allegedly burglarized the Carriage House restaurant, 200 South Seton Avenue, on May 27 has been arrested. A possible second suspect remains at large. As of the first week in August, the case is still under investigation.

Deputy Jennifer Bailey, spokesperson for the Frederick

County Sheriff's Office, told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that a 16-year old male from Fairfield, Pa., "was referred to the county Department of Juvenile Justice on June 16."

Investigating officer, Deputy James Moxley, charged the juvenile with 2nd and 4th degree burglary, theft of property under

\$500 in value, and possession of alcohol by a minor.

According to Bailey, the young man allegedly "crawled through a second story window and entered a ballroom and bar" around 3:40 a.m. on May 27.

The investigation is on-going. Moxley obtained a copy of the surveillance video from the Carriage House security camera. The video allegedly shows the suspect handing bottles of liquor out the window to a second person.

Robert (Bob) Hance, co-owner of the Carriage House, told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that the security camera system had been installed just two months ago.

"The video was very, very clear," Hance said. "One of the suspects looked right into the camera."

Bailey noted that the estimated value of the stolen items was \$390. Hance said "about 14 bottles of liquor" had been taken. An employee discovered the robbery.

POLICE ACTIVITY

Emmitsburg resident arrested for driving with suspended license

Stephen W. Kelley, 33, Emmitsburg, was arrested July 22 for failing to stop at a stop sign, not wearing a seat belt, operating an unregistered vehicle, driving an uninsured vehicle, displaying a registration plate issued to another vehicle, driving without current tags, and displaying expired plates without current tags. Deputy Kevin Eyler initially stopped Kelley for failure to stop at a sign and not wearing a seatbelt.

Missing license plate leads to drug bust

Baltimore residents, Sara B. Kelly, 21, and James M. Shiflett, Jr., 20 were charged with drug-related offenses after a traffic stop July 25 in Emmitsburg. Deputy Michael Ensor stopped the car because it had no front license plate.

"Through investigation," according to Jennifer Bailey, spokesperson for the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, "bagged marijuana and drug paraphernalia, including rolling papers, were located inside the vehicle." Allegedly there were 94.3 grams of marijuana in the car. Police said Shiflett also had marijuana and a smoking device. Both Kelly and Shiflett were charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Shiflett

was further charged with possession with the intent to distribute marijuana.

Rocky Ridge teen faces drug possession charge

During a routine traffic stop on July 27, a Rocky Ridge juvenile was arrested for possession of marijuana. Deputy Gary Cline stopped the car, after noticing it was following another car too closely. "Through investigation on the scene, the juvenile front passenger was (allegedly) found to be in possession of marijuana," Bailey stated.

The 16-year-old was arrested and charged with marijuana possession. The 17-year-old Emmitsburg driver received a traffic citation for following a vehicle too closely and a safety repair order for a loud exhaust system.

Failure to wear seat belt leads to drug arrest

A Gettysburg teenager, James V. Miller, 19, was arrested July 29 in Emmitsburg for several violations, including drug-related offenses. Deputy Kevin Eyler initiated a routine traffic stop because Miller was not wearing a seat belt. Miller was later charged with possession of marijuana, possession with intent to distribute cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia, not wearing a seat belt, and driving with an out-of-state suspended license.



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August 9-13 - Vacation Bible School 2004. 6-8:30 p.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, Mt. Hope Road, Fairfield, Pa. Join us for an exotic Far East race like no other. You will experience exciting Bible stories, amazing crafts and music with a Japanese flair.

August 12-15 - The Wizard of Oz. 8 p.m. Sunday matinee, August 15, 2 p.m. Thurmont American Legion, 8 Park Place. Thurmont Thespians 7th Annual Summer Teen Musical. All tickets, \$8. Information and tickets: 301-271-7613.

August 10, 15, 19, 22 - Tri-State Thunder fast pitch travel softball tryouts. 5:30 p.m. Pinesburg Softball Complex. Tryouts for 14U, 16U and 18U teams. The organization is looking for talented, dedicated athletes who want to advance their softball skills and compete at the highest levels. Information: slugger-coach@aol.com or 304-274-6774.

August 14 - Jacobs Church Annual Festival. Harbaugh Valley Church Road, Fairfield, Pa. Good food & good fun. Entertainment: Bumbaugh Family Gospel Singing Group. Come sit in our grove, visit with friends, and enjoy the "old time" atmosphere of years gone by.

August 14 - "Safety by Storybook Favorites." 7 p.m. Baker Park's Summer fest Family Theater. Preview performance presented by Frederick County Chapter's Red Cross Theater. Geared toward elementary school children. Bring the family and watch storybook characters promote fire safety and stranger safety in this 15-minute production.

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August 29 - All you can eat Spaghetti Dinner. 2-5 p.m., Emmitsburg Ambulance Building. \$7 in advance; \$8 at the door. Food prepared by Carriage House Inn. Benefits CYA cheerleading 2003-2004 invitations to Hawaii & Florida. Tickets: 301-447-2847 or 301-271-3218.

September 6 - Annual Labor Day Festival. Noon to 5 p.m. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Thurmont, Md. (on the Church grounds on Church Street in downtown Thurmont). Family-style fried chicken and ham dinner. Live music by the Home Comfort Bluegrass Band, bingo, large white elephant sale, bake sale, raffle, country store and kid's games. Air-conditioned room and ample parking. Adults, \$10; children 6 to 12, \$5; 5 and under - free.

September 11 - Friends and Family Day at Thorpe Wood. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Local artists, children's activities; guided nature walks and talks; tours of building and property; grilling workshops (extra fee). Food, bonfire and much more! Family (4 or more), \$25; adults, \$10; 1st-12th grade students, \$5; 5 and under are free. Information: 301-271-2823.

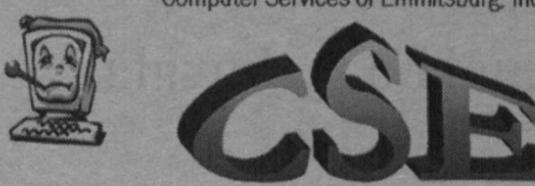
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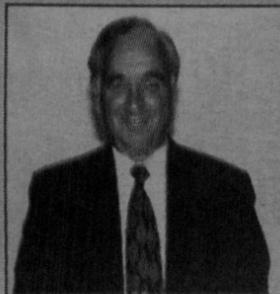


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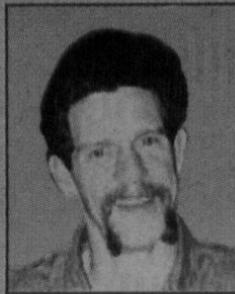
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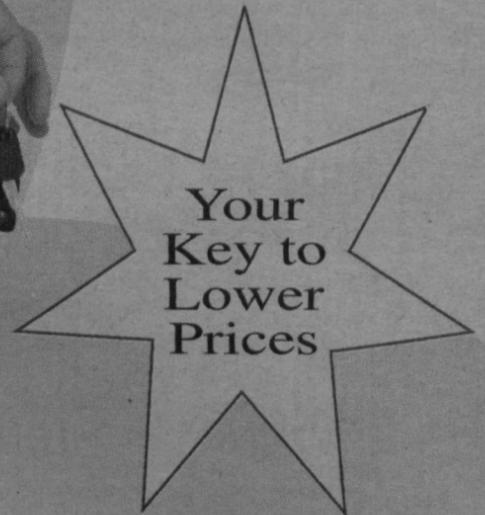


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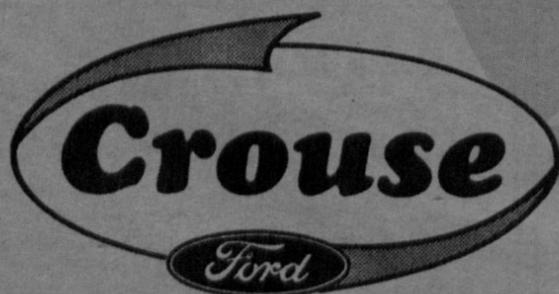
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