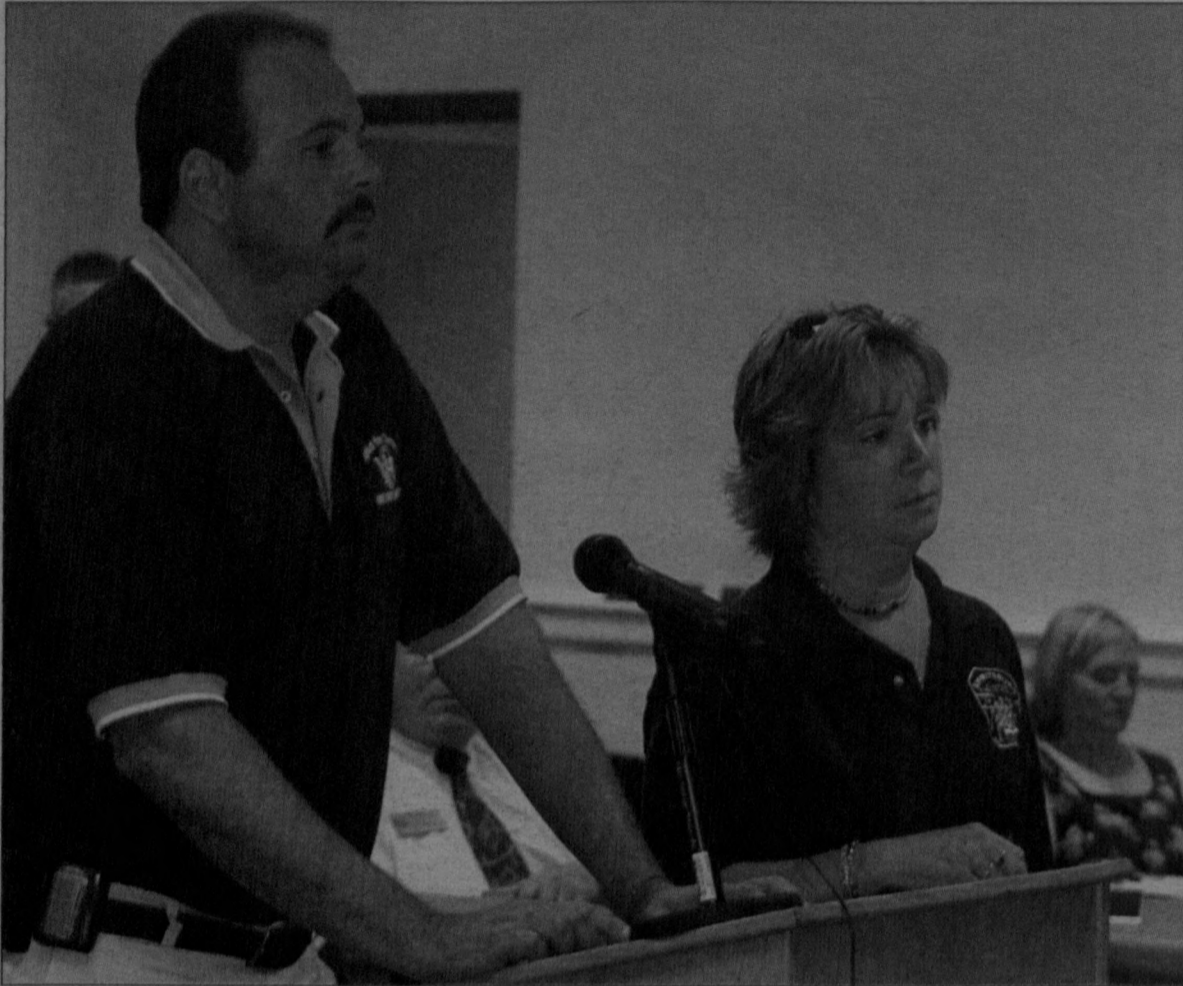


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Vigilant Hose Company Chief Robert Rosensteel, Jr. (L) and ambulance company Chief Jeanette McGuire present their positions on hiring career employees to improve ambulance response at an August 30 special board of commissioners meeting.

Emmitsburg region faces first fire tax in its history

Staff Report

Emmitsburg remains the only Frederick County community without a fire tax, but that may soon change because of emergency response problems at the Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company.

The town board of commissioners voted in favor of a 6.5 % fire tax August 30 to support the ambulance company's efforts to acquire two full-time career employees. This will ensure the station would be manned 12 hours, five days a week.

The commissioners also voted to monitor the company's

performance to determine if the coverage would need to be increased to 24 hours a day, seven days a week, assuming the county grants the company these two new hires.

Frederick County approval required

The Frederick County Board of Commissioners must approve the establishment of a new fire tax district and is scheduled to discuss the subject on September 2. If a decision is made to form a fire tax district in the Emmitsburg region, the county will also have to hold a

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Ambulance Company Suspends Chief

At a special executive session on Aug. 31, the Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company board voted overwhelmingly to suspend Chief Jeanette McGuire.

Joe Pelkey, president of the ambulance company, said McGuire has been suspended "for her recent actions," but was unable to comment further on

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Commissioners lift moratorium, adopt taps allocation plan

Richard D. L. Fulton
Managing Editor

At the August 23 work session, Emmitsburg commissioners voted to rescind the sewer connection moratorium, and adopted the proposed Residential Sanitary Sewer Tap System Connection Allocation Plan.

Mayor James E. Hoover signed the ordinance rescinding

the moratorium and giving the go-ahead to the allocation plan on August 26.

The allocation plan will restrict the number of sewer tap connections allowed and determine how the 20 permitted sewer connections are to be allocated (see "Town reviews taps plan" in the August 11, 2004, issue of The Emmitsburg Dispatch).

The town will enter into a

consent order (CO) with MDE to address its degraded sewer collection system. No more than 20 new connections per year can be approved for the duration of the consent order. However, MDE can approve additional connections on a case-by-case basis during the term of the consent order.

According to Mayor Hoover and Town Manager David Haller, the MDE consent order

remains unsigned.

Appletree appeals permit denials

Appletree Homes, owned by developer Thomas Carolyn, appealed the denial of three zoning certificates before the town Board of Appeals on August 12, challenging the legality of the town's moratorium as well.

Carolyn's South Gate development is located off South

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Town, businesses partner to continue after-school program

Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Emmitsburg town government has established a public-private partnership to rescue "After-school Adventures," a popular recreational program for elementary school children in town. The Maryland state grant that allowed Frederick County to fund the program is no longer available.

Faced with losing the program, town manager Dave Haller

and town planner Michael Lucas enlisted the help of local businesses. They announced the plan at the August 2 Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners meeting. The commissioners committed \$10,000 to the project.

Michael Lucas is spearheading the effort to solicit donations from area companies. Donations are at the \$6,000 level, and growing.

Bollinger Construction Company, owned by Josh Bollinger, is the leading contribu-

tor. Other sponsors include Jubilee Foods, Emmitsburg Glass Company, Briggs and Associates Real Estate, The Carriage House Inn, and One More Tavern. One donor has pledged to provide two computers for the program.

"After-school Adventures" has always included supervised homework time, said program coordinator Erma Tressler. Some of the students use computers at home for their homework, so "it would be wonderful" to have

them available in their activity room at the community center.

Tressler has worked with the program since it began in January 1999. She said town officials have always supported it, because they wanted a structured recreational program for local students.

Bill Derbyshire, former Catoctin Community Agency School Services (CASS) coordinator, was also instrumental in

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Concerts in the Park
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Restoring historic barns
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Garden Club reaches golden milestone
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Voting in the upcoming general election
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Emmitsburg Dispatch encourages its readers to express their thoughts and opinions about issues that appear in this publication or affect the community. Letters must be exclusive to the Dispatch and should be no longer than 300 words in length. They must be signed and include the writer's address and phone number to be used for verification. The Dispatch reserves the right to edit for content and space. Deadline for letters is the 15th of each month.

Challenge to Harold C. Craig

The June 23, 2004 issue of this paper had a COPE article from Mr. Craig. He keeps singing the same song. He continues to bash the Bollinger family, Pat Boyle, Ted Brennan and Mayor Hoover.

Doesn't he know it yet? Annexation of these properties is a dead issue. It's time to move on to bigger and better things.

How long do you intend to beat a dead horse? Why don't you get down from your high horse and do something more constructive with your time?

If you can't find something to do for all of the citizens of our wonderful town, use your resources and money to complete the structural changes needed to your property. Repair the wall. Fix the leaning fence. School starts soon and many of our children use School Lane on a daily basis.

If you need assistance, ask the area developers for help. They may know some contractors looking for work.

- Larry Little
Emmitsburg

COPE President and Vice-President's actions disrupt Farmers' Market

As a member of COPE, I'm disturbed by the actions taken by the President (Catherine Forrence) and Vice President (Harold C. Craig, Jr.) of the organization regarding a disruption during the August 27 Farmers' Market.

At the August 24 COPE meeting the President stated she would be unable to attend the Farmers' Market on Friday and secured a volunteer, apparently to set up a booth as a Board of Elections Representative. Friday, August 27 was not a day that a Board of Elections representative was approved to set up a Farmers' Market sponsored booth.

The COPE President was, however, available at the market during the disruption, video cam-

era in hand. This disruption took place when I, as market manager, requested that the COPE member shut down the unapproved booth. (I am a volunteer on the Farmers' Market Committee and was elected Farmers' Market Manager by the two fellow volunteer committee members in April.)

Secondly, in my opinion, the behavior of the Vice President during the disruption, which included name-calling and finger pointing on his part, was entirely unacceptable.

In July, the President of COPE was approved by the Market Committee to set up a Farmers' Market sponsored booth as a representative of the Board of Elections on the first



—RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER/THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH

Many missed final concert in the park

Ray Marchman (left) and Phil Portier (right), the music duo known as "waking at seven," played oldies, country, and contemporary rock during this year's final free concert at Memorial Park, August 21.

The son of Bill and Bonita Portier, and formerly an Emmitsburg resident, Portier graduated in 1990 from Catocin High School and earned his bachelor's degree in music from Mount St. Mary's.

Blending their tenor voices, the two performed from 7:30 p.m. until dark for about 20 people. One person commented, "People missed a great concert. The acoustic guitars and vocals were phenomenal."

The band performs primarily in the Annapolis area. To learn about upcoming concerts, go to www.wakingatseven.com.

The Emmitsburg Parks Committee sponsored the concert series.

Friday of every month.

All market participants are required to sign an agreement. Apparently, some dissatisfaction has arisen with the terms. Regardless of the validity of the arguments on either side, she should not have signed if the terms of her participation were viewed as unacceptable.

In addition, the tactics used to

force the issue were entirely inappropriate in my opinion as they were disruptive to the market vendors and customers and became entirely too personal in nature.

As a result of this occurrence, I will not be renewing my membership in COPE. It is unfortunate in these times of polarized opinions, that resolutions cannot be achieved in a less confrontational

manner. If we're truly interested in preserving our small town atmosphere and charm, we need more people to volunteer to help maintain and improve the positive aspects of Emmitsburg. We should not turn positive events into a battleground.

—Jennifer Staiger
Emmitsburg



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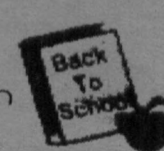
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100 Years Ago "In this place" From *The Emmitsburg Chronicle*

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.

Show in Town

September 2, 1904 - Andrew Downie's big one ring show was in town Wednesday and gave two performances, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening, both of which were fairly well attended. This show is a good one and their performers are professional in their various lines. The street parade was a very creditable affair. This is the largest show that has visited this place for a number of years.

Cemetery Improvement

September 2, 1904 - No doubt by this time the entire community has seen the vast improvement that has been made at Mountain View Cemetery, where for the past two weeks a force of workmen has been busily engaged in beautifying the front of this naturally beautiful burying ground.

Instead of the unsightly approach conspicuously noticeable heretofore, a gently sloping terrace forms the front and Southern boundary, while a new driveway, to be completed in the spring, a hedge and the addition of ornamental shade trees will add greatly to the general appearance of the whole place.

It is understood that the improvements are but a few of those that are contemplated and that from now on the entire cemetery will be kept in proper condition.

The Mountain View Cemetery is a union cemetery (for all denominations) and its fine location and natural advantages should appeal to all who desire a beautiful resting place for their dead.

All business connected with this cemetery may be transacted through Mr. J. Henry Stokes.

Fairfield Item

September 2, 1904 - Fairfield, for a small place, cannot be excelled. Good pavements. Lots of shade trees. The town has five churches, two smith shops, four dry goods stores, one hardware store, two grocery stores, one barber shop, one shoe store, one drug store, two doctors, three dressmakers, one hotel, two boarding houses, two confectionery stores, two wheelwrights, one saddler, one baker and one farm implements store.

Corn Cannery Busy

September 2, 1904 - The canning of sugar corn, which is one of the leading industries in Frederick county, has been at its height during the week, and so great is the rush of corn coming in that some of the factories have been working day and night. These industries, located in Frederick city and county, are now employing nearly five thousand persons to put up this enormous crop which is the largest ever grown in Frederick county.

About 4,000 acres of land was planted in sugar corn this spring and the yield from this is almost an average of three tons to the acre, for which the farmers are receiving from \$10-\$12 per ton, as the corn is all grading as first class.

The Monocacy Valley Canning Company, owned by Charles W. Ross, Jr., and

Charles B. Staley will pack about 4,000,000 cans. The Frederick City Packing Company, owned by Rosenstock Bros., will put up 4,000,000 cans also, and the Colt & Dixon Company of Frederick, will turn out about 1,000,000 cans. The Roland Canning Company, which principally packs fruit, will turn out 100,000 cans of tomatoes and a like amount of fruit. At Buckeystown, Frederick county, the Buckeystown Packing Company will pack 2,000,000 cans this season.

The Monocacy Valley Canning Company at Walkersville will put up nearly 1,000,000 cans and the Adamstown Packing Company at Adamstown, which only commenced this season, will pack about 1,500,000 cans.

Lawn Party

September 9, 1904 - A very delightful lawn party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harmon on Tuesday evening, August 23. The evening was spent in playing games and general merriment. About half past eleven the guests retired to the dining room where a table, furnished with the luxuries of the season, was spread. The attendance was especially large there being about fifty persons present. The bashfulness of the young men was fully compensated by the energy of the ladies, who seemed to appreciate the privileges of leap year. About half past twelve the guests left for their homes after having spent a very pleasant evening.

After School Program

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getting the program established. "CASS will continue to work with the program and its parent advisory council," says current coordinator Debbie Wivell Swiderski. She would like to see even more parent involvement in the future.

Tressler hopes to enlist some Mount St. Mary's University students as volunteers. "We have had some in the past, but not last year," when the community center was being renovated. Usually the volunteers came through the Education Department and helped with homework and supervised games.

The program was designed to serve 30 students, and enrollment has been filled every year. "There's usually a waiting list too," said Tressler. She emphasizes that it is a recreational program, "not a child care program." Two adult staff members pick up the students from school

at the end of the day, around 3:30 p.m., and walk with them to the community center.

Their activity room is on the lower level, and "the kids love it." There is plenty of space for projects and games. They have a snack, provided by the parents on a rotating basis, followed by homework. Students play games in the gym (relay races, dodgeball, and the like). Board games are available as well, and most afternoons there is a craft activity.

The program ends at 5:30 p.m. Parents are expected to pick up their children no later than 5:45 p.m.

Emmitsburg Elementary and Mother Seton School distributed informational fliers to students the first day of school. Children in grades one through five are eligible to enroll in this free program. "After-school Adventures" begins October 18, 2004 and ends April 29, 2005. The group will not meet on school holidays. For information, contact Erma Tressler, 301-371-8851.

St. Joseph's High School Reunion

Saturday, September 18, 8 - 11 p.m. at Mother Seton School. Sponsored by the class of 1979, the reunion is their 25th, but open to all St. Joseph's alumni. BYOB - D.J. and set-ups provided.

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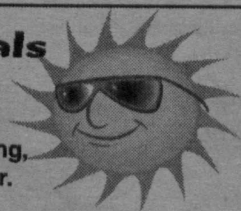
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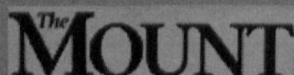



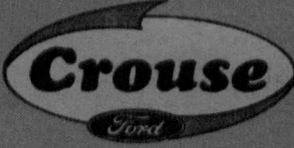
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Clarification

"From the managing editor's notebook ... Maryland Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry," p.2, August 11, 2004 issue of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*.

The following edit may have been misleading:

"When picking up 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."

To clarify, butchers will not charge for processing if hunters donate an entire deer to MD FHFH. Hunters must still pay the processing fee if they donate only a portion of the animal.

Our apologies for any confusion.



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David Stone's Victorian barn, located on Sixes Rd. outside Emmitsburg, needs a lot of restoration to bring out the beauty of the structure. Family farms, such as Stone's, generally don't have that kind of money to spare.

From the managing editor's notebook ...

Finding help in restoring historic barns, farming's historic importance

Richard D. L. Fulton
Managing Editor

Standing on the David Stone farm on Sixes Road (Riverside Farm and Market) is a disheveled, but still gorgeous, gingerbread-laden barn dating back to the classic Victorian period.

The original beauty of the building still shines through the many years of wear and tear, and the inability of its various owners to invest in maintaining its amazing architectural attributes.

Seeking help

The problem with the finances of family farms, which could be dedicated toward restoration of farm buildings involving noteworthy architecture, is that most are already cash-strapped just making ends meet.

This is not necessarily true about farm cooperatives, but true family farms, operating independently of farm marketing associations, are financially stressed to the limit in Frederick County and the state in general.

Going down with these small farms are the many architecturally historic structures associated with them. This realization has given rise to a number of organizations, governmental and non-profit, dedicated in part or in whole to preserving the buildings.

Valuable sources of barn restoration and funding infor-

mation include: *The Barn Journal* (www.thebarn-journal.org); Charles Whitney, Barn Consultant (barnconsultant@yahoo.com); National Trust for Historic Places (www.nthp.org); and the National Barn Alliance (cslaw@facstaff.wisc.edu).

Before contacting an organization for possible aid, it is recommended that the barn owner document the building's design and origins; if possible, including any available "now and then" photographs. At the least, include photographs of the present structure and architectural details. The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) offers aid possibilities for structural restoration, Deputy Director Elizabeth Hughes told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, including low-interest loans and possibly tax incentives if the proposal meets certain criteria.

For information on the MHT loan program, call 410-514-7634. For information on MHT tax incentives, call 410-514-7628.

The evolution of farming

Today, farming, the very institution that literally spawned civilization, is so regulated that small operations are failing at an alarming rate. Prior to the appearance of farming, the vast majority of the human race was nomadic. Farming gave rise to the first permanent settlements of *Homo sapiens*.

How important was the con-

cept of farming? Because a nomadic life necessitated constant upheaval to keep pace with migrating animals, nothing more than a temporary settlement could be established.

Somewhere in the world lie the remains of the first farmer, a nomad who suddenly realized he or she could take the seeds the tribe had gathered, plant them, and get them to grow.

That individual almost instantly redesigned the world. The impact was and is infinite, because virtually everything you do or see evolved in some way from that awareness.

Farming gave humans a base of operation by keeping the food supply local. Combined with seasonal plantings, developments in storing food, and the domestication of animals, family groups and tribes were no longer required to wander about portions of entire continents for food.

These bases of operation grew into permanent settlements, then villages, metropolises, states and, ultimately, nations.

Farming paved the way for specialized occupations. Prior to farming, tribal members tended to be jacks-of-all-trades, and every member needed to know every attribute of survival. There were few, if any, specialists other than warrior and shaman (religious figurehead and "medic").

When farming triggered the establishment of permanent vil-

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TOWN NEWS

Alleged Pembroke parking tickets generate conflicting claims

Richard D. L. Fulton
Managing Editor

Emmitsburg records do not reflect the issuance of any parking tickets at Pembroke Woods prior to August 9, yet a commissioner claims that visitors to the development have received numerous tickets.

Board of commissioners President William B. O'Neil, Jr. stated at several town meetings that guests at his Pembroke home have been cited for parking violations during social functions.

When the town approved Pembroke Woods, it prohibited on-street parking. Residents are expected to park only in their driveways. The on-street parking prohibition also benefited Buckeye Development which built 25-foot wide secondary roads, rather than the 32 to 40 feet width required with on-street parking.

Commissioner stands by statements

O'Neil told The Emmitsburg

Dispatch that guests at his house had received "five to six" tickets during his daughter's "sweet sixteen" party and friends received "a couple of tickets" after his aunt had passed away.

"Recently," he stated, "my daughter's friend received a ticket" when he was parked in front of the house. He had only been inside ten to fifteen minutes." O'Neil brought a copy of the most recent ticket to a town meeting.

"It's not about fixing tickets," O'Neil told The Dispatch. "It's about fixing the problem."

"Some homeowners (at Pembroke) can park four cars in their driveways while others can park 15," O'Neil said. "Thirty percent of the residents don't have parking comparable to those who have larger driveways," he noted.

The town staff is presently evaluating the possibility of issuing special event parking passes for parking space deficient areas in the community.

"I'd like to see special event

permits. I think a permit would be fine with me," O'Neill commented.

Claims town may have destroyed tickets

Pursuant to the state freedom of information legislation, The Emmitsburg Dispatch obtained a copy of a town memo sent to Town Manager David Haller and Town Planner Michael Lucas by Code Enforcer Eva Miller on August 13. Generally only Code Enforcer Eva Miller issues parking tickets.

The memo states that no parking tickets were issued at Pembroke between issuance of the first occupancy permit on February 25, 2002, and August 9, 2004.

Lucas told The Emmitsburg Dispatch that all tickets were accounted for and kept in sequential order, that none were missing, and that there were no tickets on record issued to anyone at Pembroke (prior to August 9, 2004).

O'Neil responded to the

town's statement, "I would think the town destroys them (once they are contested or rescinded)."

He said he knew of no one in the development who had received a ticket and actually paid the fine. "I think when it gets to that point," O'Neil conjectured, "they (the planning and zoning staff) say, 'You weren't supposed to get a ticket there (in Pembroke).'"

"I think they realize no infraction has occurred. They cannot issue tickets until the roads (in the development) are accepted," he added.

However, O'Neil said, "Once the roads are accepted by the town, then folks will have to pay the tickets."

Mayor James E. Hoover told The Emmitsburg Dispatch, "The town staff has reviewed the records and found that there are no tickets for Pembroke. We have not destroyed any tickets."

Fixing problems instead of tickets

The Emmitsburg Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) voted July 26 to direct town staff to investigate the issuance of special event parking passes for areas with insufficient parking.

The action is contingent on successfully lifting the current on-street parking prohibition within Pembroke Woods.

Town Planner Michael H. Lucas listed a number of legal issues if the parking prohibitions were lifted in developments. Planning and Zoning would have to remove the no parking restriction. Then the department, as an entity, would have to submit the site plan to P&Z for modification. Even if P&Z signed the amended site plan, Lucas questioned how the town would get around the ordinance prohibiting parking on 25-foot wide roads.

Regarding permits to circumvent ordinance parking restrictions, Lucas explained that such permits would have to be available to any town resident holding an event, not just to Pembroke residents.

At the July 26 meeting, residents expressed concerns about fire-fighting equipment access, child safety, and vehicles parking in the swales if on-street parking were allowed.

Editor's Note: To date The Emmitsburg Dispatch has not seen copies of any ticket allegedly issued to a Pembroke Woods resident prior to August 9, 2004. We ask that anyone possessing such a ticket provide this newspaper with a copy. The Dispatch phone number, fax number and e-mail addresses are located in paper's masthead.

Town News Briefs ...

Developer offers to help pay for sewer upgrade

RJD Development Corp., the Brookfield developer, has offered to help the town pay for the rehabilitation of the Little Run sewer line.

RJD co-owners Richard Demmitt and Charles "Chuck" Karfonta told the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners August 13 they would be willing to work with the town in a "joint venture" to replace the 3,000-foot pipeline.

The offer was intended as a way to shorten the length of the temporary limited growth (erroneously called a "moratorium") ordinance that prohibits no more than 20 new sewer connections annually for three years. A true moratorium would prohibit all growth.

At the special commissioners meeting held to review RJD's proposal, Demmitt and Karfonta said they were not in a position to make a firm offer, but indicated they would return with figures for the

board to consider. It appears that the offer would be made contingent on the town reducing the length of the so-called "moratorium," or exempting Brookfield.

"Why would we care who fixes the line (if tap application restrictions continued for RJD after three years)?" Demmitt asked.

Brookfield still has 102 units without zoning certificates and building permits. The controlled growth ordinance could substantially limit the development's build out pace.

Commissioner seeks to protect historic homes from fire

Emmitsburg Commissioner Dianne L. Walbrecker is leading the charge to protect historic homes in town through the installation of fire suppression sprinkler systems.

At an unofficial workshop held August 18, Commissioner Walbrecker, Raymond W. Lonabaugh, National Fire

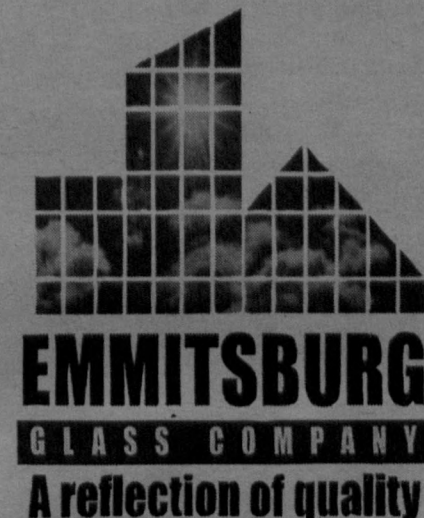
Sprinkler Association, Inc. regional manager, and Vigilant Hose Company President Frank Rauschenberg, reviewed various ways to retrofit older homes with sprinkler systems.

Walbrecker told those present that the workshop's purpose was to examine "the possibility of obtaining funding" to help homeowners pay for the work, which is more expensive than installing sprinkler systems in new homes under construction.

Rauschenberg said the fire service would support "sprinklers that extinguish or contain the fire in the early stages, and hopefully save lives. But without some financial assistance, it's almost impossible."

Lonabaugh suggested the group develop a scope study, determine what risks are within acceptable limits when choosing a system, and "get a good handle on the costs." The group agreed to go ahead with the scope study and will reconvene at a later date.

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Fire Tax

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public hearing. County residents living outside Emmitsburg town limits, but in the "first due" area of the ambulance company, will also be subject to this tax.

The fire tax rate could range from 6.5 percent of each \$100 of assessed real estate value (for less than 24-hour coverage) to 13.5 percent (for 24-hour service). At 6.5 percent, the taxes on a \$100,000 home would be \$65

Either plan would trigger the first fire tax in Emmitsburg's history.

Emergency meetings

Emmitsburg commissioners added the fire tax issue to the agenda of a special meeting on August 23 because the ambulance company is striving to file essential papers with the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services by September 1 in order to proceed with acquiring career help.

Hose Company would like to see 24-hour paid ambulance coverage.

Because the commissioners wanted input from the public, they scheduled a second emergency meeting, one week later on August 30. About 50 people attended.

Past Fire Chief Frank Davis was adamant about the need for 24-hour, seven-day-a-week service for the ambulance company. He said, "The problem we are facing here tonight is not a new problem to our community. It has just been hidden from the majority of citizens for the past 10 years."

Davis intended to ask commissioners to go a step further, and to assist in a merger of the ambulance company with the fire company to bring the problem to an end. But Davis ran out of time to speak.

Bob Rosensteel, Fire Company Chief dramatically pointed out the seriousness of the situation with the ambulance company response time, citing three failed calls that very morning. A 4:27 a.m. call - 22 minutes for an ambulance to arrive; 8:43 a.m. call - 14 minutes; 10:09 a.m. call - 15 minutes. In each instance an ambulance arrived from Thurmont, not Emmitsburg.

The commissioners, after several motions failed to come to a vote, decided in favor of 5 day, 12 hour coverage by paid ambulance company personnel, with the remaining time covered by volunteers.

Response efficiency degrading

The ambulance company has had increasing problems responding to calls for medical attention or transport.

From 2001 through 2003, the company's failure to respond within an eight-minute time frame (including failures to respond at all) increased from 7.1

Chief

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Jeanette McGuire speaking on Sept. 19 when members will make a final decision.

Chief McGuire would not comment on the suspension.

The Emmitsburg Dispatch has been investigating the ambulance company's response record. Frederick County's acceptable fail rate is 10% (failing to respond to 10% of calls received). In recent months, there has been a steady and dra-

matic increase in the company's fail rate: May 2004, 72 calls, 11% fail rate; June, 73 calls, 18% fail rate; July, 57 calls, 22.81% fail rate.

The fail rate has jumped from 11% to nearly 23% in just three months.

Former fire chief Frank Davis told town commissioners at an Aug. 30 emergency meeting that there have been problems within the ambulance company for some time. Davis said, "The community is being misled daily on the operations of the department."

This newspaper will continue to investigate this situation which has such an impact on the safety and well-being of all residents in the Emmitsburg region.

percent to 11.75 percent.

In July 2004, the failed response percentage soared to 22.81 percent.

On May 25, ambulance company Chief Jeanette M. McGuire wrote to the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services requesting relief; specifically, the addition of two paid employees to staff the company station five days each week.

McGuire wrote that the company "is the busiest volunteer organization in Frederick County, and out of great concern for the welfare of the citizens of our community and surrounding jurisdictions, we are facing the reality that we can no longer continue to provide this service on our own."

Although the ambulance company has about 30 members, only six are considered active members. In addition, the company only has three emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

County says growth has significant impact

Clarence "Chip" Jewell, spokesman for Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services, said that manpower shortages in emergency response companies are relatively widespread. He said it is no surprise that it has also become an Emmitsburg problem.

"It's not a negative (meaning, not reflective of the men and women who serve in the company)," Jewell stated. "It's the result of an increase in growth. It's a national situation."

Jewell told The Emmitsburg Dispatch that, generally, volunteer ambulance companies experience crew shortages during daytime hours when many of the volunteers are at work.

Many companies who have hired paid staffers still use volunteers, Jewell said, with the paid employees manning the stations during their shifts.

Those companies still tend to rely on volunteers to get them through evening and night hours, or supplement their paid daytime staff, he noted.

Revenue generated by community fire taxes do not go to the community, nor to the local fire or ambulance companies, but to the county, which then pays the salaries of local staff. The paid staff, Jewell said, "would be county employees."

He added that, with or without a fire tax, "you have to keep the public safety in mind."

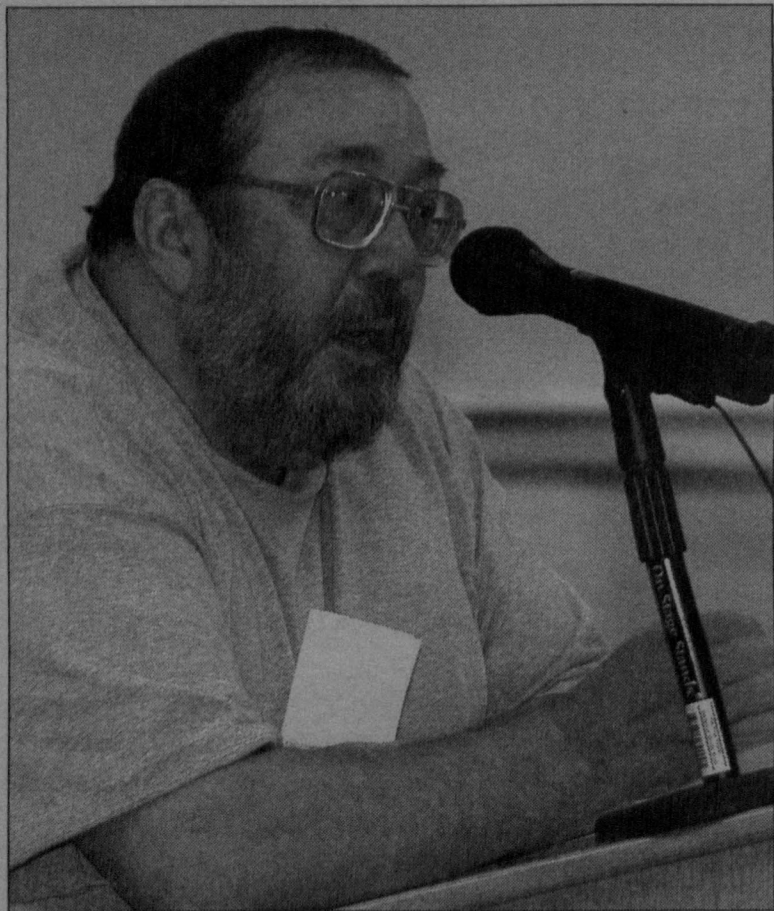
Town Fire Company supports ambulance proposal

Vigilant Hose Company vice president John Damskey and Chief Rosensteel wrote a letter to the ambulance company expressing their support for adding paid staff.

They wrote that the company "has put forth a tremendous effort to continue to provide for the citizens of Emmitsburg," but "the failed and late responses to calls continue to be of great concern to you and to us as well."

"Given that you are now the busiest volunteer organization in Frederick County, it is understandable that coping with ever-increasing demands are as challenging to your members as it has proven to every high-volume volunteer emergency response organization in the county."

"It is with the best interest of the citizens of the Emmitsburg area that the Vigilant Hose Company supports your efforts" to add paid employees to staff the station.



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Larry Little expresses his concerns over failed ambulance responses to the board of supervisors at their August 23 special meeting. "If you don't pay the 13 percent (fire tax)... you pay with your life. We're playing with fire," he said.

more a year. Taxes would more than double that amount to \$135 more a year at the 13.5 percent rate, if county commissioners implement 24-hour service. The town board voted to support only the 6.5 percent fire tax at this time.

At the meeting both ambulance company and fire company personnel asked the commissioners to vote in support of adding paid personnel to the ambulance squad. The ambulance company wants to add two daytime, career employees, although the Vigilant



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Vigilant Hose Company President Frank Rauschenberg speaks before a crowd of 50 at an emergency meeting of the town board of commissioners August 30. The board wanted input from the public before making a decision to adopt a fire tax.

Taps plan

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Seton Avenue, adjacent to the Emmitsburg Community Center. To date, 16 of the proposed 35 single-family homes have been sold, while 19 still need permits.

Attorney G. Randall Whittenberger, representing Appletree Homes, blasted the town August 12 for imposing an illegal "moratorium" ordinance, stalling the build-out of the already approved South Gate development. Whittenberger maintained that both the mayor and commissioners' verbal prohibition issued on March 21 and the subsequent "moratorium" ordinance adopted by the commissioners during an otherwise routine work session on May 26 violated various laws.

The March 21 verbal directive instructed town staff to cease issuing new zoning certificates. The May 26 ordinance restricted

new sewer connections to 20 per year.

"In March, the resolution (directing the staff to stop issuing certificates) was not valid. In order to enact a moratorium, there needs to be an ordinance. It can not be done by a resolution," Whittenberger told the Board of Appeals.

He said that adopting the ordinance was equally questionable. "The town ordinance calls for a monthly meeting and special meetings to pass ordinances," Whittenberger said. "This was not done. It (the ordinance) was enacted at a workshop in violation of your own ordinance."

Whittenberger went on to say that if an ordinance is not enacted in compliance with state law, which requires 14 days' advance public notice, it is considered invalid. He said there was no advance notice.

"The ordinance constitutes an unlawful taking, and deprives

Appletree of the benefit of the use of its property," he said, pointing out that the town had already granted the development final plan approval.

Homeowners with no homes

The town roadblocks barring progress of previously approved developments have made a number of future Emmitsburg residents homeless, rather than homeowners.

At least one couple has been forced to move in family while they wait to learn the fate of their to-be-built South Gate home.

Sarah Palmer told the appeals board she and her husband had to move in with one set of parents. "We sold our (former) house and all of our belongings are in storage," she told the appeals board.

The Palmers signed their contract with Appletree February 15. "I feel like I'm in a political nightmare. It doesn't add up," she said.

Conrad Weaver signed a purchase contract February 22. He had hoped to move into his new home by October or November.

"Everything came to a screeching halt," he said. He waits for a resolution while "looking at an increased mortgage rate."

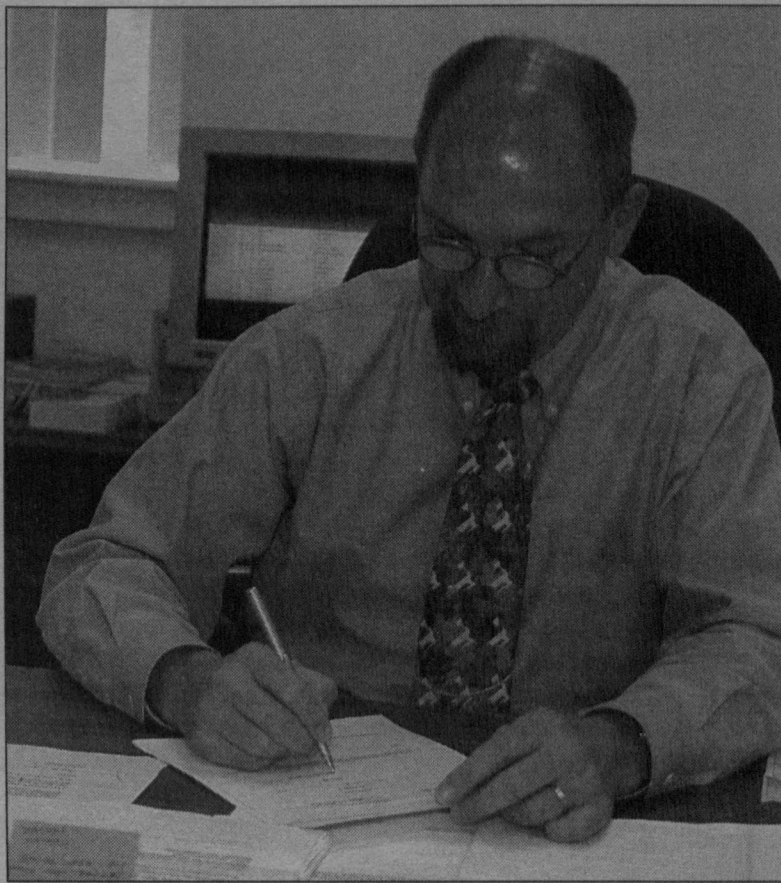
Weaver said the town has basically ignored his many e-mails inquiring about the present situation. "It bothers me as a citizen that the town does not respond to its future citizens."

Appletree losing money while in limbo

Stuart Colvin, vice president of construction for Appletree Homes, told the appeals board the delay in obtaining zoning certificates is costing the developer.

Colvin said Appletree has an outstanding \$1,489,000 loan it cannot use as long as construction is blocked, but on which the company must pay interest. Appletree is also paying a \$15,110 carrying cost each month the project remains unfinished.

Colvin added that suppliers and contractors have overhead expenses, and individuals work-



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Emmitsburg Mayor James E. Hoover signs the ordinance lifting the taps moratorium and adopting the allocation plan into law. The moratorium ceased to be in effect on August 26 with the mayor's signature.

ing on building the homes are experiencing personal hardships.

Without the zoning certificates, there can be no further construction, and no further work for employees after they complete the home currently being framed-out in the development.

"After that, everything will be stopped," Colvin concluded.

Brookfield development slowed by two-thirds

Richard Demmitt, owner of RJD Development Corp., co-developer of Brookfield along with Development Contractors, needs 102 zoning certificates to finish their project.

The development received 40 certificates during the first phase of construction. Of those 40 certificates, 39 were used for building homes where lots had already been purchased.

The situation in Brookfield is not quite the same as in South Gate. The builders are still finishing the infrastructure to get the next phase ready for zoning

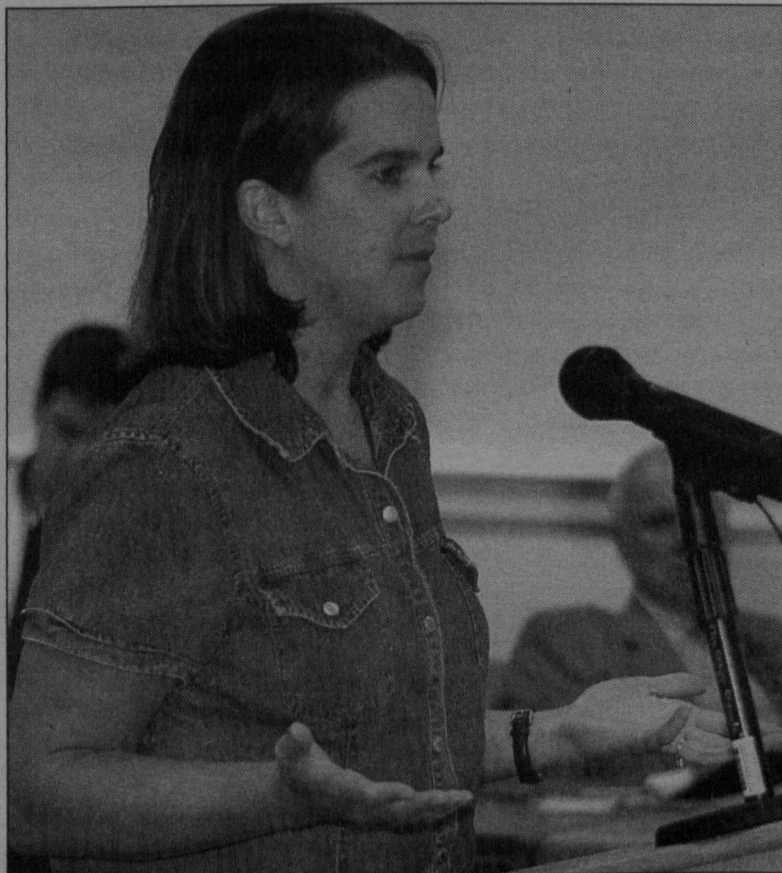
certificate applications.

"We decided not to sell any more until the next phase (51 lots) is ready," Demmitt told The Emmitsburg Dispatch. "We have the infrastructure in for the first 20 of those. The balance has about half of the infrastructure in."

The MDE consent order and taps allocation plan will likely have an adverse impact on the development.

"It could take three times as long to build-out. I haven't figured the loss out, but surely it is going to cost me because of carrying costs, more time on the job than necessary, and lost opportunities to move on to other projects," Demmitt stated.

"The market is strong now. If the market turns on us and rates go too high a couple of years from now, it could slow sales," he said. "A soft market could also force the builders to cut on amenities offered, and the homes might not be as nice as originally envisioned."



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"This is our lives. This is our family. We just want our home," Sarah Palmer, Elkridge, Md., speaking to Emmitsburg Board of Appeals, August 12. Despite Palmer's contract on lot #35 in the South Gate development, her builder can't obtain a Frederick County building permit without a sewer tap connection from Emmitsburg.

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RELIGION

A word from the pulpit

Life's Highest Aspiration: Relationship

Jon R. Greenstone

Pastor, Elias

Evangelical Lutheran Church

We are living in a day and time when there is an increasing tendency for us to firmly grasp and tightly hold onto the many "things" that make us feel secure. I know that I experience this grasping tendency on a daily basis because I want to be prepared if there were a drought or if the normal abundance of goods available to me were to decline.

In fact, there are numerous practical needs that must be met if we are to live a healthy and satisfactory way of life. We need a home; we need food; we need some form of financial security to sustain us in the present and in the future. It is for all these things that we strive and work for most of our lives. It's just the

way we live.

But what is it that really provides a foundation for living? Is there a greater purpose for going through life than just meeting our needs . . . doing the daily commute, cashing the check and then not sleeping well for worrying about tomorrow?

In the book of Amos, who was the Lord's prophet in northern Israel in the mid 8th century B.C., we hear that certain people in power were dealing dishonestly in trade and commerce. We might say that they were trying to overcome "the daily grind factor" by making themselves rich through dishonest practices. Perhaps after some sleepless night, one of these persons of power got an idea, "If I just 'adjust' my scales a slight amount - I can make an extra shekel for each bushel of barley I trade." . . . and consequently,

the dishonest merchant will secure his (or her) future with less worry about life's little necessities.

However, there is more to this life than securing our personal well being - there are morals and ethics that make life worth living beyond the daily grind. Living according to morals and ethics entails not just an individual's contribution, but it requires a cooperative effort by many individuals as a whole. Thus, the ideal of a just society is born.

By contributing to a just society, an individual can take additional satisfaction in his/her work, knowing that in a small way he/she is contributing to the greater value of the whole society.

However, even the larger body of the society can become corrupt and thereby inherently taint an individual's integrity no matter how pure and honest that individual may have been. Perhaps this describes the situation that the prophet Amos was addressing when he said, "Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land . . ." (Amos 8:4). He goes on to describe the methods of dishonest trade and greedy intentions of the power brokers of the day who would "buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals . . ." (Amos 8:6). Such injustice, apparently reigning at the highest levels of that ancient Hebrew society, eventually becomes more than the God of Israel can bear, and so Amos goes to tell the ruling families and political authorities about God's judgment regarding the matter.

Here enters a third and final valuation for living life with satisfaction and contentment. Life can be more than food, and shelter, health and security . . . fulfillment can be found in conversation with God. In spiritual terms, conversation with God is a two-way exchange of wills,

hopes, and aspirations. On our part we most often converse with God in order to "get what we want." On the other hand, God wishes to converse with us, not strictly to fulfill our desires nor to mete out warnings and punishments . . . but to be in relationship. For it is in relationships that both humans and the Divine can find the greatest mutual fulfillment.

And so let us return to the injustice that has come to the attention of God and, subsequently, God's messenger Amos. The people have forsaken the Lord in order to fulfill their fleshly need of security. Therefore the Lord, the God of Israel, proposes to show them the error of their ways. They have placed their values in the wrong things, trusting in dishonest practices more than trusting in the value of the relationship they have with God.

Breaking a relationship, no matter the circumstance, entails consequences - a judgment is coming from the earth (Amos 8:8-10). The land itself will reject the people in such a way that they will be ruined - ominous signs in the heavens will accompany this rejection of the people and all will mourn their loss. But what is more sobering than the earthly calamities that Amos prophesies is the pronouncement that there is to be a judgment of silence: ". . . I will send famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for

water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." (8:11b)

At first a judgment of silence may not sound like any big deal to us. But if we think through the implications of a lost relationship, human or Divine, then we begin to gain an understanding of how disturbing this loss can be. Will the people persist in their abandonment of justice at the price of divorcing themselves from their God? The pain of eternal silence, no word of warning or hope, will be more devastating than the loss of earthly goods.

We must also consider that we may subject ourselves to silence if we place earthly concerns at a higher level than our relationship with God and, as you know, a relationship is a complicated thing! The Good News is that this same God who once threatened to impose silence because of injustice, later chose to come directly to us in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ the Lord. Not only did God come to us in order to restore the relationship, but God also came to save us from our sins. God has spoken to us in love and kindness. How will we respond?

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Full-Time Pastor appointed to Trinity UMC

Rev. Wade A. Martin has been appointed full-time pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, Emmitsburg, effective July 1, 2004.

For the past three years Rev. Martin served as pastor of both Trinity UMC and Catoclin UMC in Thurmont. Catoclin UMC now has a part-time pas-

tor, "who can better meet their needs," than Rev. Martin felt he could do splitting his time between the two congregations. He still has oversight responsibility at Catoclin, but can now focus his efforts now on Trinity.

In October Trinity will begin a 6 p.m. contemporary informal worship service. Rev. Martin said the service is designed to attract many of the families with small children who find it difficult to get them ready to attend the 9 a.m. Sunday service. He said, "No one else is doing something like that in the community." He is enthusiastic about his new position and the opportunity to work in Emmitsburg.

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OBITUARIES

Mrs. Dorothy Mae Wood Dutrow

Mrs. Dorothy Mae Wood Dutrow, 89, Emmitsburg, died August 6 at home. Born October 15, 1914, in Rocky Ridge, she was a daughter of the late John Thomas and Rosa Edith Weller Wood.

Dorothy was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Emmitsburg, for over 50 years, and a member of AARP. She retired from Corman and Wasserman Clothing Co., Emmitsburg, after 50 years of service.

The last member of her immediate family, Mrs. Dutrow is survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held August 9 from Trinity United Methodist Church, with her pastor, the Rev. Wade A. Martin, officiating. Interment was in Keysville Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Grace E. Harbaugh

Mrs. Grace E. Harbaugh, 91, formerly of Fairfield, Pa., died August 11 at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg. Born March 20, 1913, in Thurmont, she was the daughter of the late Martin and Minnie (Finneyfrock) Kelly.

Mrs. Harbaugh was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Fairfield. She worked at the Fairfield Shoe Co. for 17 years.

Surviving are one son, Robert E. Harbaugh; one daughter, Linda M. Shriver;

three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held August 16 at St. John Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Christopher Frye officiating. Interment was in Fairfield Union Cemetery.

Mr. Leo Alexis Keepers

Mr. Leo Alexis Keepers, 75, Fairfield, Pa., died August 12 at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa. Born March 21, 1929, in Zora, Pa., he was a son of the late Charles and Louise O'Toole Keepers.

Mr. Keepers retired from Moore Business Forms, Inc., Thurmont, after many years of service.

Surviving are his wife, Rose Marie Knott Keepers; one son, Eric Keepers; one daughter, Laura Marie Keepers; one granddaughter; and two sisters, Helen Louise Sanders and Theresa Orndorff.

Funeral services were held August 16, from Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Bernardo Pistone officiating. Interment was in Fairfield Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Katherine W. Roop

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St. Joseph's 2004 Parish Picnic a Success

St. Josephs held their 2004 Parish Picnic on August 21 in the parish parking lot.

Numerous individuals contributed money, goods and services to help defray the expense of having the event.

The parish also held a raffle at the picnic. Winners included: Gen Little, Emmitsburg (First Place - \$755); Steve Fiducioso, New Jersey (Second Place - \$453); and Fran Donahue (Third Place - Michigan). Tammy Wivell won a gas grill.



83, Emmitsburg, died August 18 at the Village of Laurel Run, Fayetteville, Pa. Born August 1, 1921, in Frederick, she was a daughter of the late Theodore William Wolfe, Sr.

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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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Silver Fancy Garden Club Reaches Golden Milestone

Susan Allen
Staff Writer

On May 20, 2004, exactly 50 years from the founding date, Silver Fancy Garden Club members celebrated its golden anniversary. Their observance included a day trip to San Souci Nursery, LLC, in Monkton, Md., followed by the "official" celebration dinner at the Taneytown Senior Center.

In 1954 Alice Taylor, then Mrs. William Frailey, her friend Adelaide Shaughnessy, and several other Emmitsburg ladies decided to channel their love of flowers into a garden club. They held their first meeting on May 20, 1954 at Mrs. Frailey's home, "Stonehurst" (now The Stonehurst Inn) on West Main Street. Alice Taylor told The Dispatch that there were no other garden clubs in the area at the time.

Mrs. Taylor is credited with choosing the name Silver Fancy Garden Club, which harkens back to the original name of the property east of Emmitsburg. Now 93 years old, she lives in Deland, Florida with her husband Norman and daughter Margaret. She "can't remember how we hit on" the club's name and says, "It's hard to realize that it was 50 years ago" that the club started.

The Silver Fancy club was accepted into the Federation of Garden Clubs of Maryland in July 1957. There were fifteen charter members, and some of their last names are probably familiar to long-time Emmitsburg residents and local history buffs - Annan, Frailey, Gillelan, and Cadle. Mrs. Taylor is the last surviving charter member, and remains an honorary member.

Flower gardening may have been the focus for the "founding



Members of the Silver Fancy Garden Club gather to plan the 1960 Flower Show. The show was held at the Methodist Parish Hall.

mothers," but present bylaws reflect a wider interest. The club's stated purpose is to "promote interest in gardening, to encourage up-to-date and effective horticulture and conservation practices." Protection of the land, its plants, birds, and endangered species are goals. Former president Frances (Frankie) Fields emphasizes, "an important part of being in the garden club is informational. We have speakers on a variety of topics, and take trips" to various nurseries and gardens throughout the year.

Silver Fancy Garden Club members also believe in community service and civic beautification. In April 1976, as part of their bicentennial observance,

they planted a Wye Oak seedling in the Emmitsburg town park behind the post office. It is still growing there. In June of the same year, club members restored the slave burial ground at Terra Rubra farm (Francis Scott Key's birthplace) and led tours of the property. Now they provide, and care for, the tubs of flowers on the squares in Emmitsburg and Taneytown, and at the Taneytown Town Office. This year they planted 35 trees at

Robert's Mill Park in Taneytown. They sponsor flower shows, and some members serve as judges for the flower competition at the annual Thurmont-Emmitsburg Community Show.

For more than twenty years members have conducted a monthly "garden therapy" program at Carroll Lutheran Village

Health Center in Westminster. Maxine Dixon of Taneytown, whose father had been a resident of the center, got the program started.

that sponsors a garden therapy program.

Membership then, and now, comes by invitation. Bea (Mrs. Vernon) Keilholtz is probably the



North West Middle School student council officers join Silver Fancy Garden Club members in a memorial to deceased club member Melba Messler Fair. The group planted a tree in the former member's memory.

"Someone there said to me that they needed a project with flowers or gardening. We started out with just holiday projects - Christmas, Valentine's Day, and so on, and it grew" to a monthly activity. Frankie Fields believes Silver Fancy is the only garden club in Maryland District V, which includes "about 50 clubs,"

longest-serving member. She was invited to a meeting "in 1957 or '58, the year our son Tim was going into first grade. I think Charlotte (Mrs. Andy) Eyster put me up for membership." Frankie Fields of Taneytown joined "around 1985. It wasn't really formal - my neighbor was a member and invited me to a

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meeting, and eventually I was voted in."

Carol Pavek is one of the club's newest members. She joined in November 2003. She and her husband Larry moved to Emmitsburg "seven or eight years ago." Carol learned about the club by participating in their "Adopt-a-Tree-Well" competitions held in 2002 and 2003. (She was a two-time winner!)

When she joined, Carol "didn't realize they were so active." She works part-time, and has sometimes been hard-pressed to keep up with the group's activities. Still, she says, "they make you feel at home," and she enjoys their company and projects.

Although the original mem-



Planting a seedling from the Wye Oak are, left to right, Mrs. Charlotte Eyster, Mrs. Naomi White, Mrs. Bea Keiholtz and Mr. Edward Myers. Standing, Mrs. Kay Klosky, Commissioner Eugene Myers, Burgess, Richard Sprankle and Mrs. Carolyn Fraily. (Photo by Mary Johnson.)

Libertytown, from 1 to 5 p.m. It sell at the Westminster Agricultural Center.

At the beginning of each meeting, club members read a collect (prayer) composed in 1991 by member Zola Harner, currently an associate member. It reads, in part, "We are but the caretakers and stewards of your creation ... we are in some measure responsible for helping to save our Earth for future generations." They pray to "be helpful and kind to our environment and to each other."

As they proceed through their 51st year and beyond, the members of the Silver Fancy Garden Club seem to have found

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Silver Fancy Plants Wye Oak Seedling

By Kathryn Gloninger Klosky

Smile, if you must, at the small size of the Wye oak seedling planted last week in the park area by the Post office.

With the good wishes of attending Mayor Sprankle and Park Commissioner E. Eugene Myers and members of the Silver Fancy Garden Club, the tender year-old tree was carefully planted.

Mr. Edward Myers did the actual spade work while the garden club members stood by with peat-moss and water and stakes. A sturdy wire enclosure was built to protect the seedling.

The Silver Fancy Garden Club, who is sponsoring the infant tree, hope it will grow to the towering height

of its famous forebearer; the giant Wye Oak at Wye Mills, Md.

That ancient tree sprouted in the 16th century when Henry the Eighth was king of England and was 100 years old when Lord Baltimore's "Ark and the Dove" landed at St. Clement's Island. Indians held pow-wow's under it's giant branches and a tavern there was a gathering place for travelers and countrymen.

So this little tree is planted for the future — and in passing by, send out to it your good will, a bit of yourself and your times are rooted in this small emisory to the future and we hope the strength and the stability and beauty of the oak will be with us for years to come.



Ann Ruppert (L) and Frankie Fields (R) cleaning-up tree wells along W. Main St. in Emmitsburg. Keeping the wells orderly is one of the club's many projects.

bers were all from Emmitsburg, the club soon extended beyond the town boundaries. According to club president Susie Heck of Taneytown, by 1957 there were members from Taneytown, Littlestown and Gettysburg. At present, most members are from Taneytown, with some from Emmitsburg, Fairfield, Keymar, Union Bridge, and Westminster. Edith Shriver, formerly from Emmitsburg, lives in Florida part of the year, and maintains an associate membership.

The club is limited by its bylaws to 25 active members, because monthly meetings are held in members' homes. At least two meetings each year are open to the general public. As befits a 21st-century organization, they have a website: www.infopaths.com/gardenclub.

Silver Fancy members will participate in District V's "Migratory Patterns Flower Show" on October 7, 2004. The free public event will be held in Sullivan Hall at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church,

will include speakers and demonstrations, a "pavilion tea," and boutiques. Anne Ruppert of Fairfield and her team of craftswomen are busy creating handmade ornaments for Silver Fancy's boutique. This is a first-time effort for the club.

Their major fundraising event for the last eight years has been centered on the Christmas holiday. Each December they meet in Taneytown to create decorative baskets of evergreen cuttings, candles, and ribbons, to



Jean Chenoweth (L) and Leah Baumgardner (R) look-over the Silver Fancy Garden Club 50th Anniversary placard displayed at the club's May commemoration.

words to live and grow by.



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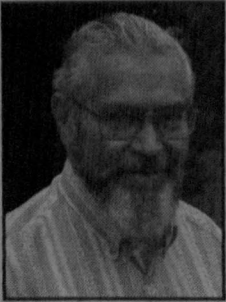
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The (retired) Ecologist Defending the Home Front against Night Raiders



Bill
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Writer

"From Ghoulies and Ghosties and long-leggity Beasties and Things that go Bump in the Night, Good Lord deliver us." *The Book of Common Prayer*

Observing wildlife can be a rewarding pastime even in a suburban area. In the past few summers, the patch of ecosystem I call my yard has produced rabbits, field mice, bumblebees and foxes for my entertainment and reflection. This year it came through again.

It started innocently enough one day back in April when I put a new cake of suet in the bird feeder. The next morning the wire lid of the feeder was open and the suet was gone. Assuming I had been careless about closing the lid, I thought nothing of it and put in another cake; but this time I twisted the wire latch so it couldn't come open. The next day the feeder was gone. I found it later that week in a flower bed on the other

side of the house; the lid was still wired shut but the latch was twisted, and it was empty.

It was pretty obvious what was going on; of the night raiders known to be in our area, only a raccoon has that kind of dexterity, strength and persistence. Unable to get the door open, he had torn the feeder loose from the tree and taken it to a place where he could wedge it against a solid object and work on it until the latch gave enough to allow him to force his nose in. I decided not to fight him; I knew who would win. The bird feeding season was nearly over anyway, so I put the feeder away and prepared to forget about it.

The raccoon, however, did not accept my concession. It might have been that the suet was addictive, or maybe the feeder was a puzzle to be solved and he enjoyed the challenge. More likely, though, he was simply responding to the behavior patterns that have made his kind such successful survivors for the past ten million years. Every raccoon is born with three Commandments engraved in its brain: Thou shalt follow thy nose to the source of any new odor; Thou shalt remember where good things were found; and Thou shalt be persistent, and if the former food is no longer there, poke

thy nose into every available nook and cranny in case something new might turn up.

Being April, it was raining frequently, and the next morning our car, which was parked under the tree where the feeder had been, was covered with little muddy footprints. The raccoon probably just was following the Persistence Commandment, but I suspect he was enjoying himself as well. The footprints indicated that he climbed up on top of the car and slid down the windshield and hood several times. He returned every night for the next week; once he tried climbing on the truck too, but apparently that wasn't as much fun because the hood didn't slope enough to slide off. Occasionally, while reading or working late at the computer, I would hear him bumping about around midnight, but he heard me too, and was always gone by the time I got out the door. As my wife observed, this was just as well; I'm not sure what I would have done about it if he had still been there.

Judging from the size of the footprints and what happened next, I suspect the raccoon must have been a youngster who survived the winter and was starting his first full year of independence. Like the usual teenager, he was growing up physically but was still short on common sense. While mowing the lawn one day early in May, I found shreds of stiff gray paper scattered under a tree in my wife's herb garden. I knew that kind of paper has only one source, and a caution sign flashed immediately in my mind. Looking up, on a branch just a few feet above my head I saw the remains of a hornet's nest. Its outer wall had been ripped off but

the inner nest with its chambers full of hornet larvae was still intact, and the whole thing was covered with adult hornets who were in a decidedly testy frame of mind. The leaves and twigs on the branch between the nest and the tree trunk were broken and bent backward, evidence that whoever had visited the nest had left in some haste.

It was not hard to figure out what had happened. The raccoon had come by on his nightly rounds to see if the suet had come back. Since it hadn't, he wandered around the area to see what else there might be. He smelled the young hornet grubs in the nest and, having never encountered hornets but knowing insect larvae in general are tasty morsels, climbed up to investigate. Finding the opening of the nest too small for his nose, he inserted his fingers and tore it open, and ... well, your imagination can picture the rest of the story. It would have been fun to be there and watch, from a distance.

Luckily for the raccoon, the nest did not belong to the big bald-faced hornets, those black and white behemoths that build the basketball-sized nests we commonly see in trees after the leaves drop in the fall. These were the smaller, brown and yellow-striped hornets; their nest is irregularly shaped, generally following the contours of whatever it is attached to. Their sting is not as potent as that of their larger cousins, but they defend their home with enthusiasm and I am sure the raccoon learned a lesson that will not need to be repeated. It's all part of growing up.

Knowing the hornets are aggressive only when provoked, I warned my wife and grandchild-

dren to stay away from the tree and left them alone. Within a week they had rebuilt the outer wall of their nest, and it is still there. Except for their sting, they are beneficial to have around; they eat other insects, including flies, and thus contribute to the balance of nature. All of them are females, an old queen who survived last winter, and her daughters, who built and repaired the present nest and fed their developing younger sisters. Soon the old queen will start laying unfertilized eggs which will hatch into males, and before long she will die. The males will mate with young females they encounter in the area; those females which survive the coming winter will produce next year's population.

The raccoon is still in the area; I haven't actually seen it, but there are new tracks around the edge of the yard whenever it rains. Its main enemies are dogs, cars and diseases such as rabies and distemper. If it can avoid them, it will be here when the time comes to put the suet feeder up again. The hornets have a larger list of enemies, including insecticides; but they have been around even longer than the raccoons, so they too have a chance to return. Although I hold a legal deed to the property, the truth is that it is theirs as well as mine. So I hope we are all back next spring.

Erratum: In my last article I estimated the number of arguments I have had with my wife to be one per day over the past 54 years, a total of 19,710. This estimate neglected to account for the 13 leap years involved; thus the total should be 19,723. I thank Dr. Alan Carroll for calling this to my attention.

Historic Barns

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lages, someone needed to specialize in iron working to produce implements on a regular basis. He or she became the "smithy." Another was needed to specialize in grinding the quantities of grain being produced. That person became the "miller." The list goes on and on from there.

With the evolution of trades initiated from the rudimentary farming industry came the necessity of invention to address the ever-increasing complexity of village life, and the need to protect those living within it.

There is little technological development within migratory people, because there is no time and little reason. Weaponry may be advanced (hunting and warfare) and pottery techniques may

be improved, but there is no great demand for change.

It was a full-time "job" just getting through the day without being run over by a herd of mastodon or skeddaddling from a really angry saber-tooth tiger one had wounded, but not killed.

If the reader thinks this is overstated, bear in mind the bow and arrow did not even appear until after the establishment of agriculture.

Pre-farming tribes relied solely on the spear and a few other weapons that could be thrown, and the spear did not fundamentally change during its 30 some thousand years of use. Simplicity was the primary concern. Engaging in experimentation could turn a person into wolf bait.

Farming was more than just another early occupation. The

first farmers did more than plant the seeds of crops; they planted the seeds of a revolution in human existence.

The car one drives is as much a byproduct of the evolution of farming and the establishment of the first associated farming communities (the evolution of transportation was initiated by the need to get from one of these new permanent village to another) as is the nuclear weapon (the need to defend the farming community or gain territory to expand on village needs through the use of force).

Farms should be viewed as more than sources of food. They should be viewed as shrines of civilization itself. The barn and storage facilities were as important in the evolution of human culture as was the temple or fortification.



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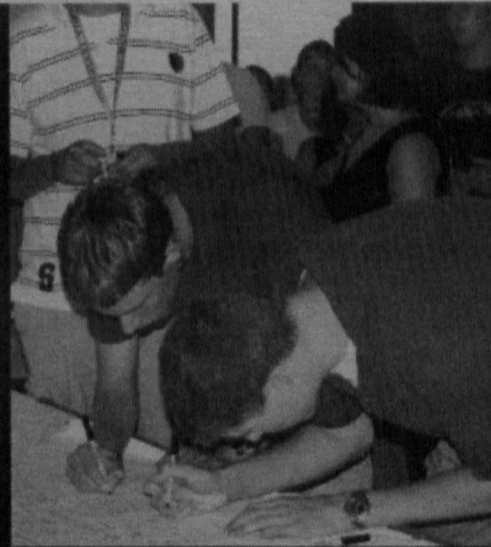
Mount St. Mary's University ushered in the 2004-05 academic year with its annual Fall Convocation on August 25. New and returning Mount students joined faculty, staff, administration and members of the Mount's Board of Trustees to induct first-year and new students into the Mount community.

That night, first-year students attending a talk by motivational speaker, Nancy Hunter-Denny, had the opportunity to sign their name to a large canvas imprinted with the University Oath that they had sworn to uphold earlier in the day. The canvas will be framed and hung in a prominent place on campus.

The 401 freshmen, one of the largest classes in the school's history, are known as "The Bicentennial Class," because they will graduate when the university celebrates its 200th birthday in 2008. Mount St. Mary's Seminary has 47 new seminarians, representing 30 sending dioceses and three religious orders.

Bicentennial Class Facts

- 401 students hailing from 17 states and four countries
- Gender: 60% female; 40% male
- Most popular majors: Business, Biology, Elementary Education, Psychology
- Most popular boy's name: Matthew
- Most popular girl's name: Lauren and Jessica
- Number selected for Freshmen Honors: 60
- Number receiving full tuition scholarships: three



PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT *Explores Seminary Life*

"Catholic Faith, Catholic Faces," a collection of photographs of seminary and parish life taken by Pavel Chichikov, will be on exhibit from September 1-19 in the Delaplaine Gallery, in the Marion Burk Knott Auditorium on the Mount St. Mary's University campus. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., daily.

The exhibit includes images from Mount St. Mary's Seminary and other sites in the archdioceses of Washington and Baltimore. Several of the Mount's seminary photos appeared in the January 2004 issue of *Crisis* magazine in the feature "A Day in the Life of Mount St. Mary's Seminary."

Pavel Chichikov's work has also appeared in the *National Catholic Register*, *Faith and Family* and the *Catholic Standard* and may be seen online at pavel.romancatholic.org.

For more information, please contact the office of communications at 301-447-5366.



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SPORTS

Summer Day at Camp

By A.J. Russo
Sports Editor

One beautiful, crisp, sunny Sunday, I strolled up a steep roadway leading to the top of a hill in the center of the small campus of McDaniel College. Church bells chimed, reminding me that this was a sacred day, for many a day of rest and peaceful reflection.

But as I reached the top of the hill and peered out onto the valley of purple and black, heard the screeches of whistles, barks of coaches and loud sustained murmur with occasional oohs and aahs, I realized my journey had not led me to the synagogue, but to Ravenstown.

Close to four thousand spectators lined two pristine grass fields worthy of Tiger's putting practice to watch the Baltimore Ravens football team rehearse, two days after a mediocre pre-season showing in Philadelphia.

Coach Brian Billick, taller than most of his players, in shorts, silk shirt and safari hat, jumped toward players to bark instructions as they lined up to scrimmage, then backed away, hand to chin, watching, contemplating - most likely wondering whether his team had the skill and tenacity to repeat

as Super Bowl Champions. A shepherd of sorts, tending his flock, hoping few would stray (sorry - forgive me, for it's Sunday). Then, as a play from scrimmage ended, like a jungle cat pouncing on prey, he leaped in front of another unsuspecting student, reminding, teaching - in some cases scaring. Maybe wondering if there was enough time for him to learn - after all, only a few short weeks until opening day.

Without pads, not hitting, the players were directed through repetitious drills. Quarterbacks throwing to receivers, who were running along prescribed routes, over and over, while linemen zig-zagged on command from the line of scrimmage, blocking imaginary opponents - coaches watching, hoping that repetition is the cure for missed assignments. Then the players came together for a mock scrimmage, offense against defense. No hitting, but all moving in coordinated mayhem to places they needed to be, when they needed to get there. Quarterbacks threw to receivers, handed off to running backs, all scampering as fast as their tired legs would carry, as if their jobs depended on it. And for many it does.



—AJ RUSSO/THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH

Nearly 4000 fans watched the Ravens practice at McDaniel College

There are many more players in camp than the roster will hold.

"This team is pretty well set," Billick said. "I can probably tell you, and not be substantially wrong, 50 of the 53 players who are going to make the final roster."

Not much room for newcomers and lots of reason for nervousness among the rookies.

When I circled the multitudes bordering the rope fences separating them from their heroes, I couldn't help but be struck by the communal atmosphere of family and friends

having fun. Parents pointing out players to their children, acquaintances rattling off stats of seasons past - a house of

worship of sorts? I'm not sure I'd go that far, but certainly a healthy, enjoyable way to spend a Sunday morning.

Season of Change

Megan Zimmerman
Intern Writer

As the lazy days of summer begin to wind down, so goes America's favorite pastime. The 2004 Little League season was marked with many successes, and changes.

As described in a December 2003 *Dispatch* article, the Emmitsburg Little League introduced a new "Code of Conduct," which went into effect this past season. Of course, uncertainty loomed over the success of the new rules. President of the Emmitsburg Little League, Mary Topper, was determined to make it work. She looked into every complaint and confronted those who did not conform to the new code.

Topper said, "the cooperation of the players, coaches, managers, and families in implementing the new conduct" was

the most successful part of this season of adjustment.

The T-ball teams also learned new rules. A different game format "kept the players more interested," noted Topper.

Originally, the players hit off the "t," and each inning was over in five runs or three outs. Now coaches pitch the ball, and after three swings, the player uses the "t." All players bat every inning, and games now last three innings.

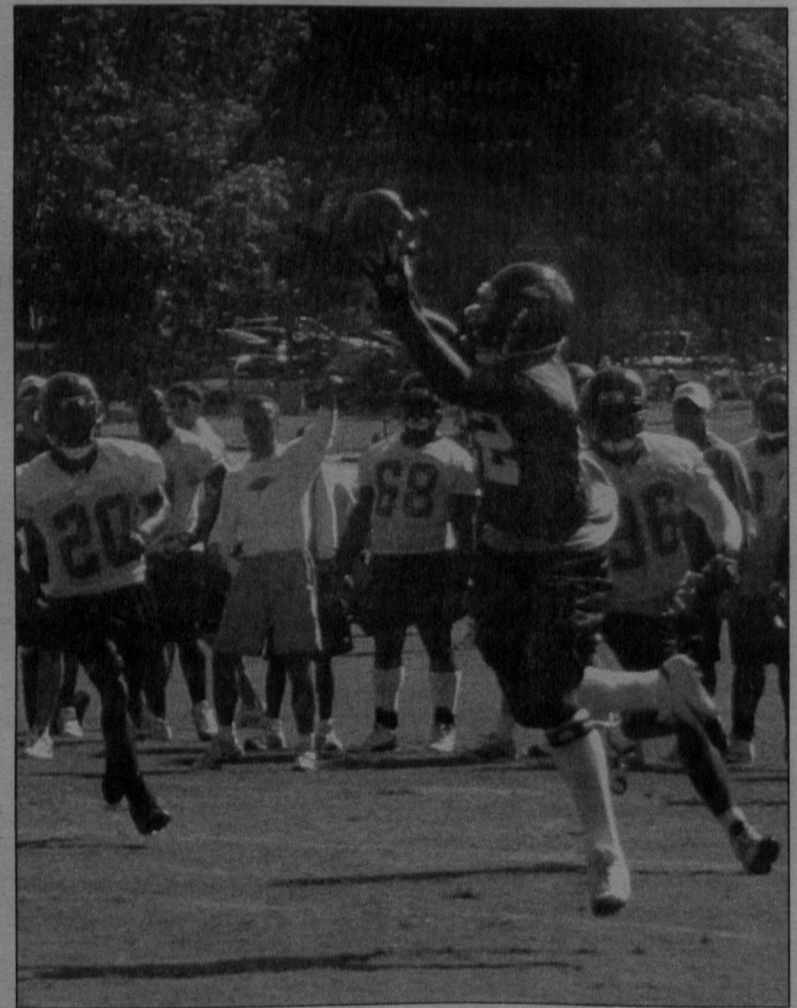
The girl's softball division underwent organizational changes. They left Little League and joined the Woodsboro League, giving them the opportunity to form a number of younger softball teams, if players are interested. Both the Softball League and the Babe Ruth Division hope to increase the number of players on all teams.

Other accomplishments lay in

the hands of the players. Emmitsburg's 9-10 and 11-12 All-Star teams played on home ground, as they battled opposing All-Stars in July. A Fall-Ball is being organized, and two Emmitsburg teams will play in Pen Mar and Littlestown. Topper said the players are excited about this new experience.

Topper appreciated everyone's efforts. "Thanks to all the officers, business sponsors, town of Emmitsburg, managers, coaches, concession stand workers, parents, and players for making this season run so smoothly. We look forward to seeing everyone next season."

Additional season highlights: The Liners (16-18 boys) had a winning season. The Red Wing team (13-15 boys) won their league championship with a 21-9 record. The girls' softball program now has two teams, 10 & under, and 14 & under. The 8 & under players participated in tournaments in Fairfield and Littlestown.



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Tight end Terry Jones makes a catch. Ed Reed (20) and Adalius Thomas (96) chase.



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Cozy Inn employee finds Olympic medal

County Commissioner Michael Cady's 1896-1996 Olympics Centennial medal, found by a housekeeper at the Cozy Inn and Restaurant, has been returned.

Inn housekeeper Theresa Thomas, Thurmont, discovered the medal in one of the inn cottages while cleaning the room for its next guest. Commissioner Cady had stayed in the room during the World Weightlifting Championship held at Mount Saint Mary's in July.

Cady said, "There was a situation following (the Weightlifting Championship) that brought great sadness to me (the loss of the medal)." Cady had received the medal for his work in bringing the event to Emmitsburg.

Thomas promptly turned the medal over to Cozy management. It was returned to the commissioner on August 2. Cady sent Thomas a thank you note and a cash reward.

Obituaries

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and Marie Haines Wolfe.

She was a member of Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, Emmitsburg; a junior

executive at Cambridge Rubber Co., Taneytown, for 40-plus years; and she co-owned and operated R & R Liquors in Taneytown for 15 years. She taught ballroom dancing in the

Taneytown/Littlestown area, and graduated from Emmitsburg High School, Class of 1939.

Surviving are one sister, Wanda Harner, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held August 23 from Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, with her pastor, the Rev. Bill Warehime, officiating. Interment was in Keysville Union Cemetery.

Sister Victoria Sager, DC

Sister Victoria Sager, 89, died August 22 at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg.

The former Margaret Victoria Sager was born in Cumberland, Md., the fifth of eight children born to Frank and Anna Belle Sager. She graduated from Ursuline

Academy in Cumberland in 1934, and entered the Daughters of Charity in January 1935.

She received a PHG degree in pharmacy from the University of Buffalo in 1939, and worked in several hospitals in New York, Connecticut, Virginia and Washington, D.C., as a pharmacist, sacristan or

patient visitor.

Sister received her certification as a pastoral associate in general health care in 1979, and was a member of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. She served at Villa St. Michael, in Baltimore, and in the pastoral care department at St. Agnes Hospital. In 1996 Sister retired and moved to Villa St. Michael.

Surviving are two sisters, Lillian May and Mary Angela Sager; six nieces; one nephew; and numerous grandnieces and grandnephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was offered on August 25 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg.

Voting in the upcoming general election

Staff Report

Voter registration

To become a registered voter, an individual must be a U. S. citizen, live in Frederick County, and be at least 18 years of age on or before November 2, 2004.

The deadline to register to vote is 9 p.m., Tuesday, October 12.

Voter registration applications are available at county libraries, the Motor Vehicle Administration, Frederick Community College, the County Courthouse, and all U.S. Post Offices. They are available on the Board of Elections web site, www.co.frederick.md.us/elections. Individuals may also register in person at the Board of Elections, Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church Street, Frederick, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Absentee ballots

Frederick County residents who are already registered voters may request absentee ballots if one of the following applies: they will be out of the county on election day; they have been in an accident, are ill, are physically disabled or confined to an institution; they are 65 or older and their polling place is designated non-accessible; they have had a death or serious illness in their immediate family; or they are a full-time student at an institution of higher education located

outside their precinct but within the county, and academic requirements prevent them from going to the polling place on election day. Certain federal government and armed forces personnel may also vote by absentee ballot.

The absentee ballot application is available on the Board of Elections website, www.co.frederick.md.us/elections. Mail the completed application to the Board of Elections, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701, or fax to (301) 631-2344 by October 26. The application can also be found on the state's website, www.elections.state.md.us.

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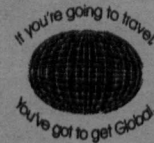
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HEALTH

Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk '04

The Frederick Memory Walk will be held September 12, from 2-5 p.m. at the MD School for the Deaf, Frederick.

The Memory Walk is the Alzheimer's Association's single largest fundraiser. Since 1989 Memory Walks have raised more than \$149 million to support research and provide local programs and services to caregivers, family members, professionals and those who have Alzheimer's disease. Services include public education, safe

return program, telephone helpline, support groups and advocacy. The Association is the country's largest private funder of Alzheimer's research.

For the first time, St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg, will have a team participating in the walk. Their goal is to raise \$4000. Individuals can join the team and corporate sponsorships are welcome. Local merchants can also sell forget-me-nots at \$1 each to help raise money. Team

captain is Jeanne Angleberger, 301-305-1466 (cell) or home office, 301-447-3100.

The number of Marylanders with Alzheimer's disease is expected to double in the next 30 years if new treatments are not found. Several walks will take place in Maryland in September and October in Maryland.

To pledge a donation, join a team, or for more information about the Alzheimer's Association, go to www.alzgm-d.org.

Mount to host Wellness Expo

Mount St. Mary's University will sponsor a Wellness Expo September 18 at the Knott Athletic Recreational Convocation Complex (ARCC) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission is free. Offerings will include seated massages, yoga and Pilates, body fat analysis, and fitness/aquatic classes. In addition there will be informational booths, lectures and demonstrations.

For information, contact Jane Zimmerman, 2004 Wellness Committee representative, at 301-447-5290 or zimmerma@msmary.edu

Library Events

Storytimes

Babies with Books (birth-24 months with an adult)

Every 4th Tuesday. September 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Two Terrific! (age 2 with an adult)

Tuesdays, September 7, 14, and 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime (ages 3-5 with and an adult)

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

For Teens

Teen Book Club (6th - 12th grade)

Come join our newest book club. Get together with other teens to discuss great books. 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Stop by the desk to pick up the month's selection. September 21

Beyond the Box ... (ages 11 and up)

Chef John Hovde presents a cooking program for teens. Watch and learn as he prepares several dishes, including potato chip and bleu cheese nachos, chicken fajitas, and stir-fried fresh veggies. Stick around after his presentation to sample the results!

Saturday, September 25 at 2 p.m. **Registration required.**

Special Programs for the Family On the Trail with Lewis and Clark (ages 6-11)

In celebration of Lewis and Clark's 200th anniversary, take a trip back in time touching the highlights of the historical epic expedition and learn about the

past, the purchase, the president, the pioneers and the people.

Saturday, September 11 at 11 a.m.

3rd Thursdays at ThorpeWood (ages 3-5)

Thurmont and Emmitsburg Branch Libraries are hosting a monthly preschool story program at beautiful ThorpeWood Environmental Center, Old Mink Farm Rd., Thurmont. Families are invited to enjoy special nature related stories and activities. Participants must register monthly by calling ThorpeWood at 301-271-2823. For directions, visit www.thorpewood.org.

Thursday, September 16, 1-2 p.m. **Registration required.**

Knitting Club (adults and teens)

Check out the great selection of knitting books at the library and join us in the Knitting Nook. Learn basic knitting stitches, share skills, and swap yarn and information. For every level knitter - beginner to experienced.

3rd Thursday of each month at 4 p.m., September 16

Cooking with Herbs (adults)

Parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme - have you ever wondered how to cook with fresh herbs? Taste tempting dishes and glean herbal cooking tips from Sandy Corridon, Extension Educator with Maryland Cooperative Extension.

Thursday, September 9 at 7 p.m. **Registration required**

Book Discussion Groups/ Adult Reading Club

Evening Club

2nd Tuesdays. September 14 at 7:30 p.m. "Caramelo" by Sandra Cisneros

Afternoon Club

2nd Fridays. September 10 at 1 pm. "Bel Canto" by Ann

Patchett

Non-Fiction Book Club

A new book discussion group is being formed. It will be held in the afternoon on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The initial planning meeting will be September

16 at 1 p.m. Sign up; come and help select titles to discuss.

Programs are held at the renovated Emmitsburg Library in the Community Center on Seton Avenue. To register, or for information, call 240-629-6329.

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Clinic Location: **Thurmont** - Apt. # (301) 631-2673
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
103 North Church Street

Clinic Schedule: Thurs., Sept. 2, 1pm - 4pm
Thurs., Sept. 16, 1pm - 4pm
Thurs., Sept. 30, 1pm - 4pm

Clinic Location: **Taneytown** Apt. # (410) 857-2999
St. Joseph Catholic Church
44 Frederick Street

Clinic Schedule: Thurs., Sept. 2, 9am - noon
Thurs., Sept. 16, 9am - noon
Thurs., Sept. 30, 9am - noon

Clinic Location: **Gettysburg** Apt. # (717) 337-6469
Gettysburg College -Musselman Stadium
West Lincoln Avenue extended

Clinic Schedule: Thurs., Sept. 9, 9am - 4pm
Thurs., Sept. 23, 9am - 4pm



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"Brik" takes a break during the Frederick County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit program on August 21 at the Emmitsburg Library. Deputy Chuck Zang demonstrated searches and talked with the 30 attendees about what makes a good K-9 team.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

People To People is a section in The Emmitsburg Dispatch for personal and family news, announcements, and messages. Unlike Letters to the Editor this is paid space and has the lowest rate in the newspaper. It's not for businesses. The submission must be signed and include the writer's address and phone number to be used for verification. The Dispatch will only edit for punctuation, grammar, and spelling. Deadline for submission is the 15th of each month.



Orndorff wins North Carolina fishing contest

While vacationing in June at Nags Head, North Carolina, Jaime Orndorff entered a fishing contest and won 1st place in three different categories. She received three first place trophies and three fishing rods. She is the daughter of Tommy and Michelle Orndorff and granddaughter of Monroe and Gerry Hewitt and Clarence and Louise Orndorff, all of Emmitsburg.

Wantz reunion

The descendants of Harry and Annie Wantz held their annual reunion on June 27, 2004 at the Indian Lookout Conservation Club grounds in Emmitsburg. All three surviving children of Harry and Annie Wantz, Mary Jean Houck, David B. Wantz, Sr., and James Edward Wantz, attended this year along with their families.

This year's reunion had perfect weather. The children ran around with water guns keeping everyone cool. Ed Wantz served burgers and hot dogs, along with yummy side dishes provided by everyone who attended. The horseshoe tournament was led and won by brothers Dave

Wantz Jr. and John Wantz. Great Grandma "Edie" is still pitching and Dave's grandson, Davie Wantz IV, age 9, gave his pap "a run for the money!" Over the sound of horseshoes clinking you could hear the laughter from the bingo players in the pavilion, including newlyweds Troy and Diana Wastler and Chris and Annie Wantz.

Forty-two people attended this year's reunion, including Robbie Trimmer who traveled 480 miles and will hopefully join us again next year at the new location, Carroll Valley Recreation Park in Fairfield, Pa., on Saturday, June 18, 2005.



65th Wedding Anniversary

On Sunday June 13, 2004 Daniel and Ruth Andrew celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. The couple celebrated their big day at home with a small quiet pizza and cake party with some of their family. Dan and Ruth married on June 13, 1939 in Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Andrew, the former Ruth Nusbaum, has been a homemaker all her life. Mr. Andrew, originally from Emmitsburg, retired from Hoke Furniture Company in Thurmont.

They have 9 children: Robert of Thurmont; John of Emmitsburg; Louise Shaffer of Thurmont; Janet Wallace of Kentucky; Thelma Fair of Fairfield; Joe of Emmitsburg; Pam Kaas of Emmitsburg; Kenny and Denny of Emmitsburg. They also have many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and even a few great-great grandchildren.

Congratulations, Dan and Ruth!



Cozy Baking Contest

Cozy Restaurant held a Baking Contest in June for one of the 75th anniversary celebrations. Pictured L to R: 2nd place winner, Betty Meredith from Emmitsburg; Jerry Freeze, Cozy owner; 1st place winner, Maxine Troxell from Thurmont; 1st place winner in the Junior Division, Katie Renard, Thurmont.



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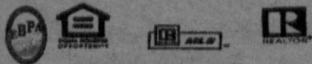
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Looking Ahead

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September 2 - Discussion of proposed Thurmont Regional Library. 7 p.m., Catoctin High School auditorium. A community meeting to discuss the proposed Thurmont Regional Library to be built in 2006 on Moser Road, Thurmont. The architectural team for the new library, Phillips Swager Associates, will present information about other libraries they have designed. PSA wants citizen input. FCPL

Administrators, Frederick County Department of Public Works staff will answer questions. Information: Thurmont Library Manager Erin Dingle, 301-271-7721, e-mail, edingle@fredco-md.net.

September 8 - Noah's Ark and the Flood and Dinosaurs and Biblical Truth. Fellowship Baptist Church, 110 Mt. Hope Rd., Fairfield, PA. Speaker Mike Riddle currently travels around the country teaching and delivering seminars on the Biblical and scientific truths of creation. Information: 717-642-6767.

September 10-12 - Tent Revival. 7 p.m. at the future site of Tom's Creek United

Methodist Church, 2 miles east of Emmitsburg on Route 140. Guest speakers are Mr. Steve Burdette, Rev. Burton Mack and Rev. Wade Martin. Special music by Versitiles, Praise & Worship Team of Weller UMC, The Rock from Thurmont UMC and Paul Rose.

September 11 - 14th annual Fall Festival. 3 p.m., St. Stephen's UCC, 25445 Highfield Road, Cascade, Md. Homemade food, including BBQ chicken dinners, country ham sandwiches, homemade ice cream, soups, pies, sandwiches and funnel cakes. Games for children and adults. Auction at 6 p.m., with merchandise and gift certificates from local mer-

chants; raffle at 7:45 p.m. Raffle prizes are 1/4 of beef or \$250 cash, \$75 cash and \$25 cash. Information: 301-241-4541.

September 11 - Patriot Day Candlelight Service of Remembrance. 6:30 p.m., Trinity UMC, 313 W. Main St., Emmitsburg. Everyone welcome. Offering will be received to support Emmitsburg Habitat for Humanity Build 2005.

September 12 - Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk 04. 2 to 5 p.m. MD School for the Deaf, Frederick. To pledge a donation, join a team, or for more information about the Alzheimer's Association, go to www.alzgm.org.

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Pembroke Woods Community Yard Sale. September 11, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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