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"If I only had a brain." Melissa Swanson, 11, from Rocky Ridge, puts the finishing touches on her scarecrow at the 3rd annual Scarecrow Stuffing held by the Emmitsburg Library on October 9.

# Town moves to remove commissioner from appeals board

#### Richard D. L. Fulton News Editor

The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners wants both a commissioner-free appeals board and separate lawyers for the appeals and ethics boards in order to prevent potential conflicts of interest.

AttheOct. 18 town meeting, the commissioners approved board of commissioners President William B. O'Neil, Jr.'s motion, and directed town staff to prepare a text preventing amendment commissioners from serving on the appeals board while in office.

"If you have a member of the board of commissioners sitting on the appeals board,"

O'Neil said, "it results in a paradox."

The appeals board is often called upon to review and potentially reverse prior board of commissioner decisions.

The predicament was driven home recently during Apple Tree Homes' appeal of several South Gate zoning certificate denials.

Commissioner Joyce Rosensteel, who also serves as a member of the appeals board, abstained from voting on Apple Tree's appeal because the commissioners had enacted the moratorium that brought about the zoning certificate denials.

The town planning and zoning board will review the proposal to eliminate a

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## Emmitsburg may once again have a town fountain

Effort being made to recreate 1885 historic fountain that once graced the town square

## Ray Van Horn Staff Writer

The Emmitsburg Area Historical Society is working with a well-known Alabama square fountain.

than 40 years, until it was hit head on by a Taneytown driver and finally removed in 1927. After extensive research, the firm to replicate the old town historical society believes that the remaining pieces of the iron The original fountain was fountain were probably melted

dedicated in July 1885 and

graced the square for more

down in the war effort.

Historical society president Michael Hillman recently met with Luke Robinson, a member of the family that owns and operates Robinson Iron in Alexander City, Alabama, to talk about reconstructing Emmitsburg's fountain.

According to Robinson, "We do a lot of searching online, using terms like 'cast

iron fountain." That's how his wife Emily came upon Hillman's article about the Emmitsburg fountain on www. Robinson emmitsburg.net. contacted Hillman and e-mails began flying.

On Oct. 11 Robinson headed north to meet Hillman in Frederick to look over the

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## Town sets Trick-or-Treat time, Halloween parade route changed

Trick-or-treat night, Oct. creating a severe traffic backup, Legion building. There will the parade, the Emmitsburg 31, will feature an hour for according to Ernie Gelwicks, be \$5, \$10 and \$20 prizes for Ambulance American Legion member, who children to travel door-to-door was instrumental in obtaining in pursuit of candy and other the necessary state permits. goodies, followed by the annual The parade will launch Halloween parade. from the staging area on DePaul The town administrators St, proceed up to North Seton have set trick-or-treat time Avenue where it will turn left, from 6-7 p.m., with the parade then proceed down Seton to the starting shortly after seven. ambulance bay on South Seton. The parade route has been It is expected to last about 45 changed to avoid shutting minutes. down Main St. for more then Costumes will be judged 15 minutes at a time. This as the parade proceeds past the change satisfies State Highway judging booth at the American Administration concerns about

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Company headquarters on South Seton Avenue.

New in this publication **Carroll Valley Views** -see page 10.

Town files grant application for emergency sewer repairs -see details on page 6.

**Fire Academy students** donate labor to food bank -see story on page 11.

**Green Roofs** -see article on page 14. winners based on a number of costume themes, including ugliest, prettiest and most

Cider and gingerbread, along with the costume awards, await participants at the end of

The Emmitsburg American Legion is sponsoring the parade, with additional funds contributed by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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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 Emmitsburg Dispatch reserves the right to edit letters for content and space.

## Former Emmitsburg official criticizes COPE

As a life-long citizen of Emmitsburg, past mayor and commissioner, I do not like what is going on in Emmitsburg. COPE is an organization that was started as a personal vendetta against the Boyle family. They should rename themselves CODE, "Citizens out to destroy Emmitsburg."

Some of their members reported to the state a sewerage overflow, which cost the town money. Then they managed to get two good commissioners out of office, Ted Brennan and Cliff Sweeney; and then get a newcomer, O'Neill, from Montgomery County, elected as commissioner. Now, it's his way or no way! Isn't it funny

Here are my opinions on

What a positive up-beat

The

the recent Frederick News Post

article, "Ambulance Company's

Morale on the Rise" re new

article for the Emmitsburg

new chief is certainly correct in

that, "If you have officers that

preach it but don't do it, then

you aren't going to have the

Ambulance Company.

chief, Richard Sharer.

that he bought a house in the newestandbiggestdevelopment in Emmitsburg, and now he doesn't want anyone else to be able to locate here?

Then Elder is elected and he votes only the way COPE tells him to vote on town matters. Now these two commissioners want to sue the town because they could not have their own way at a recent town meeting. Good people of Emmitsburg, is this who you want running your town government? Not me.

I see Barbara Mullinex complained about the noise from the car wash at Silo Hill to the Maryland Department of the Environment. Doesn't she know that the land where the

car wash is located was zoned commercial long before the first house was ever built in Silo Hill?

Isn't it funny that COPE never complained about the car wash in the center of town, which is owned by Commissioner Elder, one of their members? COPE tries to make everything rosy for them, but they have never told the complete truth about the issues of town matters.

Now I'll probably receive a lot of flack about this letter, but that's okay because at least I'll know that someone has read it.

#### - E. Eugene Myers Emmitsburg

## **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 continuedregularpublication, allowing for a 5-year hiatus during World War II, until February 9, 1977.

#### **Hunters Take Notice**

October 14, 1904 - By an act of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1904, it is unlawful for any one to hunt with gun or rifle in Frederick county from the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October until the first day of November, or on any election day in November. The penalty for a violation of said law is a fine of twenty dollars and costs, or 60 days in jail. One-half of the fine is to be paid to the informer. Also, it is unlawful for anyone to trap, snare, net, bag or bunch on the ground with a gun or other firearms at any time any partridges in Frederick county. Penalty twenty dollars and costs for each bird so taken or killed, in default of payment to be committed to the House of Correction for three months. One-half of the fine paid goes to the informer, the other half to the county Commissioners.

#### Rapid Corn Husking

October 28, 1904 – Mr. William Martin, who works for Mr. J. Rowe Ohler, near town, made quite a record husking corn one husked 40 shocks, making 106 bushels of corn. He did not have to pull the shocks down. Mr. Ohler helped to measure the corn. This is a record hard to beat. ballot to be ballot. Rer spoil two ba entitled to but only so is waiting to longer time. Mark you

#### How to Vote

October 28, 1904 – Every voter should read these instructions carefully before going to the polls to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 8. If these instructions are carefully followed your vote will be counted.

Examine the ballot given you and see if it contains the initial of the judge who gave it to you. Examine the ballot and see if it has any marks or spots on it, and if it has, return the ballot and get a new one.

Don't fail to fold the ticket exactly as it is when given to you by the judge.

Vote the ticket by making a cross (X) mark in the space provided therefore to the right of and opposite the names of the Presidential Candidates you intend voting for. Then place a cross mark in the space opposite the name of the candidate of your choice for member of the House of Representatives in the 59<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Remember two cross (X) marks votes the ticket in Frederick county.

If you let the (X) extend beyond the square, it will not be counted. Don't let the (X) extend to the lines of the space. Make it entirely inside the space. If the (X) you make does not suit you or is too near the line of the square, or if you have made a mistake in marking your ballot, don't try to change it by rubbing it out. You must ask for a new ballot. Any mark whatever on the ballot except a plain (X) mark wholly within the square will cause your ballot not to be counted. Even a dot or a circle will cause your ballot to be thrown out.

Be sure and not tear you ballot. Remember if you spoil two ballots you are still entitled to another ballot, but only seven minutes is allowed for you in which to mark your ballot if some one is waiting to vote. If no one is waiting to vote you have a longer time.

Mark your ballot with the INDELIBLE pencil which you will find in the voting booth. Do not use your own pencil; your ballot will not be counted if you do.

See that the judge tears off the coupon and deposits the ballot in the ballot box.



membership follow you."

**Praise for Ambulance Company's new chief** 

Thank heavens he is certified in hazardous materials and may the county and state work with him – so more are – as one is not enough.

Absolutely, the change is already seen – the parking lot dues have at least tripled with cars during the day and evening hours – I've seen it myself.

Deputy Chief Compton had

quite a list of excellent training in skills so necessary.

Sad to read, "There always has been animosity between neighboring companies." Emmitsburg's Please, two most valuable assets having animosity? Please let it end now - it isn't a contest, it's a matter of "people helping people," "saving lives," no games need to be played to be #1. Those who are immature should find a better way to spend their spare time or begin to take pride in the work they do and not comment on others or become bullies rather than friends.

We, the residents of Emmitsburg, greatly respect and are comforted just knowing our town has these two fine assets.

The Ladies Auxiliary of both companies do marvelous work and fund raising; but now and then I have to close my ears to some. Perhaps everyone will consider this as a "New Start." It is a pleasure to live in Emmitsburg, there are so many wonderful assets besides the ambulance and fire companies. Perhaps we can describe our town to strangers passing through – that this is a town of HARMONY.

> - Lois Sears Emmitsburg

## **Frederick County flu vaccine** limited to high-risk individuals

Joyce M. Demmitt Staff Writer

The Frederick County Health Department announced on Oct. 18 that it has received 1,270 doses of flu vaccine, but it will only be available to young children and nursing home residents.

In compliance with Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, the vaccine will only be given to high-risk individuals.

Beginning the week of Oct. 25, flu shots will be available to residents of long-term-care facilities, and children ages 6 months to 23 months, along with children 2 to 18 years of age with a chronic medical condition.

Dr. Barbara A. Brookmyer, Frederick County Health Officer, said, "We're making about 1,000 doses available to nursing homes. We'll have 270 doses for children, available through the federal 'Vaccine for Children' program."

Children can receive the vaccine from the health department by appointment only: call 301-631-3342. Proof of age and verification of the chronic medical condition are required for children 2 to 18.

Because the vaccine is in such short supply, health officials suggest that parents first contact their child's primary care provider to obtain a flu shot. Doctors have about 90 per cent of the vaccine, but CDC requests that they too only vaccinate high-risk persons.

www.mandtexoticbirds.com

Brookmyer told The Dispatch that she does not yet know if Frederick County will receive any of the 2.6 million doses of flu vaccine that Aventis Pasteur has found and will deliver to the U.S. in January 2005. Tommy Thompson, Secretary of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, made the announcement Oct. 19.

According to Brookmyer, the health department had ordered 5,500 doses from Aventis Pasteur last spring, but had received only 1,560 doses prior to Oct. 18.

The early doses were distributed during the county's Oct 4. flu clinic, forcing the department to put future clinics on hold. Now that the CDC has issued restrictive guidelines, and supplies are so limited, additional clinics are no scheduled.

Brookmyernoted, "FluMist (a nasal flu vaccine) is a very good option for healthy people, ages 5 to 49," and confirmed that the department is continuing to work with the State of Maryland and CDC to locate any remaining vaccine.

Given that flu is one of many viral illnesses that circulate in fall and winter, she urges everyone to become familiar with the "general principles of washing hands." A quick wash won't do. Brookmyer recommends thorough washing, like "nurses and surgeons when they scrub for surgery." (See

For the latest information about possible availability of flu vaccine and FluMist, call the Flu Information Hotline, 301-631-3035, or visit www. frederickhealth.org.

### **Gettysburg clinics cancelled**

The Gettysburg Hospital has no flu vaccine and all clinics have been cancelled. The hospital recommends that individuals check with family physicians about flu shots.

Call the hospital's Health Information Line for further information: 717-334-4646.

#### **Private clinics suspended**

Maxim Health System, private company that a dispensed flu shots in retail locations throughout Maryland, suspended its flu clinics after Oct. 16, but will list any future clinics on its website, www. findaflushot.com.

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Halloween Tea

## U.S. still short

When British authorities closed the Liverpool plant of American flu vaccine manufacturer Chiron Corp on Oct. 5 because of contamination problems, the U.S. immediately lost half its anticipated vaccine supply, 46 to 48 million doses.

What remains is about 54 million doses made by Aventis Pasteur, based in Strasbourg, France, and one to two million doses of FluMist, made by MedImmune, of Mountain View, California.

Even with the additional 2.6 million doses, the U.S. is still well short of its targeted number of doses.

CDC precautions to help prevent the spread of germs. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze - and dispose of the tissue afterward. Wash your hands.

If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve.

Wash your hands after you cough or sneeze - with soap and warm water, or an alcoholbased hand cleanser. Wash your hands for 15 to 20 seconds, long enough to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice.

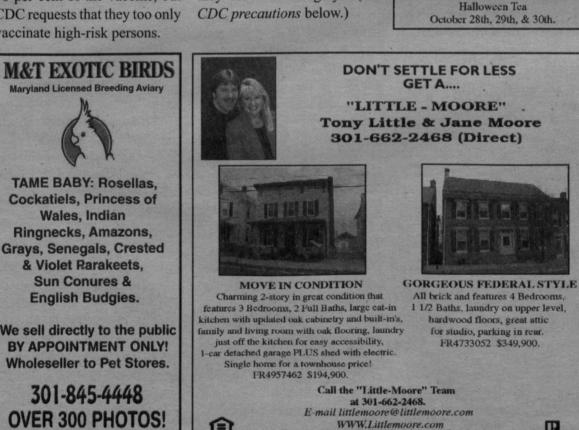
If you get the flu, stay home from work or school to help prevent others from catching your illness.

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senator hold different beliefs,

apparently with sincerity, about

the nature of authority and life

and other most fundamental

realities - just like Americans

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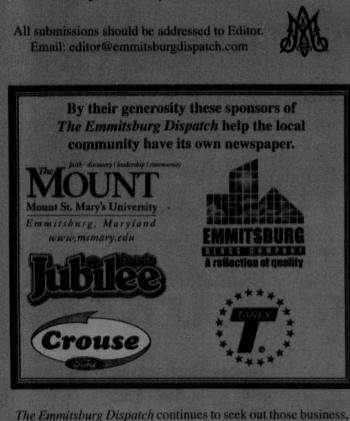
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# **Issues at stake in the coming election**

The presidential election campaign has poured out millions of words on dozens of issues. Here is an incomplete and somewhat random list of matters on which Democrats and Republicans often disagree concerning the facts, the degree

of importance or danger, or the means to deal with them. Issues on which the parties substantially agree are omitted.

The list, compiled by Emmitsburg resident and former Dispatch editor Bill Steo, is offered to help voters

recall their own opinions and so vote with fuller understanding.

#### International relations.

The use of diplomacy: working as a partner with United Nations members or with individual countries.

Dealing with threats: prioritizing differently the threats from North Korea, Iran and other countries as well as Iraq; negotiating with North Korea alone or only jointly with several Far East nations; relying on diplomacy more than military strength or

technological defense, like the

generally. Everyone has a world view or "philosophy of life" which we begin to acquire in early childhood. We develop our personal philosophy almost entirely by making assumptions rather than conscious reflection, and so it is generally (not in

all cases) beyond the realm of moral judgment. Members of political parties, therefore, may detest each other's philosophy of life but should not judge them evil.

With their parties, the

Bush remains certain he had the moral authority to start the Iraq war, whereas others charge he did not. But the validity of the charge depends on many factors, not just whether he was responsible for the error of intelligence advisors.

missile defense system. War on terror: treating terrorism as emerging from an organized network, or from loosely aligned clusters and individuals around the globe. Trade: trading fully or restrictively with countries judged guilty of human rights violations.

**Different core values.** In fact, however, this but we like to think they both year's two major candidates for president have clashing opinions on many fundamental values. President Bush has said as much and Sen. Kerry has not denied it. Their differences

EDITORIAL

Parties differ on most basic human values

**Democrats and Republicans** 

may be butting heads right now,

want the same things for our

our Constitution a single set

of desired goods that give us

our national identity. We try to

achieve or preserve them and in

this way mould one nation out

president want to do the same;

neither candidate has suggested

America should become another

**Radical differences.** 

we are learning something

new about the two parties

and it will affect our lives for

a long time. Democrats and

Republicans differ, we can now

see, not merely on policies, but

on fundamental human values.

George W. Bush and John

Kerry and their parties have

radically different views about

what is good for Americans and

for humanity as a whole. What

We believe freedom and

justice and life on this planet

are goods, or "ends" of our

desires. We call these realities

"values" because we use them

as standards of morality. That

is, we compare actions to these

ends in order to tell whether

promotes justice (one of our

deepest values), we judge

the action morally good. If it

undermines justice, we judge it

would not serve us well by

giving abstract speeches about

our ends as humans and as

Americans. We want them to

debate about means. We need

to hear concrete conclusions to

The presidential candidates

morally bad.

problems.

For example, if an action

they are morally good or bad.

will this mean for us?

Values.

In this election campaign

candidates

for

We Americans have in

country.

Do they?

of diverse citizens.

The

kind of country.

appear in what the president's administration has done, and in what Sen. Kerry proposes and is likely to do as a Democrat.

Not long ago critics belittled both political parties as barely distinguishable. This probably contributed to Naderism and low voter turnout. Recently the parties seem more divided as members hold more firmly to different views on issues.

presidential candidates differ not just on ways to achieve goals, but on underlying beliefs about the nature of life, prosperity, authority, nation, human society. This was always true of congressional members who voted out of conviction, but it has become clearer and more widely known than before.

### **Differ on basics?**

For example, President

Sen. Kerry has been condemned as "pro-abortion" because he will not try to overthrow the Roe v. Wade decision. But the label rightly applies only to abortionists who make money from the procedure. Kerry's position actually is the same as many theologians'. He maintains the position partly because he seems not to accept or understand the arguments concerning the beginning of life.

## World views.

The president and the

Meanwhile, citizens feel confused, and some dismayed

How to vote?

mutual understanding

tolerance.

New awareness.

The clear awareness of these

radical differences between

Republicans and Democrats is

something new in America. We

thought we differed on means,

not ends. It is the kind of insight

that may stir media rage and pulpit fulminations. It may also

bring about serious discussions

which, we hope, will further

and

enough not to vote at all. Neither Bush nor Kerry can totally satisfy anyone who knows the issues. How can you vote for someone you only partially approve?

Actually, partial approval is the only possible attitude that sensible people can have toward a candidate. In many elections no candidate is "best" and sometimes none is good enough; we can vote only for the one "least likely to do harm."

Still, an election is the singular occasion for most citizens to engage in one of the most moral and noble human activities, politics.

## **Remember to vote Nov. 2**

Maryland introduced touch screen machines with the last primary election and Stuart Harvey, Election Director for Frederick County, said they work quite well.

Election judges verify that individuals are registered voters, and then issue a voter access card. The "smart card" tells the voting machine which ballot to load and only allows one ballot to load.

The voter access card ejects once the "Cast Ballot" button is pressed. Trying to reinsert the card triggers an "invalid card" message. The card will eject, and no ballot will be loaded.

Each machine prints a report before the polls open and after they close showing its voting results. Anonymous ballot images can also be printed from the election database in case of a recount.

If you've not yet used the machines, go to <u>http://www.</u> <u>mdvotes.org/demo.php</u> for a "live" demonstration. You can "vote," review your ballot and correct any errors you've made, and then push the button to cast your ballot.

# Learn more about issues and candidates

AARP: www.aarp. org/legislative/elections/ presidential Candidates' positions on issues important to olderAmericans: social security, affordability, health care prescription drug costs, and long-term care. AARP is a membership nationwide, organization providing programs, educational material and advocacy efforts on issues affecting adults 50 and older.

Frederick County League of Women Voters: www. lwvmd.org/fred Links on the site connect to voting records of state and federal officials, and issues of concern to league members. The league is a nonpartisan organization of both men and women that "encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Our goal is to empower citizens to shape better communities worldwide."

**Project Vote Smart:** www.vote-smart.org A nonprofit organization formed by 40 national leaders in 1992, "dedicated to upholding the ideal of democracy and serving the American people with unbiased and accurate information." Offers an online "voters' self-defense system" of issue positions, voting record, campaign finances, and interest group ratings on elected officials and candidates primarily at national and state levels. Toll-free hotline: 1-888-VOTE-SMART.

**President/Vice President of** 

the United States

George W. Bush/Dick Cheney

(Republican)

John F. Kerry/John Edwards

(Democrat)

David Cobb/Patricia LaMarche

(Green)

Michael Badnarik/Richard V.

Campagna (Libertarian)

Michael Anthony Peroutka/

Chuck Baldwin (Constitution)

Ralph Nader/Peter Miguel

Camejo (Populist)

Lawson Mitchell Bone

(Unaffiliated) Write-In

Theodis (Ted) Brown Sr.

(Unaffiliated) Write-In

Voter's Guide for Serious Catholics: www.catholic. com/library/voters\_guide.asp "Catholic Answers is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization that does not take positions on political candidates, parties, or campaigns. It confines itself to explaining the teaching of the Catholic Church on a wide United States Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D) E.J. Pipkin (R) Maria Allwine (Green) Thomas Trump (Constitution) Ray Bly (R) – write-in Dennard A. Gaye-El, Sr. (R) – write-in Robert Gemmill II (Libertarian) – write-in

**2004 Offices to be Elected** 

Representative in Congress, District 6 Roscoe G. Bartlett (R) Kenneth T. Bosley (D) Gregory J. Hemingway (Green)

variety of issues, including the moral obligations of Catholics regarding political involvement."

## **Issues at stake**

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#### Personal rights.

Privacy: protection against excessive intrusion by law officers, electronic surveillance of personal data, telemarketing; some provisions of the Patriot Act. Protection of persons against physical harm: unborn children, youths, prisoners, prisoners of war, immigrants. Ownership of weapons. Judge of the Circuit Court, Circuit 6 Theresa M. Adams, Frederick

Judge, Court of Special Appeals at large Joseph F. Murphy, Jr.

Frederick County Board of Education (3 seats) Barbara Craig, Frederick Donna J. Crook, Frederick Katie Groth, Monrovia Stanley Charles Mazaleski

**Global issues.** Pollution of the atmosphere and the seas, destruction of ocean fish species, reduction of forests, and global warming.

**Government benefits.** for prescription drugs, medical care, education, the elderly, businesses, large farm corporations, programs for the poor.

**Fiscal.** The Social Security fund; definition of an adequate family income; incomes subject to taxes; evasion of income taxes; tax on personal income from inheritance (mislabeled "death tax"); allocation of funds for social programs; bid policy for government contracts.



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# **TOWN NEWS**

## Algae blooms hamper drinking water supply

Richard D. L. Fulton News Editor

A persistent algae bloom in Rainbow Lake has forced Emmitsburg to turn to Mount St. Mary's for additional water supplies. If there is a severe drought, the town could have a serious water shortage.

Rainbow Lake serves as a water reservoir for Emmitsburg. Under normal conditions, the town is authorized to process as much as 168,000 gallons of lake water a day for public consumption.

However, the epidemiclike proliferation of algae in the lake has overwhelmed the water treatment plant's capabilities to remove contaminants from the lake water, according to plant supervisor David Fissel.

The effect, he told The Emmitsburg Dispatch, has been that the plant has only been able to process about 40,000 gallons of lake water a day, and the town has had to turn to Mount St. Mary's to help make up for the shortfall.

## Leave it to beavers

The more nutrients there

are in the water to feed these microscopic plants, the larger and more persistent the algae bloom.

Fissel blames a growing beaver population in Rainbow Lake for helping to increase the amount of algae.

"The beavers keep dragging vegetative matter into the water, which adds nutrients. It's run rampant on us," he explained.

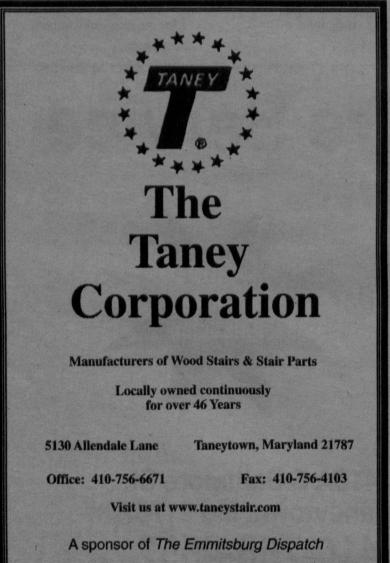
### **Treatment plant** overwhelmed

Two sets of filters in the treatment plant process the lake water for consumption.

The first set, referred to as the "roughing filters," consist of layers of gravel-like garnet, sand and anthracite coal. This initial set of filters generally removes about 90 percent of the impurities.

The second filters remove as much of the remaining contaminants as possible, filtering the water through diatomaceous earth, a natural material made up of countless minute skeletons of a fossil marine organism.

"If the roughing filters are not performing right, we have a



problem with the second set of filters," Fissel said.

"We can get most of it (impurities) but not all of it. The second set (diatomaceous earth) can top off. They pack up pretty quickly. That uses the earth up faster," he added.

#### Algae -1; Town -0

Fissel said the algae blooms have become increasingly worse over the past few years and efforts to attack them in the lake have failed.

"We're still trying to pull as much as we can out of the lake," Fissel said. At this point in time, that amounts to an average of 25-50 gallons a minute (about one-fourth of the intake when there is no algae bloom).

He said there is no real problem yet because additional water supplies are available from Mount St. Mary's. But "in a drought situation, it would be a pretty tough time."

A problem with the recently overhauled water storage tank has also forced the town to buy more water than normal from the Mount.

The town filled the newly refurbished tank, only to discover that the paint had not seasoned, and all the water had to be removed. The tank is now standing idle while the finish completes its curing process.

### Another angle of attack

The former water treatment plant seemed to do a better job of removing the particulate matter even while under assault by algae blooms, and the town is dropping back to examine what that plant did differently.

### The final solution?

Until the algae bloom problem is resolved, either by attacking it in the lake or by coming up with an effective way to remove it in the treatment plant, the battle wages on.

town's sanitary sewer collection system."

The degraded collection system has repeatedly discharged diluted wastewater during major storms, some of which has made its way into area streams. Even in September, one major spill resulted in streams being posted to advise citizens of contamination.

**Town pursues** emergency grant Lucas stated that town "met representatives some

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So far, the seemingly endless mass of single-cell plants has proven victorious.

Fissel said the plant is going to try using sand and anthracite rather than the coarser garnet layers of the roughing filters. If that approach doesn't work, the town has to go back to the drawing board to be sure citizens have a reliable water supply.

# Algae

Algae proliferates in freshwater and seawater in the presence of extended sunlight, which is why it can reach problematic proportions during late spring, summer, and early fall.

The blooms tend to die off in winter when the sun's angle leads to shorter days and less direct sunlight.

In freshwater, the blooms can impact the ability of water plants to treat the water. They can even drain the water of oxygen, killing off local fish.

At sea, the infamous "red tide" kills marine life and is a prime example of the catastrophic effect of a marine algae bloom.

## **Town News Briefs ...** No bridge for Emmitsburg Glass

By a 3:1 vote, the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners voted Oct. 18 to waive a requirement that would have forced Emmitsburg a bridge would lie, either Glass to build a multi-million with the developer or the dollar "bridge to nowhere."

The land, part of an annexation approved in 1990. carried a stipulation that the developer must contribute toward the construction of an access road and a new bridge. Cost estimates for building this bridge ran as high as five million dollars.

However, the town does not own the land on the opposite side of Flat Run where the bridge would rest.

Concerned about where the cost burden for such taxpayers of Emmitsburg, Town Commissioner Dianne L. Walbrecker registered the lone vote against the resolution.

The glass company, owned by Sheridan (Dan) and Greg Reaver, recently acquired a tenacre tract abutting Creamery Road on the east side of Rt. 15. The property will serve as home to the firm's new 35,000 square foot facility.

The Emmitsburg Dispatch believes that the town's elected officials have valuable information and ideas to share with our readers. We have invited all four commissioners and the mayor to submit their thoughts and opinions on town issues for publication. Although their columns may be viewed as political, The Emmitsburg Dispatch will publish them at no charge as a community service. We will alternate columns from commissioners and the mayor on the Town News page. Our elected officials know the town well, and we are grateful, as we know readers are, when they take the time to help us keep citizens informed about important issues.

**Request to Emmitsburg elected officials** 

## **Progress toward ending** wastewater problems

Richard D. L. Fulton News Editor

The town of Emmitsburg has taken additional steps to address its degraded wastewater collection system by requesting state funds to conduct system studies.

Town Planner Michael Lucas confirmed Oct. 4 that the town staff "completed and submitted a grant application for \$265,000 to the Maryland DOH, Division of Economic and Community Development, for emergency repairs to the

## Wastewater

## -Continued from page 6 months ago" with DOH looking into the possibility of a grant for a "comprehensive study of the collection system."

Town staff feel they have identified a specific area of the collection system that may be responsible for perhaps as much as 90 percent of the spills which occur during periods of heavy rain and intrusion of wild water into the system.

Wild water is non-waste water that has gained access to the wastewater collection system through cracks and breaks in the system or through storm drains.

Lucas said the DOH grant proposal is for emergency funding, and given the present set of circumstances with the decrepit collection system, "We might qualify for emergency funding."

The DOH emergency funding is given especially when a situation threatens the establishment of commercial interests in a community (through taps allocation restraints or other measures).

The money would be used primarily to study the collection system thoroughly and identify areas that need to be rehabilitated.

Sewer plant overwhelmed

Even as work proceeds on developing the wastewater collection system battle plan, out onto the ground and into streams during intense rains. In September, the system experienced two significant spills totaling more than a

raw sewage continues to spew

quarter million gallons. Town Manager David Haller told the board of commissioners Oct. 4, "We had two raw sewage spills this month (September). On Sept.18, there was a 66,000gallon spill. On Sept. 28 and 29, after we received five inches of rain producing a twoday spillage event, there was a 206,500-gallon spill."

Haller explained that the spillage was the product of excessive rains caused by the remnants of two hurricanes moving through the area.

"We received almost ten inches of rain this month (September). We treated an average of 581,000 gallons per day (GPD), which means that 41 percent of the wastewater treated in September was wild water," Haller said.

The intrusion of voluminous amounts of wild water not only causes overflow at manholes and along breaks in the system, but it taxes the treatment plant itself beyond its permitted processing capacity.

"We exceeded the plant's design capacity three days in September," Haller noted. "On Sept. 17 (the plant processed) 1,880,000 gallons; Sept. 18, 1,710,000; Sept. 28, 3,176,000."

#### MDE consent order signed

At the state enforcement end, the town and state have signed the consent order drafted by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

This means the town is officially "under the gun" to rectify the problematic wastewater collection system.

The consent order establishes mutually agreedupon objectives to address the problems and establishes a time-line for the various phases involved in meeting the objectives.

Further, the consent order contains agreed upon penalties that the state can assess against the town should it fail to meet any of the objectives within the allotted time frame.

The consent order also shields the town against having additional penalty assessments lodged for wastewater spillages that may occur during the term of the order.

In signing the order, the town also formally agreed to pay a \$3,500 penalty assessment as settlement for an aggregation of previous spills.

### Taps plan finally has teeth

On Aug. 23, the town commissioners rescinded a temporary moratorium that had been placed on the issuance of new sewer connections, and voted to adopt the Residential Sanitary Sewer Tap System Connection Allocation Plan.

The temporary moratorium

had been imposed May 26. It formally replaced a verbal directive issued by the board of commissioners on March 21, instructing town staff not to issue any new zoning certificates.

However, when the moratorium was lifted, apparently no one contacted MDE to see if the consent order had been signed, even though it was cited as the supporting legal

## **Appeals Board**

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commissioner's seat from the appeals board, and make a recommendation to the board of commissioners.

#### Separate attorneys

To prevent any potential conflicts of interest, the commissioners directed the town to secure separate lawyers for both the appeals board and the ethics board. At present they both use the current town attorney, who may have previously advised the town on issues being appealed.

Mayor James E. Hoover said, "I would also like to see included that the (appeals) board be counseled by different attorneys, as well as the ethics board. If not included in the amendment, I want it to be a policy."

document for the allocation plan.

Since a "plan" generally does not have the force of law, the town was potentially left with no legal means to enforce the allocation plan between the time the moratorium was lifted and the time the consent order was mutually signed.

Now that the order has been signed, the allocation plan is unquestionably in effect.

It became clear on Sept. 10 that separate attorneys were warranted when two commissioners tried to challenge the Sept. 9 board of appeals decision to grant Apple Tree Homes' appeal.

Taking the appeals board to court meant denying them the right to use the town attorney. If the town attorney had previously advised the appeals board on any related issue, it could have disqualified him from representing either party.

Appeals board President Robert Rosensteel, Sr. told the board, "This is the most exciting thing to see happen in this town in a long time. This gives the (appeals) board back to the people."

"This is certainly a move in the right direction," he added. "You're (the commissioners) to be commended."

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## From the news editor's notebook Safety tips for Trick-or-Treat night

## Richard D. L. Fulton News Editor

Before sending the little ghosts and goblins out in quest of sugar Halloween night, take a few simple precautions to ensure the night goes well.

Here are some tips courtesy of <u>www.halloween-safety.com</u>.

First of all, make sure your child's costume is safe, including fireproof, and make sure any eye holes are open enough for good peripheral vision. Make sure any props, like pitchforks, are not actually dangerous.

If possible, give children a flashlight or glow stick so that passing motorists can see to avoid them in the roadway.

Instruct your child not to eat any treats until you have examined them back home.

If possible escort your child door-to-door. If not, see if another parent can take a group of children out, or if an older teenager in the family would volunteer.

Make sure you know the route your children are taking if they are going unescorted by an adult. Further, make sure your child understands that sticking to an agreed upon route is important for his or her safety.

Be sure you know about any Halloween event your child may be attending, where it is being held, the hours, and the sponsor's phone number.

Establish a "curfew" for safety purposes. Make sure your children know how important it is that they report home at the appointed time. Educate your child on the difference between a trick and vandalism. Children may think that throwing eggs at cars or homes is a fun trick. Many of them don't think of the potential damage or the cleanup.

Harassing and scaring neighborhood pets is also not a good idea. It's also illegal in many areas.

Reinforce every day safety measures: don't talk to strangers; don't get into cars with strangers, even if other kids do (encourage your child to report to an adult if another friend gets into a car with someone your child or the friend doesn't know); and look both ways when crossing a road.

Beyond that, have a safe Halloween!

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#### THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH

## RELIGION

# **Emmitsburg volunteers** "Walk With the World"

## Susan Allen Staff Writer

Fifty-four volunteers from Emmitsburg area churches participated in the annual CROP Walk on Oct. 17.

Church World Service (CWS), an interfaith coalition of 36 Christian denominations, initiated the CROP Walk in 1969 to help feed and clothe needy people throughout the world. Today one-quarter of the funds raised by CROP Walks is donated to local sponsor organizations.

**Phyllis** Kelly, walk organizer and manager of the Emmitsburg Food Bank, called the walkers into a circle around the "peace pole" in Memorial Park. She introduced Lindsey Greene of Rocky Ridge whose junior Girl Scout troop designed and mounted the peace pole as their community service project in 1996.

international "first responders" to human-needs crises, along with the Red Cross and The Salvation Army.

The Emmitsburg CROP Walk is one of 66 scheduled in the region over the next six weeks. More than 2,000 walks will be held nationwide.

Farrar also commended the Emmitsburg community for raising more than \$50,000 since it began participating in CROP. He led the walkers in a litany of dedication before they set off on the 2.5-mile course through Emmitsburg. They carried brightly colored balloons, courtesy of Flowers for You, Ltd.

Sheriff'sdeputyJimMoxley assisted people crossing the streets at various points along the route. The walkers finished back at Memorial Park where they signed in and enjoyed apples and cookies donated by Kelly, and drinks provided by the Emmitsburg McDonalds.

The total funds raised will not be known for several



-RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH

(L-R) Delores Henke, Mary Topper, and Sandy Seidel lead a group of walkers on West Main Street during last Sundays CROP walk sponsored by Emmitsburg's Council of Churches.

## A word from the pulpit How long, O Lord? Psalm 13

Rev. Bill Warehime Pastor Tom's Creek United Methodist Church

We live in times that correspond to the kind of circumstances this question asks about. All of us have been living on the edge of our seats, listening to hopes being alternately floated and dashed. So the question is pertinent: How long, O Lord?

What should people do whose righteousness is in Christ, not derived from themselves but granted them by God, people like us who are called righteous by the Lord? What we can do is turn our face to the living God. We can become men and women who pray.

Think about King David's experience. David fought many enemies. Probably the greatest battle scene that comes to mind when we think of David is the one in which Goliath, a nine-foot giant standing in the middle of the valley, denounced the armies of Israel. Goliath the giant warrior fell to a sling and a stone in the hand of David. But like David, our most difficult enemies are not the wicked, the giants, but someone we know, we expect to be our brother, sister, or neighbor.

No one is telling the truth anymore. As a result of the commitment to lies, our human arrogance increases. Indulging in flattery, hypocrisy, and lies leads eventually to a sense that "I'm in charge;" I can hurt and use people, promote myself, and say what I want; I'm master of my own lip - arrogant to the core.

It is a tragedy when we no longer have a commitment to truth. Now, it's not as if the people of God have disappeared. Your neighbor is still there; it's just that he or she is no longer godly. They have the appearance of one thing -they're flattering, they still speak smoothly and sweetly, and they still say the same thing - but they're not the same person on the inside.

Even more frightening, I have within myself an enemy, the possibility of choosing the same arrogance and deception. I have all of the instincts, ideas, and possibilities right here in me. Maybe I will become the liar. Yes, there's a war in me;

I'm tempted to do this and I have done it. "How long, O Lord?"

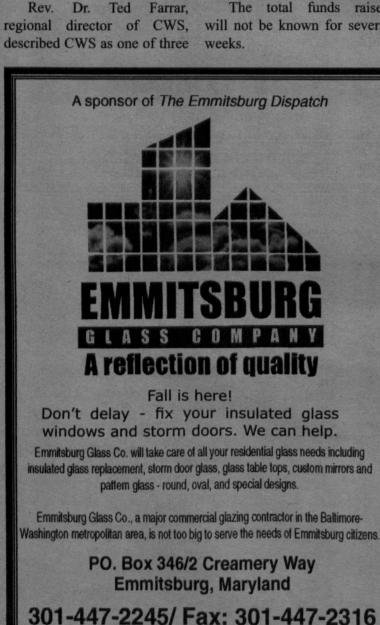
I need to call on the Lord in prayer. Psalm 13 is the sort of prayer for the interim between the cry for help and the prayer of thanks that looks back on what God has done.

Four times in the first two verses the cry, "How long?" is lifted. Yet at times we sense no response at all to our prayers. The emotional sensation is that God has turned his face from us. His nearness is no more clear to us than before. The sense of being approved of by him, having him show his face to us, and having him visit us with his smile may not take place.

Real prayer is not routine. Too often we think of prayer as something that exists in a compartment at a certain time during the day or the week. There's a kind of routine reciting of words; we fulfill an obligation. Too often I find myself in prayer saying the words, but am I ready to listen for a response?

But prayer is much more akin to wrestling. It's much more likely to be shouting, stomping one's foot, and crying out things like, "I don't understand, this isn't the way it ought to be! Lord, where are you in the midst of it? Lord, why is this world the way it is? -Continued on page 9

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## Mount rector named new bishop of Harrisburg diocese

Pope John Paul II appointed Father Kevin C. Rhoades, rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, as the ninth bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa. on Oct. 14. Bishop-elect Rhoades succeeds Bishop Nicholas C. Dattilo, who passed away in March.

Rhoades, 46, is a priest of the Harrisburg diocese and has served as seminary rector for seven years and professor for nine years.

In a press conference, Bishop-elect Rhoades said, "I am happy to be coming home to the wonderful diocese of Harrisburg. With joyful anticipation, I look forward to visiting the parishes, schools, other apostolates of and the Church throughout the Harrisburg diocese.

'I look forward to being with the priests, my coworkers in the ministry, with the deacons, with the men and women in consecrated life, and with the lay faithful, all united in the one Body of Christ in truth and charity."

Speaking fluent Spanish, he concluded his remarks with greetings to "our Spanishspeaking brothers and sisters."

Bishop-elect Rhoades grew up in Lebanon, Pa. and was a member of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. His father Charles lives in Lebanon, and he has an older brother, a younger sister, and four nieces and one nephew.

He attended Mount St. Mary's University and received a BA in philosophy from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia, in 1979. He also received his STB in Theology (1982), his STL in Theology (1986) and his JCL in Canon Law (1988) from the Gregorian University in Rome.

"Father Rhoades is a special priest," said Thomas H. Powell, president of Mount St. Mary's University. "Not only is he a skilled administrator, but he is a priest with the heart of Jesus. We are grateful for his years of service as rector of our seminary and for his leadership in preparing our seminarians for priestly formation. We wish him well and delight in his appointment as Bishop of Harrisburg."

In 1983, he was ordained a priest at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Lebanon by then Auxiliary Bishop William Keeler, now Cardinal for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Md., and Chancellor of Mount St. Mary's Seminary.

"Bishop Rhoades brings to his new position many wonderful gifts: he is a dedicated priest who knows and loves the diocese personally; a pastor who has dealt effectively with the challenges of a modern city parish; and one equipped,

Cardinal said All are welcome to attend

an evening prayer service in honor of Bishop-elect Rhoades, beginning at 4:30 p.m., Oct. 24, at St. Patrick Cathedral, 212 State St., Harrisburg, PA.

**Bishop Rhoades' ordination** will take place Dec. 9, 2004, the Feast of Saint Juan Diego, at Saint Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg.

## Pulpit

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Why are these people the way they are, and why am I the way I am? How long will it be until you answer? I'd love to see your face again! How long, O Lord?"

What I'm suggesting to us is that we're in times of shaky foundations. We're in times when there's very little we can do that's going to fix things. And what should the righteous do when the foundations are being destroyed? God says he will arise and do something about it, but the interim may be longer than we want. The avenue he chooses to come to us may be a surprise. Our hope is to be as Psalm 13 describes it, those who prevail in prayer, those who take prayer seriously, those who are honest.

Psalm 13 ends with a song,

"But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation." The interior wrestling with our thoughts, crying out exclamations to God out loud or inside, worrying before the Lord, wondering, learning, hurting, growing, all has taken place, and it ends with a song. God is good and faithful

to us. His salvation is sure. Righteousness can be learned again if it has been lost. Truth can rise back to its proper place in our lives if deceptions have entered in. Prayer that wrestles with God, that's willing to be honest, is the concern before us. By the grace of God it will result in singing for us as well.

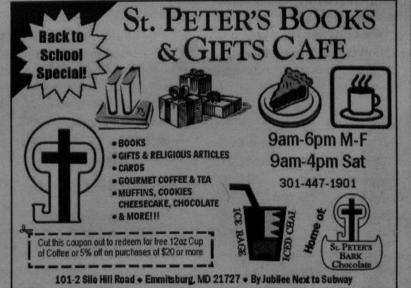
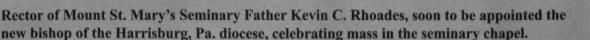




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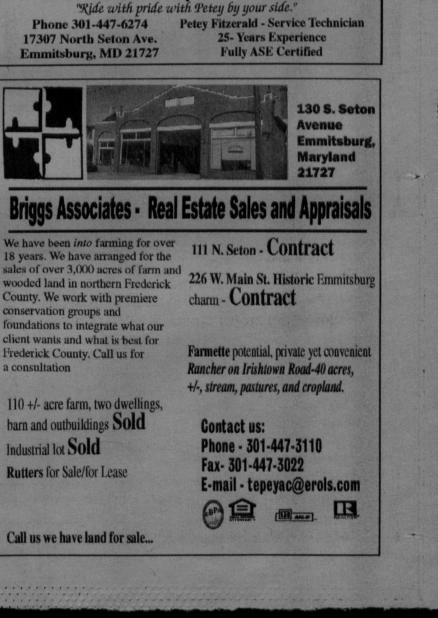
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## **Police** News

**Community Policing Information System** 

The Carroll Valley Police Department would like to establish an e-mail information system. The purpose of the system would be to provide timely information to residents in order to promote public safety awareness. In most cases, the information would be routine but, on occasion, if an urgent matter occurs, the system could be used to notify residents of late-breaking news. If you are interested in receiving e-mail from the police department concerning public safety matters, please send your e-mail address to pdadmin@carrollvalley. org. In the subject line, enter "CPIS" and leave the body blank.

The Carroll Valley Police Department has had to respond to several complaints recently in the areas of burning, skateboarding, and curfew. Provided below is a synopsis of Carroll Valley ordinances for these topics:

### Burning

Section 106 of Chapter 20 prohibits burning under most circumstances. The one exception is burning 'yard waste," but only after obtaining a burning permit from the borough office. A complete description of burning regulations can be found on the reverse side of the permit document.

## Skateboarding

Section 703 of Chapter 15 prohibits skateboarding on borough roads.

Curfew

Part 3 or Chapter 6 regulates the hours during which minors under 18 years of age may remain in public places and certain establishments without adult supervision. The curfew is in force seven days a week between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

**Police Contact:** Police non-emergency no: 334-8101 Police emergency: 911

# Carroll Valley Views

## **From the Council President**

Since my appointment as Council President, many people have inquired as to when they can expect the borough newsletter, Valley Views, to be revived. I am pleased to announce that time is upon us. The Council determined that it was time to overhaul its communications with the borough residents in every respect. The first step involves publishing Valley Views quarterly, as a page in the bi-weekly newspaper, The Emmitsburg Dispatch. That publication is already delivered free to every customer in the borough, and you are no doubt already familiar with it. By doing so, there is a significant savings in printing costs,

The second step toward improved communications with Carroll Valley residents will include a complete revision of its official website. Each department and committee head will be provided with an opportunity to inform residents about how it functions. Frequently asked questions will be included. Wondering if you need a permit for that driveway, fence, shed, garage, or improvement? Both the answer and the necessary forms soon will be made available on-line and you'll be saved

postage and manpower.

notices pertaining to committee vacancies and other matters of both immediate and routine interest. Valley Views will be maintained there as well, so if you miss one in The Emmitsburg Dispatch, you'll be able to catch it online. Ultimately, the borough's ordinances will also be posted.

This is all part of a larger effort to keep every Carroll Valley resident in the know. When the website is up and running in its new form, look for the announcement on the marquee in front of the borough office. The website address will be provided there and in Valley Views. Don't have a computer? Check out the library branch in Fairfield!

## New subdivision receives preliminary approval

a trip to the borough office.

Meeting schedules and minutes

will still be posted, as will

to the K Section. The approved

The Carroll Valley Borough Council recently approved the Preliminary Subdivision Plan for "The Crest at Carroll Valley."

This 107-acre parcel is also known locally as "the Mallow tract" and is located on Sanders Road, across from the Ski Liberty tubing area, adjacent

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Steve Semiatin, stevestudio@hotmail.com, 642-9178

Tom Wolf, wolftp@adelphia.net, 642-8300

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home sprinkler systems in all new homes constructed in the borough. The sworn testimony presented in support of the ordinance established that Carroll Valley is the fastest growing borough in the state. The local volunteer fire and rescue resources are severely strained due to the region's growth and inadequate recruitment of necessary personnel. The area's rugged topography, inadequate water resources, and distance from area fire departments increases the likelihood that house fires in Carroll Valley will result in significant risk to life and property.

Thanks to developments in modern technology, home sprinkler systems are now inexpensive, aesthetically pleasing, reliable, effective, and

plan provides for 107 singlefamily dwellings, each served by public sewer and a private well. The planning concept is known as "cluster" planning, which means that approximately 28% of the land will be kept in green space, with individual lot sizes ranging from .6 to

a house fire, a sprinkler system is expected to extinguish or contain the fire pending arrival of the firefighters - it's like having a firefighter in residence. Lives will be saved, property damage greatly minimized. and risk to firefighters greatly reduced as well.

Successful risk reduction improves the quality of our lives and promotes economic development. In short, the testimony to the council was that the installation of home sprinkler systems in new construction might well allow the borough to postpone a paid fire fighting force to protect the community. This means that hopefully, a property fire tax can be avoided for the present if the strain on resources can be managed. A modern, unique solution to Carroll Valley's unique challenge.

1.5 acres, depending on the topography. The homes will be in the \$200,000 - \$300,000+ price range. Streets will be dedicated to public use and the subdivision will connect to Trout Run Trail in the K Section. There are also two exits onto Sanders Road, which will be re-routed to remove one dangerous curve.

A homeowners association will maintain the drainage areas associated with the green space. A two-phase construction schedule is planned. All borough ordinances, including well production, storm water mitigation and home sprinkler systems will be applicable.

## **Schedule of Meetings:**

Council: Second Tuesday after the first Monday of each month, 7 p.m. **Planning Commission:** First Monday of each month, 7 p.m. Sewer & Water Authority: Fourth Monday of each month, 7 p.m. Roads, Parks & Municipal Services Committee: Fourth Wednesday of each month, 9 a.m.

All Council and Committee meetings are held at the Borough Office and are open to the public.

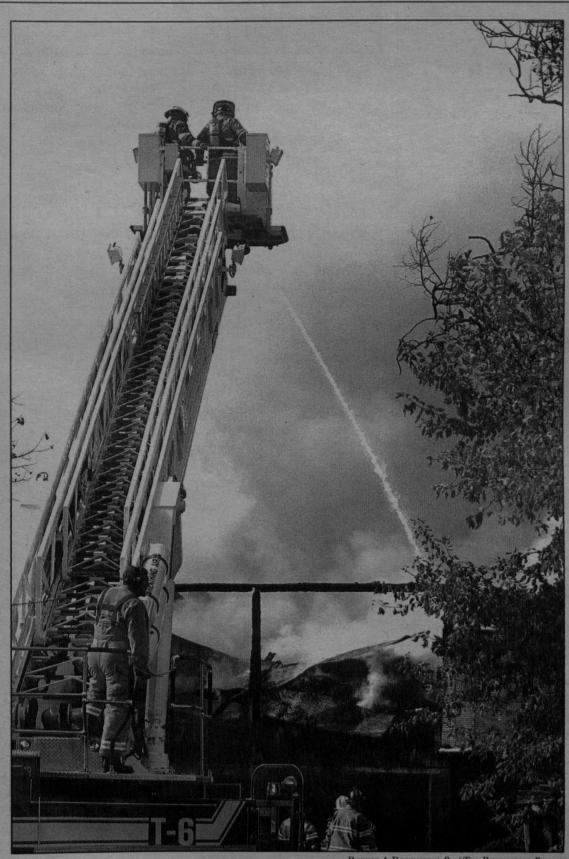
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Members of the Emmitsburg Vigilant Hose Company assist in battling Monday's barn fire at 11009 Rocky Ridge Road, Keymar. Firemen from 14 area companies converged on the 10:30 a.m. blaze that destroyed a wood-frame bank barn on the property of Norman Poole. A fire service spokesman said no one was injured, but the loss was estimated at \$150,000 and the cause is still under investigation.

## Fire Academy students donate sweat equity to Emmitsburg food bank

Mary Ellen Mitchell Contributing Writer

Fire chiefs from around the nation, attending training at the Fire Academy, sweated the evening away, painting and helping with other renovations for the new Emmitsburg Food Bank on August 25.

Captain Jim Wittwer of the North Las Vegas Fire Department headed up the effort, expanding on an idea from last year.

On the first day of the twoweek training, each participant receives an assignment. Last year Wittwer's assignment was to take up a class collection to purchase a gift for the academy in honor of their instructors. During each of his previous trainings, the class had purchased a memento for the Fire Academy or made a donation to the Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation.

In the discussion of last year's beneficiary, someone suggested making a donation to the struggling local food bank. Class members passed the hat and sent a note along with the donation.

"I got a nice letter from

the food bank and Bill Wivell when I returned to North Las Vegas," said Wittwer, "and I shared it with my classmates. It made me think of contacting the food bank when I returned to Emmitsburg for the next training session. I started to think about my involvement in my local community through my church and scouts and began to ask myself what I could do to get involved in this little community in Maryland I was coming to admire through the Academy."

Wittwer contacted Bill Wivell when he knew he would be back in town for his sixth training class this past August. He volunteered to coordinate his classmates' efforts to donate, and also to take it one step further.

The Emmitsburg Food Bank was moving into a new space that needed some handy work to make it ready. Knowing that his classmates were physically fit and would be willing to take on a project that involved some time and effort, Wittwer made his suggestion the first day of training. The chiefs were excited to participate in a project that would benefit the town.

On August 17, the men started around 6:30 p.m. and worked into the night, supervised by Sam Wivell, the building contractor.

Emmitsburg Mayor James E. Hoover visited the food bank that night. He spoke with the firemen and thanked them for their efforts.

"We were glad that the food bank had a new location and we knew that they couldn't afford to hire all the contractors

needed to complete the project," Hoover said.

"We have had a wonderful relationship with the Fire Academy over the past twenty years. We would like to maintain and build upon that relationship," Hoover continued. "These guys offered a wonderful gesture to the town and we would like to continue this initiative. It was a real winwin situation for all involved."

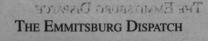
The mayor mentioned that there were many other civic organizations in the town that could benefit from a volunteer project initiated by Academy students.

Denis Onieal, Superintendent of the National Fire Academy said, "It was great that the class wanted to add a little sweat equity to the town. The students live at the Academy during the training, but get out into Emmitsburg many times over the two week course and this was a great way to give back to those who have been so kind to us."

Wittwer admits that his class didn't work at the food bank to be singled out or recognized. He was moved when each man came to him during the last days of their training and thanked him for organizing the project. The men explained to Wittwer how they could see the idea of taking on a town project could be a really positive contribution.

The next time he returns, Wittwer plans on again doing something for the town. "I have mentioned what we did to other fire fighters who will be taking the training. Someone had to take the lead and ask, 'Why haven't we done this before?""





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Mr. Guy McGlaughlin

(Mac) McGlaughlin, 84, of

Waynesboro Pike, Emmitsburg,

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Peters McGlaughlin.

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**OBITUARIES** 

**Donald Cecil Miller** 

Chester, Md., died Sept. 24 at

was the son of Nellie Mason

Southern Senior High in

Fairhaven, Md., and received

a B.S. degree from Mount St

Mary's College, Emmitsburg.

He served with the U.S. Army

in Vietnam in the 1960s, and

worked for many years in the

three sons, Kevin and Martin

Miller, James Bucholz; one

daughter, Jennifer Miller; one

sister; and five grandchildren.

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Donald Cecil Miller, 64, of

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Born Aug. 27, 1920 in Fairfield, Pa., he was a son of the late James B. and Alice

He was a member of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg; a member of American Legion, Francis X, Elder Post 121 of Emmitsburg; a volunteer fireman for the Volunteer Fairfield Fire Company; and a firefighter and past chief of the Vigilant Hose

Surviving are one daughter, Glenda Ridenour, three grandchildren; one greatgrandson; and one brother, Wayne McGlaughlin.

Funeral services were held Oct. 20 from Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, with his pastor, the Rev. Jon Greenstone officiating.

Interment was in Fairfield Union Cemetery, Fairfield, Pa.

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See Davis' web site for more information, and yes, "Cambridge" is misspelled: http://www.mrc-cbu.cam. ac.uk/personal/matt.davis/ Cmabrigde/

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Fountain that once graced Emmitsburg's square as seen in this turn-of-the-century photo.

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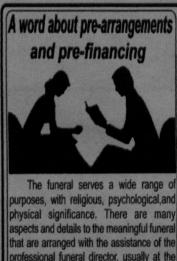
Robinson

## **Town Fountain**

-Continued from page 1 old iron fountain at the corner

of 7th and North Market, which was apparently built from the same mold as Emmitsburg's.

Hillman asked for a cost estimate to reproduce the fountain. Robinson said that the Frederick fountain weighs about 1800 pounds and a new one will cost "in the neighborhood" of \$75,000. Plumbing, electrical work and installation will also have to be factored into the cost.



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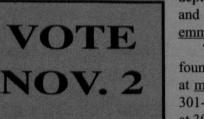
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Dispatch he already has many of the patterns for the old Emmitsburg fountain. From the historical society's old photos, and the sketches he made of the Frederick fountain, he was able to find what he thinks is a match in the catalog of an older New York foundry, J.W. Fiske. They already have "practically all the bowl patterns," and have staff on site in Alabama who can create any other needed

patterns. Robinson Iron is a familyowned and operated business specializing in the replication and restoration of ornamental cast iron. They have been involved in many small and medium downtown restoration projects for which they re-create about three to six old fountains a year. They work from old photos or postcards, knowing that fountains are often repaired over time and ultimately differ from the originals.

The company does research and then creates something that will "take it back to being as close to the original as possible." Robinson said that everyone in the company "takes a great deal of pride in restoring pieces of history like this."



Generally the company delivers stock projects in four to six weeks, but the Emmitsburg fountain would take 12-18 weeks from the approval of the shop drawings since some patterns have to be re-created.

The historical society has already begun contacting Emmitsburg citizens to start putting together a committee, headed by Louie O'Donoghue, to conduct fundraisers and oversee the project. Once the needed money is raised, the fountain could be in place in time for a re-dedication this coming July, 120 years after the initial dedication.

Robinson Iron has been in business since 1970, adding to Robinson Foundry, started in 1946 by Luke's grandfather. The company has completed many highly visible projects throughout country, the including Chicago's Navy Pier, the U.S. Customs House in Baltimore, Grand Central Station, NYC, and numerous ornate fountain reproductions.

For the history of the fountain, see Mike Hillman's June 23, 2004 article in The Emmitsburg Dispatch, "The origin and fate of Emmitsburg's town fountain," and an indepth piece by Hillman and O'Donoghue at www. emmitsburg.net.

To volunteer to work on the fountainproject, contact Hillman at michael@emmitsburg.net or 301-477-2220, or O'Donoghue at 301-682-4222.

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if the first and last letters are in the right place. Apparently the human mind reads words Matt Davis, a researcher at Cambridge University's Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit received this emailed information in 2003 from a colleague. He knew of no such research at the university, but has since created a web page with similar scrambled text

in more than 16 languages. He incorporates international research on randomized text and reading as he explains why the Internet message is readable. There are links to a number of "jumbled word" sites, including one developed by a Yale Law School student that will scramble text that is entered.

of letters in a word does not matter when reading a word as a whole.

Carrie C. Plank Company. Mrs. Carrie C. Plank, 90 formerly of Emmitsburg, died Oct. 9 in Belen, New Mexico. Born Aug. 30, 1914 in Gettysburg, Pa., she was a daughter of the late Ernest D.

and Mary G. Bishop Plank. Surviving are three sons, Walter, George, and Donald Plank; one daughter, Judith Heberlic; 10 grandchildren; 11

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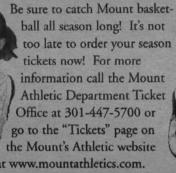
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# IT'S TIME TO hoop it up!

Basketball season is upon us and Mount St. Mary's Mounties are ready to hoop-it-up!

The Mounties hit the hardwood in their home opener at Knott Arena December 4 against Northeast Conference rival, Sacred Heart. The noon tip-off is sponsored by Liberty Mountain Resorts, which will be giving away passes for skiing and snow tubing throughout the game, so don't miss out on the fun! Be sure to get there early to get your Mount basketball schedule magnet, also courtesy of Liberty Mountain Resorts.

And stick around for the Mount women's basketball home opener, tipping off at 5 p.m. against Sacred Heart.



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## 2004-05 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

OPPONENT DATE Fri., Nov. 19 ! vs. Morehead State Sat., Nov. 20 ! vs. Columbia or Longwood Sat., Nov. 27 at Delaware Wed., Dec. 1 at George Washington Sat., Dec. 4 Sat., Dec. 11 Sat., Dec. 18 \* SACRED HEART (Liberty Mountain Day) at Loyola at High Point NAVY (Military Night) Tue., Dec. 21 Fri., Dec. 31 LA SALLE Tue., Jan. 4 at Maryland Thur., Jan. 6 Sat., Jan. 8 at Central Connecticut St. \* at Sacred Heart \* ROBERT MORRIS \* FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON (Scouts Day) Wed., Jan. 12 Sat., Jan. 15 Mon., Jan. 17 Sat., Jan. 22 QUINNIPIAC at Fairleigh Dickinson Mon., Jan. 24 Sat., Jan. 29 at Long Island \* ST. FRANCIS (N.Y.) (Homecoming) Sat., Jan. 27 Fri., Feb. 4 Mon., Feb. 7 Thur., Feb. 10 Mon., Feb. 16 Sat., Feb. 16 Sat., Feb. 19 Mon., Feb. 21 Sat., Feb. 26 Mon. Feb. 28 at Wagner at St. Francis (Pa.) WAGNER CENTRAL CONNECTICUT ST. at Monmouth at St. Francis (N.Y.) ST. FRANCIS (Pa.) LONG ISLAND \* at Robert Morris NEC Quarterfinals (at higher seed) NEC Semifinals (at higher seed) NEC Championship (at higher seed) Mon., Feb. 28 Thu., Mar. 3 Sun., Mar. 6 Wed., Mar. 9

## MOUNT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Art Opening/Lecture, Meg Rahaim

October 28, 2004 6:00 p.m., Memorial Gallery

#### Sweets and Beats Chorale Cabaret Dessert Concert

October 29, 2004

7:00 p.m. Purcell Lounge

Song review features members of the Mount Chorale. Includes show tunes and popular songs plus lots of homemade desserts and treats. Admission is \$5.00 For more information, please call the office of

Visual & Performing Arts at 301-447-5308

Acrobatic Lakota Hoop Dance Musical Show Thursday, November 4

7:30 p.m., Knott Auditorium Kevin Locke, a member of the Lakota tribe will incorporate traditional flute and vocal songs, historical and cultural narratives with Native sign language, hoop dancing and audience participation.

#### "Crazy for You"- Mount Theatre

November 4-6, 8 p.m., November 7, 2 p.m., November 11-13, 8 p.m., Upper Flynn Hall For ticket information. please call the office of Visual & Performing Arts at 301-447-5308

Women's Soccer (home games) Friday, Oct. 29 v. St Francis Pa., 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31v. Robert Morris, noon

Men's Soccer (home games) Sunday, Oct. 24 v. Robert Morris, 2:00 p.m. **VISION OF VOCATION EVENTS** 

#### A program of theological exploration funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. All events are part of A Vision of Vocation, a program designed to strengthen vocational exploration, strengthen lay ministry programs, promote discernment of religious life and ordained ministry. For details contact the Vision of Vocation Program Office at 301-447-5600.

#### **Volunteer Service Fair**

Tuesday, November 9 11-1:30 p.m., Patriot Hall The Volunteer Fair will provide information about various service opportunities like the Peace Corps, Bon Secours Volunteer Ministry Program, Catholic Charities Volunteer Corps and Catholic Volunteers in Florida.

"A People Adrift: The Crisis of the Roman Catholic Church in America" Wednesday, November 17 7:00 p.m., Knott Auditorium Dr. Peter Steinfels, nationally prominent Catholic writer, educator and speaker.

## 2004-05 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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	* at Long Island	7 p.m.
	* at Fairleigh Dickinson	6 p.m.
	* CENTRAL CONNECTICUT ST.	7 p.m.
	* ST. FRANCIS (N.Y.) (Homecoming)	3 p.m.
	* at St. Francis (Pa.)	7 p.m.
	* at Wagner	4 p.m.
	* at Monmouth	7 p.m.
	* ROBERT MORRIS	7 p.m.
	* WAGNER	3 p.m.
	* ST. FRANCIS (Pa.)	7 p.m.
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## There's a garden on that roof!

## Joyce M. Demmitt Staff Writer

From the Hanging Gardens of Babylon to Ireland's thatched cottages, buildings have been covered with plant material for millions of years. But pollution, storm water runoff and costs to heat and cool buildings are leading Americans to a concept used widely in Europe for more than 35 years - green roofs.

Green roofs, also known as living roofs, are rooftops planted with vegetation. Not just potted plants often found in city rooftop gardens, green roofs are true gardens with

groundcover, shrubs, grasses or even small trees planted directly into a soil-covered roof.

Traditional rooftops, roads, driveways, parking lots and impervious surfaces other prevent rainfall from soaking into the ground. Heavy rain can overwhelm sewer pipes and cause untreated sewage to overflow.

Living roofs slow down the runoff, often acting like giant sponges. The plants absorb the rainwater and also filter out air pollutants, like nitrogen and phosphorus before they can reach groundwater or streams. When water from the

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plants evaporates, temperatures decline cutting down on the "heat island" effect caused by sunlight reflected from those same impervious surfaces.

When air pollution combines with impenetrable surfaces like parking lots and ordinary roofs, heat does not dissipate from buildings and internal temperatures rise. Living roofs insulate buildings and lower internal building temperatures.

When properly constructed, green roofs can also extend roof life by reducing expansion and contraction.

#### **Frederick County**

According to John Gibson, Director of Frederick County's Department of Permits and Inspections, there have been no living roof constructions in the county.

Local fire officials and administrators at the National Fire Academy are unfamiliar with living roofs, but there may soon be an example for Frederick County residents to visit.

Hilari Varnadore, Executive Officer of Community Commons environmentally works for sensitive design. She said that Community Commons hopes to build a living roof on a newly acquired piece of land near the Potomac River.

## Maryland tax incentives

In 2002 Maryland lawmakers passed legislation offering tax credits to developers willing to build with green roofs. Officials had learned that one inch of rainfall across one acre of urban blacktop could send 26,000 gallons of "fouled water" into the Chesapeake Bay.

Department Maryland (MDE) Environment of recommends that local jurisdictions consider living



roofs as permeable surfaces, a useful consideration when calculating the amount of water a new development must retain and treat.

Experts at MDE note that trees, shrubs and groundcover will absorb up to 14 times more rainwater than a grass lawn.

Anne Arundel County began installing living roofs on county buildings in 2002 and has undertaken half a dozen projects, recently finishing work on a firestation in Pasadena, Md., and beginning similar work on the West County Area Library in Odenton.

An Arlington County, Virginia environmental planner noted that the temperature of a metal roof at one fire station could reach 150 degrees, but with a living roof, the temperature might reach no higher than 80 or 90 degrees, which not only helps with cooling costs in the building, but makes it much cooler inside for firefighters.

## Living roof composition

A living roof is made up of several layers: the plants, soil, drainage, insulation, membrane protection and root barrier, waterproof roofing membrane and structural support.

## **New Forest Society Receives Grant** for Grow-out Station

## Susan Allen Staff Writer

The New Forest Society has received a \$4,747 grant from the Canaan Valley Institute (CVI) to establish a model grow-out station for native trees.

Carolyn Moller, CVI's Maryland State Coordinator, announced the award at the society's annual meeting on Sept. 24. It is the first grant of this type awarded by the institute, which works with watershed and other volunteer groups in the mid-Atlantic highlands of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. New Forest Society (NFS) will be allowed to re-apply for funding annually.

The grow-out station will be located on farm property donated by Mrs. Elizabeth Prongas, founder and chairman of NFS. The site will be prepared to hold 2,000 pots in which native seeds and nuts will be planted. It will include "drip" irrigation system a to water the seedlings as

necessary. Prongas expects the site work will be completed by the end of October. Seedlings will grow and mature in the pots for two years. In 2006 they will be planted as part of stream bank restoration projects in the

CVI also approved use of some of the grant funds to purchase seedlings. Those trees have already been ordered, and in spring 2005 they will be distributed to participants in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), especially those who have lost trees to drought, vole infestation, and recent floods.

Prongas also introduced NFS members to Heather Mannix, a senior at Hood College, who will be assisting the NFS board this fall with correspondence, files, and the grow-out project. Mannix is from Lancaster County, Pa., and is majoring in environmental policy. During the summer of 2004, she worked as an intern with the Lancaster County Environmental Center.



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Edmund Snodgrass runs Emory Knoll Farm in northern Harford County, Md., and is the only plant supplier in the U.S. focusing solely on plants for "extensive" green roofs, www. greenroofplants.com.

He has no projects "in the works" in Frederick County, but says his business has grown dramatically since 2000, with projects throughout the country.

Among his Maryland projects are living roofs on the Brooklyn Park firehouse in Anne Arundel County, Good Samaritan Hospital, the Montgomery Park Business Center, the Living Classrooms Foundation, Anne Arundel Community College and the award-winning Montgomery Park Business Center in the Baltimore, formerly Montgomery Ward Catalog Warehouse.

### Large green roofs

Large living roofs are increasingly more common. Recently 10.6 acres of shrubs were added to the truss roof of the Ford assembly plant in Dearborn, Michigan, and the expansion of the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City will have a 22-acre green roof, perhaps

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This roof top garden, called a Green Roof, is eight months old and part of the brand new Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Company station house located in Anne Arundel County, Md. Company members told The Emmitsburg Dispatch that the roof is supposed to absorb water, reducing run-off and filtering out polutants before it returns to collection pipes eventually leading to the Chesapeake Bay.

the largest in the world. The District of Columbia finished its first green roof project in June. The commercial building roof includes a 3,500-squarefoot garden containing 9,730 plants, a weather station and an unplanted control area to compare temperature, rainfall and runoff.

Today, there are approximately 10 patented green-roof systems available from about two dozen fullservice companies in North America.

Green Roofs for Healthy Cities (www.cardinalgroup.ca/ grhcc/main.htm), a network of public and private organizations, promotes the use of green roofs in North America.





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# SPORTS

# **Outside the Game It Gets Late Early**

A.J. Russo Sports Editor

We live our lives by sets of rules and guidelines. Many get up at a certain time, start work at a certain hour. As children, when our parents told us to clean our rooms, and we didn't, there were consequences. If our boss asked us to be at a meeting at a certain time, we tried our best to be there. Who knows, she might have fired us if we I'm not sure Lombardi would were late.

So, why all the fuss when New York Football Giants Coach Tom Coughlin made the same demands on his players? Okay, Coughlin's attention to detail is about as anal as a surgeon getting ready to cut into her patient. I mean, how many coaches spend time in preseason presenting a set of rules using a seven page Power Point?

And his you're-not-ontime-unless-you-are-fiveminutes-early rule - even probowler Michael Strahan griped after being fined for showing

up early for meetings, but not early enough.

But that's not Coughlin's rule – it's Lombardi's (although Lombardi's was a ten-minuteearly-rule). By the way, wonder what the ten or so players who whined Coughlin was working them too hard in the off-season (which cost Coughlin and the Giants two workout days) would have said to Vince?

Ahh, times have changed. have been forced to hold a press conference to explain.

Many, at first, sympathized with the players. Maybe Coughlin's message wasn't getting across - or players were just testing him. Some said Coughlin was able to get away with his bullying in Jacksonville, where he had an expansion team of players desperate to be in the NFL, and even though the Giants were awful last year, the players were not expansion and he needed to treat them differently.

Coughlin, who said he's not at all concerned the players are

not buying into his program, was asked what it means that they've complained to the union twice. "I have no idea what it is indicative of. You have to ask the players."

Even the TV analysts have gotten into the conversation. Terry Bradshaw, Shannon Sharpe, Joe Theismann and others have said they could not play for the Giants' coach. Considering the three enjoy more exposure than President Bush, their words have clout.

On Fox's NFL pregame show, Bradshaw called Coughlin "mean," "hateful," and a "jerk." Then a week later he called Coughlin "stupid" before saying he wasn't backing off his previous comments.

Theismann, during an appearance on Sporting News Radio's James Brown show, called Coughlin's idea of discipline "absurd." And said Coughlin does not treat players with "respect."

And on CBS' "The NFL Today," Sharpe, in his rookie year on TV, said, "I would rather die in an abandoned building alone, and my family not know what happened, than play for this guy (Coughlin)."

Then a hush fell over New York. Even the pigskin gurus were dumbfounded in quiet awe. It was as if the entire sports community was packed into Giants stadium and an opponent had just scored a touchdown on **GREEN BAY!** 

players moan about them. But without them there's chaos. Tom Coughlin's players won't

## Dance is more than just an art form

## Megan Zimmerman **Dispatch Intern**

The differences between the New York Football Giants and the New York City Ballet are not as great as you might think. But one thing that sets them apart is the amount of recognition each receives.

Athletes of traditional sports could be considered celebrities, and they enjoy fame in the form of sold out stadiums and top news stories. Even not-so-conventional sports, like the game of poker, have earned a spot on ESPN, but you probably won't see Chris Berman do a special on ballet any time soon.

While these athletes bathe in America's spotlight, dancers are left in the shadows. The irony is that dancing is

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hired him.

incredibly athletic. Holly Fox, artistic director of the Gettysburg Dance Center, says "the discipline, training, and dedication of dance are just as demanding as that required by traditional sports."

The challenging and often grueling physical demands of dance are often equivalent to those in football. The average professional dancer dances six days a week for hours on end.

"Especially in ballet," Fox explains, "dancers are trying to reach a goal of perfection that for most is unattainable. Usually, only those who are born with the ballet body and ability become the prima ballerinas."

Not only is dance athletic, it is also an art form. This characteristic sets it apart from

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like him, but they'll follow his head coach of men's lacrosse rules or not play for him. Those at RIT and Mount St. Mary's who are left will win and that's and is currently head coach why the Giant organization of Hood College's men's lacrosse team, scheduled It gets late early, Yogi once to play its first season in said. The Giants' players are 2005. His science thriller, probably mumbling something "The Healer," his book of similar - except with a smile. related short stories, "Dah-Interesting how much of a

Link," and his most recent novel, "Spliced," are all available on Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com.

His opinions do not necessarily reflect those of Mount St. Mary's University or Hood College.

difference winning can make. the opening kickoff. The Giants had won their third game in a A.J. Russo, Ph.D., is a row - against Green Bay - IN professor at Mount St. Mary's University and the Rules are rules. Sure the author of eight novels and more than 30 scientific



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## **Baton Twirling Classes beginning**

The Catoctin-Aires Baton Twirling Corps is accepting registrations for its annual beginner twirling course. The class meets four consecutive Wednesday evenings at

## Dance

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traditional sports, and often distorts people's perspectives.

One aim of dance is to make the art seem effortless. While football players express their pain freely, dancers hide the work and pain put into the performance. They disguise their effort rather than display it.

Regardless of dance's similarities to traditional sports, dancers are still not widely considered athletes. But exposure to dance is increasing. Public schools in Maryland and Pennsylvania are working to incorporate it into the fine arts program. Students from all income levels will have the opportunity to experience and appreciate dance without the cost of lessons.

"It would be awesome have dance in the school systems, just as there is art and music," says Fox. "Dance is a great learning experience for all students."

The media is also giving exposure. dance more Magazines, web sites, television shows, and movies are clamoring to cover dance. Whether it is hip hop, belly dancing or ballet, respect for dance is growing.

**Emmitsburg Elementary School** from 7 - 7:45 p.m., beginning Oct. 20. The course is free and is geared to new twirlers, ages five and older. Individuals with previous twirling experience are also welcome.

The includes course marching and basic twirling, taught by qualified instructors. Participants can borrow batons from the instructor.

Pre-registration is required for the beginner classes. For more information or to register, call 301-271-4326 or 717-334-5567, or e-mail DONITO@aol. com.

Each year the Catoctin-Aires provide classes as a public service and to make the community aware of the variety of activities available to those who want to learn to twirl a baton.

# **ART & ENTERTAINMENT**

# **Thurmont Thespians' fall comedy**

The Thurmont Thespians Mary by Detective Troughton. will present their fall fundraiser, a Blue Ridge Theatre Guild Production of "Run For Your Wife," a British farce written by Ray Cooney. Performances will be held the weekend of Nov. 5-7 at the American Legion Auditorium, 8 Park Place, Thurmont.

John Smith seems a very ordinary London taxi driver. He owns his own cab, sets his own hours, is hard working, punctual and appears to live an ordinary life, except that he's married to two women at the same time. One night John saves an old woman from being mugged and is knocked unconscious. He is taken home from the hospital to his wife,

But that morning, he planned to be with his other wife, Barbara. After realizing his predicament, John desperately tries to get home to Barbara while keeping both his wife Mary and the police officer from finding out. He enlists his neighbor Stanley in this ploy, which only gets more confusing with each lie he tells.

Friday – Doors open at 7:15 p.m., show starts at 8. Tickets - \$10, includes a dessert and beverage buffet.

Saturday - Dinner Theater. Includes fried chicken and ham entrees beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets - \$25 Dinner Theater; show-only tickets for the 8 p.m. performance - \$8.

Saturday Dinner Theatre. Call 301-271-7613 during the day. "Run For Your Wife" is

Reservations

directed by Tom Rodgers and stars Steven Ross of Frederick as John Smith, Brenda Crooks of Westminster as Mary Smith, and Sherri Logsdon of Waynesboro, Pa. as Barbara Smith. Also featured in the cast are Joan Crooks of Westminster, Ron Harris of Fairfield, Pa., Jeff Avery and Bob Appleton of Gettysburg, Pa. and Bill Collins of Frederick. Holly Harbaugh of Greencastle, Pa. is the stage manager.

Sunday - Snack Matinee.

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# Winter Art School Schedule

The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown will be offering a variety of art classes during the months of November and December. Fees apply for all classes and registration is required.

## For adults and teenagers

Watercolor Workshop taught by Bob Wantz, Tuesdays - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 9 through Dec. 14.

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Sculpture Workshop for

ages 9 through 14 taught by Chris Copley, Saturdays-12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Dec. 4 through Dec. 18.

For information on fees, dates and times, call the museum at 301-739-5727. TDD for the hearing impaired, 301-739-5764. **Registration:** museum website, www.wcmfa. org. Museum hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 1 to 5 p.m., closed Monday.



## Quilters 1-2-3: Gather ideas. learn to sew, consider a class

## Mary Ellen Cummings **Dispatch Writer**

At least once a year, for 15 years, a certain lady says to me, "I really ought to have a quilt made." I just have a light conversation with her, then I forget it. She really does not want to have a quilt made; she is just being polite and talking about something she knows I love.

There are others that I meet rarely, who express the desire to "learn to quilt." However, they never follow through on the idea. It would be rude of me, but I would like to say, "Why?" Making a quilt of any size is not easy for most people. It is time consuming, frustrating and expensive. Since most quilters today don't home sew and use scraps to make quilts, they must buy new fabric. Those who are just making quilts and not fabric art objects usually buy the fabric called for in a particular pattern. This is usually designer and or reproduction fabrics.

My advice has always been that the new quilters sign up for a class. However, the literature I have been receiving from quilt supply stores reflect trends in quilt making that I am not sure the novice is ready for. The classes at one of these stores are patterned around the use of the brand of sewing machine they sell. At another the use of foundation and paper piecing is major.

The next question to ask is, "What do you want to make?" The quilt category is very wide - bed quilt, wall quilt, wall hanging, tablecloth and on and on. Perhaps you want a quilted jacket.

Modern quilt styles include collages, which utilize an ageold way of making an article composition of fragments fastened to common a background thereby making a "picture." In art quilts, pieces of fabric, buttons, lace, even pebbles are attached to a background fabric to make a picture or statement. Often these picture quilts will have hand dyed fabric and or features painted on by the crafter.

Another method utilizes montage techniques. This method uses pictures (fabric printed with animals scenery, etc.) combined with other pictures in a Salvador Dali or Monet style.

Fusion is also a method some quilt makers use. This method is fine for wall hangings or objects that will not be subjected to stress or laundering. When fusion is the medium, fabric is lined with an ironed on sheet of fusible "fabric." This is in turn ironed on the background fabric. As an added design feature and stabilizer, each element in the design is then stitched down with a sewing machine.

My advice now - learn to use a sewing machine, preferably a modern one. Then learn to make a decent and uniform running stitch by hand. If you are exceptionally keen on learning how to quilt, visit your local library and check out "how to" books. A good investment for your own library would be checking large bookstores - like Barnes and Noble or Borders. Jinny Beyer and Alex Anderson have written excellent books on hand quilt making.

After you've done all this, go find a class in quilting.



Oct. 23 – Annual Walk with Jesus and Mary. 10 a.m. Pilgrimage Blessing. Walk from St. Elizabeth Anne Seton Shrine, Emmitsburg, to National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes. Noon, Mass; 1p.m., Procession to Grotto. All first Holy Communicants are invited to wear their white and participate in pilgrimage and procession. BYO sack lunch.

Oct. 29 - "Sweets and Beats." 7 p.m., Purcell Hall, Mount Saint Mary's University. A song review performed by members of the Mount Chorale featuring popular tunes and homemade desserts. Admission: \$5. Information: 301-447-6122.

Oct. 30 - ThorpeWood Potluck Picnic. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Celebrate fall in the meadow at ThorpeWood's Stoney Lick Farm. Pumpkin carving, hay rides, bonfire relay races, scary stories, face painting, scarecrow making, kids' crafts and games. Learn all about bats. Cider, cookies and healthy fall snacks. Free and

Oct. 30 - Halloween Dance/Party. 8 p.m. to midnight. St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Emmitsburg. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Brute Council 1860. Live music by "Tommy Can't Count" band. Open to the public. Costumes, prizes, fun. BYOB, set-ups Admission available. \$10 (includes door prize eligibility & snacks).

Oct. 30 – Concert tribute recreating the Glen Miller Army Air Force Band. 8 p.m. Weinberg Center, 20 West Patrick Street, Frederick. Performance by The Brooks Tegler Big Band featuring trombonist, Jay Gibble, as Glenn Miller and vocalist, Jamie Zemarel, singing the songs of Sgt. Johnny Desmond. The 16-piece band wears authentic World War II Army Air Force uniforms. Dress in period style for the best-dressed contest. Prizes. Tickets: \$32, \$30, \$27,



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Nov. 3-Kevin Locke Trio, "Hoop for Life." 7:30 p.m., Knott Auditorium, Mount Saint Mary's University. Kevin Locke is a visionary performer of the indigenous Northern Plains flute. Touring for two decades, Kevin and his hoop dancers have performed in nearly 80 countries. Information: 301-447-6122.

Nov. 4, 5, 6 - "Crazy for You." 8 p.m., Upper Flynn Hall, Mount Saint Mary's University. Romantic comedy featuring well-known songs by George and Ira Gershwin. Classic boy meets girl, rags to riches story. Tickets: \$7. Information: 301-447-5308.

Nov. 5-Christian musician Sarah Heart. 8 p.m., Knott Auditorium, Mount Saint Mary's University. Originally from Nashville. Heart has throughout the performed U.S. and abroad. She recently received the Unity Award for Female Vocalist of the Year. Information: 301-447-6122.

Nov. 5 -"Run for your Wife." 7:15 p.m., dessert theatre. Thurmont American Legion Auditorium. 8 Park Place, Thurmont. Performed by the Blue Ridge Theatre Guild. Free parking. Tickets: \$10. Reservations: 301-271-7613.

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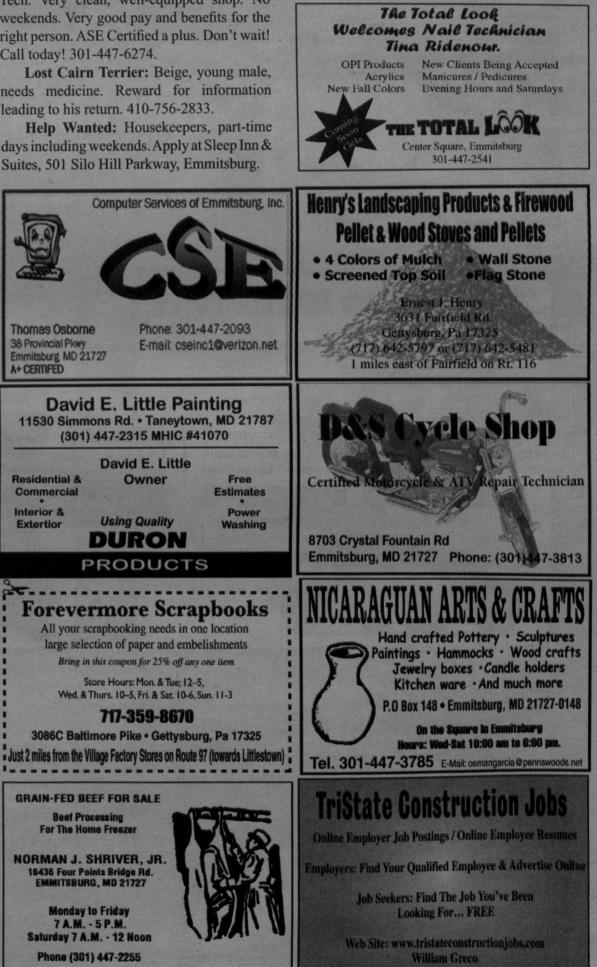
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Nov. 6 -"Run for your Wife." 6:30 p.m., dinner theatre. Thurmont American Legion Auditorium. Tickets: \$25 (includes dinner). Reservations: 301-271-7613.

Nov. 6 – Tom's Creek United Methodist Church Turkey & Oyster Supper. Begins at noon. Bake Table. Off Route 140 between Taneytown and Emmitsburg. Adults \$11, children (5-10) \$5, carryout Information: 301-447-\$12. 6384.

Nov. 6 - Party of Parties Fundraiser. St. John's Lutheran Church, 15 N. Church St., Thurmont. Consultants from Pampered Chef, Longaberger, You." 8 p.m., Upper Flynn Hall, Homemade Tupperware, Gourmet, Premier Designs, two Merry Merchants and Teddy Bear Treasures will help you with holiday shopping. Door Prizes! Lunch is included. Information: 301-271-7613.

Nov. 6 & 7 – Book Signing. Fr. Vincent O'Malley, pastor at St. Joseph's Church, Emmitsburg, will sign his latest book, "Saints of North

America." Parish hall across from the church. After the 4:30 p.m. Saturday mass, after the 8 a.m., 10:15 a.m., and noon masses on Sunday. All proceeds will be donated to the Repair and Renovation Fund for St. Joseph's Church. Information: 301-447-2326.

Nov. 7 -"Run for your Wife." 2 p.m., snack matinee. Thurmont American Legion Auditorium. Tickets: \$8. Reservations: 301-271-7613.

Nov. 7 - "Crazy for You." 2 p.m., Upper Flynn Hall, Mount Saint Mary's University. Admission \$7. Information: 301-447-5308.

Nov. 11-13 - "Crazy for Mount Saint Mary's University. Admission \$7. Information: 301-447-5308.

Nov. 14 - Basket Bingo. Thurmont Carnival Grounds. Sponsored by Catoctin High School Safe and Sane Class of 2005. Doors open at 11 a.m.; bingo starts at 2 p.m. Tickets, \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Refreshments available. Tickets: 301-271-2464.

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