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Ethics Commission: O'Neil, Elder violated town code

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Emmitsburg Ethics Commission has found town commissioners William O'Neil and Arthur Elder in violation of the town's ethics code.

In the commission's report, released April 18, 2005, O'Neil and Elder were cited for using the prestige of their office to benefit themselves or others in complaints made by two local businesses. The full report is available online at <http://emmitsburgdispatch.com>

Elder, who was elected in 2003, is running for mayor in Tuesday's election. O'Neil was elected in 2004.

The eight-page commission report gives a brief history of the two complaints that have been under investigation since David Runkle filed the first complaint on Oct. 6, 2004.

Summary of findings

Runkle, who ran a home-occupation printing brokerage known as Custom Image Printing, claimed O'Neil used the prestige of his office to get the town to try and shut him down.

The report stated that O'Neil

was guilty of using his position to help Runkle's competitor, Chronicle Press, Inc., owned by Chris Price and Lisa Elder, the latter being Commissioner Elder's cousin.

Specifically, O'Neil was accused of pressing town planner Mike Lucas to conduct unannounced inspections of Runkle's business.

E-mails between O'Neil and Lucas, which are an attachment to the report, show O'Neil was suspicious that Runkle was not operating a legal home business.

O'Neil also tried to get Lucas to place a printing order with the company before it had obtained the proper permits, the report states.

The second complaint, filed by Kirby Delauter on Nov. 24, 2004, alleged that O'Neil and Elder attempted to impose restrictions on Delauter's business, Silo Hill Car Wash. In a town meeting, the commissioners moved to impose

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Mother Seton School Students Learn to "Fly High on Life"

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Staff Writer

The 400 students at Mother Seton School (MSS) were expecting a special program on setting life goals on April 15. But they



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Army Chief Warrant Officer Bradley and Air Force Col. Earl Bell show Mother Seton preschool students the cockpit of a OH-58A helicopter. Chief Bradley landed the helicopter on school grounds to get students attention in an effort to focus them on a presentation they would give later that day.

were surprised to have it drop from the skies via a Maryland Army National Guard OH-58A helicopter. The Guard's

Counterdrug Division Chief, Air Force Colonel Earl Bell, and two Washington National Guardsmen landed on the school's soccer

field at about 10:45 a.m. to loud cheers and applause.

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No surprises at forum as candidates present positions

News Analysis

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
& JOYCE M. DEMMITT

The April 14 forum held for candidates running for election on April 26 demonstrated that all those participating had carefully thought out the state of the town as it exists and may exist in the future.

There were no real "bombshells," although there was disagreement over

the impact of Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg (COPE), and disagreement about whether or not the town would benefit from a bypass.

Sweeney captured the sentiment of many of the candidates when he said, "We need to stop bickering and get to work for the community." Staiger added, "If any business were run like this town is run, they'd be out of business."

Grants and bonds were high on candidates' lists as funding sources

to help the town. Staiger suggested public-private partnerships; Forrence mentioned Main St. Maryland, and several candidates advocated working with developers to see what they would offer the town.

Candidates generally agreed

that the recent ethics investigation of commissioners O'Neil and Elder had gone on too long, and could have been expedited with clear procedures and guidelines.

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A view of the Fitzgerald home rarely seen by most residents. The house is located west of town on the Waynesboro Rd. at the top of the hill across the street from the Cemetery and Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital. This photo, taken in Feb. 2004, was shot from the lower field. For some, the hill above, also known as "Fowler's Hill," becomes a favorite sledding spot during times of snow fall.

Family in the News – for generations?

A number of my family members and I are avid readers of *The Dispatch*. In your March 24, 2005, issue, in the column titled "100 Years Ago, In This Place" we noted you devoted a short paragraph to our dearly departed great-grandmother Mrs. Fowler

and grandmother Mrs. John D. Sebold.

The article mentioned that on March 31, 1905, our great-grandmother celebrated her 90th birthday by walking to town to go to church. That's quite a feat for someone 90 years old, especially when it was some 100 years ago when people did not ordinarily live as long as we do now. By the way, where she walked from was known as "Fowler's Hill" after her family, and the property is now owned by Jeff Fitzgerald and his family.

We were discussing the article while having lunch at the Ott House on April 5. Our brothers and sisters, some of our spouses, some of our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren have been having lunch there on Tuesdays for about 10 years – that would add up to about 500 times. I guess pretty soon we'll be considered as regular customers.

One last comment, my sister, Gloria Joy Bauerline, said she and my two brothers, Robert Joy and John Joy, were born at "Fowler's Hill" to Habert Joy and Gertrude Sebold Joy, daughter of Mrs. John D. Sebold.

So if you figure it, four generations of the family lived at the top of that hill (Waynesboro Road).

Maybe 100 years from now, 2015, it will appear in *The Dispatch* that the Joys met at the Ott House for their 500th luncheon and discussed what happened in the family 100 years previously, 1905.

– Donald V. Joy
Westminster, Md.

Letter for Thelma

On the morning of Thursday, March 24, the world lost a wonderful person and the Town of Emmitsburg lost an irreplaceable member of the community, Mrs. Thelma Richardson. To say that Thelma was a good friend of ours is an understatement. Chris and I had only known Thelma for about a year and a half, but during that time we both had the good fortune to spend a great deal of time with her.

She was a valued member of our community, owner of the Printed Page, Inc., a member and Secretary of the Emmitsburg Lions Club, and

member of the Streets and Farmers Market Committees. In addition, if you had the opportunity to know Thelma, you know that more than all those other things, she was a thoughtful and caring friend. People like Thelma are what make this town a great place to live. The short time we knew her certainly enriched our lives in so many ways. Thelma was one of those rare, selfless individuals who manages, without really trying, to make you feel better about yourself.

– Jen Staiger
Emmitsburg

Hoover keeps Emmitsburg moving forward

I am writing in strong support of the re-election of Mayor Jim Hoover! In my opinion, Mayor Hoover has been doing a fine job keeping Emmitsburg moving forward, despite facing its many challenges. As a former commissioner, I had the pleasure of working with Jim on many hard-fought issues. While we did not always agree on how to solve our town's problems, Mayor Hoover always was respectful to me and others, and always had the best interests of Emmitsburg in mind when making his final decisions. That is the kind of leadership this town needs!

When Mayor Hoover came into office, the town treasury was nearly depleted. Money had to be borrowed just to cover the payroll. Basic maintenance of the streets,

dilapidated water and sewer system repairs and other infrastructure improvements simply had to wait to be addressed. Today, through Mayor Hoover's leadership, Emmitsburg is in fine financial health. We have paid off many outstanding debts and have even begun to tackle some of the long overdue infrastructure repairs and replacement.

Mayor Hoover is a forward thinker, who is always looking toward the future. Under his continued leadership, Emmitsburg will no doubt flourish. As a life-long resident of Emmitsburg, I am confident that Mayor Hoover will continue to put Emmitsburg first, and keep us moving in the right direction.

– Patrick Boyle
Former Emmitsburg Commissioner

Outgoing commissioner endorses candidates

Anyone who runs for political office deserves thanks. It's a tough decision to run and to attempt to place yourself into a world where the hours are long and the issues you grapple with are complex. So I respect all the candidates running for political office in Emmitsburg. They each have strengths that I hope they continue to share with the town, no matter who wins.

I had planned to stay neutral on this election, but I find that the polarization of the town into various factions means it's my responsibility – as someone who has been sitting behind that table

this year – to endorse particular candidates in light of this board, the issues we are facing, and the progress we need to make.

I am supporting Jim Hoover for re-election as mayor and Glenn Blanchard and Chris Staiger for the two commissioner slots. All three are thoughtful, calm individuals who are right for this time, this place, and these challenges. Thanks for allowing me to serve over the last year. Take care.

– Dianne Walbrecker
Emmitsburg

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Air Force Staff Sgt. Cheryl Hackley, Counterdrug Public Affairs, takes time during lunch to talk one-on-one with two Mother Seton School students. The young girls were particularly taken with the military women.

Helicopter

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The program's theme was "Fly High on Life! To Achieve Your Goals, Remember Your ABCs." Chief Warrant Officer Bradley, the helicopter's pilot, led presentations to the primary, intermediate, and middle school students about making good choices, staying in school and avoiding drugs.

Earlier in the week, she had visited the school and taken pictures of students. Their images were included in a slideshow themed, "Your life is now." The students laughed and cheered as they recognized themselves and their classmates. Following each of their pictures was a picture of an adult depicting a profession, such as a farmer, athlete and firefighter.

Bradley spoke to the students, starting with third, fourth and fifth graders, about the importance of setting goals in their lives, of working hard, and making the right choices in order to achieve their goals. She related her own experiences in choosing a career as a pilot, and of being the only

woman in her 72-member training class. She said that no one had simply given her the keys to a helicopter - she had to earn them.

Based on her experience, Bradley shared with the students the ABCs of life, which included a short phrase of advice beginning with each letter of the alphabet: *A* stands for Avoid negative sources, people, places, things and habits; *I* stands for Ignore those who try to discourage you.

The children had a chance to see the helicopter up close and each received a wallet-sized card with the helicopter's picture and a list of the ABC-based slogans.

The Guard team spent the entire day at the school, and was joined by several other members of the Counterdrug Division. They ate lunch with the students, answered their questions, and posed for pictures.

CWO Bradley told the students there were no weapons on board. Seven-year-old Jacob exclaimed, "In my whole life nothing like this has ever happened to me!" At the end of the day, one fifth-grader asked MSS principal Sister Mary Catherine Conway, "Did they just

drop in, or did you plan this?"

Col. Bell, who was instrumental in the planning, said, "We want to share with the kids a positive message to make good choices in life ... this really is a great way to make an entrance and get the kids' attention." Bell's children attend MSS.

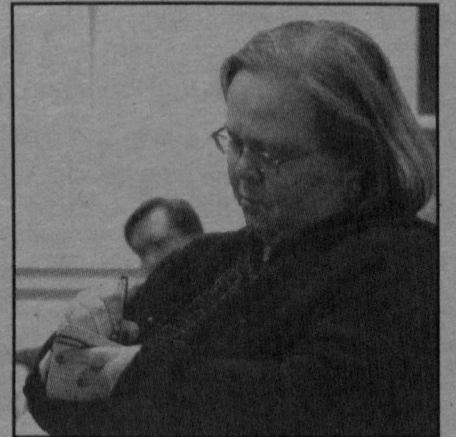
The National Guard program is part of a community outreach effort to educate youth and adults about the dangers of drug use. It is supported by the Counterdrug Reconnaissance and Interdiction Aircraft Program and the Drug Demand Reduction Program.



Chris Patterson joins Dispatch team

The Emmitsburg Dispatch welcomes our newest freelance writer, Chris Patterson. Many of you may know Chris from her past four years as the north Frederick County reporter for *The Gazette*, and the previous three years when she covered Frederick City government as a *Gazette* freelance reporter. Chris has a B.A. degree from Hood College, with a double major in psychology and law and society. She volunteers as a Frederick County Court Appointed Special Advocate for neglected and abused children and for the Frederick County State's Attorney's Youthful Offender Program. She is married, with two grown daughters and five grandchildren, ages 1 to 11.

Chris joins us as a freelance reporter, wanting to spend more time with her family and



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Chris Patterson takes notes during an Emmitsburg town meeting while employed as a Gazette reporter.

volunteer responsibilities. She explains her decision to join the paper this way: "I've chosen *The Dispatch* because I love community newspapers, and really love North County and the people and beauty of the Emmitsburg/Thurmont area. While I live farther south in the county, I can honestly say that every time I drive into the north county area, it feels like I'm coming home."

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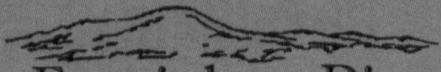
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EDITORIAL

Report leaves too many questions unanswered – With more ethics investigations likely, how much more tax money are we willing to spend?

When reading the ethics commission report on its investigation of town commissioners Bill O'Neil and Art Elder, it's hard not to feel a little queasy. A lot of town money has been spent on this ethics investigation, almost \$10,000 in fact. And yet too many unanswered questions linger alongside the discomfort of knowing our commissioners were charged with allegations of such significance.

Using two complaints filed last fall as the basis for the investigation, the commission found that O'Neil and Elder used the prestige of their offices in violation of the town ethics code. In addition, the commission found Elder inappropriately participated in matters that had a direct financial impact on him; again a violation of the code. The report's findings are summarized in "Ethics Commission: O'Neil, Elder violate town code," on the front page of this issue. The full report is available online at <http://emmitsburgdispatch.com>

The ethics commission's report concludes that O'Neil and Elder's unwillingness to testify in this case flew in the face of the town code they are sworn to uphold. They did not testify on the advice of counsel. The evidence makes a case for a "pattern of abuse" by the commissioners, the report states, and the report's closing statement titillates with questions of potential illegalities.

Finally, an addendum complains that O'Neil has disparaged Ted Brennan and the work of the commission. None of that has anything to do with the complaints under investigation, but only serves to remind us that Brennan and the commissioners have a lot of history and baggage between them.

Our first concern about the report is that it presents only one side of the story and makes no effort to take a critical look at the testimony it presents. We think the commission should have done that and made those critical points in the report, most importantly because the commissioners under scrutiny did not testify even though they were given a handful of invitations to do so. According to their attorney, Rosemary McDermott, she advised O'Neil and Elder not to testify unless clear procedures were in place.

Was it a conflict of interest for Ted Brennan to lead the ethics investigation against Elder, a commissioner who defeated him in the 2003 election by more than a 2:1 vote? This question should have been asked and answered to clear the air. Does it matter that Brennan has a long history of battling with O'Neil? They have fought publicly from the moment Brennan voted to support the Silver Fancy Farm annexation while he was commissioner. Shouldn't that have raised a red flag?

Why was the report released only days before an election in which Elder himself and two of O'Neil and Elder's fellow COPE members are running for office?

Why weren't the obvious questions about the credibility of some of the witnesses and the complainants addressed? Were the written statements ever signed and sworn? Does it bother anyone else that so many of the witnesses are not named in the report?

We wonder why so much information that does not specifically contribute to the conclusions is in the report at all. For example, certain allegations made about Elder in the Runkle complaint did not yield a violation but were included anyway. Was it just to "pile on?"

Important factual questions arise. Even though Runkle has made very public statements that his wife owns Custom Image Printing and he is only a "glorified delivery boy," the report refers to the company as *his* printing business. Which is it?

Why was there no mention that the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) found that Delauter's car wash was violating state noise levels, which suggests there was perhaps a good reason for the town to consider taking action and it was not just because Elder owns the only other car wash?

The lingering concerns about two commissioners who appear to have made some very questionable and threatening statements and issued orders far beyond their authority are disturbing. One commissioner should have recused himself *even if* the MDE's findings gave reason for the board to consider action.

The most frustrating aspect of this investigation and report is that we have nothing from the commissioners themselves on the allegations because their attorney advised them not to testify. That was a mistake for everyone. If only they had spoken in their defense, we might have a clearer picture of what really happened.

After a costly six-month investigation, we are left with a report that raises more questions than it answers, along with the nagging feeling that we are no better off than before this all started. In fact, the town is nearly \$10,000 poorer with more costs on the way.

The town's budget for July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, includes \$15,000 for legal expenses. This investigation alone has used two-thirds of that amount.

How much more money is the town willing to throw away on its commissioners?

If either commissioner sues to retaliate or challenge the ethics commission findings, we can add those legal expenses to the town's costs. The report alleges that O'Neil and Elder's efforts to unseat Ted Brennan from the ethics commission constituted a conflict of interest. The commission plans to investigate O'Neil's recent distribution of door hangers throughout the town attacking Brennan and the investigation. And another ethics complaint may already have been filed: see *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, "Emmitsburg Commission President Faces Third Complaint," April 7, 2005, p. 8.

Before we reach the point where tax dollars go directly to pay attorneys' fees, we need answers and we need to understand the consequences for wrongdoing.

We need to have confidence again in our elected officials, and be able to trust that they will act with integrity in the town's best interest. It's time to spend our tax dollars on making Emmitsburg a better place for its citizens, rather than using them to cover legal fees brought about by questionable behavior.

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Ethics

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requirements and limitations on the car wash due to state noise levels violations as determined by Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

A member of Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg (COPE) acted on behalf of the resident who originally filed the complaint with MDE. O'Neil and Elder are members of COPE.

The commissioners dropped the effort when told that the restrictions on Silo Hill Car Wash would apply to both the town's car washes, the report states. Elder owns Emmitsburg Car Wash, a direct competitor and the only other car wash in town.

The ethics commission found that Elder should not have participated in any discussions about the matter because he stood to benefit financially from shutting down or cutting back business to Silo Hill.

Elder and O'Neil were also found by the commission to have used the prestige of their offices to participate in matters against the car wash. The allegation is that O'Neil's efforts to get restrictions imposed on Silo Hill Car Wash meant he was using the prestige of his office to help Elder's car wash. The report does not explain how the commission determined that was O'Neil's motive.

Throughout the report, witnesses are unnamed, in most cases, but a list of witnesses was included at the

beginning of the report, but did not include Runkle or Delauter.

The report also states that O'Neil, who is the president of the board of commissioners, "devoted an inordinate amount of staff time and public time during Town Council meetings" to discuss the car wash. In other instances, he is alleged to have made statements calling Runkle "sleaze" and threatening to have him investigated by the Internal Revenue Service.

Elder is accused of saying (in front of two unnamed witnesses) that Delauter "should not have made a complaint to the ethics commission especially since he is moving his business into town because the (town) commission can make things rough on him."

In light of the allegations, the commission recommended that the commissioners "cease and desist" all future participation in either Runkle's or Delauter's businesses. The report further recommended that any future action on the complaints be left up to the town commissioners and the mayor; however, O'Neil and Elder are prohibited from participation in any related vote.

Elder and O'Neil refused to testify on advice of counsel

Conspicuously absent from the report are any comments on the allegations by the two commissioners. Neither Elder nor O'Neil testified before the commission.

O'Neil and Elder's attorney on this matter, Rosemary McDermott,

sent The Emmitsburg Dispatch an exclusive response to the ethics commission report: "The Commissioners' Attorney speaks out," on p. 5 of this issue.

In a telephone interview April 20, McDermott said the commissioners are not surprised by the findings and are "devastated."

She said the commissioners did not testify before the commission because they were advised by her not to testify until the ethics commission gave them copies of policies and procedures for the investigation. They needed to be able to properly prepare to testify before the commission and wanted to know under what rules the commission was operating, she said. According to McDermott, no procedures or policies were ever provided.

McDermott also said she had conversations requesting the same thing from the ethics commission's attorney, Harry deMoll.

The two town commissioners also moved to demand the procedures and O'Neil attempted to have Brennan removed as chair, again under the advice of counsel, she said.

McDermott said, as she has said before, that she and O'Neil welcomed the opportunity to testify, but only if the ethics commission gave them the rules of the investigation in advance.

McDermott said the commission is now a "dangerous tool." As soon as someone doesn't like something, they will file an ethics complaint and someone's reputation is sullied," she said.

The ethics commission did not recommend further disciplinary action, suspension of salary, or that either man be charged with misdemeanor municipal infractions, which can carry fines up to \$500, as the town code permits. Cease and desist orders were recommended prohibiting both commissioners from participating in future actions related to the two local businesses that filed the complaints against them.

Elder refused to comment on the report under the advice of his attorney. He has said repeatedly in the past, however, that he would not participate in Brennan's "kangaroo court" because he believes the investigation to be politically motivated.

Elder defeated Brennan by more than a 2:1 vote (Art Elder 275; Brennan 126) when he was seeking re-election in the 2003 race for town commissioner. Elder has said he believes Brennan's leadership of the investigation was a conflict of interest because he had a political axe to grind.

O'Neil was unavailable for comment, but has also argued that politics was the biggest reason for the investigation. As soon as O'Neil was told he was being investigated, he predicted that the commission would rule against him and that the report would be released days before the election. The election is Tuesday, April 26.



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O'Neil's and Elder's attorney, Rosemary McDermott, speaks out about the ethics report at an emergency board meeting earlier today.

Commissioners' Attorney speaks out

In this exclusive letter to The Emmitsburg Dispatch, Rosemary A. McDermott, attorney for both Commissioners William B. O'Neil, Jr. and Arthur Elder responds to the Emmitsburg Ethics Commission Report.

We now have the long-awaited, and costly Emmitsburg Ethics Commission Report. This report cost the Town of Emmitsburg hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars, an exorbitant amount for a community so small. Most of the expense of the investigation was a result of the ethics commissioners not knowing what they were doing. They admit in page 2 of their report that "...the Emmitsburg Town Code provides no specific procedures for conducting an Ethics investigation." That's why they had to hire Attorney Harry DeMoll to help them, at a cost of over \$8,000. That's why they had to use the services of the Town Attorney, John Clapp, whose attorney fees almost doubled this past year.

The taxpayers of Emmitsburg should know how much of the expense of the investigation could have been avoided. Because the Town failed to provide procedures to the Ethics Commission, the Town could have followed the State guidelines. When a signed and sworn complaint is filed, the Town Attorney reviews it. The Town Attorney then notifies the persons against whom the complaint was filed, and gives them 15 days to take any action necessary to correct the alleged violation. If the persons fail to take corrective action, the Town Attorney would then turn the complaint over to the Ethics Commission. The whole process would have cost about three hours of work, or less than \$600.

Rather than follow the State guidelines, here's what the Town of Emmitsburg did. The Emmitsburg Ethics Commission, with no apparent input from

the Town Attorney, directly received unsigned complaints from individuals, one on Oct. 6, 2004, and another on Nov. 24, 2004, against two of the Town Commissioners.

Neither Town Commissioner was notified of the complaints, nor given an opportunity to take any action to correct the alleged violation. Instead the Chair of the Ethics Commission discussed the complaints with the media. Not until Dec. 23, 2004, over 2 1/2 months after the first complaint, and after numerous articles appeared in the local papers, were the Commissioners sent a letter from Ted Brennan giving them notice of the ethics complaints.

Upon the advice of their attorney, Commissioners Elder and O'Neil did not participate in the investigation. By their own admission, the Emmitsburg Ethics Commission had no procedures in place to protect the constitutional rights of the Commissioners. The Town Commissioners should not be subject to the arbitrary and capricious whims of a group operating without any protective rules or procedures in place, no matter how altruistic their motives.

The conclusions in the Report are unsubstantiated. The process without any procedures in effect was flawed. The head of the Emmitsburg Ethics Commission, Ted Brennan, was biased, having been sorely defeated by Commissioner Elder in a recent election. Motives were unjustly imputed. Town employees used the Ethics Commission as a chance to air their gripes. But the real victims were not the reputation of two dedicated public officials, but the citizens of Emmitsburg. Don't let this happen again. Protect your constitutional rights. Protect your elected officials.

-Rosemary A. McDermott,
Attorney at Law
Thurmont, Md.

What's Next?

The ethics commission recommended that Commissioner Art Elder and Bill O'Neil "cease and desist" from all future participation in either David Runkle's or Kirby Delauter's businesses, but those orders must be implemented. The town code says the Circuit Court of Frederick County is the enforcing agency, which means enforcement would be turned over most likely to the county's State's Attorney Scott Rolle.

Ethics commission chair Ted Brennan said the attorney and commission are still looking into what to do and how, but that may be the path for the complaints.

Commissioner Dianne Walbrecker, who is resigning from office effective Thursday, April 28, requested an emergency meeting of the town's board of commissioners to consider the ethics findings. The meeting, held earlier today, April 21, was open to the public. Elder attended, but O'Neil was out of town according to his attorney, Rosemary McDermott. McDermott made comments

about the report on their behalf at the meeting, but offered no defense. Neither O'Neil or Elder would have been able to vote on any action, as per the ethics commission decision.

Mayor Hoover, Walbrecker and Rosenteel moved to require the ethics board to provide the cease and desist order that they (the ethics board) recommended. The ethics board has no later than May 12 to produce the order outlining exactly what O'Neil and Elder should not participate in.

Brennan said new guidelines are being developed that will be used in future ethics investigations and that isn't far away. Buckeye Development has announced it will file a complaint. Brennan would not say who has filed or how many complaints the commission has pending, but he did acknowledge there is at least one more complaint to be investigated.

The next meeting of the town's board of commissioners will be 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 2 in the town hall, 300A South Seton Avenue.

Vigilant hose awarded more than \$180,000

The Vigilant Hose Company was notified April 1 by Senator Paul S. Sarbanes' office the it has been awarded \$184,619 from the Department of Homeland Security through the agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The funds represent 90 percent of a \$205,133 project. Vigilant will match the money with another

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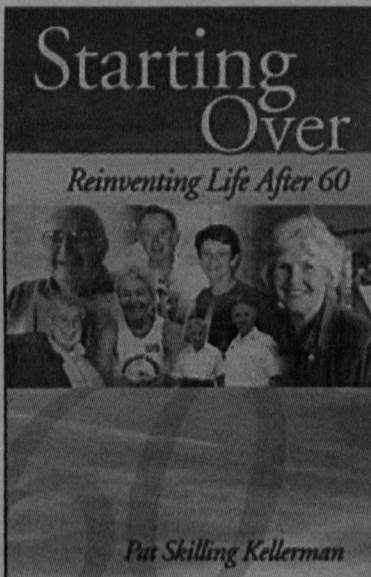
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TOWN NEWS

Firm won't relocate to town if COPE candidates prevail

W.F. Delauter & Son, Thurmont, may not move his company to Emmitsburg if members of Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg (COPE) capture another commission seat on the town's board or the mayor's position.

Kirby Delauter, president of the construction firm, told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that he would move his company elsewhere, possibly Pennsylvania, if Harold C. Craig, Jr. or Catherine Forrence should gain a seat on the board of commissioners, or if Arthur (Art) Elder should be elected mayor in the April 26 election.

All three candidates are members of COPE, and Elder is the subject of a recent ethics investigation that concluded he abused the authority of his office. Some of those allegations related to his actions regarding the Silo Hill Car Wash, owned by Delauter and his partner Carl Athey.

W.F. Delauter & Son purchased the Emmitsburg Glass Company building on Creamery



Kirby Delauter

Road with the intent to relocate the Thurmont-based company to Emmitsburg. Delauter employs some 50 individuals. Most reside in the Emmitsburg or immediate environs.

"I can just as easily sell the place (the proposed relocation site at the Emmitsburg East Industrial Park)," Delauter stated, adding, "If they (COPE) get two more radical members in, I would put it up for sale and to he__with Emmitsburg. I don't need the hassle." - Richard D. L. Fulton, News Editor

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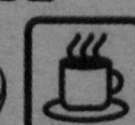
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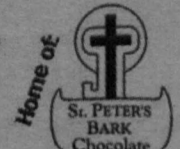
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RELIGION

Pope Benedict XVI

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, 78, became the first German pope since the 11th century on April 19, 2005, succeeding John Paul II, who died April 2. Cardinal Ratzinger has chosen the name Benedict XVI.

Ratzinger was the dean of the College of Cardinals, and served John Paul II as head of the

Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, disciplining church dissidents and upholding conservative church policy.

Pope Benedict XVI was elected before the end of the afternoon session of the third day of the conclave. With one ballot on Monday and two on Tuesday, he was elected after either four or five ballots, one of the quickest elections in recent history. Pope Pius XII was elected in 1939 in three ballots over two days; Pope John Paul I was elected in 1978 in four ballots over two days.

The last pope named Benedict followed Pius X, and was pontiff from 1914 to 1922. Benedict XV was a moderate, who settled disputes between traditionalists and modernists in the church during World War I. Ratzinger has a reputation as a hard-liner when it comes to Vatican doctrine, and his papal name may be an attempt to soften his image.

A Word from the pulpit

**Where do we find the Risen Lord?
The Gospels show us**

BY REV. JAMES DONOHUE, C.R.
*Theology Department, Chair
Mount Saint Mary's University*

During this Easter season, Christians hear and read the stories that tell of the appearances of the Risen Lord to the disciples. One way of looking at these stories is to imagine them as pointers to where we might find the Risen Lord today.

From this perspective, the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13-35) points to the more traditional places that Christians would look for Christ's continued presence. Here we find references to the Scriptures and the Eucharist, as well as to the Christian community. Each of these allusions affirms the places that Christians expect to find the Risen Lord in their lives today: praying with the Bible ("Were not our hearts burning within us while he opened the scriptures to us?"), celebrating and living out the Eucharist ("While he was at table with them..."), and being in community ("Where two or three are gathered...I am in their midst").

However, this same story reminds us to look beyond the traditional places to more challenging ones. For instance, although the disciples came to recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread, they would never have had this opportunity if they had not first welcomed the stranger. Remember, they did not

know it was Jesus; he seemed to be a stranger on a journey. Yet, as he gave the impression of going farther, the disciples welcomed him to stay with them. This act of generous hospitality paved the way for them to come to recognize their Risen Lord.

Similarly, as Luke's gospel continues, the Risen Lord appears to all the disciples, and after showing them his wounds, He asks for something to eat: "You give me something to eat." This strange request might prompt the hearer to remember another Lucan story about food and a demand to give something to eat. And, in fact, Luke 9:10-17 tells the story of feeding of the five thousand.

In this story, the crowds are characterized as in need of healing. Yet, as the day draws near, the disciples urge Jesus to send them away. This prompts Jesus to respond: "You give them something to eat." So, here we have a connection between the stories; the crowd is in need of healing and the Risen Lord shows the disciples his wounds. The command in each case is to provide food for those who are wounded. These stories, then, point to an important place for Christians to discover the Risen Lord: in the poor and in the wounded.

One might hear the familiar words of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel as he describes those being judged: "But, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or naked, or in prison?"

And Jesus responds: "When you did this to the least of your brothers and sisters, you did it for me." The Risen Lord identifies with the poor, the wounded, and the broken in our world. Our attention to them is the gateway for us to find Him.

In another story, the disciples return to Galilee and decide to go fishing (John 21: 1-14). In the midst of this activity, the Risen Lord appears to them. Surprising? Well, maybe to some, but it seems entirely logical that the Risen Lord would appear to *fishermen* while they are *fishing!* This story reminds us that we should expect to find the Risen Lord in the everyday moments of our lives, especially in the people, the situations, and the passions of our everyday lives. Is does not surprise me at all that people discover the Risen Lord in the family members they love, the friendships they cherish, the music they perform, the gardening that brings pleasure, and the sports they play.

Similarly, finding Christ in others is not something particularly new. I can remember many ways that my parents handed this understanding on to me. Some seem comical in hindsight. When I look back, I think my parents instilled this understanding most clearly when my brothers and I would be fighting. Usually in exasperation, my mother or father would cry out: "Don't you know that you are hitting Jesus... after all, he lives in your brothers!"

Perhaps the profound insight here is not just that the Risen Lord can be found in the Eucharist, the Bible, and in the Church community, but that He also appears in the ordinary "stuff" of life: in our family, friends, activities, and in the stranger, the poor and wounded in our parish, neighborhood, and world. The stories point in these directions: do we have the eyes to see?

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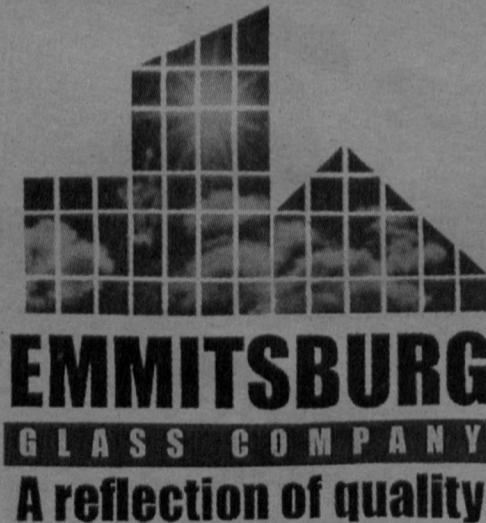


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The day will include exhibits, demonstrations, organic and locally grown food, clothing displays and videos, one on conditions in a Bangladesh sweatshop, and a 2:15 showing of "The Man Who Planted Trees."

This event is free, including the food (donations appreciated), and there will be drawings for trees as well as recycled paper products.

OBITUARIES

Sister Eleanora Collins, DC

Sister Eleanora Collins, DC, 94, died April 11, 2005, at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg.

Mary Eleanora Collins was born in Petersburg, Va., the daughter of the late James T. and Mary Bass Collins. She entered the Daughters of Charity in 1933, and served in elementary and high schools for over 60 years, as a teacher, principal, and librarian.

Surviving are two nieces, two nephews, and several cousins.

A Mass of Resurrection was offered April 13 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Patricia Crum

Patricia Ann Crum, 65, Taneytown Pike, Emmitsburg, died April 14, 2005, at North Arundel Hospital, Glen Burnie.

Born September 7, 1939, in Gettysburg, Pa., she was a daughter of the late Maurice and Oneida Selby Eckenrode.

Surviving in addition to her husband of 47 years, Richard L. Crumb, are four daughters, Virginia "Ginny" S. Beiler, Cheryl "Sherri" L. Crum, Cathy A. Ott, and Nancy L. Crum; 11 grandchildren; one great granddaughter; one brother, Robert Eckenrode, and three sisters, Milly Brawner, Debby Moreland, and Roxy Rill.

Funeral services were held April 19 at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, 100 W. North Ave., Emmitsburg, with interment in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Catherine Flax

Catherine Louise Flax, 97, a long-time Emmitsburg resident, died April 13, 2005.

Born October 20, 1907, in Dayton, Ohio, she lived in Emmitsburg from 1932 until 2000 when she moved to Alabama to live with her granddaughter.

Surviving are two daughters, Norma Nusbaum and Doris Jean Leaman; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held April 22 at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, with her pastor, Rev. Jon Greenstone, officiating.

Mr. William Hane

William Robert Hane, 64, 6219 Quinn Road, Frederick, died April 14, 2005, at home.

Born April 15, 1941, he was the son of the late Pauline Hane-Stillions and Thomas Hane, of Frederick.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Hilda Hane; one son, Tim Hane; three daughters, Robin Baker,

Brenda Merson, and Michelle Beddow; six grandchildren; three brothers, Pete Hane, Wayne Hane, Charles Stillions; and two sisters, Jeanne Huff and Dinah Deyton.

Funeral services were held April 18 at the Frederick Church of the Brethren, with the Rev. William VanBuskirk officiating. Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick.

Mr. Philip May, Sr.

Philip Eugene May, Sr., 65, Keysville Road, Emmitsburg, died April 1, 2005, at home.

Born October 23, 1939 in Carroll County, Md., he was the son of William H. and Malinda L. Reaver May.

He worked for Sperry Ford for 20 years and was owner and operator of May's Auto Repair in Emmitsburg.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Elsie E. Stouter May, one daughter, Barbara R. Orndorff; and two sons, Philip E. May, Jr. and Randy S. May; two granddaughters; four brothers, Walter T. May, George R. May, John A. May, Charles L. May; one sister, Virginia M. Beacham; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Mr. Howard Motter

Howard Luther Motter, 89, Union Bridge, died April 3, 2005, at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Born Sept. 8, 1915, in Emmitsburg, Md., he was the son of the late Elmer Joseph and Grace Baker Motter.

Surviving are one daughter, Joan Mercer; four sons, Samuel J. Motter, James H. Motter, William L. Motter and Larry Wayne Motter; eighteen grandchildren; thirty-eight great-grandchildren; one great great-grandchild; one brother, Emory Motter; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held April 6 at Graceham Moravian Church with Pastor Jeff Gehris officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Sister Editha Piedmont, DC

Sister Editha Piedmont, DC, 92, died April 4, 2005, at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg.

Edith Katherine Piedmont was born in Portsmouth, Va. to Francis Stephen and Audrey Teresa Hopkins Piedmont.

Sister Editha entered the Daughters of Charity in 1930 and spent 44 years in education. She spent time in retirement knitting caps for poor and homeless men at the Beans and Bread Soup Kitchen in Baltimore.

Surviving are two sisters-in-law,

numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and cousins.

A Mass of Resurrection was offered April 7 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Helen Stunkle

Helen Elizabeth Stunkle, 95, Sixes Road, Emmitsburg, died April 7, 2005, at home.

Born July 28, 1909, in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late Edgar Allen and Sallie Catherine Baumgardner Valentine.

Surviving are one daughter, Sara A. Steward, and one son, James Stunkle; six grandchildren; two sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held April 11 from Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, with her pastor, Deacon Charles E. Barnhart, Jr. officiating, assisted by the Rev. Jill Seagle and the Rev. James Russell. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick.

Mrs. Helen Weinarsky

Helen Irene Eiker Weinarsky, 89, Sea Isle City, N.J., died March 30, 2005, at the Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital, Middle Township, N.J.

Born Oct. 14, 1915, in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late Frank and Laura Vansickle Eiker.

Surviving are one son, Clarence Ancarrow, two daughters, Ters Joyce Ancarrow and Helen Wuhlbaier; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Gilbert Eiker and Elwood Eiker; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Dinan Funeral Home, Ocean View, N.J., with interment following in Calvary Baptist Cemetery, Ocean View, N.J.

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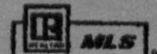
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SPORTS

Play Ball!!

BY MEGAN ZIMMERMAN
Contributing Writer

The town of Emmitsburg celebrated opening day of its 50th year of Little League Baseball on April 16. Sunny skies welcomed over 300 people, young and old, from near and far, who gathered to commemorate a half-century of baseball in Emmitsburg, and to begin a new season.

Adorned by the Crossland High School Band, McCullough

Memorial Park burst with anticipation as League President Mary Topper led the ceremony. All twelve presidents were recognized, with former presidents Thomas Ryan, Roy Wivell, Bill Wivell, and Lisa Krom present.

Emmitsburg Mayor James E. Hoover, at Governor Robert Ehrlich's request, represented Ehrlich, and presented the league with a governor's citation. Hoover told *The Dispatch*, that the event brought generations of Emmitsburgians together, "highlighting sportsmanship and volunteer spirit in our town."



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Topper then introduced the players from the first Emmitsburg teams. A few athletes from the 1955 Cardinals, Red Sox, Yankees and Giants, including Vincent Topper, the 1955 Giants coach, met on the field with their teammates.

"It was great. I saw some guys that I haven't seen for years," said Ed Orndorff, a member of the 1955 Red Sox.

Topper also invited members onto the field from the 1985 All-Star team, who claimed Emmitsburg's first District II Little League Championship.

The field was then cleared, and the 2005 teams were introduced. Players, managers, coaches, and

sponsors lined the bases, and some gave Topper a single rose to show their appreciation. The crowd burst into applause.

"The best part of the day was seeing the kids run out onto the field," said Herb Gingell, an Emmitsburg resident, who has a grandson playing for the Red Sox.

As the cheers faded, Mary Topper started the 2005's Opening Day games, exclaiming, "Play Ball!"

While the Red Sox took on the Dodgers, the Rockies played the Pirates, and the Astros challenged the Tigers, former players reminisced about

Emmitsburg Baseball.

Memorabilia from past seasons were on display at the entrance to the park. Old jerseys, hats, plaques, pictures, trophies, and medals "brought back a lot of good memories from all those years," said Chris Staley, member of the 1985 All-Star Team.

"It's nice seeing old faces, and seeing some I didn't know," said Dennis Staley, a 1955 Giant. "Lisa

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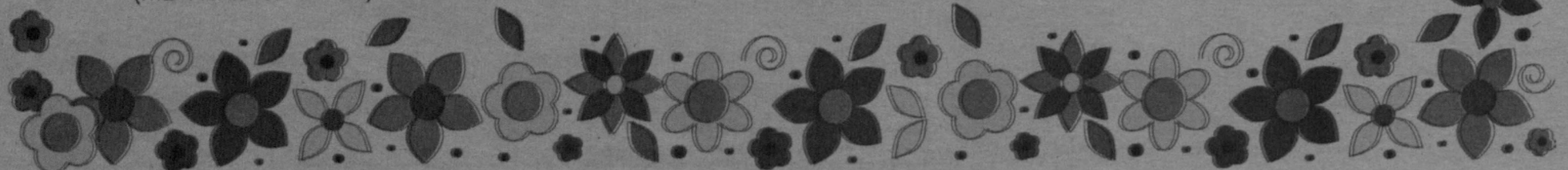
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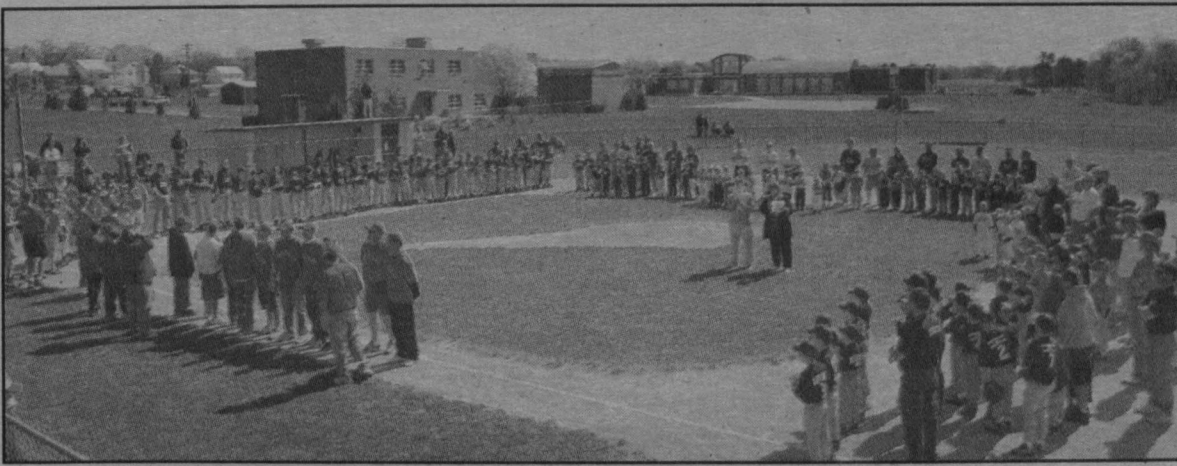
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Baseball

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and Mary deserve a lot of credit."

Lisa Krom, a former league president, said the experience had been good. "There are a lot of good people involved, and working with

Mary to organize this has been wonderful."

"I think it all went very well," said Topper. "It was a lot of work, but a lot of fun, too. The townspeople have been very appreciative and enjoyed the event, which makes it all worthwhile."

As the only organized

sport in Emmitsburg for youths, Emmitsburg Baseball has received much support.

"Baseball brings the community together," said Bill Wivell, former manager, umpire, treasurer, and president of the League. "The hard work pays off when we see our youths play."

Outside the Game Designer Muscles

BY A.J. RUSSO
Sports Editor

Sometime in the near future ...

Ben Stravinski, wearing only boxer shorts and socks, sat on a paper-covered portable bed. He glanced around the room, amazed at the white, pristine walls. The basement of the drug-infested, East Baltimore row house seemed out of place.

The door opened and in walked a tall thin man in a white lab coat. He strolled to a cabinet against the wall, grabbed a pair of sterile gloves, snapped them on and turned to the half dressed big, muscle bound behemoth. "This one's gonna sting, big guy. You know the drill."

Ben, without needing any instruction, hopped off the table, pulled his boxers down, turned away from the man and bent over.

"Doc, rumor has it that the NFL has got a test for this growth factor gene. Is that true?"

The physician grabbed a syringe from a tray on the table, pulled the cap off the needle and plunged.

"Ouch ... Jeesss," big Ben cried.

"They've got the sequence of the gene and are developing the test, but it will take them a month. Don't worry. We're already working on Insulin Growth factor-II. It's supposed to cause even more muscle growth than Insulin Growth Factor-I. We're two or three steps ahead of them. Besides, by arguing that muscle biopsy can be harmful to you prima donnas, the union has in effect delayed the testing. You can't test for the gene unless you can take some muscle."

Ben pulled his shorts up and turned toward the doctor. "What if we run out of growth factors?"

"What, are you afraid you'll shrink down to a normal guy? Don't worry, you'll be making millions for years to come." The tall physician

turned to the table, slipped the plastic gloves off and tossed them in the shiny metal circular file. "There are new factors discovered and sequenced every day. Besides, even if we run out, there are other genes to use. Like the ones that make drugs that block myostatin from inhibiting muscle growth. Rumor has it these are even more effective at increasing muscle size and strength."

Stravinski grabbed his oversized jeans off the hook behind the door, leaned against the bed and slipped one foot in. "Hey doc, remember the steroid era?"

"Do I ever. I dispensed more cream than a tanning salon. I still can't believe those guys risked heart attacks, kidney, liver disease. All for what? A bigger pay check?"

When Mark McGwire stumbled and mumbled at the recent congressional hearings on steroids in baseball, most were disappointed with his non-confessional confession. But many were left wondering if Major League Baseball's new steroid policy is but a band-aid on a stab wound.

Before and during the hearings, lawmakers argued that a draft of the steroid policy stated that under a first offense a player would face either "a 10-day suspension or up to a \$10,000 fine," and those who were fined would not be publicly identified. In essence, they said, one could pay the fine and avoid public ridicule and media scrutiny.

A second violation could be settled by either a "30-day suspension or up to a \$25,000 fine." A third violation "a 60-day suspension or up to a \$50,000 fine." The fourth violation could be settled by either "a one-year suspension or up to a \$100,000 fine." Some star players make more than \$100,000 per game.

With so much money on the line, you've got to wonder if any policy will deter professional athletes from cheating. Besides, when the steroid era ends, the designer muscle era will begin.

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Town Planning

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- ✓ Established the Farmers Market

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Sewer & Water Authority:
Fourth Monday of each month,
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**Parks, Recreation &
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Carroll Valley welcomes New Manager

Carroll Valley Borough welcomes David A. Hazlett as its new Borough Manager. The borough has been operating with an interim manager since October 2004 while the Council looked for the perfect fit for Carroll Valley. In David Hazlett, Carroll Valley has found that person.

Hazlett began his career as a Planning Coordinator for William F. Hill and Associates in Gettysburg, working in the private sector on municipal issues like water, sewer, storm water and subdivisions. In 2001, Hazlett

moved to the public sector as the Director of Planning and Zoning for Logan Township near Altoona, Pa. In this position, he was responsible for land use issues confronted by a large growing township. The chance to serve as manager in Conewago Township, where he took administrative responsibility for all phases of municipal operations, brought Hazlett back to Adams County. When the opportunity to join Carroll Valley's team presented itself, he made the move. "I am excited about the opportunity to

serve the community in which I live," said the new manager, "it is a community with a host of unique challenges and in each challenge is the opportunity to preserve and improve the quality of life for its residents." Hazlett's first day on the job was April 11.

Hazlett grew up in New Alexandria, Pa., and attended Shippensburg University. David makes his home in Carroll Valley with his wife of seven years, Leann, and their two sons, Noah, age 4, and Joshua, age 1.

News Briefs...

Roads Information

Mowing along roadway rights-of-way will begin in May. Please keep basketball hoops, toys, bicycles and vehicles off the right-of-way and off the roads. Picking up the litter in your neighborhood would also be helpful since it can be difficult to see from the mower.

Weather permitting, ditch work, tree trimming, street repairs and paving projects will start June 1 and continue through August 31. This will also include major road repairs and tar and chip sealing. Because this may cause temporary residential traffic delays, you will be notified when the actual date for your area is set.

Driveway permits are required when doing maintenance, repairs or placing concrete or asphalt on your existing driveway. Inspections are required upon completion of the work. Call the Borough office to obtain an application and schedule the appointment. The permit process requires approval of the apron style, pipe placement, and grading before work begins. This ensures that drainage will be consistent with the road design.

If you notice a streetlight is malfunctioning, please report it to the Borough Office, 642-8269 ext. 4 or roads@carrollvalley.org. This not only allows lighting for the road but also offers safety to you.

Parks & Recreation Commons Activities

The Carroll Commons Park and walking path opened April 15. Park hours are dawn to dusk. Be respectful when visiting the park and place garbage in the trash

receptacles located throughout the park area. Also, dogs are allowed to visit with you; however, you are required to keep them on a leash and always have your scooper and baggies ready to clean up after them.

Park Hours: 8 a.m. until dark. Groups of 25 or more are required to obtain a Reservation Permit to use the park and pavilion areas (CV residents: \$30, \$75 or \$150; non-residents: \$45, \$100 or \$250). Outside tables may be used on a first-come, first-served basis for groups of fewer than 25. Charcoal grills may be used unless a "No Fires" notice has been posted. If you wish tables to be bumped together and marked as "Reserved" for a specific date and time of day, a \$30 Reservation Permit must be obtained prior to your event. A complete list of park rules is available at the Borough office.

Carroll Valley Community Yard Sale

The 2005 spring yard sale, sponsored by the Carroll Valley Citizens Association, will be held Saturday, May 7 at the Commons from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. As last year, spaces only will be provided. Participants must provide their own tables. This will be a true yard sale, since there will be no spaces inside or under the pavilion. The pavilion will be used for food service. Spaces are still \$10 each and may be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis by contacting John Springer at 642-9741.

The rain date is May 14. Sign up now for fun and profit.

Pool Privileges

It's not too soon to have warm thoughts of summer, and what will

you and your kids to do with those long, hot summer days? As you know, there is no public swimming pool in Carroll Valley. In response to the interest expressed by many people in the last recreational survey, the Borough is working with the Blue Ridge Sportsman's Club to permit Carroll Valley residents to use its pool at rates below those charged to the general public.

Single: \$70 plus \$5 for each child under 18

Family (mom/dad): \$100 plus \$5 for each child under 18

Daily Pass: \$6 per person

Currently the plan is for the pool to be open until 7 p.m. two nights a week, if demand warrants.

VOLUNTEER POSITION VACANCIES

Borough Planning Commission (4-year term).

This nine-member body is a primary advisor to the Borough Council and is instrumental in various planning matters that arise under the Municipalities Planning Code. No prior experience in planning is necessary, although an active interest in borough matters and activities is useful. Interested persons should contact the Code Enforcement Officer at 642-8269, ext. 3.

Carroll Valley Sewer and Water Authority.

This authority not only is an important advisor to the Council, it also plays an important role in the sewer system planning, operation, funding and setting usage fees. Interested persons may contact the Code Enforcement Officer at 642-8269, ext. 3.

Fishing Derby

This year's Fishing Derby will be held Saturday, April 30 at the Commons. It is open to children who live in the Fairfield School District. Flyers will be sent home via schoolchildren. Interested persons may also contact Bill Devlin, 642-9260.

July Fourth Celebration

The Carroll Valley Citizens Association is working with the communities of Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Hamiltonban and Liberty to plan a July 4 celebration to be held on the grounds of the Carroll Valley commons. The plan calls for an all-day affair that will include activities for the entire family, young and old. One portion of the Carroll Valley commons will be set aside as a family picnic area. The evening will end with a formal military retreat ceremony and fireworks.

The scale of fireworks depends on how much money is raised. The celebration party on July 4 is open to everyone. Let us celebrate our country's birthday as one community. If you are interested in joining our planning group, volunteering



for some event to organize or participate in, or want to make a tax-deductible contribution to the fireworks fundraising efforts, contact Ron Harris, the event coordinator, at ronharris@adelphia.net, or by phone at 717-642-9270. Help with an event you would want your family to enjoy. Come celebrate our birthday.

Dates to Remember:

Fishing Derby
April 30th

CVCA Yard Sale
May 7th

July Fourth Celebration
July 4th

National Night Out
August 2nd

Two Carroll Valley Residents Appointed to State Water Plan Committee

The state is currently implementing the Water Resources Planning Act (Act 220 of 2002), which calls for the State Water Plan to be updated by March 2008, and updated every five years thereafter. A state committee and six regional committees will assist the Department of Environmental Protection in developing a public participation process to ensure that people throughout the Commonwealth with an interest in water resource issues have adequate opportunities to provide input into the new water plan.

Two Carroll Valley residents, Phyllis Chant and George Fisanich, have been appointed by Governor

Rendell to serve on the Potomac River Basin Regional Committee. This committee meets publicly in the county seats in the Potomac River Basin. Professionals are invited to present management techniques and solutions to water resource problems. Results of a USGS water research study were presented. This study was commissioned by the borough administration following a number of failed wells in Carroll Valley during the recent drought. The results have been invaluable to the borough and added immeasurably to the database of the USGS, which continues to monitor a test well in Carroll Valley.

Act 220 envisions a water

resources planning process in an effort to answer basic questions such as how much water we have, how much water we use, and how much water we need. By planning for water resource needs using sound scientific data on a watershed basis, decision makers at all levels of government and in the private sector will be able to assess the cumulative impact of our activities so that we can preserve and protect our water resources for future generations. Water is one of Pennsylvania's most valuable resources and its citizens and government need to do a better job of managing it wisely. Updating the State Water Plan is an excellent first step.

How Much Does that \$300 Swimming Pool Really Cost?

It's summer. It's hot and humid and it would sure be great to have a backyard pool to cool off in after getting home or for the kids to play in during the day. You just go to Box Mart, pick one up and set it up and you are home free.

It isn't that simple. From the legal point of view, pools are an attractive nuisance and an increased liability risk. Did you tell your insurance company you were adding a pool? For your insurance company to cover you for liability on that pool, they are going to want to know that that pool is installed and set up to recognized safety standards.

What are those standards, you ask? They are safety and electrical standards established in the building codes. In fact, the "International Residential Code for 1 and 2 Family Dwellings" devotes one complete chapter and an entire appendix to pools.

We'll start simple with the definition of a swimming pool: any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 24 inches (610 mm) deep. This includes in-ground, aboveground and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.

Yes, portable, inflatable and/or storage pools are included in that definition. The electrical and barrier requirements for pools and spas represent the minimum standards that must be verified to ensure that your pool is safe for you and your surrounding neighbors.

Electrically, the biggest things the building inspector is looking for are a GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) that the pump and other pool electrical items are plugged into, and that the pool's pump is double insulated with a proper ground. The other thing he will look at is the pool itself to ensure that the electrical components comply with the ANSI standard for on-the-ground pools.

Barrier requirements for all outdoor pools and spas call for the top of the barrier to be at least 48 inches above grade. There are restrictions on the size of the fencing or material in the barrier to insure that it is not easily breached. Access gates have to open outward from the pool and have a self-closing mechanism along with a self-latching device.

So what are some of the cost considerations for that portable pool?

Increased insurance cost - \$?

New fence to surround the pool - \$500 est.

Electrical upgrade to make the outside plug GFCI - \$200 est.

Zoning permit - \$25

Building permit/ inspection fees - \$110

Use and occupancy - \$25

Failure to get permits can lead to the condemnation of the pool and fines of up to \$1000 per day for noncompliance.

Make sure you know the rules. Call the Borough Office at 642-8269 to find out if your pool is legal.

Carroll Valley Borough Septic Inspection Program

In response to growing concerns about groundwater pollution, Pennsylvania made changes to the Sewage Facilities Act in the late 90s, requiring municipalities to implement programs to inspect and maintain on-lot septic systems. The initiative was designed to make sure these systems are performing properly, thereby protecting the quality of groundwater from pollution from failing systems. Homeowners are also protected from the costs of replacing a system that has failed because of neglect.

Each on-lot system builds up solids (sludge) in the septic tank during normal operation. If this sludge is not pumped out, it can eventually fill the tank to the point that it interferes with the processing of the sewage and can even discharge into the sand mound or drainage field. Such blockages may require replacement at a cost of \$15,000 or more. Failed systems are the second leading cause of groundwater pollution in the United States, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Carroll Valley has adopted an on-lot septic inspection and maintenance program to comply with the state law. Each on-lot system must be pumped and inspected every three years. Thus, each year one-third of the Carroll Valley septic systems will be inspected and pumped. In April, the first third of the homeowners who are not on public sewer or holding tanks will receive letters notifying them to have their septic system inspected and pumped

by a borough-approved septic hauler by October 31, 2005.

To facilitate this process, each system must be equipped with a riser for easy, year round access without digging. If you need a riser installed, the approved hauler may provide this service as well. The riser must be in place at the time of the pumping and inspection.

If you receive a letter and have receipts or other proof of that your system has been pumped since December 2002, you can contact the Borough Office to be exempt from

pumping this year. You may still need to have the system inspected.

Note: It is important for homeowners to remember that on-lot systems can be damaged and fail prematurely if misused. These systems are designed to process sewage. If you put other substances down your drains, you risk upsetting that process. One of the most common is grease and oils from cooking. While you cannot eliminate all oil and grease, it is prudent to limit it as much as possible. Chemicals like motor oil, antifreeze, paint and pesticides will also cause damage. With the ever-growing costs of replacing an on-lot system, taking good care of your system is the smart move.

Home-based Businesses

One major advantage of living in a borough is that its zoning regulations ensure land use practices that are consistent with the neighborhood design. Most of Carroll Valley is zoned "Residential." That means that in those areas, property owners are limited to land use practices that are consistent with established borough policies and objectives. In short, proper zoning practices ensure that residential neighborhoods are spared the traffic, overcrowding, blight and nuisance that can be associated with certain businesses. But that doesn't mean that residents cannot operate a business out of their homes. They must just not be detrimental to the residential neighborhood concept.

To that end, a recent

ordinance provides definitions of "Home Occupations - No Impact," "Home Occupations - Minor Impact," and "Home Business." These three defined occupations are allowed in the Carroll Valley residential areas upon approval.

Home Occupations - No Impact are businesses conducted in no more than 25% of the habitable floor area and have no employees other than family members.

Home Occupations - Minor Impact are businesses conducted in no more than 25% of the habitable floor area and employ only one employee not related to the operator.

Home-Based Businesses are conducted in no more than 25% of

the habitable floor area, employ no more than eight employees, and must be compatible with the residential use of the property and surrounding residences. This permit must be approved by Special Exception after taking into consideration traffic, parking, noise, emissions, sewer/water demands, etc.

If you presently have a home-based business or plan on starting one, check with the Borough Zoning Officer to determine the classification to ensure that all the criteria for your type of business can be met. Then obtain an application for your home-based business permit as required: zoning@carrollvalley.org

Home Improvement Time

With spring and those great tax refunds, thoughts turn to those around-the-house improvement projects and repairs. Many construction projects - even indoors - require a permit. Contact us at the office, 642-8269 ext. 3, or e-mail zoning@carrollvalley.org with the details of your project and we will help you determine permit requirements.

Did you know?

All cats and dogs in Pa. over six months of age are required to be vaccinated against rabies.

All dogs in Adams County over six months of age are required to be licensed.

All dogs in Carroll Valley are required to be under control - either by fence, leash or tie-out. No dog may run loose.

Quilters Leave as is or repair



BY
MARY-ELLEN
CUMMINGS
*Dispatch
Columnist*

Sometime I am asked if an old quilt top should be made into a finished quilt. My opinion is that it depends on several factors. Was the quilt maker famous; is the top of a spectacular design; or is it attractive and useful in its unfinished condition? If the answer is "yes," then consider leaving the top as it is.

Two other factors too important to ignore are (1) does the quilt top have very strong sentimental ties; and (2) is it financially valuable? At a local

estate auction, tops sold for two and three dollars; finished quilts ranged from five to ten dollars. One family member bought one for twenty-five dollars. These were exceptional quilt works made by a woman who only did exceptional work. By comparison, Lancaster County, Pa. quilts (also exceptional) sell for \$500 to over \$1,000.

When deciding whether to "finish" a top into a quilt, you must take into consideration the reason the top was made originally. Most often the quilt maker planned to finish the quilts, but ran out of time. My advice is make quilts out of those unfinished tops and enjoy.

Finished-worn-and-torn quilts usually are very sentimentally cherished. The question, then, is should they be repaired, used for

a dog's bed or discarded. All the factors pertaining to unfinished tops apply to repair also. If it has significant historic or monetary value — do not repair!

If sentiment is the ruling factor, have it repaired. However, be aware that the cost of repairs could be quite high. If the quilt is very old, fabric availability would be a big problem. Sometimes, the best part of the quilt can be used to make a smaller size. Reproduction fabrics are available, but because they are closer woven of thinner thread, an unwanted contrast occurs. These fabrics can be made "antique" in color, but the weave does not change.

I just finished repairing three quilts made by the grandmother of the owner. They were identical except in size. One fabric, used numerous times, had shredded and needed replacing. As I worked on these squares, I saw others of different fabric that also needed to be replaced. In addition the embroidery thread used to "tie" the quilt was in bad condition and/or missing. The repairs on these quilts are the rule rather than the exception.



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International Peace Walk

Walkers travelled Rt. 15 past Emmitsburg on April 14. From March 12 to May 2, walkers are participating in the "Stop the Bombs International Peace Walk," journeying from the Y-12 complex in Oak Ridge, Tenn., to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty talks at the United Nations in New York City. Despite the treaty, now signed by 188 countries, there are still nearly 30,000 nuclear weapons in the world. Walkers hope to call attention to nuclear proliferation and encourage a nuclear free world. For more information, see <http://stopthebombswalk.peacehq.com>

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MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

Sr. Helen Prejean TO SPEAK AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY MAY 5 AS PART OF SERIES TO RAISE AWARENESS OF DEATH PENALTY ISSUES

Sr. Helen Prejean, a prominent voice in the national abolition movement, will discuss her ongoing work in advancing social justice through abolishing the death penalty. She is deeply committed to bringing young people to a fuller awareness of the Catholic Church's social teachings. After her order assigned her to be the spiritual advisor to convicted murderer and death row inmate Patrick Sonnier, she became an advocate against the death penalty.

Since Sonnier's execution, Sr. Prejean has spoken around the country and written two books, including "The Death of Innocents," which describes the executions of two innocent men. Both "Dead Man Walking" and "The Death of Innocents" can be purchased at the Mount bookstore. Proceeds will go towards Sr. Prejean's moratorium project, which calls for an end to the death penalty.

Said Mount St. Mary's junior Sarah Pilisz, a member of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty, "Sister Helen Prejean is a powerful speaker and person who has done a lot of good in standing up for human life." Pilisz heard Sr. Prejean speak at Marywood College in Scranton, Pa., and noted, "It was moving because she sees the humanity in people whom the rest of society has thrown away."

A lecture to be held at 7 p.m. in the Knott Auditorium is part of a series designed to promote public discussion of social justice issues and is sponsored by Mount St. Mary's University, the Mount's chapter of the CEPD, and *Callings*, a Mount program of theological exploration funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

THE SERIES ALSO INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING EVENTS
KNOTT AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M.

"Catholics on the Death Penalty: The Challenges Ahead"

Thursday, April 28

Dick Dowling, executive director of the Maryland Catholic Conference, and Andy Rivas, member of the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops, will discuss the challenges Catholics face in addressing the continuing practice of the death penalty, specifically in Maryland.

"Where We Are Today: Maryland's Death Penalty Abolition Campaign"

Tuesday, May 3

Diann Rust-Tierney, executive director of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, and Jane Henderson of MD CASE (Maryland Citizens Against State Executions) will discuss the challenges faced in the abolition movement both nationally and in Maryland.

For more information contact Trudy Conway, chair of the Mount's philosophy department, at 301-447-5368.

Mount students raise funds—and walls— FOR EMMITSBURG HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT

Why would 70 people voluntarily spend the night in cardboard shanties? Yes, there were prizes for the most creatively decorated shanties. And it was fun, with a prayer service, a movie and guitar playing far into the night. But deeper than that, these people, mostly students and staff of Mount St. Mary's University, felt called to raise awareness of the plight of the homeless and to raise money for a local Habitat for Humanity project.

Close to 200 people participated in some aspect of HabiFest 2005 at the Mount, collecting bedding to donate to a local homeless shelter, gathering sponsors for their shanties or coordinating events.

The big day began on April 6 with information tables in the campus center to provide facts and figures about homelessness and ways to help with this problem in the United States. After a light dinner in the Mount Café, two speakers shared their insights: Jen Wassman, a 2004 Mount alumna who now works with HabiJax in Jacksonville, Fla., and Dee Danmeyer, executive director of Habitat for Humanity Frederick County. Then the building of Shantytown began.

The small cardboard city resulted in \$2,900 that will be donated to the Emmitsburg Habitat Build, a project that Mount St. Mary's University is cosponsoring to help a local family build a home in the residential development of Silo Hill.

Of course, the Mount community has raised more than money for the project. On April 9, 26 students and one seminarian joined 18 other volunteers to begin work at the site. That first day, the floor of the home was completed, three walls were constructed, the sign was erected, and the storage bins were cleaned out and organized.

Volunteers will be returning to help build the home on several Saturdays until the end of the semester. While construction will continue during the summer, students hope to see the house under roof before they leave on break.

MOUNT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

"Secularism & Sanctity Today: How to be a Faithful Catholic"

Saturday, April 23
Grotto of Lourdes, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Spring Retreat by Fr. Jack Lombardi

Feast of St. Mark Mass

Monday, April 25
Immaculate Conception Chapel, 4:30 p.m.

Gospel Choir Spring Concert

Wednesday, April 27
Knott Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Mountapalooza - featuring Stephen

Kellogg & the Sixers
Saturday, April 30
Knott ARCC, 3-11 p.m.
Bands that will be playing:
Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers
Kristin Diable

The Get Away Drive
Nick Tomasello
**Free to Mount
Student/Faculty/Staff/Admin
\$10 for the general public**

Concert by Acappella Chorus of St. John's

Church, Frederick
Saturday, April 30
Grotto of Lourdes,
6 p.m. Mass, 7 p.m. concert

Celebration of 200th Grotto Anniversary

Saturday, May 7
Grotto of Lourdes, Noon Mass

Spring Open House

Sunday, May 8
For more info and times call 301-447-5214
or visit www.msmary.edu

Women's Retreat

Saturday, May 14
Grotto of Lourdes, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Conducted by Fr. Jack Lombardi

Annual Rosary Walk

Saturday, May 28
Beginning at Seton Shrine to Grotto of Lourdes for Mass, 10 a.m.

SENIOR HONORS PRESENTATIONS

All are held in Bradley Conference Room,
Bradley Hall.

MONDAY, APRIL 25

Perspectives on History: Implications on Students
Noon, Jessica Price

Vatican II Liturgical Reform in the American Catholic Church: Unprecedented or Inevitable?
3 p.m., Erin Morris

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Structural Difference of MTF-1 in some Autistic Individuals
Noon, Rebecca Gilbride

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Contamination Anxiety: Social Status and Perceptions of Dirt
Noon, Tara Kelly

The Effect of Varying Levels of Herbivory on Reproductive Success in a rapid-cycling Brassica rapa
3 p.m., Lauren Smarkanic

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Effective Technology in Higher Education: How Does The Mount Compare?
Noon, Jennifer Martin

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Sarbanes-Oxley: The Present and Future of Accounting
Noon, Ryan Hamill

MONDAY, MAY 2

Legislating Morality in the States: Explaining the Adoption of Same-Sex Marriage Bans
Noon, Laura Flack

An Examination of Compensatory Feeding in the Larvae of Corn Ear Worm, *Helioverpa zea*
3 p.m., Elizabeth Smelter

TUESDAY, MAY 3

Willa Cather on Europe and America: An Old Tradition in a New Land
Noon, Christina Snook

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Google's IPO: A Case Study Examining the Events Surrounding Google's Initial Public Offering
Noon, Patrick Burke

Identity in Children's Literature: Our Obese Youth
3 p.m., Jacqueline Drass

THURSDAY, MAY 5

Mathematics Reform and the Implications for the Mathematics Classroom: What Beginning Teachers Need to Know to Make this Reform Successful
Noon, Erika George

FRIDAY, MAY 6

The Role of C/EBP in modulating Insulin-like Growth Factor I to Regulate Body mass and Bone Density in Mice
Noon, Mary Lueben

Does Choice of Literature Make A Difference? - The Use of Text Sets as a Motivating Factor to Increase Achievement
3 p.m., Kathleen Lindsey



Voters' Guide

Emmitsburg Election

Tuesday, April 26, 2005
Polls Open: 7am - 8pm
Ballots to be cast at the town deputy office on 22 East Main St.

Who may vote? Emmitsburg residents who reside within the town boundaries. Must be a resident for a minimum of 30 days and a Frederick County registered voter.

Candidate Questions:

The candidates running for office replied to questions put to them by this newspaper. *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* thanks them and urges readers to look over the questions and their answers. We believe citizens would not make a mistake voting for any one of them. The only mistake would be not to vote.

In addition to providing biographical information, each candidate was asked to answer the following questions:

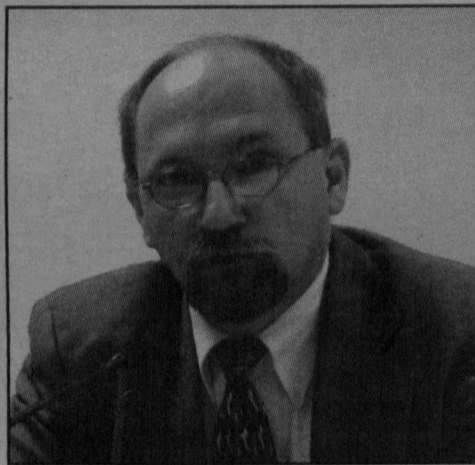
- 1. Qualifications.** (50 words) About your candidacy: What are *your qualifications* for holding office for the town of Emmitsburg? Why do you think you would be a good town Mayor / Commissioner?
- 2. Purpose.** (50) Why are you running for this office? What are your *particular motives* for running for this office? What particular good do you hope to do for the town?
- 3. Top Issues.** (25) What do you think are the top three major issues facing Emmitsburg today?
- 4. If Elected.** (100) If elected, how would you address these top issues?

Editor's Note: When responses were longer than the allotted word limit, extra words were eliminated, as indicated by ... in the answers.

In an effort to promote political responsibility, *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* has produced this Voters' Guide for use in the upcoming election. *The Dispatch* does not support nor oppose any candidate and nothing in this guide should be interpreted as an endorsement.

The candidates appear in this Voters' Guide in the order of their filing.

Candidates for Town Mayor



James Hoover

41, married, three children.
Education: Southern High School.
Employment: Senior Management: Deputy Director of the MARC Train and Commuter Bus Services for the State of Maryland.
Organizations: Lions Club, Frederick County Affordable Housing, Fallen Firefighters Planning Committee, Emmitsburg Farmers' Market, Seton Center, volunteer at St. Catherine's Nursing Home, President of St. John's Church Council (Thurmont), social member Vigilant Hose, CASS, former member of Emmitsburg Planning and Zoning and the Streets and Transportation committees.

1. Qualifications.

In addition to twenty years' management experience, I've held two terms serving Emmitsburg. I attend town meetings, meet with state, federal and county officials to stay informed of current issues. I take this position very seriously and consider how each decision will affect Emmitsburg in the future, not just today.

2. Purpose.

In my past three years as mayor, there has been a lot of headway in resolving some of the town's biggest issues such as repairing and replacing old sewer and water lines, improved communication and improved public safety. I will continue improving the town's infrastructure and create more recreational facilities.

3. Three top issues.

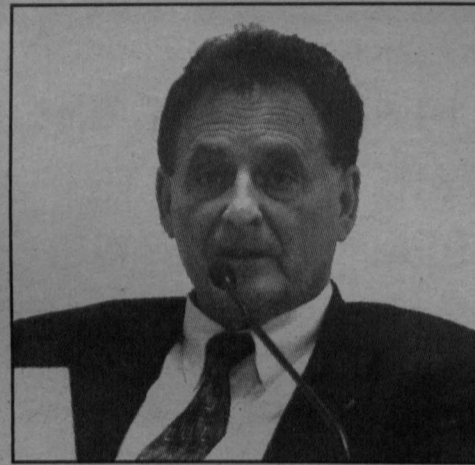
Cooperation between the elected officials
 Repair/ replacing leaking sewer lines
 Residential growth

4. If elected.

I cannot do this alone. As citizens, we must become familiar with each candidate and vote for whoever has the best interest of the town in mind. I will continue to keep the town's best interest in mind.

I will continue to charge developers connection fee surcharges, require them to make contributions toward replacing deteriorated pipes, and continue to have the sewer and water enterprise fund be self-sufficient without using tax dollars.

Since most residential growth is best controlled through annexation agreements, I would include restrictions on when and how much growth will be allowed in residential annexation agreements.



Stanley Mazaleski

71, married 47 years, 4 children, 8 grandchildren.
Education: Ph.D., Preventive Medicine and Public Health, Oklahoma University, MSSPH Sanitary Science and Public Health, Oklahoma University, Graduate School, Cell Biology, Zoology University of Texas; B.S. Education, Biology Major; Political Science, Theology, University of Scranton College Preparatory School, Wyoming Seminary, Pa.
Employment: Retired from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Environmental Health and Nutrition Consultant, and Frederick County Public Schools.

1. Qualifications.

Broad and extensive education, experience, training, and knowledge in government, university teaching, VA Hospital trace metals - human hypertension research; Director, Countywide Schools Drug Education and Prevention Program, Certified Science Teacher NYDE, Research Instructor in Medicine, Washington University, GNC SSM, Veteran U.S. Navy-Air Defense Why do you think you ...

2. Purpose.

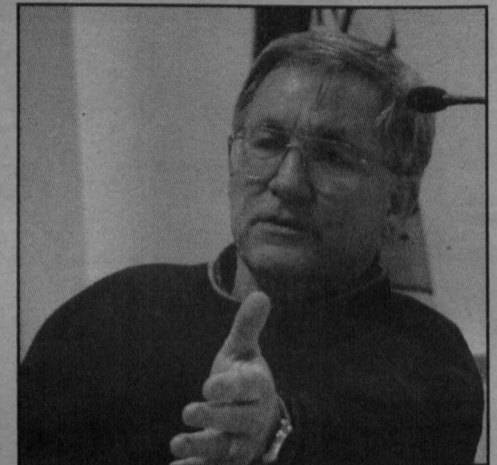
To undo the negative management gridlock, and solve the critical issues in the town. I believe I am the only candidate that rectify these things, and do it now. I will bring the town together with open, candid management, better water quality, sewers, traffic patterns, youth, and health, fitness programs.

3. Top issues.

Negative management gridlock; townspeople's health, water quality, and leaky sewer lines; and smart controlled growth.

4. If elected.

Follow-up on what I have already been doing with direct contact to the top administrators of U.S. EPA and DHHS Center for Disease Control for federal assistance for elevated levels of lead and copper neurotoxins in the town's drinking water; assess the high and prolonged use of chlorine; have CDC do epidemiological studies of the townspeople's illness, especially in children, pregnant mothers and babies, and elderly chronically ill and infirmed as it relates to elevated copper and lead found since July 2004 through April 2005. The EPA standards are not protective and don't deal with neurotoxic synergism in humans. ...



Art Elder

62, married, no children.
Education: High school graduate.
Employment: Retired; former business owner of Chronicle Press, Inc., one of the oldest businesses in Emmitsburg.
Organizations: Knights of Columbus, Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg (COPE).

1. Qualifications.

For 30 years, I managed my own successful commercial printing business and was responsible for all budgeting, purchases staff management (ten employees) and customer relations. I learned to analyze situations, spend wisely, act decisively, negotiate fairly, be a team player and improve operations.

2. Purpose.

I had my own business in Emmitsburg which the townspeople supported; now it's my time to return the favor. I want to be Mayor because I care about this town. My only ambition is to serve Emmitsburg, to be a full-time mayor for the people.

3. Top issues.

All candidates say water/sewer: I've already started. Mt. View water line done. 500,000-gallon water tank overhauled, North Seton sewer started, South Seton water line surveyed.

4. If elected.

As your full-time Mayor, I will use FEMA's unique relations with Emmitsburg and the impact it has on our infrastructure. We must seek out and secure federal funding for needed sewer and water repairs. I would ask Commissioner Bill O'Neil, who has professional experience in this area with committees in Washington, where he could make his case before Congress.

Candidates for the office of Mayor

James E. Hoover
 Stanley Charles Mazaleski
 Arthur Elder

Candidates for the office of Commissioner

Joyce A. Rosensteel
 Harold C. Craig, Jr.
 Clifford L. Sweeney
 Glenn E. Blanchard
 Christopher V. Staiger
 Catherine Forrence

Candidates for Town Commissioner



**Joyce
Rosensteel**

62, married 48 years,
four children,
five grandchildren.

Education: St. Joseph's High School graduate, 1956; attended St. Joseph College for audit, completed general studies and some major classes at FCC. On-going.

Employment: Secretary, Joseph's College (10 yrs.); Order Processor, Moore Business Forms (9 yrs.); City of Frederick, retired from the Human Resources Dept. (19+ yrs.). Returned to the City of Frederick. Currently employed in Building and Permits, City of Frederick.

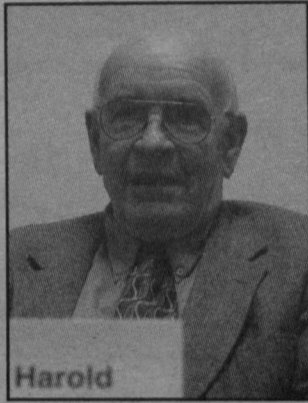
Organizations: Francis X Elder Post #121 American Legion Auxiliary, Past President; Emmitsburg VFD Post #6658; AmVets of Thurmont, Md.; former member of Parish Council, St. Joseph's Catholic Church; helped organize the Ladies of Brute #1860 of the Knights of Columbus, Past President; Sodality, St. Joseph's Church, since 1952.

1. Qualifications.

My best qualification is that I have already done the Commissioner's job. I have previously held positions of service for Emmitsburg. The last three years have taught me how town government operates, things that citizens need, and how to help them get what they need in the most efficient way.

2. Purpose.

A good commissioner develops a vision for Emmitsburg. I did that and want to continue to make the vision real. I hope, for example, to continue to help citizens enjoy their parks and recreational events. I also want to work to improve the town's infrastructure.



**Harold
Craig**

74, single.

Education: B.A., American University; LLB, Washington & Lee University.

Employment: Retired from the Office of Chief Counsel, IRS.

Organizations: Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church (Trustee); Emmitsburg Area Historical Society; Friends of the Library; Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg (COPE) (Vice President); Washington County Museum of Fine Arts.

1. Qualifications.

My legal education and 38 years' experience in interpreting the law makes me the best candidate for the Commission and legislative body.

2. Purpose.

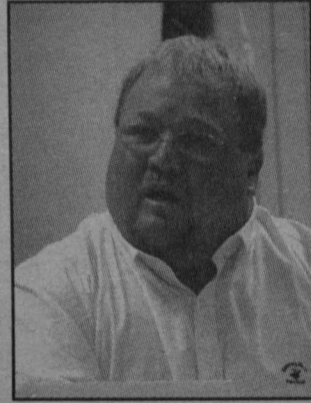
I am running for office to insure that the quality of life here does not deteriorate further as a result of the Board of Commissioners' unwise decisions.

3. Top issues.

Infrastructure, infrastructure and infrastructure.

4. If elected.

I would work to: have corroded water pipes and collapsing sewers replaced; calm traffic and minimize it by a by-pass; make North and Lincoln Avenues one-way; and lobby the board of education to expand the elementary school so as to eliminate the portable classrooms.



**Clifford
Sweeney**

39, married,
two children.

Education: Catocin High School graduate.

Employment: Construction foreman, W. F. Wilson & Sons

Organizations: Knights of Columbus, Emmitsburg Community Chorus, Emmitsburg Little League, Emmitsburg Parks and Recreation Committee.

1. Qualifications.

I was a commissioner eight years; know the ins and outs of town government. I'm not running for office for personal gain. I care about the whole town and its citizens, not just certain parts of it or organizations. I put water and sewer lines in for a living. ...

2. Purpose.

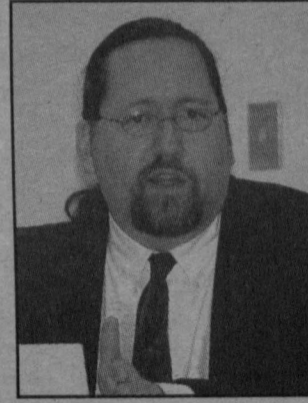
I don't think the town's board president and water commissioner have Emmitsburg's interest at heart, just their own agendas or certain group's agendas known as COPE. If the president of the board doesn't get his way, he threatens other commissioners with lawsuits. I've seen it and heard it, its ...

3. Top issues.

Infrastructure problems, traffic control problems, and growth.

4. If elected.

With my 20 years' experience of water and sewer installation, I should be able to help Emmitsburg better address the decades-old problem still facing us. With grants, bonds and surcharges on new developments, our sewer and water problems will become a thing of the past. With residential bypasses and utilizing our alleyways better, we might be able to control some of



**Glenn
Blanchard**

38, married,
one child.

Education: A.A. in General Education Chaffey Community College, Cal.; B.A. in Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, Md.; B.A. in Secondary Education, emphasis on Social Studies, University of Maryland, College Park, Md. Masters in Education from Coppin State University, Baltimore, Md.

Employment: Social Studies High School Teacher with Frederick County Public Schools, Tuscarora High School. Employed with the county for five years.

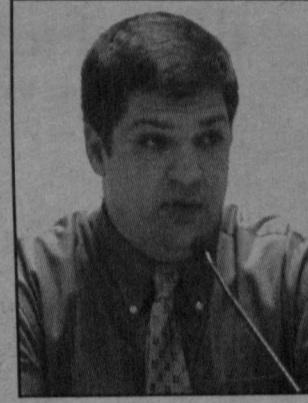
Organizations: Parishioner of St. Joseph's Church, member of the Sons of the American Legion, member of the Knights of Columbus and the Lions Club.

1. Qualifications.

I have lived in Emmitsburg for 13 years and have developed a sense of where the town is growing both residentially as well as commercially. With my involvement in two different town committees along with my participation in community service organizations, I think I have shown a commitment to Emmitsburg.

2. Purpose.

Establishing good communication between Emmitsburg's citizens and the town government will be one of my top priorities if elected town commissioner. If elected town commissioner, I propose the town plan for controlled growth, with the citizens of Emmitsburg benefiting from any new development that takes place.



**Christopher
Staiger**

37, married,
no children.

Education: B.A., The American University, Washington, D.C.

Employment: Purchasing, EVAPCO, Taneytown, Md.

Organizations: Planning & Zoning Commission (Chairman), Emmitsburg Lions Club (Acting Secretary).

1. Qualifications.

A record of serving the needs of our community is more important than higher education or professional qualifications. I have dedicated my time and efforts to serving our community on the Town's Planning Commission and as an Emmitsburg Lion. I intend to focus on process, not personality, as a Commissioner.

2. Purpose.

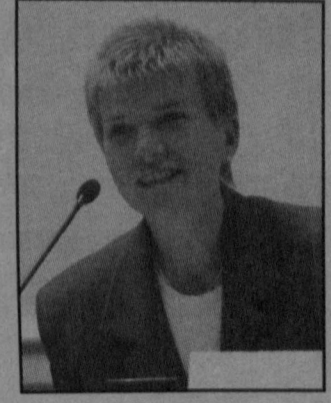
We must maintain a diversity of opinion on the Council but communication, planning, and implementation of policies and programs must be improved. Infrastructure issues should be a key focus of government. Elected officials and top administrators must be responsive to and respectful of the community's needs.

3. Top three issues.

Work quickly and efficiently to improve our infrastructure. Examine our budget priorities to guarantee revenue is used in the best interests of the residents. Improve our efforts at community development through consultation with and support for volunteer, business, critical service providers, and other non-municipal organizations.

4. If elected.

Infrastructure: We must



**Catherine
Forrence**

40, married,
two children.

Education: Mother Seton School graduate, St. Joseph's High School, and The College of Notre Dame, B.A. in Human Service.

Employment: Stay-at-home mother.

Organizations: PTA member, Emmitsburg Elementary; Frederick Regional Action Network; Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg.

1. Qualifications.

I have regularly attended and participated in town meetings since moving back to Emmitsburg 16 months ago. I have studied in-depth Emmitsburg's charter, ordinances, comprehensive plan, budget, and spending. I have both business and legal experience and bring a unique perspective and forward-looking solutions to the issues facing Emmitsburg.

2. Purpose.

I am running for many reasons, but primarily because I want to see that the concerns of residents are addressed in tangible ways, not just as back-burner "discussion" items. I want to create an atmosphere where small businesses can thrive, especially pedestrian-friendly businesses within walking distance of the town square.

3. Top three issues.

1. Aging/inadequate infrastructure; 2. residential development's effect on quality of life; 3. lack of clear goals/policies for balancing growth and the needs of current residents.

4. If elected.

I will work with the state and county to pursue opportunities for the capital

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Rosensteel

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3. Top issues.

Improvement of town's infrastructure. Traffic management, getting trucks away from the center of town and helping commuters avoid traffic slow-downs. Programs to help our youth.

4. If elected.

I will support measures to improve the infrastructure and to manage traffic better. If there's a way for Emmitsburg to get a bypass for heavy vehicles, I'm going to find it. To help youth, I ask Emmitsburg parents and teachers to recommend programs for me to evaluate for Emmitsburg.

Sweeney

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to control some of the traffic. Diverting traffic around town will kill the businesses on our main streets. I am for smart growth. More affordable housing for middle-class citizens to purchase would be a great thing for Emmitsburg. Controlling our growth throughout annexation...

Blanchard

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3. Top issues.

I think that the three top issues facing Emmitsburg today are growth, dialogue, and ecology.

4. If elected.

Concerning growth, I think that the town needs to be proactive, rather than reactive to development. Concerning dialogue, I will reach out to the citizens and various community organizations to ensure that the communication process stays a two-way street. Concerning ecology, I vow to safeguard the natural treasures of Northern Frederick County as much as I can. When I look at my two-year old child, I know that I have a responsibility to the future. I do not shrink from this responsibility; I embrace it.

Staiger

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develop official Improvement Plans detailing intended projects, processes, and funding while defining responsibilities and providing a timeline. Water, sewer, traffic, development, and parking concerns should be addressed in this manner.

Administration: We must identify the priorities of our annual budgets and review final expenditures against initial projections. The bureaucracy of our small town should not continue to expand.

Community: Non-municipal service providers direct specific community resources to specific community needs on an independent basis. They deserve our support as they act to expand and improve services that are beyond the direct role of government.

Forrence

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improvements necessary to build a thriving community. This includes enacting not just an "adequate" public facilities ordinance, but an *excellent* one. I will continue advocating for schools and pedestrian and motorist safety. By completing the comprehensive plan and drafting ordinances and policies supportive of that plan, we can ensure *rational* growth. I will give budgeting and spending matters the careful review and scrutiny you expect. Finally, I will work to develop a plan and budget for increased recreational opportunities, especially those for seniors and our youth.

Forum

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Regarding annexation, most of the candidates talked about controlled or smart growth. Sweeney talked about growth at a moderate pace, with an eye to adequate housing projects in town. Referring to "rational growth,"

Forrence stressed the need for an adequate public facilities ordinance before any more annexation takes place.

The event was co-sponsored by The Emmitsburg Dispatch and the Frederick County League of Women Voters. Gail Bowerman, president of the league, moderated.

Mayoral candidates attending

included incumbent Mayor James E. Hoover and Stanley Charles Mazaleski, and board of commissioners candidates Glenn E. Blanchard, Harold C. Craig, Jr., Catherine Forrence, Christopher V. Staiger, and Clifford L. Sweeney.

Mayoral candidate Arthur (Art) Elder and incumbent Commissioner candidate Joyce Rosensteel were unable to attend because of illness.

Candidates prefer five-member commission board

All of the candidates agreed that the town should adopt a five-member board of commissioners, in lieu of the present four-member board, to avert tie votes and be able to move forward with town business.

The candidates also all generally agreed that the mayor should not vote with the commission, but should retain veto power and perform the executive, not legislative, duties of the town.

Mayor Hoover, who first exercised his right under the charter to vote on the board at the April 4 town meeting, also agreed. Hoover had chosen to vote to counter stalemated decisions generated by 2-2 ties.

Hoover agreed with the idea of a fifth commissioner and to not have the mayor vote. He said, "Let the mayor run the town as the executive officer, as he's intended to be." He added that he believes the commissioners, as the town's legislative body, should not have the right to tell town staff what to do.

Mayoral candidate Mazaleski concurred, and added that the town charter should also address "bullyism." He also stated that he believes the town clerk should be treasurer, rather than one of the commissioners.

Staiger calls for organized battle plan for infrastructure

The state of the town infrastructure took the number one spot among all candidates as the main concern facing the community, now and in the future.

However, Staiger called for a "definite improvement plan" that would entail a pre-determined sequence of actions and a timeframe by which to accomplish the repair and replacement tasks.

Staiger said that to date repairs occur project by project, rather than as part of an overall plan.

"The town has had these (wastewater collection system and drinking water delivery system) problems for decades...we bump along from project to project," he said.

COPE influence may be waning

When candidates were asked about COPE's impact on the board of commissioners and the town in general, opinions differed fairly significantly.

Candidate Blanchard said he viewed citizen action groups as a positive thing, citing the Silo Hill group, but said that

COPE is serving the needs of a few individuals, not the town, and has "gone from grass roots to a political action committee."

Staiger said he found COPE "to be a forum no open to a wide variety of ideas."

The most outspoken was Clifford Sweeney, a former town commissioner, who said, "I think the whole town knows how I feel about COPE." His remarks brought a round of laughter. "They have been detrimental...and destroyed our community spirit," he stated.

Craig, COPE vice president, defended the organization: "I don't recognize the organization several members here have described," he said, maintaining that COPE "represented a large number of the town residents."

COPE member Forrence said COPE had been "very beneficial in bringing the voice of the residents to the town council."

The bottom line - election will have long-term impact

The upcoming April 26 town election will potentially be one of the most critical in the town's history, and voters need to think seriously about their votes, and understand the importance of going to the polls.

All the candidates are well aware of the major issues facing the town. If they disagree, it is on how to address those issues in detail.

The candidates acknowledge the need for managed growth. To most, annexation is tolerable if not preferable to allowing neighboring lands to revert to county control. Craig differs only in that he would encourage commercial annexation, not residential.

But the most important aspect of this election is whether or not the town wants a board controlled by members of COPE. Two of four current commissioners are COPE members, and a third would provide a majority, which could even override mayoral vetoes.

The forum proved that every candidate is viable. At the mayoral level, Hoover brings an already commendable record; Mazaleski would bring community health to the forefront, and; Elder would bring his experience working on the town board and water and sewer committee.

At the commissioner level, Rosensteel and Sweeney offer their records as incumbent commissioner and former commissioner respectively; Blanchard and Staiger offer fresh perspectives and clear plans; Craig offers his expansive knowledge of law and the town, and Forrence has both a long love for the community and a reputation for thoroughly researching issues before speaking or offering advice.

The election could chart the course of Emmitsburg for the next 10 to 20 years. Choose wisely!

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April 23 - ThorpeWood Trail Construction. 8:30 a.m. to noon. Construct a short trail to complete the trail system in our restoration area. Registration required: 301-271-2823 or tdemedici@thorpewood.org.

April 23 - 2K Walk. 1-3 p.m. Downtown Westminster. The walk will start and end at 30 Carroll Street. Refreshments, t-shirts, and prizes. Proceeds to benefit Shepherd's Staff, a non-profit organization serving Carroll County. For registration packets, call 410-848-8870 or 410-857-5944.

April 23 - Bingo Banquet. Doors open at 4 p.m.; bingo starts at 7. Union Bridge Fire Hall, 8 West Locust Street, Union Bridge. Cost: \$25, includes meal. Information: 410-775-0001.

April 24 - Community Celebration of God's Good Creation. 10:30 a.m. Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church. Demonstrations, exhibits, environmental information fair, organic food, videos, music by the Incarnation U.C.C. and Presbyterian Church choirs. Free. Donations appreciated.

April 27 - Card Party. Doors open at 6 p.m.; games begin at 7. Emmitsburg Senior Center. Open to the public. Refreshments.

Admission: \$2. Information: 240-236-6350.

April 29 - "A Community that Cares: Help Stop the Violence." Noon to 1:15. Gettysburg Hospital, Community Room A. A panel discussion, personal stories and intervention techniques to help stop domestic violence and sexual assault. Sponsored by Gettysburg Hospital and Survivors, Inc.

April 30 - Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Union Bridge Fire Company, 8 West Locust Street, Union Bridge. Information or to reserve a space (\$10 for 10x10), call 410-775-7104.

April 30 and May 1 - Student Art Show. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fairfield Fine Arts School studio barn, 5075 Fairfield Rd.

April 30 - Sound of Hope concert. 7 p.m. Maranatha Community Church of God, 123 Byte Drive, Frederick. Concert to benefit Hope Alive, Inc., a non-profit Christian organization opening a group home for homeless women and children in Sabillasville. Tickets: \$10; children 13 and under, \$5, available locally and online, www.hopealiveministries.org.

May 1 - Chicken Barbeque. 11 a.m. Lions Club of Emmitsburg. South Seton Avenue across from Getty's.

May 8 - Mother's Day

Breakfast. 7 a.m. to noon. Union Bridge Fire Company, 8 West Locust Street, Union Bridge. All you can eat. Adults: \$5, children 6-12: \$2, under 6: free.

May 8 - Spring Wildflower walk. 11 a.m., Catoctin Mountain Park Visitor Center. Join a ranger for an interpretive wildflower walk along an easy 1/2 mile trail.

May 9 - Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Carriage House Inn, Emmitsburg. Ed McMahon of the Urban Land Institute will speak about "The Dollars and Sense of maintaining the character of your town and area." Open to the public. Cost: \$15, includes buffet lunch. Reservations requested: 301 447 3110.

May 11 - CHS Safe and Sane Class of 2005 Meeting. 7 p.m. Catoctin High School Media Center. Junior parents are invited to attend and are needed to help with the graduation party.

May 14 - Noon Mushrooms and Wild Edibles of the Catoctin Mountains. 9 a.m. ThorpeWood. Limited to 15 participants Fee: \$5 non-members, free for Friends of ThorpeWood. Register by May 6, 301-271-0602. More information: www.thorpewood.org.

May 14 - Third Annual Plant Exchange. 9 a.m.-noon.

Emmitsburg Branch Library parking lot, 300 South Seton Avenue. Sponsored by the Friends of the Emmitsburg Library.

May 14 - International Migratory Bird Day Program. 11 a.m., Catoctin Mountain Park Visitor Center. Join a ranger to learn more about migratory birds, including a video produced for elementary to middle school children. Hands-on related activity.

May 19 - Third Thursday at ThorpeWood. 1-2:30 p.m. Free, but registration required: 301-271-2823.

May 21 - Volunteer Trail Work Days. 9 a.m. at Catoctin Mountain Park, Camp Round Meadow. Help repair and maintain trails to make them safe for hikers and to prevent erosion. Information: 301-663-9388.

May 22 - Spring Wildflower walk. 11 a.m., Catoctin Mountain Park, Owens Creek Picnic Area. Join a ranger for an interpretive wildflower walk along an easy 1/2 mile trail.

May 26 - Spring Ephemerals Walk and Talk. 9-11:30 a.m. ThorpeWood. Limited to 15 participants Fee: \$5 non-members, free for Friends of ThorpeWood Register by May 6, 301-271-0602. More information: www.thorpewood.org

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Join nationally renowned speaker Ed McMahon of the Urban Land Institute at the Carriage House on May 9 at 11:30 a.m. McMahon, the ULI Charles Fraser Senior Resident Fellow for Sustainable Development, will speak on "The dollars and sense of maintaining the character of your town and area." A buffet lunch is included in the \$15 cost. The event is sponsored by the Catoctin Land Trust and co-hosted with the EBPA. Open to the public; reservations requested. Call 301-447-3110.

New Taneytown History Museum Hours

Beginning May 1, the Taneytown History Museum's Friday hours will change. The museum will be open on Fridays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is also open Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. Tours are available by appointment. The Taneytown History Museum is located at 24 E. Baltimore Street, Taneytown, Md. Admission is free.

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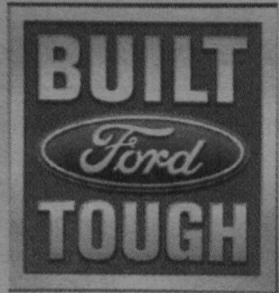
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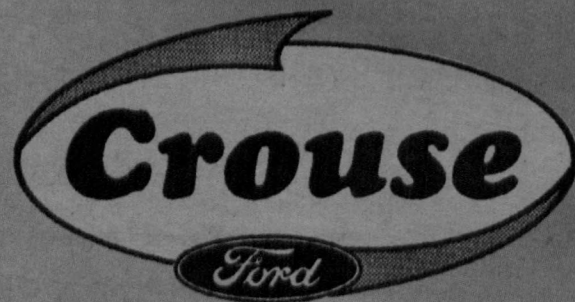
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