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EMS Days at Emmitsburg Ambulance Company

Visitors to Emmitsburg Ambulance Company's open house this past Sunday get a hands-on look at Maryland State Police helipoter Trooper 3. Trooper 3 is one of 12 AS365N3 "Dauphin" helicopters that perform law enforcement and medical evacuation (MedEvac) for the Maryland State Police Aviation Command. See p. 9 for more on EMS Days.

Citizens air school budget concerns

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Staff Writer

Parker Rohrbaugh, a fourth-grade student at Emmitsburg Elementary School (EES), is concerned about the computers at his school. "It takes a long time to connect with the Internet," he said, "and sometimes the computers just freeze up on you." He testified before the Board of County Commissioners, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Linda Burgee, and the Board of Education (BOE) at a public hearing at Catocin High School on May 3.

Rohrbaugh and his father, Herbert, Jr., were among the approximately 85 people who attended the hearing on the Frederick County Public Schools fiscal year 2006 proposed operating budget. Both spoke specifically in favor of the \$1.87 million technology replacement line item, while also advocating full funding of the budget proposal.

According to EES principal Wanda Severance, who did not speak at the hearing, ten years ago EES was one of the first Frederick County schools to receive special state funds targeted for computer

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Thurmont's Cozy opens "Camp David" museum, presidential retreat memorabilia featured

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
News Editor

The Cozy Restaurant & Inn, 103 Frederick Road, Thurmont, has created a Camp David museum, featuring memorabilia and displays establishing ties between Thurmont and presidential administrations back to the 1920s.

"Shangri-La - Camp David," which officially opened May 15, includes a wide array of items ranging from Camp David matchbooks to a section of the White House that burned during Harry S. Truman's presidency.

Wall displays feature numerous newspaper articles that connect the presidential retreat,

along with the presidents who have stayed there, with the Cozy and the Thurmont area.

Owner Jerry Freeze said the number of Camp David-related items given to the Cozy over the years led to his decision about three years ago to establish a display area within the Cozy facilities.

"We have so much to put

up." Freeze told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, "I don't think there is any doubt this is going to grow."

Many of the items were donated by members of the media, including the White House press corps, and by dignitaries and local employees of Camp David.

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Board to take no further action on ethics complaint

State's attorney could send complaint to state prosecutor

BY CHRIS PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners voted 3-0 at the May 16 meeting to take no further action against two commissioners found to have violated ethics regulations, according to a recent investigation by the town's Ethics Commission.

Commissioners William B. O'Neil and Arthur Elder, the subjects of the investigation, abstained from the vote. O'Neil refused to comment on the matter until it has been resolved and Elder could not be reached by press time.

In the investigation report issued in April, both commissioners were found to have violated the

Town Code by misusing the prestige of their positions.

Subsequently the town's Ethics Commission issued cease

and desist orders that instructed O'Neil to refrain from "ordering or directing town employees." O'Neil and Elder were further ordered not

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

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

May 5, 1905 -- A concrete pavement will be laid around St. Joseph's Catholic Church, this summer. The hauling of stone for the work has already been begun.

**Pupils Are on Strike
Public School at Half Way
is Closed
Because They Refuse to
Attend it**

May 19, 1905 -- An unusual condition prevails at the little village of Half Way, on the trolley line between Hagerstown and Williamsport. The graded public school building is closed, owing to the pupils being on strike, and from present indication, the school will not resume business until next fall.

Thirty punky girls and boys walked out of the school the other day and refused to go back. The importunities of their parents and the peace offerings held out by the board of school commissioners and the teachers refuse to conciliate the little strikers, who are as determinedly settled in their action as any set of men that ever struck.

The trouble had its beginning when the school commissioners decided that the lower grade school, Miss Lulu Smith, teacher, would have to be closed on account of the attendance falling below the lawful average. The few remaining pupils in the room were ordered to go into Principal D.H. Garver's room to complete the term of several weeks.

It appears that Miss Smith had made arrangements for oral examination to be held this week, and the pupils in her room had spent days preparing themselves for the forthcoming event. When the instructions came that the school should be closed, the pupils to the number of thirty arose in arms and protested against the plan. The few pupils in Principal Garver's room, with the exception of one or two through sympathy for the indignant pupils joined forces with them, and after a consultation among themselves, decided to leave school. Accordingly, they marched out of the building in a body, and though the school bell was rung for several days afterward, the building remained vacant except for the presence of Principal Garver and two faithful ones.

The striking pupils said they would go back if Miss Smith would

be allowed to teach another week and to hold her examinations, but the school commissioners could not see the matter that way, and Principal Garver was compelled to give up his duties there and return to Hagerstown.

Saturday afternoon the little strikers celebrated the event by holding a picnic in the woods near the schoolhouse, and the exercises which were to have been held in the building took place beneath spreading oaks. Miss Smith was present and also a number of the parents of the pupils. Many of the latter, it is understood, are in perfect sympathy with the children, though there are no harsh feelings manifested by either the pupils or their parents. *Balto. Herald.*

Decoration Day Services

May 26, 1905 -- The annual Decoration Day Services will be held in this place, on Tuesday, May 30, under the auspices of Arthur Post, No. 41, G.A.R. The services will be held in the Public School House beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning, and will open with an Invocation by Rev. A.M. Gluck, and the address will be delivered by Rev. James Nourse. The Benediction will be pronounced at the close of the services in the Lutheran cemetery by Rev. Charles Reinwald. The Emmitsburg Choral Union will furnish vocal and instrumental music. The Creagerstown Cornet Band will also be in attendance and furnish music for the parade, which takes place immediately after the exercises at the school house. The graves of deceased comrades will be decorated with flowers by committees from Arthur Post.

Town Election

At the election on Monday for a Burgess and six Commissioners to manage the affairs of Emmitsburg during the ensuing year, the following were elected: Burgess, E.L. Frizell, re-elected; Commissioners Oscar D. Frailey, John T. Long, Edward Chrismer, J.Thos. Gelwicks, Eugene E. Zimmerman, and H. Morris Gillelan.

On Friday afternoon, May 5th, the Emmitsburg High School Base Ball Team defeated the Catholic School Base Ball Team, of this place. Score 23 to 7. A fine ball was presented the winners by Mr. Charles C. Kretzer.

May 12, 1905 -- The members of the Choral Union are requested to meet at the Public School House, in this place, on next Thursday evening June 18 at 8 o'clock to practice hymns for the Memorial Day Services. A large attendance is desired.

Decoration Day Excursion

May 19, 1905 -- The Emmitsburg Railroad will sell excursion tickets from all points on its line to Pen-Mar, on May 30, 1905, at 75 cents round trip. Children under 12 years, 40 cents. Train leaves Emmitsburg at 10 A.M., and returning leaves Pen-Mar at 6:15 P.M. This will give a full day's outing at this attractive mountain resort, more inviting than ever by the new attractions placed on the grounds this season. Go and take your families and friends with you.

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Thurmont's Cozy opened its new "Camp David" museum to a host of guests this past Sunday night.

Museum

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The exhibit "foyer" is an accurate replication of the entrance to the presidential home at Camp David, Aspen Lodge. Near the cabin front sits an original section of post and rail fence from Camp David, saved by and donated by Linda Ballenger of Rocky Ridge.

Cozy Banquet Coordinator Carole David said the fence section gives people "something from Camp David that they can actually touch." A worker on the property had obtained the fence and had used it to surround his family's yard. When he replaced the fence, Ballenger asked if she could have the Camp David one.

In addition to the display, Freeze said he wants to feature

more "presidential treats" at the Cozy, including various presidents' favorite snack foods, as well as incorporating White House meals in the restaurant's menu.

Commissioner Michael L. Cady attended the May 13 press preview, and used the opportunity to thank Jerry Freeze on behalf of the International Weightlifting Federation for the Cozy's participation in the 7th World Weightlifting Championships for University and College Students. Cady also donated a number of items to be displayed in Cozy's world weightlifting exhibit.

Following the official museum ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 15, Cady announced his intention to run for reelection as county commissioner.

Freeze's father, Wilbur R. Freeze, established the Cozy Inn & Restaurant in 1929. The initial establishment consisted of three cottages, tents, showers, restrooms and a gas station. In 1933, a tavern was added. The Cozy has since grown into a 750-seat restaurant with a 21-room inn and numerous shops.

Camp David was set aside from

the Catoctin Mountain Park, which had originally been founded in 1935 to provide work during the depression and as a recreational area for federal employees. The presidential retreat itself was established in 1942

and was originally called "Camp Shangri-La" by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. President Dwight D. Eisenhower subsequently changed its name to "Camp David," in honor of his grandson.



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(L-R) Mike Cady, Frederick County Commissioner; Roscoe Bartlett, Congressman 6th District; Jerry Freeze, owner Cozy Restaurant; Martin Burns, Thurmont Mayor; and Delegate Paul Stull, District 4A, participate in the opening of Cozy's "Camp David" Museum.

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EDITORIAL

A Missed Opportunity – and a Second Chance

Northern Frederick county residents missed an important opportunity to learn about, and speak on behalf of their children's schools on May 3. For the first time ever, all of the Frederick County commissioners and all the members of the elected school board held a school budget hearing in our backyard, and almost nobody came.

For several generations the standard cries from residents here have been that no one "down there" – the county commissioners or board of education in Frederick – "pays any attention to us," or "cares about us," or especially, "cares about the needs of our kids."

This time those folks came to us.

Kudos to the Rohrbaugh family, Commissioner Staiger, and Catherine Forrence for attending and speaking up. Thank you, Wanda Severance and the Emmitsburg

teachers who attended – it made a long day for you as well.

But only about 85 people attended the school budget hearing held at Catocin High School, and many of them came from other parts, and other constituencies, in the county and its school system.

Of the 23 people who spoke, eight were lacrosse coaches, players, and some of the players' parents. They came from Catocin, Ballenger Creek and as far away as Urbana, rallying in favor of one \$28,000 expenditure.

Not that sports aren't important, but what about the need for additional school psychologists? What about speaking out on behalf of our school support staff? Why not attend to the ideas of our new school superintendent, a Frederick County native, who even worked as Emmitsburg Elementary School principal for several years?

It was an important move on the part of the Board of Education

(BOE) and the commissioners to hold a school budget meeting in this part of the county. But if attendance continues to be minimal, we're going to lose the opportunity to speak to these officials on our home turf.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Linda Burgee will be coming to the Catocin feeder area on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. for the annual "conversation with the superintendent," to be held at Emmitsburg Elementary School. This is a second chance to hear her talk about the schools, and to ask your questions and make suggestions. Don't miss this opportunity.

Bear in mind that if residents don't attend meetings held locally, the BOE, the commissioners and the superintendent may assume that no one is interested in the school budget, and they'll go back to holding their hearings in Frederick.

Budget

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and software purchases. That equipment is now out-of-date.

Nineteen others, including Superintendent Burgee, spoke to various budget issues. Burgee said the budget process had been "collaborative and positive," an assessment later echoed by Commissioners Mike Cady and Jan Gardner.

But she brought "the bad news," learned earlier in the day, that state funds will be reduced by \$500,000. The money had been intended to fund all-day kindergarten, reduce class size, and help meet other requirements imposed by the Maryland legislature following the Thornton commission education study conducted during the Glendening administration.

Chris Staiger, newly elected Emmitsburg commissioner, spoke in support of full funding, and Catherine Forrence, Emmitsburg, testified on behalf of the budget as well.

The topic with the greatest number of speakers – eight in all – was the \$28,000 line-item request for start-up funds for junior varsity (JV) lacrosse. Cady, known for his support of youth athletics, commended their enthusiasm and advised them not to give up, but noted that "their request is not the highest priority" this year.

Melanie Hoffman, head of FCPS psychological services, spoke about the need for additional psychologists and counselors. She pointed out that the county provides only one psychologist for every 2,000 students, below both the national average, 1/1,500, and the American Psychological Association recommendation, 1/1,000. In this school year counselors have been pulled from their regular duties to lend extra support at Walkersville and Linganore High Schools to help students cope with the sudden deaths of classmates.

The president of the group representing the school support personnel spoke on their behalf, and the president of the Frederick County Teachers Association

advocated for them.

It was also a chance for the public to meet, and hear, Frederick County's new school superintendent. Burgee is a Frederick County native, a graduate of Linganore High School, who returned to the county to teach and become an elementary school administrator. She was the principal of Emmitsburg Elementary School for five years, and former supervisor of county elementary schools.

Five county commissioners attended the hearing: John L. "Lennie" Thompson, Jr., Cady, Gardner, Bruce Reeder, and John Lovell. County Manager Douglas Browning and BOE Finance Division Director Joe Zimmerman introduced the proposed budget. All BOE members were also present: Bonnie Borsa (president), Jean Smith, Daryl Boffman, Kathryn Groth, Donna Crook, Michael Schaden, and Barbara Craig.

The school budget adoption hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on June 7, in Winchester Hall, Frederick.

Correction:

Attorney Scott L. Rolle was incorrectly identified as an attorney with the state Attorney General's Office in a May 6 Dispatch article, "Ethics report in attorney general's office." Rolle is the state's attorney for Frederick County. The newspaper apologizes for the error.

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County schools to hold Peer Mediation Conference

The Frederick County Public Schools will hold its 8th Annual Peer Mediation Conference on June 1, sponsored by elementary school counselors.

This year's conference, "Be Brave: Take a Stand," will offer students strategies for solving conflicts in a positive way, especially

where bullies are concerned.

The conference is open to 350 fifth graders who are trained and volunteer as peer mediators and student mentors in their respective schools.

For further information, contact Sharon Boettinger, 301-644-5224.

FCPS Earns "What Parents Want" Award

Frederick County Public Schools is among the top 16 percent of the nation's 15,573 public school systems to earn

the 2005 "What Parents Want" award from SchoolMatch, America's largest school-selection consulting firm.

County high schools rank in America's Top 100

Five Frederick County schools are among the 1,000 "Best American High Schools," according to the May 16 issue of *Newsweek* magazine.

Middletown High School was ranked 410, Gov. Thomas Johnson High School 595, Urbana High School 613, Walkersville High School 662, and Frederick High School 932.

The ranking system employed "the challenge index," developed by *The Washington Post* education writer, Jay Mathews. A school's ranking is derived by dividing the number of advanced placement or international baccalaureate tests taken by all students at a school in May 2004 by the number of seniors graduating from that school in June.

TOWN NEWS

Town may finally convert parking meters to new rates But thousands in after-school monies already forfeited

By RICHARD D. L. FULTON
News Editor

Emmitsburg may have lost more than \$10,000 during the past year because town staff has been unable to convert parking meters to accept a year-old, previously approved rate increase.

The board of commissioners approved the new rate on April 5, 2004, projecting a revenue increase of \$28,800 annually by doubling the rate for the 133 parking meters on Main Street.

The town received, and continues to receive, up to \$14,400 annually from the old meter rate, about \$1,000 to \$1,200 per month, according to town revenue estimates given in April 2004. The approved increase approximated a four percent real estate tax increase, which translates into the town, instead, having lost an equivalent amount of money.

After-school program losing thousands

Parking meter revenue is generally earmarked for the after-school program, which recently lost its county financial support. That program would have received at least \$10,000 in additional funds had the meters been converted when the needed equipment initially arrived in July 2004.

That figure represents revenue forfeited from August 2004 to date. Even though the conversion equipment was on hand in July, it probably could not have been installed before the beginning of August.

Had the equipment arrived in April 2004, when the change was approved, the revenue loss would have been more than \$14,000 to date.

Town Manager David Haller

told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* in early 2005 that the meter-generated revenue all goes to the after-school programs, along with parking permit revenues and fines.

Town had no idea how to convert meters

The conversion kits, which cost about \$10 each for a total of about \$1,330, were ordered in June 2004, and arrived in July. They have sat uninstalled ever since then, according to Haller, although town staff has tried to figure out how to make the changeover.

He said the conversion mechanisms "are not that easy to figure out," adding that the town might need to hire somebody to do the conversion.

However, Mayor James E.

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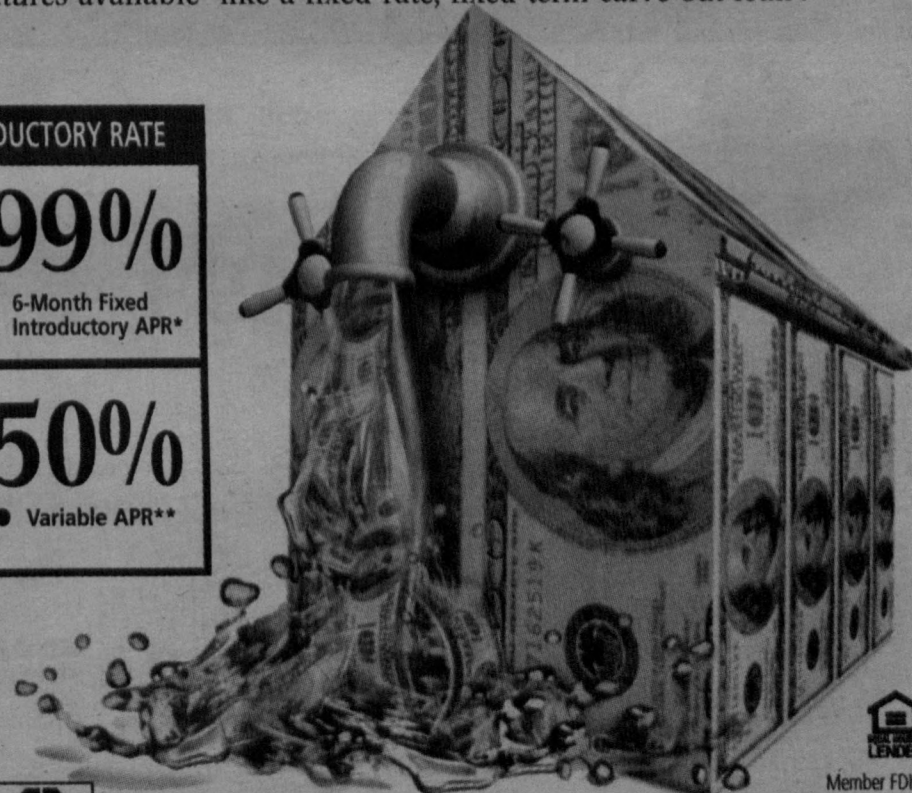
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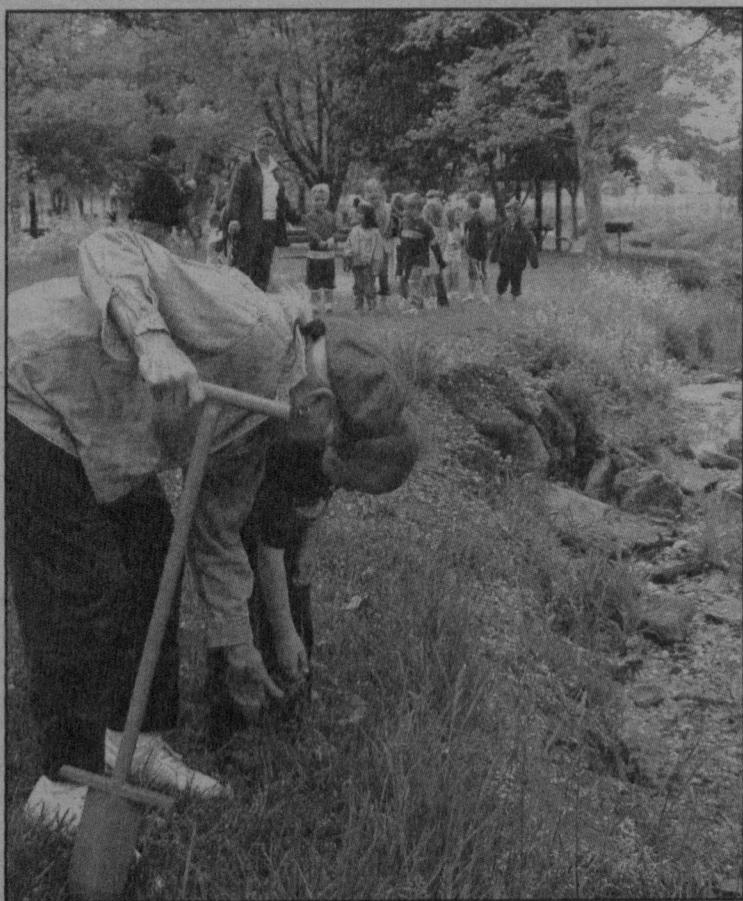
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Children plant new trees

Emmitsburg Elementary School children planted replacement seedlings along Willow Rill in Emmitsburg Memorial Park on May 13, as part of the New Forest Society's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. Elizabeth Prongas, of the New Forest Society, helped the children plant them. Trees the children had planted in mid-April had been uprooted and tossed into the stream. The police have not yet discovered who vandalized the children's earlier efforts.

Meters

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Hoover told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* on May 16 that the town has not contacted anyone to help with the conversion, but said he knows how to make the changeover.

Hoover said the conversions would be completed in about a month, and that he will soon instruct the town staff on how to install the conversion mechanisms.

Until the meters have been converted to the new rate, the after-school program could continue to lose as much as \$1,000 per month, or more.

Despite the loss of the additional meter revenue, the town has been able to provide funding to the after-school program, and has raised monies through commercial contributions as well.

Ethics

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to participate in issues relating to the businesses of the two ethics complainants, Silo Hill Car Wash and Custom Image Printing.

Following the commissioners' vote, Mayor James Hoover said, "It is time to close this issue. It's in the best interest of this town

Town News Briefs ...

Mayor proposes 2006 general budget No property tax increase expected

Emmitsburg Mayor James E. Hoover presented the board of commissioners on May 16 with a draft of the proposed general fund budget for fiscal year 2006.

The \$1,315,992 budget was presented to the board for its consideration at upcoming town meetings.

Hoover did say that the proposed budget, which he and town staff have prepared, would not necessitate a property tax increase if adopted as submitted.

The enterprise fund budget is being developed and will be presented at a future date.

Community water reserves to increase

Emmitsburg will be gaining an additional water supply in three to six months because of an additional groundwater well.

The town has accepted a \$58,910 bid from Andrew & Sons, Emmitsburg, to connect a previously drilled well

(designated as Well #4) to the water delivery system.

According to Town Manager David Haller, the new connection will add approximately 40,000 gallons per day to the town water supplies, roughly equating to an additional 160 residential taps.

to build a working relationship among the board."

He told *The Dispatch* that the town would send a letter this week to Frederick County State's Attorney Scott Rolle stating the board of commissioners' decision not to pursue further action.

However, the matter is not over for O'Neil and Elder because it is now in the county's hands and could be referred to the state for action.

Rolle has received a request for a review of the complaint from the Emmitsburg Ethics Commission, an attorney involved in the case, and one of the complainants, he said in a phone interview this week.

Rolle would not name the attorney or the complainant. However, David Runkle, whose wife owns Custom Image Printing, confirmed that he was the complainant who asked Rolle to consider the case for further action.

Following the vote by the town's board, any further action against the commissioners would have to be initiated by Rolle's office. The town code provides for a maximum penalty to be levied of \$500 or up to 30 days in jail for the violations.

Rolle, who just returned from trying a murder case in Puerto Rico, said Wednesday that it will be a week to 10 days before he will

make a determination about what action he will take regarding the matter.

"I don't want to delay this. I know it's important stuff," Rolle said. "... I want to come to the right conclusion."

Rolle's office will either conduct a comprehensive review of the complaint for further prosecution or forward the complaint to the Office of the State Prosecutor, or drop the matter, he said. He will, however, take the next week or so to review the documents he has received and perhaps conduct a limited number of interviews to determine what should be done, he noted.

Rolle said that a move to send the matter to the State Prosecutor's Office would not mean Rolle had determined that further action was necessary. Sending the case to the state would only serve to give the matter a fresh, objective view and is often done in these kinds of situations, he said.

In 2002, the State Prosecutor's Office was called upon to investigate a complaint by Thurmont police officers who alleged that the Police Department's command staff had illegally video and audio taped them in 2001. The State Prosecutor's Office ultimately recommended no prosecution of anyone involved.

News Editor Richard D.L. Fulton contributed to this article.

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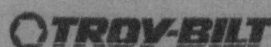
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A Word from the Mayor

Actions to benefit the town's general welfare

As I begin my second term as your mayor, I would very much like to thank all the citizens of Emmitsburg for the support and confidence you've given me during the past three years. I look forward to continuing to serve you and making every effort to address those issues, raised by you, the voters, during this spring's election. As we move forward these next three years, the most important component in setting the town's agenda will continue to be listening to, and learning from, the residents and taxpayers of Emmitsburg.

During my first three years as mayor, I have consistently stressed the need for town government to be more open and accessible. This not only goes for the town staff, but your mayor as well. One of the true benefits of small town life is the ability to interact directly with your elected officials. Quite frequently, I receive numerous inquiries from individuals with particular questions and or issues. It is a part of the job that I very much enjoy, and I welcome your questions.

However, as mayor, I am asked to wear different hats at different times. One of these responsibilities is to serve as chief executive officer for the town. Like any CEO, my principal responsibility, as mayor, is to see to the "general welfare" of the organization I serve. In my case, this is the "general welfare" of the town of Emmitsburg.

In trying to be responsive to the needs of individual citizens and yet see to the "general welfare" of the town, it is inevitable that these two worthy goals sometimes come into conflict. Lately, I have become increasingly aware of how often dilemmas surface regarding questions surrounding the town's infrastructure.

During my first term, I can think of no single concern that has been more important to the citizens than the repair of our water and sewer systems. These concerns have not gone unheard. Over the past three years, your elected officials

have responded to your concerns by undertaking an aggressive program of repair, and put funding mechanisms in place to insure that developers "pay their own way." In this sense we have made it clear that those who impact the system must bear some responsibility for its repair and maintenance.

While these development issues grab the headlines, they are certainly not the only places where costs can be transferred from individuals to the public at large. Where such transfers are apparent, regardless of their scope or size, it is in the best interest of the citizens at large for the town to intervene.

In response to the growing need, the town has implemented new permits (Street Cut Permits and Infrastructure Alteration Permits), that individuals must obtain prior to altering a connection or creating a new connection to the town's infrastructure.

These permits help the town monitor the work being done by private contractors which helps us ensure that those who benefit from this work will be held accountable for paying for it. For some time, the town has been concerned that such work performed by individual contractors needed to be more thoroughly supervised and inspected to insure proper installation. In implementing these requirements, there may be conflicts between what individual's desire and what benefits the public at large. As your mayor, it is my duty in such instances to look to what benefits us all.

All permits are administered by the town Planning and Zoning Office. Phone 240- 629-6303. Before beginning any projects, even the simplest ones like a shed or a fence, it is always best to contact the Planning and Zoning department in advance and be advised of any permits and or regulations that may apply to your project.

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Mayor of Emmitsburg

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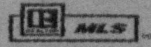
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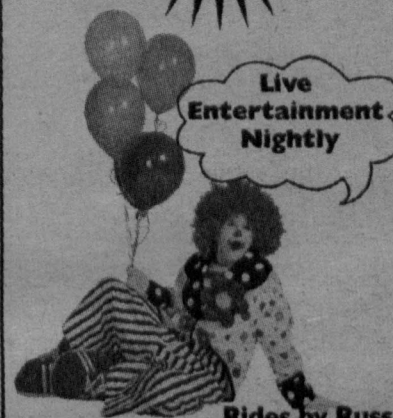
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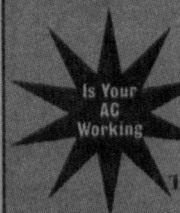
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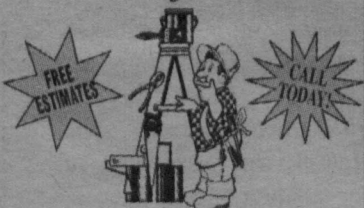


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Gene Edwin Gochenour

Gene Edwin Gochenour, 66, North Church Street, Thurmont, died Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at his home.

Born Aug. 7, 1938 in Emmitsburg, he was the son of the late Claude Arthur and Ruth Smith Gochenour, and his late stepfather, William J. Myers.

He was a member of St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg.

Surviving is his wife, Ruth Devonne Sanders Gochenour; six children, John Gochenour of Emmitsburg, Richard Gochenour of Gettysburg, Pa., Joseph Gochenour of Gettysburg, Pa., Pam Stump of Dillsburg, Pa., Michael Gochenour and Christina Miller, both of Clarksburg, Pa.; two step-brothers, William Myers and Francis Myers; and a stepsister, Elizabeth Yingling; seven grandchildren; two sisters, Dottie Cowley of Baltimore and Mariann Myers of Emmitsburg; three brothers, Claude A. Gochenour of California, Chester Gochenour of Blue Ridge Summit, Pa., and Donald Gochenour of Thurmont.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Charles Gochenour, Leon Gochenour, Merle Gochenour and Harold Gochenour, and a stepbrother, Robert Myers.

Graveside funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 7 at Fairfield Union Cemetery, Fairfield, Pa., with his pastor, the Rev. James Hannon, officiating. Arrangements were made by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.



-RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH

Mother Seton School students, accompanied by parents and teachers, walk along the main access road on the grounds of the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) as part of their route in a walkathon on May 6.

Walkathon to benefit cancer research

More than 400 students, parents and volunteer monitors took part in Mother Seton School's Walkathon on May 6, 2005. This annual event, started more than 30 years ago, raises money for charities selected by the MSS community. The 2005 walk was dedicated to cancer research and donations will be accepted throughout the summer months. The walk route includes areas around St. Catherine's Nursing Center, the Provincial House grounds, and also FEMA's (Federal Emergency Management Agency) property, which requires the school to apply each year for permission and security clearances.

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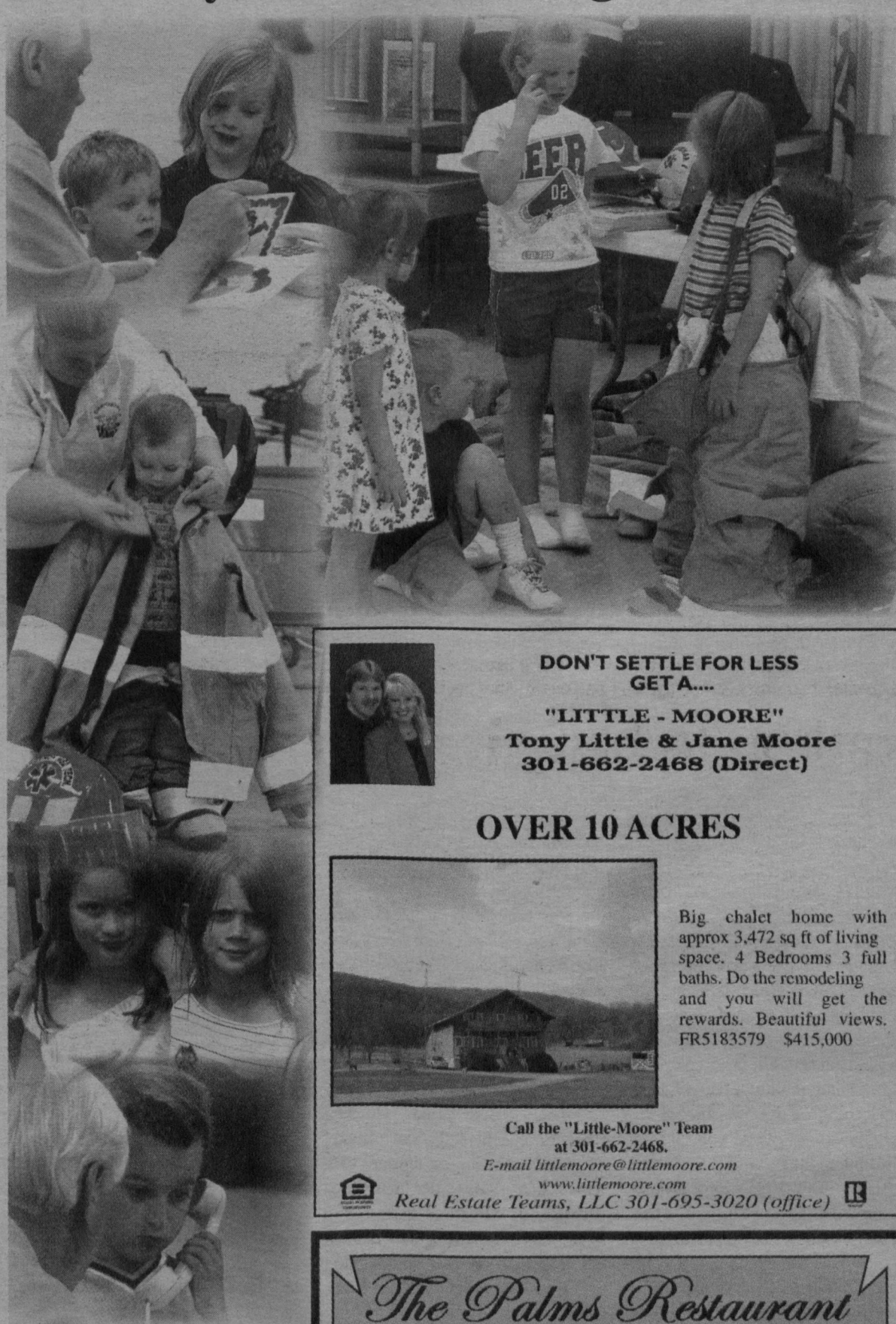
Spc. Jeremy S. Sweeney, 26, Main St. Emmitsburg, has been deployed for 18 months to Baghdad, Iraq. Sweeney, a reservist with the Hagarstown unit of the Army National Guard was deployed with the 229th Guard unit in Baltimore and the 10th Special Task Force. He is the son of Ron and Julie Sweeney.

Lincoln Avenue Road Delays

AT&T expects to complete work on a section of fiber optic cable being laid down Lincoln Avenue in Emmitsburg by late May.

Town Planner Michael Lucas said that the cable installation would necessitate some temporary closures of sections of Lincoln Avenue daily during the construction period.

EMS Days at Emmitsburg Ambulance



Over 100 children participated in Emmitsburg Ambulance Co. EMS Days Open House on May 15. In keeping with this year's National EMS (Emergency Medical Services) week theme, "Child Safety Week," the company provided safety

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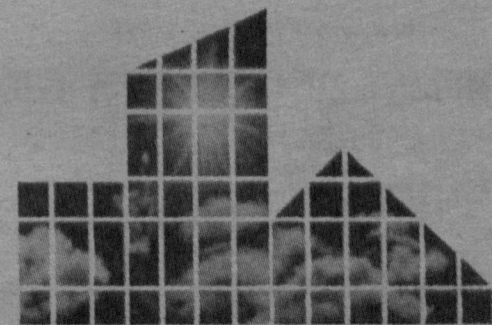
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SPORTS



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Giants come back from 10 run deficit to defeat Taneytown Red Sox

Emmitsburg Giants Patrick Little slides home off a triple hit by Nick Myers at the bottom of the sixth inning to beat the Taneytown Red Sox this past Saturday. The Giants came back from a score of 11-2 in the bottom of the second to win the game 14-13. The win brought the teams record to seven wins and one lose for the season so far. The Cardinals, Emmitsburg's other major league team for 9-10 year-olds, currently stands with a record of 1-7. Emmitsburg's 11-12 year-old teams are the Dodgers and Red Sox. The Dodgers record currently stands at 5-1 and the Sox are 1-4. These four major league teams are mid-way through the season, with 8 regular season games left for the 9-10 year-olds and 12 games for the 11-12 year-olds to be played by summer's end.

Larry Little, owner of One More Tavern, stands at the fence to root the Giants on. Little played on the first Emmitsburg Little League Giants team in 1955. He is Patrick's grandfather.

Outside the Game
A Stern Fine

By A.J. RUSSO
Sports Editor

NBA Commissioner David Stern was so quick and lethal with his fine of Houston Rockets' Coach Jeff Van Gundy for suggesting refs are making biased calls against Yao Ming, that it made Stern seem like he was hiding something.

But, what could he be hiding? Surely no one believes that referees are biased when they make calls. Do they?

Well, at least ... not until recently.

We uncovered a videotape recording of referee Mark Madhat and fellow official Trent "Too Tall" Johnson.

The conversation took place late one night, over a year ago, after a Lakers game, in a bar in East LA. Although I have a copy of the video (recorded on a video cell phone) my source will go unnamed. Let's just call him "shallow throat" and say he frequents the bar after most games.

Madhat (taking a sip of beer and leaning on the bar, braced by his elbows) - Noticed you laid off O'Neill tonight.

Too Tall (glancing around the crowded bar) - You did? How much? I only let a couple of calls go. Shack's been a pain in the ... all season. What a baby. Thinks every time someone touches him it's a foul. I just don't want to deal with his tomorrow. Besides,'s been flowing from the Lakers' box for weeks. According to ownership, Shack golden eggs.

Madhat (smiling and nodding) - I thought it was because the big man promised to show up at

your camp this summer.

Too Tall (sweating) - How'd you know about that?

Madhat - I've got ears, don't I? I heard him complaining about the ten grand you were going to pay him.

Too Tall - Why that ...

Madhat (interrupting) - Easy, big fella. I'm with you. I've got enough aggravation at home. Why do you think I'm here? Besides, relax, I was the only one who heard. Just be happy the Commish wasn't around ... It was a lot easier back in the day, wasn't it? Remember the Jordan days. I've actually got to go to Foot Locker for my shoes now.

The NBA fined Houston Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy \$100,000 - the largest amount ever for a coach - a day after he accused officials of targeting center Yao Ming this postseason. He blamed the targeting on the complaining of Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban.

While Van Gundy laughed and Yao reached in his wallet to pick up half the tab, Commissioner David Stern called the fine "an intermediary step," adding that an investigation will continue once the Rockets finish their playoff run, implying that Van Gundy could face a lifetime ban.

After the Rockets' 103-100 loss to the Mavericks in Game 5, Van Gundy stood by what he had said - a referee, not working the playoffs, called him after the Rockets went up 2-0 and warned that Yao was mentioned in an online evaluation from supervisor of officials Ronnie Nunn.

The fine was twice the previous largest - \$50,000 to Pat Riley in 2003 and the same amount to Phil Jackson in 2004. When reminded of that, Van Gundy said, "If that's the worst thing that's happened in the NBA from a coaching perspective, so be it."

Cuban, who has been fined more than \$1 million for complaining about officials since buying the team five years ago, said, "It's nice to see someone else buying the coffee and danish for the NBA."

The conversation in East LA is purely fictitious ... I think.

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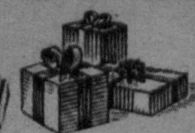
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With graduation just around the corner, Sunday, May 22, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our graduates and highlight those from the surrounding communities.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

*Arts & Entertainment***"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"**

Open Auditions for Thurmont Thespians' Summer Youth Music Theatre Production-Introductory level theatre for children

Open auditions for children ages 6-13 for the Thurmont Thespians Summer Youth Theatre production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" will be held Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m.-noon, and May 23 and 24 from 6-8 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 15 North Church Street, Thurmont (next to the Guardian Hose Fire House. Parking behind the church and firehouse is free).

Auditions will consist of script readings and/or singing a short Christmas song or telling a story.

Artistic Director Beth Royer Watson will oversee the direction of the production for eight performances, Thursday through Sunday, July 28-31 and August 4-7 at the Thurmont American Legion Auditorium.

The Thurmont Thespians Summer Youth Music Theatre program provides introductory level theatre for interested children or teens in alternating years. It is led by an experienced all-volunteer staff of trained community theatre directors, choreographers and

technical support personnel.

This year's production will teach all phases of performing arts while preparing the children to appear on stage. The program is free for all participants. Children who want an on-stage role may receive one if they agree to attend required rehearsals and behave appropriately.

Profits will again be donated to a local non-profit charity. The Catocin Recreation Council, which benefits area boys and girls softball and basketball, is this year's designated recipient.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" will feature music and lyrics by Richard Wilson and the rarely produced full-length version of the Barbara Robinson's classic children's book and play, specially released to Artistic Director Beth Royer Watson, who directed the very first production of Robinson's play twenty-five years ago in West Chester, Pa. Watson is also arranging for a special visit by the author during one of the rehearsal or performance weekends to meet the cast. For more information, contact Watson at 301-416-0864 or e-mail

her at thurmontthespians@myactv.net.

The Thurmont Thespians Summer Youth Theatre program is neither a "summer day camp" nor a free baby-sitting service. Children are expected to attend three early evening rehearsals and a Saturday morning rehearsal up to two and one half hours in length for up to six weeks prior to opening the show. They must also attend every performance. Parental permission and volunteer time commitments are also required.

The Thurmont Thespians, Inc. is a church-affiliated 501(c)(3) non-profit community theatre operating in the State of Maryland. The theatre is a member of the American Association of Community Theatres and the Maryland Community Theatre Festival Association and has received grants from the Maryland State Arts Council, the Frederick Arts Council and the Community Foundation of Frederick County, Inc. For more information about the organization's history and current activities, visit www.thurmontthespians.org.

Just a short drive...

Pennsylvania Lavender Festival

By JOYCE M. DEMMITT
Managing Editor

Tom and Madeline Wajda expect five thousand people to attend the fourth annual Pennsylvania Lavender Festival June 17-19 at Willow Pond Farm, Fairfield, Pa.

The only such festival in the mid-Atlantic region, the Pennsylvania Lavender Festival includes tours of lavender fields and demonstration gardens, workshops by nationally known experts, herbal cuisine and cut-your-own lavender from the farm's two-acre field, live music, Provençal table linens, a children's corner, and lavender plants and products.

Tom and Madeline Wajda (pronounced Vy-da) retired from the U.S. diplomatic corps after 32 years, and began to raise organic herbs on their 1760s farm near Fairfield in 1995. Madeline's interest in herbs comes from her life-long love of cooking. She studied cuisine in Paris and regularly lectures on cooking. She produces herbal jellies, vinegars, honeys, teas and seasonings from Willow Farm lavender and herbs.

Willow Pond Farm is certified organic. There are more than 1500 plants in the lavender field and the Wajdas plan to double that number in the next two years. Tom propagates nearly all the plants sold at the 32-acre farm including some 70 varieties of lavender, three exclusive to Willow Farm. Also a Penn State Master Gardener, he regularly speaks and writes on organic gardening, herbs, and lavender.

Festival hours: Friday, June 17, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, June 18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and

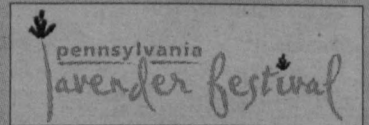


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Tom Wajda pulls weeds in preparation for the thousands that may walk through his two-acre field to cut lavender on June 17-19.

Sunday, June 19, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Workshops: 15 participant limit, \$15 fee. Admission to the festival: \$2, children 12 and under are free, as are parking and the shuttle.

Directions from Emmitsburg: Go west on Rt. 140 through Emmitsburg. At the gas station, .8 mile west of Emmitsburg, turn right onto Tract Rd. and follow it 6.3 miles to Willow Pond Farm on the left. For a complete schedule or more information, call 717-642-6387 or visit www.palavenderfestival.com.



Editor's Note: This new monthly column will highlight a nearby attraction or event, just a short drive away, of interest to the entire family. If you have suggestions for upcoming issues, please submit them to editor@emmitsburgdispatch.com. Please include your contact information should we have questions.

Creative Kids Programs

Emmitsburg Teen & Children's Praise Choirs:

Creative Kids Academy of Emmitsburg. Monday evenings at Trinity United Methodist Church, 313-315 West Main Street, Emmitsburg. Under the direction of Jennifer Joy. Spring season runs May 2 through June 6. \$15 music fee per child.

Kids Summer Camp:

9:30 a.m. to noon, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg. Ages 5-10. Ballet and craft camp sessions. Ballet lessons and story time, followed by snack and arts and craft. Sessions: June 27, 28, 29; July 11, 12, 13; July 25, 26, 27. Tuition: \$45.

LOOKING AHEAD

A&E Calendar

Concerts

June 5 - Sunday in the Park 2005. 7 p.m. Gettysburg Recreation Park Amphitheater. Performance by the Shippensburg Town Band. Information: 717-334-2028.

June 12 - Concerts in the Park. 6 p.m. Emmitsburg Memorial Park (behind the post office). Emmitsburg Community Chorus will sing Broadway medleys and tunes from Broadway musicals.

June 19 - Sunday in the Park. 7 p.m. Gettysburg Recreation Park. Features The Willys. Information: 717-334-2028

Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

June 3 - First Friday Gettysburg Style. Evening. Throughout Gettysburg. Artists' receptions, refreshments, sales, music and later evening hours.

June 4 - Art in the Park. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Westminster City Hall Park. Free. Open to the public. Continuous music. Juried art. Free kids crafts. Rain or shine. Information: 410-848-7272.

Literary

May 21 - Book signing. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. Peter's Books & Gifts Cafe. Author and

Mariologist Professor Courtney Bartholomew, M.D. to sign his latest book "The last Help Before The End of Time."

June 16 - Book signing. 7 p.m. Emmitsburg Branch Library. Paul A. Clarke, Ed.D. to speak and sign copies of his book "Emmitsburg, Maryland, Its Catholic Heritage and the legacy of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton."

June 25 and Saturdays through Aug. 6 - Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital. 8 p.m. Christ Church, 30 Chambersburg Street, Gettysburg. Live Civil War era music featuring Folk and Friends, poetry and readings from hospital diaries. Candlelight, music, stories and refreshments. Information: 717-334-5212.

Music Festivals

June 11 - Lyme Jam Music Festival. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Gettysburg Recreation Park. Proceeds to raise awareness about Lyme disease.

June 17-19 - Gettysburg Brass Band Festival. Drum and Bugle Corps, bands and ensembles, workshops, concerts. Information: www.gettysburgbrassbandfestival.org or 717-337-3491.

July 16 - Adams County Irish Festival. 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Gettysburg Moose Park. Irish music, dance, food, gifts, crafts, living history encampments. Information: 717-632-8627 or www.adamscountyirishfestival.com.

Aug. 25-28 - Gettysburg Bluegrass Festival. Granite Hill Campground, 6 miles west of Gettysburg on Pa. Rt. 116. Information: www.gettysburgbluegrass.com or 717-642-8749.

Sept. 10-11 - Gettysburg Wine and Music Festival. Noon to 6 p.m. Gettysburg Recreation Park. Information: www.gettysburgwine.com or 717-334-8151.

Stage

July 28-31 and August 4-7 - "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." Thurmont American Legion Auditorium. Thurmont Thespians Summer Youth Music Theatre. Information: 301-416-0864 or e-mail thurmontthespians@myactv.net.

Tours, Demonstrations

June 4-5 - Shepherdstown Back Alley Garden Tour and Tea. Shepherdstown, W.Va. Self-guided walking tours of public and private gardens, demonstrations, vendors and tea. Advance tickets, \$15; during the event, \$18. Information: 304-876-9249 or www.backalleygarden.org.

Submit items for the A&E Calendar by mail to P.O. Box 358, Emmitsburg, MD 21727; fax 717-334-0423; e-mail to editor @emmitsburgdispatch.com.

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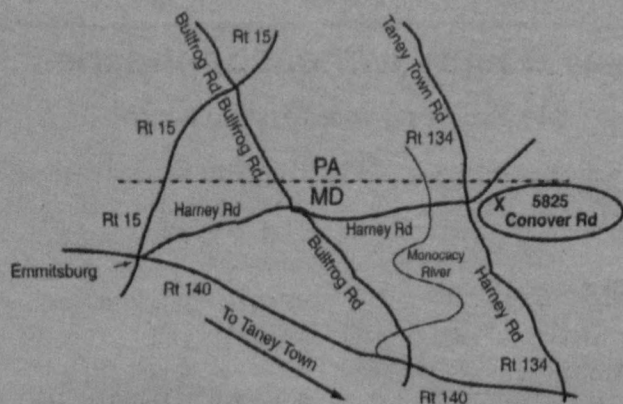
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Quilters Photos on quilts, or in an album?



BY
MARY ELLEN
CUMMINGS
*Dispatch
Columnist*

Modern quilting techniques are like a foreign language to me. However, there are some older patterns using modern methods that I would like to try — some day. But after reading directions, I get discouraged by steps 1-4.

A friend started a "Cathedral Windows" quilt on which she would include the new method of photos on fabric. I thought I would capitalize on her experience and make my own. However, there were steps 1-4!

The group I work with has quilted on several quilts with blocks using the bonding (fusion) method of photos and logos on fabric. Before the quilt sandwich was in the frames, some of these photos were starting to peel! They could not be stitched through and because the

bonding material was heavier than surrounding fabric, they bulged!

Recently I was invited to participate in a project using photos on a quilted wall hanging. The pictures would be about 8" x 11" and past experience with smaller pictures flashed before my eyes. So, I called the crafter who was making the fabric reproductions to learn if stitching through the photos would damage them. She felt there would be no problem.

I was still hesitant, so, at a Friendship Star Guild quilt show in Gaithersburg, Md., I talked with several of the quilters. At first, they thought I meant using photosensitive fabric for the photos and saw no problems. However, on learning it was the bonding process, and the size of the photos, they, too, expressed doubt.

One of the vendors at the show was with the Little Quilt Shop, Madison, Va. She uses photosensitive fabric and includes pictures in her work. However, she also limits the size of the photo to four inches square. Her response to

my project was negative.

Like a beagle after a rabbit, I was still hunting. I stopped at Cindy Powell's Needle-and-Thread shop. She was strongly against any manner of reproducing photos on quilts. She won't carry the needle materials since she feels quilts are made to last and thinks fabric photos will fade fast; they are difficult or impossible to quilt; and photos should be in an album.

It seems that I must experiment with this idea and learn, first-hand, how to deal with photos on quilts. In the meantime, I'm quilting around the project photos and on the fabric-setting block. I've learned one thing, though, when using photos, don't sew those blocks to each other.

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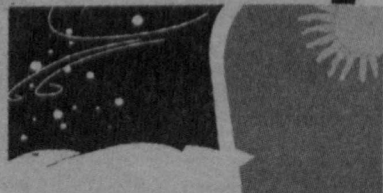
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Community Calendar

May 21 – Gettysburg Outdoor Antique Show. 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lincoln Square, Gettysburg. Information: 717-334-8151 or www.gettysburg-chamber.com.

May 21 – Volunteer Trail Work Days. 9 a.m. Catocin 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 21 – Senior Center Bazaar. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Emmitsburg Community Center. Plants, clothing, fancy table, baked goods and food, "white elephant" items, door prizes. Information: 240-629-6350.

May 21 – Spring Festival. 11 a.m. St. Stephen's UCC, 25445 Highfield Road, Cascade, Md. Home-cooked food, games, yard sale, auction at 2:15 p.m., raffle at 4 p.m. Information: 301-241-4541.

May 21 – Thurmont Riding Club Old-Fashioned Fun Horse Show. Noon. 14981 Roddy Road, Thurmont. Four-show series. Information: 240-674-5992, 301-271-4218, or www.geocities.com/thurmontridingclub.

May 22 – Spring Wildflower Walk. 11 a.m., Catocin Mountain Park, Owens Creek Picnic Area. Join a ranger for an interpretive wildflower walk along an easy ½ mile trail.

May 22 – Frederick County Dairy Princess Contest. 7 p.m., Frederick County 4-H Camp and Activities Center, 3702 Basford Road, Frederick. Information: 410-775-1369.

May 24 – Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing. 7 p.m. Discussion of the proposed text amendment to the Frederick County Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance to allow a school

mitigation impact fee premium. Winchester Hall, Frederick.

May 25 – 500 Card Party. Doors open 6 p.m., games begin at 7. Emmitsburg Senior Center. Admission: \$2. Open to the public. Light refreshments available. Information: 240-629-6350.

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.

May 28 – Yard Sale. 8:30 a.m. Bell Hill Farm, just north of Thurmont on Route 15. Benefits Catocin CASS. Sponsored by Lewistown United Methodist Church. Information: 301-898-3596 or 301-898-7004.

May 28 – Super Summertime Sandwich Series. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bell Hill Farm. Proceeds benefit community projects. Sponsored by Thurmont Lions Club. Information or sandwich orders: 301-271-0558.

May 30 – Memorial Day parade and ceremonies. 2 p.m. Gettysburg. Followed by a ceremony in the Gettysburg National Cemetery. Information: 717-334-6274.

June 9 – Forest Foray. 6-8 p.m. ThorpeWood. Limit of 20 participants. Free. Register by June 3.

June 11 – Wild Medicinal Plants of the Catocin Mountains. ThorpeWood. 9 a.m.-noon. Limit of 15 participants. \$5 non-members. Register by June 3.

June 11 – Michael L. and Douglas A. Wivell Memorial Walk. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thurmont Community Park. Proceeds benefit youth athletics in Emmitsburg and Thurmont. Registration fee: \$10. Information:

301-695-3859 or 301-271-2682.

June 11 – Fried Chicken and Ham Dinner. Noon-6 p.m. Creagerstown Parish House. Tickets: adults \$8, children \$4. Benefits Creagerstown Lutheran Church.

June 11 – Cash Bash. 2 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center, Church Street, Thurmont. Refreshments, games of chance, cash drawings. Tickets: \$25 in advance only. Information: 301-447-2367 or 301-271-4439.

June 11-12 – Eisenhower 50s weekend. Eisenhower Historic Site. Revisit the popular culture and memorabilia of the 1950s and the Eisenhower era with ranger programs on issues of the day. Information: www.nps.gov/eise or call 717-338-9114.

June 12 – Ham and Chicken Dinner and Silent Auction. 5-6:30 p.m.; dinner; free Gospel Christian Concert, 7 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church, 15 North Church Street, Thurmont. Dinner: \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, \$6 children 5-12. Information/tickets: 301-271-7613.

June 17-19 – Pennsylvania Lavender Festival. Willow Pond Farm, Fairfield, Pa. Tours of

lavender fields and demonstration gardens, lectures and workshops, herbal cuisine, and pick your own lavender. Information: 717-642-6387 or www.palavenderfestival.com.

June 18 – New Oxford Outdoor Antique Show. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Features 135 antique dealers, artists and craftsmen, food and entertainment held along the streets and in the square of New Oxford. East of Gettysburg on U.S. Rt. 30. Information: 717-642-2800 or www.newoxford.org.

June 24 – July 3 – Gettysburg Civil War Heritage Days. Commemorates the Battle of Gettysburg with living history encampments, band concerts, a book and paper show, a collectors' show, 4th of July program, Civil War lecture series and battle reenactments. Fireman's Festival at the Gettysburg Recreation Park. Information: 717-334-6274.

June 25 – Maryland State Grange picnic. Wolfe farm, St. Mary's County.

June 25-26 – Central Maryland Antique Tractor, Truck and Engine Show. Middletown Carnival Grounds. Tractor pull, hayrides, saw milling, cake auction, pedal tractor pull. Information: e-mail sph567@msn.com, or visit <http://cmatc.org>.

June 26 – Sabillasville St. John's United Church of Christ 150th Anniversary. 11:15 a.m. 16923

Sabillasville Road. Pastor Janet Comings officiating, special speakers and singers. Luncheon following the service. Reservations: 301-241-3488 or 301-241-3017.

June 26-July 1 – Children's Faith Festival. 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Emmitsburg. Ages 4 through 13. Fees: \$5 per child or \$10 per family (scholarships available). Information: 301-447-3839.

June 28-29 – Frederick County Farm Bureau Farm Safety 4 Just Kids Camp. County 4-H Camp and Activities Center, Basford Road, Frederick. For ages 8 to 13. E-mail registration and \$5 payment to Jane Smith, Box 547, Jefferson, MD 21755, 301-473-8259.

July 1-3 – 142nd Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg Reenactment. Gates open at 8:30 a.m. Sutler tents, living history and live demonstrations. Information: 717-338-1525 or www.gettysburgreenactment.com.

July 6 – Habitat Restoration Presentation and Wood Duck Box Building. 6-8 p.m. ThorpeWood. Limit of 15 participants. Fee \$10 for non-members. Register by June 30.

July 7-10 – Gettysburg Bike Week. Various times. Allstar Events Complex and Battlefield Harley-Davidson/Buell of Gettysburg. Guided motorcycle tours of the battlefields, observation rides, vendors, parade. Information: 1-877-595-9005.

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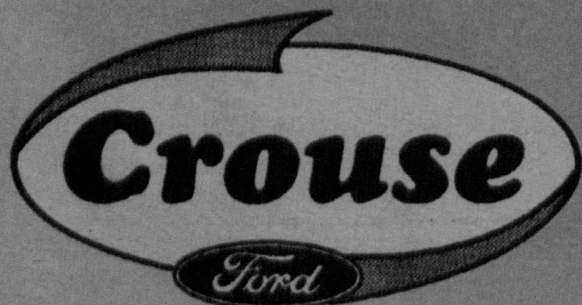


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