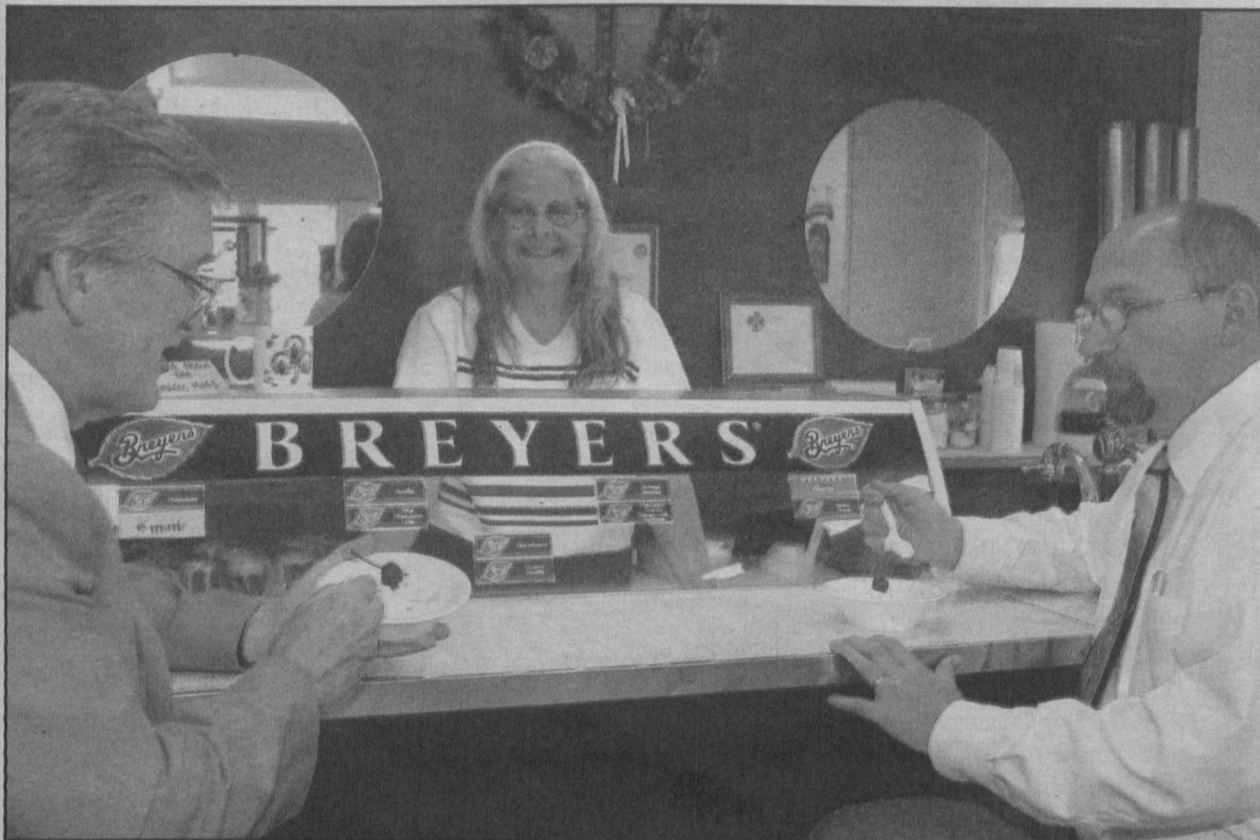


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General store and ice cream parlor opens on town square

Mayor James Hoover (R) and Pat Larson (L), manager of Sleep Inn and president of Emmitsburg Business and professional association (EBPA) enjoy some ice cream while welcoming Mary Ann Giliam, owner-manager of the Forever Colorfest general store, to the town square business community. The general store and ice cream parlor, which opened in June, is located in the former Crouse's on the Square building.

'Missing' valve may be causing sewer spills

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
News Editor

Sixteen years and thousands of dollars in fines for sewage spills later, the apparent cause of the town's sewer ills may have been found in the form of a "missing" valve along a main trunk line. According to Town Manager David Haller, somehow, during 1988 or 1989 when the new sewer plant and trunk line from the pumping station to the treatment plant was being constructed, an air relief valve critical to the operation of the system was never installed. The overhaul cost \$10 to \$15 million at the time.

Sewage spills blamed on 'guilty' vault

Coming from the pumping station, the sewer line crests on a hill on the Waybright property before heading down to the treatment plant. The sewage is under pressure until it hits the crest, at which point gravity takes it to the plant.

Where this transition occurs is a concrete structure

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Silver Fancy may be back for annexation

Dinosaur park likely to be part of proposal

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
News Editor

The Silver Fancy Farm tract may soon be back before Emmitsburg commissioners for annexation, if developers choose that course of action.

Emmitsburg town staff "informally" met with representatives

of Buckeye Development on June 30 to discuss what kind of annexation agreement the town might expect from Buckeye, according to Town Planner Michael Lucas.

Edward G. Smariga, Buckeye Development managing member, said Buckeye wanted to see what Lucas' thoughts were about the

annexation idea. Smariga said, "We have not made a decision yet as to whether to file. We will probably make that decision in the next few weeks."

Buckeye might submit a proposal including senior housing, but Smariga said they are considering the idea. "We're not committed to anything yet. We're still exploring."

Likely to be factored into a

development proposal would be the "Lost Dinosaur Quarry" on the property. The site is believed to have produced the oldest known dinosaur tracks ever found in the state, which were recovered in the late-1800s from walkways at St. Joseph Academy. The stone used is believed to have come from the quarry.

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Guardian Hose Company plans new building

BY CHRIS PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

Thurmont's Guardian Hose Company is planning a \$1.8 million new building that could be completed as early as the end of 2006, according to Building Chairman Terry Frushour.

Frushour said the three current structures on the company site on N. Church Street will be demolished and a new building will be built to house the current

equipment. The main fire hall, the brush truck building and metal shed will be torn down.

While the project is going on, the company will try to house its equipment - which includes a new squad car purchased for \$459,000 - in garages within the community.

A committee was formed two to three years ago to identify the needs of the all-volunteer fire company and to get the project started. The committee considered

the size of the town, the service area and the equipment needed, Frushour said.

General contracting company Morgan Keller of Frederick will be working on the project, according to Frushour, and they hope to have

a plan for the new building around the end of July.

The project will begin sometime in early 2006, with completion about nine months

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Town to support horse park application

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Thurmont police chief retires after 27 years

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Thurmont Mayor addresses comments concerning park sign

On behalf of the entire Thurmont Board of Commissioners, I am addressing Emmitsburg Commissioner Bill O'Neil's statements that the Thurmont commissioners' decision not to endorse the Catoctin Mountain Park's name change seemed

politically motivated.

Thurmont was first approached in 2003 by Senator Sarbanes' staff and a Catoctin Mountain Park representative to endorse the park name change to Catoctin Mountain Park National Recreation Area. The commissioners did not agree with

the argument that the change would help park staff field fewer questions between Cunningham Falls State Park and Catoctin Mountain Park.

We based our decision on residents' desires, and the National Park Service guidelines for a National Recreation Area (NRA):

Twelve NRAs are centered on large reservoirs and emphasize water-based recreation. Five others are near major population centers. Such urban parks combine scarce open spaces with the preservation of significant historic resources and important natural areas providing outdoor recreation for large numbers of people.

The state owns Cunningham Falls Lake and Falls, and Catoctin Mountain Park is not near major population centers (unless 70 miles to D.C. or Baltimore is "near"). If the NPS owned Cunningham Falls Lake or Cunningham Falls, it would make sense to rename it an NRA like the other 12.

The reason for not endorsing the change was solely because we believe it will create more confusion, not less. We feel people will associate a Recreation Area with Cunningham Falls Lake and Cunningham Falls...

It's not fair or appropriate to malign this board for a decision that best represents the desire of our constituency.

In the future if you have a question regarding this board's decisions, I hope you show appropriate respect by making a simple phone call and use a little more discretion when making comments to the press.

Martin A. Burns
-Mayor of Thurmont

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.

Much Suffering From Heat

of age, 40 cents. Train leaves Emmitsburg at 9:20 A.M.

July 21, 1905 - Tuesday was the hottest day of the summer throughout the country, and hundreds of people were prostrated by the intense heat. In Philadelphia the maximum temperature of 94 degrees, while in Boston a temperature of 94 degrees was recorded. In Baltimore Tuesday was the hottest day on three years, the maximum temperature at 2 P.M. being 98 degrees.

The prostrations and deaths caused by the heat in seven cities on Wednesday were as follows: New York City, prostrations 187, deaths 23. Philadelphia, prostrations 50, deaths 5. Baltimore, prostrations 4, deaths 2. Washington, prostrations 6, no deaths. Boston, prostrations 4, deaths 1. Pittsburg, prostrations 26, deaths 13. Buffalo, prostrations, 2, deaths 1.

The above figures by no means represent the sum of human suffering. Tuesday as an endless number of victims who collapsed at home, in the office or workshop, were privately attended.

In this place the thermometer registered 92 degrees Tuesday afternoon. No prostrations were reported.

Bargain Excursion To Pen-Mar Sunday, July 23rd

July 21, 1905 - The Western Maryland R. R. announced that on Sunday, July 23rd, they will run a special cheap excursion to Pen-Mar, the round trip rate from Westminster being only 75 cents and other stations in proportion. Special train will leave Westminster 9 A.M. stopping to include Thurmont and returning, will leave Pen-Mar Park 6:30 P.M. This will be an event in the excursion line and everything will be done to make it one of the most enjoyable excursions ever run by the company to popular Pen-Mar. for further information apply to your local ticket agent.

The Emmitsburg Railroad will run an excursion train on Sunday, July 23, and connect with the Western Maryland Railroad at Rocky Ridge. Round trip fare from Emmitsburg, 75 cents; children under 12 years

July 28, 1905 - The work of laying the concrete around pavement around St. Joseph's Catholic Church was begun this week.

The annual Lutheran reunion was held at Pen-Mar yesterday. A large number of people from this place and vicinity attended the reunion.

July 28, 1905 - Resurvey Completed. Famous Mason and Dixon's Line Has Been Re-established

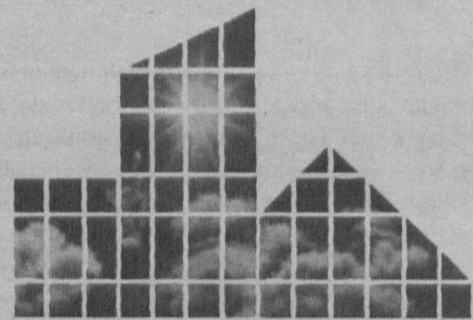
The resurvey of the historic Mason and Dixon line has been completed by the surveyors jointly employed by the State of Pennsylvania and Maryland. When the Legislatures of these States decided not to allow the famous boundary line to lose its markings and drop out of existence, so far as visible signs of its location is concerned, they undertook a work that proved very difficult and tedious.

The surveyors were obliged to cut a path through the mountains and they found many of the old markers and crown stones displaced. In Adams county one stone was used as a doorsill in a dwelling, another in a church, some were doing duty in bake ovens and others were lying at considerable distance from their original places. All were received, although not without vigorous objection on the part of the people who were suing them.

The work of re-establishing the line was very carefully done, and the old stone posts set along its course after Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon marked it out in 1763 were reset in solid cement bases, and iron posts were substituted in places where the old post have disappeared.

It will be remembered that this line was the result of a dispute between the States of Maryland and Pennsylvania over their respective boundaries as described in their characters, and prior to the Civil War was popularly accepted as the dividing line between the free and the slave States. The boundary was marked by mile stones, every fifth one having the arms of Lord Baltimore engraved on one side and those of William Penn on the other.

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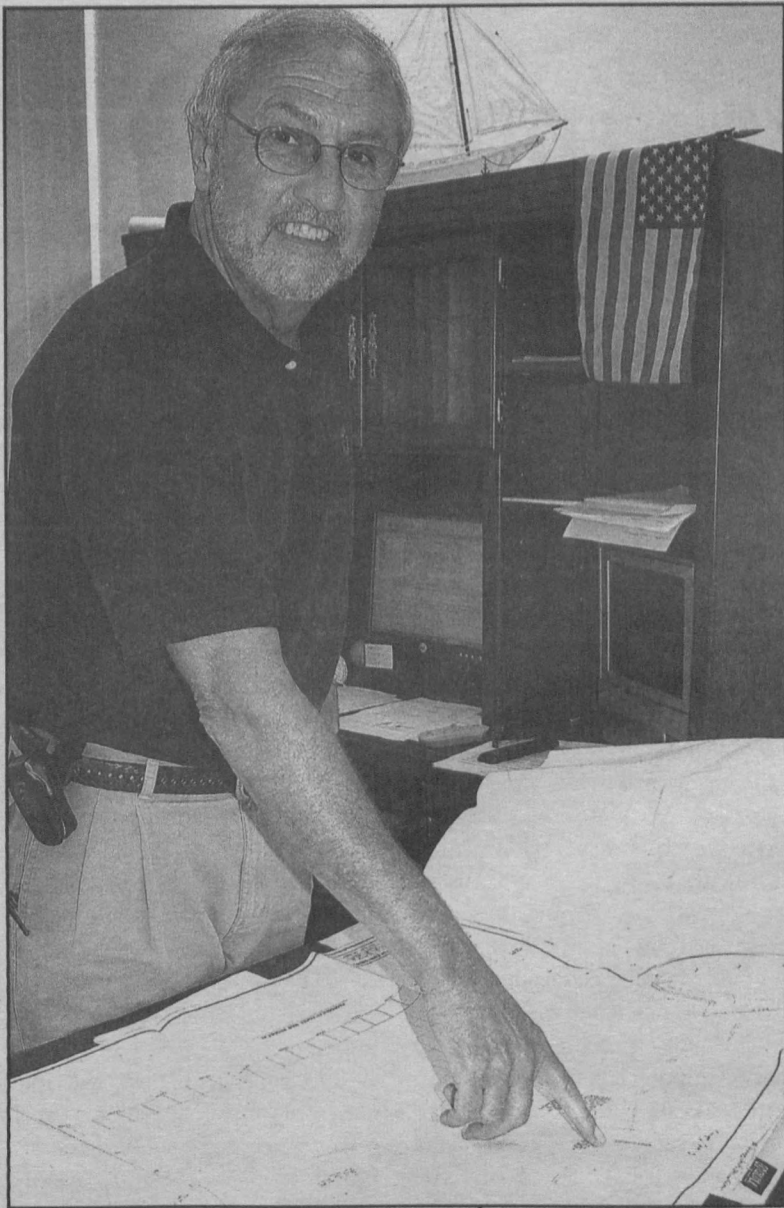
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Dave Haller, Emmitsburg town manager, points out location of missing valve in the sewer collection system.

Sewer Spills

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called a vault. An air relief valve installed where the high pressure line meets the gravity line would have acted as a "brake," and depressurized the incoming wastewater enough to allow the gravity line to handle it.

But opening the vault revealed that there was no air relief valve.

Haller said that the main clue to what was wrong with the system was the realization that nearly 100 percent of the sewage spills seemed to be come from the manhole above this particular vault.

"There was an air relief valve that never got installed. It (the line) was supposed to have one," Haller said in an interview, although he was not prepared to say if the omission had been deliberate or accidental. If a valve were installed, "theoretically the system would be 100 percent fixed," he said, since the location is the "primary source of the violations."

Dan Fissel, water and sewer plant manager for Emmitsburg, said the original plans showing the line contained a note about the vault in question, referring to the detailed drawing, which has not been located.

Town staff credited Fissel's

definitive incident record keeping with providing the needed clues. Haller recognized a suspicious pattern to the spillages based on Fissel's reports.

The 'fix' entails going with all-pressure system

But why that valve was never installed remains a mystery.

Haller speculated that there might have been concerns that the sewage was being pumped out of town at such pressure that it might have blown the manhole cover off or resulted in a "sewage geyser" at the treatment plant end. The pumps at the station use high pressure to ensure that the sewage gets over the rise to the plant without backing up into

homes in town.

Or it might just have been an accident that the valve was not installed.

The town manager proposes addressing the issue by having the air relief valve installed, and going with an all-pressure driven line, eliminating the gravity fed system.

To deal with the increase in pressure of incoming sewage at the plant end, Haller suggests eliminating a concrete containment structure (also a vault) that presently receives sewage by gravity feed, and discharging the pressurized sewage into an existing on-site lagoon. The standing wastewater in the lagoon would counter the pressure of the incoming wastewater and keep it from turning into a sewage geyser.

Haller would like to combine the changeover with other work proposed for the immediate area, which could bring about corrective measures on the main line sometime in early 2006.

Not wanting to engage in finger pointing, Haller said his priority is to make the system function properly.

A continuing mystery - who did or didn't approve the vault

The town manager and staff have not yet determined which contractor in the late 1980s worked on the line connecting the pumping station to the treatment plant, but the engineering firm was identified as Beavin Company Consulting Engineers.

Dewberry, a Baltimore engineering firm, was established in 1997 after acquiring Beavin, according to Dewberry's Website. Tom DallaPalu, a branch manager with Dewberry, was a partner with Beavin before the Dewberry acquisition, and was associated with Beavin during the time of the Emmitsburg project.

DallaPalu told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that he recalled the project, but did not remember the contractor's name.

Carroll "Duke" Martin was

the town director of public works when the new plant and service line was constructed. Like DallaPalu, Martin said he could not remember which contractor worked on the plant and line.

In an interview with *The Dispatch*, Martin said he would not have been the one to walk

the construction site for plan compliance. "An (engineering) inspector would have been the one to say 'it's a go,'" he said.

"As far as I know, it (the air relief valve) was there. It was supposed to have been installed to contract specifications," Martin said.

Because of 'missing' valve, collection system requires a 'leap of faith' to work

Pumps at the sewage treatment plant push the town's wastewater produced in town to the crest of a hill on the Waybright property, but the downhill run relies on gravity.

The pressurized wastewater meets the gravity line in a cement compartment, called a vault, at the crest of the rise.

Problems begin at this juncture because the pressure line and gravity line are both made of 14" pipe, and because a void exists between the two lines because of a missing air relief valve.

Because of the missing valve, the incoming pressurized wastewater has to do a "leap of faith" across the void and hit the opposing gravity line *dead-on*; because the pressure line and the gravity line piping are precisely the same size. *There is no margin for error.*

For the most part, it actually works, *except* during times when wild water gets into the town's collection system, which increases the amount of sewage being sent at high pressure through the line to the juncture.

As the amount of pressurized wastewater reaches the vault,

it cannot all hit the opposing gravity line because there is too much of it coming in too fast.

Had the receiving gravity line been a larger diameter pipe, it would have helped, both in receiving the increased amount of sewage as it made the "leap of faith" across the vault, and by providing an oversized pipeline that would have allowed the pressure to diminish as it flowed toward the treatment plant.

Instead, because the gravity line cannot handle the amount of pressurized sewage coming at it, the excess wastewater that cannot reach the opposing 14" opening of the gravity line backs up into the vault.

Eventually the vault cannot hold all the excess wastewater, and discharges it into the environment - the "environment" being the alfalfa fields on the Waybright property.

If the spillage is a large one, the wastewater can readily make its way into Flat Run, and the general ecosystem of Flat Run and Tom's Creek is threatened.

-Richard D. L. Fulton
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Advertising revenue and the generosity of our sponsors pay for the paper. However page for page there is more local news, and less advertising in *The Dispatch*, than you find in many other newspapers. Circulation has grown 300% in the past three years and in April 2004 the paper moved from a monthly publication to 24 issues per year.

But the limited number of pages, and limited publishing, means that there are many items of interest we simply cannot provide. Changes are essential if we are to become a truly viable service to you, our readers.

Our plans - with your support:

1. A newsroom and business offices:

We have taken steps to rent office space in a town square building, 9 East Main St., to have both a newsroom and business offices for our employees. We need your help to put in place the necessary equipment and furnishings to open this facility.

With an office in town, we will be accessible to you, and we can build a more efficient operation, ensuring that the paper will reach local readers on Friday afternoons. We could also expand regional coverage to include more news from neighboring communities in southern Adams County, Pa. and northern Frederick and Carroll County, Md.

We wanted a prominent location in town so that the newspaper could act as a bridge between the old and the new. We want the paper to serve as a bridge, linking the historical past with the future, remembering families that have built the community and welcoming new families who will share in its future.

2. A weekly publication:

We want to increase the number of pages in each issue and eventually produce a weekly newspaper.

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The words of George B. Delaplaine, Jr., President of Great Southern Enterprises and former Publisher of *The Frederick News-Post*, guide our efforts: "A newspaper is the glue that brings the community together." The Emmitsburg town Website describes *The Dispatch* as "just what a small town newspaper should be." We can become an even better small town paper. But we cannot go forward without your help.

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You may ask why we don't just charge a subscription fee. We know that not everyone can afford a newspaper subscription and we know that some of you will ask, "Why should I pay for something that's free?" National research has shown that subscription-based papers generally do not reach more than a 60% reader base, and we are committed to having everyone continue to receive the paper.

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Raymond Buchheister
 -Editor & Publisher



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TOWN NEWS

Town will support horse park application

The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners granted Mayor James E. Hoover permission to write a letter of support for the county's recommendation to nominate land outside of town as the possible site of a future state horse park.

The Frederick County Board of Commissioners recently voted to recommend that 603 acres, 430 belonging to Mount Saint Mary's and 173 belonging to Trinity United Methodist Church, be considered by the state as the possible location for the proposed equestrian facility.

Ferguson noted that some 331 acres of adjacent land belonging to three other property owners might be available to tie into the horse park, which could bring the total available acreage for the proposed facility to 935.

Business Development Specialist Colby Ferguson, with the Frederick County Office of Economic Development, said the

support being sought was only for the preliminary proposal to be sent to the state to consider the Mount site. He said there would be plenty of time and public hearings to address particular concerns if the site made the final "short list."

Ferguson stated that he suspects the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA) will receive about 12 nominations. The application is due by Aug. 1 and MSA expects to narrow the nominees down to a short list of three by Sept. 1. A \$225,000 feasibility study will then be conducted in an effort to propose a business plan to the Maryland General Assembly in order to obtain bonding money to secure the site.

The MSA has established criteria and outlined the facility and site programs for the proposed park. The park is expected to draw 7,000 to 15,000 overnight guests during an event.

MSA is looking for at least one

enclosed arena with seating for a minimum of 5,000 spectators; an outdoor amphitheater for festivals, fairs, trade shows and concerts; six to 12 outdoor show rings; a minimum of 500 horse stalls with a potential for up to 1,200 stalls; and boarding facilities for horses and kennels for hounds.

Events, national and international, and possibly National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), could include steeplechase competitions, endurance riding, dressage, show jumping, polo, western/rodeo, carriage driving, jousting, police horse training, trail riding, pony riding, fox chasing, and cross-country events.

Joseph Leberz, representing the Mount at the town meeting, asked for the commissioners support as good neighbors.

The Thurmont Commissioners also drafted a letter of support for the nomination.

Property enhancements could lead to big problems *Site surveys expensive but prevent easement errors*

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
News Editor

Needing a site survey in order to install a small backyard deck may seem unreasonable, but the requirement could save the town a lot of headaches down the road.

Rita Cool, 78, a South Seton Avenue resident since the 1950s, felt that the town's request that she have a property survey done, which could cost hundreds of dollars, was a little unfair.

Family members are planning to install the deck onto her 1890 Victorian brick home at a cost of around \$4,000, including a ramp to make it easier for her to access.

It all seemed like a simple matter, until she learned that she needed a site survey before she could have the deck built. "You'd think I wanted to build a house," she told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*.

Her daughter, Cecelia Dillman, a resident of Thurmont, said a site survey could cost \$300 to \$800 or more.

However, Town Planner Michael Lucas said the town must be assured that any proposed construction, no matter how large or small, is not sited on existing easements, especially regarding utility right of ways.

As a case in point, Lucas

pointed to a problem when work began on the Little Run sanitary sewer extension. The town had established a prior easement for the line, but sometime after that a property owner inadvertently built a structure over part of it.

Site surveys were not required of property owners at the time, and the fact that the structure had been built over an existing easement remained undetected until it was too late. Adjusting for the blocked easement "cost the town some money," Lucas said.

"We require a survey so that we can determine the limits of a property and make sure what is being proposed is actually on the property owner's land," Lucas stated, "and to ensure they don't build over any easements."

Cool said she will have her deck, and will have to get the survey done. She smiled as she said, "I just hope I live long enough to enjoy it."

A Word from a Commissioner Community garden and bicycle trails for Emmitsburg?

My name is Glenn Blanchard and I am a newly elected commissioner for Emmitsburg. First, I would like to thank Raymond Buchheister for the opportunity to address the readers of *The Dispatch* with a commissioner's column. Today I would like to talk about two items of interest to me that I spoke about during my campaign during the spring.

Dialogue was an issue that seemed to strike a chord with a number of voters this past spring. One of the great things about living in a small town is that people are not shy about letting you know what is on their minds. I am pleased by the number of e-mails I have received in the last two months, and I hope that they continue. If, on the other hand, you prefer to talk to me in person, you can catch me every Friday at the Emmitsburg Farmers' Market along Seton Avenue. I will be helping with the market each Friday from 3:00 to 6:30 through the summer and into the fall. I welcome discussion and open dialogue on town issues that concern you.

Emmitsburg's ecology is another interest of mine. In the last couple of months, I have heard from numerous citizens concerning the land that the

town owns. One of these ideas concerns the laying out of a community garden to be used by the citizens of Emmitsburg. Frederick City and other smaller municipalities in the county have followed through with this idea and it has worked very well. This garden could be used by Emmitsburg residents who do not have access to land, but have a desire to garden.

Another idea that has been put forward is the development of bicycle trails in the watershed area around Emmitsburg. This would have low ecological impact on the land and could be used by all citizens. Many of Emmitsburg's residents have not seen the beauty of Rainbow Lake or the surrounding watershed area. If there is enough interest, I would like to organize a hike of the watershed area and introduce the beauty of the area to as many citizens as possible.

If you have interest in these ideas and would like to express support for them, please contact me at the town office. I am looking forward to hearing from you and working for the Town of Emmitsburg over the next two years.

Glenn Blanchard
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Silver Fancy

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"We'll propose some ground for the dinosaur park as we move forward," Smariga confirmed. He added, "We expect the National Park Service to do their job, which is to step up to the plate too, and would expect them to commit (to accepting the land and developing the park)."

National Park Service Chief Ranger Vincent L. Santucci, of the George Washington Memorial Parkway; Dr. Peter Kranz, director

of the non-profit, Washington, D.C.-based Dinosaur Fund; property owner Patrick Boyle; and Buckeye Development Project Manager Fran Denmark, initially met at the quarry on May 6, 2004, to discuss the possibility of a federally-run park at the site.

Buckeye development has a 67-acre portion of the Silver Fancy Farm under an agreement of sale with Boyle fronting on North Seton Avenue just outside the current town limits. The property was approved for annexation in 2002, but the approval was overturned during a subsequent referendum.

Ethics Update ...

Commissioner says ethics clippings sent to employer

Commissioner William B. O'Neil, Jr. stated at the July 4 town meeting that a packet of press clippings on the ethics investigation were sent anonymously to O'Neil's employer, Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

O'Neil was recently determined to have violated the town ethics code. While

the investigation committee determined that O'Neil had committed misdemeanor offenses, in State's Attorney Scott L. Rolle's opinion, the violations did not rise to the level of criminal offenses.

O'Neil said, "Fortunately, my boss threw it away." In his opinion, O'Neill said someone "was basically trying to get me fired."

When contacted by *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, Donna N. Thorpe, public relations for South Carolina Blue Cross-Blue Shield, said that she had "not seen any news clippings concerning him (O'Neil)," and that O'Neil immediate supervisor was on leave and not available to comment.

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POLICE ACTIVITY

Thurmont police continue assault investigation

The Thurmont Police Department is continuing to investigate the assault of an Emmitsburg minor on June 28 by another minor in the CVS parking lot, North Church Street.

Police Chief T.N. Frushour said the case is still open as of July 15 and that no charges have been

filed to date.

Police had responded around 10:55 p.m. to the report of a victim having been assaulted and lying unconscious in the parking lot.

According to Frushour, the minor suspect has been identified and is from the Thurmont area.

Anyone with information relating to the incident should contact police at 301-271-0905.



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Youth escape the heat to enjoy the cool water during first town sponsored pool party.

Town pool party considered a success

More than 60 people attended Emmitsburg's first summer pool party on July 8, and town staff hopes those numbers will increase for the July 22 teen party.

Town Planner Michael Lucas, who coordinated the event, which

was held at the mayor's request, said, "For our first pool party we were pleased with the turnout and we expect the next one to draw more."

The entrance fee is \$1 per person. Hotdogs are available for 25 cents and drinks are free.

"Where else can a family of four go to a pool party, each have a hotdog and a drink, and all for five bucks?" Lucas asked.

The July 22 teen party, from 7 to 9 p.m., will feature a disk jockey and karaoke.

Baby pool likely out of commission for rest of season

The damaged baby pool at the Emmitsburg park will likely remain closed for the season now that the county has turned down a request for an inflatable replacement.

Commissioner William B.

O'Neil, Jr. asked at the July 5 town meeting if a temporary solution could be found to provide a pool for toddlers, such as an inflatable. But late last week, the Frederick County Health Department

denied the town's request for an inflatable.

Lucas had stated previously that American Pool Management conducted a pressure test on the baby pool and found evidence of leakage at the main drain and eroding plaster on the bottom of the pool. Town staff said they were "unsure how extensive" the damage to the pool might be.

Town Manager David Haller said the baby pool is 30 years old and that for 20 years it received "basically no maintenance."

The town staff began seeking bids to have the pool repaired as soon as they learned of the county's decision, but Mayor James E. Hoover told *The Dispatch* July 18 he thought it was likely that pool would not open this season. ?

-Richard D. L. Fulton, News Editor

Town News Brief ...

North Seton to be right-turn only at Rt. 15

A change proposed by the Maryland Highway Administration (MHA) allowing a right turn only off North Seton Avenue onto U.S. Route 15 could be in place this coming fall.

David Buck, MHA spokesman, said that work could be completed on the right-turn ramp by September or October of this year.

The MHA cites accident concerns as the primary reason for curtailing traffic from making a left (north-bound) turn or proceeding across Route 15 from North Seton.

When the project is completed, traffic accessing Route 15 from North Seton will have to turn right and then use the Route 140 turn-around to head north.



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Deputy at work in the community

Resident Deputy Roger Venzin takes personal time to give young boys some basic fishing tips. Identifying local fish, stocking a tackle box, setting up a fishing line, and casting were among some of the things the youth learned. The program was sponsored by the Emmitsburg Library.

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Family Fun Day!

August 6, 2005 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Emmitsburg Memorial Park (behind the Post Office).

Join Dr. Portier and the gang from Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center (EOPCC) for free music, games, beverages, snacks, and some barnyard bingo.

Then from 6:30 to 8:30 enjoy music with Emmitsburg's concert in the park featuring Waking at Seven with Phil Portier and Ray Marchman.

Donations will benefit the EOPCC new health center.

REGIONAL NEWS

Thurmont Police Chief retires after 27 years

By CHRIS PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

Thurmont Chief of Police Terry N. Frushour surprised everyone this week when he announced his retirement after 27 years of service with the town police department.

Frushour joined the force in July 1977 after serving three years in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Meade with the military police. He was appointed to the position of Chief in 2003 after serving as Acting Chief when former chief Neil Bechtol retired in 2002.

Though Mayor Martin A. Burns had sought to install local resident Greg Eyler as the chief at the time, a majority of the town's board would not support that appointment. Since that time, however, Burns has continually supported Frushour.

In a press release on the retirement announcement issued Monday, July 18, Burns said, "Chief Frushour has been a dedicated Town employee and an asset to the Thurmont community and its citizens. We thank him for his years of service and wish him

well in his retirement."

Frushour has served on many committees and organizations including the Highway Safety Task Force, the FCC Criminal Justice Technology Board, the Board of Education Safety Task Force, the Thurmont Middle School Safety Advisory Board and the Maryland Police Chief's Association.

He is a volunteer and life member of the Guardian Hose Company and Thurmont Community Ambulance Company, a member of the American Legion and the Thurmont Lions Club, and attends the Thurmont United Church of Christ.

The town's main priority now will be to find a replacement for the chief, who will be missed, said Ron Terpko, Thurmont town commissioner and liaison to the police department.

Frederick County Sheriff Jim Hagy will assign someone to fill Frushour's shoes temporarily and for a fee, Terpko said, until the new chief is hired. Until then, Sergeant Mike Figgins will supervise the department.

Reached by phone Tuesday, Frushour said he is not sure what

he will do now, but will hopefully make a decision once he and wife of 29 years, Beverly, return from their vacation.

"I'm going to be around. I'm not going nowhere and will be involved in volunteer organizations in town," he said.

The Frushours have lived in Thurmont since he joined the department and there raised two grown daughters, Jennifer and Amy, who still live in the town. They also proudly show off grandson Austin at every opportunity.

"I'm going to miss the people. It's been a privilege to serve the town. I hope what I did made a difference," Frushour said.

Guardian

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later, Frushour said. Financing will come from grants, fund-raising efforts and a loan, as needed, he added.

Volunteers for committees to plan and implement fund-raising are needed and Frushour hopes the community will jump in and help.

"We just need support when we start our fundraising," Frushour

Court will allow Liberty Development to challenge bias of township supervisor

An Adams County District Court judge has ruled that the Liberty Development Company may continue to pursue bias allegations against a Liberty Township supervisor, but killed a request for a hearing on effects of a township ordinance.

District Court Judge Michael A. George rendered his long-awaited decision on June 24 regarding complaints filed by Liberty Development against the Liberty Township Board of Supervisors. The board nixed the developer's proposed Liberty Valley, 1,181-unit development in a 2-1 vote on March 16, 2004.

Board of supervisors Chairman Paul Harner and Supervisor John Miller voted to reject the Liberty Valley development, stating that the township zoning ordinance had been sufficiently purged of references to planned residential developments (PRDs) to justify denying the proposal.

Liberty Development alleged that Harner's decision was biased, and said the supervisor should have recused himself to avoid a conflict of interest or an appearance of one.

The company presently has an alternative five-development proposal on the table before the township planning commission, using the same tract as the Liberty Valley project.

The five developments proposed would, collectively, eliminate 865 units from the initial Liberty Valley plan.

said. "(The building is) not just for us but for the whole community."

Thurmont mayor Martin Burns said the town would be one of the sources of help for the fire company.

"We would always be willing to consider helping the Guardian Hose Company in any endeavor it has going, but until we know the scope we don't know what we can

afford to do," he said in a phone interview.

The town already budgets \$10,000 per year to the fire company and the Thurmont Ambulance Company, and this year's budget is already done. Assistance specifically for the cost of the new building can be considered during budget discussions early next year, Burns said.



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Father Gallitzin, Taneytown's first pastor, up for sainthood

By GEORGE P. MATYSEK, JR.
Staff Correspondent
The Catholic Review

Father Demetrius Gallitzin, a Russian prince who became known as the "Apostle of the Alleghenies" for his ministry in Western Maryland and Pennsylvania, has been recognized as a "servant of God" by the Congregation for Saints of the Holy See. The announcement was made by Bishop Joseph V. Adamec of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, June 6.

"In effect, the Congregation states that it sees no obstacle at this time to proceed with the process that could result in a possible declaration of sainthood," said Bishop Adamec.

Born in the Netherlands the son of a Russian prince and a German countess, Father Gallitzin converted to Catholicism from the Russian Orthodox Church

in 1787. Five years later, after meeting Archbishop John Carroll of Baltimore, the prince entered St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore and was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Carroll in 1795 - the first to receive all his holy orders in the United States.

Father Gallitzin's first ministry involved celebrating Mass for German immigrants in Baltimore. He later served in the western part of Maryland as a horseback-riding priest.

Father Gallitzin was the first pastor of St. Joseph, Taneytown, and he was also the pastor of St. Patrick, Cumberland.

While pastor of St. Joseph, Father Gallitzin was at odds with the trustees of the church over who was in charge of the parish. Parishioners petitioned Bishop Carroll for Father Gallitzin's removal. Father Gallitzin himself requested a change so he could

serve in an even more remote area in western Pennsylvania known as McGuire's Settlement.

Father Gallitzin is known for a book he wrote in 1816 called "A Defense of Catholic Principles," published in response to anti-Catholic rhetoric of the time.

Father Martin Feild, current pastor of St. Joseph, said parishioners are delighted with the news of their former pastor. They created a display with photographs showing where Father Gallitzin, who died in 1840, is buried in Pennsylvania.

"I think it's a tremendous honor to the parish to have its first pastor put up for canonization," said Father Feild, noting St. Joseph will likely include special prayers for Father Gallitzin in the general intercessions at Mass.

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RELIGION



-RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / EMMITSBURG DISPATCH FILE PHOTO

Vested in period clerics, Father Martin Feild (R), current pastor at St. Joseph's in Taneytown, participates with parishioners on a float in a August 2004 parade celebrating Taneytown's 250th Anniversary. The float recalled the marriage of Roger Brooke Taney and Anne Phoebe Charlton Key on January 7, 1806.

TO THE COMMUNITY OF EMMITSBURG:

*The Public Message of Our Lady of Emmitsburg
March 23, 2000*



*My dear little children,
praised be Jesus!*

Little ones, there is not just one event that will identify you as a true child of God, because to be a true child of God is outlined in your way of life. There is no quick remedy to change the effects of history. The only authentic proof of being a child of God is in the fruitful actions of Love in your life. You cannot convince skeptics to believe in your ways or that you are from Heaven. The most profound undeniable proof of being from Heaven is portrayed in your continuity, humility, simplicity, purity of heart and actions of Love. It is revealed in the way you live your daily gift of life.

The world today seeks a quick resolution to problems which took generations to surface. Change takes time because it must first commence with the change of heart. This is why I have urged you to begin now and not to delay any longer or wait until the end to act upon the areas which are preventing you from being called a child of God. God has given to you signs and proof, but you fail to even recognize His gifts, just as people failed to recognize Him as He walked on this earth.

Turn your attention to those who are not looking for power, prestige, notoriety, fame, attention or material empires. Look at those who live daily by serving others and who have continuity in their actions of love and service. Look at the fruits which are ongoing. Look at those people whose actions of "littleness" challenge you, even if those actions make you feel uncomfortable. Look at those people whose ways are simple.

Look and you will find here in this small town where I have come, the Center of my Immaculate Heart, authentic children of God. This is a community which rises together in hardships and joins in helping one another, as recorded throughout history when sisterhood and brotherhood laid the foundation of Love. This community will continue to rise together and assist in helping all the many people who will come to this, my Center of my Immaculate Heart, because they are humble, simple loving children of God; and their actions of Love will embrace and heal those seeking refuge.

I bless you, little children, with the Peace of Jesus and I take your petitions to Him. Thank you for your response to my call.

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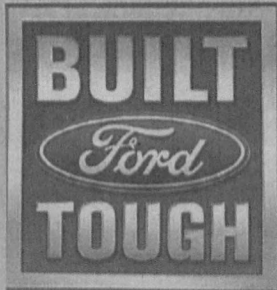
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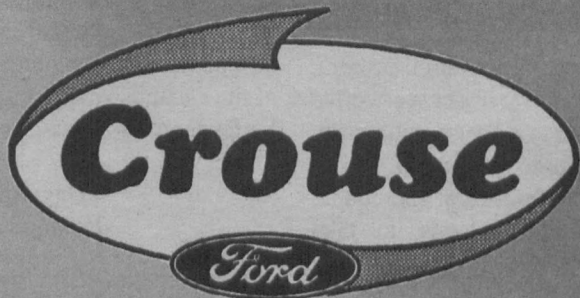


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Schedule of Meetings:

Council: Second Tuesday after the first Monday of each month, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission: First Monday of each month, 7 p.m.

Sewer & Water Authority: Fourth Monday of each month, 7 p.m.

Parks, Recreation & Municipal Services Committee: Fourth Wednesday of each month, 9 a.m.

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

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Police non-emergency:
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Did you know?

1,416 - Approximate number of houses in Carroll Valley Borough
3,920 - Approximate current population of Carroll Valley Borough
\$214,175,435 - Approximate net value of homes in Carroll Valley Borough

Ski Liberty to pay Carroll Valley Borough more than \$1.25 million

At its May meeting, the Borough Council accepted an offer from Ski Liberty to pay \$25,000 per year to Carroll Valley Borough for the next 50 years in exchange for the right to draw water out of Lake Kay, when needed, for snowmaking.

For many years, an amusement tax was levied on Ski Liberty, and an informal agreement existed wherein Ski Liberty was granted access to Lake Kay water. However, in 2002, the Pennsylvania state

legislature repealed that law, causing Carroll Valley Borough to lose this significant revenue.

Under this new formal agreement, in each subsequent year, the base amount (\$25,000) will be increased by one half of the national cost-of-living increase. Appropriate precautions will assure that adequate water will be left for fire protection, as Lake Kay is also an important water source for the area fire departments.

Joint Comprehensive Plan Underway

It's no surprise to readers that Southwest Adams County is one of the fastest growing areas in the state, especially as this area becomes more and more of a bedroom community for Baltimore, Frederick, Washington and Harrisburg. Some of the area municipalities are better prepared for the growth than others, but all could benefit from working together to minimize the negative impact and accentuate the positive.

Accordingly, Carroll Valley & Fairfield Boroughs, Hamiltonban, Liberty and Highland Townships have agreed to join in working on a Joint Comprehensive Plan - the blueprint for growth. Modern planners look upon multi-municipal planning very favorably because it permits several municipalities to pool many state requirements that otherwise every community would be required to have, such as industrial, recreational, low

and high-density residential areas, regardless of the impact it might have on a neighboring community, or roads, or if it were economically feasible or appropriate to the setting.

We are at a critical point in time, because the decisions that are being made today are going to impact directly on this area forever. Accordingly, these five municipalities are in the process of coordinating with the Adams County Office of Planning and Development, as well as some state agencies. It is anticipated that much of the cost of this effort will be covered by grants, keeping the out of pocket Borough expenses to a minimum. It is expected that this effort will take approximately 3-5 years, given the number of municipalities involved. Another modern solution to a modern challenge.

Curfew still in effect

It's 11 p.m.; do you know where your children are? If they are under 18, it is unlawful for them to be in any public place in Carroll Valley between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m., Sunday through Saturday, including motor vehicles, unless that child is accompanied by an adult, involved in an emergency, engaged in an activity related to employment, attending a school or formal organization's activity, on a parent's errand and in possession of that parent's written permission, etc. Penalties include a warning and potentially a fine.

Chapter 6, Part 3 of the Carroll Valley Borough Code of Ordinances is applicable and is available at the Borough Office for inspection. This curfew is consistent with those in adjacent municipalities. Every parent is encouraged to pick up a complete copy of the details of the curfew in effect.

Roads Report

Some residents have wondered about tar and chipping that they see the municipal services crew doing on various Carroll Valley streets. With the exception of a few major arteries, Carroll Valley roads are essentially graveled with a top dressing of tar and chips. The tar holds the gravel together and prevents water from infiltrating. The gravel chips protect the tar and provide a wearing surface. Roads typically are resurfaced every five years, on a predetermined schedule. Occasionally patches are applied where the freeze/thaw cycles of winter weather cause the surface to break up. It is very important that residents obtain driveway permits to assure that water drains away from the road and that they keep their drainage ditches clear, so the roads will have as long a life as possible.



- submitted photo by Ron Harris

Pie Baking Contest Winner!

A TIP O'THE HAT!

Many thanks to Ron Harris for his efforts in organizing the July 4 extravaganza, which everyone agreed was a top-notch community affair that should be made a permanent fixture. We'd like to give credit to the folks whose volunteer efforts over many months combined to make this a success but it's nice to say there were just too many to name them all. The fireworks were provided courtesy of Liberty Mountain Resort, Adams Electric, and Dave Sites. A "tip o' the hat" to them all for this great community event!

Many thanks to Eric Flynn, General Manager of Liberty Mountain Resort, for once again

providing a building for the polling place for the election. According to Ray Rabenold, Judge of Elections, he and his volunteers wanted for nothing in the way of support. Another community project that Liberty Mountain assisted with was the 5-year Community Beautification Project in the Carroll Valley Commons, overseen by the Carroll Valley Garden Club. Tim Koons, Debbie Johnston, Dean Cool and Adrian Snively provided equipment and labor in May to help with the spring plantings. Finally, many thanks for providing the location for the July 4 fireworks, parking areas, and the large banners and signs that helped with parking and crowd management. A "tip o' the hat!"

— From the Manager's Desk —

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Carroll Valley Views. I trust that you will find this newsletter to be a good source of information, whether you are a Borough Resident, local employer, prospective resident, or otherwise.

My staff and I are committed to working collaboratively with residents and elected officials to maintain a safe and secure family friendly community; to provide the public with premium, prompt, courteous service in a cost effective manner; and to manage community development to protect our natural resources and our rural character.

I would also like to take this opportunity to let Borough Residents know that there are many opportunities to become more involved and volunteer to serve in your local government. Carroll Valley Borough has a rich tradition of resident participation in areas such as the Planning Commission, Sewer and Water Authority, Parks

and Recreation Committee, and the Zoning Hearing Board. These committees provide a valuable purpose in providing input and direction to the Borough Council on various issues. They also provide a wonderful sense of community and plan a variety of community activities that enhance the quality of life for all residents.

If there are any comments or questions regarding this newsletter, or to volunteer for any of the vacancies within the Carroll Valley Borough, please contact my office.

David A. Hazlett
-Borough Manager

Public Hearing

August 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the borough office - To receive public comments concerning a proposal to ban the burning of residential yard waste and a proposal to use speed humps in the borough.

This page is paid for by the Carroll Valley Borough. Any questions or comments should be addressed to the Borough office.

REGIONAL NEWS

Guardian Hose parade is sweet success

BY CHRIS PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

It may be the best kept secret in Frederick County, but the Guardian Hose Company's annual parade is the "it" place to go for candy.

Children and parents alike lined Main and North Church Streets Thursday, July 14 to watch the annual Guardian Hose Company carnival's parade. It's a parade so chock full of fun and entertainment that it took nearly an hour and a half from its start to the last truck's arrival at the parade route's end.

Most participants in the parade tossed out candy and other goodies to children who squealed with delight and raced for each piece. Those kids prepared for raining candy, collected it in plastic shopping bags and left with more candy than most little ones would get on a busy Halloween night.

Along with floats or trucks for businesses, churches, and others, the Catoctin High School and Rohrsville bands played, and

the Catoctin Aires Twirling Corp. performed with their batons, among others.

A bevy of cleaned and polished fire and emergency equipment from area fire companies were in the parade, the Maryland State Police, and the Frederick County Sheriff's Office honked their horns, bleeped their sirens and flashed their lights on cue for all the kids as they drove by.

Robbie Doyle, 6, said she loves to watch the girls twirling their batons. "That's my favorite," she said, adding that there is one more thing she likes.

"If you wave (at the fire trucks) they throw candy," she said giggling.

Seven-year-old Jordan Reely danced to the music of the parade oblivious at times to what else was going on. He joined his cousins, Cameron Hewitt, 4, and Shayne Hewitt, 1, in grabbing for every piece of candy thrown to them.

Candee Tokar of Thurmont brought 11 kids total to the parade, five of whom were her own children.

"All five kids will tell you it's

the candy" that they like the best about the parade, but they do like other things, as well, she said.

Son Dennis Tokar, 12, loves the trucks and getting them to honk, he said. When the baton-twirling Catoctin Aires went by, he admitted he liked to watch them, too.

Mom Tokar said she really loves the parade and hopes they continue it. "You don't have them in a lot of small towns anymore. I think it's great," she said.

Following the parade, the town's board of commissioners took turns at the fire company's carnival dressed in hoola skirts and coconut bras in the Catoctin High Safe and Sane fund-raising dunk tank. They wore street clothes under the outfits and took many jokes for their attire.

Board members said informally that it was well worth it for such a good cause.

The Guardian Hose Company carnival is one of the most important fund-raisers for the all-volunteer company each year. It is usually held in the middle of July.



Fairfield/Hamiltonban could hold joint development review

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
News Editor

Fairfield Borough and Hamiltonban Township could combine their reviews of a 490-home development proposed by Empire Homes that spans both municipalities.

Robert Fortenbaugh, Fairfield zoning officer, told the borough planning commission July 12,

"It (a joint municipal review) has been proposed as a more expeditious way to review it (preliminary site plans)."

Development reconfigured since June 14 meeting

James Hanna, project manager for Empire Home's proposed McGinley's Choice development in Fairfield and Hamiltonban, continued at the July 12 planning meeting to re-view changes made to the sketch plans in response

to comments received from the Adams County Office of Planning & Development.

Hanna said that one of the most noteworthy changes since the June 14 planning commission review was a complete realignment of a major portion of the homes. "It's a much better plan," he told the board.

The previous schemes showed most of the homes oriented along roads in a north-south direction. Those roads, and the homes using them for access, are now in an east-west alignment.

In addition, two lots will become part of an existing home parcel. Also, a small piece of land will be turned over to the local fire company to use for discharging water into a stream. Hanna said the fire company had been using the land for that purpose, but the parcel had never actually been deeded to the company.

Other revisions included providing locations for future connector roads, allowing proper space for tree plantings, and adding more walking or bike trails.

County checklist nearly completed

Senior Planner Robert Thaeler, who normally represents the county planning office at Fairfield meetings, was on vacation, but sent written notes that the developer has addressed most of the planning office's comments.

Issues surrounding a common green area and whether the plan constituted one or two different developments remain to be addressed. Thaeler also asked for a list of the species of trees to be planted and information on the proposed pitch of the roofs.

Hanna said the developer is considering naming the streets after Civil War generals. The main streets would be named after Union generals and the smaller streets after Confederate generals.

Adams County Court House staff would have to review proposed street names against existing ones before approving them.

The Fairfield Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on July 21, 7:30 p.m., to review final details of the sketch plans before the July 25 zoning board hearing on the development.

The (retired) Ecologist Reflections on King Solomon's Ring while Riding on Aged Lawnmower



BY BILL
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Dispatch
Columnist

*There was never a king like Solomon,
Not since the world began.
Yet Solomon talked to a butterfly
As a man would talk to a man
...Rudyard Kipling*

Several years ago I came into possession of a riding mower that had been built the mid-1970s. I would not have been able to afford it when it was new, but some of its previous owners had not maintained it very well, and it became affordable when it would no longer run in reverse. Upon studying the owner's manual I discovered

that it had separate clutches for forward and reverse, and a cursory inspection revealed that the reverse one was worn out. With the help of painstaking explanations from an unusually patient dealer, I was able to install the new clutch myself. It only involved removing four bolts and inserting the new parts in the same pattern as the old ones, but for someone of my mechanical ability it was a triumph. In one operation I gained an excellent mower and a topic to brag about.

Since then, each year has seen a series of minor breakdowns which resulted in some inconvenience and added to my ego's list of triumphs. But finally the inevitable happened; when I went to get the mower out this spring, I found a pool of oil on the garage floor under it. This called for major surgery. The dealer diagnosed a worn-out bearing

somewhere inside the machine, and provided an estimate of the cost. He explained that it was only a few hours' work, but finding the parts would be a problem. Shaking his head, he said, "These things were built like tanks, and they practically never wore out, so after 30 years no one keeps parts on hand. It may take several weeks to find them." I looked at the estimate, glanced over at the price tags on the new mowers in the showroom, gulped, and told him to do the best he could.

The grass grew with enthusiasm this spring, but walking behind the backup mower proved stressful to an arthritic knee, so mowing the lawn was put off each week until the grass began to resemble the rough in the British Open. One day late in May, trudging behind the mower in the front yard, I was startled by an explosion of fur as it went through a thick patch of grass. I knew instantly what it was: I had hit a rabbit's nest. I stopped immediately and scanned the area for fragmented body parts, but found none. Evidently the female rabbit had dug a shallow depression in the ground and filled it with fur before delivering her brood, and it was low enough to allow the mower to pass over it without hitting the actual nest chamber. I could see movement in the nest, but decided not to investigate; I knew what was in there. Baby rabbits are born blind, covered

with short, black hair, and for the first week of life their movements are too uncoordinated to find their way back to the nest if removed from it. If they were injured, there was nothing I could do to fix them; if they were unharmed, the mother would return and tend to them if the nest was not contaminated by the scent of my sweaty hands.

This judgment proved correct. The old mower was back in action by the following week, and when I drove past the nest a tiny rabbit hopped out. Less than three weeks old, it was about four inches long; it had attained its coat of brown fur, its eyes were alert, and its hind legs were of kangaroo-like proportions. Following the ancient instructions pre-wired into its brain, it "froze" about a foot from the nest. It remained there while I finished mowing, ignoring the noise of the 30-year-old engine, apparently presuming itself to be invisible as long as it didn't move.

The seat of a lawnmower is a wonderful site from which to ponder the great questions of the world, and as I clattered about the yard for the next hour the rabbit occupied my mind. Had it possessed human logic, it would have realized it would be more invisible if it stayed in the nest instead of hopping out and freezing. It is probably impossible to know what goes on in a rabbit's brain, but one thing we do know is that human logic is not present there. I was well into my formal education before I learned this, and my mind naturally wandered back to the beginning of the process.

When I was 3 years old I could recite the stories of Uncle Wiggly and Peter Rabbit verbatim. I did not doubt that animals thought and felt as I did, and spoke to each other in

a language that had a vocabulary and syntax just like English; in fact, one of my ambitions was to figure it out. We had an assortment of dogs that could do tricks and obey commands to bring in the cows, pigs that grunted with delight when their backs were scratched, and a pony that could open gates and turn doorknobs with its mouth; obviously they all engaged in reasoning, emotions and intelligent thought. I had a toy farm with a cardboard barn and rubber animals that talked with each other when I played with them. One day I caught a baby rabbit that had "frozen" just out of its nest; I fed it milk from an eyedropper and plantain from the yard, and it seemed to understand that its new home was the toy barn. It died after a few days and was buried in a solemn ceremony while the various other animals, rubber or real, stood by in mourning.

When I took a course in animal behavior in graduate school, I learned that anthropomorphism (attributing human qualities of thought and feeling to animals) is tantamount to cardinal sin. Soon after that I read a book entitled "King Solomon's Ring." The title of the book was taken from the legend that King Solomon had a magical ring which enabled him to speak to animals and command them to do his bidding; the author, Konrad Lorenz, was one of the greatest students of animal behavior. He devoted his career to understanding how animals communicate. His most famous discovery was the process of imprinting, by which newly hatched birds recognize whatever they see in the hours after hatching as their mother; this -discovery is the basis for the TV specials about teaching endangered birds like whooping cranes to migrate by following a small airplane. He found that while communication does exist, most animal actions arise from inherited brain patterns, and they have nothing comparable to human logic.

Lorenz's book and my graduate course dated from the 1950s. Since then, people like Jane Goodall have found that chimpanzees and other apes have some learning and problem-solving abilities, but it is still a fundamental rule in science that anthropomorphism is a mistake. I think we knew this back on the farm; all of the sheep, pigs and chickens had names, and talking to them as if they understood encouraged us children to treat them kindly, but in the end we knew we would have them for dinner. So I have concluded that while anthropomorphism is bad science, it may be useful in raising children. My grandchildren have grown up on a steady diet of Peter Rabbit, Uncle Wiggly, "Old Possum's Book of Plain and Fancy Cats," and "Charlotte's Web," and they're all turning out pretty well.

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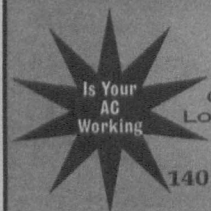
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The Mount will soon welcome the largest freshmen class in its history! 445 freshmen are currently expected to enroll this fall with an average SAT of 1096.

The academic year officially begins August 24 with Fall Convocation—when members of the class of 2009 sign the University Oath of Academic Excellence. The oath calls upon all freshmen to uphold the university's mission and to strive to become better scholars and citizens. Students pledge to commit themselves "to discovery, both academic and personal; enrich our lives in faith and reflection; develop character through integrity, leadership by example, and compassionate engagement with the world around us; and practice acceptance and respect for ourselves and one another in the Mount community and throughout the whole world."

But first, look for the Mount and Emmitsburg to be bustling on Move In Day, August 22. Mount faculty, staff and current students will pitch in to help new "Mounties" and their families carry boxes, clothes, computers and the assortment of items freshmen bring. It's just one of the many ways the Mount community comes together to make the university feel like home. Upperclassmen return on August 23.

Mount Awards Bishop's Scholarships to Eight Members of the Class of 2009

The Mount is pleased to announce the following 2005-06 recipients of the university's new merit-based Bishop's Scholarship Program:

Archdiocese of Atlanta, Ga.: **Adam Spact**, a member of St. Michael Archangel Parish and graduate of Woodstock High School

Diocese of Arlington, Va.: **Megan Miller**, a graduate of Bishop Ireton High School

Archdiocese of Baltimore, Md.: **Adam Kaufmann**, a member St. John the Evangelist Parish and graduate of Mount St. Joseph High School

Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa.: **Andrea Padamonsky**, a member of St. Theresa Parish and graduate of Trinity High School

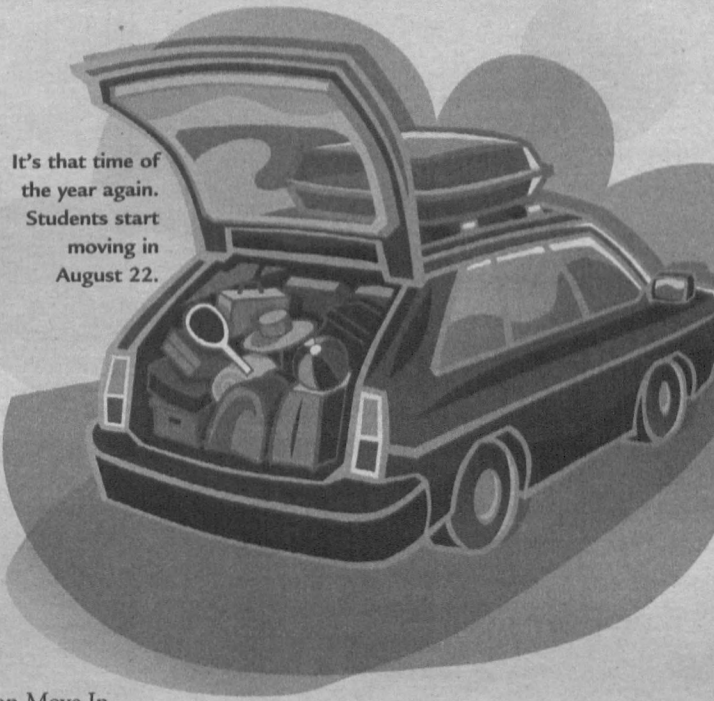
Diocese of Rockville Center, NY: **Elizabeth Trentacoste**, a member of St. Brigid Parish and graduate of Garden City High School

Diocese of Scranton, Pa.: **Noelle Henderson**, a member of St. Ann Parish and graduate of Bishop Neumann High School

Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.: **Jason Werden**, a member of St. Edward the Confessor Parish, and graduate of DeMatha High School

Diocese of Wilmington, Del.: **Danielle Smith**, a graduate of Saints Peter and Paul High School

It's that time of the year again. Students start moving in August 22.



The Bishop's Scholarship Program gives Catholic Bishops in specific dioceses the opportunity to recognize the academic and community service achievements of high school students accepted to the Mount.

In order to qualify for the scholarship, each recipient had a minimum 3.0 grade point average and scored 1100 or above on the SAT, or had an ACT score of at least 24. They also demonstrated leadership and involvement in parish, school and community activities.

"The Mount is expecting its largest incoming freshman class ever," said Mount President Thomas H. Powell. "We are looking forward to welcoming exceptional individuals like the students who have received this distinctive scholarship. The Mount recognizes the importance of Catholic students making a difference in their parishes, their dioceses and their communities."

For Bishop's Scholarship application materials for the 2006-07 academic year, please call the office of admissions at 301-447-5214 or 800-448-4347.

Find out more about these and other scholarships at the next Admissions Open House, July 30.

William Cardinal Keeler with Adam Kaufmann, incoming freshman and 2005-06 recipient of the Bishop's Scholarship from the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Md.



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Emu industry offers an alternative low-fat high protein option

By RICHARD D. L. FULTON
News Editor

Walking into an emu pen seems like something of a cross between visiting a local farm and entering a compound at "Jurassic Park."

The dinosaur-looking ground birds stand four feet at the back, and reach six feet when they hold their necks erect. They stalk about their compounds on their muscular, three-toed, clawed feet leaving prints behind in the soft earth that could have just as easily been left by a juvenile Tyrannosaurus.

However, these big flightless birds are not from a Steven Spielberg movie, but rather, from Australia. Nearly hunted to extinction, the birds were finally granted protected status by the Australian government and today an average of 250,000 emus remain in the wild.

Old Orchard Emus provides an array of products

Jim and Peggy Royer have been raising emus on their Sabillasville, Maryland, Old Orchard Emu farm since 1993. For Jim Royer, this is a full-time job. His wife works for the National Park Service in Harper's Ferry.

In addition to the emus, the farm also produced some hay and fruit, but the emus remain the center of attention.

When Jim Royer originally went into the emu business 12 years ago, these exotic

birds were not cheap, costing around \$6,000 each.

"Over the past dozen years, the prices have dropped to from \$300 to \$400 for a fully grown adult," he said in an interview.

The mainstay of the farm's stock are four breeding pairs of emus averaging about 15 years old each. Birds can live up to 40 years. The

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relatively low maintenance, requiring shelter, pens and "about \$20 to \$30 worth of emu chow (a mixture of corn and alfalfa) a year," Royer said. For nests, the birds use hay grown on the Royer's farm.

The four mated pairs produce all the eggs and young necessary to support the small enterprise. Royer said the mated birds produce eggs only during the winter months, "which is why fresh eggs don't appear at the seasonal farmers' markets." When the birds are producing, each bird can lay one egg every three days, a total of about 30 to 40 eggs a season.

The young are striped like zebras, but eventually lose their initial markings. Generally, the birds are slaughtered at about a year and a half in age. Royer does not process the meat on-site, but uses an independent firm, LaRue Meat Processing, in Somerset, Pennsylvania.

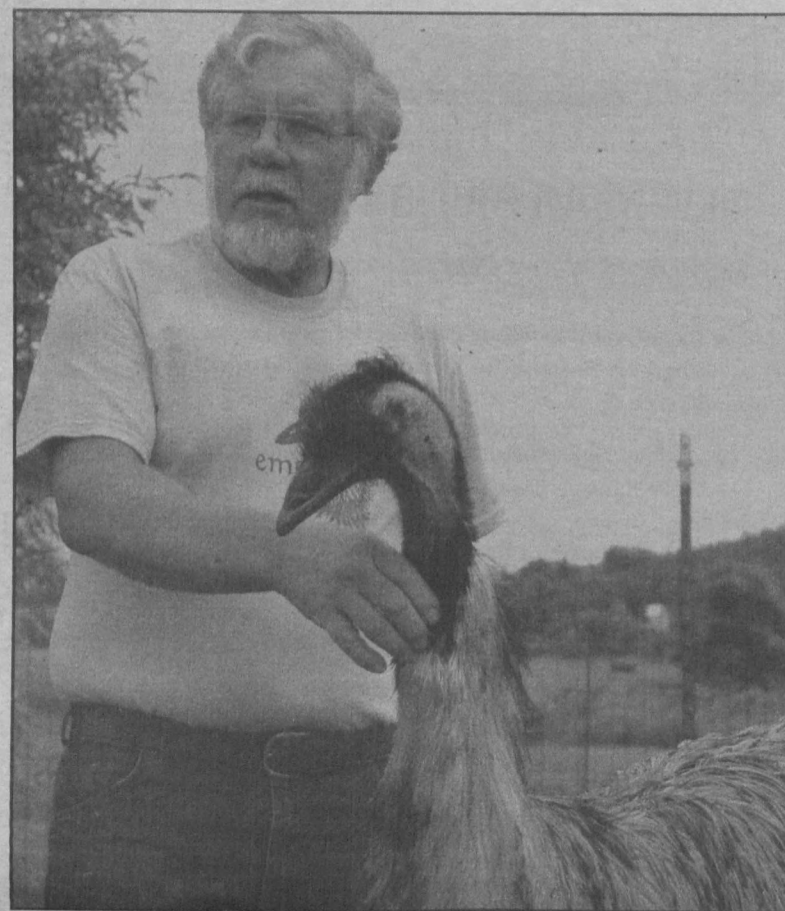
"The meat must be USDA inspected, and even the mobile freezer used to transport the meat to area farmers' markets requires a Frederick County health permit to ensure the freezer operates at the proper temperature," he noted.

Emu products range from fillets to oils

Ground emu meat, at about \$4 a pound, runs about twice the price of ground beef, and is high in protein and lower in fat than most red meats, according to Royer. Emu fillets run around \$8 per pound. Emu burger patties sell for about \$4.50 per pound (four patties per pound).

Don't expect the emu to taste like chicken, however. Emu meat "tastes like beef," Royer said.

Because fresh eggs are not available during farmers' market



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Jim Royer, Old Orchard Emu, Sabillasville, pets one of his tamer birds as he describes emu characteristics.

season, Old Orchard generally sells blown (de-yolked) eggs for ornamental or craft purposes, as well as feathers.

But the real money, according to Royer, is in the fat which is used to produce oils for numerous health-related products ranging from moisturizer cream to soaps.

"The oil is a great moisturizer and healer for aches and pains," he said. The pure, refined emu oil sells for about \$7.95 an ounce. Emu soap made from the oils sells for about \$4 for a 3.5 ounce bar. Emu oil shampoo, lip balm, hand and body lotion, facial cream, and wound and burn crème are among an array of products produced using emu oil.

Royer does not process the oils on-site. Like meat processing, he has to rely on a service outside the immediate area. He uses the Purple Emu, near Philadelphia, to

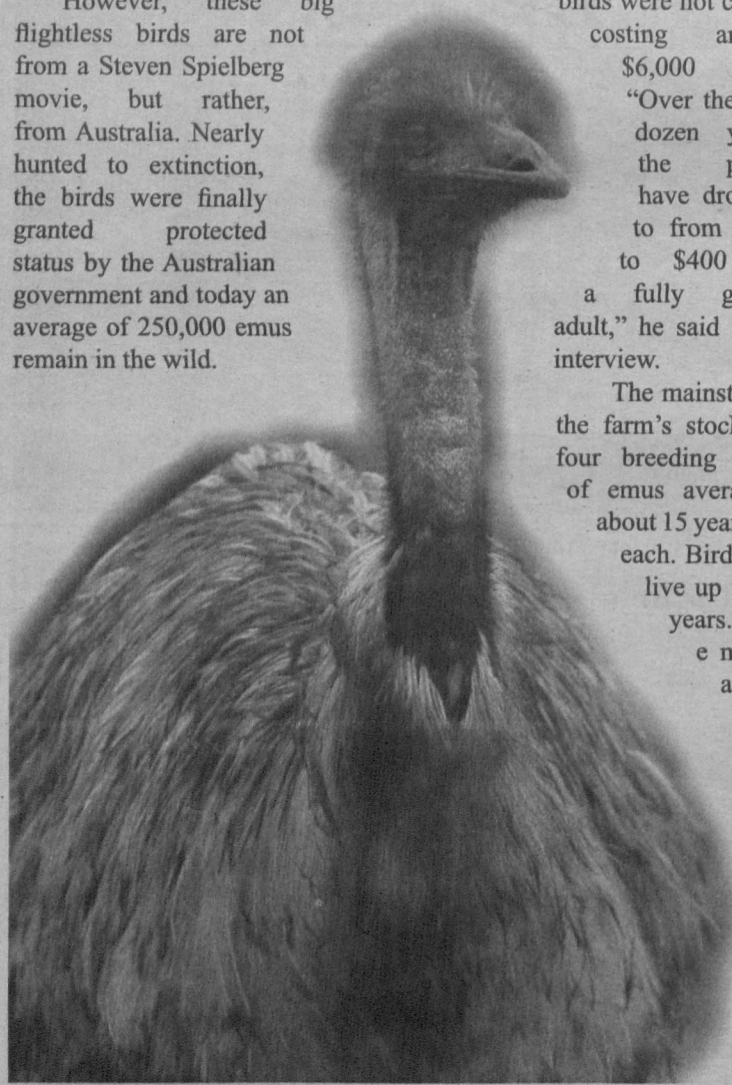
extract oils from the fat he sends to them.

"It's not a real lucrative business because the market is not stable," Royer told *The Dispatch*, adding, "With the health interest being what it is you would think there would be more of a market."

Looking for emu?

For those interested in finding emu products in the immediate area, Old Orchard Emu sells its products at the Emmitsburg Farmers' Market on Fridays and at the Thurmont Farmers' Market on Saturdays. Price lists are available at the markets.

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AGRICULTURE

49th Annual Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show Sept. 9-12, Catoclin High School

Friday night, Sept. 9.

After the community and civic flag ceremony, the show committee will honor the 50th anniversaries of the Emmitsburg Little League and the Thurmont Elementary PTA. The 2005-2006 Catoclin FFA Chapter Ambassador will be announced.

8:30 p.m. - Baked goods auction begins.

9 p.m. - Grand champion cake, pie and bread will be sold.

Departments include: Fresh Fruits, Fresh Vegetables, Home Products Display, Canned Fruits, Canned Vegetables, Jellies & Preserves, Pickles, Meats, Baked Products, Sewing & Needlework, Flowers and Plants, Arts, Paintings & Drawings, Crafts, Photography, Com, Small Grains and Seeds, Eggs, Nuts, Poultry & Livestock, Dairy, Goats, Hay, Junior Department and Youth Department.

Exhibits

Individual exhibit entry: Thursday, Sept. 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 9 from 8 a.m. to noon in the new gymnasium and in the agriculture department area. Judging begins at 12:30 p.m.

Commercial exhibit entry: Friday, Sept. 9, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Open to the public: 6 p.m. Exhibits must be removed Sunday, Sept. 11 from 3 to 7 p.m., one hour earlier than in previous years.

Saturday, Sept. 10

Petting zoo and pony rides during the day.

In the old gymnasium - Thurmont resident John Kinnaid's old pictures of the area; Thurmont Library annual book sale; commercial exhibits, 4-H demonstrations, and the bee and honey display by Monica Dabbs of Emmitsburg.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Catoclin FFA Alumni Beef, Sheep and Swine show.

10:30 a.m. - Pet Show in front of the high school.

3-7 p.m. - Thurmont Grange turkey and ham dinner. School cafeteria.

7 p.m. - Thurmont Middle School and the Catoclin High School bands. Auditorium.

7 p.m. - 31st annual Catoclin FFA Alumni Beef, Sheep & Swine sale. Ag Center area.

Community show booklets will be available in Thurmont, Emmitsburg and surrounding area businesses in late July or early August. New community residents are urged to enter and be a part of the Community Show.

Sunday, Sept. 11

Petting zoo and pony rides during the day.

9:30 a.m. - Goat Show, followed by the Dairy Show and Decorated Animal Contest.

Noon - Catoclin FFA Alumni chicken barbeque. Cafeteria.

1 p.m. - 26th annual horseshoe pitching contest.

1 p.m. - Log Sawing Contest under the show tent. Ag Center area.

1-1:45 p.m. and 2:15-3 p.m. - "Catoclin Promise" band. Auditorium.

1:30 p.m. - Barnyard Olympics for children. Age groups: 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-13.

2 p.m. - Martial arts demonstration. Old gymnasium.

The Community Show is sponsored by the Thurmont Grange, Catoclin FFA Chapter, Catoclin FFA Alumni and the Maryland State Agricultural Fair Board. Officers: President - Rodman Myers, Vice President - Robert Valentine, Secretary - Robert Beavan, Assistant Secretary - Jane Savage. Other committee members: Sue Keilholtz, Jessica Valentine, Robert Wiles, Jean Myers, David Harman, Cheryl Lenhart, Alan Brauer, Sr., Jeff Geisinger, Denise Valentine, Helen and Robert Troxell, Jane and Dave Savage, Karen Myers, Sue Sanders, Patty Johnston, Laura Keilholtz, Robert Beavan and Susan Trice.

Agricultural Briefs ...

MDA tries to allay equine herpesvirus fears

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) has issued a statement saying that its animal health field staff believe that horses housed at a Columbia, Maryland horse facility, where a number of horses contracted equine herpesvirus this past spring, do not pose a threat.

Several horses at the Columbia Horse Center, Inc. were put to death, while two others recovered.

"It is the opinion of the Maryland Department of Agriculture Animal Health Field

staff that these horses pose no more risk for the herpesvirus than any other horse in the general equine population," concluded the MDA, after its 11-week quarantine of the facility.

The MDA based its assessment on information obtained during the incident on the length of the isolation periods, the general course the disease takes, the extension of the isolation period to give an extra safety cushion, and the horses' treatment and vaccination protocols.

Bracing for a soybean rust invasion

Soybean rust, any one of two species of fungus that attack soybeans and other legumes, was first detected in the United States in late 2004, possibly as a result of the intense hurricane season which carried spores.

Because soybean rust has not yet reached Maryland, the state is advising farmers who grow the crop to begin preparations to resist an

invasion of these destructive fungi.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture has published a manual, "Maryland Response and Action Plan for Soybean Rust," available at their Website <http://www.mda.state.md.us/>

For additional information, or to find out about printed copies of the report, call the MDA at 410-841-5920.

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Marcus Boyle spends a lot of time on his toes

The Fairfield teen was recently featured in the Hanover Academy of Dance's annual Gala Performance. Marcus participated in tap, jazz and modern dance routines at the event on June 18. He also performed with the student assistants in a lyrical dance number.

During the second part of the gala, Marcus was featured as

the Prince in "Rapunzel." Katie Hawkins of Littlestown played the long-haired princess. It's a partnership the two know well. During recent dance competitions, Marcus and Katie captured the Ultimate Victory Best Costume Award and first place High Score Award in the ballet category, as well as a gold award. They also won other accolades with other class members in the lyrical/modern and jazz categories.

Marcus has been with the Hanover Academy of Dance for three years. His is an honor roll student at Fairfield Middle School and will be a freshman this fall at Fairfield High.

Marcus is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh S. Boyle of Boyle Road.

Marcus Boyle (R) poses with dance partner Katie Hawkins. Photo courtesy of Alice Boyle.



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It's Christmas in July in Thurmont

By V. DIANN DEVART
Contributing Writer

Recent hot temperatures and humidity can mean only one thing, Christmas is just around the corner. Just take a look at Thurmont, because it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around town.

The reason for all of the holiday hoopla is simple. The Thurmont Thespians' Summer Youth Music Theatre Production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" is rolling out on stage July 28.

The show, directed by theater aficionado Beth Royer Watson, will have eight performances at the Thurmont American Legion Auditorium. Performances will be held July 28-31 and again Aug. 4-7.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" will feature music and lyrics by Richard Wilson and the rarely produced "full-length" version of Barbara Robinson's classic children's book and play, specially released to Watson, who directed the very first production of Robinson's play 25 years ago in West Chester, Pa.

The Thurmont Thespians' Summer Youth Theatre program provides an introduction to the stage for children and teens. It is led by an experienced all-volunteer staff of trained community theater directors, choreographers and technical support personnel.

For more information on the performances, call 301-416-0864 or e-mail thurmontthespians@myactv.net.

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Concerts

July 24 - Annual Volunteer Freedom Concert. 6 p.m. Thurmont Memorial Park.

July 24 - Sticktime. 7 p.m. Summer Concert Series. Baker Park Bandshell, Frederick. Free. Canned food donation requested. 301-228-2844.

Aug. 6 - Music in the Park. 7 p.m. Emmitsburg Community Chorus. 7 p.m. Sunday in the Park Concert Series. Gettysburg Recreation Park Amphitheater, Long Lane, Gettysburg. Free. 717-334-2028.

Aug. 7 - Rohrersville Band. 6 p.m. Thurmont Memorial Park.

Aug. 7 - Nicki Gonzalez. 7 p.m. Summer Concert Series. Baker Park Bandshell, Frederick. Free. Canned food donation requested. 301-228-2844.

Aug. 7 - Lila McCann. 7 p.m. Summer Concert Series. Baker Park Bandshell, Frederick. Free. Canned food donation requested. 301-228-2844.

Aug. 14 - Make "N" Changes. 7 p.m. Sunday in the Park Concert Series. Gettysburg Recreation Park Amphitheater, Long Lane, Gettysburg. Free. 717-334-2028.

Aug. 14 - Lila McCann. 7 p.m. Summer Concert Series. Baker Park Bandshell, Frederick. Free. Canned food donation requested. 301-228-2844.

For Children

July 23 - The Little Mermaid. 7 p.m. Sadecky's Puppets present this Summerfest Family Theatre production. Baker Park Bandshell, Frederick. Free. 301-694-2489.

July 30 - Scales and Tales. 7 p.m. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources presents this Summerfest Family Theatre production. Baker Park Bandshell, Frederick. Free. 301-694-2489.

Aug. 6 - Mom and Me. 7 p.m. A Summerfest Family Theatre musical program. Baker Park Bandshell, Frederick. Free. 301-694-2489.

Aug. 13 - Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer. 7 p.m. A Summerfest Family Theatre musical program. Baker Park Bandshell, Frederick. Free. 301-694-2489.

Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

Through July 24 - Cumberland Valley Artists Winners Exhibit. 56 paintings and 12 sculptures will be exhibited. Washington County Museum of Fine Arts 301-739-5727.

Saturdays in July - Art at Farmers Market. Lincoln Square, Gettysburg.

Literary

Aug. 13 - Book Signing - Wayne Weible. "Medjugorje the Message." 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. Peter's Books and Gifts Cafe, Emmitsburg, along with a talk on his own personal conversion story at Carroll Valley Ski Liberty Resort at 7 p.m. Information: 301-447-1901 or 717-334-4529.

Live Acts

July 23 - Irish Moon Coffee House. 8 to 10 p.m. Featuring harp music by Aimee. 1 Frederick Street, Taneytown. 410-756-6556.

Aug. 12 - "The Basement" Coffee House. 7 to 10 p.m. Elias Lutheran Church. Featuring local band "Common Clay."

Festivals/Events

July 22 and 29 - Savage River Reservoir Twilight Canoe Trip 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. New Germany State Park, Grantsville, Garrett County \$10. Information: 301-895-5759.

July 23 - Magic of Monroe Run: Hiking and Canoeing Trip. - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hike a 5-mile trail along Monroe Run, scenic trout stream, and canoe on Savage River Reservoir. New Germany State Park, Grantsville, Garrett County. Information: 301-895-5759 or visit customerservice@dnr.state.md.us.

Aug. 6-13 - Howard County Fair. West Friendship. Information: 301-829-0852.

Aug. 12-20 - Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg. Information: 301-926-3100, www.mcagfair.com.

Stage

July 22-23 and 29-30 - "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas." 8 p.m. Special matinee on July 31 at 2 p.m. Presented by Fredericktowne Players at Weinberg Center, Frederick. \$18 for adults, \$15 students/seniors. 301-228-2828.

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

Aug. 12-14 and 19-21 - Disney's "Beauty and the Beast." New Oxford Senior High School. Fri. and Sat. at 7 p.m., Sun. shows at 2 p.m. www.adamscountyartsCouncil.org.

SPORTS

Outside the Game

Fountain of Youth

By A.J. RUSSO
Sports Editor

Old guys rule ... or at least it would seem that way in professional sports these days.

Jerry Rice, soon to be 43 years old, the most prolific receiver in NFL history, talked recently with Broncos coach Mike Shanahan about playing for his team this season.

In October, shortly before the Broncos played at Oakland, Shanahan said he believed Rice could still play, even though Rice had just turned 42.

"Jerry is a guy that might play two, three, four more years," Shanahan said. "If it doesn't work out with the Raiders, I think it will work out for somebody. He still can be productive, and he is still in great shape."

Last year, at age 40, then Arizona's Randy Johnson pitched a perfect game in Atlanta. He was overpowering and, shortly after, signed a lucrative long-term deal with the Yankees.

After claiming he was "retired" following the '03 season with New York, Roger Clemens returned at age 42 and won his seventh Cy Young. With an 18-4 record, 2.98 ERA, 218 Ks in 214 innings and an opponents' batting average of .217, he proved again why he's a certain Hall of Famer.

And now, as we end the first half of the 2005 Major League Baseball season, one of the pitchers vying to start for the National League, with an outrageously low 1.50 ERA, is none other than iron man, Roger Clemens.

What's going on here?

Older athletes will tell you, that at the magic age of 40, their bodies begin to deteriorate—at least to the point of being unable to compete at the same high level as younger athletes.

Scientists will tell you that aging is not just the passage of time, but an accumulation of biological events that occur over a span of time.

The most often reported consequence of normal aging is the loss of skeletal muscle mass.

Most researchers agree that loss of muscle cannot be explained by a single factor but is due to a complex interaction of muscle and nerve alterations which snowballs into decreased physical activity.

Why age 40?

Researchers who examined the isometric force production of muscles of aging athletes, reported that, at or around age 40, declines in strength occurred in the forearm and the muscles of the lower leg — the greatest loss of strength occurring in the lower limb.

Scientists have also shown that the pituitary gland slows down with age, producing decreasing levels of Human Growth Hormone (HGH). This decrease is, on average, 14% every 10 years. By 40, humans produce little HGH and by the time people are 65, many don't produce any.

Many researchers feel it is this decline in HGH levels that leads in part to many of the symptoms associated with aging — wrinkled skin, expanding waistlines, less energy, vitality — and loss of muscle mass and strength.

Since 1990, thousands of studies have been published in medical journals worldwide, which show that increasing a person's supply of HGH, either by injections, or natural nutrient supplements, may help achieve anti-aging benefits.

Promotion and knowledge of this information, as well as over-the-counter availability, has made HGH a performance enhancement drug of choice for many professional athletes.

I'm not implying that Rice, Clemens or Johnson are using HGH, but athletes who have short-lived careers and can demand high salary contracts at old age — if they can keep up with the youngsters — might be tempted.

Ya think?

By the way, HGH side effects include increased blood pressure, fluid retention, carpal tunnel syndrome, and joint pain, and it has also been tied to an increase in insulin resistance, which can lead to diabetes (although this data is not conclusive).

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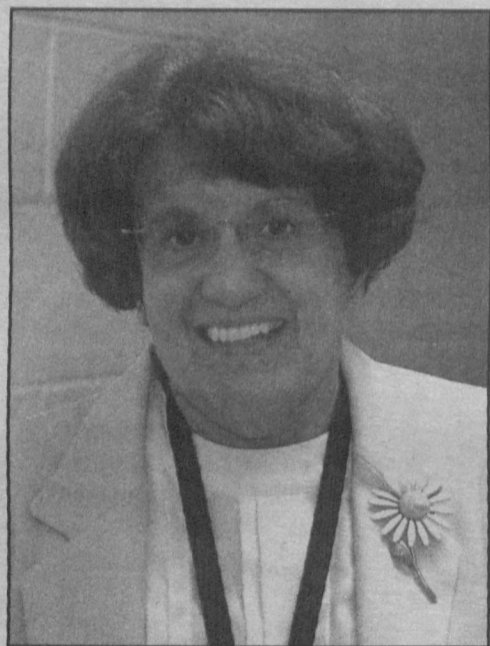
Thurmont Middle School Principal Retires After 21 Years of Leadership

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Staff Writer

Claire Kondig, retiring as principal of Thurmont Middle School (TMS), came to teach in Frederick County in 1965 – “Forty years ago – can you believe it?!” she exclaims – after graduating from Mount Union College in Ohio. Her college advisor recommended Maryland, and Frederick County in particular, as places where “good things were happening” in education. More than half of her career has been spent as a TMS administrator.

Her first job was at West Frederick Junior High School teaching Core, a combination of social studies and English. Other English teaching assignments included what was termed “F.C.C. English” at Middletown and Thomas Johnson High Schools. (The course credits were accepted by Frederick Community College.) After four and a half years teaching eighth-grade English at Brunswick Middle High School, (“yes, that’s what it was called then,” she laughs) Kondig spent a year as an

administrative intern at Thomas Johnson High. She came to TMS as assistant principal in 1984, and “loved everything about it and just never wanted to leave.” After four



Claire Kondig

years as assistant principal, she was promoted to principal, her position for the next 17 years.

In 1985 TMS was enlisted in a five-year “turning point” study by the Carnegie Council on Adolescent

Development, which yielded grant funds for teacher and staff training and student enrichment. By the early 1990s, Kondig turned her attention to school facilities which greatly needed repair. She praises the outstanding community support and “stellar PTA leadership” during the many challenges of those years. County commissioners and state politicians Louis Goldstein and William Donald Schaefer visited TMS as she and parents lobbied for an addition and renovation to the school.

As she looks to the future, Kondig takes “a lot of pride in the school’s achievement.” Though she feels that student achievement suffered during the two years of renovation, when classes were moved three times, “the kids are back on track.” In 1999, TMS was designated a Maryland “green school” for its environmental education, the first in Frederick County, and recertified in 2004. TMS was named “a middle school of excellence” for its parent involvement in 2003-04.

Though she is retiring from the school system, Kondig will hardly be at rest. She will be mentoring teacher interns at Hood College, and returning to volunteer work with the League of Women Voters. Next May she and her sister will take a “study tour” to Italy. She plans to pursue environmental interests at ThorpeWood and “let the creative part of myself do some exploring!”

QUILTERS

Quilt Shows - quilts, vendors and eavesdropping



BY MARY ELLEN CUMMINGS
Dispatch Columnist

assist you and the quilts were being touched and handled. I shuddered to think how some of those meticulously made wonders might be damaged.

Earlier, I said eavesdrop on quilt conversations – well, I did and thereby met a most interesting quilter. His name is Scott Murkin and in addition to making quilts, he also lectures and teaches quilting. He works in the medical field and says working with fabrics is a way to relax and relieve tension. He keeps some kind of quilt work laid out all the time. If he has fifteen minutes to quilt, he doesn’t spend all the time “getting ready.” Mr. Murkin and his wife are both involved with crafting, but she prefers knitting and working with yarn.

He said he works with strips of fabric 1” x 18” long and just arranges and changes until he gets a design he likes and keeps repeating that design until he’s made a quilt top. There are always some of the one-inch wide pieces left over from the 18” cut so he makes little quilts from them.

Mr. Murkin uses these scraps now. I keep my scraps for sometime in the future. Somehow, I never get anything made from them. However, scraps I’ve saved for 50 years have helped me repair several old quilts. Do you save scraps? If not what you do with them?

Last month I gave a few tips that might help in your quilting. Today, I suggest that you attend, at least, one quilt show a year. It doesn’t have to be a large show, but try to find one that has vendors. Don’t go, look, and leave. Take time to talk to the vendors and check out new methods and gimmicks. And, eavesdrop – on quilting conversations only!

In June, I had the opportunity of visiting the Blue Ridge Quilt Festival in Blacksburg, Va. They presented a new way to award door prizes. When you paid your admission fee you could pick a numbered ticket from a basket. A long table nearby had been covered with quilting accessories and numbered; a 10-year-old girl would help you check to see of your ticket was a lucky number. It was a fun and friendly way to start the day.

The quilts and wall hangings were similar to those in other shows. There was a lot of machine quilting and fused appliqué. However, there were no white gloved ladies to

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July 21 – Silver Fancy Garden Club Meeting. 1 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church. Open to the public. Program: "Corn and our Environment." Light refreshments. Information: 410-756-1113.

July 23 – Blacksmith Shop Demonstration. 1-3 p.m. Catoctin Mountain Park Blacksmith Shop, Camp Round Meadow. Information and directions: 301-663-9388.

July 23 – Peach Festival. 4-8 p.m. Graceham Moravian Church, 8231 Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont. Food, games, music by The Moravian Praise Team, 7th State and The WALK. Information: 301-271-2379.

July 23 and 30 – Campfire Programs. 9 p.m. Catoctin Mountain Park. Owens Creek Amphitheater.

July 24 – Community Potluck Dinner. 4-8 p.m. ThorpeWood. Topic: Big mimicry. Call 301-271-2823 by July 21.

July 24-29 – Emmitsburg Community Vacation Bible School. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Elias Lutheran Church, 100 W. North Ave. Take a "Safari Adventure" with Jesus. Age 3 to grade 6. Sponsored by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches. Information: 301-524-3644.

July 25-29 – Vacation Bible School. 7-8:45 p.m. Mountain View Ministries, 103 Apples Church Road, Thurmont. Pre-school to sixth grade children. Program ends July 31 at 6 p.m. Pre-register at 301-271-3170, 301-271-9088 or 301-271-2380.

July 26 – American Red Cross Volunteer Orientation. 6:30 p.m. Frederick County Chapter House, 2 East Frederick Street, Walkersville. Information: 301-662-5131.

July 26, 27 – Food and Fun for Kids. 7-8 p.m. on July 26, 1-2 p.m. on July 27. Maryland Cooperative Extension Office, 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick. Cost: \$3. Registration deadline: July 22. Information: 301-694-1594, ext. 11599.

July 27 – 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.

July 27-29 – Soccer Clinic. 9 a.m. to noon. Catoctin Recreation Center, Thurmont Middle School. Ages 5-9 Cost: \$65 per participant.

Aug. 1 – Prevention Health Screenings. Trinity United Methodist Church, Emmitsburg. Wellness screenings. Call for appointment: 1-800-446-9030.

Aug. 1-4 – Taneytown Summer Day Camp. Ages 3-5. Information: 410-751-1100.

Aug. 5-7 – Third Annual Mid-Atlantic High School Baseball Classic. University of Maryland Shipley Field, College Park. Information: 410-593-9922.

Aug. 6 – Garden Shed Construction: Poured Dirt Floor. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ThorpeWood. Cost: \$15.

Aug. 6, Sept. 3 – Thurmont Lions Club Super Summertime Sandwich Series. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bell Hill Farm. 1½ miles north of Thurmont on Rt. 15. For information or advance orders: 301-271-0558.

Aug. 6, 13, 20 and 27 – Campfire Programs. 8:30 p.m. Catoctin Mountain Park. Owens Creek Amphitheater.

Aug. 8-12 – Taneytown Summer Day Camp. Ages 6-11. Information: 410-751-1100.

Aug. 12 – Taneytown Business Breakfast. 7:30 a.m. Thunderhead Bowling Center. Reservations required. Cost: \$5.50 at the door. Speaker: Bob Harrison, Antique Appraiser. Topic: Your junk could be your treasure!

Aug. 12 – Catoctin High School Class of 1983 annual gathering. 6 p.m. Ott House, Emmitsburg.

Aug. 15 – Emmitsburg Area Historical Society. 7 p.m. Emmitsburg Community Center.

Aug. 18-20 – Littlestown Good Ole Days. 5K race and parade, flea market, craft displays, antiques and hometown cooking in the town park. Information: 717-359-9733.

Aug 19-21 – Cordwood Garden Shed construction. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ThorpeWood. Price per person \$200.

Aug. 20 – Trails Forever Volunteer Work Day. 8 a.m. Catoctin Mountain Park. Camp Round Meadow. Information: call 301-663-9388. No reservations needed.

Aug. 27 – Grow Out Stations. 9 a.m.-noon. ThorpeWood. Limit of 15 participants. Free. Register by Aug. 19.

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Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Website Launched

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) and PennWell Corporation announce a new Website, www.everyonegoeshome.com, established for the nationwide Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives program.

"This is a first for the NFFF and the American fire service and is part of an ongoing, comprehensive program to prevent firefighter deaths and injuries," said Chief Ron Siarnicki, Executive Director of the NFFF.

In 2004, the NFFF hosted the first ever Firefighter Life Safety Summit to develop a national program to reduce the number of firefighter line-of-duty deaths in the American fire service. The Summit developed 16 specific initiatives aimed at achieving a 25% reduction in firefighter fatalities over the next five years and a 50% reduction over the next ten years.

"The number of line of duty death and injuries suffered by firefighters throughout this nation is unacceptable," said U.S. Fire Administrator R. David Paulison. "These initiatives should have a significant impact on health, safety and well being of one of this nation's greatest assets, the firefighters who dedicate themselves to the protection of their communities."

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Medicare prescription program information

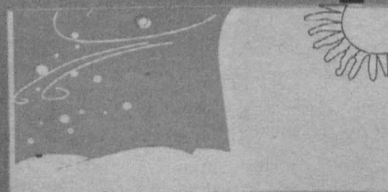
On Aug. 19 at 1 p.m. a Social Security representative will be available at St. Catherine's Nursing Center to explain the new Medicare prescription program to the community. For more information, call St. Catherine's Nursing Center, 301-447-7007.

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