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#### August 7-13 declared 'Farmers Market Week'

Emmitsburg Farmers' Market attendee purchases fruit from Woerner's Orchard at Friday's market. Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. and Maryland Agriculture Secretary Lewis R. Riley jointly declared August 7-13 as Farmers' Market Week in Maryland. The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Michael Johanns, also proclaimed August 7-13 as national Farmers' Market Week. The Emmitsburg market is open every Friday from 3 to 6:30 p.m. through mid-October.

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#### Mount horse park proposal could see PA competition

Equestrian center proposed on Rt. 15 in Adams County

By RICHARD D. L. FULTON News Editor

ten miles outside of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and about 15 miles

above the Mason-Dixon Line.

An investment group, headedup by Victor Fiorino, a Northern Another horse park has been Maryland resident and owner proposed along Route 15, this of the Gettysburg Travel Plaza, one to be sited on a 250+ acre is proposing to establish the tract in Huntington Township Gettysburg Equestrian Center in proximity to the U.S. Route 15state Route 234 interchange.

## Mayor vetos ethics reimbursements

By RICHARD D. L. FULTON News Editor

Mayor James E. Hoover vetoed, on July 25, the board of commissioners' approved legal expense reimbursements to two commissioners found guilty of ethics violations. Hoover said the town should not have to reimburse town staff or elected officials for legal expenses in a case where they were found

The veto nullified the commissioners' 3-1 vote on July 18 approving reimbursement of legal expenses allegedly incurred by commissioners William B. O'Neil, Jr. and Arthur Elder during the ethics investigation.

#### **Board approves controversial reimbursements**

Both commissioners were found by the town ethics commission to have violated the ethics code, and were subsequently served with cease-and-desist notices. The town said the ethics offenses constituted misdemeanors, but they

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#### Special meeting August 8 on mayor's veto

The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners will hold a special meeting Aug. 8 at 7:30 p.m., to address the mayor's veto of the commissioner-approved repayment of legal expenses to Commissioners William B. O'Neil, Jr. and Arthur Elder, found guilty of misconduct by the town ethics commission.

The idea for establishing a center has been "kicked around" for the past several years, according to the investment group spokesperson. The group decided to officially pursue the center this summer.

The announcement of the proposal comes amid a recent announcement of a Frederick County-approved nomination of land owned by the Mount for a Maryland-sponsored horse park

that could be located along U.S. Route 15 south of Emmitsburg.

#### Arenas with 9,000+ seating capacity proposed

The facility, which Richard (Rick) Kelly, spokesperson for Gettysburg Equestrian Center

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Joan Marie Waters Celebrates 100th birthday at Provinical House

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Thurmont Little League off to **Bristol after winning states** 

#### Town election judges reject request for new election

A candidate defeated for mayor in the Emmitsburg 2005 election was denied a request July 29 by the election judges to hold a new election due to alleged irregularities.

Dr. Stanley Charles Mazaleski complained to the election judges at a special hearing that a shredder had been kept in the polling area, an election judge had left the premises, a police officer was not present at the poll at all times, and -see page 16, the ballots failed to include "Dr.", officer remain in the polling area.

in front of his name. Mazaleski has a Ph.D.in Preventive Medicine and Public Health from Oklahoma University.

The election judges, including Sabrina Paxton-Daily, Denise Etris and Dorothy Davis concluded there was no merit to Mazelski's issues, and denied his request for a new election.

According to the judges, there are no regulations requiring that all election judges or a police at all times, nor do any dictate what office equipment may be in the polling area during voting and counting.

It was further noted that printed materials, without "Dr." in front of Mazaleski's name were posted for some time prior to the

Mazelski objected to the election judges being the group hearing his grievances, saying he would take his concerns to the commissioners.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

#### **Apprecication for coverage**

I never thought I would write a letter to The Emmitsburg Dispatch, but after reading page eight of your recent issue, I was prompted to do so.

Keep up the great work!

Peter and Mary Blanchard continue to bring well-known writers to Emmitsburg.

The picture of the re-enactment of the marriage of Roger Taney and Anne Key hooked in powerfully with the content and themes of the page

The future Chief Justice of the Supreme Court was a great friend of Mount St. Mary's College. In

Cory instill in these players the

fact, he and his wife were married at her residence by Father John DuBois, the "Founding Father of the Mount," on Jan. 7, 1806.

The news that Father Demetrius "Prince" Gallitzin was declared a "Servant of God" was very heart-warming.

One hot summer afternoon, in the early 1800s, a young boy befriended Father Gallitzin in the Emmitsburg town square. First, he gave the parched priest a cold drink of water; second, he guided the "Priest on Horseback" to "John Dubois' Institution."

That seven-year-old boy,

who epitomizes the way Our Lady wishes local residents to welcome strangers to Emmitsburg, grew up and became Father John McCaffrey, the seventh president of Mount St. Mary's College. He served in that position for a record 34 years!

Finally, Our Lady Emmitsburg's words for a parched people of today were like a cold glass of water to a stranger on a sweltering summer day ...

She must have smiled her approval, in the tower of St. Mary's Church, the day "Little Mac," came to the assistance of the "stranger" in Emmitsburg. She obviously smiled her approval on their subsequent lives.

Prayerfully, she will smile her approval on "Prince" Gallitzin once again, the day he is canonized.

Congratulations on superb coverage!

> -Dom Forker Milford, NJ

#### **Our Lady of Emmitsburg** devotees the blind leading the blind

They bought the lie. Those devotees of OLOE have forgotten where their faith should be. Faith is in Christ who speaks through the Church and the Church has spoken. But in their blindness they continue - the blind leading the blind. And in their disobedience to the spirit of the law, they will continue to be blinded. Would that they ask themselves, "Where is truth?" That they would crack open the door of enlightenment by asking themselves, "Could I be wrong?" But there lies the crux of the matter. They would then have to admit that they made a mistake, that they were duped. But they are a stiff-necked people who refuse to admit they are, or could be, wrong.

> - Mary Ann Osborne Emmitsburg



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

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

August 4, 1905 - Mr. Jacob W. Brown has sold his property containing 22 acres of land situated on the Bruceville Road, to Mr. John H. Clutz for \$800.00.

Lost - A gold wreath Pin, between the residences of A.M. and G. Mead Patterson. Finder will please leave pin at Mr. A.M. Patterson's.

Preston E. Favorite, of Thurmont, and Miss Nettie R. Martin of Hagerstown, were married at the Lutheran parsonage, Frederick.

The resignation of Lieut. Col. Charles B. McLean, of the First Infantry, Maryland National Guard, has been received at the Adjutant-Generals office, in Annapolis, and will be accepted.

The Emmitsburg Taneytown base ball teams played a very interesting game of ball in this place Wednesday afternoon. The game was won by the Emmitsburg team, the score being 9 to 8.

#### To Number R. F. D. Boxes

Aug. 4, 1905 - To facilitate a more accurate handling of the mailbyruralfreedeliverycarriers the Postoffice Department is arranging for the numbering of all rural letter boxes which under the regulations of the department are entitled to service, and authorizing the delivery by rural letter carriers of ordinary mail matter of all classes addressed to boxes by number alone, so long as improper and unlawful business is not conducted thereby, the same as is now permitted in the case of postoffice boxes. Instructions will be issued to post masters within a short time to assign to boxes entitled to service consecutive numbers, beginning with the first box reached by the carrier after leaving the postoffice, and a new box erected subsequent to the original numbering will be assigned the next consecutive number in use on the particular

#### Shattered by Lightning

Aug. 4, 1905 - During severest electrical storm of the season last Sunday afternoon the tower of Grace Lutheran Church in Westminster, was struck by lightning and considerably shattered. The lightning entered at the top of the tower and, running down the woodwork on the inside till it reached the brickwork, burst out a section of the wall. It is feared the tower has been made unsafe.

The tower of the Reformed Church at Taneytown was also struck and considerably damaged by lightning during the

#### **New Firm**

Aug 4, 1905 - Messrs. Lutheran M. Zimmerman and Edgar W. Shriver have formed a co-partnership under the firm name Zimmerman & Shriver, and will conduct a general warehouse business at the old stand of the late firm of E.R. Zimmerman & Son, in this place. They will give special attention to and carry a full and complete line of agricultural machinery and repairs of every description. They will also deal in Lumber, Coal, Flour, Feed, Salt, Fertilizer, etc. they are agents for the J.I. Case Threshing Machine Company, McCormick Harvesting Machinery and superior Grain Drills. Custom Sawing a specialty.

Aug. 11, 1905 - At St. Josephs Catholic Church picnic, held on August 2 an account of which appeared in these columns last week, the total amount taken in was \$352.33 and the net receipts amounted to \$253.72.

A pic nic will be held in Seabrook's Grove, near the Tract School House, on Saturday, Aug. 19. Should weather be unfavorable the pic nic be held on the following Saturday, Aug

#### **Thrown From A Horse**

Aug. 11, 1905 - Miss Alice Blair was painfully injured last Friday evening whilst riding horse back in this place. The animal became frightened and Miss Alice was thrown to the ground with the above result. Dr. J.W. Eichelberger rendered the medical aid and she is able to be about again.

#### It is my intent to convey my importance of teamwork, good sportsmanship, the fundamentals sincere appreciation and admiration to four individuals whom I feel of baseball, and respect for others, have been a guiding force in the knowing that these traits will lives of our youth that are involved follow them through their lifetime. in Emmitsburg Little League I realize that some players do not Baseball. The individuals I speak grasp the fundamentals as quickly of are Dave Wantz, Chris Wantz, as others; however, each player Danny Sprankle, and Cory Sites, gets the opportunity to play in coaches of the Red Sox Team. each game to gain the "real game" I am sure all coaches deserve experience. That being said I feel much credit; however, since my that Dave, Chris, Danny, and Cory grandson plays for the Red Sox have gained the respect of all of I can only speak for the coaches their players. that I am familiar with. Watching these youngsters excel in their sport is testimony to the guidance lives of our youth. they receive from their coaches. While Dave, Chris, Danny, and

**Appreciation for Little League coaches** 

Dave, Chris, Danny, and Cory, I say thank you for your input in the

> -Herb Gingell Emmitsburg





#### Fire Company and kids - a good mix

Vigilant Hose Company's Firefighter / EMT Tony Kelly (back-center) and Ryan Stambaugh (backleft) recently attracted the attention of children from Amy's Day Care in Thurmont. The men were helping The Emmitsburg Dispatch obtain aerial photos of the neighboring community, when the children, playing in East End Park, spotted the ladder truck.

Day care owner Amy Bollinger said, "The kids were just so excited. They could not believe how high the bucket went in the air. They wanted to get inside and go for a ride." The two firefighters took time to explain the truck's equipment and allowed the children to sit inside the cab. Bollinger said the firefighters did a wonderful job. The children talked about the experience the rest of the day and all told their parents. The day care is located on Jimtown Road in Thurmont and cares for children ages 19 months to 5 years old.

#### Veto

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did not warrant criminal action, according to the state's attorney for Frederick County.

During the July 18 town meeting, O'Neil moved that the town reimburse himself and Elder for their ethics investigationrelated legal expenses.

O'Neil initially requested a \$5,827 reimbursement, but board President Christopher V. Staiger noted a letter from O'Neil's attorney, Rosemary A. McDermott, granting the town a 25 percent reduction because her services were performed on behalf of a governmental body. Staiger amended O'Neil's motion, reducing his request to \$4,360. Elder second the amended version of the motion.

Elder sought reimbursement of a \$2,000 retainer fee and \$600 services rendered by the office of Attorney Leslie A. Powell.

Staiger hesitated initially, but ultimately voted approval, along with O'Neil and Elder. Mayor Hoover voted against the action. Commissioner Glenn Blanchard was absent.

Although the town code explicitly forbids elected officials from using the power of their office for personal gain, O'Neil said his attorney had advised him that his

motion and voting approval did not constitute a conflict of interest.

Asked why he did not consult the town attorney regarding conflict of interest, O'Neil stated, "Neither the town ethics attorney not the town attorney represent my interests ... it would be a conflict for them to advise me as I was the target of their investigation."

#### Mayor vetoes motion

Hoover said at the July 18 town meeting, "Those who sign up (for public service) should be entitled to legal expenses when it comes to false allegations. I don't feel that can be the case in this matter. The town should not be obligated."

In voting against the reimbursements, he said, "The ordinance says if (the accused are) found guilty, the legal fees are to be returned."

In a later interview, Hoover unclear. in additional legal expenses for said, "I find it inappropriate that the two elected officials who were going to receive the benefit (of the vote) take part in voting, and even to make and second the motion. I find that to be inappropriate and an obvious conflict of interest."

Hoover added that he believed it would be wrong for the town to "pay for a defense for someone who refused to participate (in the investigation process). I don't know what we're paying for."

Staiger said prior to the

mayor's actual veto, "It wouldn't hurt my feelings for the mayor to veto at this point. As it (the ethics section of the town code) stands, it's obviously a muddled issue. I still have some questions about the process, and the town's liability needs to be addressed."

#### Staiger defends vote

Staiger defended his vote, saying, "The men and women who serve potentially open themselves to any number of legal charges and liabilities. I would hesitate to set a precedent that would suggest individuals who are serving are not deserving of town support (for legal expenses)."

Elder's previous attempt to collect legal expense reimbursement at the June 6 town meeting failed. Staiger explained that the timeframe covered by Elder's earlier request was

"What Art had submitted this time (July 18) related to a specific time period," he noted.

Staiger said he might differently about the reimbursements if he were to discover that Elder's legal expenses occurred after the ethics commission had rendered its findings. "Getting an attorney beyond the decision would have been outside the envelope," Staiger stated.

#### 'Due process' - denied by the commission or forfeited by the accused?

Former board commissioners President Patrick B. Boyle was dead-set against the July 18 decision by the board of commissioners to grant legal expense reimbursements to two commissioners found to have engaged in ethical wrongdoing.

"According to the (ethics) report, they did not appear before the board (ethics commission). I do not feel they should be paid," Boyle stated at the meeting.

Commissioners William B. O'Neil and Arthur Elder were found to have violated the ethics code, as stated in the ethics commission's findings released in April 2005.

"Both town commissioners O'Neiland Elderrefused to appear before the ethics commission," the ethics commission report said ... "Therefore, the commission was left no choice but to present its findings without the benefit of interviewing the respondents themselves."

O'Neil and Elder both stated they voluntarily chose not to

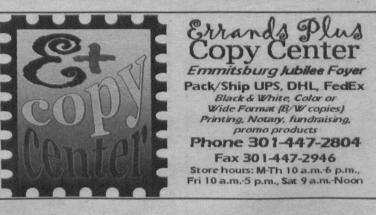
O'Neil maintains that he did not participate primarily because the ethics commission did not provide him with information about their investigation protocol. He has said that this failure essentially denied due process.

Elder said he did not participate because he had recently defeated the chair of the ethics commission in a bid for a seat on the board of commissioners.

Although O'Neil previously said he would pay his own legal expenses, he told Board President Christopher V. Staiger at the July 18 meeting that he decided to "recant" the offer because "I did not get to participate."

Staiger pointed out to The Dispatch that individuals being investigated by the ethics commission "cannot be compelled to appear. They were sent letters," although, he said, he was "not really sure about the process." In any event, he said, "They elected to not participate." He added that he feels it is important for the town to review how other communities conduct ethics investigations.

A confidential source told The Dispatch that had O'Neil and Elder chosen to participate in the investigation, "It could have had an entirely different outcome." It was conceivable, the source said, that the two could have cast a reasonable doubt on the allegations, had they agreed to be interviewed.





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In our last issue, we outlined so for the newspaper and do for your support. We could also expand regional coverage to include more news from neighboring communities in southern Adams County, Pa. and northern Frederick and Carroll certain this community's news

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-Raymond Buchheister Editor & Publisher

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#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2005

#### Local sister celebrates 100th birthday at St. Joseph's Provincial House

By RICHARD D. L. FULTON News Editor

The Daughters of Charity helped Sister Joan Marie Waters celebrate her 100th birthday on July 23, recognizing her work in missions throughout Maryland century-long life.

Waters was born July 23, 1905 in Davenport, Iowa, the daughter of Joseph Mark and Edith Waters, and graduated from the Normal School at Clark College in Dubuque, Iowa, and Immaculate Conception Academy in Davenport. She had one brother, Mark Ramsay Waters, and one sister, Edith Margaret Waters, both now deceased.

#### Attributes longevity to God and decent living

Talking about reaching her 100th birthday, Sister Waters said

in an interview that it was, "First, Baltimore, Md. (1946-1948). by the will of God," and, secondly, as a result of "living a good life."

"I never smoked nor drank," she said, and, "I also never stayed out overly late." She said that throughout most of her life she was in bed by 9 p.m. and up by 6 a.m.

Waters never played sports and elsewhere during much if her other than the routine sports offered in school, but she got a lot of exercise just walking many blocks to and from classes.

For relaxation, she said she likes to read, and "I liked to crochet in my earlier days."

#### Missions served

Since taking her vows, Waters served at a number of missions beginning in 1930.

As an instructor, she served at: St. Joseph's School, Petersburg, Va. (1930-1932); St. Martin's School, Baltimore, Md. (1932-1934); and the Seton High School,

As both instructor and librarian, she served at the St. Rose's Technical School, Washington, D.C. (1936-1946) and St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg, Md. (1948-1959).

As librarian, she served at the Elizabeth Seton High School, Bladensburg, Md. (1959-1968), the Seton High School, Baltimore (1968-1986), and at the Provincial House, Emmitsburg (1986-1999).

She also served as a housemother at the Sarah Fisher Home, Farmington, Mi. (1934-1935).

Waters has lived at the Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg, since her retirement in 1999.

#### 1905 was a landmark year

During 1905, Japan defeated Russia in the Russo-Japanese War, the largest rough diamond ever found was discovered in

-RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH

#### Sister Joan Marie Waters, DC

South Africa, "Huckleberry Finn" and "Tom Sawyer" were banned from the Brooklyn Public Library, the first train was equipped with electric lights, and Albert Einstein proposed the theory of relativity.

Other noteworthy people born that year include actress Greta Garbo, actor Henry Fonda, and industrialist Howard Hughes. Author Jules Verne passed away that year.

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Aug 19th & 20th - Author, journalist, and international Catholic speaker Thomas Rutkoski, founder of Gospa Missions will share the amazing story of his conversion and how he was miraculously healed of rheumatoid arthritis, as the Lord drew him back into the Church after 27 years. Tom will speak to us about his life changing conversion story and about the responsibility of being Catholic. Free-will offering. There will be religious articles available for sale.

For Information Contact: Brian Fleming at 301-447-1901 or 717-334-4529

#### **DETAILS:**

#### WAYNE WEIBLE MEDJUGORJE TALK

Booksigning! Saturday August 13 11AM-2PM at St. Peter's Books & Gifts Café

Medjugorje Talk Saturday August 13 7:00 PM at Liberty Mountain Resort Alpine Room (\$7 admission Fee)

#### TOM RUTKOSKI OF GOSPA MISSIONS

TALK Friday August 19 6:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary 6:30 PM Benediction St. Mary's Church Fairfield, PA (Free will offering)

Meet the Author! Saturday August 20 11AM-2PM St. Peter's Books & Gifts Café Emmitsburg, MD

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Sister Joan Marie Waters in a 1927 graduation photo (left) from the Normal School at Clark College at age 22. Less than a year old, Waters appears in this 1905 photo (right) with her mother, Edith. -Photos courtesy of St. Joseph's Provincial House.

#### **Medicare D Assistance for Seniors**

On Aug. 19, representatives from Social Security and the Frederick County Dep't. of Aging will be available to answer questions and help seniors complete the Medicare D forms. St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg. 1-2 p.m. Open to the public. Information and reservations: Sue Osterman, 301-447-7007.

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#### **TOWN NEWS**

## Spills diminishing, but 'wild water' still problem 9. Normally the plant process

Town hopes to reduce infiltration to 25 percent

By RICHARD D. L. FULTON

News Editor

The Emmitsburg sewage collection system and treatment plant has been holding its own recently as far as spillage, but is still being subjected to an immense amount of "wild water" infiltration during heavy rains.

Wild water is the term used for storm water runoff and snow melt which finds its way into the wastewater collection system through cracks and breaks in underground pipelines.

Town Manager David Haller stated at the July 5 town meeting that the system managed to get through the entire month of June without a sewage spill and without exceeding the treatment plant's allowable capacity.

#### Numbers somewhat 'mysterious'

Haller did say that June's treated effluent numbers did seem unusually low, and was at a loss to explain them. He said some of the incoming wastewater might

have been lost to leakages caused by ongoing work on the collection system, resulting in not all of the incoming wild water showing up at the plant.

"That line is not done and may relate to the strange numbers," he said. In any event, Haller added that he needs six months after the section overhaul is completed to know what effect the work has

That aside, the collection system did manage to avert a major spill associated with a strong storm dumping 3.7 inches of rain on July 7. The treatment plant was deluged with infiltrated storm water runoff for over two days, but the collection system only spilled about 14,000 gallons of diluted wastewater.

The size of the spill, given the amount of runoff surging through the system, also seemed a little mysterious to Haller. "Either it was very good or we don't have a handle on why the spill was so small," Haller said in an interview.

In the wake of the storm, the treatment plant was swamped with 1.53 million gallons on July 7 and 1.9 million gallons on July 8, with the infiltration diminishing on July

9. Normally the plant processes about 500,000 gallons per day with about 25 percent being infiltrated wild water, and is permitted to process up to 800,000 gallons per day.

#### The quest for 25 percent infiltration

Taking on a wastewater collection system which had been allowed to degrade for decades began in earnest in the late 1990s with the replacement along Flat Run from the pumping station to a point past DePaul Street.

Since 1997, all of the collection system creek crossings have been lined from DePaul to North Seton Avenue. The lines that service the Provincial House and the Fire Academy have been replaced from those sites to Memorial Park.

The town is in the process of replacing a main from North Seton to near the entrance to the Brookfield development, and is proposing to replace the South Seton sewer collection main, a project presently in the review stages.

Haller said he would like to see the infiltrating wild water reduced to an acceptable level as a measure on how well system upgrades are ultimately performing.

"A real nice goal would be to get all of the wild water down to 25 percent. Once we get down to 25 percent or less, we would then reassess the priorities regarding where to spend town money," he stated

At 25 percent, Haller suggested, it could become economically unfeasible to continue making expensive adjustments trying to reduce the infiltration further.

Town News Briefs ...

#### Town to puruse ethics code overhaul

The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners began a review July 18 of a proposed town ethics ordinance that would replace the ethics section of the town code.

Commission President Christopher V. Staiger said he was concerned that the proposed ordinance not go further than it should, or create something unintended. "I'm concerned we are starting our own court system here," he said.

Commissioner William B. O'Neil, Jr., himself a recent target of an ethics investigation, suggested that the ethics commission also have the right to decline inquiries if they decided they were without merit.

The draft ordinance was introduced at the July 18 town meeting, and will be the subject of continuing review.

#### Public facilities ordinance introduced

Commissioner O'Neil presented a draft public facilities ordinance July 18 to the board of commissioners that would require developers to ensure that public services can adequately serve their projects.

Provisions in the proposed ordinance would address road and traffic issues, public water supplies, sewage facilities and recreational resources

O'Neil said in the draft that his intention is to provide for orderly growth within the community. The draft ordinance will be the subject of continuing review.

#### **Charter Review appointment**

Denise Etris, Emmitsburg, has become the first appointment member of the recently established town charter review committee.

Etris was confirmed as the first member by unanimous vote of the town board of commissions on July 18 upon a recommendation for appointment by Mayor James E. Hoover. She previously served as an election judge for the town.

The charter review committee was established to tackle issues the commissioners felt should be reviewed by the residents in general, rather than just have the commissioners decide on an appropriate course of action.

For example, it was suggested by the board that the issue of establishing a town founding date would be better left to the voters, rather than to a few board members.





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(MDE) to ensure that the collection system is repaired, given past spillages and the threat of future ones if the system is not properly overhauled.





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#### **BUSINESS NEWS**

#### **Emmitsburg's Sleep Inn and Suites**wins Choice Hotel Award



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The Sleep Inn and Suites, 501 Silo Hill Parkway, Emmitsburg, received the annual Sleep Inn of the Year Award from its franchisor, Choice Hotels. The award is given to hotels that demonstrate "lodging excellence and dedication to quality and customer service." The Sleep Inn was selected as Inn of the Year over 300 other Sleep Inn and Suites hotels throughout the U.S. The hotel has won Choice's Gold Hospitality award four out of the past five years, qualifying even during its inaugural year. General Manager Patrick Larson (right) has managed the hotel since 2001 and is President of the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association.

### The following businesses made donations to the community's Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company 72 prize drawing on July 2, 2005

VFW Post 6658 **Emmitsburg Glass Company Briggs & Associates Paul's Pit Stop Tahiti Sun** Flowers 4 You **Emmitsburg Tour Center Fitzgerald Auto Repair Zurgable Brothers Hardware Emmitsburg Auction Mountain Liquors Emmitsburg Family Barber Shop Carriage House Inn** K & M Auto Repair **Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital Holtzople Oil Company Medicine Plus Pharmacy** 

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#### Business News Briefs ...

#### Industrial park annexation stalled for paperwork

Progress on the proposed annexation of the Waybright property was stalled at the July 5 town meeting so that the applicants could provide more information.

The annexation would permit the Emmitsburg East Industrial Park to establish a new industrial park on Creamery Road east of its intersection with Route 15.

Sheridan (Dan) Reaver, co-owner of the park and Emmitsburg Glass, said, "I thought I was going to get a recommendation to go to the planning commission tonight. Instead I find, due to a technicality, I will not. I'm a little baffled."

The town requested a tax return analysis study and a public services supply and support study.

#### Industrial open section roads approved Glass Co. will not have to install curbs

The town board of commissioners voted unanimously July 5 to approve a text amendment allowing for deviation from street construction in industrial subdivisions.

Approval of the text amendment that would permit industrial access roads with no curbs and gutters, also known as "open section roads," was also recommended by the planning commission.

Without this potential exemption, roads established simply to access a commercial site would likely have been required to meet all of the requirements of a normal city street, including the construction of sidewalks.

The proposed amendment would immediately benefit Emmitsburg Glass's planned relocation by waiving curb and gutter installation requirements for an access road to the company's proposed facility on Creamery Road.

#### Flower shop going out of business

Flowers for You, 203 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, will shut its doors Aug. 26 after doing business in town for the past 21 years.

Owner Mary Ann Gill offers flower arrangements and gifts. The building will become the private residence of her daughter, Amanda Gearhardt.

Gill said the town "couldn't have been more supportive" over the years, but she decided to close the business "to make a change" in her life. The shop is offering items at reduced prices to liquidate the stock.

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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. AD DEUM.

The Public Message of Our Lady of Emmitsburg March 30, 2000

My dear little children, praised be Jesus!

Little ones, Jesus loves a humble heart, and there is nothing more pleasing to Him than those who give to one another. There will be many of God's children who will come here to this, the Center of my Immaculate Heart; and the importance of a receptive and loving community will seal the handprint of God's Mercy.

I invite you, little ones of this community, to remain open and consistent in your love. Keep your hearts open to those who come here seeking God's Mercy, and God will keep His ear open to your petitions. If you want God to respond to you, you must respond to others. Remember, if you want to receive, you in turn must give. Show love and mercy to all people who come here with the same conviction that you want your loved ones to show love and mercy to you.

This community is an example to the world of the beauty and power behind simplicity, littleness, and Love. For mercy to be fruitful, you must bear the gift of yourself to all people, not just a select few. The more you give, the more will overflow unto your families. The more you keep for yourself, the more you will lose, because God will not allow you to keep what you have refused to others. My Son will give abundantly to you as you give the love, respect and mercy that each human being desires and seeks.

I am here by you to comfort and protect **all** of you. I am sorry to say that I **cannot** leave this place as some of you desire I would, because My Son has asked Me to come here; and I bow in obedience to His Will at **all** costs. I do invite you, however, as your Mother, to join me in preparation for the unveiling of my Son's Divine Mercy. Prepare your hearts by allowing God to replace any vices with virtues and to nurture them with His Grace and Love.

The more this community gives, the more it will receive. The more resistant it becomes, the more struggles it will be faced with. But know, children, My Son is not leaving! I am not leaving! Where He is, I am with Him. He loves you and is here for you. I invite you not to complain and not to be concerned, but be grateful that God Almighty has chosen this humble place; and His Love and Mercy will do miraculous things for the world.

Peace to you. I take your petitions to His Most Sacred Heart. Thank you for responding to my call. AD DEUM.

The Public Message of Our Lady of Emmitsburg April 6, 2000

My dear little children, praised be Jesus!

Little children, the refuge of My Immaculate Heart is for all people; but the Center of my Immaculate Heart can only be a place where the community reflects the purity, joy, Love and Mercy of Jesus. Hold on to your blessings, little ones, and rejoice that God has chosen this place which history has foretold as the handprint of His Mercy. It was your fathers and mothers and their fathers and mothers and their ancestors who laid the blueprint for the unveiling of God's Mercy.

Remember the past unity and love of your community, and uphold its dignity by sharing and lending the gift of yourselves to all who come here. Do acts of mercy with cheerfulness as your ancestors did, and God's Light of good fortune will break forth upon you like the dawn, and you will witness miraculous healings.

It is time to honor my Son and to care for Him, not only in a passing moment, but by joining together and being generous and merciful without hesitation to all people. A good deed needs to be completed with promptness and love. Acts of charity need to be done for any person, not limited only to those who live around you in your community. This is why this Center of My Immaculate Heart is different: because your relatives, the founders of your ministries of charity and the teachers of God's Truth, reached out to all people of every faith and even crossed over the lines to enemy territory to soothe the broken hearts of men with love.

You too, little ones, who live in **this** community are filled with this same commitment of love and mercy as your ancestors. You are to **be** the sign of my Son's innocence, generosity and simplicity. Join me, little ones, to dress the Wounds of my Son by dressing the wounds of the broken hearts of all the people soon to embark upon **this** humble place. Give honor to your ancestors by acts of mercy and generosity to **all** the children of God.

I love you, little children, and I bless you in the Name of the Child Jesus. Peace to you. Thank you for responding to my call. AD DEUM.

The Public Message of Our Lady of Emmitsburg
April 13, 2000

My dear little children, praised be Jesus!

Little ones, God will protect you! He will never leave or abandon you. There are tremendous blessings from Him which will soon gently descend upon you. Trust my Son with all your hearts and with filial confidence. Do not let your thoughts wander or work up in you tensions and fear of things that have not yet surfaced.

Whenever God speaks words of Love and encouragement, Satan is there to try to distort and confuse you, and to cause fear and ultimately division. Always be on guard to the subtleties of his deceptive ways because he will try to cloud your vision of my Son's Truth.

I have spoken words of encouragement for this community because of my Son's great Love for you and His blessings on all those who come to this Center of my Immaculate Heart. This holy place is for all people and cannot remain for you and your families alone. My Son gave of Himself for you, your families and for every person in the world. You must also give of yourself, not only for your families, but also for the all the families of God and every person who my Son brings in your path.

The way you can do this is in a very simple manner. Do not be overwhelmed with feelings of negativism or rebellion. As people begin to come here, simply be open to receive the graciousness of their love and their gratitude for being able to receive the blessings of your community. The people coming will not be seeking to infringe upon your privacy or dignity. You can enforce the stigma of the dignity of your historical home lace with a smile, a respectful nod and a kind word. In this way you will become the instruments of God's Mercy and in turn receive tremendous graces and blessings.

What you give, you will receive in exact proportions and amounts. Begin now with preparations and plans of accommodation for the many people of God so that your private lives are not interrupted. Do not wait until the end, for a wise person takes the shields off his eyes to look at a panoramic vision of God's Love. The more preparation you have in place now will make for less inconvenience later for your own lives. Be happy, little children! Do not worry, for my Son is smiling upon you.

I take your petitions to Him. Peace. Thank you for responding to my call. AD DEUM.

#### The Public Message of Our Lady of Emmitsburg April 27, 2000

My dear little children, praised be Jesus!

Little ones, do **not** be fearful of being overlooked or losing your position within your community as people begin to come **here**. God loves each one of you very much. I am here for all of you, **not** simply for any one person. Do **not** be more concerned about your own advancement than about the desires of God. Do **not** be envious or compete for favoritism.

God will bless all of you and give you the grace to share the gift of kindness with others. Bless those who do well and God will bless you. This is a great teaching from the Saints who approached the Throne of God asking for this great gift and blessing from Heaven to be bestowed upon your community as my plan unfolds. God has unlimited Love to give, and He desires to give to you.

In this time of preparation, little children, pastoral care must be at the forefront of the unveiling of my Son's Mercy. It is the priests who should speak as the Voice of my Son and who should first gather the flock together. It is necessary for them to educate and disseminate my words granted from Heaven to those people in your community. Your community is the first to receive them and your priests are your shepherds who should be leading you in the Truth of My Son. Afterwards, other forms of preparation can unfold with ease, based upon the cooperation and willingness of your community members.

Thank God above, little children, for His great Love for you and for picking this most beautiful, humble place as the Center of my Immaculate Heart; and from here the unveiling of My Son's Mercy will commence. Thank the two instrumental Saints of Love, St. Vincent DePaul and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Thank the saints who followed in their footsteps and their ancestors down through your bloodlines, along with the entire Communion of Saints for their faith and trust in God.

I invite you my priests, my daughters and all my ministers to join me in preparation for the glorious unveiling of my Son's Mercy. What each of you give to one another may be the greatest act of Love that you can do for my Son in your life.

I take your petitions to the Triune God. Thank you for responding to my call. AD DEUM.

#### The Public Message of Our Lady of Emmitsburg May 11, 2000

My dear little children, praised be Jesus!

Little ones, I have been waiting for 2000 years to fulfill the Plan that God the Father has commissioned to me to bear the Fruits of my Son's Redemption. Through my Immaculate Heart I will obtain for you from my Blessed Son every grace, justice, charity and peace. What commenced in Fatima with my three little children will continue now and come to fruition here at the Center of my Immaculate Heart.

Reflect the sentiments of your Mother, as I have encouraged and taught you, so that my Immaculate Heart will shine before the eyes of all people as perfect Love towards God. Be a model, little children, of my virtues, as children of all faiths descend upon this Valley of the Fields on a level comparable to that of Fatima. Join me, little ones, in cooperating with God's Grace, leading you towards the Holy Sacraments, which will cleanse you and make reparation for sin against my Divine Son.

I have been waiting a very long time, little ones, to share with you this spiritual richness and for you to shine in God's Love. This holy place, in Emmitsburg, Maryland, the Center of My Immaculate Heart, will be a living realization of the Gospel. My Immaculate Heart and the Eucharistic Heart of my Son are inseparably united in the Plan of salvation.

Peace to you. I take your petitions to Jesus. Thank you for responding to my call. AD DEUM.

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#### REGIONAL NEWS

#### Mount St. Mary's one of six contenders for Maryland Horse Park

By JOYCE M. DEMMITT Managing Editor

Mount St. Mary's bid for the Maryland Horse Park was handdelivered to the Maryland Stadium Authority on July 29. It will vie with five other proposals for the stadium authority's recommendation to the Maryland General Assembly in its upcoming session.

Colby Ferguson, agriculture specialist with the county's Office of Economic Development, who wrote the Mount's proposal, said the stadium authority plans to develop a top three short list within the next couple of weeks, and then begin a feasibility study with its number one choice.

According to an Aug. 1 Maryland Stadium Authority press release, the selection committee, composed of representatives of the Stadium Authority, the Maryland Horse Industry Board, and the Department of Business and Economic Development will make a final site choice by mid-September.

An Aug. 1 press release from Alison Asti, Executive Director of the Maryland Stadium Authority, announced the six contenders.

Anne Arundel County, Annapolis-Crownsville: 1,032acre site bisected by I-97, including the state-owned Crownsville Hospital site, Anne Arundel County fairgrounds and the City of Annapolis-owned water works

Carroll County: 600.36 acres on the Neal property in northwest Carroll County between Westminster and Taneytown. Access via Route 140.

Cecil County, Fair Hill: 5,613-acre state-owned facility on I-95 between Baltimore and Philadelphia near the intersection of SR 273 and SR 213.

Frederick County, Mount St. Mary's University/Trinity United Methodist Church: 603 acres in northern Frederick County with potential to expand up to 934 acres with satellite site at the Deer Creek Valley Farm. Route 15 near Thurmont, Emmitsburg, City of Frederick and Gettysburg, Pa.

Harford County: 997 acres in Havre de Grace, near the site of the former "The Graw" racetrack. Located near exits 85 and 89 of I-95,

Wicomico County: 867-acre site near Hebron, near Route 50.

The press release states that the Kentucky Horse Park "generates over \$163 million per year in total expenditures with almost \$18 million in state and local taxes and over 4,000 fulltime-equivalent jobs. More than \$6 million in revenues are collected by Kentucky's horse park each year."

Business Maryland Economic Development Secretary, Aris Melissaratos, is quoted in the release, "The Maryland Horse Park will have a tremendous impact on tourism in Maryland, boosting an already growing \$9.1 billion industry."

concluded. Melissaratos "We expect that this park, which will feature a 5,000 seat arena, a museum and stables for retired famous thoroughbreds, will further solidify Maryland's reputation as an outstanding home for all facets of the equine community."

See related article, "County Commissioners choose Mount. St. Mary's for horse park proposal," in the July 7, 2005 issue of The Dispatch; and "Mount horse park proposal could see PA competition; Equestrian center proposed on Rt. 15 in Adams County," in this issue.



-RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH

Newly appointed acting chief of Thurmont's Police Department, Lt. Ted Nee (R), from the Frederick County Sheriff's Office is welcomed by Thurmont Mayor Martin Burns.

#### County sheriff assigned Thurmont's temporary chief

By CHRIS PATTERSON Contributing Writer

Lt. Ted Nee of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office is now the acting chief of Thurmont's Police Department, following the resignation of Chief Terry N. Frushour on July 17.

Frushour announced his retirement after 27 years of service, leaving the town to seek help from the Sheriff's Office. When staffing shortages have threatened the town's department in the past, deputies from the Sheriff's Office have been "borrowed" before, for a price. Nee will function as the acting chief until a new permanent chief is hired.

Nee has been with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office

-See Chief on page 11

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#### **Horse Park**

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investors said is in the very preliminary stages, would include a 194,000 square-foot, 7,500 seat exhibition arena, and a 86,000 square feet arena seating 1,800.

The proposal also includes 20 barns with 1,700 stalls, four additional training barns, four warm-up rings, a jump ring, an outdoor covered ring, and a 90,000 square-foot vendor hall.

The facility would also have a parking area for more than 4,200 vehicles, and space for more than 330 livestock trailers, according to a press release issued by the Gettysburg Equestrian center.

Other resources may include tack shop and equestrian-related support services, a veterinarian clinic, trailers sales area, camper hook-ups, and a motel or hotel and steak house.

Kelly told The Emmitsburg Dispatch that the investors basically have about 250 acres under "some form of agreement," and are seeking additional, adjacent land.

#### States grants investors study funding

The project has already been given a financial boost by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Department state The and Economic Community Development provided a \$175,000 grant to the investor group to allow studies to commence.

"That grant is going to help pay for preliminary engineering and marketing studies," Kelly said, adding, "Those studies have started and have been under way for a couple of weeks."

He said the investor group hopes to have those studies completed "before the end of the year," and that the target date for completing the center would be sometime in 2007.

Although only in the very early conceptual stages, the project could cost between \$50 to \$60 million. but the number could fluctuate as the proposal changes, Kelly stated, adding, "The cost will be more well-defined as we move forward."

"They're still finishing up some property acquisitions," Kelly told The Dispatch, and considering a possible hotel and additional support services and suppliers.

For comparison purposes, Kelly said the finished project "will be like the Kentucky Horse Park."

#### Private investment and agricultural use

Unlike the current proposal by Maryland to establish a horse park in that state, the Gettysburg Equestrian Center would be investor-owned, not publicly owned, Kelly pointed out.

He also noted that in Pennsylvania, equestrian centers are regarded as an agrivcultural use of the land, and that he thought (but was unsure at this point) that the land involved in the project was probably zoned for agriculture.

"I'm not sure what boards or reviews we will have to go through," Kelly said, adding that this would be clarified as the project progressed.

Investors predict that the center will attract national and international horse shows, rodeos, bull-riding competitions and a variety of other horse and livestock-related events, according to a center press release.

#### Fairfield council irate over lack of police protection

Speeding/parking laws not enforced

By RICHARD D. L. FULTON News Editor

Fairfield may soon look into establishing its own police force based on concerns expressed by councilmen that speed and parking laws are not being enforced. Carroll Valley Borough currently provides police protection for the Borough of Fairfield.

Councilman Ronald O. Shank suggested at the July 26 town council meeting that the town consider having its own police force, a concept seconded by Councilman Robert Stanley.

Stanley said his primary concern was speeding. "I've seen people going through town at 60 miles per hour."

Shank said parking enforcement was also a significant issue. "I saw one (motorist) parking facing the wrong way and a Carroll Valley officer walked right by it (without ticketing the individual)," Shank stated. He noted that, "Carroll

Valley has not handed out a single parking ticket. We're paying them and they're not spending any time on these streets."

The situation is "terrible," according to Shank. He said, "They'll park on the yellow line while you're painting it."

Town Solicitor Matthew Battersby said the borough code would allow for a "parking enforcement officer" and that a part-time person could accomplish the job.

But Battersby pointed out that a meter enforcement officer could not deal with other offenses, but would only be able to issue parking citations.

#### Fairfield to rule on 'McGinley's Choice' by end of August

By RICHARD D. L. FULTON News Editor

The Fairfield Zoning Hearing Board, based on a July 25 zoning hearing, will determine by late August the fate of a development proposed by Empire Homes.

Empire has proposed 490-home development, called "McGinley's Choice," spanning Fairfield Borough and Hamiltonban Township, Adams County, Pa. The developer plans to build 143 of the homes in the borough.

The July 25 hearing addressed only the Fairfield portion of the development during what was a continuation of a June 8 hearing. Since the June 8 review, the developer has continued to modify the proposal to qualify for "village development" status, which would allow a "density bonus" of up to five units per acre.

Empire also requested variances to reduce yard widths from 60 footwide lots with 10-foot side yards to 48 foot-wide lots with six-foot side

However, borough Zoning Officer Robert K. Fortenbaugh noted at the July 26 council meeting that the applicants did not seem to "make much of a pitch for the variances," and, in fact, provided a plan at the zoning hearing which showed the homes as they would be without the requested variances.

The zoning board will also

decide whether the proposal is actually one or two developments. Empire Home Project Manager James Hanna said in an interview. "We feel it is one plan," and confirmed that the development will proceed, either with one or two separate plans.

At issue is also whether the developer must add more green space over and above the large amount already designated. In question is a one-acre plus area on the north side of Water Street which has been suggested for additional open space.

"We feel we have provided the proper open space (in the current plan)," Hanna said. Adding a common green on the north side of Water would result in the loss of proposed units, he confirmed, forcing the developer to add lots, "to the area where the community center is proposed to recoup expenses," he stated.

Acouple of residents present at the hearing voiced criticism about water, sewer, schools and traffic, but the board pointed out that their concerns were more appropriate for a subdivision review, rather than a zoning hearing.

By law the zoning hearing board has 45 days from July 25 to render its decision.

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Towne" wooden replica in the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire company, Inc. series is now available. Modeled on the second fire station which was dedicated in 1966 and used until 1997, the replicas are available for \$10 each from Tammy Smith, 301-271-2408, or Paulette Mathias,

control regulations Fairfield Borough will hold a public hearing on a proposed

animal control ordinance at its next regular meeting on Aug. 23.

Borough could adopt animal

Currently, only pigs are prohibited from living within the borough limits, but the town council wants to deal with other forms

of livestock, rabies inoculations and pet excretion.

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The new ordinance would confine livestock and fowl to structures on the owner's property, no closer than 100 feet from the property line. Rabies inoculations would be required for cats and dogs. Another section deals with regulations pertaining to pet excretion on property other than the owner's.

Penalties for violating particular sections of the ordinance could range from \$25 to \$300 and/or three days up to 90 days in jail. Animals presently living in the borough would likely be exempt.

#### Pippinfest regulations to be considered

The Fairfield Borough Council will be considering an ordinance at their Aug. 23 meeting to establish regulations for the annual Pippinfest festival. The ordinance would establish a committee to oversee the event, fee schedules and penalties for failure to comply with festival rules, a minimum penalty of \$300, maximum of \$500.

#### Borough to rethink zoning hearing for pottery shop

Fairfield Solicitor Matthew R. Battersby said July 26 he would review the need for Sarah Thomas, owner of a recently relocated, home-operated pottery business to go through a zoning hearing.

The town zoning officer planned to require Thomas, owner of. McKesson House Pottery, 204 East Main Street, to go before the zoning board, at a cost of \$500, because she moved her business to a mixed-use building: commercial with residential units.

However, Thomas told the town the business would occupy less then one-third of the space, and her daughter would live in the rest of the building. She also said her daughter would become a partner in the business.

#### Chief

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for 21 years, beginning his career as a correctional officer in 1984.

After attending the police academy in 1987, he was assigned as a patrol deputy. From 1991 to 1993, Nee served in the Criminal Investigations Unit where he was promoted from detective to corporal and assigned as the department's supervisor. Following a few more moves throughout the Sheriff's Office, he ultimately was promoted to commander of the unit.

Presently, Nee is the Patrol Shift Commander in the Patrol Operations unit.

Nee is a graduate of Shepherd College and lives just outside Thurmont's town limits with his wife. The couple has two grown sons, Jason and Vincent.

In an interview on the morning of his first day on the job, Monday, Aug. 1, Nee said that he believes his initial challenges will be to learn and the officers with whom he will be working.

Nee was assigned to the Thurmont and Emmitsburg area when he joined the Sheriff's Office. He had already met with a few officers by Monday morning, but was planning more meetings.

Nee said he has been treated very kindly by everyone so far. "I'm very encouraged and am looking forward to the next couple of months and to be able to assist here (in Thurmont)," he said.

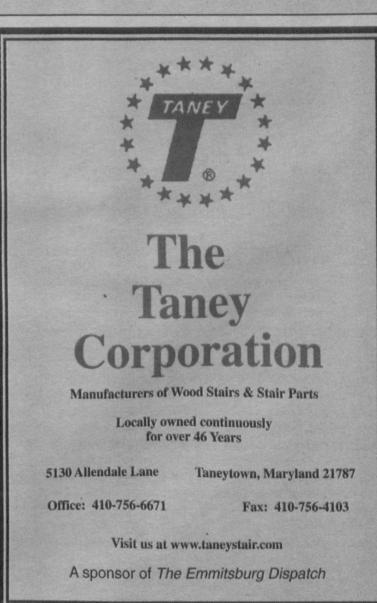
In a press release announcing the appointment, Sheriff James Hagy described Nee as "a respected and capable leader within our office" and said he had confidence that "he will serve the Thurmont community well."

Thurmont Mayor Burns is grateful for the support of the Sheriff's Department.

"We are looking forward to working with Lt. Nee during our search for a new chief of police and the Town is confident in his abilities to serve the community," Burns said even more about the community, in the release.



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#### The (retired) Ecologist

#### **Lions and Gorillas and Bears**



By BILL MEREDITH Dispatch Columnist

"Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh, My!"

found myself riding down a country pick up the fourth member of our

golf group. Daydreaming in the back seat, I was jolted back to the present by a shout of "There's a bear!" and a screech of brakes. Sure enough, a half-grown black bear was standing on its hind legs in a meadow, staring at us from a distance of 100 yards or so. Bears are said to be nearsighted, and it would be hard to say what he thought we were, but after a moment's contemplation he decided not to be a hero. He lumbered off through the grass, stopping and standing up for one more look before he disappeared into a woodlot. In over 50 years as a field biologist, he was the only bear I have seen in the wild.

I knew about bears from my earliest childhood; they appeared in many of my storybooks, either as bumbling oafs or ill-tempered villains. We had a copy of Frank Baum's book, The Wizard of Oz, and I knew the story long before it appeared as a movie in 1939. I don't remember if the line about "Lions and Tigers and Bears" was in the original text, but because of that book and others like Grimm's Fairy Tales, I knew the woods were full of scary creatures. So from the time I was big enough to walk, going with my father to bring in the cows at milking time became a hunting expedition.

The woodlot where the cows grazed was probably not more than five acres, but to a threeyear-old it seemed like an endless wilderness, and my father was still young enough to get into the spirit of adventure. There was a hollow log by the path, and often, if he wasn't in a hurry, Dad would say, "A bear just ran in there. Did you see it?" I always answered "No;" my imagination was slow on the uptake even then. He would position me at one end of the log and poke a stick into the other end, saying, "Get him when he comes out;" and, never quite sure where pretense stopped and reality began, I would aim my toy popgun, both barrels loaded with corks, and wait for the bear to emerge. It never did. The ensuing dialog never varied: "Did you get him?" "No." "Quick, there he goes, down over the hill ... well, we'll get him next time."

I assumed the bear lived in the log, and I was always disappointed that Dad saw him every time and I never did; it was a long time before I understood why. There were still a few bears in the woods when he was a child, and his grandfather had told him stories of hunting them, so they were natural prey for us. But his imagination only went so far. He knew tigers had never existed in West Virginia, so we never hunted them. There had been mountain lions once, but the last one known to be in the state was killed in 1887, so they were out of the question too. Sometime in the early years of the Coolidge Administration, a gorilla escaped from a circus in the southern end of the state, and all of the newspapers carried lurid stories about it. It was recaptured within an hour, but the papers didn't cover that part of the story as thoroughly, and 10 years later sightings of it were still being reported all over the state. We hunted it a few times, but Dad was a realist at heart and never quite managed to project the same enthusiasm for it that he had

Bears were not just the product of storybooks to me, because I had actually seen one. The State Game Farm near Phillipi, had a small zoo stocked with native animals, and we went to visit it one Sunday. It was the original "Are we there yet" excursion; the distance was only 40 miles, but on West Virginia roads in the 1930s there were few places that a car could reach a speed of 40 mph, and the trip seemed endless. When we finally got there, it was a letdown. There was a deer with antlers in the velvet stage in a field, and you could reach through the fence and pet it; but that was discouraged because a child had suffered a broken arm there the week before. The rest of the animals were in small cages, usually 10 feet square or less. A raccoon paced endlessly back and

forth, and reached an arm through the wire to beg for handouts, but it was ready to scratch or bite if you got too close. A possum was asleep in a box; a fox and bobcat both cowered in the darkest corners of their cages, barely visible. There was a very old, moth-eaten eagle sitting on a pole, glaring at us with a baleful, yellow eye and not looking noble in the least. The bear was old and dirty; it had mange, with patches of hair scraped off its back, and it smelled far worse than the manure pile by our barn. For years afterward, that was my image of a bear, something more to be pitied than hunted. But my bearhunting days were soon over; by the time I was 6, I was big enough to bring in the cows by myself, and it quickly became a chore instead of a sporting event.

The general rule in ecology is that the food chain takes the form of a pyramid of numbers. In a balanced ecosystem, plant-eating animals at the bottom of the chain tend to be smaller and more numerous (while deer and buffalo are large, they are greatly outnumbered by insects and rodents). Meat-eaters at the top of the chain tend to be larger and less abundant; if their populations get too big, they destroy their prey and then starve. Bears don't fit this general rule very well because they are omnivores, eating everything from fruit and roots to insects, mice, deer and carrion; hence their numbers are less limited by their food supply.

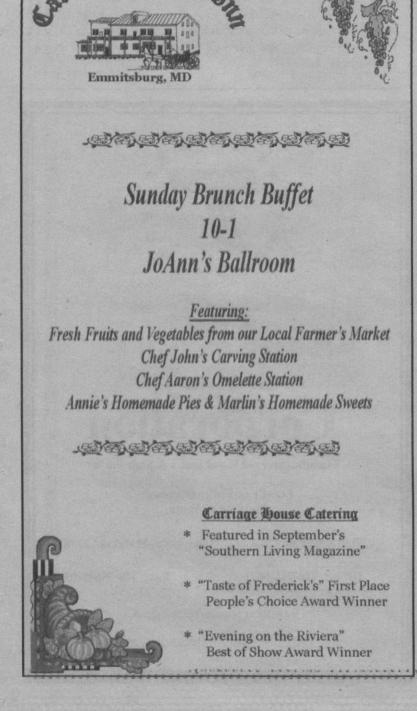
Originally, there were bears in every county of Maryland, but by the 1950s they had become so rare that hunting them was banned. Following the biological laws of exponential growth, their population increased very slowly over the next few decades, and then began to shoot upward in the '90s. It is estimated that there are now between 300 and 400 of them in the western counties, and with each female producing an average of 3 cubs each year, things are starting to get crowded. Their food supply is bounteous; they rarely catch healthy adult deer, but roadkills are there to be taken, and garbage is gourmet fare to them. Each year, adult bears chase the young males out of their home ranges, and the yearlings wander off to less crowded places, like Emmitsburg.

So it is ironic that while many wild animals have declined in recent years, bear populations are now increasing. I have been mildly envious of my grandchildren, who live on a mountain near Frostburg and occasionally see bears near their yard. Predictably, this envy is not shared by my wife, who sides with the opinion of many rural residents that we were better off 50 years ago when bears were nearly extinct in the state. The argument will intensify as the next hunting season approaches.

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... Dorothy, in The Wizard of Oz One morning early in July, I road just north of Emmitsburg with two other duffers, on the way to





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According to Timothy Wolfe, chair of the sociology department, the new degree for traditional undergraduates "enhances the Mount's undergraduate academic program and reflects the students' needs, as over half of the Mount's recent sociology majors have been taking the criminal justice concentration."

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For more information on the Mount's NEW Undergraduate Criminal Justice degree, please contact the Sociology Department at 301-447-5373.

#### Bicentennial UPDATE

2008 is just around the corner and the Mount is gearing up to celebrate in style. One of the major projects planned for the Bicentennial, and supported by funds provided by the Class of 1958, is the development of a Founder's Plaza. The goal of this project is to create a magnificent plaza area that will include a bronze sculpture serving as the focal point for the entire campus.

The Bicentennial Kick-Off, planned for the Fall of 2007, will include the unveiling of the Founder's Plaza—where the Mount community will come together in celebration. The university has contracted with Bill Hopen, a gifted sculptor who lives in Sutton, W.Va. Hopen is well known for his many works installed at museums, universities, churches, hospitals and government buildings.

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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **New Student Orientation**

August 21-23

#### Hypnotist and Mentalist Michael C. Anthony

Monday, August 22

Knott Aud., 7-8:30 p.m.

Michael C. Anthony is recognized as one of the most successful stage hypnotists/mentalists in the world today. He has been on ABC, NBC, CBS and FOX.

#### Classes Begin/Fall Convocation

August 24

#### The Urban Sophisticates

Wednesday, August 24

Behind the AC, 7-8:30 p.m.

They are founded on faith and family. Their lyrics are described as poetic, spiritual and catchy. Horns are blended to make hip-hop unlike any other. They have shared the stage with acts such as Sixpence None the Richer and Switchfoot.

#### Oval Opus

Saturday, September 3

College Avenue (in front of the Library), 10 p.m.

Oval Opus was born on the campus of Miami University in Oxford, OH in 1997. Their debut CD "Wagon Wheel" earned them "Cincinnati's Best New Artist" award at the Cincinnati Entertainment Awards. The band continues to tour, sharing the stage with such acts as Sister Hazel, Edwin McCain, Jason Mraz, Maroon 5, Vertical Horizon, The Pat McGee Band and Rusted Root.

#### **Family Weekend**

September 23-25

#### FALL SPORTS

#### Men's Soccer

vs. Delaware Sun., Sept. 18, 2 p.m.

vs. Longwood

Sat., Sept. 24, 2 p.m.

vs. St. Francis (N.Y.) Wed., Oct. 05, 3:30 p.m.

vs. Long Island

Sun., Oct. 9, 2 p.m.

vs. Quinnipiac

Fri., Oct. 21, 3 p.m.

vs. Central Connecticut St. Sun., Oct. 23, 2 p.m.

#### Men's Tennis

vs. St. Francis (Pa.)
Sat., Sept. 03, 12 p.m.
vs. Coppin State
Sat., Oct. 08, 1 p.m.
vs. Rider

Sun., Oct. 23, 12 p.m.

#### Women's Soccer

vs. Delaware State

Tue., August 30, 4 p.m.

vs. American
Tue., Sept. 06, 4 p.m.

vs. Navy

Tue., Sept. 13, 4 p.m.

vs. East Tennessee State

Fri., Sept. 16, 3 p.m.

vs. St. Peter's

Sun., Sept. 18, 12 p.m.

vs. Wagner

Fri., Oct. 14, 3 p.m.

vs. Long Island

Sun., Oct. 16, 12 p.m.

vs. Quinnipiac

Fri., Oct. 28, 2 p.m.

vs. Central Connecticut

State

Sun., Oct. 30, 12 p.m.

#### Women's Tennis

vs. St. Francis (Pa.) Sat., Sept. 03, 12 p.m.

vs. St. Joseph's

Thu., Sept. 29, 3 p.m.

vs. Coppin State

Sat., Oct. 08, 1 p.m.

vs. Rider

Sun., Oct. 23, 12 p.m.

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#### ART & ENTERTAINMENT

#### Catch the Delaplaine's Class Act

By V. DIANN DEVART Contributing Writer

The adage, "Those who can do and those who can't teach," couldn't be further from one gets the sense of two worlds

the truth in the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center's current exhibit entitled "Another Class Act," where creative students and talented teachers have taken the opportunity display their creations.

Since founding in 1986, Delaplaine has grown from idea into a vibrantly active nonprofit organization. A variety of classes are offered in a number of media all ages levels experience. The course list reads like a dream for children of all ages. Basic wood, books, comic

Kidz clay and painting fun are just "Poppies." The watercolor is

Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8:00pm

Sunday 2:00 pm

young generation, but the youngat-heart are also represented in this amazing not-to-be-missed show of paintings, jewelry and photography.

Walking through the gallery,

coming together. This exhibit is part show and tell, with piecesreminiscentof those children hang on refrigerators, and part sophisticated masterpieces. The combination works well.

Emmitsburg's own Linda Postelle is an instructor at the Delaplaine and her watercolor class boasted a number of great pieces.

Daisy II by Vernon Parsley features blackeyed susans and lilacs. The yellow, lavender, green and bluehuesbeautifully compliment each other noticeable piece. notable Another created Postelle's watercolor class is Fay Parsley's

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the Delaplaine Center. a few courses completed by the eye-catching first because of its



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#### "The Mighty Marvo"

Out of the black night, with horrible vengence, "The Mighty Marvo!" Alyssa Burcker portraying Gladys Herdman in the Thurmont Thespians "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" is the Angel of the Lord. But, Herdman when she's first finding out what the pagent is all about, improvises and suggests that the angel should be portrayed as the comic book character "The Mighty Marvo!"

royal matting, but upon deeper inspection, the intricate vase and seemingly Asian inspired design capture the imagination.

The children's Egyptian Art class yielded some great pieces as well. "The Canopic Jar" by Joseph Saum and a warrior entitled "Anubis" by Sam Ruppert used primary colors to create these papier mache masterpieces.

The comic book class has created a series for the show. The four-book KUD Circle series is impressive and contains both the

self-proclaimed "Pulse-pounding 2<sup>nd</sup> issue" and the "Super Rare Collector's Item 4th issue."

Tess Conklin's "Full Bloom" created in the Acrylics Painting for Teens class shows a breathtaking maturity and artistry. The bright reds, oranges and slight touches of yellow are complimented by strokes of lime.

The rest of the exhibit is equal in aesthetic value. But don't rush into the student's display, because the first room of the gallery showcases the talented instructors and their works which are worth some quality time.

"Another Class Act" runs throughout August with an opening reception on Saturday, Aug. 6 from 3-5 p.m. The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center is located at 40 South Carroll Street in Frederick. The Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1-4 p.m. on Sundays.

For more information on the exhibit or classes offered at the center, call 301-698-0656.



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#### 2005 Great Frederick Fair's Entertainment Lineup Released

By DIANN DEVART Contributing Writer

If you are a country music fan who wants to hear some of the best singers, without driving all over the country, you are in luck because The 143<sup>rd</sup> Great Frederick Fair promises to deliver some of the best toe-tapping and boot-slapping music when it rolls out Sept. 16-24.

The fair kicks off on the first night, Friday, Sept. 16, with the 40<sup>th</sup> crowning of the 4-H Royalty, the announcement of the county's new Farm Family of the Year, and the recognition of some of the county's top students in the Character Counts Program. It all begins at 5:30 p.m. in front of the grandstand. The evening's program is free.

Also that evening at 7:30 p.m. will be a horse pull, an event that is being brought back to the fair and is sure to be a crowd pleaser. Admission to the horse pull is also free Friday evening.

After that, things really get rolling.

"The whole week from beginning to end is filled with great entertainment," said Dr. James McClellan, chairman of the fair's Entertainment Committee. "We are very fortunate to still be able to attract some of the biggest and best names in country music. And we've even brought back a few legends in their own right."

Fair officials estimate it will cost approximately \$300,000 for the entertainment, lights and sound during the 2005 event.

Musical entertainment starts in front of the grandstand at 7:30

p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, with Lonestar. Tickets are \$35 for reserved track seats and \$30 for reserved grandstand. On Sunday, Sept. 18, legend Charlie Daniels will take center stage. The 7 p.m. performance will be kicked off with Jamie O'Neal. Tickets for dual show are \$30 for reserved track seats and \$25 for reserved grandstand.

The popular tractor and truck pull returns to the fair Monday, Sept. 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each for all seats. Returning to the fair is two nights of Demolition Derby. The derbies get started at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20 and Wednesday, Sept. 21. Tickets for all seats are \$15 each.

Tracy Lawrence and Ronnie Milsap take center stage at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22. Tickets are \$30 for reserved track seats and \$25 for reserved grandstand.

Popular comedian Bill Engvall from the Blue Collar Group performs Friday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 p.m. This is the first time for this type of performance at The Great Frederick Fair. Reserved track seats are \$30 each, and reserved grandstand tickets are \$25.

The week ends Saturday, Sept. 24, with Tracy Byrd and Joe Nichols taking center stage at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for reserved track seats and \$25 for reserved grandstand.

Ticket prices do not include admission to the fairgrounds. Individual admission to the fair is \$5 per person. Ticket sales are under way and can be phoned in at 301-695-3928 Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m., or ordered on-line at www.thegreatfrederickfair.com.

## A&E Calendar LOOKING AHEAD —

#### For Children

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.

#### Stage

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.

Through Aug. 27 – "The Wizard of Oz" Musical (Family). Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre. Willow Tree Plaza, Rt. 40 West, Frederick. Information: 301-662-6600 www.wayoffbroadway.com.

#### Concerts

Aug. 6 – Music in the Park. 7 p.m. Emmitsburg Community Park (behind the post office). "Waking at Seven" will perform.

Aug. 7 - 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. 14 – Make "N" Changes. 7 p.m. Sunday in the Park Concert

Park Amphitheater, Long Lane, Gettysburg. Free. 717-334-2028. **Aug. 14 – Lila McCann.** 7 p.m. Summer Concert Series. Baker

Series. Gettysburg Recreation

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

#### Festivals/Events

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.

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.

#### Live Acts

10 p.m. to midnight. Blue Parrot Bistro, 27 Chambersburg St., Gettysburg, Pa. No cover charge. Local folk music duo.

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

#### 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.

#### Dance

Aug. 6 and Aug. 20 – Ballroom Dancing. 7:30 p.m. Professional instructors lead a variety of ballroom dances. Walkersville Town Hall, 21 W. Frederick St. Walkersville. \$10. 301-339-2535.

Aug. 19 – Swing Dancing. Music by the FCC Jazz Orchestra. Lessons 8-9 p.m. Band plays until midnight. Walkersville Town Hall, 21 W. Frederick St. Walkersville. \$12. 410-635-8974.

#### Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

Aug. 6-28 – Passages, Linda Constant Buki. Influenced by Picasso and Matisse, these figurative paintings reflect the artist's ideals of love, death and immortality. Opening reception Aug. 6, 5-7 p.m. Weinberg Center lobby. Frederick. 301-698-0656.

Through Aug. 21 – Another Class Act. The students and faculty of The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center exhibit the work they created in classes throughout the past year. Reception, Aug. 6, 3-5 p.m. 40 S. Carroll St. Frederick. 301-663-1080.

## The Palms Restaurant DAILY LUNCHEON SPECIALS August 2005 Aug. 3: Smoked Turkey on Pretzel, French Fries Aug. 4: Fish Sandwich, Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes Aug. 5: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots Aug. 10: BBQ Chicken Sandwich on Kaiser, French Fries, Slaw Aug. 11: Ham & Turkey Club Wrap, Onion Rings Aug. 12: Patty Melt/fried onions, French Fries

Aug. 17: Pulled Pork Sandwich, French Fries, Applesauce

Aug. 19: Mini Crab Cake Sandwich, French Fries, Slaw

Aug. 25: Tuna or Chicken Salad Plate w/ Potato Salad

Aug. 26: Oven Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans

Sept. 2: Hot Hamburger Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Peas

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Aug. 24: Turkey Bacon Melt w/LT, French Fries

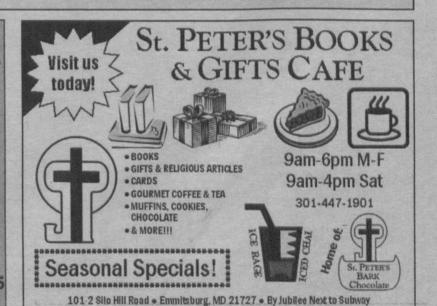
Aug. 31: Chicken Club Sandwich, French Fries

Sept. 1: Cabbage Roll, Mashed potatoes, Carrots

Aug. 18: Slippery Chicken Pot Pie

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#### SPORTS

#### 50th year of Emmitsburg Little League comes to a close

By Megan Zimmerman Staff Writer

The 2005 Emmitsburg Baseball season began in April with celebrations of its 50-year history. The organization experienced much change in its first half-century, and this season was no exception.

The Little League joined the Mason-Dixon Pony League after a November vote. President Mary Topper believes the season went well. "The players adapted to the many rule changes we had to use for the Pony League," says Topper, "and most of the players liked the new rules."

As part of the Mustang Division of the Pony League, the 9-10 year-old players were divided into two teams, the Cardinals and the Giants. They took on other teams in the Mason Dixon Pony League, including Littlestown, Taneytown, and Charles Carroll.

"The teams played well, and most games were very close," says Topper. "They were all very competitive."

In the post-season, players from the Cardinals and the Giants joined to form an All-Star team, which played in the All-Star Tournament, but was unsuccessful in advancing to the finals.

Two teams, the Dodgers and the Red Sox of the11-12 yearolds in the Bronco Division of the Mason-Dixon Pony League, faced teams from Littlestown, Taneytown and Charles Carroll. The Dodgers

impressed many by winning their

"I think the Dodgers' division win was the best part of the season," says Topper. "This win showed that we can be competitive as members of the Pony League."

An All-Star team was also created with players from the Dodgers and the Red Sox. The team won two games in the All-Star tournament, but did not advance to the Pony League World Series.

The Red Wings, comprised of 13-14 year-old boys, also adjusted to changes this season. The team joined the South Adams Pony League earlier in the year, which meant a change in competition. The Wings played teams from New Oxford, Pa., Hanover, Pa., McSherrystown, Pa., and Littlestown, Md. In post-season play, a few Red Wing players were voted to join players from the McSherrystown Mets, Hanover Panbakers, and Littlestown Pirates in an All-Star game.

As for the Minor League of Emmitsburg Baseball, the Astros ranked first. The Orioles finished second, the Tigers third, and the Expos fourth. Two All-Star teams played in a Fairfield tournament, which consisted of a "coach's pitch" and a "kid's pitch."

The T-ball teams welcomed a few 4-year-olds to join in some games with the 5-7 year old players. This was their second season using the new pitching format, where coaches pitched to



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE SZABADOS

#### THURMONT - STATE LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Thurmont Little League walked away with the state's 11-12 Little League Championship on July 28, defeating Elkton 3-1 at Robert B. Staley Stadium.

Thurmont Although had won two District 2 11-12 championships, they had never before won a state championship in the 52-year history of the team.

Thurmont heads off to

Bristol, Conn., to play in the Mid-Atlantic Region Tournament of the Eastern Region. The tournament is using a pool play format. After the pool competition, the four top teams will advance to single-elimination semifinal and championship round

The team will play Sunday, Aug. 7 at 11 a.m. against the Delaware State Champions; Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 11 a.m. against the New Jersey

State Champions; Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 8 p.m. against the New York State Champions; and Thursday, Aug. 11 at 5 p.m. against the Pennsylvania State Champions.

The Mid-Atlantic Region Tournament championship game will be broadcast live on ESPN2 at 7 p.m. on Monday,

the players, and the "T" was only used after three swings.

"This pitching strategy has worked out well," said Topper. "Very few kids needed to use the "T" by the end of the season."

Girls' softball also enjoyed another great season, with the 10 and under and 12 and under teams performing well.

A 2005 "Fall-Ball" season is being organized and registration will soon take place. If enough players are interested, there will be two teams, a 9/10 team and an 11/12 team. The ages will be based on League age for next year.

As for the 2006 season,

Topper will not be returning as League President. She hopes that Emmitsburg Baseball stays with the new Pony League organization. "It better prepares our players for high school baseball because they now learn skills, such as stealing and picking off players trying to steal, at an earlier age."



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#### Outside the Game

#### A Bout to Remember

By A.J. Russo Sports Editor

No, I'm not talking about Ali/Frazier or Louis/Schmeling.

Recently, a bigger, more important bout was fought. The victory was stunning, the cost enormous and the purse ... well, the purse to the winner won't be determined for years to come.

At the weigh-in, Joe "the jab" London, representing England, arguably the underdog, looked up at his stronger, handsomer, bigger opponent, Nick "the tower" Paris from France, with an eye of surprising confidence. Maybe it was because he had won the title twice before.

But Paris' confidence was also evident as he stuck out his chest of steel. Some said he was the most popular boxer of his time. In fact, almost 80 percent of his fellow countrymen were behind him and no one had ever had the same type of government support.

The two stood nose to nose in front of the scale. "You're goin' down," Paris grunted. London, however, didn't flinch.

Then the scene changed into something resembling a Tyson pre-fight press conference.

On the sidelines, French President Chirac was overheard making a series of jokes at Britain's expense to Russian President Vladimir Putin and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

"The only thing they (the English) have ever done for European agriculture is mad cow," Chirac quipped, according to the paper, prompting laughter from Schroeder and Putin.

Relations between France and Britain were already as low as the support the English have for the war in Iraq, with Prime Minister Blair and President Chirac blaming each other for the failure of June talks on the European Union's long-term budget talks.

Blair, who took over the EU presidency, irritated Paris with his drive to cut EU farm subsidies (which mainly benefit France).

As the two contenders glared at each other, nose-to-nose, Chirac took the opportunity to disparage British food. "You can't trust people who cook as badly as that. After Finland, it's the country with the worst food."

The stage was set for an ugly bout.

Here's the round by round:

**Round 1:** With a youthful crowd cheering madly behind his corner, "the jab" landed a few more jabs than the "tower" powered uppercuts. Judges scored it London 22; Paris 21.

Round 2: A disappointing

round for both fighters and their fans. Both came out of their corners tired, but London still prevailed 27-25 to win the round.

Round 3: In a controversial scoring fiasco, London picked up several points from New York judges, causing the third round, and therefore the fight to go his way. London 39; Paris 33

Winner by points: London

The decisions by judges in the third and final round were so controversial that dignitaries, including Blair and Chirac, immediately traveled to Singapore to lobby IBC (International Boxing Committee).

Crowds in England cheered loudly and waved flags as they heard that London had pummeled Paris to win the contest. Champagne was sprayed and thousands danced in the streets.

In his locker room after the fight, London hugged trainer and former Olympic gold medalist Lord Coe saying, "just awesome." (Coe was thought by many to have been the final missing ingredient in London's preparation.)

It started to rain shortly after the fight ended, and disappointed "tower" fans left the venue after the third unsuccessful attempt by Paris since 1992 to bring the belt back to France.

It was the first all-European title fight in a long time.



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#### VHC wins softball tournament

The Vigilant Hose Company (VHC) went 4-0 to win the Adams County Fireman's softball tournament championship in Brushtown, Pa. on July 23. Eleven teams competed in the one-day tournament. The win was quite an accomplishment, considering that the VHC team last played ball together in 1998. Team members: Front Row L to R: Jim Rice, Kevin Fox, Paul Eyler, Scott Maly, Bill Boyd. Back Row L to R: Karl Kuykendall, Steve Valentine, Andy Stull, Chris Stahley, Gabe Baker, Chad Umbel, Cecil Ridenour, Frank Davis.

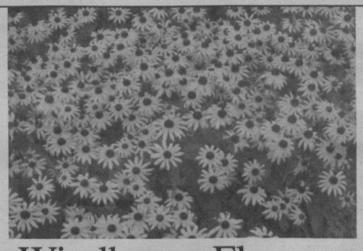
How important was it?

How many fights end with a congratulatory salute from the Queen?

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Aug. 6 - Concert in the Park. 7 p.m. Emmitsburg Memorial Park. Featuring "Waking at Seven."

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

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

Aug. 11 - Cougar Camp for incoming 9th grade. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Catoctin High School. Information: 240-236-8100.

Aug. 11 - Class lists posted at Emmitsburg Elementary School, 4 p.m.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

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 - Class lists posted at Thurmont Primary and Elementary Schools, 4 p.m.

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

Aug. 13 - Annual Big Picnic. Sponsored by Mt. Tabor Park Board, Rocky Ridge, Md., "Home of the Big Wooden Sliding Board." Soup and sandwich stand, 11 a.m. Baby show, 1 p.m. Fried chicken and ham buffet, 2-7 p.m. Entertainment at 7 p.m., "Hat Creek Country." Adults \$8, children (5-10) \$5, under 5 free.

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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,

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. 21 - Rose Hill Day Festival. Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 North Market Street, Frederick. Ice Cream Social 12-3 p.m. with oldfashioned lawn games and toys and hands-on crafts for children. Manor tours, noon to 4 p.m., regular fees. Antique car show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information: 24-hour program line, 301-694-1650 or visit www. rosehillmuseum.com.

#### **ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS**

#### At the Library

Monthly "Make it & take it" Craft (all ages)

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Aug. 8-13: "Buggy" pencil toppers

Friday Fun and Games at the Library (6 years and older)

Too hot to play outside? Tired of swimming? Bring your friends and play some games at the library this summer (chess, checkers, Parcheesi, etc.) Games provided. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Fridays from 2-4 p.m.

Aug. 5 & 19

Storytimes

**Babies with Books** (birth-24 months with an adult) First three Wednesdays of the month at 10:30 a.m. Aug 3, 10, 17-

Two Terrific! (age 2 with an adult) Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**Family Storytime** 

(ages 3-5 with an adult) Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**Preschool Storytime** (ages 3-5 with an adult) Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Aug 4, 11, 18, 25

Third Thursdays at Thorpe Wood (ages 3-5)

Preschool story program hosted by Thurmont and Emmitsburg Branches at ThorpeWood Nature Retreat. Register at www.thorpewood.org or call ThorpeWood at 301-271-2823. Aug. 18 at 1 p.m. Registration

For Teens

required.

Teen Book Club (grades 6-12) Third Thursday at 7 p.m. Aug. 16 - "Thura's Diary" by Thura Al-Windawi

**Animal Manga Club** 

(grades 6-12) Second Friday from 6-8 p.m. Movie, snack, other activities. Co-sponsored by Emmitsburg and Thurmont Libraries. Aug.12 Registration required

Adult programs Leaving a Legacy: Writing About Your Life (adults) First Monday from 1:30-3 Aug. 8

Knitting Club (adults and teens) Third Thursday at 4 p.m. Aug. 18

**Book Discussion Groups/ Adult** Reading Club **Tuesday Night Book Club** Second Tuesday at 7: 30 p.m. Aug. 9 - "Dirt Music" by Tim Winton

Non-fiction Book Club Second Thursday at 1 p.m. Call the branch for titles. Aug. 11

Programs, unless otherwise noted, are held at the Emmitsburg Library in the Community Center on Seton Avenue. Registration or information: 240-629-6329.

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We have two trips scheduled this month. On Tuesday, Aug. 9, we will be going to the Eisenhower farm in Gettysburg at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.50 per person. We will be going again to the Hanover Farmers' Market, Saturday, Aug. 20. Cost is \$5. You must sign up for these trips in advance.

Meeting Day is Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 1 p.m. We will be hosting an evening card party, Wednesday, Aug. 24. Card games are also scheduled every Monday after lunch.

The seniors encourage all Group: Aug. 10 and 24. eligible persons (50 years and older) to join them for regular program activities and special events. The lunch program is open to those 60 and older. The center is lovely and the "natives" are friendly! Check it out!

Bowling: Mondays at Taneytown bowling center. Carpool; meet at center at 12:30 p.m.

Strength Training & Conditioning: Tuesday and Thursday,

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10 a.m. Dress comfortably; wear athletic shoes. Participants will use small weights. Led by Linda

Bingo: Aug. 17 and 31. Cards-500, and Bridge

Canasta & Pinochle: Fridays at 12:30 p.m.

Programs are held in the Community Center on South Seton Avenue. Call for lunch reservations 24 hours in advance. The Senior Center will close whenever county offices are closed. To register for special events or for information, call program coordinator Linda Umbel, 240-629-6350.

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#### **Looking Ahead**

Aug. 27 - Grow Out Stations.

#### POLICE ACTIVITY

#### Sheep-killing incident still under investigation

Animal control has gathered some evidence

Frederick County Animal Control Division is continuing its investigation of a July 8 incident outside Thurmont, which resulted in the deaths of two sheep.

Division Director Harold Domer said his agency has "collected some physical evidence" and has received several tips by phone "regarding possible suspects."

The animals were believed to have been shot sometime between 3 and 6 p.m. on July 8, and belonged to breeders Sherm and Beverly Pearsall, Apples Church Road.

Beverly Pearsall told The Dispatch that she "heard shots and a car heading off toward Thurmont," but thought nothing of it until her husband came home and spotted one of the sheep dead in the field. A second wounded sheep was found and subsequently euthanized because of the grievous nature of its

The two ewes were part of the Pearsall's breeding stock. One was a three-year old and the second animal was a yearling. The Pearsall's generally have about 30 sheep on the farm.

Felony animal cruelty in Maryland can carry a prison sentence of up to three years or a penalty of up to \$5,000, or both.

Misdemeanor offenses can carry a prison sentence of up to 90 days or a penalty of up to \$1,000, or both, according to Domer, director of the Frederick County Animal Control Division. Additionally, he said, physiological counseling can also be mandated.

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