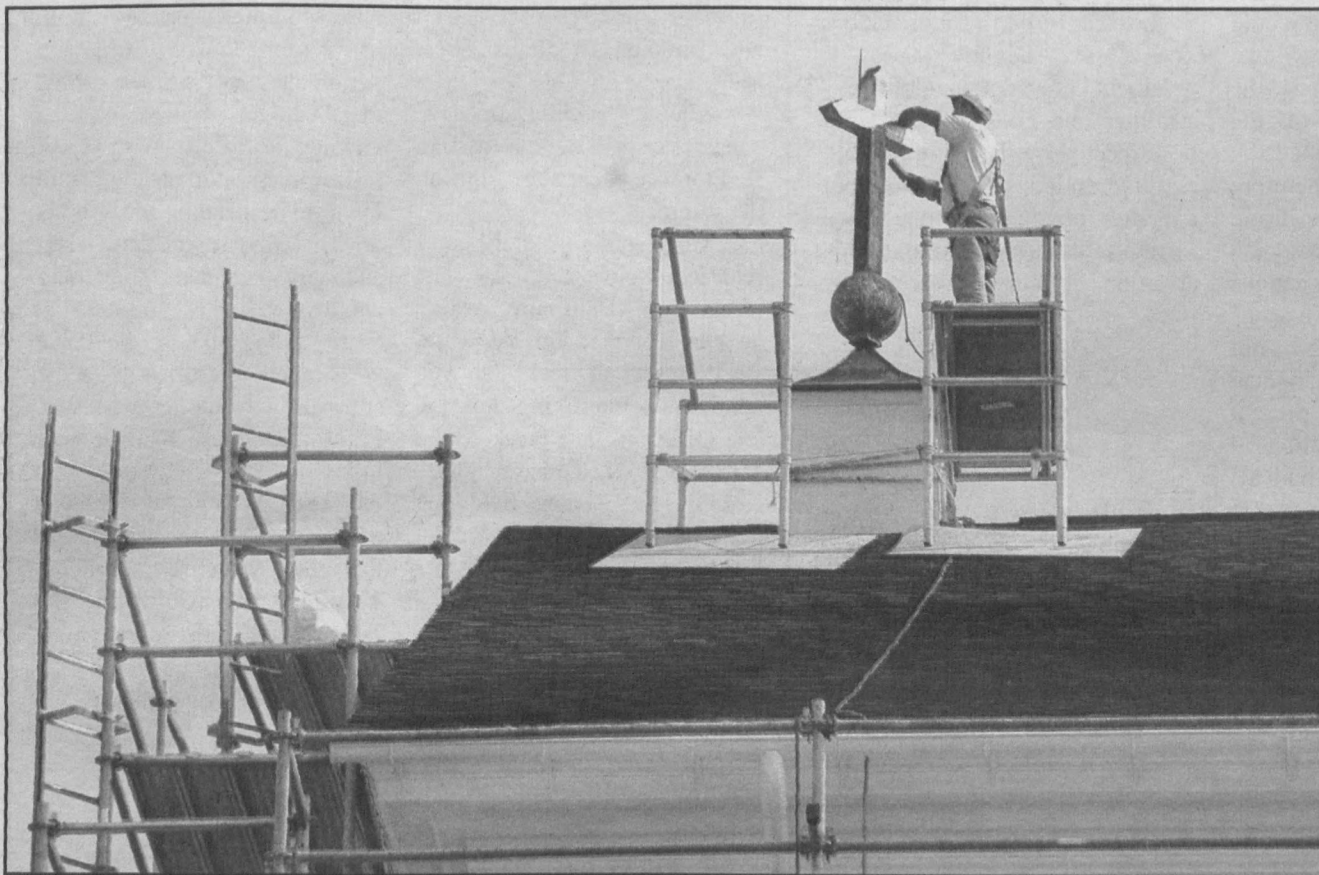


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-RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH

Renovation continues at St. Joseph's Church

Preparing the crosses atop St. Joseph's Catholic Church for new gold leafing is a craftsman from the Gilders' Studio, Inc., Olney, Md. The Emmitsburg church is undergoing a three-phase \$750,000 renovation. See page 8.

Effort to seek ethics legal fees questioned

By RICHARD D.L. FUTON
News Editor

Recent efforts of Commissioner William B. O'Neil, Jr. to collect legal fees resulting from a recently concluded ethics investigation have some questioning the legality of the move.

The Emmitsburg Ethics Commission released the results of its investigation in April, finding that O'Neil had violated town ethics regulations, along with Commissioner Arthur Elder.

Both commissioners have struggled to have legal fees paid they claim to have accrued because of the investigation. The board of commissioners voted July 18 to approve paying the legal expenses. Mayor James E. Hoover vetoed that action on July 25, and an attempt to overturn that veto failed at a special meeting on Aug. 8.

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National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes



Celebrates 200th Anniversary

Old town trolley to return
to Thurmont

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New Emmitsburg Youth
Sports to start in September

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Thurmont, County agree to joint police station

By CHRIS PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

If all goes as planned, the Town of Thurmont and Frederick County will open a joint police station near the Thurmont Senior Center on East Main Street by the middle of 2007.

Sheriff Jim Hagy and Thurmont's Board of Commissioners pitched the idea of sharing a north county facility to the Frederick

County Board of Commissioners during an Aug. 9 county meeting.

Renee Williar, fiscal services director, and Thurmont Commissioner Glenn Muth presented the plan, stressing benefits including cost savings from sharing space, better response times, increased visibility, and improved communications, though both departments say they already work together extremely well.

Current facilities inadequate

Muth briefly alluded to a presentation first shown to the town commissioners last November, in which a series of photos more than amply demonstrated the poor conditions under which the town's officers currently work.

During that presentation, the police commission told the

town leaders that the reason it could not hire or hold onto police officers was primarily due to the poor facilities, which includes only around 575 square feet, no detention area, grossly inadequate storage and work space, among other ills. Insufficient salaries were second on the list of concerns, the

-See **Police Station** on page 3

Food bank set to re-open in new location

By SUSAN ALLEN
Staff Writer

The Emmitsburg Food Bank has relocated to new quarters at 502 East Main Street, next to the Catocin Pregnancy Center. Its board held a public open house on Sunday, Aug. 21, from 1-3 p.m.

The volunteer organization has been operating from temporary space at Elias Lutheran Church for three years while repairing and reconfiguring part of the former

feed mill. Renovations included building a new ramp and deck, removing the feed chute and repairing the roof, installing new wiring, and building two interior rooms. The food bank had to leave the community center in 2002 to make room for new health department offices.

The food bank was established in 1983 as a satellite of the Frederick Food Bank. It is now an independent entity, affiliated with other county food banks through The Religious

Coalition for Emergency Human Needs. It receives support from the Emmitsburg Council of Churches, other community organizations and individuals, and serves an average

of 35 local families each month.

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Visions and private revelations

An authentic vision is a charism or a charismatic grace. These graces are given to an individual or a group primarily for the spiritual good of others or for the Church as a whole. No body is required to believe in these visions of others, nor are they to be ever pressured into believing private revelations.

The recipient of the apparitions and revelations at Emmitsburg is a good practicing Catholic and has been exemplary in her obedience to the decree of the Cardinal.

This decree states that after study by experts the Cardinal declares that "in this case, constat de non supernaturalitate." The term supernatural ordinarily has a much wider application than it does here and refers to a number of gifts which are not miraculous,

for example, an act of love is supernatural. Here the term would mean supernatural in the way the event has transpired. That is, the phenomena perceptible to the senses cannot be explained by natural causes and is therefore miraculous. So what the Latin words mean is that the presumed apparition is clearly not miraculous or there are not sufficient reasons manifesting it to be so. It does not mean that the events are diabolical in their origin or only present in the mind and imagination of the individual or individuals involved, but may still be within the workings of the Holy Spirit in a faithful soul.

Now the certitude that can be reached as a result of investigating apparitions and private revelations can never be the certitude of divine faith that we receive in

the mysteries of our faith, such as the Trinity or the Incarnation. The Church humbly states its judgment knowing that it is always a fallible one, but one that should be respected by the faithful. With all this in mind, it is therefore not a matter of sin or disobedience for the faithful to incorporate this devotion in their private prayer lives.

-Fr. Kieran Kavanaugh, O.C.D.
Carmelite Monastery
Washington, D.C.

Editor's Note: Fr. Kieran Kavanaugh, O.C.D. is the English translator of the writings of both St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross. He is a member of the Institute of Carmelite Studies and was the vice postulator for the canonization of St. Edith Stein.

From a neutral observer...

As a neutral observer who moved to this area after Cardinal Keeler ended the Thursday night prayer meetings at St. Joseph's, I am amazed at the anger and animosity demonstrated regarding Our Lady of Emmitsburg. I have investigated both sides - the apparitions have not been condemned, even though this is inferred. We are free to believe, if not condemned by the Church; but also free to not believe if accepted by the Church. The visionary has been obedient to the Cardinal's directives.

Throughout history Heaven has touched upon the earth to redirect mankind's self-destructive path, toward more self-reflection, conversion and healing, which was met with similar responses. 2000 years ago, Jesus was misunderstood, vilified, condemned and put to death by people who felt justified in their anger and condemnation, led by Pharisees terrified of losing their material status quo. Many canonized saints were treated in the same way, with false accusations and assumptions. Eventually they were vindicated - St. Bernadette,

St. Faustina, St. Pio, to name a few.

History continuously repeats itself, and if we observe history, we will see ourselves reflected. The evil one tries to convince us we should ignore or change history, even convincing us that he doesn't exist, that the supernatural is something conjured up in our minds and something to be feared. Considering the condition of today's world, why would we not welcome heavenly intervention and wisdom? It would be better to wait and see prayerfully rather than to point fingers, assume and judge; to be generous and loving rather than angry and resort to name-calling. Recall these words from the 1950s movie, "The Song of Bernadette": "To those who believe, no explanation is necessary. To those who do not believe, no explanation is possible."

Let's join together against the real enemy!

-Sharon Legere
Gettysburg, Pa.

Keep Me Blind

If loving Our Lady and Mother Mary since I was a child makes me blind, then I am blind.

If taking Mary's hand and having her lead me to her Son makes me blind, then I am blind.

If going to Mass as often as possible makes me blind, then I am blind.

If praying before the Blessed Sacrament several times a week when possible makes me blind, then I am blind.

If having devotion to and saying the Rosary daily makes me blind, then I am blind.

If saying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy as often as possible makes me blind, then I am blind.

If having admiration for two people who have given their

lives and talents to the service of the less fortunate while asking nothing in return makes me blind, then I am blind.

If doing my best to treat others, as I would like to be treated and not condemning them for not believing the way I do makes me blind, then I am blind.

I feel very strongly that I speak these words for many.

-Wayne Warthen
Emmitsburg

Written in response to Mary Ann Osborne's letter to the editor, "Our Lady of Emmitsburg devotees - the blind leading the blind," in the Aug. 4, 2005 issue of The Emmitsburg Dispatch.

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 18, 1905 - Mrs. Emma E. Zimmerman has had a new roof put on her house, West Main Street.

About 75 chickens have been stolen from Mr. Sebastian B. Florence, near town, during the summer.

Mr. James Adelsberger returned home Saturday last week from Baltimore, where he was operated on for white swelling several weeks ago. His condition is improving slowly.

One night last week whilst Mr. David H. Guise's horses were in the pasture field one horse had its leg so badly broken by being kicked by another horse that it had to be killed.

On Thursday night of last week, about 20 or more bushels of corn were stolen from Mr. Lewis M. Motter's corn crib, in this place. The stealing of the corn is being investigated.

Shot Himself in the Wrist

On Wednesday, Mr. Cyril Rotering, son of Mr. Charles Rotering, of this place, accidentally shot himself in the left wrist while handling a revolver, inflicting a very painful wound. Drs. J.W. Eichelberger and J.B. Brawner dressed the wound, and being unable to locate the bullet Mr. Rotering went to a hospital in Baltimore on Thursday morning to have the bullet removed.

Baseball and Accidents

August 25, 1905 - On Tuesday the Emmitsburg Baseball Team played the Fairfield team, on the grounds of the latter team. The game was won by the Emmitsburg team. Score 3 to 2.

When in the act of leaving Fairfield for Emmitsburg, after witnessing the game of ball, Mr. James McGreevey, of this place, accidentally drove against the wheel of Mr. James Slagle's buggy wrecking the wheel.

While returning home from witnessing the same game of ball, Mr. Joseph Shuff's team, with three young ladies in the surrey, met with an accident coming down the hill at Mr. Frank Caldwell's, a short distance from town. In descending the hill, his horse started to run and when suddenly stopped something about the harness broke, the surrey going against the horse with much force, breaking the surrey, which belongs to Messrs. Frailey Brothers. No one was injured.

The Fairfield team played a return game of baseball in this place yesterday afternoon. This game was also won by the Emmitsburg team. Score 6 to 8.

Concrete Pavements

The work of laying the concrete pavement in front and around St. Joseph's Catholic Church has been completed. About 10,000 square feet of this paving has been laid about the church, including the pavement in front of St. Euphemia's school building and the Sister's house on Green Street. There is now one continuous stretch of concrete pavement beginning at the corner of the cemetery at the public alley on Gettysburg Street to Mr. John Slagle's residence on Green Street. This is the greatest amount of this kind of pavement ever laid in this place. The work was under the supervision of Mr. Robert Wolf, of York, Pa.

Quite an improvement is being made at the Reformed Church. The iron fence, which enclosed the church and yard for many years has been removed, and a concrete pavement has taken the place of the old stone and brick. The new pavement contains 680 square feet of concrete work. The work was done by the same gentlemen who laid the pavement at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Thanks for ambulance company support

On behalf of The Emmitsburg Ambulance Co. #26 I would personally like to thank the businesses of Emmitsburg and surrounding areas for their generous

contributors to our raffle which we held on July 2, 2005 with all proceeds going toward our building fund. This was our second year of doing this and we hope to

make it an annual fundraiser to be held during Celebrate Emmitsburg Days!

-Donna Miller
Thurmont, Md.



-RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH

Dr. Thomas H. Powell (R), President of Mount St. Mary's University, leads Maryland Stadium Authority and Frederick County Government officials on a tour of Mount St. Mary's campus and potential horse park site.

Horse park proposal getting down to the wire

A final selection of a site for the Maryland horse park will likely take place by mid-September, according to Alison L. Asti, executive director of the Maryland Stadium Authority.

In a telephone interview on Wednesday, Asti said the six

county nominations will give presentations on Aug. 22 to the Maryland Stadium Authority to address additional questions.

Frederick County voted June 30 to nominate a site consisting primarily of land owned by Mount Saint Mary's for the horse park.

Colby Ferguson, business development specialist with Frederick County, said the Aug. 22 presentation will provide greater detail on the Mount site, and serve as a follow-up to the Stadium Authority's site visit on Aug. 8.

Police station

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commission reported:

Muth said the town estimates it may need about 8,500 square feet and Hagy estimated about 2,000 square feet for his staff. However, that was before figuring out the savings of shared space, they said. Officers will share interrogation, detention, conference and training space, as well as lockers, bathrooms and more.

Hagy said his office has been planning satellite offices and the time seems right to begin with Thurmont given that town's need to move forward immediately with a new station.

"This was just a natural fit," Hagy said. "It's a golden opportunity for the county to jump in."

The sheriff's staff at the new station will serve the north county area from the Pennsylvania line south and will include towns such as Sabillasville, Rocky Ridge, Graceham and, of course, Emmitsburg and Thurmont.

Hagy said his department took 655 reports and responded to 6,000 calls in the service area during 2004. His staff reported the area's population is around

19,669. Though officers regularly patrol North County, it could take as long as 45 minutes for an officer to get to a call if traveling from the Frederick station near the airport.

Mayor and commissioners support the project

Thurmont Mayor Martin A. Burns, commissioners Wayne Hooper and Bill Blakeslee, and town Police Commission Chair Tom Iaccarino joined in supporting the partnership.

Burns said the town will donate the 1.2-acre parcel of land next to the Thurmont Senior Center for the project. That property was originally designated as Project Open Space land, but the town was able to make a "trade" with another of its properties, freeing up the East Main Street lot for the station.

And the town has already secured preliminary approval for a low-interest loan through the U.S. Department of Agriculture for up to \$1.4 million to cover the town's share of the costs.

"We're not looking for a handout," Burns said.

The county commissioners were asked to pledge their support for the joint project and to allocate

\$75,000 — half of the preliminary design costs — to get the ball rolling. The commissioners approved the expenditure 4-0, with Commission President John "Lennie" Thompson absent from the meeting.


The county commissioners agreed that the design cost funds would come from money set aside for what became a failed attempt by the county to acquire a city-owned piece of land known as Site F.

They also agreed to the county handling the construction and to negotiating a reasonable lease for the county to share the space with the town. Commission Vice-President Mike Cady suggested a \$1 per year lease.

Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners President Chris Staiger and Commissioner Glenn Blanchard also attended the meeting to express their support for the partnership.

Currently, Emmitsburg contracts with the sheriff's office for two officers to work in the town. With their court appearances or vacations, there is frequently only one officer available.

Staiger said he felt the partnership would only improve the level of service to the community.




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EDITORIAL

Enough!

It's time to bring an end to the animosity that overshadows Emmitsburg's town meetings. And it's time to bring on a fifth commissioner, or reduce the board to three, and get on with the business of serving the taxpayers instead of threatening lawsuits.

When Emmitsburg commissioner Bill O'Neil asked the town to reimburse his legal expenses, he led the town down a path that cost time and money. He and his attorney had already agreed that she would never bill him, but intended all along to bill the town.

When Emmitsburg Mayor Jim Hoover voted against O'Neil's request, and then vetoed the board's action when it didn't go his way, he shouldn't have. Although the charter seems to allow the mayor to vote with the commissioners, he is not a commissioner and should not vote as if he were.

But these two wrongs point in the right direction: Emmitsburg needs an odd number of commissioners on its board and a separation of the executive and legislative branches of government just as quickly as possible. Too many issues become deadlocked because of tie votes with a 4-member board. And too much personal animosity is getting in the

way of moving town government ahead for the good of its citizens.

The commissioners and the mayor need to bring this current sorry chapter in Emmitsburg's town government history to a close.

It's time to begin a comprehensive review and revision of the town code and charter, including the ethics provisions. The town needs an

outside review of the controversial issues surrounding the never-ending ethics investigation issues. Elected officials must stop all of the personal rancor and move ahead with doing what's best for the town. Without a return of civility and harmony to town meetings, only foolhardy souls would choose to run for elected office. And that would be a travesty indeed.

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Coincidentally, this issue presents a feature story, planned months ago, about a local religious site, The National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes. The Grotto is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year.

We think the article is of interest to people of every faith, to visitors to our area, and to local residents who relish learning more about the history of Emmitsburg. It fits our definition of news. And publishing news is what we do.

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In our July 7 issue, we outlined plans for this newspaper and asked for your support. We appreciate the responses we have received to date, but they have been few. We are writing again to ask you to invest in this community's news service. Our plans are clear, and our commitment to maintaining a quality newspaper is firm. But we cannot continue without your help.

Our plans – with your support

1. A newsroom and business offices. We have taken steps to rent office space in a town square building, 9 East Main St., for both a newsroom and a business office. With your help we will be able to purchase necessary equipment and furnishings to open this facility.

The office will make us accessible to you, and allow us to build a more efficient operation, ensuring that the paper

will reach local readers on Friday afternoons. We could also expand regional coverage to include more news from neighboring communities in southern Adams County, Pa. and northern Frederick and Carroll County, Md.

2. A weekly publication.

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-Raymond Buchheister
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TOWN NEWS

Mayor's veto will stand on ethics 'reimbursements'

Commissioner may seek court reversal of findings

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
News Editor

An attempt by two commissioners to have the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners overturn a mayoral veto denying them payment of ethics investigation legal expenses failed at a special Aug. 8 town meeting.

The mayoral veto had nullified the commissioners' 3-1 vote at a July 18 town meeting approving payment of legal expenses for commissioners William B. O'Neil, Jr. and Arthur Elder, both subjects of an ethics investigation which determined the two had violated ethics regulations.

O'Neil and Elder abstained from voting Aug. 8, and board President Christopher V. Staiger, Commissioner Glenn Blanchard, nor Mayor James E. Hoover moved to overturn the July 25 mayoral veto.

Attorneys say commissioners risked further ethics violations

O'Neil and Elder previously refused to recuse themselves from issues relating to payment of their legal fees.

On July 18, O'Neil moved to have his legal expenses, and Elder's, paid by the town. Elder seconded the motion, and both commissioners voted in favor.

After the mayor vetoed the board's decision on July 25, O'Neil and Elder called for a special Aug. 8 meeting to consider over-riding the mayoral veto.

At that meeting, O'Neil and

Elder abstained from voting after written opinions rendered by town attorney John R. Clapp and ethics commission attorney Harry T. deMoll pointed to potential conflicts of interest.

"The sole underlying purpose of the motion to reimburse legal fees is to relieve two commissioners of the financial burden of paying their counsel fees. The motion is a matter which will have a direct financial impact on the commissioners ... Voting on that motion is an act of participation ... In my view, therefore, it is a conflict of interest," Clapp wrote.

In a written statement, ethics commission Attorney Harry T. deMoll agreed: "After reviewing the code of ethics, it is my opinion that commissioners O'Neil and Elder by '(participating) on behalf of the town in a matter which would to their knowledge have direct financial impact on them,'" a violation under the town code.

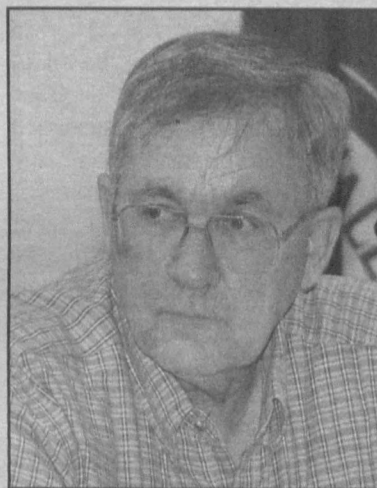
Further, both attorneys agreed that the two commissioners' legal fees should not be paid because they had both been found to have violated ethics regulations.

Clapp wrote, "The findings of the ethics commission were that the two commissioners acted outside of the realm of their permissible authority and ... those actions were not within the scope of their official duties ... It is also my opinion that reimbursement of the legal fees is inappropriate and would constitute an improper expenditure of public funds..."

Clapp and deMoll's opinions essentially reflected the mayor's



William B. O'Neil, Jr.



Arthur Elder

view when he vetoed the July 25 action.

O'Neil characterized the two attorneys' statements as "weak legal opinions," and questioned the applicability to Emmitsburg of the cases Clapp cited.

Commissioner may try to clear his name in court

Commissioner O'Neil stated, at the Aug. 8 meeting, "If the town continues along this course of action and fails to override the mayor's veto, I will have no other recourse but to tender this as my notice that I intend to file in Frederick Circuit Court to clear my good name."

"To me," he said, "there's nothing bigger or better than one's family name and honor."

Sewer tap request triggers inquiry into St. Joseph's Church sewer payments

A request from St. Joseph's Church, Emmitsburg, for a free \$11,000 sewer tap revealed that the church has been paying sewer fees for years without sewer service.

While town Attorney John R. Clapp suggested in a written opinion that granting the church a free tap "could easily become the basis for charges of favoritism and discrimination," a question remains as to how much money St. Joseph's has already contributed toward the wastewater collection system.

Reverend Vincent J. O'Malley told the commissioners at their Aug. 15 meeting that the church has been paying sewer fees "while receiving no service. (The church was) never tapped in but

was being charged."

O'Malley would like the town "to investigate to see how many thousands the church has already paid for which we have received no service."

The board tabled the church's request until the Sept. 6 meeting, but in the meantime, commission President Christopher V. Staiger, in agreement with Mayor James E. Hoover, suggested, "fees that were charged erroneously should be investigated."

The church wants to install a bathroom during its renovations. A tap fee is \$4,000, an additional surcharge for sewer repair work amounts to \$7,000, bringing the total tap fee to \$11,000. The 1842 church does not presently have a bathroom.

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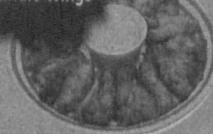
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Town News Briefs ...

Town may propose 'water warning system'

The Emmitsburg Water Committee may soon recommend a color-coded system to alert residents about water use restrictions in case of shortages or drought.

Committee member Sabrina Paxton-Daily told *The Dispatch* that the water committee would decide at its October meeting whether or not to recommend the system.

Currently Emmitsburg posts only a blue sign warning of a water shortage and displays a warning on town access cable Channel 99. In the new system, yellow would recommend voluntary conservation, and red would indicate mandated conservation.

Silo Hill "sink holes"

Two so-called "sink holes" reported at the Aug. 1 Emmitsburg town meeting turned out to be nothing more than pits left by a couple of trees that died after being planted, according to town spokeswoman Patricia Feeser. Town public works employees have taken care of the holes.

Business owner says trash pickup lacking

Larry Little, co-owner of One More Tavern, told town commissioners at the Aug. 1 meeting that he is less than pleased with the trash pickup service he has been receiving.

Little said that Key Sanitation, Frederick, requires that trash be set out in the morning, but the company may not actually pick it up until late afternoon. On a Monday holiday week, he said the trash might sit uncollected throughout most of the week, presenting a big problem for the restaurant as well as a potential health problem.

Town spokeswoman Patricia Feeser said that trash trucks would be late for pick-up on a given day only if a truck broke down and another had to be dispatched.

Feeser said, "If you call, they (Key Sanitation) immediately take care of it. If we (the town) don't know there is a problem, we can't call them about it."

Key Sanitation began picking up the town's trash in 2004, but has also held the contract in prior years.

Legal fees

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Commissioner recants offer to pay bills he later said he never owed

O'Neil had previously said he would pay his own legal expenses resulting from the ethics investigation, but recanted that offer at the July 18 town meeting because, "I did not get to participate (in the investigatory process)."

However, at the Aug. 8 special meeting of the board of commissioners, O'Neil declared that he and his attorney had agreed early on that she would not charge him for her legal services.

"At no time have I spent one red cent ... She (Attorney Rosemary A. McDermott) has been working on this *pro bono*," O'Neil stated.

McDermott however, told *The Dispatch* she never agreed to work *pro bono*, and believed O'Neil simply misused the term. *Pro bono* refers to services performed by an attorney at no charge.

She said she and O'Neil had an initial agreement that she would not bill him for services related to the ethics investigation. She said she told him that she would "submit the bill to the town and not submit it to you ... I'm not going to ask you to pay."

As a result of the Aug. 8 failure to overturn the mayoral veto, McDermott said, "If the town decided not to pay, then I don't get paid ... I knew there was a possibility I wouldn't (be paid)."

McDermott explains O'Neil's expense invoice

Seemingly in spite of O'Neil's claims his attorney was not charging him for legal services, and his attorney's confirmation, an invoice dated May 31 from the law offices of Rosemary McDermott stated, "Bill to ... Bill O'Neil." The invoice amount was \$5,827.50.

McDermott told *The Dispatch* that the billing in O'Neil's name was likely a bookkeeping error, and that the invoice was meant for the Town of Emmitsburg.

The invoice was accompanied by a cover letter dated June 6 informing the town that her (McDermott's) fee was actually \$4,370.65 because of a 25 percent discount she grants to governmental bodies.

However, nowhere in the letter does it state that McDermott expected the town to pay the bill, while the attached invoice was in O'Neil's name.

McDermott's letter states simply, "My understanding is that you shall be reviewing the legal fees related to the recent ethics complaint against two of the town commissioners. As attorney for Commissioner William B. O'Neil, I performed legal work on his behalf ..."

Hoover, however, told *The Dispatch* the town didn't contract for McDermott to do anything. "The town did not request any service of her," he said, and therefore he thinks the town should not be obligated to pay.

"The town charter does not give the commissioners the ability to commit the town to obligations like that," he noted.

Mayor suggests formal inquiry may be necessary

Hoover told *The Dispatch* on Aug. 12, "This whole thing troubles me deeply," and said he felt that matters have essentially gotten out-of-hand in the aftermath of the ethics investigation.

"It's obvious that things

continue to get worse," he said. "With the comments and motions that were made (by O'Neil and Elder), I think the town is going to have to have an outside agency review or investigate it," he continued.

"I am concerned a bill was submitted for reimbursement even though there was an agreement between Mr. O'Neil and his attorney that he was not going to be charged," Hoover said. He asked, "What was Bill going to do with that money (had the mayor's veto been overturned)?"

O'Neil responds to mayor's comments

O'Neil was out-of-town the latter half of the week of Aug. 8, but responded by e-mail on Aug. 15 to questions from *The Dispatch*.

O'Neil wrote, "The Mayor knows very well that Ms. McDermott submitted a legitimate itemized bill. Not only did Ms. McDermott not charge for many services she provided, she offered a percentage discount to the town and received a slap in the face for her generosity from the mayor."

"The mayor thinks by asking a rhetorical question (which implies wrongful submission of expense payments), he is able to tarnish us while keeping himself, personally, out of legal trouble; he is mistaken," O'Neil responded.

He further stated, "Ms. McDermott is a sterling lawyer with impeccable ethics. Neither she, nor I, would ever steal money but, by asking the question, he hopes to plant this idea in the minds of people. This is not only unprofessional, it is loathsome."

"By accusing my attorney of being unethical, he seeks to threaten anyone who would dare question him or support me," O'Neil wrote, adding, "Ms. McDermott is an honorable professional and genuine kind soul. In reading his words, those who know her, will recognize his true character and the weakness of his position."



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58th Anniversary of Emmitsburg auxiliary

Emmitsburg Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6658 celebrated its 58th anniversary this summer. New officers for the 2005-06 year are President, Mary R. Topper; Sr. Vice-

President, Barbara Knott; Jr. Vice-President, Dixie Vivaldi; Treasurer, Rita Byard; Chaplain, Gloria Bauerline; Conductress, Evelyn Ott; Guard and Trustee (3 years); Joan Tracey; Secretary, Dolores

Henke. At the state convention held in Ocean City in June, the Auxiliary received three plaques for its work: 3rd place, Community Service; 3rd place, Americanism; 2nd place, Service with Veterans in Hospitals.

Paxton-Daily resigns from two town committees

Sabrina Paxton-Daily has submitted a letter of resignation from both the Emmitsburg Water Committee and recreation and parks committee over concerns about a possible ethics complaint from defeated mayoral candidate, Dr. Stanley Charles Mazaleski. Her letter, dated Aug. 9, does not indicate an effective resignation date.

Paxton-Daily served as an alternate judge in the April election in which Mazaleski was defeated while running for mayor against incumbent James E. Hoover and Arthur Elder.

At a July 29 public meeting with the election judges, Mazaleski asked that the town hold a new election based on irregularities he alleges occurred

during the April election.

Paxton-Daily was present July 29 and agreed with the other judges that there was insufficient cause for a new election. Mazaleski said he did not feel the judges had the authority to rule on allegations lodged against them.

In her resignation letter, addressed to Mayor Hoover, Paxton-Daily wrote, "Mr. Mazaleski's accusations against the election judges have no merit and, in and of themselves, do not cause me to lose sleep. But the fact that he could make an ethics complaint against me does."

Ethics commission Attorney Harry T. deMoll's law office could not confirm Aug. 15 if Mazaleski has filed an ethics complaint.

Board approves public works for east industrial park

The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners approved Aug. 15 a proposed public works agreement (PWA) with Emmitsburg East Industrial Park, LLC to help Emmitsburg Glass Company relocate to Creamery Road. The company can now proceed to apply for a town zoning certificate, and begin work on securing other county and state approvals.

Emmitsburg Glass agreed

to pay for improvements to the wastewater collection system needed to connect its new glass facility, if the town is unable to secure a Community Development Block Grant to help pay for the work.

Part of the proposed improvement would address the area on the Waybright Property where a missing system valve may have led to numerous sewage spills over

Town News Updates ...

'Missing' sewer valve produces a 'small' spill

The Emmitsburg sewer treatment plant was overwhelmed by "wild water" during July, but the system had only one relatively small spill, according to town records.

A 14,000-gallon spill of diluted wastewater occurred on the Waybright property east of Route 15 where an air relief valve is apparently missing.

Because of wild water (known as infiltration and inflow, or I&I) generated by nearly seven inches of rain during July storms, the treatment plant was deluged with 1,531,000 gallons of diluted wastewater on July 7, nearly two million gallons on July 8, by 887,000 gallons on July 17 and 853,000 gallons on July 17.

See related stories: "'Missing' sewer valve may be causing sewer spills" in the July 21, 2005 issue of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* and "Spills diminishing, but 'wild water' still problem" in the Aug. 4, 2005 issue of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*.

Baby pool to remain closed this season

The 30-year-old town baby pool will not reopen this season.

American Pool Management, already under contract for town pool maintenance and staffing, has approval from Town Manager David Haller for the repair work. But construction will have to wait, because it would disrupt use of the nearby main swimming pool.

The Owings Mills-based company submitted a preliminary repair estimate of \$2,000. Any work beyond that dollar limit would require additional town approval.

See related story, "Baby pool likely out of commission for rest of season" in the July 21, 2005 issue of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*.

Town considers School Lane closure

The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners voted unanimously Aug. 15 to close School Lane to vehicular traffic pending town attorney review.

Although the commissioners voted July 8, 1984, and further discussed the issue May 26, 1988, to close the lane, no follow-up action was ever taken.

The board will ask the town attorney if a resolution or ordinance is required to legally close the street.

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Regional News Briefs ...

Liberty Township appoints new supervisor

John C. Bostek was unanimously appointed a Liberty Township supervisor Aug. 2, filling a vacancy created by the resignation of Supervisor John Miller.

Bostek owns and operates an area farm and also, since 1997, provides framing and carpentry services. He graduated from Tarrant County Junior College, Fort Worth, Texas, in 1993. Until 1997, he worked for the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.

Miller resigned for health reasons, effective as of the July town meeting. He had served as a Liberty Township supervisor for over 20 years, according to LeeEsta Frishkorn, township secretary and treasurer.

Crum appointed to Liberty planning commission

The Liberty Township Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the appointment of Judy Crum to the planning commission at their Aug. 2 meeting.

Crum, of Willow Valley Farm, served as the town zoning officer from the late 1990s to 2004. She also served on the zoning committee which developed a new zoning ordinance, adopted in July 2005.

Township will participate in emergency plan

Liberty Township supervisors voted Aug. 2 to develop an ordinance to become a partner in a proposed multi-community emergency management plan, with Liberty and Hamiltonban townships and Fairfield and Carroll Valley boroughs.

Pennsylvania state law has required municipalities to develop an emergency management plan since enacting the state Emergency Management Services Code in 1978.

REGIONAL NEWS

Fairfield councilman wants expanded police coverage and a meter enforcement officer

By RICHARD D.L. FUTON
News Editor

A Fairfield councilman proposed at the July 26 town meeting that the council consider budgeting to pay Carroll Valley to increase police patrol time and hire a meter enforcement officer.

Councilman Ronald O. Shanks said that the Carroll Valley Police Department, who are paid

by Fairfield to patrol the town for 20 hours a week, can only invest a few hours a day because much of their time is spent on administrative duties, court appearances and investigations.

He said that parking restrictions remain largely unenforced because there is no meter enforcement person, and asked if the code would allow for hiring one.

Carroll Valley doing all it can Shanks suggests more hours

Shanks stated at the July 26 meeting, "We're paying them (Carroll Valley) and they're not spending any time on the streets," a comment mistakenly interpreted by this writer as a grievance.

However, Shanks told *The Dispatch* Aug. 13 that he made the point to suggest that the town consider increasing the amount of time that the neighboring police force is paid to patrol Fairfield.

"It wasn't that (a complaint about lack of service) at all," Shanks commented, noting, "With the time they have, they have done a good job."

The town pays Carroll Valley for 20 hours a week. Shanks pointed out that, of those 20 hours, "so much goes to paperwork, investigations, and court time, that they don't have the hours (to spend more time in Fairfield). They do issue citations."

"With all the vehicles coming through the town, we need more (Carroll Valley police) hours," he said.

Parking enforcement needs improvement

At the July 26 meeting, Shanks related an incident where a vehicle had parked facing the wrong way in front of the post office and a Carroll Valley police officer had walked by without issuing a citation.

Shanks subsequently told *The Dispatch* that he was trying to illustrate the need for a town parking enforcement person, not to criticize the police.

"The point is, that wouldn't happen if it was a borough employee (hired to patrol for parking violations)," he said.

The town has one lot that needs to be regulated for parking, as well as several spaces in front of the post office. Additionally, parking is not permitted along "several hundred feet of curbing" in town, and that would have to be patrolled as well.

Fairfield Solicitor Matthew Battersby said on July 26 that the code appeared to allow for the hiring of a meter enforcement person.

Editors Note: A story titled, "Fairfield council irate over lack of police coverage" in the Aug. 4, 2005 issue of The Dispatch erroneously concluded that Fairfield was upset with Carroll Valley police coverage. The errors resulted from the reporter misinterpreting comments made during discussions. The Dispatch apologizes for the error.

Carroll Valley monitoring Fairfield borough speeds

Study says most motorists obeying the law

By RICHARD D.L. FUTON
News Editor

The vast majority of motorists traveling through Fairfield are complying "reasonably" with speed restrictions, according to Carroll Valley Police Department study. "Reasonably" infers speeds not resulting in police citations.

Carroll Valley police conducted a 24-hour on-site study from 10 a.m. July 29 through 10 a.m. July 30 by placing cables across Main Street to assess motorists' speeds traveling through town.

During the monitoring period, 8,391 vehicles passed over the cables, 4,422 traveling east and 3,969 heading west; and 95 percent of them were traveling at acceptable speeds.

The posted speed limit at the monitored location was 25 miles-per-hour.

Of the five percent above the "action level" that would have triggered a citation, up to three percent may have been "ghost" readings. These false elevated speed assessments occur when vehicles traveling in opposing directions

interfere with the readings.

"I'm very pleased with these numbers," Carroll Valley Police Chief Richard L. Hileman II told *The Dispatch*. He said, "When we started (patrolling Fairfield) we wrote tickets to drivers in the 50 mile-per-hour range in 2003." Hileman said that tickets now show that the fastest violators tend to be driving in the high 30s and low 40s.

The presence of Carroll Valley patrol cars in town has had a positive impact on speeding, Hileman believes. "You (a town) get a reputation of 'don't drive fast because the police are there.'"

The Carroll Valley Police Department took over patrolling Fairfield in 2003 when the town eliminated its police department. Fairfield pays Carroll Valley \$28,644 a year plus three percent (that rate in effect as of this year) for 20 hours of service each week, according to Hileman.

However, at least five hours a week are set aside for administrative duties, investigations and court time, he said, although the actual amount of time spent on those tasks each week can exceed five hours.

90-day extension for Wormald developments

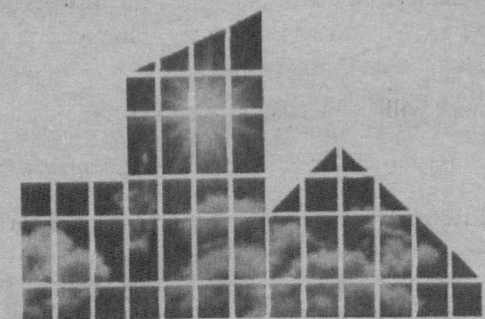
The Liberty Township Board of Supervisors granted The Wormald Companies a 90-day extension to allow for additional work on five development plans submitted to the township.

The proposed developments, Liberty Homestead, Liberty Estates, Liberty View, Liberty Meadows and Liberty Vistas, collectively include about 415 units.

The five developments could be built in lieu of Wormald's recently rejected 1,280-unit Liberty Valley development. Wormald lost its challenge of the township's rejection of the larger development in Adams County District Court last month.

The Liberty Township Planning Commission is currently reviewing the five-development package.

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Freight Motor Car No. 5 at the Thurmont train station (no longer in existence) prepares to run a string of freight cars to Frederick. This wooden trolley was built in 1920 and was retired in 1955. Photo courtesy of John Kinnaid.

Thurmont water to be controlled with wireless communications

BY RICHARD D.L. FUTON
News Editor

Line problems suggested wireless solution

Difficulty in communicating with remote water wells through telephone lines has led Thurmont to a high-tech solution — installing wireless controls to synchronize its water supply system.

Gary Dingle, town water superintendent, told *The Dispatch* that he would soon be ordering the necessary equipment to tie in several town wells with wireless communications for the first time. The initial round of wells will probably be connected by mid-September, with anticipated ongoing cost-savings to the town.

Part of managing the water supply system is to get different wells, or sequences of wells, to pump in the desired ordered, or to get several to pump in unison, which requires establishing some form of communication with the wells to allow the operator (or a computer) to “talk” to them.

Dingle said traditionally the water system has relied on phone line signals sent to the various tanks and wells. Most of the time the Verizon phone system works, but there can be problems.

“When telephone lines don’t

work, you have to come in and control the system by hand,” Dingle said, noting, “It happens a few times a year and it’s a real pain when it does.”

Initially, wells #3, #4 and #9 will be linked wirelessly to the treatment plant. Wells #3 and #4 went into service in the late-1960s; while #9 is just being brought into service thanks to recent Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) approval.

Wireless system looks more cost effective

Bringing well #9 into service so that it would work together with the other two wells prompted the decision to try wireless communication.

“Well #9 is 2,000 feet from the main treatment plant where wells #3 and #4 are located,” Dingle noted. “Running the wire and boosters (for telephone service) would probably cost me over \$1,500,” Dingle said. In addition there would be ongoing service costs, which are essentially an open-ended cost, because the town pays for the service on a continuum.

The cost to get the wireless system up and running would also be about \$1,500, but as Dingle said, “If we can put this wireless in, we will have an upfront cost but not an ongoing (telephone company service) cost.” Any related expenses would be primarily maintenance.

“Going wireless is a experiment and the cheapest way to go right now,” he stated.

Thurmont wells produce more than enough water for town

Total, per minute, well production capabilities: 1,800 GPM (gallons per minute).

Average daily water consumption: 750,000-800,000 gallons per day.

Total 24-hour well production if maxed out* (all wells running for 24 hours): 2,592,000 gallons.

All figures are approximate and can be impacted by amount of rainfall and other environmental and man-made factors.

Well #1: Non-operational.

Well #2: Established early 1900s. Capable of producing about 40 GPM. Used for back-up.

Well #3: Established late 1960s. Yield — 240 GPM.

Well #4: Established late 1960s. Yield — 350 GPM.

Well #5: Non-operational.

Well #6: Non-operational.

Well #7: Established 1988. Yield — 150 GPM.

Well #8: Established in the 1990s. Yield — 160 GPM.

Well #9: Newly established. Can produce 860 GPM.

* “Maxing out” is a hypothetical number, since continuous draw-down would cause overall production to drop incrementally in the process.

Old town trolley to return to Thurmont

BY CHRIS PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

A circa 1920s trolley car is finding its way home to the Town of Thurmont thanks to the generosity of the Hagerstown and Frederick Railway Historical Society.

Freight Motor Car No. 5, a wood trolley car built in 1920, was retired in 1955 after serving the Thurmont-Frederick and the Frederick-Hagerstown routes as both a passenger and freight car.

The current owners of the trolley, Rockhill Trolley Museum in South Central Pennsylvania, contacted Richard Benjamin, president of the Hagerstown and Frederick Railway Historical Society, about taking the trolley. Benjamin, in turn, contacted the town of Thurmont’s Historical Society to see if they wanted the trolley back.

Historical Society president John Kinnaid said in an interview with *The Dispatch* that the trolley no longer has the undercarriage but the car itself is intact.

No. 5 is a motor freight car about 45 feet long. In its day it had an engine that could pull other cars behind it. It ran on the Frederick rail lines from Thurmont to Lewistown and Yellow Springs into Frederick by Rosemont Avenue with a stop at Hood College, Kinnaid said.

The trolley stopped carrying passengers around 1952 and ran freight for the next three years until it was put out of service. It then spent many years serving as a farm shed before going to the museum.

Renovations will be needed,

Superintendent sees expansion possibilities

Thurmont presently has six active wells. If the initial, three-well wireless network performs as anticipated, the town may move to an all-wireless delivery system.

“If wireless works good, we will be thinking of putting other systems on wireless on next year’s budget,” Dingle said in an interview. He thinks wireless, “will work a lot

but it’s too soon to tell what will need to be done or how much that will cost, Kinnaid said. The immediate concern is getting it to Thurmont and that is being arranged by Benjamin.

Benjamin, who also owns the Frederick store Hobbytown USA, said he plans to finance the move of the trolley to Thurmont, to the tune of about \$5,000. “We wanted to preserve it and couldn’t afford to (restore) it,” he said.

Kinnaid is grateful for Benjamin’s passion for these vehicles and his work to get the car back to Thurmont. And he is already toying with a number of ideas for the trolley car.

Placing it at the entrance to the carnival grounds would make a great location for many activities in town that are located on the grounds, but there are other possibilities, he said.

“It will be displayed in Thurmont, but what we do with it is the question. It could be a train museum, art gallery, used for meetings ... We could make it a useable item that will fit hand in glove with our Main Street project,” Kinnaid said.

Thurmont was recently awarded the Main Street designation by the State of Maryland. It is a designation held by only three other communities in the county and about 18 total in the state.

Towns accepted into the program are eligible for multiple services designed to bolster business in the community, maintain the integrity of the historic and downtown area, as well as promote tourism.

better. I just hope it works as good as they say.”

Future tie-ins to the wireless network could include the water tank at the end of Carroll Street serving well #8; the water tank in Eyler Park serving well #7, both presently operated using telephone lines; and well #2, which is a backup well drilled in the early 1900s.

Robert’s Electric Motors, Frederick, will be installing the initial wireless system.

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St. Joseph's gets a facelift

Working Plant Manager and Chair of St. Joseph's Building Committee, Denny Ebaugh, installs a lightning rod atop the main cross on St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The Emmitsburg church is undergoing a three-phase \$750,000 renovation. Electrical upgrades have been completed. Scaffolding has encased the building for the past month as workers from R.L. Bryan, Inc., Baltimore, have been restoring the building's façade. This second phase of the restoration should be completed by Labor

Day. Remaining interior work will hopefully begin in early 2006. The church has thus far raised \$660,000 to pay for the renovation work.

See related article, "St. Joseph's Church begins \$750,000 renovation," in the Aug. 11, 2004 issue of The Emmitsburg Dispatch.



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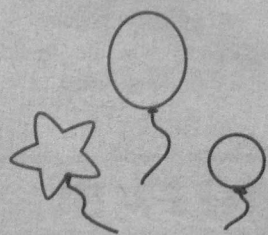
Food

BBQ Chicken Dinners
(dine in or carry out)
Homemade Soups
Homemade French Fries
Lots of goodies!



Fun

Pony Rides, Moon Bounce,
Bingo, Golf,
Face Painting, Darts,
Sand Art, Raffles
Games For All Ages!



Entertainment

Home Comfort Bluegrass Band
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ALL ARE WELCOME!

Local Catholic leaders respond

Response to the advertisement in the July 21, and August 4, 2005 editions of the Emmitsburg Dispatch regarding "The Public Messages of Our Lady of Emmitsburg":

The Catholic pastors, pastoral life director, and religious leaders of the Emmitsburg area out of concern for the truth and not wishing people to be misled,

present again the decree of the Archbishop of Baltimore, William Cardinal Keeler, regarding the matter of alleged apparitions and locutions (messages).



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DECREE

Having received reports of alleged locutions and visions said to have taken place in St. Joseph Church, Emmitsburg, in the Archdiocese of Baltimore;

and having studied these reports most attentively through the work of a commission of recognized experts in theology, canon law, and the behavioral sciences;

and having shared with the Holy See the report of the Commission and received from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the appropriate authorization;

I hereby declare that in this case, *constat de non supernaturalitate*. Accordingly, there is to be no public activity in the churches, oratories and other properties of the Archdiocese of Baltimore relating to the alleged apparitions and locutions.



William Cardinal Keeler
Archbishop of Baltimore

Richard W. Woy

Rev. Monsignor Richard W. Woy
Chancellor

Given at Baltimore on June 7, 2003,
the Vigil of Pentecost

Some respondents point to the good work done by the Mission of Mercy, which is headed by some of the same people who promote the alleged messages. We reply that it is necessary to make an intellectual distinction between the two works, granted that some of the same protagonists play leadership roles in both organizations.

We the undersigned Catholic pastors, pastoral life director, and religious leaders of the Emmitsburg area urge our people to cease the activity about which the Church has decreed "nothing of a supernatural nature is occurring." We the undersigned remind our people to abide by the directives of the Church.

- Rev. Martin E. Feild, pastor, St. Joseph's Church, Taneytown, MD

- Rev. Wm. J. Goff, C.M., hospital chaplain, St. Joseph's Church, Emmitsburg, MD

- Rev. Ray Harris, Director of Pastoral Field Education, Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD

- Rev. Richard B. Hilgartner, chaplain, Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD

- Rev. Michael J. Kennedy, C.M., chaplain, Mother Seton Shrine, Emmitsburg, MD

- Rev. Jack Lombardi, Director of the Grotto of Lourdes, Emmitsburg, MD

- Sr. Joan Maenner, O.S.F., Pastoral Life Director, St. Anthony's-Mount Carmel Churches, Emmitsburg-Taneytown, MD

- Rev. Vincent J. O'Malley, C.M., pastor, St. Joseph's Church, Emmitsburg, MD

- Rev. J. Wilfrid Parent, Executive Director for Catholic Identity and Mission, Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD

- Rev. Paul V. Redmond, Professor Emeritus, Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD

- Very Rev. Msgr. Steven Rohlf, Rector of the Seminary, Mount Saint Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD

- Rev. David W. Shaum, Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD

- Rev. Steven P. Trzeciecki, C.M., assistant pastor, St. Joseph's Church, Emmitsburg, MD

GROTTO CELEBRATES 200th Anniversary



By Bill Steo

Photography and layout by Raymond Buchheister

This year the Grotto in Emmitsburg celebrates the 200th anniversary of its founding – or was it discovery? – on the mountainside sloping up from Mount St. Mary's University.

A former chaplain of the Grotto, Msgr. Hugh Philips, wrote that 2005 is really the anniversary of the founding of Old St. Mary's Church and its parish, the predecessor of the present St. Anthony's Parish.

Old St. Mary's Church was built on the plateau where there is a now a parking lot. It stood where the 120-foot high bell tower looks out over the countryside. Parishioners began to clear the plateau on November 19, 1805. The church was dedicated August 15, 1806, and destroyed by fire July 4, 1913.

The Grotto. The Grotto site, nevertheless, dates back as far as Old St. Mary's Church. "Grotto" is a general term meaning "a small cave or cave-like environment, usually one that is interesting or attractive." A missionary priest, Father John Dubois, found such a place on Mary's mountain, legend says, by following a light in the woods.

Fr. Dubois stopped to pray under a huge overhanging tree next to a stream. With the surrounding shrubbery the spot was a small cave of living things. It was few yards from the rock

cave considered to be part of the present Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. He felt the place so helpful for praying, he erected a small, rough wooden cross there.

This is the grotto visited often by Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton. She came to the Mountain in 1809 and lived for six weeks in a log cabin near the Church and the grotto with her pioneer religious sisters. They stayed there until their Stone house was renovated. As early as May 27, 1810, Mother Seton called the place, "the Grotto." Her words:

"Yesterday we all, about twenty children and sisters, dined in our grotto on the mountain." Elsewhere she writes: "We carried our dinner in a basket and ... ramble for a time around the Grotto." Elsewhere she gives a vivid description of:

"the Grotto, a wild and picturesque spot ..., furnished with seats, covered with vines, wild flowers in luxuriance around it and a gentle rivulet flowing from the rock above."

There Mother Seton sometimes taught catechism from a rock "known as hers." A plaque behind the Chapel shows its location and approximately where Fr. Dubois' original grotto was.

Replica of Lourde. Emmitsburg's Shrine is a replica of the Shrine to Our Lady in Lourdes, France. That Shrine

is a statue of Mary in a stone alcove in a stone cave next to a stream and is called a "grotto." The replica here is, also, a statue of Mary in a stone alcove over a shallow stone cave and next to a brook. It is a grotto quite like the original in Lourdes.

In Lourdes, from February to July 1858, the Virgin Mary appeared, sometimes in the grotto, and spoke 18 times to Bernadette Soubirous, a teenage shepherdess.

(The dates show that Emmitsburg's grotto is older than the grotto in Lourdes, but its shrine to Mary is newer than the shrine in Lourdes.)

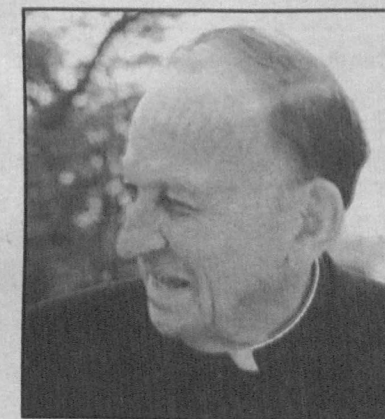
During her ninth apparition the Virgin told Bernadette to wash herself. Since there was no water near, the girl dug into the ground under a steep rocky hill. Soon water flowed with no apparent source. Pious people came, worshipped God, and eventually built a grotto shrine.

Inspiring waters. Now, nearly 150 years later, many thousands of miracles have been reported by persons who have visited the Lourdes. Many bathe and drink its simple waters which have no special medicinal value. Believers understand God works the miracles because of their faith, not the waters.

This applies to waters in the stream flowing under the Emmitsburg replica of the Lourdes shrine. So far, no one claims miracles have occurred



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Unknown artist. The Filicchi Portrait, c1804. Courtesy St. Joseph's Provincial House Archives, Emmitsburg, Md.

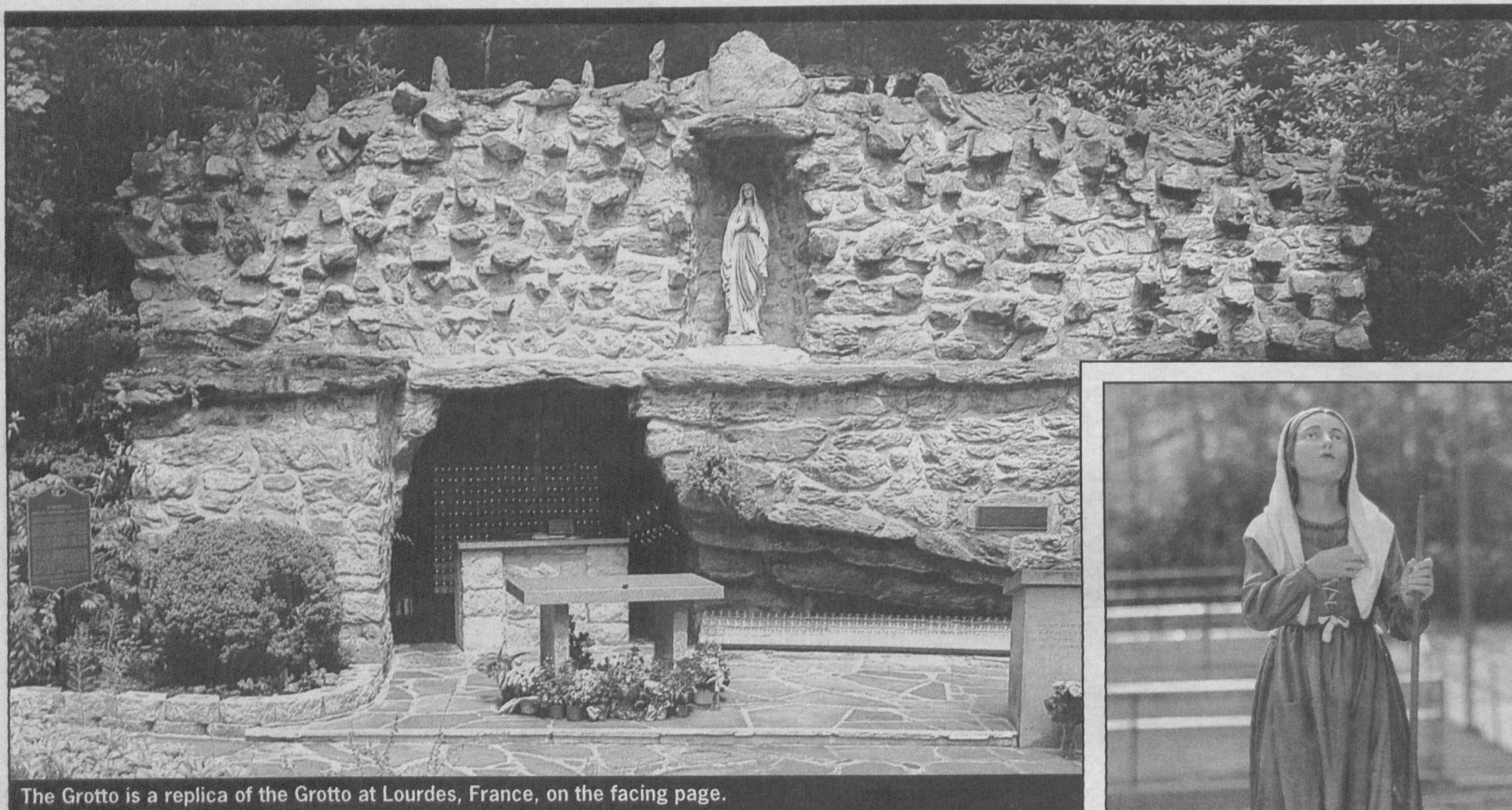


Msgr. Hugh Philips

Old St. Mary's Church, below, can be seen on the hill above Mount St. Mary's Seminary in this c1900 photo by W. H. Tipton. Photo courtesy of Steve Bittle. The road entering the Grotto, lower right photo, has a branch to left leading to Mount St. Mary's cemetery. Straight ahead, but not seen here, is the bell tower shown at upper left.

The campanile was a gift from the Pangborn Foundation of Hagerstown. A 25-foot-high statue of Mary covered with gold leaf rises on top the 95-foot-high tower which was built from stone quarried on college property. Its base is 14 feet square. Its carillons from Holland comprise 14 cast bronze bells weighing from 99 to 1,408 pounds. Italian sculptor Tommasi fashioned the statue in Italy. It was reputed to be largest statue imported into the United States in a single piece.

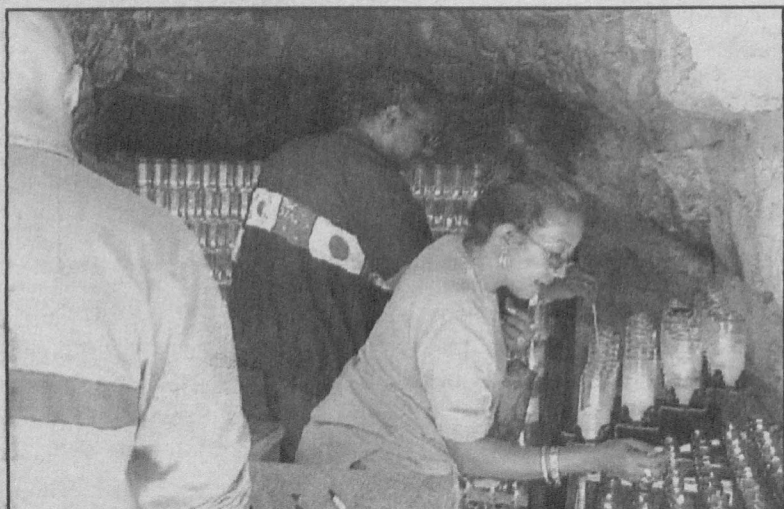




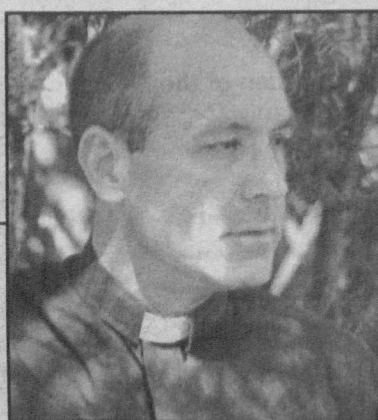
The Grotto is a replica of the Grotto at Lourdes, France, on the facing page.



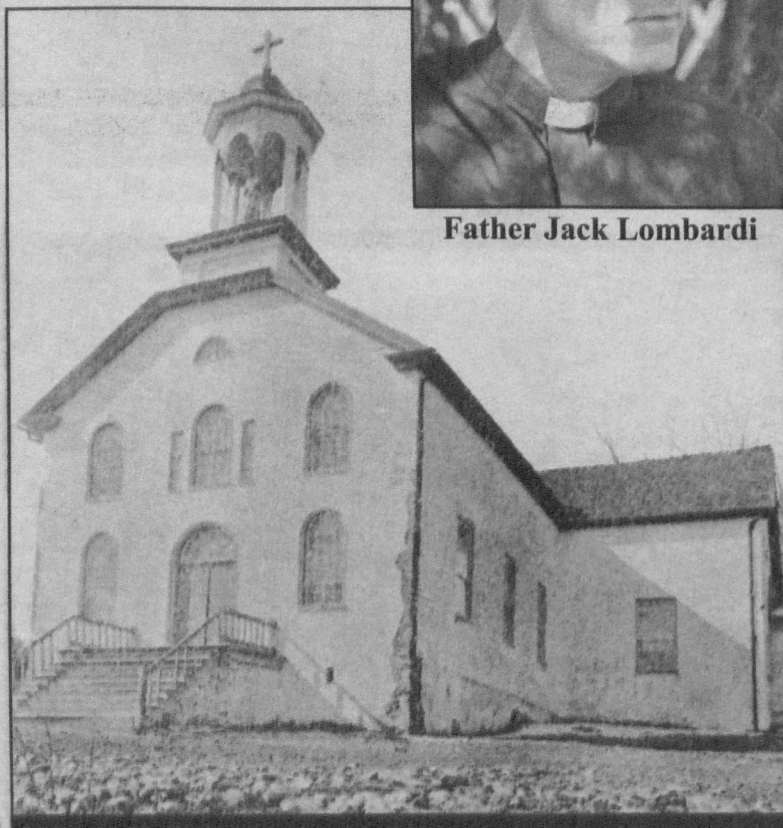
Statue of St. Bernadette



Candles in the Grotto cave give visitors a chance to express their devotion. Below, Old St. Mary's Church, c1900. Courtesy St. Joseph's Provincial House Archives, Emmitsburg, Md.



Father Jack Lombardi



here, or because of its waters. But over the years some visitors have reported what Grotto chaplains describe only as "Answers to prayers" — refusing to use what they call the "M" word.

Growth. Father Dubois is most noted as the founder, in 1808, of Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary. During his tenure as president, the seminarians cared for the grotto. In 1812 Father Simon Brute' became president of Mount St. Mary's, and in the next 25 years improved the Grotto grounds significantly. He had springs cleaned, covered and named for saints. He had terraces and paths built up the mountainside to the church and Grotto. He attached crosses to the trees on the path between the church and the Grotto to enable peo-

ple to pray the Stations.

The modern Grotto shrine was envisioned by a Mount St. Mary's seminarian, Patrick L. Duffey, while reading about the shrine in France. With the support of the college president, the Grotto was completed in 1879.

In 1958 Msgr. Hugh J. Philips, librarian, professor, and later president of Mount St. Mary's, became chaplain of the Grotto and began the most extensive renovation ever of the Grotto property. He replaced old crosses with stone and copper Stations of the cross. He placed an altar at the Grotto, paved walks and the dirt road

up the mountain, landscaped the grounds, set up the shrines of Our Lady of the Lake and St. Francis of Assisi, improved the amphitheater with seats for 500, and restored the Corpus Christi Chapel with new stained glass windows.

Campanile. With a gift from the Pangborn Foundation, Msgr. Philips erected the campanile or bell tower which was dedicated in 1965.

It was Msgr. Philips who made the Grotto a modern



The Grotto Reminds Us of Heaven

By Father Jack Lombardi
Chaplain of the National Shrine
Grotto of Lourdes

*"We are half in the sky,
the height of our situation
is almost incredible."*

St Elizabeth Seton captures in these words what many people feel when they visit our Mountain Grotto – "out of this world," "peace from above."

Recently a pilgrim was walking through the green Grotto gardens, with flowers perfuming the air and Gregorian chant emanating from our Chapel. "This is just like Heaven!" she said. "Eden" means "delight" and that is what we long for and what our Grotto promises. It exists to remind us of heavenly bliss and help us follow the way to it.

What is a Grotto? The word comes from one meaning "hidden." Sometimes we feel God is hidden, and like spiritual Israelites in our own desert, we go to find the Lord. We can get lukewarm in our Faith, and so the Lord calls us to seek Him through pilgrimage, retreat, prayerful recreation.

The Grotto's mission is to preserve this Sacred Ground upon which many saintly people have

walked; to provide the Sacraments, and to help pilgrims practically, with counsel and in other ways.

Throughout the day, in addition to Mass and office duties (yes, even in our Eden!), I walk around the Grotto to pray, visit with pilgrims and check on things which might need maintenance. During these walks I never know who or what I will encounter. Daily, however, there is always a blessed encounter with some pilgrim-soul.

People from all over the world come to the Grotto to get away from a hectic world and find God and for many other reasons. Often people come to fill bottles with the Grotto's spring water for medicinal use or for drinking. I have heard many stories of healing by imbibing this water!

Most non-Americans come from Central America, the Philippines, Eritrea, Ethiopia, and elsewhere in Africa. People of other

faiths come, including Muslims who prostrate themselves before the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual

Help and kiss it.

Recently a pilgrim gave me a "business card" with a picture of her daughter, missing for weeks, and tearfully asked me to pray for her. I placed the card on our altar during Mass.

I think also of Bill and Katie, who come every week to pray the Stations of the Cross. Bill carries his beautiful, Down-Syndrome daughter, age 13, and not too small, all the way up the Grotto Hill. He never complains and says how blessed he is to be a Catholic and have Katie and the Grotto.

Though U.S. Senators have visited here, and a Cardinal said Mass, everyone is important – all desire God's healing and peace. The Grotto reminds us of the beauty of God in His creatures. Since 1805, when Fr. John Dubois found this place and prayed on this hillside, souls have come here to find the Creator and hope for Heaven.

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point of pilgrimage, not only Catholics, but persons of any faiths, including Muslims who revere Mary because she is named in the Qu'ran. In 1959 the number of pilgrims grew to 30,000.

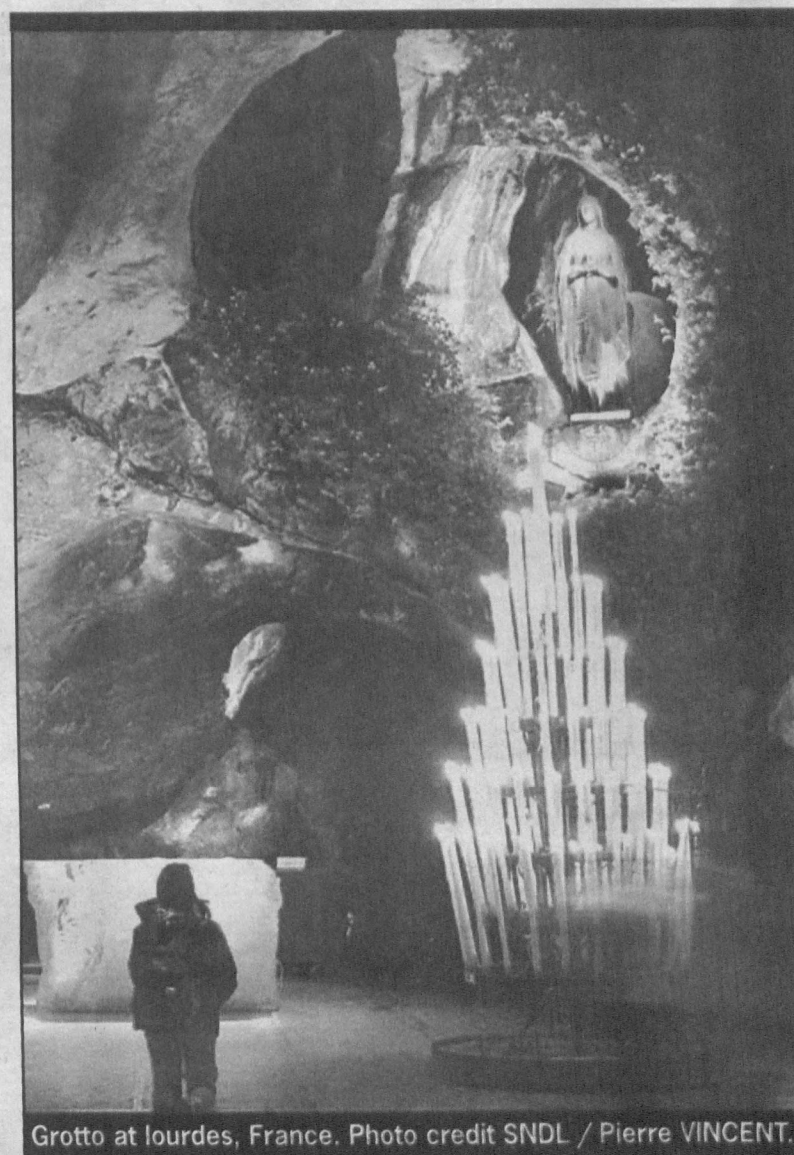
On December 8, 1965, the Feast of Mary's Assumption, Baltimore's Cardinal Shehan proclaimed the Grotto to be a "public oratory" and appointed Msgr. Philips as chaplain. In 1967 the chaplain became president of the Mount for the next four years.

Grotto Today. The Grotto is the oldest shrine dedicated to Mary in continuous existence in the territory of the 13 American colonies. At the time of its construction, it was described as "the most exact duplicate of the original Grotto in this country."

Now with 125,000 visitors annually, the Grotto is probably the most visited site in this part of Maryland. Its current chaplain, Rev. Jack Lombardi, marvels at the number and diversity of the pilgrims. For the

future, he makes no promises but hopes the Grotto will have a visitors' center for 100 people (called "Mysteries of Light").

Seton Memorial. Saint Elizabeth Ann's son, William, attended the Mount from 1809 to 1815 and at his request was buried in the cemetery near the Grotto in 1868. She deeply loved this Grotto which she named in her daily conversation and writings. In one letter to Father Brute, she prayed for "one only heart, clear for my thoughts as the stream of your Grotto."



Grotto at Lourdes, France. Photo credit SNDL / Pierre VINCENT.



St. Bernadette Soubirous

With permission of the bishop, this c1863 photograph was taken in the studio at Tarbes when St. Bernadette was 19. She was 14 when the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to her.



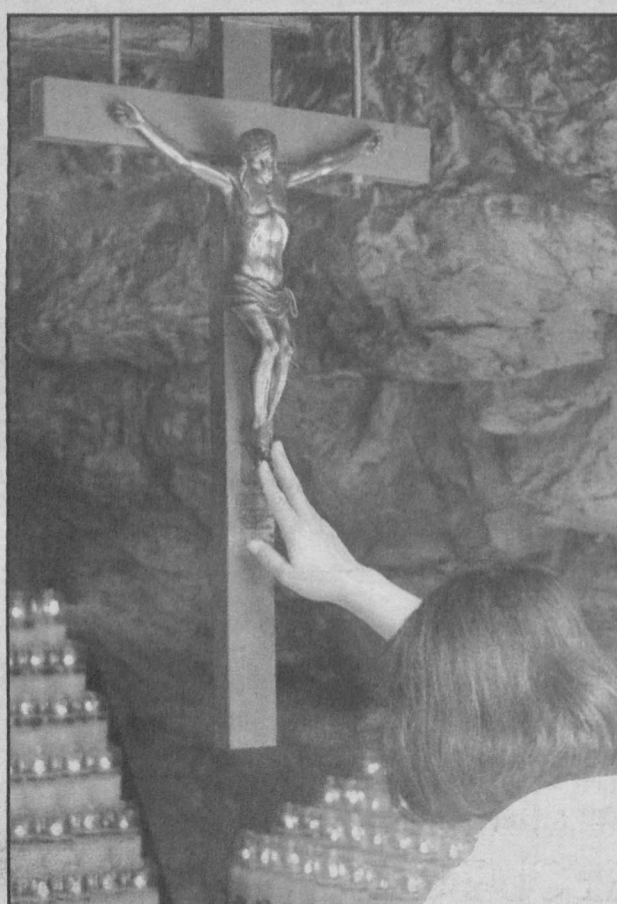
Grotto water is collected in jugs. The sign reads: "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink." Left, the Glass Chapel.



Cardinal William H. Keeler celebrates mass for the Grotto's 200th Anniversary on April 2, 2005. That same afternoon he shared the news of the death of Pope John Paul II with those gathered for a reception at Mount St. Mary's University. Right, a pilgrim venerates the crucifix in the Grotto cave.



Assumption mosaic on Rosary Lane.



MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

MOUNT PROFILE

EMILIO RODRIGUEZ

professor of political science

Favorite Career Memory at the Mount: Initially interviewed for the Mount position at Charles DeGaulle Airport in Paris in 1990.

Place of childhood and Education Backgrounds: Cuba, Florida, Spain and North Carolina.

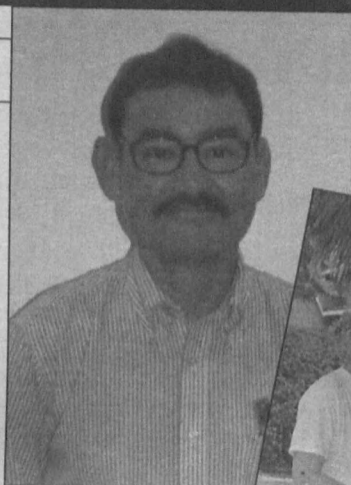
Started college in Switzerland, but finished B.A. at Duke, M.A., American University and Ph.D. at Carolina.

Favorite Book: "Poems of Donne" by John Donne.

Most Influential Persons in your Life: My father taught me the importance of self-sacrifice for liberty and family. My wife has taught me patience. My son is teaching me to believe in the future.

Advice for Seeking Personal Vocation: Find a quiet place in which to reflect on your talents and dreams. The Spirit speaks to your heart in those quiet moments, beckoning you to your calling.

Thoughts on Mount St. Mary's: The Mount is a place that has blessed me with friends, community, and learning while challenging me to keep dreaming.



On a recent trip to Costa Rica, students in Rodriguez's class "Democratization and Development in Central America," gathered to debate the pros and cons of the polemical Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) with the United States.

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

Lecture "Promoting Civility, Building Community"
Wednesday, September 14

7:30 p.m., Knott Auditorium

Dr. P.M. Forni, co-founder of John Hopkins University Civility Project and author of "Choosing Civility: The Twenty-Five Rules of Considerate Conduct," will explore what is required of us to speak, act and live from a perspective of civility in our daily encounter with each other in order to foster a community in unity. According to Dr. Forni, civility is key to learning how to live well with others.

Multimedia Presentation: "Red, White, and Purple - Art and the Latino Religious Experience"

Wednesday, September 28

7:30 p.m., Laughlin Auditorium

In the spirit of the 2005 National Hispanic Heritage Month theme "Hispanic Americans: Strong & Colorful threads in the American Fabric," Dr. Peter Cassarella, an expert in Hispanic/Latino theology from Catholic University, will discuss how the encounter of indigenous peoples of the Americas, Africa, and Europe gave birth to a Mestizaje cultural blending of Hispanic/Latino traditions. This blending of cultural traditions is manifested in the Hispanic/Latino religious experiences and images such as the Black Christ, famous images of Mary, such as the Virgin of Guadalupe and the Lady of Charity in Havana Cuba.

"Meditation and Contemplation—Union With God Through Prayer"

December 2-4

Seton Retreat Center, Emmitsburg, Maryland
Directed by Father Jack Lombardi.

MARYLAND'S NEW SECRETARY OF STATE A MOUNT ALUMNA—Mary Kane, C'84

Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich appointed Mary Kane, C'84, as secretary of state on August 2, making her the fourth woman to be appointed to the position in the 167-year history of that office.

Kane, who is the wife of John Kane, C'84, a member of the Mount's Board of Trustees and head of the state Republican party, has served as the deputy secretary of state and chief legal counsel since March 2003.

She replaces R. Karl Aumann, who stepped down as secretary of state to be named to the Maryland Worker's Compensation Commission.

Appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate, the secretary of state is responsible for the oversight and registration of charitable organizations within the state, special police commissions and the extradition process. It is my pleasure to appoint Mary Kane to this important position," Gov. Ehrlich said in a prepared statement. "She is a committed public servant."

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EDUCATION

School Days are Here Again

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Staff Writer

It's time to load up the backpacks and lunch boxes for a new school year. All Frederick County public schools (FCPS) will open on Thursday, Aug. 25. FCPS has been redesigning school bus routes this summer. Changes will not be complete until Aug. 15. After that date, route information and bus numbers will be available at each student's school and also at www.fcps.org. Some riders may have longer walks to their bus stops; some stops may be consolidated. Route changes will be in effect on Aug. 25. Maryland law requires motorists to stop when

a school bus displays flashing red lights, indicating that students are entering or leaving the bus. Student safety should always be the first concern. Drivers should be also especially watchful at school crosswalks, and observe the 25 mile-per-hour speed limit in school zones.

All Frederick County public schools will be closed for Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5 and Friday, Sept. 23 for Fair Day. There will also be early dismissal at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30.

These schools have announced special events:

Emmitsburg Elementary School (EES)

- * Tues., Aug. 23, 3-4:15 p.m.
– Meet Your Teacher
- * Wed., Sept. 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
– Back-to-School Family Fun Night
- * Mon., Sept. 26
– School pictures

Thurmont Primary School (TPS)

- * Tues., Aug. 23, 3:30-5 p.m.
– Open House for grades 1-2
- * Tues., Aug. 23, 6 p.m.
– Kindergarten Orientation (surnames A-M)
- * Tues., Aug. 23, 7 p.m.
– Kindergarten Orientation (surnames N-Z)
- * Thurs., Sept. 15, 7-8 p.m.
– Volunteer Orientation

Thurmont Elementary School (TES)

- * Wed., Aug. 24, 2-4 p.m.
– Open House for grade 3
- * Thurs., Sept. 1, 7-8 p.m.
– Back-to-School Night
- * Thurs., Sept. 15, 7-8 p.m.
– Volunteer Orientation (at TPS)
- * Thurs., Sept. 29, 7-8 p.m.
– Language Arts Night

Thurmont Middle School (TMS)

- * Tues., Aug. 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
– 6th Grade Orientation
- * Thurs., Sept. 8, 7-9 p.m.
– Back-to-School Night

Catoctin High School (CHS)

- * Wed., Aug. 31, 7-8:30 p.m.
– Back-to-School Night

Mother Seton School will begin classes Monday, Aug. 29, with early dismissal at 12:30 p.m. There will be early dismissal again on Tuesday, Aug. 30. Regular school hours will begin Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Catoctin Colorfest scholarships

Catoctin Colorfest, Inc. recently awarded three scholarships to local students. Receiving a \$1,000 award were Jessika Krietz, Thurmont, who will be attending Hood College in the fall; and Adam Blickenstaff, Thurmont, who has enrolled at Towson University. The President's Memorial Scholarship \$1,500 award went to Bradley Hoffman, Emmitsburg, who will be attending Universal Technical Institute in Exton, Pa. Brooke Hoffman, Emmitsburg, received a \$1,000 scholarship as a Continuing Education Adult, and she will be studying at the Virginia Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine.

Applications for the Catoctin Colorfest 2006 scholarships will be available after Jan. 15, 2006 from the Catoctin High School guidance office or at www.Colorfestorg.



L to R: Beverly Zienda, Catoctin Colorfest President, Brooke Hoffman and William Robertson, Scholarship Chairman.



L to R: Beverly Zienda, Catoctin Colorfest President, Bradley Hoffman, Jessika Krietz and William Robertson, Scholarship Chairman.

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SPORTS

New Emmitsburg Youth Sports

Emmitsburg and surrounding area youths will be able to play soccer, lacrosse and flag football as part of the newly formed Emmitsburg Youth Sports (EYS) starting this September. Frederick County Parks and Recreation will provide equipment and run this year's program.

EYS is an attempt to bring youth activities in addition to baseball to Emmitsburg, and an opportunity to involve town residents who might not be able to get to Thurmont to participate in the Catocin Youth association (CYA) program.

EYS hopes to become part of CYA next year. Don Briggs, one of the program directors, said this might be one way to provide better athletes for Catocin High School from the Emmitsburg area.

All activities this season will be played in either the Emmitsburg Elementary School field or on the open field behind the Emmitsburg Community Center. EYS hopes to have a multipurpose field in Emmitsburg for soccer, lacrosse and rugby in the future.

Fall Soccer League for ages 4-6 starts Sept. 24.

Boys and girls can have fun playing soccer games while learning basic skills. The Department will form teams. Shin guards required. Fee includes jersey. Six-game, Saturday-only program. Volunteer coaches needed.

Lacrosse Skills for ages 6-9 starts Sept. 17.

Basic skills and rules. All equipment provided for this 4-week, non-contact program.

Youth Flag Football League for ages 5-9 starts Sept. 20.

Learn throwing, catching and other football skills while playing games. 4-week, twice-a-week program. Outside play. All equipment provided.

Town considering recreation trails

The town commissioners listened to preliminary presentations on Aug. 15 regarding the establishment of multi-use recreation trails around Rainbow Lake and the watershed, an idea originally proposed by Commissioner Glenn Blanchard.

The trails would be for mountain bikes, equestrian use and hiking. No motorized vehicles would be permitted. The recommendation will be considered further after a preliminary proposal is written.



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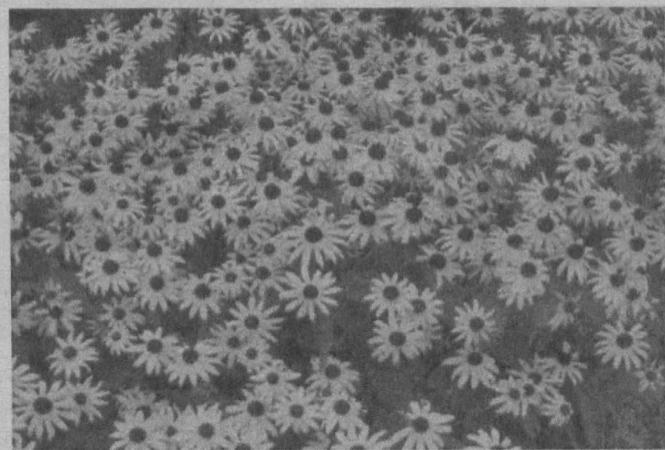
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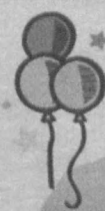
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World War II 'Living History Weekend' Sept. 17-18 at Eisenhower Farm

BY SUSAN ALLEN
AND JOAN CROOKS
Staff Writers

To commemorate and honor World War II soldiers, the Eisenhower National Historic Site in Gettysburg will be transformed into Allied and German camps circa 1944 on Sept. 17-18.

More than 100 living history enthusiasts will depict real-life military personnel from the European theater. They will offer programs on World War II weapons and equipment, including authentic vehicles, medical services, communications, and the life of the ordinary soldier. This event, begun in 1997, has grown in size and popularity through the years. Park officials expect 1,200-1,400 visitors each day.

Four guest speakers, all veterans of the war, will address their wartime experiences.

John R. "Bob" Slaughter of Bedford, Va., a member of the 116th Regiment, 29th Infantry Division, will speak on Saturday, Sept. 17, at 11 a.m.

Retired Major General Milnor Roberts, aide to Gen-

eral Gerow, commander of V Corps during the D-Day invasion, (later a military advisor to President Ronald Reagan.) will talk on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Rabbi Menachem Bornstein, a survivor of the Plaszow concentration camp, will share his experience on Sunday, Sept. 18, at 11 a.m.

Carl Lehmann, a member of "Darby's Rangers" who fought in Sicily and Italy and was also a POW, will round out the speakers on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Activities will include a USO-style dance at the Army Reserve Center, 1200 Fairfield Road (Rt. 116) on Saturday night from 7:30-10:30 p.m. The National Apple Museum Dance Band will feature 1940s Big Band music. Admission is \$5 per person.

Puppet shows for children, telling of the war efforts made by various minority groups, will be presented by the Aces Museum for Minority World War II Veterans. Shows are scheduled both days at 9:30, 10:30, and 11:30 a.m., and 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 p.m.

The encampment will be open 9-4:30 p.m. both days. Admission to the Eisenhower

site is by shuttle bus from the National Park Service Visitor Center, Taneytown Road. There will also be parking (cars only) in a farm field accessible from Emmitsburg Road (Business 15). Bus groups and persons in wheelchairs should plan to use the shuttle service.

Group reservations: 1-877-438-8929.

Admission: adults, \$7; children 13-16, \$4; children 6-12, \$3. Persons holding Golden Age passes and national park passes will pay \$4. Food will be available from 11 a.m.-

2 p.m., provided by the Heidlersburg Fire Company.

Directions from Emmitsburg: Go north on Rt. 15 to Taneytown Rd. (Rt. 134), west into Gettysburg

to the visitor center. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/eise/ and click Special Events or call 717-338-9114.



This undated photo shows World War II living history re-enactors at the Eisenhower Farm outside Gettysburg. Courtesy of the archives of The Eisenhower National Historic Site.

Fredericktowne Players move from Weinberg

BY V. DIANN DEVART
Contributing Writer

The Fredericktowne Players (FtP) announced last week that it is moving next season's venue from the Weinberg Center for the Arts to a new location.

Beginning with its showing of "A Christmas Story," FtP will call the brand new theater facility at Tuscarora High School home.

While, Weinberg officials are saddened to lose a 27-year partner, this is just the next in the series of progressions for the center.

The Weinberg Center for the Arts was first known as the Tivoli, a luxurious movie palace, which opened its doors in 1926. But by the 1950s television was becoming the entertainment of choice, so patrons stayed home and the movie house fell into disrepair.

Then there was the flood, but after the repair, the building reopened as the Weinberg Center for the Arts in 1978, named for the family who donated the building

to the city of Frederick.

The Fredericktowne Players' departure from the Weinberg venue isn't shocking to anyone who has watched the arts scene. In 2002, Weinberg management increased efforts to bring in more regional acts to increase profits, which meant some local groups felt the effects which included one-weekend stints instead of the customary two for FtP.

At the time, FtP's then president Pam Neely said the company was told there would always be a place for community theater at the Weinberg and that the group would stay as long as they could afford to.

In recent months FtP's Web site listed dates for their 2005-2006 season with a disclaimer saying dates were tentative pending contract negotiation with the Weinberg Center.

Then on Aug. 10 FtP released this statement: "Both organizations have, in recent years, felt the pangs of a society turning away

from live theater. The future of The Weinberg Center and its contribution to Frederick City has been one of the main topics of ongoing discussions. An increased effort has been made during this time to establish policy and performance to meet the increased demand of running the Center. Likewise, and in consequence, FtP finds itself unable to afford the increasing costs for rental of the Weinberg Center. After careful review by both organizations, they have come to a very sad, but inevitable, parting of ways."

Fredericktowne Players will continue to present quality community theater and remain in the city. The group's new goal is to find a permanent home in an affordable venue with a performance schedule that its audiences will find attractive, accessible and enjoyable.

For now, FtP's new venue will be Tuscarora High School, 5312 Ballenger Creek Pike in Frederick.

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LOOKING AHEAD

For Children

Aug. 20 – Speed and Thro. 7 p.m. A Summerfest Family Theatre high energy magic show. Baker Park Bandshell, Frederick. Free. 301-694-2489.

Aug. 20-Nov. 12 – Charlotte's Web. An original musical of the beloved story of Wilbur the pig, who finds true friendship with a spider named Charlotte. Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre. Willow Tree Plaza, Rt. 40 West, Frederick. \$10.50. 301-662-6600. www.wayoffbroadway.com

Aug. 21 – The Blue Sky Puppet Theatre. 6 p.m. Performing "The Three Not So Little Pigs" at the Emmitsburg Memorial Park Pavilion.

Aug. 27 – Summerfest Carnival. 5-7 p.m. A special ending to the Summerfest Family Theatre season. Simply Shonna and a tribute to Dr. Suess performance at 7 p.m. Baker Park Bandshell, Frederick. Free. 301-694-2489.

Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

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. 40 S. Carroll St., Frederick. 301-663-1080.

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

Through Sept. 8 – Frederick Camera Clique's 19th Annual Photography Competition Exhibition. View 70-plus pieces selected from hundreds of entries

for this photography show. Mary Condon Hodgson Gallery, J.B.K. Theater, Frederick Community College, 7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick.

Dance

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.

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.

Literary

Aug. 19-20 – Book Signing – Tom Rutkoski. St. Peter's Books and Gifts Cafe, Emmitsburg. Presentation at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, Fairfield, Aug. 19 and 20, 7 p.m.

Music Festivals

Aug. 25-28 – Gettysburg Fall Bluegrass Festival. Weekend of Bluegrass performances and workshops. Granite Hill Campground Gettysburg. Ticket prices and hours vary. 717-642-8749.

Sept. 10-11 – Gettysburg Wine and Music Festival. Noon-6 p.m. Live music, gourmet cooking demonstration, tickets for samples and souvenir wine glass. \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 717-334-8151.

Stage

Aug. 19-21 – Disney's "Beauty and the Beast." New Oxford Senior High School. Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. www.adamscountyartscouncil.org.

Through Aug. 27 – "The Wizard of Oz" Musical (Family). Way Off

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Concerts

Aug. 21 – The Ray Birley Orchestra. 7 p.m. Summer Concert Series. Baker Park Bandshell, Frederick. Free. Canned food donation requested. 301-228-2844.

Aug. 27 – 11th Annual Gettysburg Music Muster. Civil War brass bands, fife and drum musicians, and parlor music presented in concert. Visitors Center, Gettysburg National Military Park. 717-334-1124, ext. 431.

Aug. 28 – The Ales Band. 6 p.m. Thurmont Memorial Park.

Aug. 28 – GrooveLily. 7 p.m. Summer Concert Series. Baker Park Bandshell, Frederick. Free. Canned food donation requested. 301-228-2844.

Sept. 4 – Harmony Cornet Band. 6 p.m. Thurmont Memorial Park.

Festivals/Events

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. 25-Sept. 5 – Maryland State Fair. Timonium. Information: 410-252-0200, www.marylandstatefair.com.

Aug. 24-28 – South Mountain Fair. A traditional fair held annually. 10 miles north west of Gettysburg on PA Rt. 234. 717-677-9663.

Sept. 9-11 – Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show. Catocin High School, Thurmont. Exhibits, shows, food and contests.

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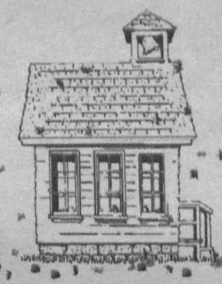
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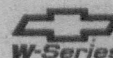
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AGRICULTURE

Family orchard offers rich history, summer bounty

By CHRIS PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

It may be the peak of summer's heat but it is also the peak of summer's bounty at Catocin Mountain Orchard in Thurmont.

The roughly 125-acre orchard bordering Route 15 between Thurmont and Emmitsburg is a family-run operation, owned by brother and sister Robert E. Black and Patricia Runkles.

Their father, Harry Black,

started working at the farm in the late 1940s and later bought the farm, working it with his family. Originally, they had an outdoor produce stand, but in 1983 they built a store, said co-owner Patricia on a recent summer afternoon.

A steady stream of customers flowed in and out of the store on that day, gazing at the array of produce and then filling a basket or two with pints and quarts of their hearts' desires.

Sister Elaine Jordan and

Sister Rose Marie Henschke of Washington, D.C. were on their way home from visiting Emmitsburg's Provincial House when they stopped for their usual supply of peaches.

They plan no baking for the juicy golden globes, however. When asked what they do with them, their eyes brightened.

"We eat them," they said quickly.

With a large number of sisters at their home in Washington, "they will not last long," they agreed.

Audrey Glass of Emmitsburg said she picked blueberries with her granddaughter the day before, but came back for more the next day.

For this trip, she returned with her granddaughter and daughter-in-

law, and added raspberries, cherries and peaches to her basket.

She replied, smiling, that her family also planned no baking. "We eat them," she said enthusiastically.

Fresh peaches of many varieties are offered at the store, as well as apples, berries, tomatoes, kale, corn, squash, and a host of other fresh produce.

During the earlier part of the summer, locals pick their own blackberries or sweet cherries. Now they come for the late summer and fall treasures. They also come for the stores baked goodies, which include items such as apple dumplings, brownies and cookies.

Local artist Margaret Watts drove all the way from Walkersville to shop at Catocin Orchard and has

been shopping there for about 15 to 20 years, she guessed.

She bought so much that an orchard employee carried the second batch out to her car.

Watts planned to bake peach pies, but she also had a load of tomatoes, cucumbers, corn and berries for eating.

"When I come up here I get a lot of produce," Watts said. "I don't mess around."

Catocin Mountain Orchard's hours vary through the seasons but it is generally open through late October from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. For more information or to hear what items are available, call 301-271-2737 or go to www.catocinmountainorchard.com.

ENVIRONMENT



New forest Society President Elizabeth Prongas presents a \$1000 check to representatives of The Community Foundation of Frederick County for The New Forest Society Scholarship Fund.

New Forest Society "Spring to Summer Tour" yields scholarship money

The New Forest Society donated \$1,000 to The New Forest Society Scholarship Fund, one of over 490 charitable funds held by The Community Foundation of Frederick County.

Proceeds from the June 11 first-time garden tour and art exhibit will help the fund award scholarships to Frederick County residents pursuing careers in environmental sciences, with preference given to those studying the protection of the environment through the conservation of natural resources.

Scholarships from The New Forest Society Scholarship Fund will be awarded after the fund exceeds \$5,000. Those interested in contributing to the fund may do so at any time in any amount. Checks may be made payable to and mailed to The Community Foundation of Frederick County, 312 East Church Street, Frederick,

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QUILTERS

A Quilting Week



BY MARY
ELLEN
CUMMINGS
*Dispatch
Columnist*

Recently, a friend gave me a clipping containing a poem titled, "My Wife, the Quilter." This lady's daughter, a quilter, had sent it to her from Virginia. Normally, I would not include unsigned material in this column. However, this was so apropos to a quilter's life that I wanted you to read it.

My apologies to the author and thanks for your humor.

"My Wife, the Quilter"

Author unknown

She learned to quilt on Monday.
Her stitches were very fine.
She forgot to thaw out dinner.
So we went out to dine.

She quilted miniatures Tuesday.
She says they are a must.

They really were quite lovely.
But she forgot to dust.

On Wednesday it was a sampler.
She says the stipplin's fun.
What highlights! Oh, what shadow!
But the laundry wasn't done.

Her charm quilt was on Thursday.
Green patches, blue and red.
I guess she really was engrossed.
She never made the bed.

It was wall hangings on Friday.
In colors she adores.
But she never seemed to notice
the crumbs on all the floors.

I found a maid on Saturday!
My week is now complete.
My wife can quilt the hours away.
The house will still be neat.

We'll it's already Sunday.
I think I'm about to wilt.
I cursed, I raved, I ranted.
The maid has learned to quilt!

Don't we all wish we could make
a quilt every day? Of course, this
was only one man's view of our
wonderful world of quilts.

Local Woman Walks and Quilts for a Cause

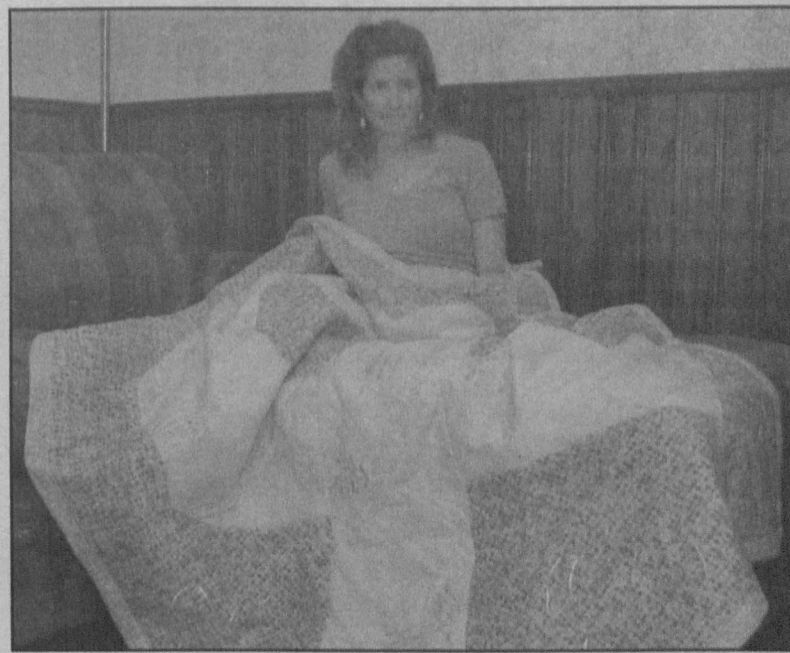
BY SUSAN ALLEN
Staff Writer

From Sept. 23-25, Emmitsburg resident Leann Wright will join thousands of others in Philadelphia, walking to help find a cure for breast cancer.

In 2004, Wright saw an advertisement for the Breast Cancer 3-Day event and "it just clicked" that it would be the cause she would support "to make a positive difference ... I can't run," she says, "or ride a bike for very long, but I can walk. And I thought that I could walk 20 miles a day if I trained for it."

She walked a 5.2-mile loop from her Emmitsburg home 3-4 days a week, and raised \$2,000 in donations as required by the walk organizers. In August 2004 she joined approximately 4,000 other walkers for the Washington, D.C. event, and completed the 60-mile course. The experience convinced her to register again to support efforts to find a cure for breast cancer.

This year Wright has put one of her special skills to work in her fundraising efforts. "I've loved to sew ever since my 7th grade home ec(onomics) class," and learned to quilt through classes at a local fabric store. She plotted a pattern on graph paper that incorporated the pink ribbon symbol of the fight against breast cancer. She is "selling" the squares to her sponsors so they can write a personal message on a square.



RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH

Leann Wright, Emmitsburg, displays a quilt that she created to raise funds to help find a cure for breast cancer. Donors purchase squares in the quilt as a means of contributing to her fund raising efforts.

When every square is filled, she will donate the quilt for display in a local cancer treatment center.

Wright's training is focused on the Philadelphia walk. Participating in this cause "forces me out of my shell (and) my own little world." It is "amazing" how many people "from different walks of life and different parts of the country" are involved. An Internet message board keeps them connected between walks. "You're always meeting other people ... breast cancer survivors," she adds, and others whose family members have developed the disease.

No one in her family has been affected, but several members of Wright's church are breast cancer survivors. "Incarnation UCC has been one of my biggest supporters." Her biggest supporters are her family — her husband John, and children Alex and Peter. On Sept. 25 they will be at the finish line in Fairmont Park, cheering her name.

The Breast Cancer 3-Day Series benefits the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, founded in 1982 to support breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment programs. Visit www.The3Day.org to learn more.

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POLICE ACTIVITY

Arrest made in assault on Emmitsburg youth

The Thurmont Police Department arrested a 19-year-old Thurmont resident on Aug. 13 in conjunction with two different cases of alleged assault at Thurmont Plaza.

Cody Ashton Green was arrested at his home on Sabillasville Road by Thurmont officer Christopher McLoughlin, and subsequently charged with an array of offenses

relating to the two alleged incidents.

Green was charged with first and second-degree assault, reckless endangerment and disorderly conduct resulting from an alleged June 28 incident which sent a 17-year old Emmitsburg male via state police helicopter to Washington County Hospital in Hagerstown for treatment.

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In addition, Green was charged with second-degree assault for allegedly assailing a 15-year old male at the Thurmont Plaza on July 24. That victim required treatment by emergency medical services personnel.

A spokesperson with the Frederick County Adult Detention Center said Green had posted bond and was released.

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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, \$200.

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

Aug. 20 – 1930s Day. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Historical Society of Frederick County, 121 South Bentz Street, Frederick. Period entertainment, music of Lily Pons, house tours.

Aug. 21 – Rose Hill Day Festival. Ice Cream Social 12-3 p.m. with old-fashioned 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. Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 North Market Street, Frederick. Information: 24-hour program line, 301-694-1650 or visit www.rosehillmuseum.com.

Aug. 21 – Emmitsburg Food Bank Open House/Grand Opening. 1-3 p.m. 502 East Main Street,

Emmitsburg (next to Catoclin Pregnancy Center). Information: 717-642-6963.

Aug. 21 – “The Three not so Little Pigs.” 6 p.m. Emmitsburg Memorial Park Pavilion (behind the post office on South Seton Avenue). Performance by the Blue Sky Puppet Theatre.

Aug. 24 – 500 Card Party. Doors open 6 p.m., games begin at 7. Emmitsburg Senior Center. Admission: \$2. Open to the public. Light refreshments available. Information: 240-629-6350.

Aug. 24 – “Keeping Honeybees.” 7 p.m. Main conference room, Frederick County Office of the Maryland Cooperative Extension, 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick. Speaker: Monica Dabbs, Mason-Dixon Honey, Emmitsburg. Sponsored by MD Small Farm Cooperative. Information: 301-845-2614.

Aug. 26 – Ninth Annual Longaberger® Basket

Fundraiser Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Gettysburg Hospital Community Room. Benefits the American Cancer Society and the Adams County Breast Cancer Coalition. Information: 717-339-2018.

Aug. 26 – Crab Feast. 7 p.m. The Elks Club, Frederick. Sponsored by Mount St. Mary's Auction Committee to raise money for the Division I Athletic Program. Tickets: \$50. Information: 301-447-5227.

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

Aug. 27-28 – Used Book Sale. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 15 North Church Street, Thurmont. Soup and baked goods available. Sponsored by The Thurmont Thespians. Information or to donate books: 301-271-7613.

Sept. 3 – Thurmont Lions Club

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

Sept. 5 – Annual Labor Day Festival. Noon to 5 p.m. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Church Street, Thurmont. Family style fried chicken and ham dinner. Adults \$10, children 6 to 12-\$5, 5 and under-free. Live music, children's games and more.

Sept. 7 – Multiphasic Blood Screenings. 6:30 to 9 a.m. Gettysburg Hospital Community Room. Call 1-800-840-5905 to register.

Sept. 7 – “What you need to know about Prostate Cancer.” 4-5:30 p.m. program; 5:30-7 screening exams. Gettysburg Hospital Community Rooms.

Sept. 9, 10, and 11 – Old Fashioned Tent Revival. 7 p.m. Future site of Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, between Taneytown and

Emmitsburg on route 140 (2 miles before Emmitsburg). Speakers and live entertainment.

Sept. 10 – Life Horse Family Fun Day. Noon to 5 p.m. Breezy Hill Stables. Grand opening at new location. Free family activities.

Sept. 10 – Catoclin High School Class of 1985 20th reunion. 6-11 p.m. Dinner/dance at the Carriage House, Emmitsburg. Information: Debbie Abraham at 301-271-1050, or Kathy Stitely at kathystitely@comcast.net.

Sept. 16 – Basket Bingo to benefit CHS Marching Band. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Guardian Hose Co. Activities Building, Carnival Grounds, Thurmont. Tickets: \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Call 301-271-2895 or purchase from any CHS Marching Band member.

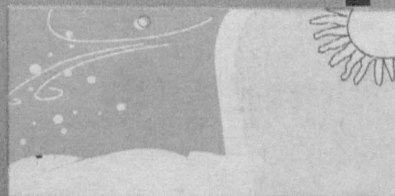
Sept. 17 – Wellness Expo 2005. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Knott Arena, Mount St. Mary's University. Free family event. Massage, acupuncture, yoga, Pilates, fitness classes and other demonstrations.

Sept. 17 – Concert in the Park. 6 p.m. Emmitsburg Memorial Park. Featuring “The Band With No Name.”

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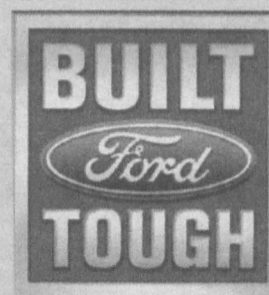
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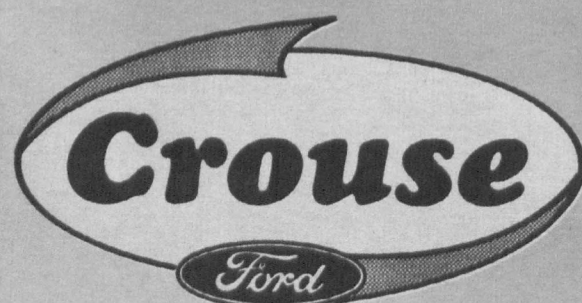


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