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Ambulance company seeks relocation of county EMS crew

DISPATCH STAFF

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Members of Emmitsburg Ambulance Company (EAC) hope to see the Frederick County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) employees running first due calls from the ambulance company instead of Vigilant Hose Company.

Frederick County Commissioners did not vote at their Oct. 18 meeting on the request that the career ambulance crew be reassigned to EAC.

Instead, the commissioners directed

Walter Murray, director of the county Division of Fire and Rescue Services, to bring back an update on the issues and make a recommendation at a future commissioners' meeting. Additionally, a motion was made to have VHC and EAC attend a future meeting and discuss their individual perspectives on the matter.

In the meantime, the county employees will continue to run first due calls from VHC. "It could mean maintaining status quo (keeping the career crew at Vigilant)

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Flush tax funding may upgrade town treatment plant

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The town could save "in excess of a million dollars" in sewer plant improvement costs if funding is allocated to Emmitsburg from the state "flush tax."

The board of commissioners approved two resolutions Oct. 17, as submitted by Town Manager David Haller, that would

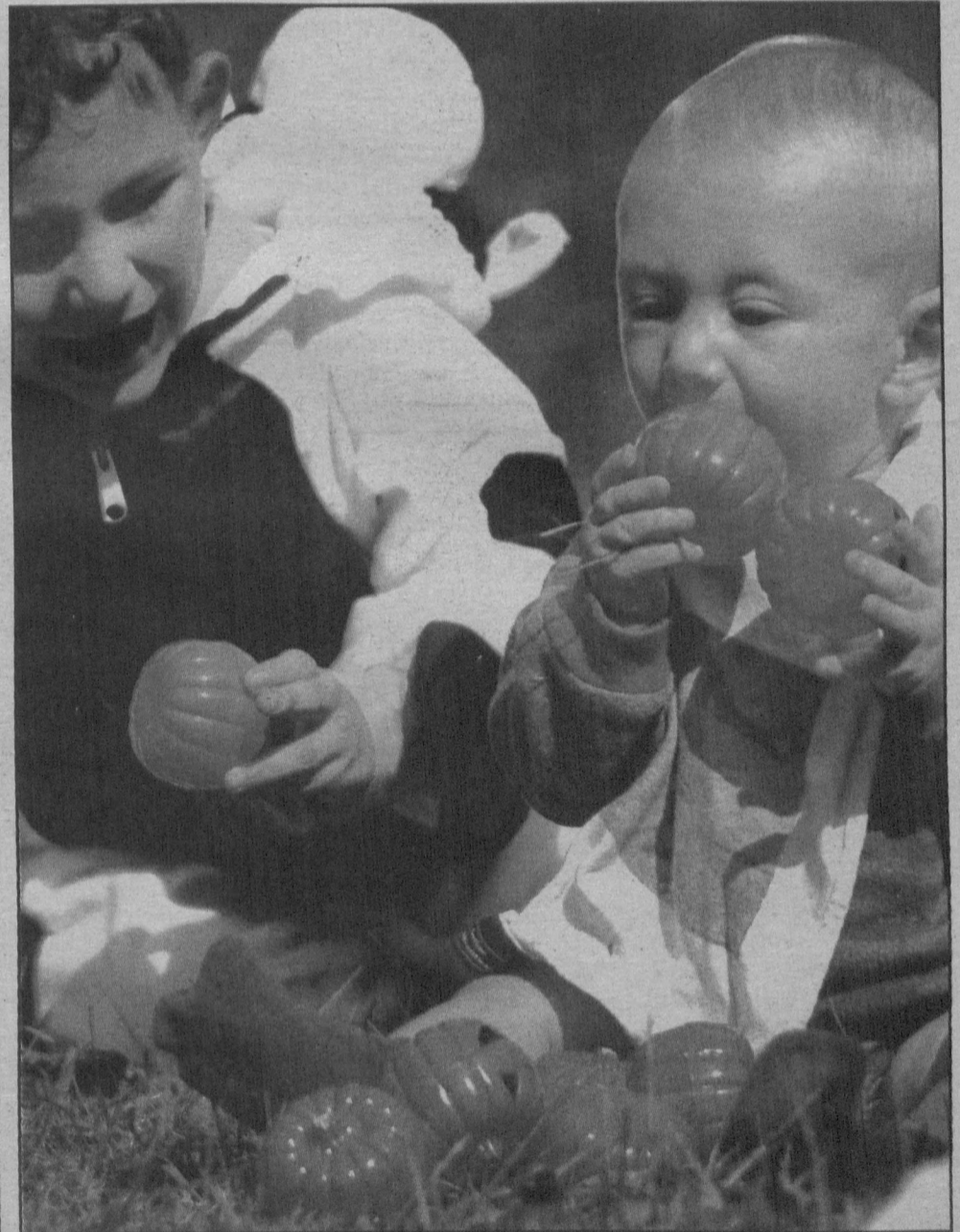
permit town staff to apply for the "flush tax" funding.

"The mayor told us to get after this all that we could," Haller told the board.

Specifically, the town will be applying for 100 percent funding for the planning and design needed to overhaul the 1980s treatment plant under the state enhanced nutrient removal (ENR) program; and for 50 percent matching funds for construction and additional design costs under the state biological nutrient removal (BNR) program. Both funding programs are administered by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

The monies would be used to reduce emissions at the plant to comply with upcoming permit requirements. Haller said if the plant fails to meet the terms of that permit, the town "would likely be faced with a consent order (from MDE) and issued a

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-RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

Children get an early taste of Halloween

Gregory Gipe (3) (left) and Kevin Shank (7 months) of Fairfield, Pa., enjoy treats they found during Zora's Village Plastic Pumpkin Hunt on Saturday, Oct. 15. Close to 100 children attended the annual event. "The Witch in Black," Mary Elizabeth Buckham, owner of Zora's Village, says she sponsors the pumpkin hunt each year for the children. Assisting Buckham was "The Pumpkin Lady," Judy Re, and "Alf," Anthony Hurley, Sr.

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107-home development planned for Carroll Valley

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. — Final approval of a 107-unit housing development planned for Carroll Valley Borough could come in less than 90 days, according to the borough code enforcement officer.

Howard Rodriguez, code officer, told *The Dispatch* that "The Crest of Carroll Valley" could receive final, conditional approval from the borough council as early as November.

The developer, Eluma, Inc., proposes a two-phase project. The first phase would

include 34 houses; the second phase would have 73 houses. The development would have two access points off Sanders Road, with additional access off Ski Run Trail to be established during second phase construction.

At this point Rodriguez said the developer was "running both phases almost simultaneously," although the company was "much further behind

on permitting for phase two."

Each of the proposed single-family homes would sit on approximately a .6-acre tract, less than the one home per acre town ordinance requirement.

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Commissioner Gardner clarifies proposed legislation

Congratulations to *The Dispatch* on the new Thurmont edition and the expanded coverage provided to residents of northern Frederick County. I am particularly pleased to see increased coverage of county issues. The most recent edition included articles about the County's legislative package and an outline of capital projects planned for the Emmitsburg/Thurmont region.

The County Commissioner's proposed legislative package for 2006 includes my proposal to convert the existing impact fee to an impact tax. A tax offers greater flexibility than a fee and provides several significant advantages.

An impact fee's purpose is to collect money from new residential housing for new school and library construction. Fees must be collected as a flat amount and no exemptions are allowed.

Converting the fee to a tax would allow the flexibility to assess by square foot, so smaller

houses would pay less than larger houses.

Exemptions could also be allowed for affordable housing projects such as Habitat for Humanity or Interfaith Housing. The ability to assess the fee by square foot and allow exemptions would help the county address affordable housing issues.

In addition, the county would have the flexibility to "share" a portion of the revenue with municipalities for their use for local capital projects if those municipalities adopted an Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) equal to or more restrictive than the County APFO. This option would provide a financial incentive for municipalities to have a land management policy similar to the county policy and provide a stream of revenue for local projects.

The recent article in *The Dispatch* suggested that towns would receive less money. This would not be the case. This proposal is supported by affordable housing advocates and some of the municipalities.

Capital projects planned

by the county commissioners for northern Frederick County include the Thurmont Regional Library, an addition to both the Thurmont Primary School and the Emmitsburg Elementary School, and funding for land acquisition for a new Emmitsburg/Thurmont District Park.

I was surprised to note that Commissioner Cady presented this information to the Thurmont municipal officials since he voted against the capital improvement program that includes these projects.

Commissioners Lovell, Reeder, and I supported the county's capital improvement program. Some commissioners claim to support northern Frederick County, while others actually vote to support the capital projects and needs of the residents of northern Frederick County.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide additional information to your readers. Citizens are welcome to contact me with questions or concerns at 301-631-3190.

-Jan Gardner

Frederick County Commissioner

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.

October 20, 1905

Horse Injured

What might have been a serious accident happened last Friday. The County Commissioners have been putting a new floor on the bridge over Marsh Creek at Roathaupt's Mill. Some of the old planks were left along one side of the bridge. Eugene S. Kelly of Cumberland township had been to the mill making cider. On his return he drove on the bridge. His horse frightened at the plank and started to back. It went over the wing wall. Mr. Kelly jumped to save himself and escaped. The horse fell about seven feet landing on his back on some planks with spikes in them. Miller Roathaupt, Wm. Durboraw and Wm. Sachs ran to the assistance of Mr. Kelly. They succeeded in getting the horse up. Mr. Roathaupt pulled a spike out of the horse's hip which had penetrated almost two inches and had broken off. There were six places on the horse where spikes entered the body making several ugly cuts. The horse was not only badly hurt but shafts were broken and new gears were torn almost to pieces. Mr. Kelly appreciates the prompt help he received which saved his animal.

THE WAR OFFICIALLY OVER

Russia and Japan Notified Treaty Has Been Signed

Spencer Eddy, The American charge d'affaires, yesterday afternoon officially informed the foreign office that the emperor of Japan ratified the Russo-Japanese peace treaty Saturday.

The French minister at Tokyo at the same time informed the Japanese government that Emperor Nicholas had signed the treaty. The ratifications were exchanged at Washington.

Cocaine Violations

In the cases against Mrs. Catherine V. Elliott and J. George Hermann, druggists, for selling cocaine without a prescription, Mrs. Elliott pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and costs. Mr. Hermann, through his attorney, pleaded guilty to two indictments, but the court refused to pass sentence until one of the witnesses at least was examined. Albert Nelson, the prosecuting witness, testified that his wife caused the charge to be brought: that he had purchased the cocaine on numerous occasions and never had a prescription. Judge Boyd said he found no hesitation in imposing the maximum fine in both cases - \$50 and costs in each - and that amount, he said, was too light. The State's Attorney spoke against the violation, saying that families had been broken up and lives wrecked by the use of the drug.

October 27, 1905

Friend's Creek Valley News

A beautiful dog belonging to Miss Lizzie Hardman, of this place, died today. She prized the dog very highly. They had him in a coffin and buried him in sight of the house.

Rev. S.A. Kipe is attending Eldership and will return the following week.

Mr. Joseph Turner, a youth, who was working for Miss Lizzie Hardman, has returned home with the intention of going to Mummasburg.

Found Unconscious

Elvin Stoner, employed by Charles Rohrbach, Freedom Twp., was found lying in the hog stable entry, one evening last week in an unconscious condition. He was carried to the house and a physician summoned, who, after working with him for some time, succeeded in reviving him. The cause of his sudden illness is a mystery.

PERSONALS

Mr. Jesse Hoffman was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Fiscel, of Hanover. About one hundred guests were present. Mr. Hoffman has again resumed his old position as clerk in M.R. Snider's Store.

Those in this vicinity who took advantage of the excursion from Gettysburg Saturday were Mr. Chas. Myers, Vincent Eckenrode and Mr. and Mrs. G.I. Shriver.

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for an additional period of time," Commissioner Jan H. Gardner told *The Dispatch*, "or it could change."

According to company president Joe Pelkey, EAC recently completed \$30,000 worth of renovations to the building that currently houses their company, which they lease from the county. Pelkey said in an interview that the renovations were made in an effort to lobby county commissioners to allow county EMS employees to run EMS calls from their facility instead of from the Vigilant Hose Company.

When Pelkey was asked why the company invested \$30,000 in a building that is slated to be demolished once EAC occupies their new facility, he said the primary reason was "to get the career people where they belong - with the EMS company."

Pelkey said it would be at least 12 to 18 months before they occupy the new 1.5 million dollar facility to be built on Creamery Road.

He explained that EAC is currently running second due calls which limits its members' ability to run calls and also limits the opportunity for new members to get field experience. He reasoned that if the county staff were stationed at Company 26, EAC members would have the opportunity to run some first due calls with them.

Pelkey and Chief Richard Sharer agreed that it's also a good

opportunity for the all-volunteer company to adapt to the changes of a career and volunteer station before they move into the new building.

According to Pelkey and Sharer, the company had asked the county fire marshal to inspect their building and make recommendations so that they would be in compliance with regulations for housing the county personnel. The EAC officials said they have received their occupancy permit.

The company added a shower and decontamination facility, enlarged the bunkroom, and added a separate lounge. They reduced the size of their main meeting room to accommodate the additions.

One of the concerns, Gardner said, is "We don't want to get to a position where the commissioners are making all of the decisions in the fire service. Nor is this just about who has the best bunk space, but about who could provide the best service." She said the board asked that the two companies set up a joint meeting that the commissioners could attend to "hear what they have to say."

No continuance meetings have been set up at this time.

EAC hopes to break ground for their new headquarters by December. They have an approved site plan with Emmitsburg and a number of county permits. The groundbreaking is currently stalled until a resolution is worked out between the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and the county regarding proper filtration of runoff water to Willow Rill.



-RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

Members of the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company take in an American baseball league playoff game this past Sunday in the company's new lounge.

County crew placed at Vigilant in 2004, First area fire tax imposed to help pay

Frederick County Board of Commissioners placed paid EMS staff in Emmitsburg on Sept. 2 in the wake of EAC's continuous problematic fail rates, which had soared as high as 22.81 percent in July 2004.

A county ambulance and paid staff were physically assigned to Vigilant Hose Company because of concerns about EAC's then on-going management problems and lack of adequate housing facilities.

EAC was also "demoted" to second responder status, meaning the county crew would be first out on calls, and Emmitsburg would run back up.

Additionally, the continuing controversy prompted the county to pass the Emmitsburg area's first fire tax on Nov. 30, 2004. The 13.5 percent tax rate became effective Jan. 1, 2005.

Apparently, however, there has been a big effort by the local ambulance company to improve

its services. County records from January through the end of September for 2005 indicate EAC is making about 96 percent of their second responder calls, according to Commissioner Jan H. Gardner.

The career crew is making 100 percent of their first responder calls.

"Both are doing a great job," Gardner told *The Dispatch*. She said EAC has responded to about 25 percent of all of the calls received for ambulance assistance.

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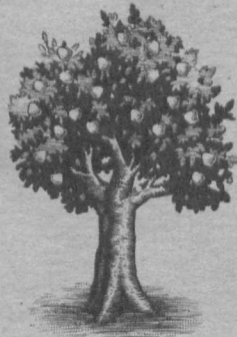
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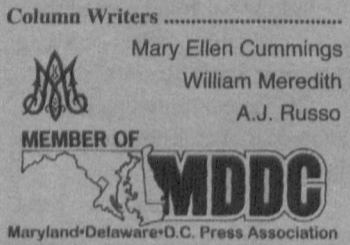
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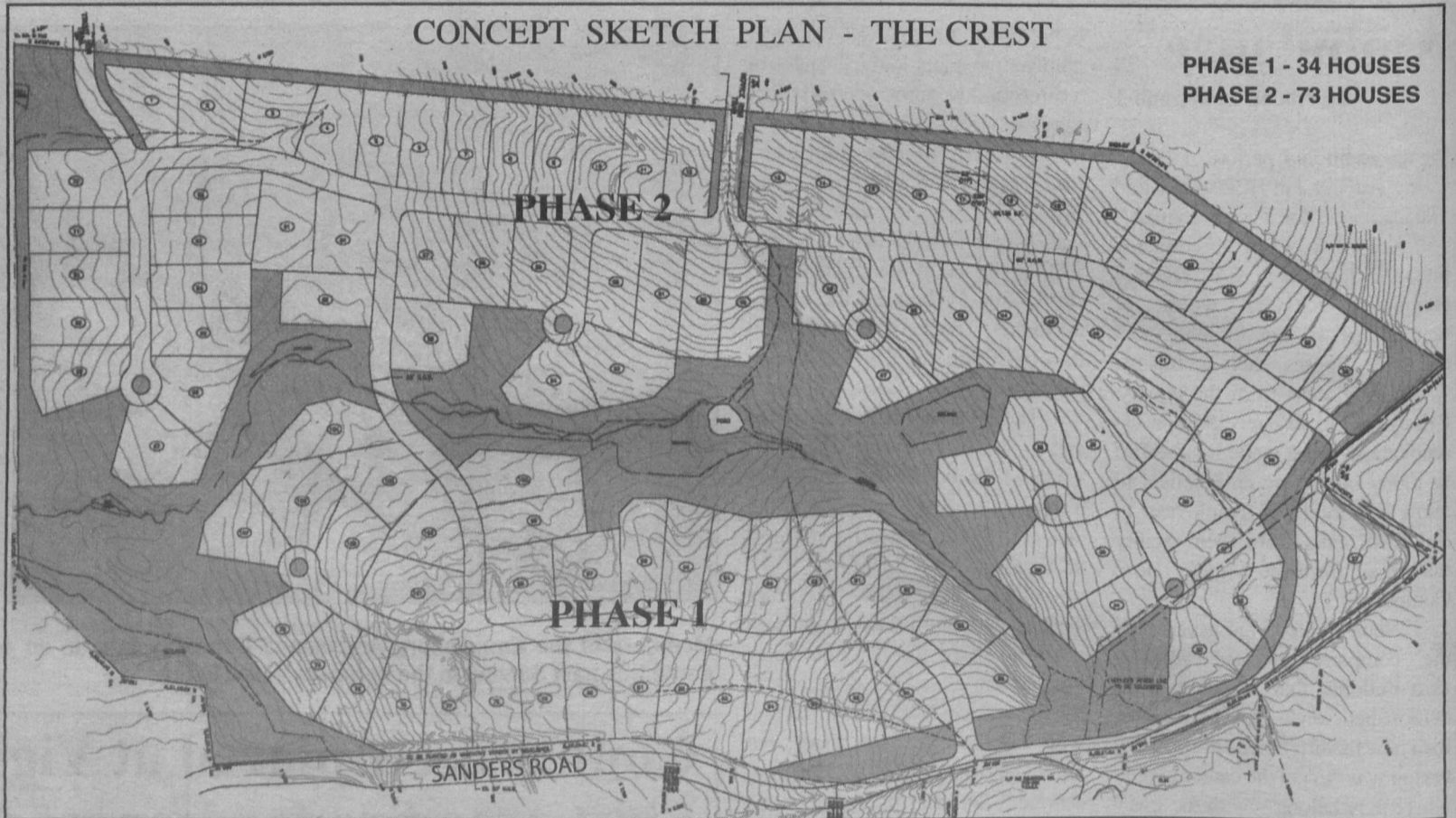
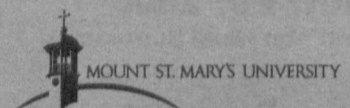
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Approval of "The Crest," a proposed 107-unit housing development in Carroll Valley Borough that fronts primarily on Sanders Road, could come within weeks. The development could increase the borough population by some 300 new residents.

Development

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Rodriguez said the developer plans to allocate the lot size shortfall to open space. About 30 acres of open space are proposed for the 107-acre site. The open space also encompasses several wetland areas associated primarily

with a number of unnamed Tom's Creek tributaries.

Water would be provided via individual wells, but sewage would be sent to the borough treatment plant, Rodriguez said. He explained that the developer drilled 11 test wells, producing an average of 30 to 35 gallons per minutes. The borough requires that wells produce a minimum of 1.25

gallons per minute. Population generation formulae suggest that the completed development would house about 300 new residents, approximately 2.8 individuals per household, according to Rodriguez.

The code officer noted that council approval would likely depend on receiving necessary approval from outside agencies,

such as the Adams County Conservation District.

Rodriguez said that at a preliminary plan hearing in 2004 the development plan met all borough zoning and land development requirements. At that same hearing, James Jost, Eluma, Inc., said the project could take two to six years for build-out, subject to the market.

Flush Tax

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temporary permit."

"The state has identified a need to upgrade several sewer systems in the state," Mayor James E. Hoover told *The Dispatch*, adding that funds would be available to assist with the upgrades. "This has potential to save the town in excess of a million dollars. If we don't act on this in

a timely way, it could result in us paying 100 percent of everything. The new criteria for permits are going to force us to upgrade with or without financial assistance," he said.


Maryland devised both programs as a way of protecting the waters of the Chesapeake Bay from "nutrient loading" and excessive phosphorus buildup resulting from wastewater treatment plants not meeting their nutrient emissions standards.

According to the Chesapeake

and Atlantic Coastal Bays Restoration Fund Web site, "Excess amounts of phosphorus and nitrogen cause rapid growth of phytoplankton, creating dense populations, or blooms ... consumed algae will ultimately sink

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TOWN NEWS

Civil War heritage designation could bring tourism dollars to Emmitsburg

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Emmitsburg could benefit from increased tourism and grant money for marketing Civil War-related attributes, if a portion of three counties already designated the "Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area" achieve state certification.

Janet Davis, a Civil War Heritage Area steering committee member, and a historic preservation planner with Frederick County Department of Planning and Zoning, explained the process underway at the Oct. 17 commissioners meeting.

In 1999 the Maryland Heritage Authority designated portions of

Frederick, Carroll and Washington counties as the "Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area." This was the first step toward becoming certified by the state as a Civil War Heritage Area.

The purpose of these designations is to enhance economic development through "heritage tourism," the idea that people travel to historic sites and spend money on hotels and amenities while they are there.

With state certification comes the opportunity for special project grants and loan assistance along with tax incentives for restoration of certain types of buildings.

A steering committee is working with the three counties to obtain official Civil War Heritage

Area certification from the state.

To achieve certification, the three areas must present a combined management plan describing how they will work together on specific goals for the region. But first, every municipality in the targeted areas must amend its own comprehensive plan to include the "Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area" management plan.

Emmitsburg is one of the targeted investment zones (TIZ) in Frederick County, and if the area receives state certification, the town would be among the first to qualify for various grant and loan opportunities. But for this to occur, the town must activate its

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St. Joseph's may benefit if tap policy changes

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

EMMITSBURG, Md. — St. Joseph's Church may not have to fork over \$11,000 for a new sewer tap if the town commissioners adopts a recommended policy allowing former tap holders to update their accounts.

Town Manager David Haller had previously suggested that the board consider permitting any entity or individual who had paid for sewer service on an unused connection and who then stopped payment, be allowed "to bring it

up to date" and be issued the tap.

Haller formalized his proposal and submitted his comments to the commissioners for the Oct. 17 meeting, although the details of the proposal were not discussed at the meeting.

Hesharedhisrecommendations with *The Dispatch* after the meeting. Haller proposed that anyone who has paid sewer fees on an unused tap and has stopped payment, "within less than ten years," be permitted to bring that account up to date.

Under this arrangement, St. Joseph's would owe \$1,796, he said.

Reverend Vincent J. O'Malley told the commissioners at their Aug. 15 meeting that the church had been paying sewer fees but receiving no services. The church was "never tapped in but was being charged," he said. The 1842 church does not presently have any bathroom facility.

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

The church wants to install a bathroom during its current renovations. Without a town policy

Town News Briefs ...

Board to consider implementing fine for 24-hour parking

EMMITSBURG, Md. — While the town essentially has the authority to tow parked vehicles that remained unmoved for more than 48 hours, there has been no real warning system for owners that their vehicles were approaching that limit.

At least, not until town staff recommended at the Oct. 17 meeting that they be permitted to issue a \$15 fine for a vehicle left in a given parking space for more than 24 hours.

Presently there are fines for overtime parking (at meters), parking in restricted zones, in crosswalks, on sidewalks, for blocking driveways or a section of the public roadway, next to a fire hydrant, or for failing to park between marked parking lines. But parking for prolonged periods leads straight to towing.

Commissioner William B. O'Neil, Jr. suggested the board solicit community comments before making a decision. The board agreed to table the issue until their Nov. 7 meeting.

Town to consider who will pay for tree damage to sidewalks

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The town board of commissioners will look at responsibility for sidewalk repairs at their Nov. 7 meeting at the request of Commissioner O'Neil.

O'Neil said that the condition of some sidewalks, notably those damaged by tree roots, needs to be addressed. He said the board should determine "when it is the resident's responsibility for sidewalks, and when is it the town's."

He pointed out that because they were not planted in root boxes, trees the town originally planted along the sidewalks have grown to the point that their roots are breaking up walkways.

change, St. Joseph's is faced with paying a \$4,000 tap fee plus a \$7,000 surcharge earmarked for sewer system improvements.

Commissioner William B. O'Neil, Jr. introduced a draft ordinance at the Sept. 6 town meeting that would have revised the town code to allow a waiver on construction permit fees or enforcing agency fees for handicapped bathroom

construction, in an attempt to resolve St. Joseph's tap issue.

However, at the Oct. 17 meeting, O'Neil suggested that if Haller's recommendation were adopted, there would be no need for the proposed ordinance. He told Haller, "I think your policy resolves that. I commend you."

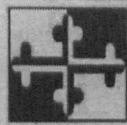
The commissioners will consider Haller's recommended policy change at their Nov. 7 meeting.

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- **Planning/Zoning Commission**
October 24, 2005
7:30pm
- **Water Commission**
October 18, 2005
7:30pm
- **Street Commission**
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Silo Hill Car Wash just recycled its one millionth gallon of water.

The facility is presently recycling car wash water at the rate of 86.2 percent, according to a town spokesperson, exceeding the one million gallon mark for recycled water.

Town spokesperson Patricia

Feeser confirmed Oct. 12 that town water use records substantiate that the Silo Hill Car Wash is recycling 86.2 percent of every 100 gallons of water it uses.

A number of local residents stated at town meetings that the car wash could not achieve an 80 percent water recycling rate, Delauter noted, adding, "Clearly they were wrong."

Arthur Elder, owner of the Emmitsburg Car Wash, Delauter's

only in-town competitor, expressed concerns at the Feb. 24, 2003 planning commission meeting about whether the 80 to 90 percent recycled water figure was accurate.

Elder's car wash does not recycle any of the water used at that facility, according to Feeser.

"For the record, the Silo Hill Car Wash is an environmentally friendly car wash, and looks forward to recycling millions more gallons of water," Delauter said.

Framing contractor certified by NAHB

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Bollinger Construction, Inc. has recently received trade contractor certification from the National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB).

The local company became certified through the NAHB Research Center's National Housing Quality Certified Trade Contractor Program.

"Achieving the first certification in the framing trade in Maryland is a laudable accomplishment, as it demonstrates that Bollinger Construction, Inc. takes quality assurance and workmanship very seriously," the NAHB stated in a press release.

"It (the certification) certainly improves our building relationship with the home builders. The certification ensures we are providing a much more quality job," Bollinger Construction owner Josh Bollinger told *The Dispatch*.

Bollinger said certification also helps secure work, and that this helps increase employment for others. Additionally, he said, "We are able to (as a result of

NAHB training and certification) provide a quality home. For what the people are paying, they ought to get a quality home."

Senior management at Bollinger Construction went through a three-day initial training program held by the NAHB Research Center, and developed a program manual as a precursor to qualifying for certification.

Following the training and preparation of a quality plan, Bollinger Construction had to implement the plan for at least 90 days preparatory to a NAHB audit. "Each company must then pass a rigorous certification audit and sustain their certification through annual audits," the NAHB stated.

Bollinger Construction is one of three certified framing companies on the East Coast and one of 19 in the country.

Owners, Josh and Lori Bollinger, will be relocating the company's offices, along with two other business they own, to new headquarters in the Emmitsburg East Industrial Park. Construction of the new complex is slated to begin early next year.

The framing company employs more than 350, most work in the field on construction sites.

Construction underway on glass company's new headquarters



-RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

Ground work is underway for construction of the new Emmitsburg Glass Company headquarters off Creamery Road. The new 35,000 square foot building will be located on the east side of U.S. Rt. 15 across the highway from the Seton Square complex. Company owners hope to relocate office personnel to the new facility late spring of next year.

Civil War

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TIZ status.

Board President Christopher V. Staiger asked if the program would provide funds to repair or replace the degraded cast iron signs on South Seton Avenue relating to the Gettysburg Campaign.

Jones responded that state funds might already be available for that purpose, but said that if the heritage area program paid for the work, it would probably replace the signs with up-to-date ones that

were also easier to read.

Information Jones provided projects that economic gain within the heritage region would "include tens of thousands of new visitors annually, millions of dollars in additional visitor expenditures," new jobs and new state and local tax revenues.

The board voted unanimously to refer the request to the planning commission.

The Civil War Heritage Area steering committee hopes to submit the combined management plan from the three counties to the state before the end of the year.

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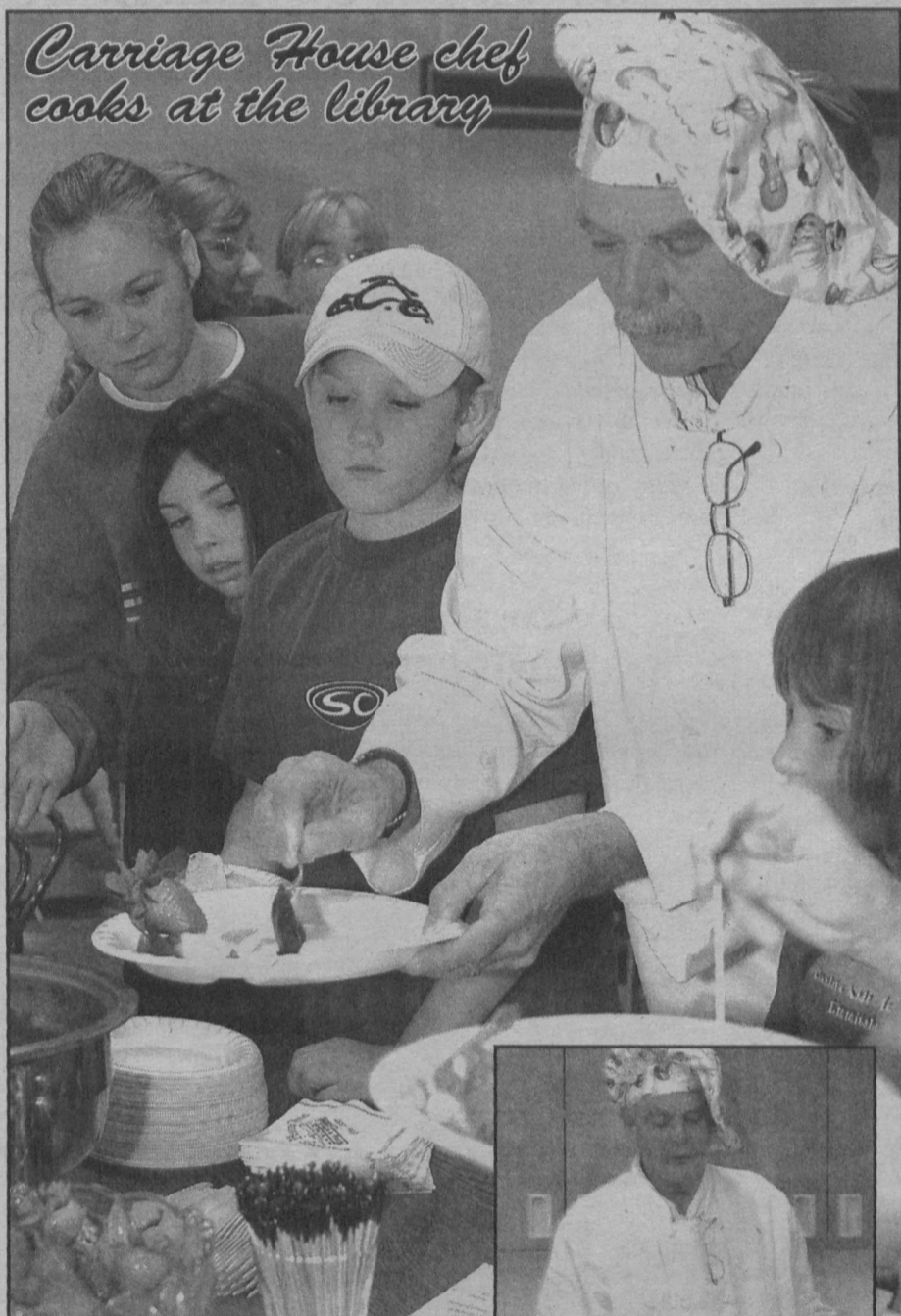
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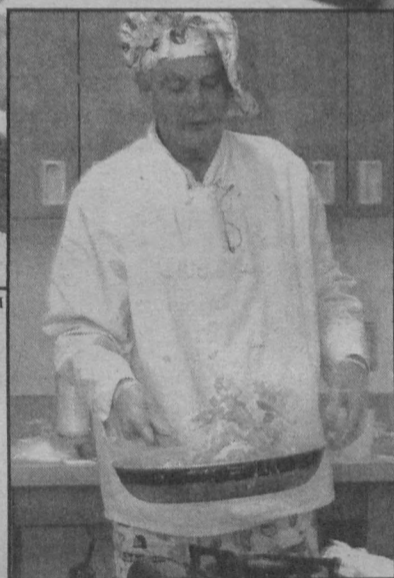
BUSINESS

Carriage House chef cooks at the library



-RAYMOND BUCHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

After demonstrating food preparation techniques, Carriage House Chef John Hovde serves up fruits, cheeses, and other tastes from around the world at the Emmitsburg Library on Oct. 15. About 25 children and parents watched Chef John prepare snacks and meals and then got to sample the results.



Business News Briefs ...

Southgate basements officially approved

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The Emmitsburg Planning Commission unanimously accepted a revised site plan for the Southgate development permitting permits basements in homes in the South Seton Avenue development.

The town had prohibited basements when the Southgate plans were being drafted. However, the Frederick County development review office approved basements after reviewing storm water management plans submitted by the developer. As a result, a number of the homes have been built with basements, necessitating an amendment of the town-approved plans to permit them.

Pembroke Woods storm water monies released, Only one road has been dedicated to the town

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The board of commissioners voted Sept. 19 to release \$36,208 of the money being held by the town pending completion of the storm water management for Section III of Pembroke Woods.

The decision to release the funds to Buckeye Homes, Pembroke Woods developer, was based on the completion of a storm run-off management checklist.

The only road in the development accepted by the town is Pembroke Court. Emmitsburg will maintain it, including plowing snow. Buckeye will continue to oversee maintenance and plowing for the remaining roads not yet dedicated.

24-foot wide industrial roads approved

EMMITSBURG, Md. – A text amendment adopted by the board of commissioners Sept. 19 will allow industrial site developers to build 24-foot wide open-section roads. The 24-foot width for industrial access roads brings the town's ordinance more in line with county standards.

Prompted by Emmitsburg Glass Company's proposal to build a new facility off Creamery Way, the town approved a text amendment July 5 permitting industrial roads without gutters and curbs, called open section roads. The Sept. 19 text amendment addressed the minimum widths of those roads.

Free home repairs for qualified homeowners

Rebuilding Together Frederick County, MD, a non-profit organization that rehabilitates homes of low-income homeowners, is accepting applications for its April 2006 repairs day.

The non-profit organization rehabilitates homes each year, the last Saturday

in April. Work is done by volunteers, at no charge to qualified homeowners.

For an application, homeowners may call 301-620-8620 and leave name, address and phone number.

Applications will be mailed and must be returned by Nov. 1.

Fireworks facility granted final approval

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
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FREEDOM TWP., Pa. –

Freedom Township Board of Supervisors, in a 2-1 vote on Oct. 12, gave conditional final approval to a 10,000 square foot fireworks sales and storage facility to be constructed on Old Emmitsburg Road.

The facility would be located at the site of a former service station (presently owned by Orren Stein) north of the Route 15 overpass. Plans call for 5,000 square feet of the structure to be used for fireworks sales, and the remaining 5,000 square feet to serve as warehouse and office space.

According to Brian C. Shaub,

president of Keystone Novelties, L.L.C., the facility would only store and sell consumer fireworks, and not those types normally associated with community aerial displays.

Shaub told the supervisors that sales would likely be seasonal, although the facility would stay open year-round the first year to determine peak sales periods. He said the operation on Old Emmitsburg Road would employ four to five people during the peak seasons.

Before granting conditional final approval, the supervisors unanimously waived a requirement calling for all curbs in the parking area. As a result, the parking areas will include a mix of curbing and parking bumpers.

The applicant has 90 days to comply with the conditions stipulated in the approval. Conditions included:

- acquisition of a PennDOT permit for a driveway;
- acquisition of permits relating to storm water management and sediment and erosion-related permits from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the soil conservation district;
- filing of engineering cost estimates and posting of financial assurances;
- compliance with all applicable county, state and federal regulations;
- prohibition on banners and out-of-door (parking lot) sales;
- acknowledgement that

modifications to required curbing have been granted.

Supervisor Matt Young had tried to get a motion passed that would have required fireworks sales to be limited strictly to consumer type fireworks, but that motion failed. Young was the lone dissenting vote in the end because the restriction was not included.

The fireworks facility would be licensed through the state Department of Agriculture (DOA), which would also conduct annual inspections to ensure compliance, according to Shaub.

Keystone, headquartered in Lancaster, owns at least 200 fireworks sales tents throughout Pennsylvania, and is presently planning a similar sales and storage facility in Pike County.

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REGIONAL NEWS

Adams municipalities band together for future planning

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY, Pa. — It is no great secret that what one community does by way of permitting development can impact, positively or negatively, what transpires in adjacent communities.

However, a revolution of sorts has begun in South Adams County when it comes to protecting the environs and regional resources. Municipalities have adopted a 'united we stand - divided we fall' philosophy that has led them to combine their planning and resource considerations.

Boroughs/townships move toward comp plan

According to Robert Thaeler, Senior Planner with the Adams County Office of Planning and Development (ACOPD), Fairfield and Carroll Valley boroughs and Highland, Hamiltonban and Liberty townships have adopted resolutions indicating a

willingness to participate in a joint comprehensive plan.

Liberty Township led the pack, passing a resolution to join the comprehensive plan effort on June 7. Highland Township passed its resolution on June 14, followed by Hamiltonban Township on Aug. 2, Carroll Valley Borough on Sept. 13, and Fairfield Borough on Sept. 27.

Freedom Township has submitted a letter requesting county assistance putting together grant applications, but has not adopted a resolution.

Thaeler cited a number of reasons for municipalities engaging in joint planning. "The best reason is to give each individual municipality flexibility in dealing with land use issues," he said. "With regard to zoning, each is not obligated to provide for every kind of use if they are part as long as the use is provided for somewhere in the joint area," he added.

If, for example, a community participating in joint planning had no asset it could zone agricultural,

rather than arbitrarily designating some parcel as agricultural, it could essentially receive credit for having provided for the use if another plan member had allocated land in its jurisdiction for that use.

Thaeler also said, "There are some benefits in terms of state reviews of permit applications as well as in processing funding requests if you're part of a joint comprehensive plan."

Financing the plan will be shared expense

Funding for development of the plan will come from a number of sources, including the participating municipalities, ACOPD and the state. ACOPD will also assist the collective municipalities in filing for state grants.

"The county is likely to put some money in this as well through federal community development monies granted to the county, and through the state Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Program (LUPTAP) administered by the Pennsylvania Department

of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

"State funds require a local match dollar for dollar. The county will put in some funds and some in-kind service (staff time), which can be used as part of the local match, as well as ask participating municipalities to contribute on a per capita basis," Thaeler stated.

As the group holds initial joint meetings, the ACOPD will be trying to find the time to move grant applications forward. "I'm

not sure how quickly we can fit it in with other projects," Thaeler said.

According to Thaeler, there is no deadline for applying for state grants. He said, "The state block grants have an open application period. We can submit whenever we get it prepared."

"It makes a little more sense to look at things regionally. Scenery, transportation, water and other natural resources don't stop at municipal boundary lines," Thaeler told *The Dispatch*.

Local communities will contribute toward matching funds

Local contributions for participation in the joint planning effort are based on a per capita rate of \$1.14 per person. The current breakdown of the county-estimated \$80,000 needed to develop the joint plan is as follows:

- * Carroll Valley - \$3,771
- * Liberty Township - \$1,210
- * Fairfield - \$557
- * Hamiltonban Township - \$2,539
- * Highland Township - \$945

If Freedom Township elects to join, its share would be \$967.

Developer scraps plan for 120-foot water storage tower, MDCC exception and conditional use hearings continue

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

FREEDOM TWP., Pa. — Developers of the Mason-Dixon County Club (MDCC) are backing off plans to erect a one-million gallon, 120-foot tall water tower for their proposed 1,179-unit development, and will instead construct a ground tank of the same capacity.

Thomas S. Ladue, an associate and senior municipal engineer

with Dewberry, the engineering and planning firm working on the MDCC project, spoke to the Freedom Township Board of Supervisors at their Oct. 13 meeting. He said that development planners elected to go with a ground tank based on comments made at the Oct. 4 zoning hearing.

Residents had expressed concerns over the height and visibility of the tank to have been located on a tract between Bull Frog and Natural Dam roads.

Water supply plans presented at hearings

On Oct. 4, Ladue testified before the zoning board about the special exceptions regarding the storm water and drinking water management plans for the commercial portion of the proposed development. He presented additional testimony at the conditional use hearing on Oct. 13. Key points from Ladue's testimony at both hearings included:

- Potable water would come from two wells located on the commercial tract, and from Marsh Creek, provided Maryland Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) approves the withdrawal from the creek;
- A water treatment complex consisting of a 11.5 million-gallon capacity, 517-foot by 200-foot reservoir, treatment plant, and a one-million gallon water storage tank 75 feet in diameter and 30 feet high would be located on a satellite tract between Bullfrog and Natural Dam roads;
- A smaller water treatment plant would be located within the commercial area;
- Treated wastewater would be discharged through irrigation of the golf course complex or into

Middle Creek, depending on the amount of rain at the time, and would meet the most stringent requirement of both the DEP and the Maryland Department of the Environment;

- Portions of the water conveyance system would require easements through three, non-MDCC properties, and the possibility of additional special exceptions. Two of those easements have been acquired;
- The water supply infrastructure would either be owned and operated by MDCC, Inc., or operated by an investor-owned utility;
- The development would consume about 427,800 gallons of potable water per day (GPD);
- If DEP denies the Marsh Creek water withdrawal, the design of the development would be "significantly" impacted.

Fertilizers, pesticides and insecticides information given

Terry Buchen, president and consulting agronomist (soil specialist) with Golf Agronomy International, testified at the Oct. 13 conditional use hearing before the board of supervisors. Key points of his testimony included:

- Fertilizers, pesticides and

insecticides applications would be spot applied where needed, rather than en masse;

• The development would be handled as a "closed water system," attempting to supply as much water as it uses, including that used for irrigation;

• Chemical and organic fertilizers, pesticides and insecticides applications would not occur within 24-hours of any anticipated precipitation;

• Only licensed individuals would be permitted to apply fertilizers, pesticides and insecticides;

• Wells would be drilled to monitor for any groundwater impacts resulting from the applications of fertilizers, pesticides and insecticides.

The proposed 1,179-home development must secure conditional use approval for a 598-acre portion of the project containing 1,132 of the various dwellings types, as well as special exceptions applicable to the commercial portion of the site.

The conditional use hearing for MDCC will be continued on Oct. 24, 7 p.m., at the Freedom Township meeting room. The zoning hearing on special exceptions will be continued on Oct. 27, 7 p.m.

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REGIONAL NEWS

Fairfield Borough will lose unique farm and scenery

Editor's Note: This article and its related sidebar on the longhorns may look familiar. That's because it appeared in our publication last issue. As you begin to read the article you'll probably recognize the story, but please don't allow the familiarity to stop you. Due to an oversight, a portion of the article was missing last time. In fact the most important part, Mr. Brown's comments. We also took the opportunity to correct a few minor facts. The article is being rerun because it's a tale we hear over and over from local farmers and livestock owners who tend land. It's a story about the dilemma of large land owners, one that can't be told enough. The story's message, and the regular articles that appear in The Dispatch about this subject, should help us see that the struggle our local region currently faces with new development is real, and one that should not be ignored.

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
News Editor

FAIRFIELD, Pa. — What was once a labor-intensive 250-acre family farm for four generations may soon be incorporated into a 490-home development proposed in Fairfield Borough and Hamiltonban Township.

Once, herds of dairy cows wandered up and down the slopes of McGinley's Hill, also known as Brown's Hill, a prominent landmark overlooking Fairfield. Later, the slopes and the plain below it were covered with apple and peach trees. Today, dozens of ominous-looking, yet friendly and inquisitive, Texas longhorns graze peacefully with their young.

At the height of its productivity, the old farm, which has been in the Brown family for four generations, supported three families. It will soon serve as home to hundreds if Empire Home's proposed "McGinley's Choice" surmounts review hurdles.

Four-generation farm will end with sale

Born in Fairfield in 1935 in one of the farmhouses still standing near his present home, the nearly 70-year-old Thomas Brown will be one of the last of several generations who has maintained a tract of land spanning Fairfield Borough and Hamiltonban Township as a farming operation.

Brown's great-grandfather, Edward, established the original farm on 120 acres in the early 1900s. Harry E. Brown, Brown's grandfather, later operated a dairy farm. When his father, Herald Brown, and his uncle, Floyd Brown, inherited the farm, they added apple and peach orchards, and raised hogs and chickens.

Tom Brown and his brother inherited the farm, and Tom eventually bought out his brother. But rather

than the traditional agriculture, he decided to breed Texas longhorn steers.

Brown said he regrets about selling, but family farms have become increasingly economically unfeasible to operate. "It costs \$3,000 a month to do nothing but keep it up. I like to keep it neat and that takes money," he said.

But there is a herd of longhorn cattle to feed and maintain, 125 acres of land to keep mowed, and other maintenance expenses which, he said, continually go up.

Other family farms growing

'I'm not the National Park Service'

One of the prominent landmarks on the farm is the heights known as "McGinley's Hill," also "Brown's Hill."

For a couple of years, the site represented Little Round Top in the annual Battle of Gettysburg reenactment. Thousands of blue and gray-clad re-enactors fought up and down the steep rise as spectators watched from the fields below.

But there was a time when the noises of battle resounding from the farm were not those generated by "weekend warriors." A stiff rear-

guard action was fought on part on the farm in 1863 when Union troops tried to assail the rearguard of one of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's columns withdrawing from the Battle of Gettysburg.

The flat valley plain that comprises much of the farm, and the wetlands that follow a small tributary through the property against the backdrop of

"Brown's Hill," will likely be gone if Empire Homes receives necessary approvals to begin their proposed development.

"There are people saying they like the view and asking me not to sell," Brown told *The Dispatch*, "but they don't pay the taxes. There is no money in a jar at Sunny Ray's that says 'This is for Brown's farm.' I'm not the National Park Service."

Brown also points out that he is going into his 70s and "the kids" — his two sons — are not interested in maintaining the property as a ranch or farm.

In today's market, a farmer's land is his retirement package, Brown said. They sell off and live on whatever small parcel they can maintain. In Brown's case, he will be leasing a ten-acre tract from Empire Homes on which his current home was built five years ago. After that happens, the farm will be no more.



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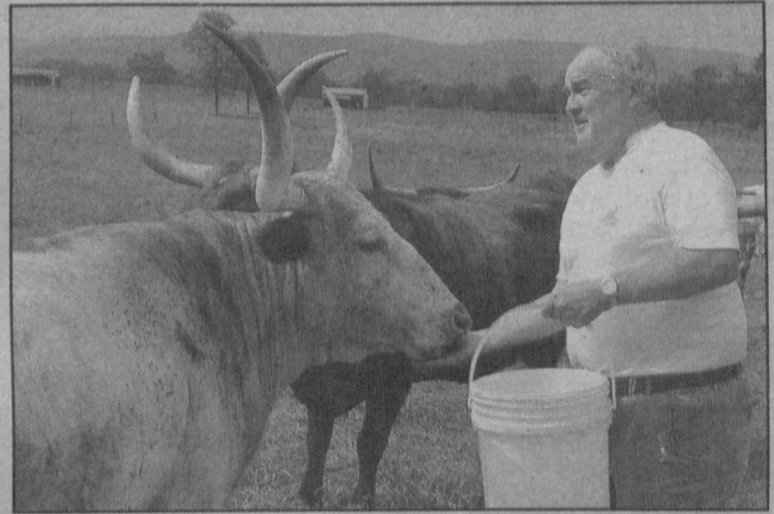
Fairfield rancher Thomas Brown points out various landmarks on the farm which has been in the Brown family for four generations. The costs of operating the farm in conjunction with a recent divorce has made keeping the ranch in the family economically unfeasible.

crops are faced with rising fertilizer costs, diesel fuel increases, and competition from abroad. Brown said it is now cheaper for fruit processing companies to import apple concentrate from China than buy and process apples from a local orchard.

Finding farm help is another issue. Brown pointed out that it is difficult to find labor cheap enough to prove economic, another problem not faced in some foreign countries, such as China.

Then there are the rules, spraying regulations, and other governmental constraints placed on agricultural operations. "Someone (state regulator) is always looking over my shoulder," Brown said. "I tried to put the farm in conservation. They said the soil wasn't good enough," Brown stated, yet, he pointed out, his had been a productive farm for generations.

Gone with the longhorns—only five will remain



RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

A Texas "Longhorn" from Fairfield rancher Thomas Brown's 60 head herd enjoys a "cow treat" being handed-out by Brown. Brown will have to cull the herd to five if his property becomes part of a development proposed by Empire Homes.

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

FAIRFIELD, Pa. — Area resident Thomas Brown saw plenty of Texas longhorn cattle while attending college in Filmont, New Mexico, from 1956 to 1957, and while teaching in Dodge City, Kansas, from 1959 to 1962.

But he never thought a day would come when he would own his own herd of them.

Now, under the name "Triple-ring Texas Longhorn Company," Brown keeps a herd of 60 longhorns on the old family farm which spans Fairfield Borough and Hamiltonban Township. At one point, he had as many as 75.

"I didn't really get interested (in raising longhorns) until I was back East," Brown told *The Dispatch*, adding, "I never knew someday I would end up owning longhorns."

The herd of steers, cows and calves comes in a myriad of patterns and colors. The most noticeable member of the herd is a huge, pure white, 20-year-old steer with a 75-inch horn spread. Twenty years is old for a longhorn, Brown said, noting that this one is now losing weight because of his age.

Others range in color from black and white mixes to mottled calico to dusky gray roans. "Having a longhorn calf is like Christmas," Brown said, adding, "You never know what color you'll get." The longhorns vary so much in color that they can't be bred predictably to produce a specific color.

Longhorns are also known for standing their ground. Brown

drove us through the herd in a John Deere "Gator" and around individual animals. They don't get out of the way: They're too big and, armed with a several foot horn spread, they're not afraid. "They don't run like a bunch of cows," Brown said as he maneuvered around a reclining steer bigger than the "Gator" and both riders together.

They're curious as well. A young calf was busily investigating a cap on a test well sunk by the developers of McGinley's Choice. "I can't do anything around here that they are not right behind me," Brown said.

The Brown farm had been used for more traditional livestock and agricultural crops. Brown introduced the longhorns and ended much of the agricultural effort, except for a small stand of hillside apple trees, the last remnants of a more expansive orchard, dating back to the 1950s.

"My father always said I was a frustrated cowboy," Brown said. He said he decided to raise the longhorns mainly because, "I just like them."

But the herd will be sold off if and when McGinley's Choice is approved. Brown intends to keep five of his prize animals, but the rest will go to breeders, or the butcher.

In the 1950s and 1960s, the farm was 250 acres. The present farm is now 125 acres. Soon it will be reduced to 10 if the proposed McGinley's Choice development proceeds as planned. See related article, "Fairfield and Hamiltonban to lose unique farm and scenery" in this issue of *The Dispatch*

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Lucille Beale

Mrs. Lucille Juliet Kates Beale, 86, Emmitsburg, died Oct. 3, 2005, at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa.

Born January 18, 1919, in Philadelphia, Pa., she was a daughter of the late Clarence Sears and Julia Austin Oakie Kates.

Lucille was a long-time Emmitsburg resident, a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, and a former member of Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, Emmitsburg. She taught economics at Fairfield High School, and also reported local weather for 50 years.

Surviving are five sons, Paul Latimer Beale Jr., Robert Bonnie Beale, Alan Austin Beale, Horace Kirk Beale, and Joseph Kingston Beale III; 16 grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Oct. 9, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Emmitsburg, with her pastor, the Rev. Wade A. Martin, officiating. Interment followed in Whips Cove Cemetery, Warfordsburg, Pa.

Reverend Darin John Didier

Reverend Darin John Didier, 32, died Sept. 6 in Fargo, N.D., following a lengthy struggle with cancer.

Born Sept. 27, 1972, in St. Paul, Minn., he was the son of Leonard and Bonnie Harstad Didier.

He earned his Master of Divinity degree in 2005 from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 4, 2005, and had served as parochial vicar at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Fargo, since June 22, 2005.

Surviving are his parents, Leonard and Bonnie Didier; one sister, Darcy Bock; a grandmother, grandfather, many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Sept. 10 at the Cathedral of St. Mary, Fargo, with burial at St. Mary's Cemetery, Alexandria, Minn.

Ms. Susan Joy Kasai

Ms. Susan Joy Kasai, 48, Cascade, Md., died Sept. 27, 2005, at home.

Born Oct. 20, 1956, in Bethesda, Md., she was a daughter of the late Kennedy and Joy Mitchell Kasai.

Susan had been a member of Harriet Chapel, Catocin Parish for more than 15 years. She had worked at Mt. St. Mary's University and M.C.I. in Frederick.

Surviving are two daughters, Francine Margolis and Pamela Holland; one son, Andrew Phillips; one brother, Kenneth Kasai, and one sister, Angela Kasai.

A memorial service was held Oct. 1 at the Harriet Chapel, Thurmont, with Rev. Jacob Beck officiating.

Inurnment followed in the Harriet Chapel Memorial Garden.

Mr. Jan Kuczma II

Mr. Jan David Kuczma, II, 34, Keymar, Md., died Oct. 5, 2005.

Born November 5, 1970, in Washington, D.C., he was the son of Jan David Kuczma of Keymar, Md., and Nan Todd Smethurst of Salisbury, Md.

Surviving in addition to his wife of eight years, Nazire Uen-Kuczma, are his parents, one sister, Kerri Kuczma of Seattle, Washington, and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Stauffer Funeral Home, Walkersville, Md., on Oct. 9. Interment was in Glade Cemetery, Walkersville.

Marie C. Olinger

Mrs. Marie Catherine Olinger, 91 formerly of Emmitsburg, died Sept. 30 at Hanover Hall, Hanover, Pa.

Born June 30, 1914, in Pimlico, Md., she was a daughter of the late Raymond Thomas and Ella Eliza Forney Pittinger.

She was a member of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, and worked at Emmitsburg Shoe Factory and Cambridge Rubber Co., Taneytown.

Surviving are two children, Doris Houck and Charles E. Olinger; seven

grandchildren, one brother, Norman Pittinger and one sister, Pauline Bergene.

Funeral services were held Oct. 3 in the Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, with her Pastor Rev. Jon Greenstone, officiating. Interment was in Elias Lutheran Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Mr. Robert Rhoderick

Mr. Robert L. Rhoderick, 72, Rocky Ridge, died Oct. 7, 2005 at the Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Born Oct. 17, 1932, in Middletown, Md., he was the son of the late Norman F. and Eva Draper Rhoderick.

Surviving are one son, Michael D. Rhoderick; three daughters, Valerie J. Rhoderick, Tricia A. Muller and Annette Rhoderick; five grandchildren; and one sister, Mary Stimmel.

A memorial service was held Oct. 14, at Mount Tabor Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge, with Rev. James M. Russell officiating. Tentative interment followed.

Mrs. Helen Marie Winpiger

Mrs. Helen Marie Winpiger, Emmitsburg, formerly of Frederick, died Oct. 11, 2005.

Born June 24, 1911, in Urbana, she was the daughter of the late Elmer

and Ida Grace Babbington Stup.

Surviving are two sons, Reginald Winpiger and Terry Winpiger; two daughters, Vicki Cramer and Susan Kennedy; 12 grandchildren and numerous great and great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Oct. 15 at Stauffer Funeral Home, Frederick, with Rev. Jason Lang of South End Baptist Church, Frederick, officiating. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Frederick.

Mr. Herbert Wolf

Mr. Herbert Joseph Wolf, 81, Emmitsburg, died Oct. 6 at Green Acres Nursing Home, Gettysburg.

Born May 20, 1924 in Foxville, he was a son of the late Letha Maude Wolf and the grandson of the late Elmer P. and Liza J. Stottlemeyer Wolf.

Surviving are one daughter, Mary Lee Shriner; two sons, Herbert Eugene Wolf and James Preston Wolf; eleven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Oct. 10 at the Robert E. Dailey and Son Funeral Homes, Thurmont, with the Reverend Ruth Ann Ward, Weller United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment was in Mt. Bethel Cemetery, Foxville.

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Carroll Valley Views

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AUTUMN LEAVES

It is fast approaching that time of year when – “Autumn leaves drift by your windows” – (how poetic). They are a problem when they come down after being so beautiful on the trees. What do you do with them? If you want to dispose of your leaves, you have some choices. One, you can put the leaves in bags and put them out for the waste disposal pick-up on Mondays. Two, you can bring the bagged leaves to the Municipal Services Building at Ranch and Walnut Trails and follow the signs

for “Leaf Disposal.” Three, if you elect to burn your leaves, be sure to obtain a burn permit from the borough office and abide by its terms, as a matter of safety. Four, many residents compost their leaves by putting them either in a bin or just piling them in a corner of the yard, turning them occasionally. Come next year, add them to your garden and reap the reward. Finally, just mulch them with your mower and leave them on the yard to compost naturally.



Carroll Valley Borough Mayor Jim Becraft and Council President Laura Scudder receive a check from Representative Steve Maitland from the Pa. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Carroll Valley Receives \$223,000 Grant

Thanks to support from Rep. Stephen Maitland, the Borough of Carroll Valley has received a \$223,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. This sum will be used to make repairs to the existing pavilion in the Commons, to construct a new pavilion in the Ranch section, and to begin planning a new Borough office building. The Ranch pavilion project will include a covered picnic area, picnic tables and benches, grills, restrooms, playground equipment and will offer recreational opportunities for all ages. Hopefully on the horizon are other substantial grants. A tip of the hat to the elected, staff and volunteer officials for their efforts in obtaining this grant, especially the Parks & Recreation Committee.

House Numbers Required

Many area residents seem unaware that houses in Carroll Valley are required to have house numbers displayed on their mailboxes. The current requirement is that the numbers be at least three inches high, be luminous, and be visible from the street. They must be on both sides of the mailbox and in a contrasting color. If no mailbox is present or if more than one mailbox is present, then the number also must be displayed on the house itself so that it can be read easily from the street, without being necessary to enter the property.

Attractive green signs meeting the requirements are available at the borough office for \$8 and

can be found on many properties around the borough – they are available in either vertical or horizontal orientation. These numbers are useful not only for mundane daily life such as delivering mail or visiting friends. When the fire truck or emergency responders need to find a specific house in a hurry, these numbers are very useful. When there is a bank of mailboxes, it is unclear which house is which, so please take a few minutes to make sure that there is no doubt. Put the numbers on the house itself or on a separate post in the driveway entrance.

Drop in the borough office and order your sign. It only takes a few minutes.

From the Chief's Desk

License & Registration

All new residents with out-of-state driver's licenses must obtain a Pennsylvania driver's license within 60 days of establishing Pennsylvania residency. To apply, you must appear in person at a PENNDOT License Center, 59 North 5th Street in Gettysburg. You will be required to surrender your out-of-state driver's license. A knowledge test is not required for new residents with out-of-state driver's licenses that are valid or expired within six months. You will be required to confirm your identity and residence.

All new residents are also required to apply for state title and registration of their vehicle(s) within 20 days of establishing residency in Pennsylvania. This may be done at either at any Driver and Vehicle Service Center location or at an appropriate local private business. After your Pennsylvania tag is issued, you have 15 days to get the vehicle inspected. You will need a valid title and proof of Pennsylvania insurance.

For more information and many of common forms go to www.state.pa.us and click on “most requested services.” For those long time residents of the Commonwealth, did you know you can renew your driver's license and vehicle registration online? Follow that same link and save that stamp! You can also print a temporary registration if you are a little late renewing your tags.

All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) in Carroll Valley

All ATVs in Pennsylvania, except ATVs used solely for business or agricultural purposes, need to be registered and titled with DCNR – even if used solely on your residential property. If you purchase your vehicle at a registered dealer, the dealer will handle your application for title and registration. If you purchase your ATV privately, you will need to supply DCNR with proof of VIN and proof of Pennsylvania sales tax payment.

Applications for registration and titling of ATVs and snowmobiles are available from the Snowmobile/ATV Registration Section, ATV and snowmobile dealers, forest district offices, and state park offices. Applications also are available at www.dcnr.state.pa.us/snowmobile/index.htm.

If you are using your ATV solely on land owned or leased by you, you are not required to get liability insurance. All other riders must carry liability insurance. Proof of that insurance must be carried when riding. ATVs may be operated only on streets and highways designated and posted as ATV roads by the government agency having jurisdiction over those roads. There are no roads posted as ATV roads at this time in Carroll Valley. It is illegal to ride your ATV on private property without permission from the landowner.

Open Burning in Carroll Valley

- What may be burned? **Only yard debris** – leaves, sticks, etc. No household garbage or wastepaper may be burned, nor may construction/demolition debris, even when burn barrels are used.
- Is a permit required? **Yes.** Permits are issued at no charge at the borough office. Once the initial permit is obtained, it is good for one year but it must be renewed by telephone for each specific burning. The permit specifies where the burning will occur, when it may be burned, and what may be burned. It also sets out the general burning rules:

- County Control must be called when you start burning and when you have finished. If there is a county burn ban, County Control

will so advise you when you call. You must provide your burn permit number when you call.

- Burn hours are one-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour after sunset.

- Open burn fires must be **constantly** attended until the fire is extinguished.

- A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher or other approved onsite fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

- The location for open burning shall not be conducted within **50 feet** of a structure or combustible material; burn barrels or small piles three feet wide by two feet high may be within 25 feet of a structure.



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Schedule of Meetings:

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

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

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

Parks, Recreation & Municipal Services

Committee: Fourth Wednesday of each month, 9 a.m.

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

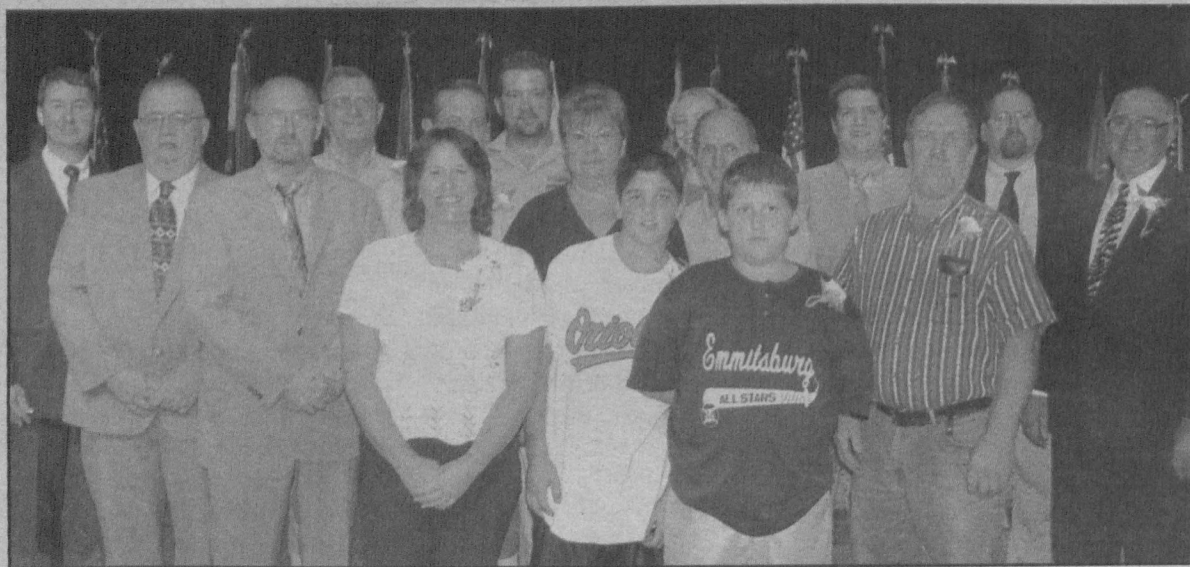
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Community Show announces results



-RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball League honorees

Front row (l to r): Robert Beavan, Robert Valentine, Emmitsburg Mayor Jim Hoover, Lisa Krom, Ben Andrew, Brian Topper, Donny Kaas, C. Rodman Myers.

Back row (l to r): Austin Umbel, Jack Topper, Jeff Topper, Mary Topper, Diane Ogg, Bill Wivell, Emmitsburg Commissioners Chris Staiger and Glenn Blanchard.

The 49th annual Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show was held Sept. 9, 10 and 11 at Catoctin High School in Thurmont.

President Rodman Myers said the Community Show is an agricultural education event and is a total community effort. Many community citizens volunteer countless hours to make the show something the Catoctin High School area can be very proud of. Visitors comment on the large number and quality of entries and the tremendous community involvement. (Approximately

700 exhibitors entered over 2800 exhibits this year.) The show sponsors appreciate all of the volunteers' efforts. Sponsors include the Thurmont Grange, Catoctin FFA Chapter, Catoctin FFA Alumni, The Maryland State Grange and the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board.

Thirty community and civic organizations participated in the 30th annual flag ceremony Friday evening. Roger Troxell, President of the Maryland State Grange, gave the invocation. Warren Zentz, a Catoctin High School senior, sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

The Community Show recognized both the 50th anniversary of the Emmitsburg Little League and the 50th anniversary of the Thurmont Elementary School.

Annie Delauter, of Sabillasville, a senior at Catoctin High School, was named the 2005-2006 Catoctin FFA Ambassador.

Annual baked products auction

Grand Champion Banana Cake, Maxine Troxell, sold to Keyser-Garver Well Drilling, Frederick, for a record price of \$1,200

Diabetic sugar free champion cake - Gloria Green

Champion bread - dinner rolls, Maxine Troxell

Champion pie - a cherry pie, Maxine Troxell

All baked products were sold at the auction and brought in a record amount of \$8,000. Roger Rothenhoefer and Mike Miller, auctioneers.

Department Champions

Fresh Fruits, (Sugar Giant Peaches) - Frances Black

Fresh Vegetables, (Bell Peppers) - Mary Willhide

Home Products Display - Nancy Rice

Canned Fruit, (Pears) - Pamela Long

Canned Vegetables, (Whole Tomatoes) - Betty Meredith

Jellies and Preserves, (Blackberry Jelly) - Tess Hahn

Pickles, (Catsup - Robert Wilson

Meat, (Home Cured Ham) - Fred Flohr

Sewing (Crocheted Tablecloth) - Margaret Kinnaird

Flowers and Plants (Side Table Arrangement) - Roxanna Lambert

Arts, Paintings & Drawings (Pastel Painting) - Abby Cox

Crafts, (Stained Glass) - Sylvia Goodnough

Photography (Digital Landscape) - Rick Bontz

Corn (Hybrid Corn) - Bradley Lambert

Small Grains & Seeds (Shelled Corn) - Rodman Myers

Eggs (Brown Eggs) - Ed Lind

Nuts (Black Walnuts) - Mary Willhide

Poultry & Livestock, (Female Breeding Rabbit) - Harold Long

Dairy (Jersey) - Bobby Groft

Goats - Colt Black

Hay (Barley Straw) - Rodman Myers

Junior Department (Sewn Item) - Garrett Buckmeier

Champion Baked Product (Junior) (Cookies) - Elizabeth Shriver

Youth Department, (Insect Collection) - Timothy Cox

Champion Baked Product (Youth) (Cake) - Brittany Cole

Champion Sheep - Zack Fritz

Champion Hog - Ashley Ridenour

Champion Beef - Candace Butler

All department champions receive two free buffet dinners, compliments of Cozy Restaurant, Thurmont.

31st annual Catoctin FFA Alumni Beef Sheep and Swine Show

36 hogs averaged \$1.63 a pound, 13 sheep averaged \$2.12 a pound and 15 steers averaged \$1.55 a pound.

Winning exhibitors:

Grand champion steer - Candace Butler, purchased by Jubilee Foods for \$3/pound

Grand champion swine - Ashley Ridenour, purchased by Jubilee Foods for \$3.30/ pound

Grand champion market lamb - Zachery Fritz, purchased by Jubilee Foods for \$3.30/ pound

Judge: Andy Cashman, New Windsor. Robert Valentine, livestock chairman.

Annual Pet Show

Grand champion - a cat shown by Ashley Phoebus

Reserve champion - a miniature collie dog shown by Jamie Elsbree

Judges: Judy and Stephanie Schminkey, Funkstown. The Thurmont Cooperative donated dog and cat food for the 100 participants.

Winners in the following categories are listed as first, second, third and honorable mention respectively:

Cat with prettiest eyes - Elaine Schray, Nicole Abarca, Amanda Wright, Allison Weddle, Brad Weddle

Cat with longest whiskers - Ashley Phoebus, Elaine Schray (tie for first), MacKenzie Smith, Kenyon Beeman, Katie Myers

Cutest cat - Eric Gosnell, Katie Myers, Ashley Phoebus, Allison Weddle, Brad Weddle

Best-trained pet - Ivan Abarca, Benjie Biggs, Stacey Flanigan, Olivia Dutton, Laura Dutton, Janelle Little

Dog with wiggliest tail - Chad Gerrie, Kara Brown, Jennifer Jackson, Mekhi Hicks

Prettiest dog (25 pounds and under) - Janie Ellsbree, Janelle Little, Kim Moser, Caitlyn Kirby, Paige Gray

Prettiest dog (26 pounds and over) - Carol Boller, Miranda Baker, Sam Delauter, Chad Gerrie

Best costumed pet - Jennifer Jackson, Corey Rice, Ashley Phoebus, Christina Moxley, Margaret Buckmeier, Kayla Stull, Mekhi Hicks, Laura Dutton

Pet with most spots - Margaret Buckmeier, Kenyon Beeman, Chad Gerrie, Kelse Dorsey

Largest pet (by height) - MacKenzie Smith, Sam Delauter, Carol Boller

Most unusual pet - Katie Sweeney, Olivia Dutton, Laura Dutton, Michaela Stull, Abigail Greco

Smallest pet - Michaela Stull, Olivia Dutton, Katie Sweeney, Kelse Dorsey

Dairy and Goat Show

Champion Dairy - a Jersey, exhibited by Bobby Groft

Reserve Champion - a Brown Swiss, exhibited by Jeffrey Hubbard

Champion and Reserve Champion Goats - exhibited by Colt Black

Judge: Denny Remsburg, Jefferson, Md.

9th annual Decorated Animal Contest

1st Lauren Schur (rabbit dressed as a frog)

2nd Kimberly Speak (sheep dressed as the devil)

3rd Margaret Buckmeier (family dog)

Judges: John Kinnaird and Pat Geisinger

26th annual Catoctin Horseshoe Pitching Contest

1st Marshall Matthews and Clyde McClain

2nd Jeff Miller and Gary Hoffmaster

3rd Bob Shaffer and Richard Valentine

26th annual Log Sawing Contest

Men's singles - 1st Mark Valentine, 2nd Jason Green, 3rd Bernie Hobbs

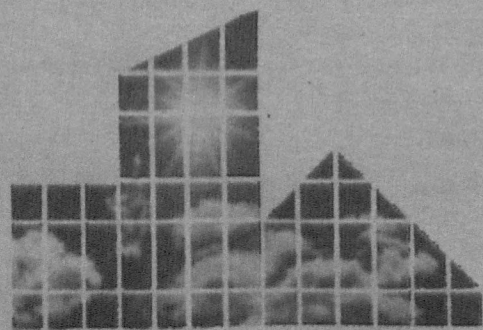
Children's singles - 1st Ryan Miller, 2nd Aaron Ridge, 3rd Richard Carbaugh

Children's pairs - 1st Richard Carbaugh and John Mayer, 2nd Evan Lambert and Ronnie Lambert

Ladies team - 1st Tracy Schur and Kelly Neff;

Men's team - 1st Jerry Black and Jim Hoover, 2nd Colt Black and Jason Green, 3rd Paul Schur and Joe Neff.

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Community Show

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Barnyard Olympics

Approximately 30 children participated. Boys and girls competed in various age groups, performing farm chores like putting corn in wheelbarrows, dumping feed buckets and gathering eggs. Winners by age group:

5-6 years - 1st Travis Moats, 2nd Miriam Harper, 3rd Charles Buckmeier, Honorable Mention, Kenyon Beeman and Jeremiah Cox.

7-8 years - 1st Ben Boller, 2nd Johnny Kempisty, 3rd Jared Harman, Honorable Mention, Eric Myers and Taylor Zentz. Champion - Ben Boller; Reserved Champion - Travis Moats

9-10 years - 1st Kristen Myers, 2nd MacKenzie Smith, 3rd Joseph Cox, Honorable Mention, Garrett Buckmeier.

11-13 years - 1st Steve Cox, 2nd Margaret Buckmeier, 3rd Lynly Meunier, Honorable Mention, Andrew Boller. Champion - Steve Cox, Reserved Champion - Kristen Myers.

Other Community Show highlights

Wolfe Furniture of Frederick donated two La-Z-Boy recliners to benefit the Ag in the Classroom and the Catoctin FFA Alumni Scholarship Fund. Fundraiser chairman, Robert Myers. Winners:

- 1st - recliner - Mark Topper
- 2nd - recliner - Ray Coblentz
- 3rd - John Deere pedal tractor (donated by Gladhill Tractor) - Bill Wachter
- 4th - Pampered Chef Stoneware - Barb Danhoff
- 5th - Longaberger basket - Dawn Hobbs

The Guardian Hose Company of Thurmont distributed material for fire prevention week and the Thurmont Ambulance Company gave free blood pressure readings. Saturday evening in the school cafeteria, the Thurmont Grange served a turkey and ham dinner and on Sunday, the Catoctin FFA Alumni served a chicken barbecue dinner. The Catoctin High School Band played Saturday night, under the direction of Whitney Crist. Sunday afternoon the Catoctin Promise Band played musical selections in the auditorium.

A martial arts demonstration was given on by 15 area youth in the old gymnasium. The Thurmont Library held its 8th annual book sale. John Kinnaird again displayed of old photographs of Thurmont. There was a petting zoo, grab bags and pony rides for children, the Cane & Abel Brown Swiss steers, emus, alpacas, horses, and other small animals. Pony ride and grab bag proceeds went to the Hurricane Katrina Disaster Fund.

The 2006 Community Show will be held Sept. 8, 9 and 10 at Catoctin High School in Thurmont.

EMMITSBURG HIGH SCHOOL



-JENNIFER BUCHHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

Emmitsburg High School Alumni Association holds 81st annual dinner

The Emmitsburg High School Alumni Association (EHSAA) held its 81st annual dinner meeting on Saturday, Oct. 15 in Patriot Hall, Mount St. Mary's University. Members browsed through old photographs and other memorabilia during the social hour. At the

business meeting following dinner, President Ronald Kelly recognized three graduates of Catoctin High School who were awarded \$1,000 scholarships from the EHSAA for 2005-06. They are Elizabeth Fink (attending Salisbury State University), Heather Smith

(Frederick Community College), and Stacey Williams (Towson University). The association voted to donate \$250 to Emmitsburg Elementary School toward transportation for student field trips. Members of the classes of 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, and 1965

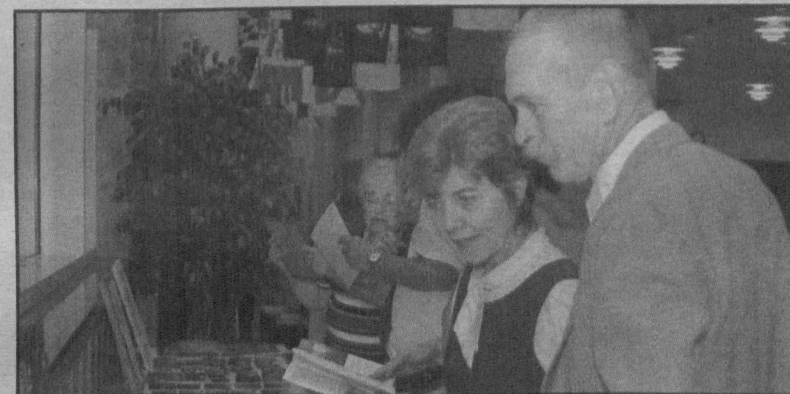
were introduced and honored, as were the oldest graduates present.

Emmitsburg High School graduated its first class in 1898. The last class graduated in 1968. The next year the school was consolidated with Thurmont High School to form Catoctin High School.



Emmitsburg High School Alumni Class of 1955 celebrating their 50th anniversary

Front row L to R: Doris Flax Leman, Virginia Brown Rogers, Marlene Trent Springer, Mildred Tyler Weatherly, Harriet Fitez Glass
Second row L to R: Bobby Hayes, Thelma Green Harding, Pauline Troxell Liller, Kenneth Glass, Stanley Hartle, Richard Toms



Carson & Phyllis Kelly, Class of '65 look at displayed memories.



Scholarship awardees

L to R: Mary Catherine Shields, Assistant Secretary, Class of '54; Bill Wivell, Vice President, Class of '66; Stacey Williams, currently attending Towson University; Heather Smith, currently attending Frederick Community College; Ron Kelly, President, Class of '54; Stanley Hartle, Treasurer, Class of '55.




Class of 1931

L to R: Margaret (Peg) Franklin, Dorothy Troxell Hershey.



Class of 1939

L to R: Marie Knight Cissel, William Garner.



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BY BILL
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Dispatch
Columnist

"Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." - attributed to Mark Twain

... time and chance happeneth to them all." - Ecclesiastes

News reports of the mounting evidence for global warming became increasingly frequent over the past year, so last January, simply as a matter of personal curiosity, I decided to record the daily temperatures. It is a simple process; I merely copy the temperatures from *The Frederick News-Post* onto a spreadsheet in my computer. These numbers are instantly converted into a graph which shows the fluctuating daily readings superimposed on the steady seasonal rise and fall in average temperatures, in three

colors. To my grandson, who was born in the same year as the Macintosh computer, this is boring beyond description; but to me, it is a fascinating reminder of how much things have changed in just 25 years.

Sometime around 1980 I got a small grant to upgrade my ecology lab. This allowed me to buy some instruments to record various aspects of the weather ... rainfall, temperature, barometric pressure, etc. I quickly found myself with two problems: I was flooded with information, and I had nothing to compare it to, to see if it was unusual or not.

The first problem was not solvable at the time. I had endless columns of numbers and reams of daily and monthly instrument readouts, but there was no practical way to summarize them. Simply finding a piece of graph paper long enough to accommodate 365 days of data was a problem, and errors were unavoidable when plotting the data by hand. Desktop computers were in their infancy; the state-of-the-art model was the IBM PC, which was unaffordable, and the most widely used teaching

computer, the Radio Shack TRS-80, had no capacity for storing data. So manila folders piled up, filing cabinets multiplied, and it became harder to find specific pieces of information.

The second problem was easily solved, for there was an official U. S. weather station in Emmitsburg. It was maintained by Mrs. Lucille Beale, who had recorded the temperature and rainfall every day since 1956. She was happy to share information with me, and also provided National Weather Service records extending back into the previous century. Through her cooperation I obtained invaluable baseline data on average and extreme values to which I could compare the readings I was taking in my lab. She also made me aware that the Emmitsburg weather station had a longer history than the weather service itself.

In response to the need for weather information by the expanding agricultural industry and the embryonic railroad network that served it, the Smithsonian Institution began giving weather instruments to telegraph companies in 1849. Weather stations were set up at army bases in the farm belt; by the time of the Civil War there were over 500 of them scattered about the prairie states and Indian territories. At each base, a sergeant was assigned to record the temperature, rainfall and barometric pressure. A network of telegraph lines then carried this information to Cincinnati, where it was compiled to create the first weather maps. As time went by, additional stations were established in the East; these were manned by unpaid volunteers, and were often located at colleges and universities. One such station was set up at Mount St. Mary's College in 1869, a year before the weather service was officially started.

The National Weather Service was established by an act of Congress in 1870. The original legislation placed the new bureau

under the Army Signal Corps, a logical arrangement at the time since most of the recording stations were on army bases. A series of generals headed it for the next 20 years, but after the Johnstown flood in 1891 it was placed under civilian control in the Department of Agriculture.

The weather station at Mount St. Mary's was located at the Seminary. This was a good idea in theory, since seminarians were available the year round to tend the instruments; but in practice, even seminarians apparently needed some vacation time, so over the years there frequently were gaps in the data for the summer months. The last seminarian to be weather recorder was James Forker, who later returned to the college as Professor of Theology and became a valued friend and colleague. Apparently, after Fr. Forker graduated from the seminary in 1956, no one was available to replace him as recorder, so the weather station was moved to the Beale farm just east of town.

The original station was a standard design that consisted of a wooden box, about two feet on a side, with louvered sides to allow air to enter freely. It housed a pair of "minimum-maximum" thermometers, in which the mercury would stay at the highest or lowest point reached until re-set. Beside the box was a rain gauge which consisted of a funnel-like copper container, about 8 inches in diameter at the top; rainwater that collected in it was measured by dipping in a measuring stick which was calibrated to accommodate the decreasing diameter from top to bottom. In recent years the mercury thermometers were replaced by sensors that were connected to wires and could be read from inside the house; the copper funnel was replaced by a plastic one with markings that could be read directly without a dipstick. Using these simple but accurate instruments, Lucille Beale served as an unpaid volunteer for

the weather service for nearly 50 years, and became well known to the news media as the most authoritative source of information on Emmitsburg's weather.

We had no rain for over a month this fall, so I decided to write about the weather. I had not seen Mrs. Beale for a long time, and I wanted to talk to her to refresh my recollections about the Emmitsburg station and see what kinds of equipment she was using to collect records now, but I was not able to reach her by phone. Then, on the afternoon of the first Sunday in October, I went for a drive to look for birds and, on the chance that I might see a bluebird, drove past her farm. Her son, Paul, was working in the yard as I drove by, and purely on a whim, I decided to stop. She recently had knee surgery and was unable to walk, so she was lying on the couch watching television; a folder of weather service forms was on the coffee table near at hand. She was glad to have company. She had become quite frail physically, but her mind was clear, and we had a pleasant conversation. Her hope was that she would be able to continue to record the weather until April 2006, which would have completed 50 years on the job. Her main concern was finding someone younger who could take over the task when she retired from it.

We talked for half an hour or so, and Lucille was in good spirits when I left, so I was shocked and saddened to hear that she died the following day. In a way, it was the end of an era as well as a life; more and more, the weather service is shifting to automated stations rather than people for recording daily weather. But this does not detract from the value of 50 years of service. As far as the bureaucracy is concerned, Lucille may have been a small cog in a very large machine; but without such cogs, the machine could not have worked for the past 130 years.

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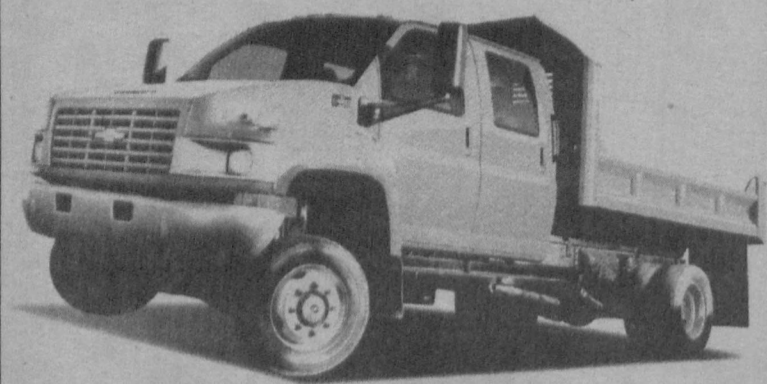


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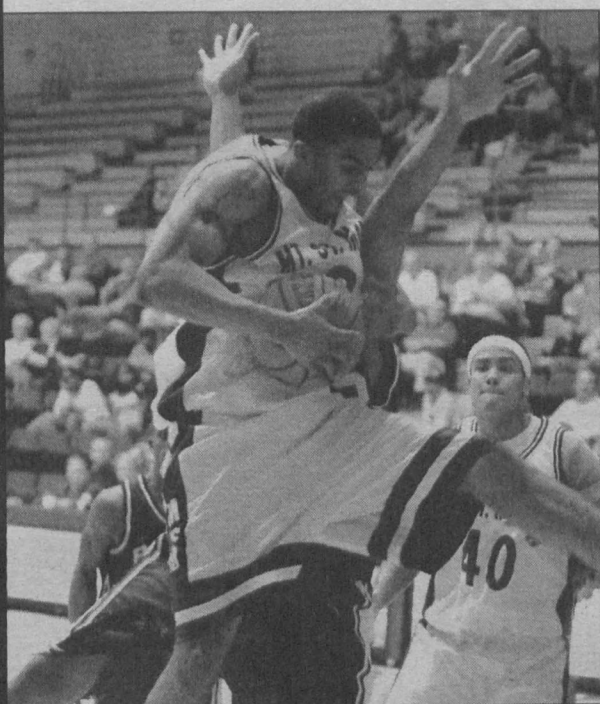
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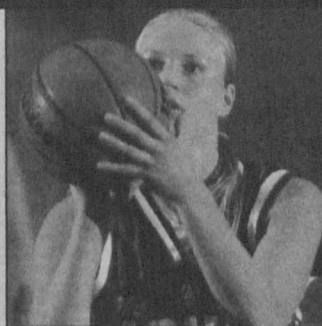
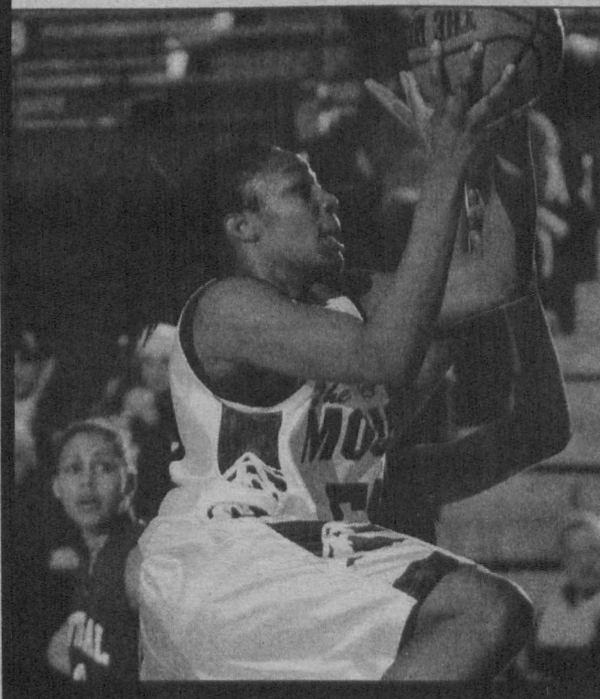
MEN'S BASKETBALL

The 2005-06 Mount St. Mary's men's basketball team is looking to rebound from a disappointing finish last year and move back into contention for the Northeast Conference title. Head coach Milan Brown has an experienced squad returning, but there are plenty of question marks heading into the season. Two key factors this year will be the Mount's performance on the defensive end and the team's ability to win at home. Last year, the Mount allowed opponents to shoot 48.2 percent from the floor while the team posted a 3-8 record at Knott Arena. If the Mount can improve on those numbers, it will be a good start to a successful season.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The 2005-06 Mount St. Mary's women's basketball team is ready to build on last year's season. A young and inexperienced team used last season to learn the college game and build a foundation for future success. The 2004-05 season was highlighted by the play of newcomers Tiffany Green (Arlington, Va./Washington-Lee) and Dita Krumberga (Riga, Latvia./Grammar School of Nordic Languages) and a stretch that saw the Mount win five of seven contests midway through the season, a feat last accomplished in the 2001-02 season.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Let's Sign and Dance with the Wild Zappers
Thursday, October 20; Knott Aud., 7:30 p.m.
The Wild Zappers, an all-male ensemble of the National Deaf Dance Theatre, combine jazz, funk and hip-hop dance styles, American Sign Language and popular music.

"21st Century Slavery: Living Proof"
Wednesday, October 26; Knott Aud., 7:30 p.m.
Francis Bok, author of "Escape from Slavery" and an anti-slavery activist, has made it his life mission to combat world slavery. Bok will share his remarkable story of how he survived ten years of slavery in Sudan and his journey of freedom in America.

Seminary Symposium: Eucharistic Communion as a Christian Contribution to Society
Thursday, October 27; Knott Aud., 7:30 p.m.
Fr. Charles Morerod O.P., dean of the philosophy faculty at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, will be the featured speaker at the seminary's 2005 Academic Symposium

Ordained a Dominican priest in 1988, Fr. Morerod has been on the faculty of the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas since 1996, and has served as the editor of the French edition of "Nova et Vetera" since 1997. He is also an associate editor of the English edition of "Nova and Vetera." Fr. Morerod was a member of the "Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) in 2002. He received his Doctorate in Philosophy from the Catholic Institute of Toulouse in 2004 and his Doctorate in Theology from the University of Fribourg, Switzerland in 1994.

For more information on the symposium, please contact Rev. Mark Pilon at 301-447-5788.

"Our Town"
Nov 11, 8 p.m.; Nov 12, 8 p.m.; Nov 13, 2 p.m.;
Nov 17, 8 p.m.; Nov 18, 8 p.m.; Nov 19, 2 p.m.
Upper Flynn Hall
Tickets are \$5. For more information call 301-447-5308

Cultural Performance by Krakowiaki Polish-American Folk Dance Ensemble
Thursday, November 17; Knott Aud., 7:30 PM
This Baltimore-based group is a non-profit performing group dedicated to promoting Polish culture through song and dance. Krakowiaki Polish Folk Dancers extensive repertoire includes dances and songs from diverse regions performed in a colorful array of authentic costumes, music and choreography.

ATHLETICS

Men's Soccer vs. Quinnipiac Fri., Oct. 21, 3 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Quinnipiac Fri., Oct. 28, 2 p.m.
vs. Central Connecticut St. Sun., Oct. 23, 2 p.m.	vs. Central Connecticut State Sun., Oct. 30, 12 p.m.
Men's Tennis vs. Rider Sun., Oct. 23, 12 p.m.	Women's Tennis vs. Rider Sun., Oct. 23, 12 p.m.

Stay up-to-date with Mount events by visiting www.msmary.edu, click on "upcoming events" in the upper right corner. For athletic schedules, stats and player interviews, visit www.mountathletics.com

Men's Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Fri., Nov. 18	at Virginia Tech	7 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 21	BINGHAMTON (Liberty Mt. Night)	7 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 26	at Old Dominion	7 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 30	at La Salle	7 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 3	LOYOLA (The Catholic Clash)	2 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 7	at American	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 10	* FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	2 p.m.
Dec. 19-21	at San Juan Shootout (San Juan, Puerto Rico)	
Mon., Dec. 19	vs. Akron	6 or 8 p.m.
Tue., Dec. 20	vs. Mississippi State or Liberty	7 or 9 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 21	vs. Clemson, Holy Cross, UT-Chattanooga or PR-Mayaguez	TBA
Sat., Dec. 31	at Penn State	1 p.m.
Tue., Jan. 3	LAFAYETTE	7 p.m.
Thu., Jan. 5	* at Long Island	7 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 7	* at St. Francis (N.Y.)	4 p.m.
Tue., Jan. 10	* at St. Francis (Pa.)	7 p.m.
Thu., Jan. 12	* SACRED HEART	7 p.m.
Thu., Jan. 19	* at Monmouth	7 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 21	* CENTRAL CONNECTICUT ST.	7 p.m.
Thu., Jan. 26	* at Quinnipiac	7 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 28	* at Central Connecticut St.	7 p.m.
Thu., Feb. 2	* ROBERT MORRIS	7 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 4	* ST. FRANCIS (Pa.) (Homecoming)	7 p.m.
Thu., Feb. 9	* at Sacred Heart	TBA
Sat., Feb. 11	* at Fairleigh Dickinson	TBA
Mon., Feb. 13	* LONG ISLAND	7 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 18	* MONMOUTH	1 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 20	* QUINNIPIAC	7 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 25	* at Robert Morris	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 27	* WAGNER	7 p.m.

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Women's Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sat., Nov. 19	at George Mason	3 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 23	at Georgetown	7 p.m.
TUE., NOV. 29	NAVY	7 P.M.
Fri., Dec. 2	at William & Mary	7 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 4	at Maryland	2 p.m.
SAT., DEC. 10	* FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7 P.M.
Dec. 17-21	Fun In The Sun Shootout (Playa del Carmen, Mexico)	
Sun., Dec. 18	vs. Oral Roberts	7 p.m. EST
Mon., Dec. 19	vs. Illinois-Chicago/ Missouri State	7:30 p.m./ 10 p.m. EST
WED., DEC. 28	PRINCETON	7 P.M.
FRI., DEC. 30	MORGAN STATE	5 P.M.
Sat., Jan. 7	* at St. Francis (N.Y.)	2 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 9	* at Long Island	7 p.m.
MON., JAN. 16	* SACRED HEART	7 P.M.
THU., JAN. 19	* QUINNIPIAC	7 P.M.
SAT., JAN. 21	* CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	3 P.M.
Mon., Jan. 23	* at Monmouth	7 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 28	* at Central Connecticut State	2 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 30	* at Quinnipiac	7 p.m.
SAT., FEB. 4	* ST. FRANCIS (Pa.) (Homecoming)	3 P.M.
MON., FEB. 6	* ROBERT MORRIS	7 P.M.
THUR., FEB. 9	* LONG ISLAND	7 P.M.
Sat., Feb. 11	* at Fairleigh Dickinson	4:30 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 13	* at Sacred Heart	7 p.m.
SAT., FEB. 18	* MONMOUTH	3 P.M.
MON., FEB. 22	* WAGNER	7 P.M.
Sat., Feb. 25	* at Robert Morris	5 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 27	at St. Francis (Pa.)	7 p.m.

EDUCATION

Join the schoolyard habitat celebration

Friends and family members are invited to attend the Schoolyard Habitat reception at Catoctin High School, Thursday, Nov. 3, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

The event, hosted by Community Commons, celebrates Frederick County's Schoolyard Habitat Pilot Initiative. There will be refreshments, awards, door prizes, and an optional tour of the Catoctin High School schoolyard. RSVP by Oct. 31 to April Wells, Schoolyard Habitat Teacher Specialist, by phone at 240-236-8157 or e-mail April.Wells@fcps.org.

The environmental science project was made possible with the support of the Alcoa Foundation, Chesapeake Bay Trust, Common Market, Frederick County Dept of Public Works, Maryland Equipment Incentive Fund, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's B-WET Program, National Tree Trust, Northwestern County Civic Association, Potomac Conservancy, PTA and PTSA, ThorpeWood, United States Department of Agriculture WHIP Program, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and Wal-Mart/Sam's Club.

Scholarships available for Catholic students

The Knott Scholarship Funds have announced the availability of four-year, full tuition scholarships for elementary and high school students.

Scholarships can be used to attend Catholic parish elementary or high schools in seven jurisdictions in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, including Frederick County.

Applications are available beginning Oct. 31, and must be

completed by Feb. 24, 2006 for elementary school and March 10, 2006 for secondary school.

Full and partial tuition scholarships are also available for College of Notre Dame, Loyola College and Mount St. Mary's University, with deadlines and requirements set by the schools.

For more information, call 877-603-9980 or visit www.knottscholar.org.

ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

Halloween Happenings

Halloween in the Park - Oct. 22 Thurmont Community Park on Frederick Road from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Games, a magician, scary cemetery scenes with monuments and ghosts surrounded with bewitched music, fortunetellers, witches, and a smoke machine. Hayride through the haunted park. Prizes and trick or treat candies. Participants are asked to bring a canned food items for the Thurmont Food Bank and the Hurricane Relief Committee.

Haunted Hayride - Oct. 21, 22, 28, 29, 30 and 31 from 7-10 p.m. Crumland Farms, Willow Road, Frederick. Tickets: \$12. Benefits Frederick Jaycees community service projects. Information: 301-663-4432.

Ghost stories at the Manor - Oct 22 and 29 from 7-10 p.m. Rose Hill Manor Park, Frederick. Ghost stories and a tour of the house. Ages 10 and up. Cost: \$5. Information: 301-694-1650. www.rosehillmuseum.com

Adams County Arts Council Masquerade Ball - Oct. 28 "Come as you aren't." 8 p.m. to midnight. Gettysburg Hotel Grand Ballroom. General admission tickets, \$35; VIP dinner and ball, \$75. Call 717-334-5006, or visit www.adamscountyartsCouncil.org.

Halloween Dance - Oct. 29 from 8 p.m. to midnight. St. Joseph's Church Hall, North Seton Ave. Emmitsburg. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Brute' Council 1860, Emmitsburg. Tickets: \$15 per person. Includes live band, "Tommy Can't Count," prizes, snacks, set-ups. BYOB tickets: purchase at the door or call 301-447-3033.

All Souls Day procession - Oct. 31 at 4:45 p.m. Prayer and procession with children in saints' attire to Grotto of Lourdes, Emmitsburg. Litany of saints, treats. All are welcome.

Halloween in Emmitsburg - Oct. 31. Trick or Treat hours are 5:30-6:30 p.m. Parade begins at 7 p.m. on DePaul Street. Proceed left on

North Seton Avenue through the intersection of MD 140 to South Seton avenue. Continue to the Emmitsburg Ambulance parking lot. Games and costume judging hosted by the Lions Club between 7:30 and 9 p.m. Costume awards will be presented for the cutest, ugliest/scariest, funniest, most original and for the best float. Each category has a \$25 first prize, \$15 second prize and \$10 third prize. Cider and gingerbread will be provided by the American Legion and served by the Lions.

Rocky Ridge Halloween party - Oct. 31. Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Co. 13 OLD Fire Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments served at 7. Costume judging at 7:30. Pumpkin judging at 8 (bring a carved or decorated pumpkin.) Haunted tunnel at 8:30. Games, door prizes and more. Information: Penny or David Stonesifer, 301-447-6864.

Trick or treating in Thurmont - Oct. 31. Front lights on if you're participating, off if you're not.

Senior Events

October is well underway and we are definitely feeling and seeing the change of seasons - cooler temperatures morning and night, and clear blue skies by day. Soon our mountains will be bright with the colorful leaves of autumn.

It's time to sign up for our annual **Thanksgiving dinner** on Nov. 8. Deadline is Nov. 1, and the cost is \$5. Sign up also for our **injury protection program** from the Health Department, "Slips, Trips, and Falls," Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, and 17. Fee: \$5 for 4 sessions.

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

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

Strength Training and Conditioning: Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. Dress comfortably, wear athletic shoes. Participants will use small weights.

Led by Linda Stultz.

Bingo: Oct. 26.

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

Shopping at Jubilee Foods: Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

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

Editor's Note: We apologize for our mistake in printing the Thurmont seniors column in the Oct. 6, 2005 issue of The Emmitsburg Dispatch.

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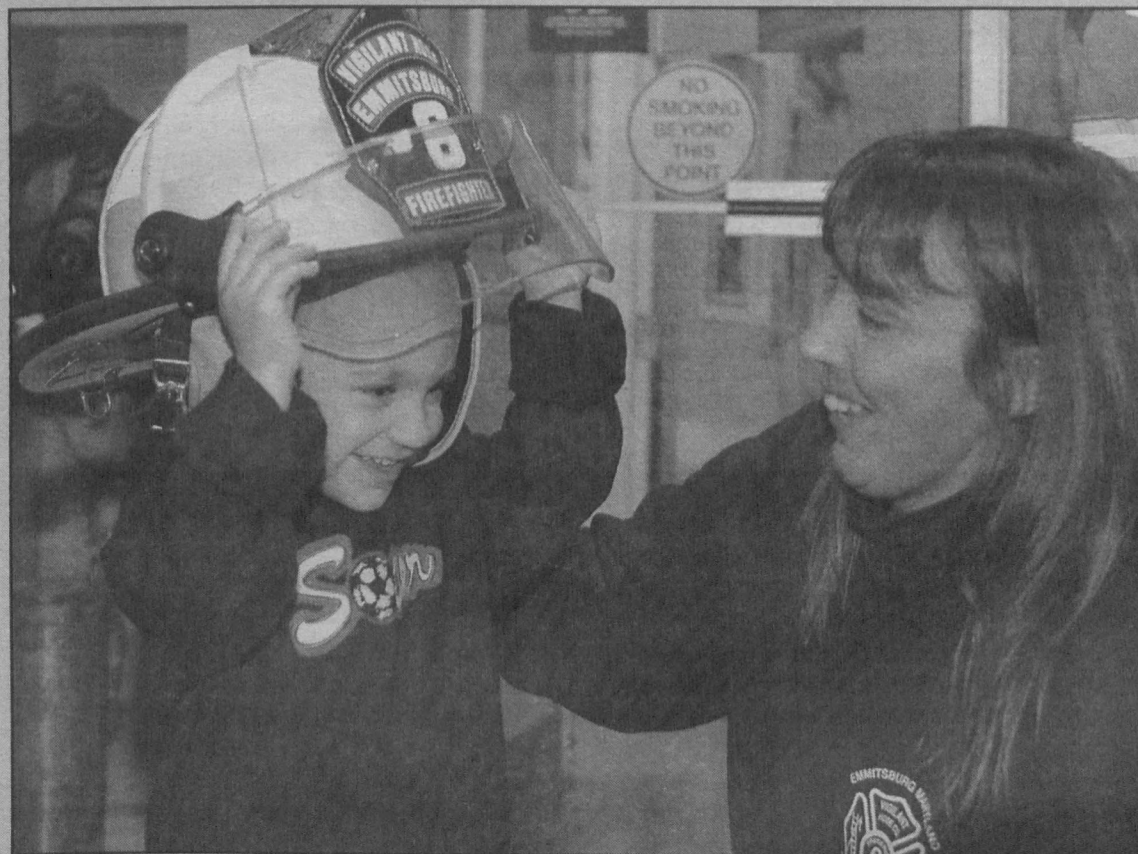
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Fire Prevention Open House



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Annabelle Perry (front) and Evvy Progecene (back), both of Graceham, get instruction from Rocky Ridge firefighter / EMT Christina Hurley on how to roll up a fire hose at their open house on October 12th.



-RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

Glenn Patrick Thomas Fox (4) of Blue Ridge Summit finds out what it feels like to wear a firefighter's helmet at Vigilant Hose Company's open house on October 13 in Emmitsburg.

Annual Fire Prevention Week open houses were held at Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company on Oct. 12 and at Vigilant Hose Company, Emmitsburg, on Oct. 13. Members invited the public to participate in numerous educational and fun activities. This year's theme was "Use candles with care: When you go out, Blow out!" According to the National Fire Protection Association, candles are a growing source of deadly home fires. In 2002, candles started 18,000 reported structure fires and caused 130 deaths.

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Use Candles with Care



POLICE ACTIVITY

Thurmont man faces multiple drug-related counts

THURMONT, Md. - A burglary complaint investigation by the Thurmont Police Department on Oct. 9 resulted in police arresting the complainant for multiple drug-related offenses.

Travis Jacob Oerman, 24, Thurmont, was charged with multiple possession offenses including possession of marijuana, heroin, steroids, and drug paraphernalia.

Police said Oerman called authorities to report a burglary.

However, when police responded around 6:10 p.m., officers ran a background check on Oerman himself, discovered he was wanted on a Maryland State Police warrant, and arrested him.

Police stated that a search conducted on Oerman after his arrest produced marijuana, and that officers found heroin, steroids and numerous pieces of drug paraphernalia during a subsequent search of Oerman's residence.

Emmitsburg female one of two arrested for burglary

FREDERICK COUNTY, Md. - Police arrested two area females Oct. 4 for theft-related offenses, including one suspect from Emmitsburg.

Arrested for second degree burglary and theft of property valued over \$500 were Emmitsburg resident Kristina M. Surber, 22, and county resident Taylor Waters, 21. Both were served while at the Frederick County Adult Detention Center, according to police.

Deputy Jennifer Bailey, spokesperson for the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, told *The Dispatch* the arrests resulted from an investigation initiated July 9 after

police responded to a report of a burglary on Whiskey Road.

The victim told police a storage shed had been broken into near a house under construction and numerous tools were taken. The total loss was estimated at \$4,600, Bailey said.

The case remained open until two sheriff's deputies, attempting to serve a warrant on Waters on Aug. 17, noticed tools in view at the residence. "Through that an investigation began and those tools were linked to the crime," Bailey stated.

The two females were charged as a result of the continuing investigation.

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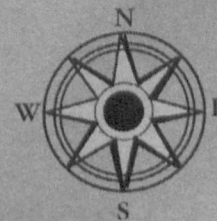
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SPORTS & RECREATION

Fairfield varsity football headed to playoffs

The Fairfield youth association Knights are headed to the playoffs after beating the Scotland Broncos by 14 points this past Sunday.

The 12-13 age varsity team boys had the game sown up by half time with a score of 20-6, which did not change during the remaining half of the game. The Knights finished the season with a 6-2 record.

The team's coach, Josh Bollinger, said in an interview after the game that the team played somewhat flat and not as aggressively as they had

the week before. But he was satisfied with the boys' win advancing them to the playoffs despite their off game.

Bollinger said he had lost a number of 13-year-olds from last year's team, and noted that this good season didn't compare to the winning record they had last year.

The football team has a two-week layoff and won't know until next week who they'll draw for the playoff line up. The Knights play in the Keystone Youth Football League.



Knights' Cody Kuykendall #29 followed by Josh Cornish #30 break through the Broncos defensive line in an effort to advance the ball up field. -RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

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Outside the Game Motown Meltdown

By A.J. Russo
Sports Editor

Tough love. Some say to be a good parent you have to use it.

Over the past month or so, the only spots on Sportscenter the Orioles or Ravens have been able to muster have been steroid-related, so if the Ravens' performance recently against the beleaguered Lions was an attempt at gaining publicity, it was a resounding success.

In fact, for most of the game, the Lions tried to give the contest to the Ravens, but Billick and his Purple Birds didn't want any part of that. They apparently wanted some prime time.

The Ravens were beaten 35-17, helped, in part, by their 21 penalties, including two ejections - one call away from tying the NFL record for penalties in a game.

The ugliest of the blow-by-

blow went something like this:

Terrel Suggs was penalized for roughing the quarterback and subsequently argued the call. A moment later his facemask made contact with the bill of referee Carey's cap and, with the flick of a thumb, the oversized defenseman was gone.

"He bumped me with malice in his heart and he was gone," Carey said.

After the next TD and the ensuing extra point, teammate B.J. Ward was ejected for making contact with an official.

Later, cornerback Chris McAlister spiked the ball at the feet of Lions receiver Kevin Johnson, and Derrick Mason was flagged for throwing a ball at the wall after an argument with an official.

It started to look like a staged WWF match.

All this happened within nine and a half minutes of the third quarter, the length of the now infamous Lions touchdown drive. And it was ... well, it was, in the words of my grandmother, "shamefully unsportsmanlike."

Besides the umpteen number of penalties, two players thrown out - both for bumping referees, most viewers couldn't help but hope their children had taken a break and gone outside to play.

The coach's response to all this? Not much. No fines or stricter rules for Billick.

"Passion, emotion and intensity are good, but they've always got to be under control," Billick said.

"What happened [Sunday] is not a discipline issue. It's not a character issue. It manifested itself in one game. I hope it's a one-game aberration, but I can't take that chance. But I'm not going to overreact to it.

"If I thought an internal monetary sanction would suffice or help, I'd do it in a New York second. It does not. If they are not remorseful on their own, then we're no better off than we were."

The players love coach Billick. What player wouldn't? No fines handed out for the meltdown in Motown? Yeah coach, we'll change our ways. We don't need to be punished. Sure.

This is not the only evidence of Billick's soft line with players.

For those interested in attending summer camp and watching the Ravens 2005 pre-season preparation, it was a disappointing July and August. Not because tickets were hard to come by, but because the team practiced less than a college student does his own laundry.

Do you think there is any association between this and the Raven's slow start?

A.J. Russo, Ph.D., is a professor at Mount Saint Mary's University and the author of nine novels and more than 30 scientific papers. He is the former head men's lacrosse coach at RIT and Mount Saint Mary's University. Russo's novels, including his newest, "Lost Girl of the Sudan," and "Blacks of their Eyes" are all available at Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com. His opinions do not necessarily reflect those of Mount Saint Mary's University or Hood College.

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Peg Franklin celebrates 90th birthday



Peg Franklin

Margaret (Peg) Franklin celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends Saturday evening Oct. 1, at the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church. Besides Lyla Franklin, who had planned the party, other hostesses were Linda Franklin, Erika Franklin and Becky Jones.

Among the nearly 100 guests were members of the Alpha Iota International Business Sorority of Hagerstown, members of the Emmitsburg Community Chorus, members of the Presbyterian Church, family and friends.

Each group extended short messages of congratulations

emphasizing the longevity of Peg's involvement with them. Pastor Ben Jones stressed the fact that Peg had been a member of the Presbyterian Church and a soprano in the church choir for her entire life.

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus sang "Peg o' my Heart," Pat Bell and Keith Copenhaver sang "Back of the Clouds," an old favorite hymn of Peg's. Peg then joined Keith and Pat in "The Bond of Love." Guests and chorus sang "Happy Birthday." A light lunch was served and the rest of the evening was spent visiting among the guests.

Brookfield Pumpkins promotes breast cancer awareness

THURMONT, Md. — On Saturday, Oct. 22, the Roop family will offer prizes to successful pumpkin hunters in celebration of breast cancer awareness "Make a Difference Day."

"I just want to do whatever I can to get the word out, because education and awareness are absolutely critical to beating this awful disease," said Mary Jane Roop, a recent breast cancer survivor.

During October, Roop's family operates Brookfield Pumpkins on her parents' farm, which has been in the family for six generations.

"We decided to set aside Saturday, Oct. 22 — Make a

Difference Day — as a time to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month, to raise money for breast cancer research, and to provide information in a fun, family setting," Roop explained.

Several pumpkins painted with pink ribbons will be hidden in the 10-acre pumpkin patch. Each successful hunter will win a special prize, including gift certificates to local businesses and breast cancer awareness products.

"My family has had a great time planning this event," Roop said. "Even if we help just one other family who might encounter this disease some day, it will be worth our effort."

Rodman and Jean Myers celebrate 50 year Anniversary



Rodman and Jean Myers

Rodman and Jean Myers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 27, at Cozy Restaurant in Thurmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers were married on Aug. 27, 1955, by Pastor Dixon A. Yaste at the Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church of Rocky Ridge.

The anniversary celebration was hosted by their children, Patty and her husband Dave Johnston of Hagerstown, Cheryl and her husband Bob Lenhart of Thurmont, Bobby Myers and his wife Karen of Thurmont and Andrea Mannix of New Paltz, N.Y.

The couple has seven grandchildren: Stephanie Cramer, Matthew Lenhart, Daniel, Kristen and Eric Myers, Kevin and Denise Mannix.

Special guests attending were Roger Clem, organist; and members of the original wedding party: Peggy Ogle Dehoff of Hanover, PA, maid of honor; Bridesmaids: Betty Willard Kunkle of Thurmont and Juanita Myers Bowers of Walkersville. Chester T. Zentz, Jr. and Eugene Myers, ushers both of Thurmont.

Many family members attended from New York, Massachusetts, Ohio, Delaware, Virginia and Pennsylvania, along with many friends.

Jean is the daughter of Mrs. Helen Ogle of Rocky Ridge and the late Robert B. Ogle. Rodman is the son of the late Charles and Helen Myers of Thurmont.

The Myers live at their Catocin Mountain View Dairy Farm near Thurmont.

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Arts & Entertainment

Thurmont's fall production

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Following this summer's successful youth theater production of Barbara Robinson's popular "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," the Thurmont Thespians are performing their own fall play.

A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters," starring Beth Royer Watson and Spence Watson will come to life at the American Legion in Thurmont on Nov. 4-5. "Love Letters" is centered around the collection of

letters exchanged over a lifetime between two people who grew up together, went their separate ways, but continued to share confidences. As the actors read the letters aloud, what is created is an evocative, touching, frequently funny but always telling pair of character studies in which what is implied is as revealing and meaningful as what is actually written. The two individuals are very different in temperament and all the frustration that implies comes through in the letters.

To enhance the play, the

newly formed Thespionics will add musical selections. The trio includes Jill Fulton of Greencastle, Eileen Winston of Thurmont and Doug Benson of Thurmont. This is the first time the Thespians have deliberately added music to an adult production.

Both evenings will include a dessert theatre beginning at 7:15 p.m. with the curtain rising at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$12. Call 301-271-7613 for reservations.

Also featured will be exhibits by local photographers William Riffle and John Urian.

Dancers swing and sway at Pen Mar Park

Pen Mar Park, located on the border of Pennsylvania and Maryland, near Fort Ritchie, was developed as an amusement park by the Western Maryland Railway in the late 1870s. It catered to people from Baltimore, who took excursion trains to Pen Mar. The park had a dance pavilion and a lunch hall, and visitors could hire a horse and carriage to take them to observatories located within the park. The main attractions were a roller coaster, a little steam train, a carousel and penny arcade, a photo studio, and a movie theatre.

Each year there was an "Everybody's Day" celebration with a number of contests, including one for the most beautiful baby, and best waltz and jitterbug dancers.

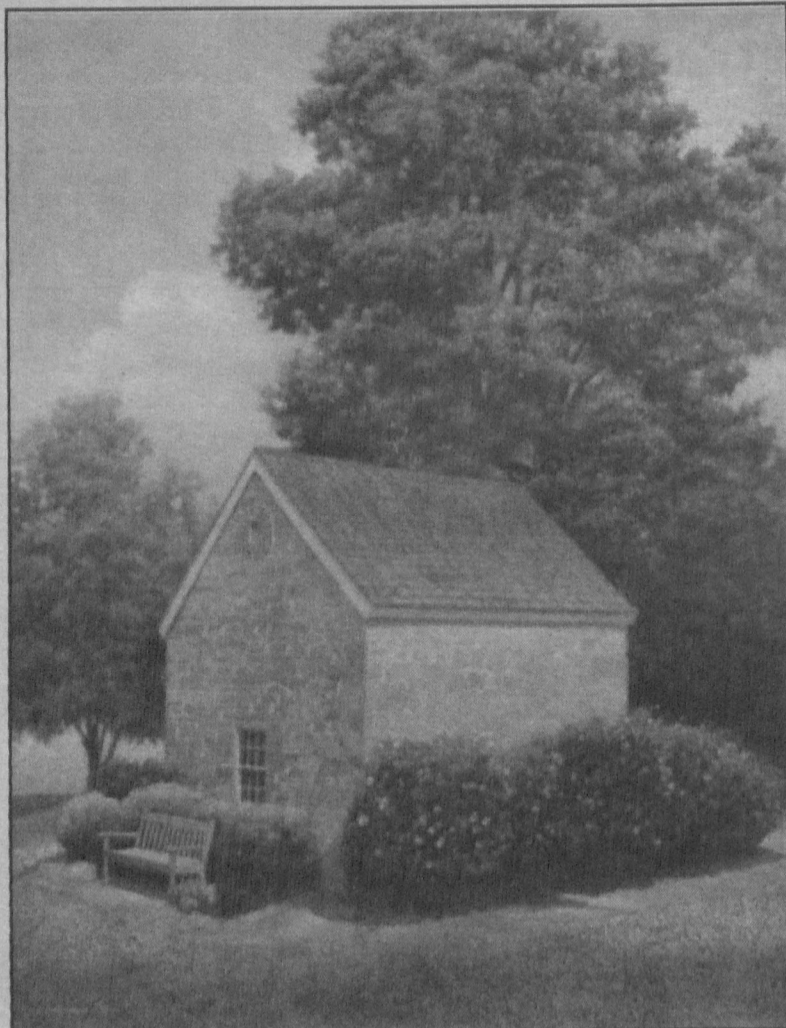
The park was dismantled in 1943, because the car had become popular, and people could drive to other places.



Vera Culver (L) of Gettysburg and James Landis of Fairfield won the waltz contest this summer at Pen Mar Park.

In 1977 Pen Mar Park reopened. A dance pavilion was built a couple of years later and opened officially in 1980. Now, dances are held from the last Sunday in May through the first

Sunday in October. "Everybody's Day" is the last Sunday in August. Jitterbug (swing) and waltz contests are held, with big band sounds played by musicians from surrounding states.



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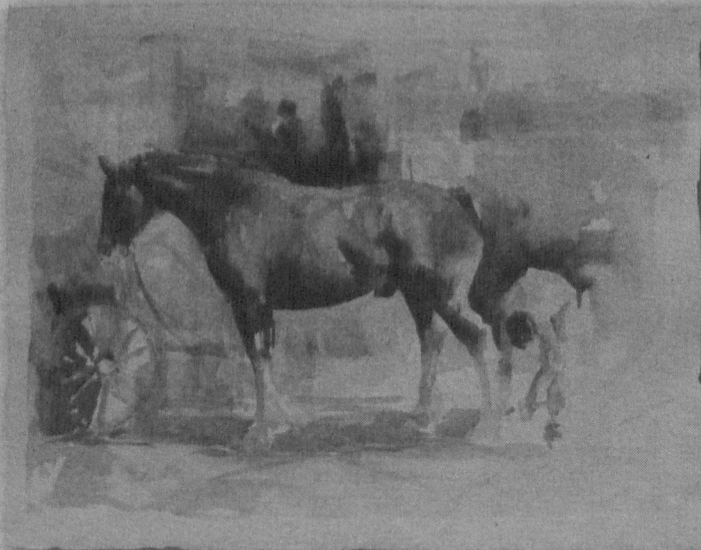
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For Children

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

Nov. 19 through Jan. 8, 2006 – Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree. Way Off Broadway Children's Theatre's adaptation of Robert Barry's classic Christmas story. Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre, Willow Tree Plaza, Rt. 40 West, Frederick. \$10.50. 301-662-6600. www.wayoffbroadway.com.

Concerts

Oct. 23 – U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Concert Band. 7 p.m. Catoctin High School Auditorium.

Oct. 23 – John Wickelgren. 3 p.m. Pianist and instructor at Frederick Community College presents a program of Domenico, Janacek, Chopin, Ravel, and Liszt. \$10-20. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 W. Patrick St. Frederick. 301-228-2828.

Nov. 5 – The Gibson Brothers. (bluegrass) Eichelberger Performing Arts Center, Hanover, Pa. Box office 717 637-7086 or www.goepac.com.

Nov. 13 – The Brooks Tegler Orchestra. 3 p.m. Travel back in time with this historic recreation of Benny Goodman's legendary Carnegie Hall Jazz Concert. \$20-30. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 W. Patrick St. Frederick. 301-228-2828.

Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

Through Oct. 30 – National Juried Bead and Fiber Exhibit. Jane Sauer, fiber artist and Joyce Scott, bead artist, present their works. Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, 40 S. Carroll St., Frederick. 301-698-0656.

Through Oct. 30 – Photographs by Edward Winter. Large-scale photographs from the series X on display in the new Pavilion

Gallery at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, 40 S. Carroll St. 301-698-0656.

Through Oct. 31 – Art exhibit. Paintings by Maryland artist Tom Block, including selections from Block's Human Rights Painting Project. Hood College Library. Information: e-mail jsamet@hood.edu.

Through Nov. 13 – Beyond the Horizon: In Memory of Elaine Gates. Artists Connie Costigan and Michael Krauz display their works in graphite, pastels and paintings in tribute to a former professor of Hood College. Hodson Gallery, Hood College. 301-696-3456.

Literacy

Oct. 22 – Book signing - Rev. Dr. David W. Shaum. 1-4 p.m. Taneytown History Museum. Author will sign his book, "A Dam Good Town," which contains remembrances of life in Taneytown while he was growing up during the 1920s and 1930s.

Oct. 25 – Christopher West. 7 p.m. Best-selling author/speaker will discuss Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. \$10, students/seminarians free. Marion Burk Knott Auditorium, Mount Saint Mary's University. 301-447-1901.

Movies

Oct. 28 – "Phantom of the Opera" (1925) and "Young Frankenstein" (1974) 8 p.m. Lon Chaney and the mighty Wurlitzer take the lead, followed by Mel Brooks' comic monster-piece. \$7-9. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 W. Patrick St., Frederick. 301-228-2828.

Nov. 4 – A Benefit for the Weinberg Center for the Arts: "Flickers" (1995) and "Time Out" (2005) 8 p.m. First, a silent romantic comedy, and second, a short off-beat comedy – both written, directed by, and starring Frederick native Robbie Chafitz. \$10. Weinberg Center for the Arts. 301-228-2828.

Dance

Oct. 21 – 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.

Nov. 5 and Nov. 19 – 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.

Stage

Oct. 28 – Crimes of the Heart. Presented by The Blue Ridge Theatre Guild. 8 p.m. \$10. Show only. Oct. 29, 6:30 p.m. \$30. Dinner theater performance. Oct. 31, 2 p.m. \$10. Show only. Carroll Valley Resort, Sanders Road in Carroll Valley. Reservations required for dinner theater only. 717-491-1096.

Nov. 4 and 5 – Love Letters. Presented by the Thurmont Thespians. American Legion, Thurmont. Dessert theatre beginning at 7:15 p.m. with the curtain at 8. Tickets: \$12; reservations: 301-271-7613.

Through Nov. 5 – OKLAHOMA! Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre. Willow Tree Plaza, Rt. 40 West, Frederick. \$22-36. 301-662-6600. www.wayoffbroadway.com.

Festivals/Events

Nov. 10-12 – International Gift Festival. Fairfield Mennonite Church. Handcrafted items by artisans from around the world. Information: www.fairfieldmennonitechurch.org or 717-642-8936.

Nov. 19 – 142nd Anniversary of Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address." 10 a.m. Memorial services in Gettysburg National Cemetery. Sponsored by the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania.

Nov. 19 – Remembrance Day. 1 p.m. Gettysburg. Parade of Civil War troops to the Albert Woolson Monument for a wreath-laying ceremony. Sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans.

Live Acts

Oct. 22 – James Carville and Mary Matalin in War of the Words. 8 p.m. Washington's best-loved couple share their unique insights into the hottest political issues. \$39-44. Weinberg Center for the Arts, Frederick. 301-228-2828.

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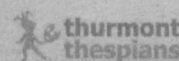
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QUILTERS

What's your quilt's story?



BY MARY ELLEN CUMMINGS

Dispatch Columnist

At every quilt show I've attended, one comment is repeated often. "Ooh, look at this; it's beautiful." In the Lancaster, Pa. area quilts are viewed first for their beauty. Who made them, why, and how are afterthoughts. Wouldn't it be interesting to have a show-within-a-show featuring ugly quilts alongside the beautiful and fascinating ones?

In a recent catalog from House of White Birches, the promo for a book on quilting stated, "A quilt is about so much more than fabric and thread - it's about warmth and comfort. It's about friendship and family history." Surely, an ugly quilt fits these criteria, perhaps more than a quilt that's too beautiful to use.

I am sure you've met a few of these uglies. You know the ones I mean - the BIG disappointments. These are the quilts that stray from the pattern, or the quilts

where the fabrics and colors wage private wars and where the quilting was not good.

One ugly quilt I remember was made by a neighbor of a quilter I knew. I'll call this young woman Sue (not her real name). Sue cut each piece for her quilt carefully one at a time. She stitched and ripped and stitched again until every point was perfect.

Then she asked her neighbor to quilt it for her. This quilter had done many quilts since her start at age 10. Her stitches were flawless, but something went wrong this time. The quilting was horrible and Sue was devastated.

The quilter is gone now, but Sue has her quilt to remind her of one of the best friends she ever had. She remembers when they cried together cutting onions for the Senior Center soup. She remembers when the cat was stuck in a tree and they tried to get her down. She also remembers the times the neighbor climbed "the miff-tree" and didn't speak for days; and the time her quilter friend comforted her during a family crisis.

Sue's quilt could enter a show as "ugly," but it's not ugly to Sue. It's beautiful and friendly and comforting and warm with the love of those who created it.

Community Calendar

LOOKING AHEAD

October

Oct. 22 - Appraisal Day. 9 a.m. to noon. New Market District Volunteer Fire and Rescue hall. Sponsored by New Market Antique Dealers Assoc. Donation to the fire company requested: \$5 for up to three items.

Oct. 22 - Basket Bingo. Doors open at 4 p.m. Bingo begins at 6. Lewistown Fire Hall. Benefits Lewistown Elementary School PTA. Food and a bake table. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Call: 301-271-1838 or 301-898-9117.

Oct. 23 - Crop Walk. 1 p.m. Emmitsburg Community Park behind the Antique Mall. Sponsored by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches. 25% of collected money will go to the Emmitsburg Food Bank. Remaining money is distributed by Church World Services.

Oct. 23 - Fiesta 2005. 1-5 p.m. Harvest festival for area farm workers. Gettysburg College. Free food, music, games.

Oct. 23 - Fall Color Walk. 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Catoctin National Park Hog Rock parking area.

Oct. 23 - Mt. Tabor Sunday School celebration. 2 p.m. 50-year commemoration of laying of the cornerstone for the Sunday school building. Artifacts will be on display. Light refreshments.

Oct. 25 - Christopher West. 7 p.m. Mt. St. Mary's University, Knott Auditorium, Emmitsburg. Best-selling author will discuss Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Admission: \$10. Students/seminarians free. Information: 301-447-1901.

Oct. 25-30 - 47th annual Washington International Horse Show. MCI Center, Washington, D.C. Tickets: 202-397-SEAT or www.ticketmaster.com, www.wihs.org.

Oct. 27 - Mountaintop Seniors Potluck Dinner/Bingo. 11:30 a.m. St. Mark's Lutheran Church Social Hall, Sabillasville. Seniors 50 and older are invited. Information: 301-241-3287.

Oct. 27 - "Eucharistic Communion as a Christian Contribution to Society." 7:30 p.m. Mount St. Mary's Knott Auditorium. Academic symposium with featured speaker, Fr. Charles Morerod O.P., dean of the philosophy faculty at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas. Free and open to the public.

Oct. 29 - Friends and Family Day @ Stoney Lick Farm. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ThorpeWood. Kids' activities, hayride, music and food. An old-fashioned barn raising and celebration of ThorpeWood's Challenge to Youth through Apprenticeship project beginning around 3 p.m. Free. Information: 301-271-2823.

Oct. 29 - Free Bingo/Lite Supper. 4:30-6:30 p.m. St. Mark's Lutheran Church Social Hall, Sabillasville. Open to all ages. Free. Information: 301-241-3287.

Oct. 30 - Charter Sunday. 10:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 136 S. Stratton Street, Gettysburg. Celebrating the recently formed congregation.

November

Nov. 1 - Women's Health Services Open House. 5-7 p.m. WellSpan Health Center, 450 South Washington Street, Gettysburg, Pa. Tours, information. No registration required. Information: 717-339-2018.

Nov. 1 - "Turn Back the Clock: New Ways to Look Younger!" 6:30-9 p.m. Holiday Inn, Rt. 40 and Baughman's Lane. Learn about cosmetic surgery, cosmetic and restorative dentistry, hairstyles and makeup. Free, pre-registration preferred. 301-639-4215.

Nov. 2 - Family History Seminar Series. Five consecutive Wednesday mornings. Researching family history led by veteran researcher Trudie Davis-Long. Sponsored by the Historical Society of Frederick County. Fee: \$12 per seminar, \$10 each for Historical Society members. Advance registration: www.hsfcinfo.org, or call 301-663-1188.

Nov. 3 - Schoolyard Habitat Reception. 3:30 to 5 p.m. Catoctin High School lobby and auditorium. Celebrate Frederick County Schoolyard Habitat Pilot Initiative. RSVP by Oct. 31: 240-236-8157 or e-mail April.Wells@fcps.org.

Nov. 3 - Introduction to Gentle Yoga. 7:45 p.m. Marilyn Olson studio, 14351 Graceham Road, Thurmont. Free. Promoted by Women Networking 2B Healthy. RSVP: 301-447-3100 or e-mail jeanneangleberger@yahoo.com.

Nov. 4 - Strawberry Hill Auction Dinner. 6-11 p.m. Grand Ballroom, Gettysburg Hotel. Dinner

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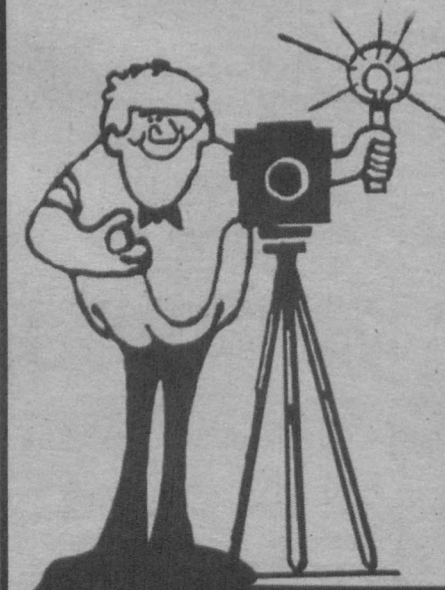
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Nov. 4 and 5 - "Love Letters." Presented by the Thurmont Thespians. American Legion, Thurmont. Dessert theatre begins at 7:15 p.m., curtain at 8. Tickets: \$12; reservations: 301-271-7613.

Nov. 5 - Treasured Heirloom Event. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Frederick Towne Mall, Frederick. Antiques and collectibles evaluation. Sponsored by the Historical Society of Frederick County and others. Information: 301-663-1188 or e-mail dodoxzn@hsfcinfo.org.

Nov. 5 - Turkey and Oyster Supper. Noon to 5 p.m. Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, off Route 140 between Taneytown and Emmitsburg. Adults, \$12, children 5-10, \$5. Carry-outs: \$13.

Nov. 5 - Mother Seton School holiday gala. Dinner, dancing and auctions. Ski Liberty. Tickets required. Information: 301-447-6129 or 301-662-7156.

Nov. 6 - Walk for Hunger and Human Needs. Sponsored by the Thurmont Ministerium.

Nov. 10 - Church Sandwich Sale. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 10621 Old Frederick Road, Utica. Ham and turkey sandwiches: \$2 each or 12 for \$20. Call order in by noon Nov. 7: 301 898-3276. Pickup at the church Nov. 10 after 7 p.m.

Nov. 10-12. - 45th International Gift Festival. Nov. 10 and 11: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Nov 12 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Seniors and those with physical challenges can shop Nov. 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fairfield Mennonite Church, Fairfield, Pa. Crafts made by artisans from developing nations. All proceeds go to Ten Thousand Villages, a fair-trade organization.

Nov. 11 - Taneytown Business Breakfast. 7:30 a.m. breakfast, program at 8:10. Thunder Lanes, Taneytown. Speaker: Dr. Gianna Sullivan, President, Mission of Mercy (free health care organization). Reservations: 410-751-1100 X 20 or e-mail nbmccormick@taneytown.org by Nov. 9. Cost: \$5.50 at the door.

Nov. 11 - Italian Buffet Night. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall, Thurmont. All you can eat. Adults: \$9, children 4-12: \$4, free for children 3 and under. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus. Information: 301-271-4439.

Nov. 12 - Flea Market and Craft Bazaar. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 10621 Old Frederick Road, Utica. Flea market, crafts, sandwiches, poinsettias. Order poinsettias by Nov. 6: 301-271-2732. Proceeds benefit St. Paul's Lutheran Women's League. Information: 301 898-9945.

Nov. 13 - Fall Festival of Music. 7 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church of Creagerstown, 8619 Black's Mill Rd. Features the Bluegrass Chapel Band. Information: 301-898-5290 or 717-253-0681.

Nov. 16 - Community Foundation Annual Report to the Community.

6:30 to 9 p.m. Frederick Holiday Inn Holidome and Conference Center. Program begins at 7:15. "Connecting the Dots," transforming today's dreams into tomorrow's realities. RSVP: 301-695-7660 or e-mail a.ebert@ciffredco.org by Nov. 2.

Nov. 17 - Silver Fancy Garden Club meeting. 12:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, Taneytown. "Herbs for Use and Delight" presented by Barbara Steele from Alloway Creek Gardens Herb Farm. Light refreshments. Public welcome. Information: 410-756-1113.

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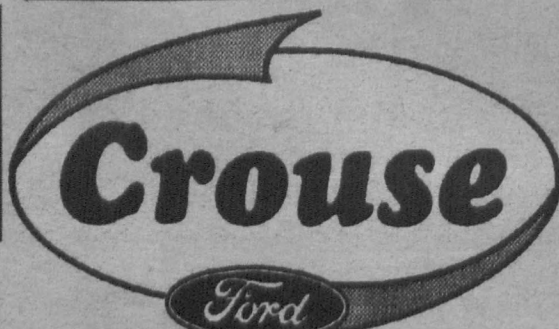


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