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Over 100 children attend the Grotto Halloween alternative

Fr. Jack Lombardi, chaplain of the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, offers children an alternative to Halloween ghouls, ghosts, and goblins. All Hallows Eve, a vigil celebration of the All Saints Day feast, is held during the same hours as trick-or-treating. Children, dressed as saints or Bible figures, walk through the Grotto in a rosary procession, participate in the litany of the saints prayer, and collect treats from candy stations located throughout the Grotto. Dinner at Mountain Gate restaurant follows. This is the fourth year for the event, which is open to the public, and organized by Larry and Denise McKenna of Emmitsburg.

Elder / O'Neil demand ethics settlements

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

EMMITSBURG, Md. — In the post-ethics investigation atmosphere in Emmitsburg, half of the board of commissioners is now threatening to sue the town they were elected to represent, both with drop-dead dates for settlement.

Following on the heels of a Sept. 20 letter from Frederick Attorney Norman C. Usiak claiming to represent Commissioner William B. O'Neil, Jr. and his Thurmont attorney, Rosemary A. McDermott, and seeking a response from the town regarding payment of O'Neil's legal fees, the town has received two more letters threatening legal action.

In April, the town ethics commission determined that O'Neil, along with Commissioner Arthur Elder, had violated the town's ethics code. State's Attorney Scott L. Rolle subsequently determined that the violations did not rise to the level of criminality.

O'Neil says town 'sanctioned the assaults'

A letter dated Oct. 14 was sent to the mayor and commissioners by O'Neil listing what he felt were a number of violations committed by the ethics commission during its investigation of himself and Elder, and giving the town 25 days to respond with an "offer of settlement."

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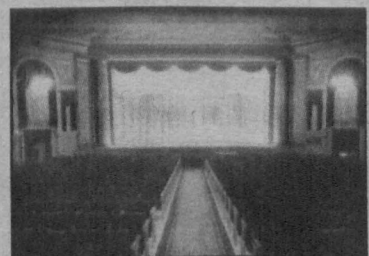
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Emmitsburg ambulance receives USFA grant

Concerns raised regarding "first due" status

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) has awarded the all-volunteer

Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, Inc. \$118,750 to purchase a new ambulance, according to the USFA Web site.

The money was made available to the Emmitsburg

Ambulance Company (EAC) through the USFA 2005 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

Clarence E. "Chip" Jewell, director of Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services, told *The Dispatch* that he had heard concerns expressed during an Oct.

18 county commissioners meeting that the ambulance company could only accept the grant award if they were "first due responders."

Jewell had asked that various issues be placed on the

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490-unit housing development still moving forward

FAIRFIELD, Pa. — A 490-unit housing development spanning Fairfield Borough and Hamilton Township is moving forward, if a bit behind the scenes, according to the project manager.

Empire Homes Project Manager James Hanna told *The Dispatch* Oct. 28, "Everything seems to be going in the direction we want it to go. We're out there (on site) drilling wells now. We're still on target."

Empire Homes is proposing to build a 490-home development, called "McGinley's Choice," with

143 of the homes to be located within Fairfield. The balance would be in Hamiltonban.

The developer was granted conditional special exception approval by the borough zoning hearing board on Sept. 7, paving the way for the project to proceed to preliminary plan review before the town planning board. But Fairfield seems to have been at a loss to explain why the development company had not yet asked for that review.

Hanna told *The Dispatch* that,

while the plans and preliminary work are "rolling hot and heavy," they would not be in a position to seek preliminary plan review until "November or even possibly December." He added, "Certain things take time."

Fairfield Borough and Hamilton Township officials are considering holding joint reviews of the preliminary plans. The portion of the development in Hamiltonban already complies with zoning regulations.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Commissioner Cady explains his votes

When I was elected in 2002, I made a commitment to serve Frederick County residents to the best of my ability, particularly focusing on outlying regions. ...

I have learned firsthand how unfair and misleading commentary can be from both the general public and elected officials when you do not share their views.

Such behavior is most unfair to county citizens, who depend on information disseminated to them to be accurate and unbiased.

In response to Ms. Gardner's Oct. 20 letter in *The Dispatch* newspapers, as Paul Harvey would say, "here's the rest of the story."

I did, in fact, vote against adopting the County's recently passed six-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget while Commissioners Gardner, Lovell and Reeder voted in favor. Here is the reason.

When the CIP was amended to move the Brunswick High School addition from FY 2007 to FY 2009, I decided not to support it. Brunswick

has an APFO and plays by all the rules. Its high school addition was pushed back previously and I could not support it happening again.

Here is the Board's action that I am confident was not in Brunswick's best interest from the April 21, 2005 Board of County Commissioner approved Administrative Business Minutes:

"Commissioner Gardner moved to put \$7.5 million in FY 2009 for the Brunswick High School addition and subtract \$7.5 million from FY 2010 from the Brunswick High School addition project; to add \$7,176,000 to the Linganore High School project in FY 2010 and subtracting the like from the Linganore High School project in FY 2011, and moving design funds for Brunswick High School from FY 2008 to FY 2009 (\$1,127,000).

Commissioner Reeder seconded the motion. Commissioner Gardner amended the motion to change \$7,176,000 to \$4.5 million. The amendment was allowed by unanimous consent.

Vote on the motion was 4-1 with Commissioner Cady opposed."

On Aug. 12, 2005, I tried to amend the CIP to move the Emmitsburg Elementary School addition up from FY 2009 to FY 2008 since the previous motion provided sufficient funds to do so. The same four Commissioners defeated that motion.

"Commissioner Cady moved that the design funding for the Emmitsburg Elementary School (\$563,000) be moved from FY 2009 to FY 2008 and construction funding (\$6,238,000) be moved from FY 2010 to FY 2009. Commissioner Lovell seconded the motion that failed 2-3, with Commissioners Thompson, Gardner and Reeder opposed."

If I am unsuccessful in moving Brunswick High School and Emmitsburg Elementary School up in the upcoming FY 2007 budget deliberations, I will once again vote against adopting the CIP.

- Michael Cady

Frederick County Commissioner

MDCC impact crosses state lines

Adams County, Pa. is about to change drastically with the influx of major housing developments. Just north of Emmitsburg, Freedom Township may soon approve the Mason Dixon Country Club (MDCC), with 1600+ homes, two golf courses, a hotel with retail stores, a public utility facility and water treatment plant, including a 120-foot water tower, all in the Emmitsburg-Bullfrog Road vicinity. This sprawling planned community continues into Frederick County, Md.

A special exception is requested so the hotel, permitted by Freedom Township to have only 20 rooms, can have 150 rooms. Developers also requested a special exception to increase the hotel height beyond the township's ordinance. This hotel will sit between Steinwehr Ave. Exit and Business Rt. 15-Emmitsburg Road.

MDCC feels the public utility

facility with a water tower, reservoir and an underground storage system will be adequate for their country club.

My family has owned property on Emmitsburg Road for decades. My parents always preached water conservation. ... Clearly 1600 new homes and two golf courses will be a severe draw. What avenues will be left to residents whose wells are impacted? What will happen to neighboring communities ... A state line does not mean that Maryland is immune from experiencing problems ...

The strain on natural resources will be great, particularly water. ... consider the drain it will also be on communities ... in neighboring Frederick County.

Traffic will increase dramatically along with noise, air pollution, and safety concerns ... There will be a strain on emergency systems, fire departments, our hospitals, etc. Does

anyone doubt that our already high taxes will not increase ... And at what benefit to us?

The luxurious homes planned ... will undoubtedly come with high price tags. ... Wages in Adams County, Emmitsburg and even Thurmont cannot support purchasing such grand homes. These new neighbors will probably work in ... Washington, D.C. or Baltimore, probably supporting those areas with their paychecks while coming home to sleep where we live and work daily.

- Donna C. Landsperger

Fairfield, Pa.

Editor's Note: The 120-foot water tower referenced in the above letter has been dropped from the MDCC development plans (see "Developer scraps plan for 120-foot water storage tower" in the Oct. 20, 2005 issue of The Dispatch).

Thanks from Farmers' Market manager

I want to thank those residents of the Emmitsburg area who attended the Emmitsburg Farmers' Market this year for making our 2nd season a success. Community participation is essential to keep a Farmers' Market in Emmitsburg. Many residents, myself included, feel that the market provides a great service and sense of community to the town.

The market survived a drought, followed by two hurricanes, which led to a rainy closing market day on Friday, Oct. 21. But still, several loyal vendors and shoppers weathered the rain to participate.

If you made it to the market, you know there were lots of great products, including milk, yogurt, eggs, cheese, fresh baked breads,

baked goods, beautiful annual and perennial plants, homemade soaps, fresh-cut flowers, meats, honey and lots of fresh fruits and vegetables.

These products were provided by 11 vendors - South Mountain Creamery, Stone Hearth Bakery, Nancy Grimes' Eggs, Windy Hollow Growers, Creekside Critters' Farm, Windborne Farm, Old Emu Orchard, Frugal Bee, Cat's Paw Farm, Mason Dixon Growers, and Woerner's Orchard.

This year the market joined the Maryland's Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, permitting many vendors to accept WIC coupons for the first time.

I have already received feedback from several vendors that they plan

to return next season. In order to make next year's market bigger and better, over the winter months the Farmers' Market committee will be actively recruiting new vendors.

Please thank Glenn and Maggie Blanchard, Don and Libby Briggs and Amy Nail for their hard work keeping the market up and running. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please contact Amy Nail at the town office, 240-629-6300.

I hope everyone enjoyed the market this summer and is looking forward to the first Friday in June when the Farmers' Market will return for a 3rd season.

- Jen Staiger

Emmitsburg

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

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

Nov. 3, 1905

Two Buildings Burned

Fire of an unknown origin destroyed the dwelling house and an outbuilding situated on Poplar Ridge, in Liberty township, Pa., one and a half miles from this place, on last Saturday night. The property destroyed belonged to the Glacken heirs. The dwelling was a two-story log building, while the out kitchen or shop which was also burned, was two-stories high. It is said that Michael Glacken contemplated moving into the dwelling house within a few days, and he had some apples and other articles stored in building at the time of the fire.

BUENA VISTA CHAUTAUQUA

The Buena Vista Chautauqua, of which there has been considerable talk, will be established along the Western Maryland railroad, opposite Lake Royer and near Pen-Mar, the favorite Blue Ridge Mountain resort. At the recent session of the Pennsylvania Conference of the United Brethren Church, at Washington, it was decided to encourage the project and a committee of ministers and laymen was appointed to father it.

As the land necessary for the Chautauqua has been purchased, the work of placing the property in an improved condition for the formal opening next summer will be begun in the near future. The trustees propose to have their plans completed at an early date.

Fairfield Items

Farmers are busy storing their corn which is a large crop. No regular price. Some selling at 50 cents per bushel, while others are selling at 45 cents per bushel. There is not much selling out of the field.

Mr. John Grove has brought his steers to feed, about 30 head. He has good cattle.

Candidates are coming around. When you see a man who wears a smile you can bet

he is a candidate. The time is coming, Nov. 7, when it will be decided.

Mrs. J.C. Shertzer is having her house, on Main Street painted, which will be an improvement.

Mr. R.F. Sanders will take possession of Mr. Joseph Creager's Black Smith Shop. Mr. Dick Polley, who is running it now, intends to butcher in the spring.

Mrs. F. Shulley, of Fairfield, who was spending a month with friends at Reading and Womelsdorf, has returned to her home, saying that she had a delightful time among her many friends.

Mr. Carl Reindollar, who is running a livery in Fairfield, is doing a good business. Mr. Carl is a nice man.

Mr. John F. Low, our Street Lamp Lighter, has had the lamp posts all cut off, now the lamp is nearer the ground and gives a better light.

PERSONALS

The last will and testament of Mrs. Mary Wagner, of Emmitsburg, was filed this week. Her son and daughter Geo. I. and Regina A. are willed her dwelling house and premises as joint tenants. A mountain lot of 16 acres she wills to her children Geo I. Regina A, and Robert A. Wagner, as tenants in common. Her children, Geo. I, and Regina A., are named as Executor and Executrix of the Estate.

Mrs. Sallie Rowe, Mrs. Edward H. Rowe and son Frank, Mrs. Fannie B. White and children, Sarah Anna, John, Herbert, Eston and Francis and Mr. John T. Mentzer spent Sunday last with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Pryor at Sabillasville. The day was very much enjoyed by all.

Mr. Charles Butler, who was visiting at Dr. R.L. Annan's, has returned to his home in Washington, D.C.

D.W. Baker, Esq., United States District Attorney, and formerly a resident of this vicinity, spent last Sunday in this place.

Ethics

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Among the grievances, O'Neil blasted the mayor and board of commissioners because they had "accepted the report and its findings, many of which were based on the testimony of Emmitsburg Town Planner Michael Lucas, a town employee whose credibility has been called into question by the town itself."

When asked to respond to O'Neil's allegation regarding Lucas, Town Manager David Haller told *The Dispatch*, "To the best of my knowledge the town did not make the comment or statement (cited) ... I would think you would be better served by addressing that question to individual elected officials. ..."

"By allowing these and other actions to occur you, in effect, sanctioned the assaults against my character ... as a consequence of your tortious conduct, I seek compensation from the Town of Emmitsburg for the damages that my family and I suffered. ..." O'Neil wrote.

O'Neil concluded, "If you do not wish to enter into a settlement agreement, please have your malpractice insurance carrier contact me immediately. If I do not receive just compensation for my damages, I shall file suit against the Town of Emmitsburg. ..."

When contacted by *The Dispatch*, O'Neil said, "I will not be commenting on any legal questions in this matter, nor shall I release any information. In the future, for these and previously stated reasons, I will simply say, 'no comment.'"

Commissioner Elder files 'letter of intent'

An Oct. 11 letter sent to the mayor and commissioners by Commissioner Elder states that he wants the town to "admit that the Emmitsburg Ethics Committee (commission) acted outside the scope of its responsibilities."

Elder also wrote that he wants the town to: admit the ethics report was "tainted by bias;" apologize to him for "the abuse to which I was subjected;" and, "compensate me for damages." The letter further states, "I shall be seeking compensation for the injuries suffered as a result of the ethics report ... following an illegal investigation. ..."

"The laws of Maryland were violated from the very beginning ... you permitted my political rival to conduct the investigation ...," Elder wrote. Citing a series of what he felt were irregularities in the investigation, he said, "With such violations, the ethics committee (commission) could have arrived at any result they so chose."

"The state's attorney verified the wrongness of the process ... I feel confident that an outside judicial agency will echo the conclusion of the state's attorney ..."

the action (ethics investigation) was wrong," he wrote.

Board of commissioners President Christopher V. Staiger told *The Dispatch*, "At this point, from my perspective, I don't feel any action (in response to the Usiak, Elder and O'Neil letters) is necessary. As far as I'm concerned, it's disposed of. I have taken the action I have deemed appropriate. My only action now would be a reaction to them taking it to the next level (court action)."

Mayor James E. Hoover told *The Dispatch* he would ask at the next town meeting that the commissioners add the issue of O'Neil and Elder's letters to the agenda for an upcoming town meeting.

Editor's Note: Commissioner O'Neil told The Dispatch on Oct. 20 that Attorney Usiak "was never my attorney." See related stories, "State's attorney never officially questioned town ethics investigation" in this issue, and "Town/mayor threatened with litigation" in the Oct. 6, 2005 issue of The Emmitsburg Dispatch.

State's attorney never officially questioned town ethics investigation

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
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FREDERICK CITY, Md. —

Despite individuals impacted by the outcome of the town ethics investigation claiming that the state's attorney discredited the commission's findings, the state's attorney says he made no such inference.

In April, the Emmitsburg Ethics Commission determined that Commissioner William B. O'Neil, Jr, along with Commissioner Arthur Elder, had violated the town's ethics code.

Frederick Attorney Norman C. Usiak wrote in a Sept. 20 letter to the town commissioners, in which he claimed to represent Commissioner O'Neil, and O'Neil's Thurmont attorney, Rosemary A. McDermott,

"The Frederick County State's Attorney's Office completely discredited the commission's findings."

Commissioner Elder also stated in an Oct. 11 letter sent to the mayor and commissioners seeking reparations, "The state's attorney verified the wrongness of the process."

State's Attorney Scott L. Rolle suggested to *The Dispatch* Oct. 24 that these claims couldn't be further from the truth. "They are way overstating the obvious," he said.

"All I was asked to do, and all I can do (officially), is determine if any criminality took place, and I determined that it had not," Rolle stated. He added that he had not been asked to render a decision on the conduct of the investigation itself.

Rolle said his decision that the ethics code violations involved did not rise to the level of criminal acts, "doesn't mean there was or wasn't any ethical violation. It meant there was no criminal act engaged in."

He said he expressed his own opinion, "for whatever worth that might have," that "it seemed unusual to me that a member of the commission was someone who had lost (in a previous election) to someone under investigation."

However, had he been formally asked to rule on the conduct of the ethics investigation, Rolle said, "I would have officially declined to comment on the conduct of the investigation."

See related story, "Two town commissioners make demands: Emmitsburg given deadlines by its own officials," in this issue.

Emmitsburg ethics investigation time line

2004

June 10: The oldest record found by *The Dispatch* relating to the impending investigation—a legal bill filed by Attorney John R. Clapp for \$30.

Sept. 10: Bill filed by Attorney John R. Clapp for \$30, relating to the ethics commission.

Oct. 6: David Runkle files complaint with Emmitsburg Ethics Commission.

Nov. 22: David Runkle interviewed by the ethics commission.

Nov. 24: Kirby E. Delauter files complaint with ethics commission.

Dec. 6: Commissioner William B. O'Neil, Jr. asks that the inquiry be public and compares investigation to a "witch hunt." Commissioner Arthur Elder states he will not talk to anyone without a lawyer present.

Dec. 20: Runkle says a reporter approached him at the town meeting for a response to comments made by Lisa Elder. This contact resulted in a leak about the ongoing ethics inquiry. Ethics commission Chairman Theodore Brennan confirms to the press that O'Neil and Elder are the subjects of an ethics investigation.

Dec. 23: O'Neil and Elder are sent letters from the ethics commission notifying them that the ethics commission is "looking into complaints filed against you." Story on the investigation appears in a newspaper naming O'Neil and Elder as the subjects.

2005

January: Attorney Harry T. deMoll replaces town Attorney John R. Clapp as ethics commission attorney. Brennan acknowledges town needs a definitive, written protocol for conducting investigations.

February: O'Neil's attorney, Rosemary A. McDermott, states she will seek to put investigation on hold until commission complies with state mandates.

March 21: Board of commissioners direct ethics commission to provide inquiry procedures and timelines.

April: Ethics investigation expenses exceed \$8,700, combined legal fees and town staff time.

April 4: O'Neil moves to remove Brennan as chair of ethics commission. Elder seconds the motion. The motion fails in a tie vote. O'Neil threatens court action.

April 18: Ethics commission releases report stating O'Neil and Elder violated town ethics code.

April 21: A special town meeting is held at the request of Commissioner Dianne L. Walbrecker to consider the ethics findings. The ethics commission is directed to produce cease and desist orders, as per its own recommendations.

May 4: Brennan confirms that the ethics commission findings have been sent to State's Attorney Scott Rolle, and that copies of the cease and desist orders have been sent to O'Neil and Elder.

May 16: The board of commissioners votes to take no further action against O'Neil and Elder beyond the cease and desist orders issued by the ethics commission.

June 6: Elder requests town pay a \$2,000 "retainer" due to his attorney. His request is denied. O'Neil's attorney, McDermott, sends a letter to the commissioners outlining costs for her services, along with an invoice dated May 31 for \$5,827.50 addressed to Bill O'Neil. She notes that she grants a 25 percent discount for governmental bodies, making the amount due \$4,370.65.

June 7: State's Attorney Rolle says there would be no criminal proceedings against O'Neil and Elder.

July 18: On a motion by O'Neil, seconded by Elder, the board votes 3-1 to pay legal expenses for O'Neil in the amount of \$4,360 and for Elder in the amount of \$2,600.

July 25: Mayor James E. Hoover vetoes the commissioners' approval of paying legal expenses for O'Neil and Elder.

August: Ethics investigation-related expenses exceed \$20,000 according to Elder, not including O'Neil and Elder's legal expenses, or any recent work by attorneys Clapp and deMoll.

Aug. 2: Attorney Clapp issues an opinion that elected officials found to have engaged in wrongdoing are not entitled to repayment of legal expenses, and that elected officials' voting to reimburse themselves for legal fees constitutes a conflict of interest.

Aug. 5: Attorney deMoll issues an opinion that elected officials' voting to reimburse themselves for legal fees constitutes a conflict of interest.

Aug. 8: The board of commissioners fails to overturn the mayor's July 25 veto at a special meeting requested by commissioners O'Neil and Elder. O'Neil says he will take the issue to circuit court, and admits never having paid any legal expenses because of an agreement with his attorney.

Aug. 12: Mayor Hoover tells *The Dispatch* that there might be a need to hire an outside entity to conduct an inquiry into the legal fee reimbursement issues.

Sept. 20: Frederick Attorney Norman C. Usiak sends letter putting Emmitsburg on notice of intent to bring action against the town on behalf of O'Neil and McDermott. (O'Neil tells *Dispatch* on Oct. 20 "Mr. Usiak was never my attorney.")

Oct. 11: Elder writes letter putting Emmitsburg on notice: intends to bring action against the town if he does not receive apologies and an offer of settlement for "damages."

Oct. 14: O'Neil writes letter putting Emmitsburg on notice: intends to bring action against the town if he does not receive an offer of settlement for "damages."

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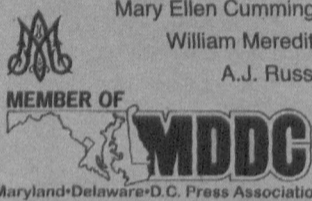
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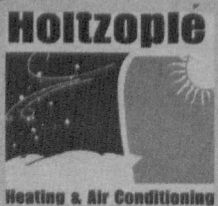
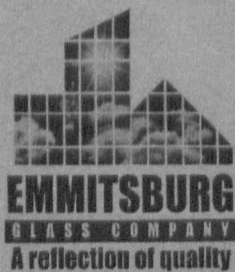
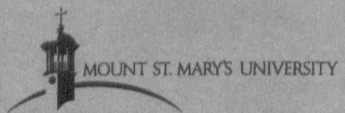
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HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS

New Orleans artist offered local sanctuary

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
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FREDERICK COUNTY, Md. — Renowned New Orleans folk artist Welmon Sharlhorne faced the wrath of Hurricane Katrina with an uncertain future as the storm swept through the New Orleans area on the night of Aug. 29.

In fact, Sharlhorne's friends and business associates wondered if he had even survived the storm and the severe flooding in its wake. It wasn't long before Linda Junker, Mountain View Road, outside of Emmitsburg, fired off a letter to Sharlhorne's sister in Houma, Louisiana, to ascertain his whereabouts.

Junker and her husband William had met Sharlhorne while in New Orleans on vacation and had become patrons of his artwork. They had met Sharlhorne in a pub attached to the hotel where they were staying during 2002.

Dark beginnings ... from incarceration to acclaim

Sharlhorne, 53, was born in New Orleans and raised in Houma, Louisiana.

It seems that sometimes the tree of enlightenment grows best when its roots are entrenched in darkened depths. This was certainly true in the case of Sharlhorne, for his renown as globally acclaimed American folk artist began in the shadows of prison walls in Louisiana.

Graduating only from the third grade, he has spent half his adult life behind bars. He has no regrets that the law ultimately caught up with him. He does regret he gave it a reason.

"I went to prison for doing wrong, and I came out of it with a different voice," he told *The*

Dispatch, adding, "The Lord works in mysterious ways." Before Sharlhorne got out of prison for the last time in 1997, his reputation as a unique folk artist was already established.

While he had been drawing "as far back as I can remember," he developed an affinity for a unique medium in prison, due largely to materials that might be readily available to an inmate - manila folders, envelopes and ink pens.

To these simple beginnings he has added an array of objects to use as templates for graphic forms, including jar lids, tongue depressors, rulers, and anything that can be used to achieve a distinct shape.

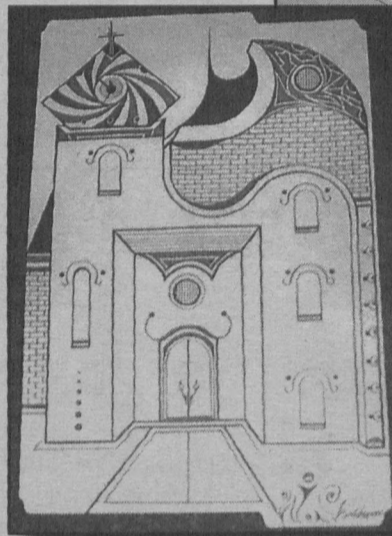
To this day, ink sketches on folders and envelopes remain the mainstay of his style (although he is presently trying out poster board) - a style that has resulted in his work being displayed throughout the United States and Europe.

The on-line gallery StreetsArt.com comments, "Sharlhorne is considered one of the most important Louisiana primitive or outsider artists. His work is part of the permanent collections of the National Museum of Art in Washington, D.C., the Mississippi Museum of Art, the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, and the Museum of Southeast Texas. A number of his prison artwork is in the prestigious Collection de l'art



—RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

"Maryland Church" by New Orleans folk artist Welmon Sharlhorne, was inspired by the Emmitsburg area's religious icons he observed while a guest of William and Linda Junker. The sketch was done on a manila folder, one of the trademarks of his acclaimed style.



Brut in Lausanne, Switzerland."

A 'Picasso-like' style all his own

Sharlhorne derived a good portion of his income in New Orleans in recent years by doing his sketches in various local coffee houses. Sharlhorne only sells original works of his art. He does not dabble in selling prints. Asked how many galleries have displayed his work, he said, "A lot of them."

As early as the 1990s, individual pieces of his art could bring from \$300 to \$1,500 from collectors, according to "Contemporary American Folk Art: A Collector's Guide." The guide described Sharlhorne's sketches as demonstrating a "Picasso-like skill," and further states that he is "known for his

visionary line drawings." Sharlhorne said he developed his style in prison. He reached a point where he was happy with the style he was producing then, 30-some years ago. His style of art was "where I wanted to be."

Another interesting aspect of Sharlhorne's work is that every signature he adds to a piece is different and actually becomes part of the finished work.

"Everything is out of my head. I don't say to people, 'look at what I have done.' I say, look what God enabled me to do," he told *The Dispatch*.

"I just want to pick up the pieces and keep rolling," he said, noting that he had lost much of his art and clothing to Katrina. "If people are interested in buying, I'm ready to sell," he said.

Editor's Note: Linda Junker works as the director of institutional research at Mount St. Mary's University.

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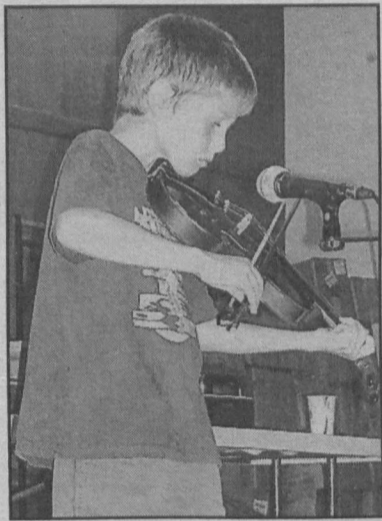
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HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS



Mother Seton School community supports Katrina relief efforts



Patrick Miller, a fourth grade student Mother Seton School plays his fiddle at the school's hoedown Oct. 6, held to raise money for Catholic schools in Shreveport, Louisiana.

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

Mother Seton School (MSS) fourth-grader Patrick Miller loves to play his fiddle. He joined in with the Home Comfort Bluegrass Band, led by Anna and Michael Cox, at the MSS family hoedown on Oct. 6. The hoedown was held to help raise funds for Catholic schools in Shreveport, La.

Sister Carol Shiveley, superintendent of the Shreveport schools, had requested assistance in reaching out to 600 evacuees from New Orleans. The MSS hoedown raised \$576. Students at the school had already given their extra cafeteria money to hurricane relief. \$400 (representing \$1 per

student) from those donations was sent to benefit the National Catholic Education Association "Child to Child Campaign."

The remainder of the student gifts, plus an anonymous donation of \$1,000, and \$199 donated by the MSS Student Council, were added to the hoedown proceeds. A grand total of \$2,000 was sent to aid the Shreveport Catholic school children.

In September, members of the Seton Service Club joined residents, staff and families from St. Catherine's Nursing Center in a 1-mile Red Cross Relief Walk. These efforts yielded over \$1,500 for the Red Cross and its humanitarian activities in the Gulf Coast region.

Katrina Relief Committee efforts in Thurmont move forward

BY MASHA PERSANOVA
Contributing Writer

Volunteers of Thurmont Katrina Relief Committee worked hard during Colorfest, Oct. 8 and 9.

They raised \$286 on a rainy Saturday and \$540.55 on Sunday, Oct. 9. Committee members helping during Colorfest were Mayor Martin Burns, Commissioners Bill Blakeslee, Glenn Muth, Ron Terpko, Chairman of the Committee Karen Kinnaird, John Kinnaird, Donna Voellinger, and Pat

Weddle, along with the Catoctin High School soccer team.

Besides monetary donations, citizens of Thurmont and Colorfest visitors brought many useful items that will be sent to Thurmont's adopted town, Waveland, Miss. Among those are household items, bottled water, non-perishable food, coolers, toys, clothes, baby strollers, high chairs, bikes, a crib and other furniture.

Items that can't go to the Waveland area will be sold at a yard sale on Saturday, Nov. 5. The yard sale will be held in

front of the old Jubilee store, starting at 8 a.m. All monetary proceeds will go to the Katrina Relief effort to buy items that are needed in Mississippi right now.

Karen Kinnaird, who is chairing the committee, would like to thank the town of Thurmont and following businesses for their donations and help: Jubilee, Wal-Mart, Songs Cleaners and R.S. Kinnaird Memorials. Kinnaird told *The Dispatch* that the Committee is currently discussing a possible trip to Waveland.

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Frederick County Schools collect \$105,000+ for hurricane relief

All across Frederick County, schools collected more than \$105,000 in hurricane relief aid in just one month.

Figures released by Frederick County Public Schools on Oct. 10, show that schools collected over \$105,000, with the majority of support going to the American Red Cross 2005 Hurricane Victims Fund.

North Frederick County schools were among the contributors through the statewide Maryland Kids Care effort: Emmitsburg Elementary, \$478; Hillcrest Lewistown, \$330, Thurmont Middle School, \$2,465; and Catoctin High School, \$10,680.

In a different effort, Sabillasville Elementary raised \$475. Catoctin High School collected backpacks for students, "Backpacks for Everyone."

Thurmont Elementary collected school supplies for students in Texas and Mississippi; and Thurmont Primary collected school supplies for two elementary schools in Mississippi.

Editor's Note: Send your school's Katrina relief efforts to editor@emmitsburgdispatch.com to be included in future updates.



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TOWN NEWS

Town News Briefs ...

Abandoned vehicles could be towed

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The town board of commissioners will be considering an ordinance that would permit vehicles that are illegally parked or abandoned in public rights-of-way to be towed.

Town Planner Michael Lucas told the board of commissioners at their Oct. 17 meeting that while the town is able to issue citations for abandoned vehicles and others in rights-of-way, the town's "authority to tow is very limited."

Lucas said there had been complaints regarding problematic vehicles in residential developments, and that having the ability to tow could also benefit the town during snow emergencies.

Town Attorney John R. Clapp will be reviewing the proposal at the request of the board for future consideration.

DePaul paving contract awarded to Wolfe

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The town board of commissioners approved the bid award for DePaul Street resurfacing to L.W. Wolfe Enterprises, Inc., Myersville, at their Oct. 17 meeting.

Wolfe submitted the low bid for the project, \$31,595, beating out the only other bidder, W.F. Delauter & Son, Thurmont, who bid \$73,364 for the job.

Town Manager David Haller told *The Dispatch*, "We have not yet held our pre-construction meeting, but I anticipate completion of this project, the overlay of DePaul Street from Federal Avenue to North Seton Avenue, prior to Nov. 30."

Board of commissioners could have own staff

President calls the proposal a 'waste of money'

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The town board of commissioners remained somewhat divided at their Oct. 17 meeting over whether or not the board needs its own administrative aid to assist in gathering information for board members.

The commissioners voted however, 4-1, to incorporate the concept into a packet of proposed changes to the town code, to be considered in the future, along with other changes such as going from a four-member board of commissioners to five members.

The board initially received the proposed town code modification in September which would permit the board to hire an assistant to perform tasks that the commissioners might not have

time to perform or with which they might need assistance.

No one seemed more enthusiastic about the potential hire than Commissioner Arthur Elder, who said at the Oct. 17 meeting, "I'm the oldest person up here (on the board) ... a lot of times I need help on different things ... (sometimes I need) someone to explain different things to me." Elder moved to proceed with adding this proposal to the collective code changes to be considered.

Less enthusiastic was board President Christopher V. Staiger, the single vote against proceeding with the proposal. "I think it's a complete waste of money," he told the board. Referring to asking questions of town staff, he added, "I don't see why we have to hire somebody to ask a question and be told 'no' when we could ask the question and be told 'no'."

Staiger suggested there was an "ever solidifying line" between the board and town staff "with the board having no ability to interact (with town staff)."

Commissioner William B. O'Neil, Jr. stated, "I believe a commissioner should be able to talk to staff. Right now our hands are tied. Now I'm told I can only speak to Mr. Haller (town manager). I was chastised for speaking to Mr. Lucas (town planner)."

O'Neil and Elder were served cease and desist orders by the town ethics commission, essentially for inappropriate communications with town staff.

Town Manager David Haller stressed that commissioners were free to ask the town staff questions, but that they were expected to do so through the office of the town manager.

Board balks at purging police chief title from code

EMMITSBURG, Md. – Even though Emmitsburg has not had its own police department since the early 1980s, it will continue to have a police chief – at least on paper – based on the town board of commissioners decision at their Oct. 17 meeting.

The town code calls for

the appointment of a chief of police, as well as other police officers, but the town has relied on deputies from the Frederick County Sheriff's Office for years.

However, the board chose to take no action and to let the code stand, but recognized that at some

point the entire code needs to be overhauled to address obsolete wording and requirements.

The proposal to delete references to police chief and other police department officers was prepared by town Attorney John R. Clapp, at the request of the mayor.

Ambulance

-Continued from page 1

commissioners' agenda for discussion or action at the Oct. 18 meeting, including the issue of reassigning the county career ambulance crew to EAC. He made the requests as a matter of course, to provide the commissioners with updates on issues of concern.

"We're trying to get some clarification on where that came from (the first due responder contingency). There is apparently some discrepancy as to whether or not Emmitsburg ambulance is first due or not," Jewell stated.

He said he was "not sure what USFA is asking for or what they want to be provided with. We're trying to determine what constitutes responding to a first due area."

Frederick County commissioners placed paid EMS

staff in Emmitsburg Sept. 2 after the ambulance company fail rate had soared to 22.81 percent in July 2004. A county ambulance and the paid staff were assigned to Vigilant Hose Company because of concerns about the ambulance company's management problems and lack of adequate housing facilities.

The ambulance company was further reduced to second response status as the designated first due back up to the county crew. Merely moving the location of the county crew would not change that status.

County Commissioner Jan H. Gardner told *The Dispatch*, "Apparently they (someone in the ambulance loop) got some correspondence that stated they needed to be verify their first due status." Gardner said she thinks the ambulance company will clarify the issue by citing the fact that the county crew was placed in Emmitsburg as a temporary measure.

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BUSINESS

Osteopathic center aims for winter opening

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

EMMITSBURG, Md. —

The proposed relocation of the Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center (EOPCC) from Thurmont to Emmitsburg could occur in less than six weeks, according to the center's board.

The new center is to be located at 121-123 West Main Street, Emmitsburg. EOPCC is relocating from its present location at 52 Water Street, Thurmont.

Dr. Bonita J. Portier told *The Dispatch* that the first phase of the project entailed construction of a medical office complex behind the old 121-123 West Main structure at the cost of about \$520,000, which included the purchase price of the land. With the office complex nearing completion, the actual historic duplex itself remains the bear of the project, with a cost estimate of \$300,000. The building has to be completely gutted before restoration begins.

The duplex, occupied most recently as a residence until about 1999, was initially built in 1790, with additions in 1885. Stripped-away

areas of the exterior and interior reveal the huge logs that were used in constructing the building, and the intricate brickwork done with locally manufactured bricks.

A summer kitchen, added at the rear later in the home's history, had to be demolished, Portier said, because, "The kitchen would have to have been totally destroyed in order to be reconstructed. It had rotted through."

The design of the new medical facility was created by noted Philadelphia architect Grant Cadwallader, who passed away in 2003 before competing all the details. Cadwallader had volunteered his services to work on the center. "What you will see outside is his design," Portier told *The Dispatch*.

Work on the architectural designs has continued under the guidance of CMW Group, a Frederick-based architecture and planning firm. McCoy Brothers, Inc., of Carlisle, Pa., is the project contractor. McCoy is also the contractor for the construction phase of both the Majestic Theatre and the Lincoln Train Station renovation projects in Gettysburg.



—RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center (EOPCC) founding board members Linda Junker (left) and Dr. Bonita J. Portier (right) discuss renovations behind the 121 West Main Street building, which will become the new center's home in Emmitsburg.

The EOPCC was established as a non-profit organization in 1999 by founding board members Dr. Portier, Linda Junker, and Thurmont Attorney Rosemary A. McDermott. Much of the work on the new facility has been done with volunteer help and financed

by contributions. EOPCC presently serves about 2,000 patients and continuously accepts new ones. In addition, Portier is the medical director at Mount St. Mary's, where she is responsible for seeing to the medical needs of 1,500 individuals.

Portier also has a practice in

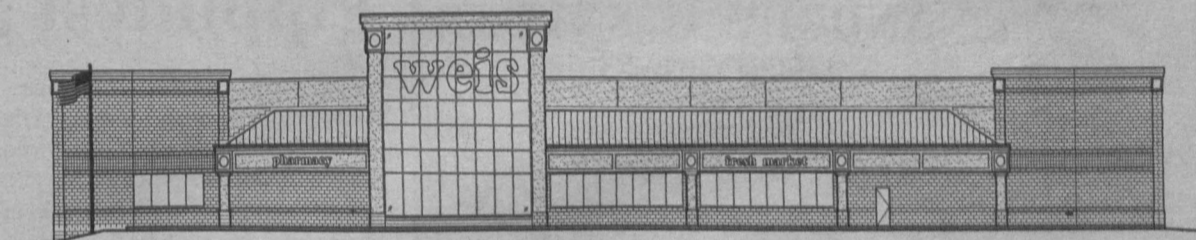
Gettysburg at the "Old Medical Center" building adjoining Gettysburg Hospital. She will continue inpatient services in Gettysburg after the new Emmitsburg center opens, but will be asking Gettysburg outpatients to use the new facility.

New Weis Markets superstore is coming to Thurmont



—DICK BLOOM / THE DISPATCH

Weis Markets representatives take part in the Oct. 28 groundbreaking for the new Thurmont Weis Market. (L to R) are Dale Horst, Vice President of Operations, Robert Weis, CEO, Jonathan Weis, Vice President and Don Martin, Regional Director.



BY MASHA PERSANOVA
Contributing Writer

On Oct. 28 Weis Markets held a groundbreaking ceremony for their new superstore in Thurmont.

The 53,700 square foot store will be located near McDonalds at the southwest part of town, on Old 15 near the Rt.15 Thurmont Exit. It will be the 24th Weis Market in the state, and "one of the largest stores we've built in Maryland," Dennis Curtin, Director of Public Relations, told *The Dispatch*.

Bulldozers were already working on the site when the ceremony took place.

Vice-Chairman Jonathan Weis said that for 20 years Weis Markets has been trying to come to this area and finally it was going to happen. "We are very excited to be here and are looking forward to working for

the Thurmont community. We are planning to open the superstore next summer," he said.

Commissioner Bill Blakeslee said that Thurmont is happy to have the grocery store and is certain everybody will benefit.

Participating in the ceremony were Weis Markets Chairman Robert Weis, his son Vice-Chairman Jonathan Weis, Thurmont Commissioners Wayne Hooper and Bill Blakeslee, president of Thurmont Historic Society John Kinnaid, Jim Gangawere from Thurmont First and Vickie Grinder, Chairperson of Thurmont First.

According to the company's press release, the new superstore will offer a 500-item produce department with a selection of organic produce, a floral department, a large deli with a pizza kitchen, an express register, a Hoagie Shack and a sit-down eating area. The store

will also include a selection of natural, organic, gourmet and ethnic items, a full-service bakery, seafood department, and a pharmacy.

Asked about local employment opportunities, Curtin said, "We expect the store to employ an estimated 200 associates - full and part-time. Usually a fair number of a store's associates will come from the area it serves and in fact a number of Weis associates who work in Frederick live in Thurmont."

Weis Markets is based in Sunbury, Md. It is a publicly traded company, founded in 1912, with 157 stores in six states: Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, West Virginia and Virginia.

In November, Weis will open its 23rd location in Maryland, a 44,129-squarefoot superstore in Boonsboro, also in Frederick County.

REGIONAL NEWS

**November 8
Pennsylvania Local Elections
Positions and Candidates**

CARROLL VALLEY

Mayoral seat, three four-year terms on the board of supervisors and one two-year term (to finish out an abbreviated term)

Mayoral candidate: Ronald Harris

Four-year term: Theodore Talbert, John Van Volkenburgh, Jr., Tammy Lytle (write-in)

Two-year term: Thomas Fitzsimmons, Alan Olson, Lynn Smallwood

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

One six-year term on the board of supervisors

Two candidates: Paul Kellett, Paul Sharrer

HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP

Two six-year terms on the board of supervisors

Four candidates: Bob Gordon, Stephen Jacobs, Charles Knepper, Colleen Reamer

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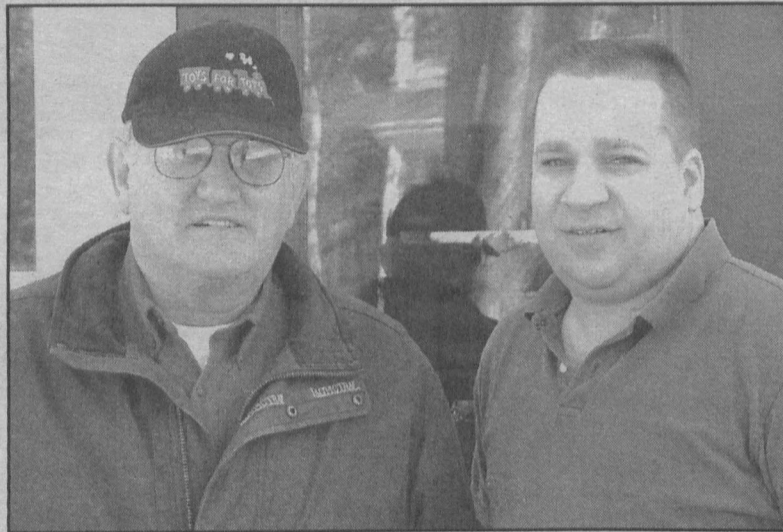
One two-year term and one six-year term on the board of supervisors

Six-year term: Peter Foscato

Two-year term: Andrew Snyder, John Bostek (write-in)

Editor's Note: The names of candidates who had filed for office were provided by the Adams County Board of Election. The names of write-in candidates given to *The Dispatch* are included.

Toys for Tots in Fairfield



-JENNIFER BUCHHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

Rob Gach, owner of Ventura's Restaurant in Fairfield (L), and Bill Eckert from Fairfield (R) have teamed up to promote Toys For Tots in the Fairfield-Carroll Valley area. Toys for Tots, sponsored by the United States Marine Corps Reserve began in 1947, and has distributed more than 332.5 million toys to 158.7 million needy children.

From now until mid-December, Fairfield and Carroll Valley residents can help give local children a merrier Christmas by donating to Toys for Tots.

Bill Eckert, Fairfield resident and a leader in the Toys for Tots campaign told *The Dispatch*, "The most important thing for residents to understand is what is collected locally, stays locally."

Eckert explained that when the group first began collecting for Toys for Tots only a few children

were able to participate. Last year over 60 children received Christmas gifts, and this year an even greater turnout is expected.

According to Hal Camlin, CWO-4USMCR(Ret)ToysforTots Coordinator for Adams County and the state of Pennsylvania, "There are more Toys for Tots activities in Pennsylvania than in any other state in the country." Forty-three groups participate, 11 of which are Marine Corp Reserve Centers. Camlin says, "The program will

not work without the individual people contributing toys."

Rob Gach, owner of Ventura's Restaurant, has joined the cause. Ventura's is not only a collection point for toys, but Gach has teamed up with Budweiser and is sponsoring a "Fill the Truck" night on Saturday, Nov. 19. Guests must bring a new unwrapped toy or pay a \$5 cover charge to attend the night's festivities. All cover fees will go directly to the Marine Corp League for the Fairfield Toys for Tots program. The Dueling Pianos from Philadelphia will provide evening entertainment, and there will be lots of giveaways, courtesy of Budweiser.

Anyone wishing to donate a new unwrapped toy or donate money can also do so at the Fairfield Fire Hall and the Carroll Valley Borough office during November and December. Ninety-six cents of every dollar donated comes back to the Marine Corps League Gettysburg Battlefield Detachment for use in the local Toys for Tots program.

Families are referred to the program by the school system, local churches, and local physicians. Any parent wanting to participate this year can contact Louann Dille at the township office, 717-642-8509, for details. Distribution will take place at the Fairfield Fire Hall, about a week before Christmas.

Pippinfest generates \$1,600 surplus

FAIRFIELD, Pa. - The annual "Pippinfest" event held in Fairfield Borough on Sept. 24-25 generated a preliminary net profit of \$3,258, not including the costs of post-event notices and porta-johns.

The two-day event had an

operating budget of \$12,675, of which \$9,446 was spent on the event between Jan. 1 and Oct. 25. The expenses paid to date do not include post-event printing costs of \$600 and porta-john costs of \$1,000.

The final net balance for the event

is projected to be about \$1,600 after the remaining two bills are paid.

"Pippinfest" currently has about \$17,557 in its bank account from past events, \$5,000 of which may be allocated toward blacktopping the village hall parking lot.

Fairfield has six seats up for election, residents will also elect a new mayor

BY WILLIAM REINKE
Contributing Writer
AND RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

FAIRFIELD, Pa. - The Borough of Fairfield has more available seats on its borough council than it has candidates to fill them as things presently stand going into the Nov. 8 election.

The six seats to be vacated include: Ronald O. Shanks (a two-year term); David M. Brown (a four-year term); Lloyd Geer (a two-year term); Phyllis Gilbert (a four-year term); Robert Stanley (a two-year term); and Robert Costello (a two-year term).

Brown has indicated he

will not run and Gilbert will not appear on the ballot but could accept a write-in win. Shanks, Geer, Stanley and Costello have indicated they are running for re-election.

Dean Thomas, owner of Thomas Publications, announced Oct. 25 at the town meeting that he will run as a write-in candidate for council.

In addition, the mayor's four-year term also expires, and Mayor Rick Cordell will not seek re-election. Incumbent Councilman Stanley will be running for mayor as well as for a council seat. Stanley can, however, on winning, only fill one of those positions.

Local publisher declares candidacy

Local businessman Dean Thomas has declared his candidacy for borough council as a write-in candidate for the Nov. 8 election.

Thomas, who owns Thomas Publications, is running as an "independent, non-partisan" citizen. He told *The Dispatch* he wishes to ensure "managed growth for Fairfield," which, he said, means any new development is to be "done by the letter of the law."

Thomas is a 39-year resident of Adams County, has lived in Fairfield for the last seven years, and is the vice chairman of the borough Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB).



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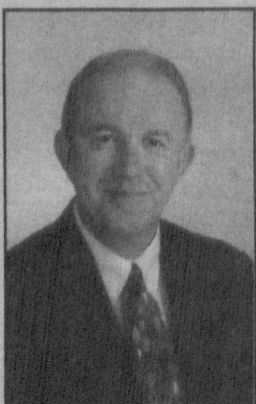


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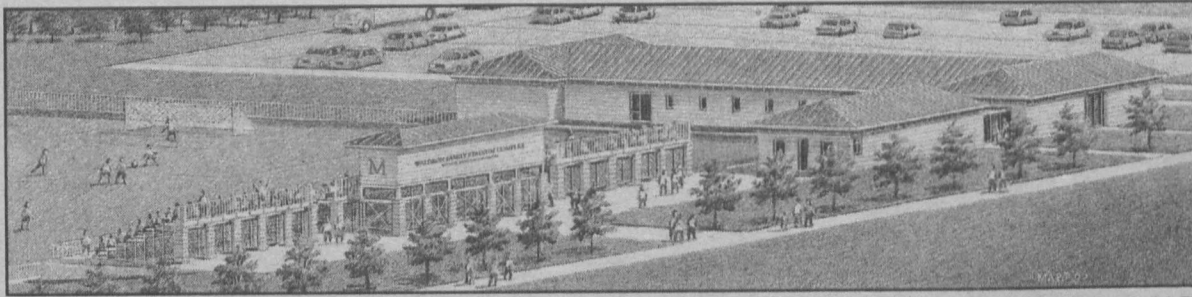


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REGIONAL NEWS



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Mount holds groundbreaking for new stadium and field

FREDERICK COUNTY, Md.— Mount St. Mary's University held a groundbreaking ceremony Oct. 20 for the new \$3.5 million stadium and playing field behind the Knott Athletic and Recreation Convocation Center.

The stadium will include seating for 1,000, include improved locker room and training facilities, restrooms and concession stand, parking and lighting. The field will include synthetic turf for all-weather play for the Mount's lacrosse and soccer teams.

The stadium is to be named the "Waldron Family Stadium" in honor of Trustee Emeritus Eugene Waldron and his family. The all-purpose lacrosse and soccer field will

be named "Lawrence E. Horning, Sr. Field," in honor of the deceased alum Larry Horning.

Mount President Thomas H. Powell said he was grateful that contributions made by generous individuals would make the proposed stadium possible. More than \$3.2 million has already been raised.

Thomas G. O'Hara, chairman of the board of trustees, commended Powell for his effort in bringing the stadium project to a reality, describing the Mount president's dedication as "a clear show of leadership and conviction."

Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Harold Menninger said the groundbreaking ceremony marked "a day that is going

to be remembered for a very long time," and that the new facility will result in "unprecedented recognition for the university."

In the late afternoon, the Mount's men's lacrosse team played the English National squad in an exhibition match, losing 12-4.

Powell said preparatory work on the site was only days away and added that, "It will be a beautiful facility that will benefit the surrounding community and be a wonderful home for our future champions." The Mount's intention is to use the facility for its own camps, clinics and make it available for community events.

Current plans call for the stadium to be operational in the spring of 2006.



-DICK BLOOM / THE DISPATCH

Mount St. Mary's University held an official groundbreaking ceremony Oct. 20 for the Mount's new \$3.5 million stadium and playing field. The university hopes to have the stadium open in spring, 2006. Left to right: Mike Hardisky, Assistant Director of Marketing and Promotion; Joseph F. Horning, C'53; Pat Farrell, captain of the lacrosse team; Charlie Horning, C'93; Harold "Chappy" Menninger, Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics; Lynne Robinson, Associate Director of Athletics; Thomas H. Powell, University President; and Frank DeLuca, Vice President of University Affairs.

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REGIONAL NEWS

County commissioners fail to ban slots in towns

Single dissenting vote killed prohibition passage

By RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

FREDERICK COUNTY, Md. - Frederick County Board of Commissioners voted 4-0 on Sept. 27 to ban slots facilities in unincorporated portions of the county, but failed to pass a prohibition that would have banned them in all incorporated areas.

Passage of a ban in all incorporated towns in the county would have required a "super majority" vote of at least four commissioners. However, with Commissioner Bruce L. Reeder absent, the measure was defeated by a single 'no' vote by Commissioner John R. Lovell, Jr.

Commissioners Michael L. Cady, Jan H. Gardner, and commission President John L. Thompson, Jr. voted for the

countywide ban. Reeder, who was absent, would likely have abstained due to his role on the state lottery commission.

Lovell told *The Dispatch* that his vote against including autonomous towns in the ban was not from a pro-slots perspective, but rather, an issue of allowing communities with locally elected officials to represent the interests of their own constituency.

"I was not *against* the ban as much as I was *for* the fact that the (incorporated) communities needed to decide that (slots issue) for themselves. They are elected officials and I felt it was infringing on their rights as elected officials of their municipality," Lovell stated.

He said autonomous communities should be entitled to hold their own meetings and allow

the community to decide if they want slots or not.

"I don't play slots and have no interest in them personally. It would suit me if all municipalities voted them out. I did vote to ban them from unincorporated areas," Lovell said.

Commissioner Cady, in a statement issued in conjunction with the Sept. 27 vote, wrote, "To the best of my knowledge, not one single municipal government (in Frederick County) has decided that it wants to house a video lottery (slots) facility. Therefore, at the time of writing this statement, my support of a *countywide* ordinance to ban video lottery facilities is firm. ..."

Commissioner Gardner told *The Dispatch* she voted in favor of including incorporated communities in the slots ban because, "I think it's a unique issue and that the impacts (of slots) can't be contained within a municipal boundary. Most of the services needed to support slots would be provided by the county."

Editor's Note: Both the Maryland House of Delegates and the state senate have passed variations of bills that would permit slots facilities in the state. However, both failed to clear the Maryland General Assembly and cannot be reconsidered until 2006. State law regarding slots could supersede any action taken by local or county governments.

PA Gaming Control Board continues progress on slots process

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) continues to work on creating its application review board, establishing casino vendor rules, and holding public hearings on related issues.

Below is a list of recent PCGB actions taken from the board's Web site:

* **Sept. 16** - PCGB posted downloadable application forms for obtaining conditional licenses to operate Category 1 gaming facilities. Category 1 facilities are those associate with horse parks.

* **Sept. 29** - PCGB approved regulations governing Category 2 and Category 3 gaming facilities and those governing the Board's chief enforcement arm, the Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement. The proposed Gettysburg Casino and Spa would be a Category 2 facility.

* **Oct. 3** - PCGB extended the deadline for submission of applications for conditional Category 1 operating licenses to Dec. 28, 2005, from the previously announced deadline of Oct. 31, 2005.

* **Oct. 6** - PCGB began a month-long public comment period on a proposal to supplement its ethics policy for board members and staff.

* **Oct. 20 and Nov. 2** - PCGB held public meetings in Harrisburg.

The deadline for Category 2 slot casinos and Category 3 applications is Dec. 28. According to PCGB Spokesman Nick Hays, no Category 2 and 3 applications have been received at this point in time because the application forms have not been printed. Written public comments on both categories are available on the PGCB Web site, www.pgcb.state.pa.us.

Thurmont residents said 'NO' to slots

By MASHA PERSANOVA
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. - Thurmont officials wanted to determine the attitude of Thurmont citizens toward slot machines.

On Oct. 24, during the town elections, voters could optionally answer "Yes" or "No" to having slot machines in Thurmont. The question wasn't part of the official mayor and commissioners balloting, but was offered separately.

At the Oct. 25 town meeting, re-elected Commissioner Wayne Hooper announced the results of the voting: 141 people like the

idea of slot machines in Thurmont and 308 said "no" to slots.

So if and when gambling legislation is approved in Maryland, Thurmont commissioners will already have an idea of local citizens' desires regarding slots.

"It's very important to know what citizens think about this idea. It's complicated, sometimes, although they may not be against slots in general, they oppose them in Thurmont," Hooper said.

Commissioner Glenn Muth told *The Dispatch* that officials wanted to be prepared before the discussion of slots came to Thurmont. They can now show that citizens are not interested.

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Well/traffic issues addressed by developer

Mason-Dixon Country Club exception and conditional use hearings continue

BY RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

FREEDOM TWP., Pa.
— A conditional review hearing before the board of supervisors and a special exceptions hearing before the township zoning board for the Mason-Dixon Country Club (MDCC) continued through October, and will continue into November.

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

The development will feature an interlaced 327-acre golf course that would qualify it as a golf community under the township ordinance in the mixed-use (MU) zone. However, golf course communities must secure a conditional use permit to be constructed in the MU zone.

Route 15 plans include three-lane overpass

Chad J. Decker, traffic engineer with Dewberry, the engineering and planning company working on the MDCC project, testified at the Oct. 24 conditional use hearing and the Oct. 27 special exceptions hearing regarding traffic impact and road improvements.

Key points from Decker's testimony:

- 90 percent of the traffic generated by the completed development would proceed north on Old Emmitsburg Road. Only ten percent would proceed south on that road from the development entrances. 20 percent of that 90 percent would then proceed into Gettysburg, while 35 percent would travel north on U.S. 15, and 35 percent would go south on U.S. 15;

- Old Emmitsburg Road would be widened to add turning lanes at various key access points to the development;

- The intersection of Bull Frog Road and Old Emmitsburg Road east of U.S. 15 would be moved further from the interchange;

- By 2011, the Old Emmitsburg

Road-U.S. 15 interchange would be re-engineered to include a three-lane overpass to allow for turning lanes. Traffic control lights would be added and ramps would have to be reconfigured to allow for the changes;

- The developers would pay for the interchange reconfiguration, including the bridge work, or could apply for federal assistance. Decker estimated that if the current overpass could simply be widened, the reconfiguration project could cost \$6 million. If a new bridge is needed, the project could cost \$8 million;

- All necessary road improvements to accommodate the development would be done in phases, as required, and should be completed by 2011.

Developers would replace impacted wells

Michael K. Appleby, project hydrologist with GeoServices, Ltd., the groundwater/geology firm employed by MDCC, testified at the Oct. 24 conditional use hearing regarding well tests at the development site. Key points of Appleby's testimony:

- A well on the Walter Stone's property went dry during pump tests. The developers are offering to re-drill the well to insure that Stone's water supply is not impacted by the development;

- A safe withdraw rate from the aquifer was determined to be 144,000 gallons per day (GPD) as a result of the tests and observing test results on neighboring wells;

- Less than 300,000 GPD would be withdrawn from nearby Marsh Creek for the balance of the development's water needs, based on flow rate formulae that establish an acceptable degree of removal from the creek;

- Sufficient raw water storage is proposed to get the development through periods of drought.

Appleby had not completed his testimony by the end of the Oct. 24 hearing. He will testify further at the Nov. 10 continuance.

Modifications made to treatment/storage site

Thomas S. Ladue, senior municipal engineer with Dewberry, testified at the Oct. 27 special exceptions hearing before the township zoning hearing board regarding

changes in the water treatment and storage facilities between Bull Frog and Natural Dam roads.

Changes, as well as new information discussed:

- Chain link fencing about six-foot high, possibly color-blended to camouflage its presence, would surround the water treatment and storage facilities for security purposes;

- The 11.5 million-gallon capacity, 517-foot by 200-foot reservoir could be covered with an arched enclosure or with a "floating" cover;

- A treatment facility building will be enlarged to 60 feet by 120 feet to accommodate pumps necessary to provide pressure, since the water storage tower has been abandoned for a ground tank;

- Public utilities regulations will only permit the township to rule on the treatment plant building within the water treatment and water storage complex.

The conditional use hearing for MDCC will continue on Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Freedom Township meeting room. The zoning hearing on special exceptions will continue on Nov. 17 at 7 p.m.

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Gettysburg's Majestic Th

BY JOYCE M. DEMMITT
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On Nov. 14 the curtain will rise once again at the historic Majestic Theater in Gettysburg for the grand re-opening and 80th anniversary season.

The \$16 million renovation by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Greater Adams County community, Gettysburg College, and more than 300 donors is another step in the revitalization of downtown Gettysburg.

Closed for the past two years, the Majestic will once again grace

the town square, having been restored to its 1925 Colonial Revival splendor, including a decorative pressed metal ceiling, stained glass chandeliers, a spacious lobby and a grand staircase.

The college purchased the Majestic in 1992, with the idea of renovating it to benefit both the college and the community. The restored Majestic will provide the college with a larger performance venue and will return to the community not only a movie theatre but also a performing arts center.

Recently included in the National Register of Historic Places, The Majestic opened next door to the Lincoln Train Station in 1925, in what was an annex to the Gettysburg Hotel. With seating for an audience of 1,200, it was considered "the largest vaudeville and silent movie palace in south-

central Pennsylvania," according to the Majestic's Web site.

The theatre was the brainchild of Henry Scharf, a Gettysburg College student, whose family owned the hotel. Scharf became the hotel manager when his father died during the nineteen year old's second semester in college. Two years later Scharf announced plans for the theater, and on Nov. 14, 1925, the Majestic Theater opened its doors.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower regularly attended performances during the 1950s, often bringing other world leaders. The theater's ballroom served as a makeshift newsroom for the White House press corps whenever Eisenhower was staying at his Gettysburg Farm.

Many a local resident and college alum can remember movies at the Majestic Theater. The theatre's opening featured Cecil B. DeMille's "The Road to Yesterday."



Bill Rigby, an electrician with Hull's Electric, Gettysburg, PA, works on the wiring installation for a huge light fixture that will be installed to replace the antique unit that once hung there. The original lighting was removed during a previous remodeling and the antique chandelier stored at the Gettysburg College, but has since been lost. The new stained glass chandeliers were specially designed in the style of the original. Photo by Dick Bloom / The Dispatch.



President Dwight D. Eisenhower frequently visited the Majestic Theatre, often with visiting heads of state. He used the Theater as a national press conference room when he was recovering from surgery, and even attended movies here with his wife Mamie after retiring to Gettysburg.

Upcoming performances

Dec. 11
"Pinocchio" with masks, puppetry, magic and original music performed by Enchantment Theatre Company

Dec. 15
Washington Symphonic Brass

Dec. 21
Bonnie Rideout's "A Scottish Christmas"

Jan. 14, 2006
Windham Hill's "A Winter Solstice" concert

Jan. 25
Aquila Theatre Company of London/ New York presents "Hamlet"

The Dispatch's A&E calendar will regularly include live performances and movies at The Majestic.

Majestic Theatre

❖ Nov. 14, 1925 - Majestic Theatre opened with Cecil B. DeMille's silent film, "The Road to Yesterday"

❖ 1929 - Showed the talking picture, "Speakeasy"

❖ 1946 - General Dwight D. Eisenhower delivered the commencement address to the Gettysburg College Class of 1946

❖ 1950s and 1960s - Ballroom served as President Eisenhower's pressroom when he was in town

❖ 1964 - Gettysburg Hotel closed; Majestic remained open

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Theater takes center stage

Movies at the new Majestic will be shown in two cinemas, with stadium seating, both 35-mm and digital film projection, "cuddle-up seats," an art gallery and a café named for Eisenhower's wife Mamie. The Majestic will show American independent films, foreign films, documentaries and film festival winners. The nightly film series is slated to open before Christmas.

Opening night gala

The black-tie opening night gala will be co-produced by Broadway legend Hal Prince and Gettysburg native Karl Held. Gettysburg College alum Carson Kressley of "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" fame and Tony award-winning actress Elaine Strich highlight the celebrity guest list.

Jamie Bernstein Thomas will serve as the evening's host, with

music direction by Prince, a 35-piece orchestra, and a 50-voice chorus performing the music of Gershwin, Sondheim, and Bernstein.

The star-studded cast will include Marin Mazzie and Jason Danieley, a soprano and baritone with numerous Broadway credits, including "Phantom of the Opera," "Carousel," "Passion," and "Into the Woods."

Opening week highlights

Nov. 17 and 18, "Bless This House"
Blessing of the new theatre. More than 100 Gettysburg College and community performers will provide a concert of American music and drama.

Nov. 19 - 44th annual Robert Fortenbaugh Memorial Lecture

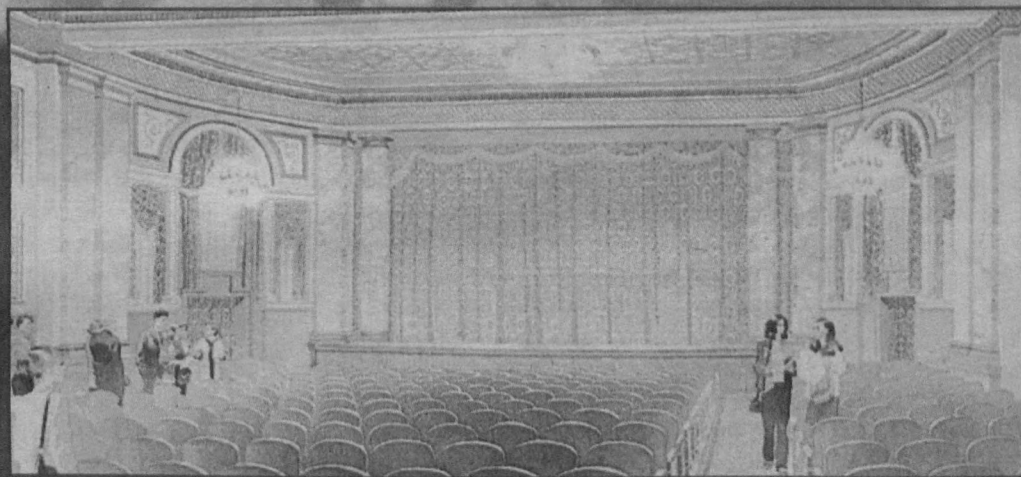
Sponsored by Gettysburg College Civil War Institute and History Department, delivered by Dr. Gary W. Gallagher, University of Virginia.

Nov. 20 - Community Open House from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Refreshments and guided tours of the theater, backstage, cinemas, box office, art gallery and Mamie's Café.

The Majestic Theater Performing Arts & Cinema Center is owned and operated by Gettysburg College in partnership with the Greater Adams County Community.



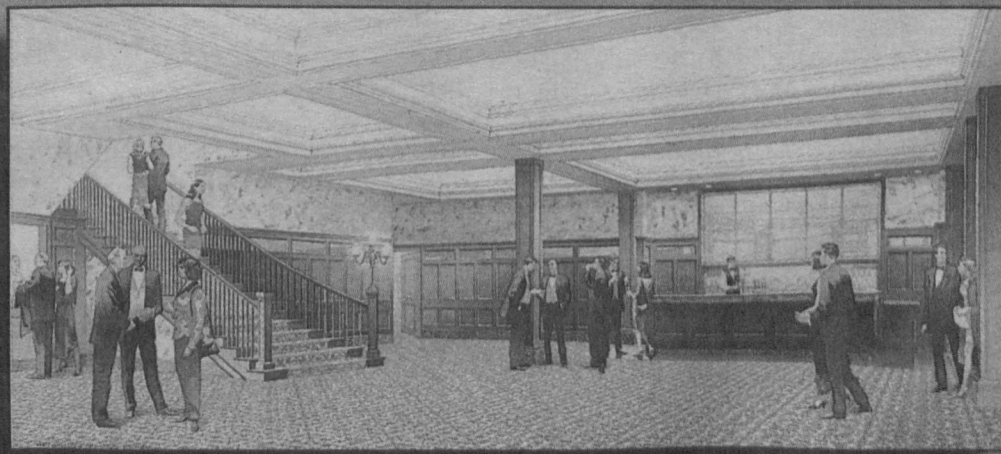
Detail of the theater's new pressed metal ceiling.



Artist rendering of the Majestic's main stage restored to its original 1925 appearance.

Theatre highlights

- ❖ 1970 - U.S. premiere of Federico Fellini's "Satyricon"
- ❖ 1984 - Conversion into a triplex cinema
- ❖ 1992 - Gettysburg College purchased The Majestic, as part of its commitment to downtown revitalization
- ❖ 1993 - World premiere of Ted Turner's Civil War movie, "Gettysburg"
- ❖ 2003 - Majestic added to the National Register of Historic Places
- ❖ 2004 - Theatre closes. \$12 million restoration project begins

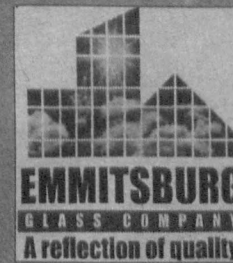


Artist rendering of the Majestic's new grand staircase.

Tickets for the Majestic

Tickets are now on sale for the entire 2005-06 season at the Majestic. For ticket prices and more information, visit www.gettysburgmajestic.com.

To sign up for the Majestic's mailing list, send your name and address to Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, PA 17325, or e-mail MajesticTheater@gettysburg.edu.



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EDUCATION

Local parents, officials, educators seek answers from school superintendent

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Dr. Linda Burgee, Frederick County Public Schools Superintendent, returned to Emmitsburg Elementary School (EES), her professional home as principal for five years, for an Oct. 18 "conversation" with members of the Catoctin school community.

A lively question and answer session between Burgee and the approximately 30 attendees focused particularly on money for school buildings and testing at all levels.

Building renovations

Emmitsburg commissioner Glenn Blanchard, a Frederick County high school teacher and teachers' association representative, asked about the 2005 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). An addition to EES is slated for 2009 completion, later than in previous plans, and Blanchard wanted to know if that timetable would hold.

Burgee could make no guarantees, partly because of difficulty obtaining state funds for school construction, and because other areas of the county are growing faster than Emmitsburg.

She said Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) "cannot get state funding for new seats until the bodies are in place." Burgee added that the Frederick County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) can "forward-fund" construction projects and then ask for state reimbursement, and have done so in the past. But last year the school funding request was reduced by more than half: FCPS received only \$11 million.

Burgee noted that FCPS, state government, and county commissioners have differing priorities and pointed out that it is very difficult to get state funding for school renovations. FCPS has received \$310,000 from the Maryland Public School Construction Program

for 2006, but Burgee said this "aging schools fund" doesn't stretch to cover "equally important, competing needs." *Editor's Note:* Some of that money will be used to reconfigure the entrance to Thurmont Elementary School.

Sabillasville Elementary School (SES) parent Michael Caselle asked about a central air conditioning system for SES, continually postponed while other schools are slated for replacement systems. He noted that cost figures don't reflect actual costs and Burgee acknowledged figures for projects four or more years into the future are not updated.

Caselle expressed concern that "all students must meet the same goals but don't have access" to the same equipment and materials. Burgee said that funds have been earmarked for local computer replacements, but she agreed that funding priorities could lead to "have and have-not" schools in terms of technology, equipment, and library holdings. She pointed out that FCPS has not seen achievement differences between feeder school patterns. Catoctin High (CHS) assistant principal Bob Viti added, "A great teacher can make the difference when equipment is lacking."

Testing

Blanchard raised the issue of testing, asking particularly about remedial studies for students who fail the high school subject assessment tests required for graduation. Burgee said the curriculum committee is "putting into play a specific program of half-credit intervention courses, beginning in ninth grade." CHS is working on staffing issues for after-school tutoring, Viti said, and identifying "students with weak skills" early on.

According to Burgee, under federal "No Child Left Behind" mandates, all students must meet the same standards (measured by tests) by 2014, regardless of factors like learning disabilities or lack of

English language skills.

She emphasized that students "have to achieve strong basic skills by third grade," noting that funds have been budgeted for remedial work in the early grades. She stressed the importance of pre-kindergarten classes, an asset in the Catoctin feeder schools.

Parent involvement

Burgee added that "parents need to be aware of and supportive of" higher standards for their children. She said PTAs need to bring non-involved parents into the schools and mentioned that FCPS is planning a series of parent information sessions.

Former Emmitsburg commissioner Diane Walbrecker suggested that school representatives attend community organization meetings to involve more families.

Middle and high school parents aired concerns about class sizes. Burgee said there are not class size guidelines, although elementary school administrators work hard to maintain smaller classes for younger students. It costs, she noted, "\$1.3 million to reduce class size by one student."

Burgee noted that FCPS has 40,000 students in 61 buildings. It has the lowest dropout rate in Maryland; and spends the least on transportation despite being the largest.

But she is worried about fuel and utilities costs this winter, and the rising costs of school construction. "We are a big system, with some big problems, and that may require big bucks."

Asked how best to communicate school needs to elected officials, Burgee advised Emmitsburg parent Barb Maly that the best approach is through public comment at education hearings.

FCPS officials will meet with the Frederick County state delegation on Nov. 11. Burgee has scheduled meetings in school feeder areas through Feb. 2006.



Ken Kacmarski, owner of Silo Hill Exxon, presented Emmitsburg Elementary School Principal Wanda Severance with a \$500 grant from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance on Oct. 19. This is the third year that Kacmarski and the Alliance have shown their support for Emmitsburg Elementary School. The funds will be used to encourage community and family involvement in the school's programs, and promote awareness of school activities.



The St. Joseph College Alumnae Association recently awarded four scholarships to students enrolled at Mother Seton School (MSS) for 2005-06. From left to right: recipients are Marcus Bosche (grade 5), Will Dower (grade 5), Hannah Laurich (grade 6), and Jackie Dorsey (grade 7). The Association has over 2,000 active members, alumnae of St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg, which closed in 1973. MSS is one of many organizations supported through its philanthropy program.

Look for Emmitsburg Elementary on Maryland Public Television

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

Emmitsburg Elementary School (EES) students will appear on Maryland Public Television this month.

One year ago EES fifth grade students completed a planting project in the school's outdoor classroom area. (See "Local fifth-graders work on outdoor classroom" in *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, Nov. 17, 2004.) Their efforts, supported by grants from the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program, were filmed by a team from Maryland Public Television



(MPT). Individual students and activities conducted by the class as a whole were included.

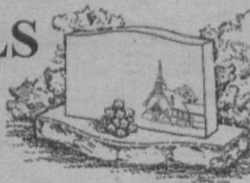
The interviews will appear as a portion of "Outdoors Maryland" on MPT (channel 62 or cable channel 3), on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. The program will repeat on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 5:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.



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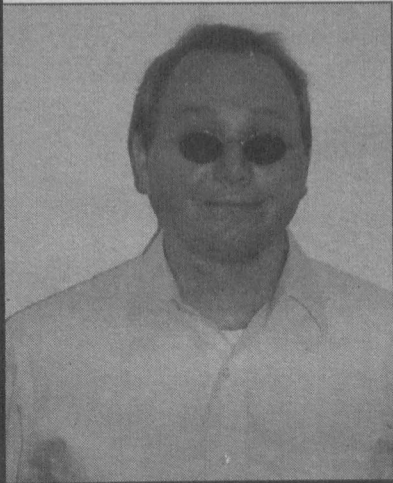
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MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

NOVEMBER IS *Hunger Awareness Month* AT THE MOUNT

By Meredith Black, C'07



Sean Adams, the Mount's director of campus activities, will fast for the 100 hours prior to the start of the Mount's annual Hunger Awareness Meal. His fast will raise money for the Thurmont Food Bank and Frederick Soup Kitchen

The Mount will host its annual Hunger Awareness Meal on Tuesday, November 15 at 5 p.m. in the Mount Café. The meal is part of the university's efforts to support Hunger Awareness Month and will demonstrate how the world consumes food in different locations. Students will also be able to donate a meal from their meal plan, with proceeds going to local food kitchens and Catholic Relief Services.

The meal will represent the three major divisions of the world, with students

separated into categories. Students in the first world category will represent 10 percent of the world's population and will receive a full meal, including a salad, main dish and dessert. Students falling into the second world category will represent 25 percent of the world's population and will eat beans, rice and juice. Students in the third world category, representing 65 percent of the world's population, will only be given rice and water.

Fifty students and seminarians participated in the meal last year, with more than 225 students donating a meal from their meal plan. Melissa Main, director of community service, hopes the meal will allow students "to get a better idea of how privileged we are and how we can better help others."

In order to show his support for the meal, Sean Adams, director of campus activities, will fast for the 100 hours prior to the start of the meal. He will subsist only on water and vitamins. Adams plans to raise additional money for the hungry through people who agree to sponsor him. One person has already committed to a dollar per hour. "Knowing the generosity of the Mount, I would not be surprised if I were able to raise over \$5,000 during this program," Adams says.

He expects to be able to work normally during the fast, although he will have to make sure that he gets enough sleep. Adams decided to on a 100 hour fast because "it is a significant fast without being dangerous." He emphasizes that his health will not be at risk during the fast and that he will only feel hungry. He will also prepare for the fast by making sure that he acquires a balance of fats, proteins and carbohydrates.

Adams plans to meditate throughout the fast in order to "stay energized and centered." "The first thing I hope to get from this is a better personal understanding of true hunger," says Adams hoping that by making his fast public, he will inspire people to think about hunger in the world. While he has undertaken different types of fasts in the past, this will be Adams' first public fast under normal working conditions.

For more information about how you can help Adams reach his goal, please contact the office of communications at 301-447-5366.

The Cradle of Bishops

Members of the Mount community, including many seminary priest alumni, recently gathered to dedicate the new Bishop's Garden, a unique memorial created to recognize the 48 bishops that once called the Mount home. The dedication ceremony was held during the seminary's annual Priests' Reunion.

From its earliest years, the Mount has provided the Catholic Church with many of its American leaders.

Mount founder Father John DuBois was named the third Bishop of New York in 1826. Fr. DuBois was succeeded in New York by Father John Hughes, a Mount graduate who became the diocese's first archbishop, and responsible for the building of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Archbishop Hughes' successor, Mount alumnus Archbishop John McCloskey, was named the first native-born cardinal in the United States. Mount alumni served as first bishops of 15 newly formed dioceses, and in all, 32 U.S. dioceses have been led by at least one bishop from the Mount. This level of influence led to the Mount being characterized as the "Cradle of Bishops."

Archbishop Harry J. Flynn, S'60, of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Bishop William B. Friend, C'59, of Shreveport, Bishop William E. Lori, S'77, of Bridgeport, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Harrisburg and Bishop Paul S. Coakley, S'83, of



Left to right: University President Thomas H. Powell, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Harrisburg and former Rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Msgr. Steven P. Rohlf, current Rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, and Phil McClade, Executive Director of Seminary Development and Alumni Relations.

Salina continue the tradition of church leadership. Additionally, Mount priests serve in more than one-third of the nation's dioceses.

The Bishop's Garden offers a permanent way to honor these many bishops and provides the Mount community a serene place for peaceful reflection.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

"Our Town"

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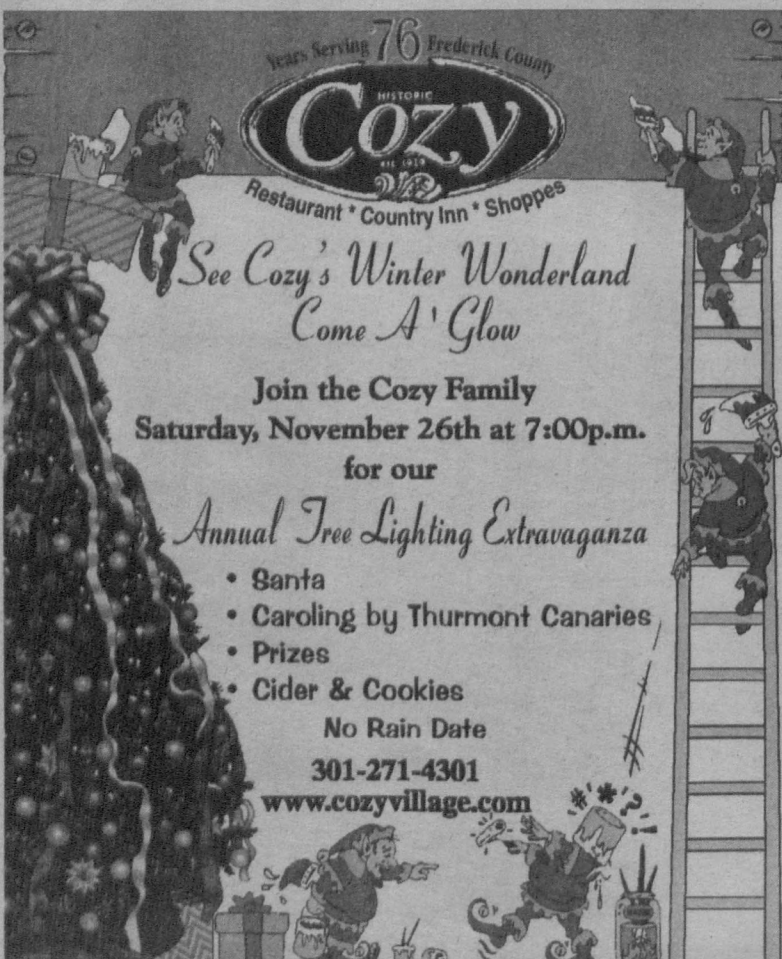
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REGIONAL NEWS

Hope Alive celebrates groundbreaking of womens's shelter



-DICK BLOOM / THE DISPATCH

Sue Oehmig, founder and board president of Hope, Alive, Inc., speaks to supporters at a groundbreaking ceremony in Sabillasville on Oct. 27. The event marks the beginning of the renovations to the home on Harbaugh Valley Road which will provide long-term transitional housing for homeless women and children.

SABILLASVILLE, Md.- Nearly one year after the dedication of the property, Hope Alive held a groundbreaking on Oct. 27 for its transitional home for women and children in Sabillasville.

State and county officials, Hope Alive board members, and nearly 150 supporters attended the ceremony, marking the start of renovations to the Harbaugh Valley Road home purchased in 2004.

The 9,300 square foot house, located on 13 acres of farmland, will be renovated to accommodate 25 women and children. There will be a new commercial kitchen, elevator, second stairwell, sprinkler system and other required improvements to meet Frederick County group

home code and ADA requirements. Richard M. Johnson and Associates will be the general contractor.

The non-denominational Christian non-profit group has raised over \$1 million in the past year. Support now totals more than \$1.7 million in gifts and pledges, including a recent \$750,000 Shelter and Transitional Housing Facilities Grant from Maryland Board of Public Works, \$100,000 from the Frederick County Affordable Housing Council and \$100,000 from the Maryland Affordable Housing Trust.

Hope Alive's shelter is not intended to provide short-term emergency accommodations. Residents will be encouraged to stay for a minimum of one year

to fully address their spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs through comprehensive support services.

Hope Alive was incorporated in Aug. 2002. Founder Sue Oehmig previously worked with the Frederick Rescue Mission for seven years. Oehmig said that six out of every ten homeless individuals in Frederick County are women and children, many living in cars or in temporary housing. She wanted to find a way to help them become self-sustaining, breaking the cycle of homelessness.

Editor's Note: See also, "Hope Alive to serve homeless women and children," in the Nov. 17, 2004 issue of The Emmitsburg Dispatch or visit www.hopealiveministries.org.

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REGIONAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Fairfield News...

Borough searching for zoning board alternate

FAIRFIELD, Pa. — The borough is looking for an alternate member for the town zoning hearing board to sit in when one of the regular members is unable to attend.

The current board, consisting of Charles Taylor, Jack Inskip, and Gary Bechtel, meets the fourth Friday of the month, and as needed. The position is unpaid.

Interested individuals should contact the borough office at 717-642-5640. — *B. Reinke*

Town seeks youth looking to earn a buck

FAIRFIELD, Pa. — The Borough council is looking for young people who are willing to do odd jobs around town, such as raking leaves and shoveling snow for local residents who are less physically able to do such tasks.

Any of the town's youth interested in this type of work, or any resident in need of this type of assistance, should call the borough office at 717-642-5640. — *B. Reinke*

Church to work on temporary bike park

FAIRFIELD, Pa. — Fairfield Borough is working with Pastor Bill Burcher, of Fellowship Baptist Church, Mount Hope Road, to create a recreational park for young people to ride their bikes and congregate in a safe environment.

The church has allowed the borough to use some of its land for this purpose temporarily until a permanent site can be located.

Councilman Robert Costello hopes the permanent site will be centrally located in town to eliminate the need for children to ride their bikes down busy roads. — *B. Reinke*

PennDOT may adjust bridge work around ski season

By RICHARD D.L. FULTON
News Editor

CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. — The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) issued a traffic advisory Oct. 21 announcing its plans for replacing Tom's Creek Bridge on Route 116 in Carroll Valley Borough.

According to the advisory, the bridge will remain open at all times during construction. From early November to Thanksgiving, traffic will be limited to one lane, using traffic lights to control the alternate flow.

During the winter, the bridge will revert to two lanes, although there may be occasional temporary closures of one lane to accommodate construction needs.

About mid-March, traffic will again be restricted to one lane, in preparation for the demolition of the old bridge.

PennDOT Community Relations Coordinator Gregory Penny told *The Dispatch* that the highway administration had been considering keeping two lanes of traffic on the bridge open during the winter to accommodate traffic to and from the Ski Liberty resort area.

A previous proposal suggested the bridge be reduced to one lane during the fall through winter construction period, with a traffic light controlling the alternate flow of vehicles.

Liberty Mountain Resort

administrators expressed their concern in a press release that reducing the bridge to one lane would create a traffic nightmare, "Volume of this magnitude is sure to create major backups. ..."

Tom's Creek Bridge is located on Route 116 about a mile south of the entrance to the Liberty Mountain Resort.

Penny said the bridge construction and demolition of the old bridge could not be postponed until spring because of Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) limitations on construction and creek disturbances along Tom's Creek, which is a trout stream.

According to PennDOT, replacing the existing 1932 Tom's Creek Bridge will cost about \$2 million, and should be completed by mid-September 2006.

Miss Lacie Wivell

Emmitsburg, Md.

Miss Lacie Ann Wivell, 1, Fairfield, Pa., died Oct. 23 at home after a courageous battle with Tay-Sachs Disease.

Born April 8, 2004, in Gettysburg, Pa., she was a daughter of Richard L. and Lisa Wetzel Wivell Jr. She was a member of St. Anthony's Shrine Parish,

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are four brothers and sisters, maternal grandparents, Robert and Darlene Wetzel; and paternal grandparents, Richard and Pat Wivell.

The Liturgy was offered on Oct. 27 from St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

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Our family, our Lions Club and our community will miss our friend Clara Mae Shindlidicher. Clara was our mentor, our teacher and on occasion, our mom.

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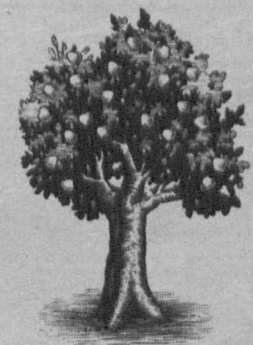
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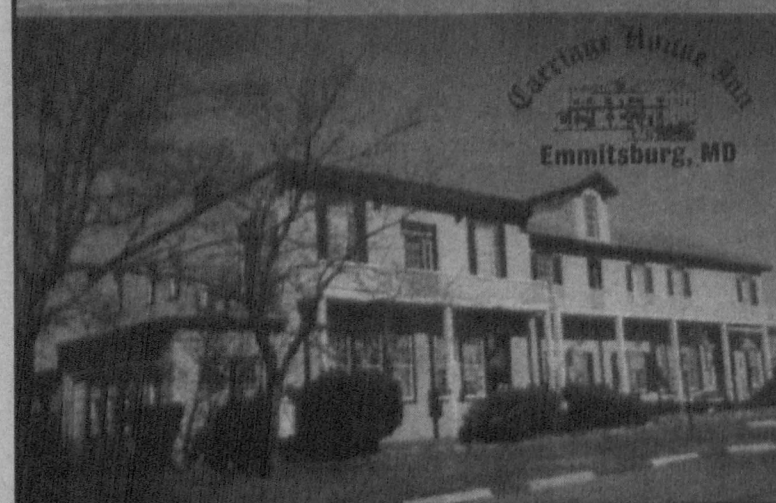
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Arts & Entertainment

“Frederick Reads” – for the love of reading

By DIANN DEVART
 Contributing Writer

A group of local organizations have come together to make sure Frederick County becomes a community that loves reading.

The brainchild of City of Frederick Alderwoman, Marcia Hall, “Frederick Reads” is designed to market and support reading as a recreational activity and to celebrate those who write.

Organizations involved include Frederick County Public Libraries, Frederick County Public Schools, Hood College, Frederick Community College, the Downtown Frederick Partnership, Frederick Arts Council and the City of Frederick. “Frederick Reads” will begin its work by honoring regional authors and suggesting books for the community to read.

The group’s goals include choosing titles that will entertain and inform, celebrating regional artists, providing opportunities for discussion and hosting local events.

But rather than focus all of their attention on one novel, like the six-county Pennsylvania initiative, “One Book ... One Community,”

“Frederick Reads” is devoting its first-year energies to one author.

Frank Deford, a Baltimore native, listed by “Sports Illustrated,” as one “among the most honored and versatile writers in the country,” has been named as “Frederick Reads” poster author.

Deford’s biography reads like a colorful Who’s Who listing. He has written for “Sports Illustrated,” served as a correspondent on HBO’s “Real Sports” with Bryant Gumbel. His voice can be heard each week giving sports commentaries on National Public Radio, but it is his work as a 12-time author that garnered this Princeton graduate the honor of being the “Frederick Reads” author.

Two of his books, “Everybody’s All-American” and “Alex: The Life of a Child,” based on the life of his daughter who died of cystic fibrosis, were made into movies. “Everybody’s All-American” was released in 1988 and starred Jessica Lange and Dennis Quaid. Craig T. Nelson played Deford in the autobiographical story about his daughter.

Deford will visit Frederick next April during National Library week. He will speak to students

during the day and offer a lecture for the general public the evening of April 3.

“Frederick Reads” organizers have a lot planned for the program. They say the focus on Deford’s work will span several months, with local high schools and colleges incorporating his books into their curricula and local book clubs adding Deford’s titles to their reading lists. The Shakespeare Project, Frederick County Arts Council and the Literacy Council of Frederick County may also take part.

For more information on “Frederick Reads,” contact Marcia Hall at 301-694-1382.

Editor’s Note: The Pennsylvania “One Book, One Community” initiative has chosen Gettysburg College professor Deborah Larsen Cowan’s book “The White” as its selection. Counties participating in the program include Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster and York. “One Book, One Community” offers programming throughout the fall at more than 60 libraries throughout central Pennsylvania, including group discussions, expert lectures, book signings and related cultural events.

Thurmont Thespians awarded grants

The Thurmont Thespians recently received two grants to enhance their theatre work with local youth.

The RR Donnelley Foundation “Dollars for Doers” program awarded the Thespians a \$250 grant. The Donnelley Foundation program makes grants to organizations based on the number of volunteer hours given by an

employee, in this case 75 hours given by an employee at Moore’s.

The Frederick Arts Council Board of Directors and the Community Arts Development Grants Committee awarded the group an \$1100 grant for the upcoming season.

The Thurmont Thespians teach theatre to area youth free of charge every summer,

alternating years between teens and younger children, promising every participant an on-stage role. During last summer’s production of Barbara Robinson’s “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,” there were 50 children on stage for every performance.

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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.

Dance

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.

Nov. 18 – 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.

Concerts

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.

Nov. 14 – Grand Re-opening and 80th Anniversary Gala. Hosted by Jamie Bernstein Thomas with music direction by Charles Prince, a 35-piece orchestra and a 50-voice chorus. A black-tie affair. \$175-250. 717-337-8200.

Nov. 17 and 18 – Bless this House. 8 p.m. Enjoy the traditional "blessing" of a new theater and honor the Majestic's renovation. More than 100 performers celebrate the past, present and future of this landmark in a concert of music and drama. \$16. 717-337-8200.

Nov. 20 – A Woman's Heart featuring Mary Black, Maura O'Connell, Sharon Shannon, Cara Dillon. 8 p.m. Performing together and alone and backed by some of the best Irish musicians around. \$39-47. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 W. Patrick St. Frederick. 301-228-2828.

Nov. 20 – Blue Moon Big Band. 8 p.m. Eichelberger Performing Arts Center, Hanover, Pa. Box Office 717-637-7086 or www.goepac.com.

Stage

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.

Through Nov. 12 – Betrayal. Maryland Ensemble Theatre. The play begins in the present with the meeting of Emma and Jerry, whose adulterous affair of seven years ended two years earlier. \$15-20. 31 W. Patrick St., Frederick. 301-694-4744.

Literacy

Nov. 19 – Book Signing -Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. Peter's Books and Gifts Cafe, Emmitsburg. Followed by a talk at Mount Saint Mary's University.

Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

Nov. 5 through Nov. 27 – Paintings by Tom Clark. Well-known local photographer Tom Clark. Reception on Nov. 5, 3-5 p.m. The Pavilion Gallery, Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, 40 S. Carroll St. 301-698-0656.

Nov. 5 through Nov. 27 – 15 Years at the Artists' Gallery. Anniversary show for this cooperative gallery on Church Street in Frederick. Work by both present and past members in a variety of media. Reception on

Nov. 5 from 3-5 p.m. Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, 40 S. Carroll St. 301-698-0656.

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

Movie

Nov. 4 – A Benefit for the Weinberg Center for the Arts: "Flickers" (1995) and "Time Out" (2005). 8 p.m. A silent romantic comedy and a short off-beat comedy – both written, directed by, and starring Frederick native Robbie Chafitz. \$10. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 W. Patrick St., Frederick. 301-228-2828.

Nov. 11 – "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert" (1994). 8 p.m. A flamboyant drag act takes its show on the road to a remote Australian desert town. \$4-6. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 W. Patrick St. 301-228-2828.

Nov. 18 – Buster Keaton Double Feature: "The Cameraman" (1928), silent, and "Spite Marriage" (1929), silent. 8 p.m. Buster Keaton's first feature film for MGM, followed by his last silent film, both accompanied by the mighty Wurlitzer. \$7-9. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 W. Patrick St. 301-228-2828.

Festivals/Events

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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.

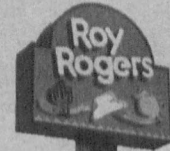
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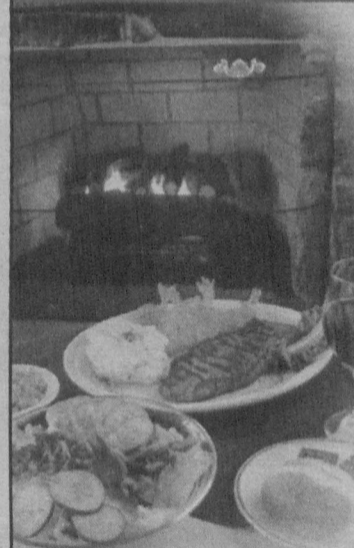
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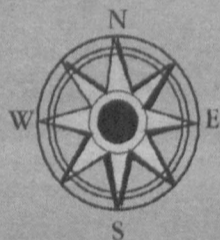
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Pre-School Story Time (ages 3-5) Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 10, 17

For Teens

Animé Club (grades 6-12) Second Friday from 6-8 p.m. Movie, snack, other activities. Co-sponsored by Emmitsburg and Thurmont Libraries. Nov. 11 **Registration required**

Teen Book Club (grades 6-12) Third Tuesday at 7 p.m. Nov. 15 – “Son of the Mob” by Gordon Korman

Adult programs

Introduction to Yoga Discover the benefits of yoga with Marilyn Olsen of Yoga at H’om. Nov. 16 at 5 p.m. **Registration required**

Non-fiction Book Club Second Thursday at 1 p.m. Nov. 17 – “Growing up Empty” by Loretta Schwartz-Nobel

Tuesday Night Book Club Second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8 – “The White” by Deborah Lars

Knitting Circle (adults and teens) Third Thursday at 4 p.m. Nov. 17

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

Senior Events

Our clocks fell back and temperatures have dropped – it must be November! Please note a date change for our Thanksgiving dinner. It is Tuesday, Nov. 15, at noon, the same day as Meeting Day. Steve Stoyko from the Dept. of Aging will be in at 11 a.m. for blood pressure checks and health tips. We have been invited to the Frederick center on Thursday, Nov. 17 for a dance and music performance by students in the Advanced Music Studies program at Gov. Thomas Johnson High School. Bingo on Nov. 23 will feature a Thanksgiving theme: bring a suitable prize. The center will be closed on Friday, Nov. 11 for Veterans’ Day, and on Nov. 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving. Our annual Christmas dinner is scheduled for Dec. 15; reserve

your place by Dec. 5. Cost is \$5 per person.

We are looking for volunteers from the community, particularly “baby boomers,” to be part of a focus group on new programs and activities for the senior center. Please contact Linda Umbel, 240-629-6350 or e-mail lumbel@fredco-md.net.

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.

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

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

weights. Led by Linda Stultz.

Bingo: Nov. 9 and 23.

Cards-500, and Bridge Group: Nov. 2, 16 and 30.

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

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

Frederick Shopping: Second Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.

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



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Nov. 12 at 11 a.m.

Chemistry 101 (ages 6-11)

Hands-on chemistry workshop hosted by the Walkersville Chemistry Club. Take home your results.

Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. Registration required. Call 240-629-6329.

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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 ddoxzn@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. 9 - Sweet Adelines Open House. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Frederick Church of the Brethren. The Clustered Spires Chorus of Sweet Adelines invites Frederick area women to sing with them for the holiday season. Information: call 301-241-4207, or visit www.harmonize.com/clusteredspires.

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 (freehealthcare organization). Reservations: 410-751-1100 x20 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. 12 - Craft Fair and Bake Sale. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Calvary United

Methodist Church, 2nd and Bentz Streets, Frederick. Free admission. Benefits the Cold Weather Shelter. Information: 301-695-7578.

Nov. 13 - Country Style Breakfast Buffet. 7 a.m. to noon. St. Joseph's Catholic Church Social Hall, 44 Frederick St., Taneytown. Adults \$5.50, children 7-10, \$3.25, (6 and under free). Early bird special: 7 to 8 a.m. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph's Church, Taneytown Council 11631.

Nov. 13 - AMVETS Ladies Holiday Basket Bingo. Doors open 12:30, games start at 2 p.m. 26 Apples Church Road, Thurmont. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. Information: 301-271-1868.

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@cffredco.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.

Nov. 17 - Neighborhood Crime Watch meeting 6:30 p.m. St. John's Parish Hall, Sabillasville, Md.

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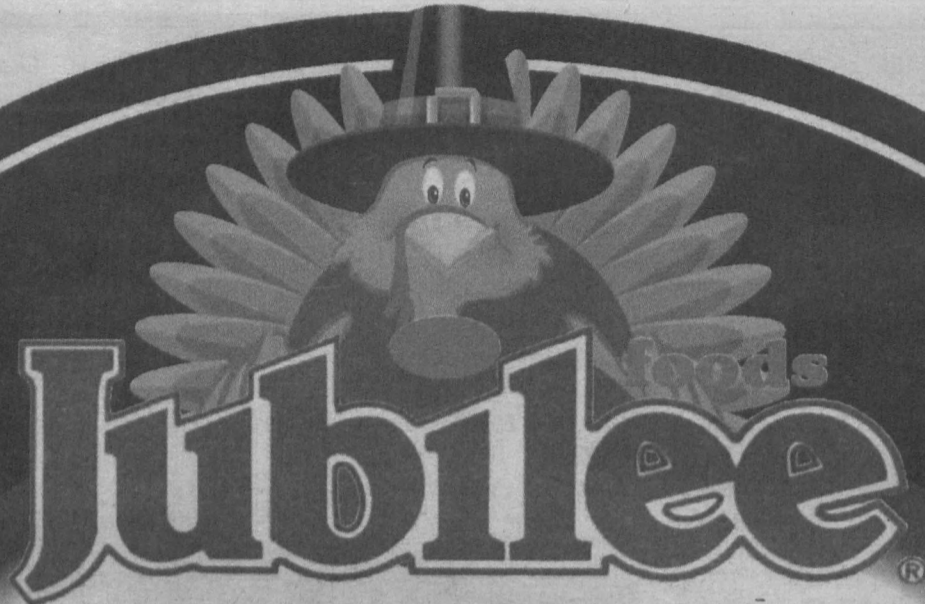
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