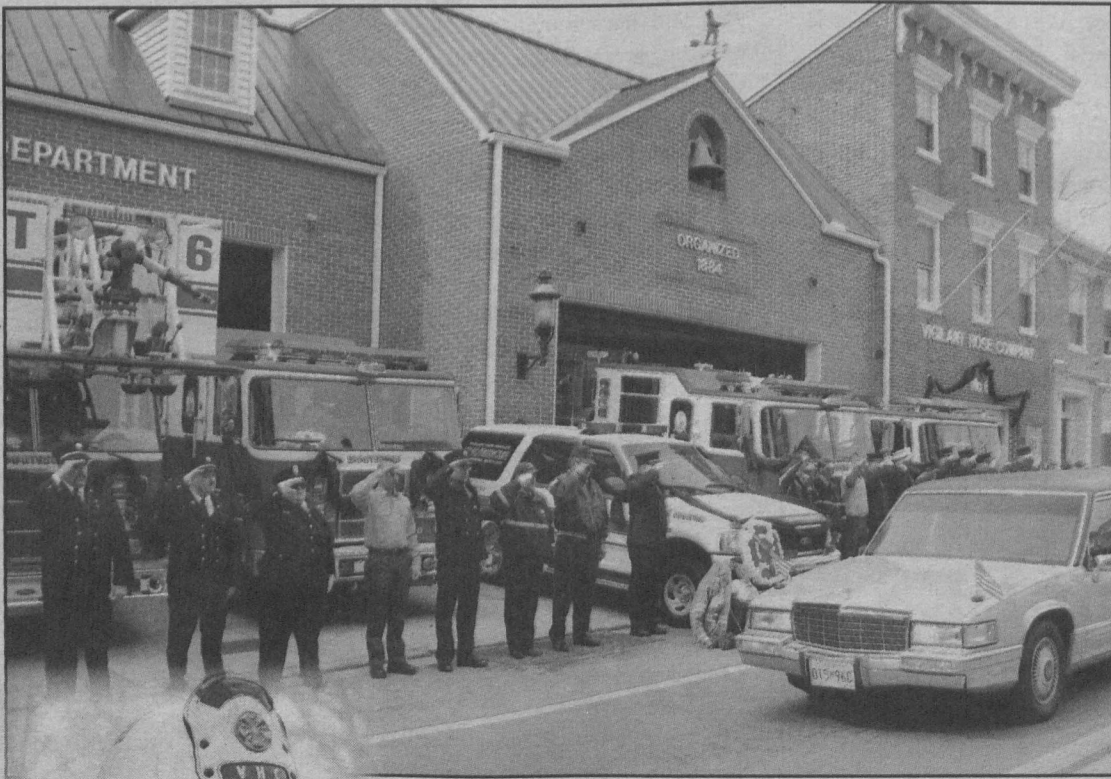


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- ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL SR. / THE ROSENSTEEL STUDIO

Funeral for former Emmitsburg mayor

More than 20 cars and three fire engines draped in black formed the funeral procession that escorted former Emmitsburg Mayor Eugene Myers (at left in a 1980 photo) to his final resting place in New St. Joseph's Cemetery on April 5. Members of the Vigilant Hose Company, where Myers was a lifetime member, saluted along the route. See full story on page 17.

South Seton traffic change precedes 'Eisenhower' convoy

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – South Seton Avenue will be reduced to north-only traffic from April 5 through mid-June to facilitate an overhaul of the bridge spanning Toms Creek.

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) accelerated the project due to a celebration of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's creation of the national highway system. The re-enactment of a 1919 coast-to-coast caravan, in which Eisenhower took part, will occur in June.

During the nearly 10-week closure, the highway department will replace the parapet walls of the bridge – an estimated \$149,000 project, according to David Buck, spokesman for the SHA. South-bound traffic will be diverted to use MD 140 as a bypass. Local traffic using southbound South Seton will be able to continue to use the road up to the point of the bridge work.

Although the 1923 cast-concrete bridge has suffered over the years from crumbling concrete, it has been less embattled than its wooden, covered bridge predecessor. That bridge had to have its top cut off to facilitate the passage of military vehicles in 1919 as part of a national experiment to see how fast the army could get from coast to coast.

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Register to vote

April 7 is the deadline to register to vote in the Emmitsburg town election on April 25. Voters must register with the Frederick County Board of Elections.

Former COPE president files for town election

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
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EMMITSBURG, Md. – Catherine Forrence, a former member of Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg (COPE), filed an 11th hour application for candidacy in town hall minutes before the close of the March 27

deadline for the April 25 town election.

Forrence had taken over as COPE president, when newly elected Commissioner William B. O'Neil, Jr. stepped down, following the 2004 election.

Joining Forrence on the ballot will be previously filed candidates Joyce A. Rosensteel and Clifford Sweeney.

Candidate recap

Candidates will be vying for two positions on the board of commissioners, one vacancy resulting from the end of Commissioner Arthur Elder's term, and the other the recently created fifth commissioner seat.

The board of commissioners voted at the Jan. 18 town meeting

to amend the town charter, creating a seat for a fifth commissioner, officially in effect March 10. Both terms will expire in October 2009.

Forrence was defeated in the 2005 election, finishing next to last among six candidates. She attributed her loss to her membership in COPE, and said she

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Hundreds attend Gettysburg casino hearing

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GETTYSBURG, Pa. – Hundreds of area residents, elected officials and representatives of Crossroads Casino & Spa filled the ballroom of Gettysburg College's student union building April 5 to participate in or observe the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's (PGCB) hearing on the casino proposal.

People on both sides of the issue

claimed to represent the majority opinion. PGCB held the hearing in conjunction with Crossroads' application for an operating license for a gambling facility to be located in Straban Township on Route 30 near the U.S. 15 interchange.

The plans call for an initial 3,000 slots in the controversial casino, with a future expansion to 5,000. The facility's proximity to the notable Civil War battlefield has caused a furor among residents and historic preservation groups, who want PGCB to deny the project.

David LeVan, a managing partner in Battlefield Harley Davidson, is the chief executive officer of Crossroads Gaming, the casino license applicant.

LeVan, Crossroads CEO, was

permitted to open the hearing with a presentation on the proposed casino project.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Former town planner speaks out

I was quite saddened reading recent reports that certain Emmitsburg administrative officials have chosen the "low road," playing the "blame game" for purported failures to complete the Town's Comprehensive Plan in a timely manner.

When I became town planner in 2003, I had a strong commitment to improve Emmitsburg's quality of life. Regrettably, what began as a pleasant work environment, characterized by a spirit of cooperation among officials, quickly degenerated into one of great stress, discord and pitting neighbor against neighbor - culminating in an ethics investigation my office never sought.

In testifying before the Ethics

Committee, planning staff simply did as required. Unlike others, our testimony was given under oath and penalty of perjury, risking long jail sentences. How ironic that the recent lawsuit filed against the town asserts no errors in the committee's factual findings, only that the accused was denied procedural due process.

Similarly, planning staff was forced to sit silently while a sitting commissioner fabricated a tale of parking ticket harassment, including false statements made on the public record. Despite evidence to the contrary, elected and administrative officials sat idly by while the staff was vilified in the press.

With no job descriptions, we were often asked to wear many hats -

gladly accepting numerous tasks outside the realm of planning, from winning a \$658,000 block grant, to obtaining a bike rack (free) for children visiting the library. Two years later the rack remains uninstalled: I suppose we are to blame for not pouring the concrete pad.

The town has now hired a consultant. Perhaps they will refuse other duties and will succeed where we failed - leaving the good people of Emmitsburg wondering who will be the next target for the contemptible and cowardly managerial scapegoating. You deserve better.

- Michael Lucas
Columbia, Md.

Weekend vandals frequent EES

My husband and I enjoy living in the town of Emmitsburg and are looking forward to raising our new son here. When we walk through town everyone is so nice and takes the time to talk to us. When we visit Jubilee or the other businesses in town people call us by name and it is such a nice feeling. When we walk through town we pick up aluminum cans and other trash and we see other residents of the town doing the same thing, it is wonderful to see others working to keep Emmitsburg beautiful.

My concern is the condition

of Emmitsburg School after a weekend. Custodial staff, teachers and students take their time to help keep our school looking great but after a weekend I feel all their hard work is destroyed. In the parking lot there are empty beer cans, beer bottles and used drug items. It upsets me to see our playground equipment destroyed. One time it was broken apart and thrown all over the tennis court. Another time parts of it were thrown on the roof. We have had to dispose of pieces of a climbing toy and a playhouse.

We have to lock up all other toys in

fear they might be damaged.

As a member of the Park Committee I know how much playground equipment costs. It makes me sad to see my students' disappointed faces when they go out for recess and there is no equipment.

I am writing this letter to inform everyone of this problem and hopefully people can help us monitor this situation.

- Carolyn Miller
Emmitsburg, Md.

Development necessitates a by-pass

The New Forest Society held a forum to which residents and officials on both sides of the Mason-Dixon Line came: They brought maps of Adams County showing an explosion of development all over the county, but especially near Emmitsburg. Much of the resultant sewage, traffic congestion, and air pollution will directly affect the

Town of Emmitsburg.

Although the town cannot eliminate all these harmful effects, it can minimize traffic congestion and air pollution by providing a southern by-pass. We know the state will not. Just look at Hampstead.

The only feasible way to afford this by-pass is to make it

a condition of any annexation of the farms adjacent to the town. While I ordinarily object to annexing land to the town for residential purposes, I object more to pollution and traffic congestion. As it is often said, "Politics is the art of the possible." I translate this to mean that if you want to get any thing done, you have to compromise with reality.

- Harold C. Craig
Emmitsburg, Md.

Where is the updated comprehensive plan?

I was looking, yet again, at Emmitsburg's 1998 Comprehensive Plan and it's enough to make me weep. Chapter eleven states "[t]he success of a Comprehensive Plan must be measured in terms of its implementation. Only when the recommendations in the Plan are translated into actions can the goals and policies of a plan be realized. The Emmitsburg Comprehensive Plan is a road map which, if followed, will lay out a path of sustainability for Emmitsburg into the 21st Century."

None of the comprehensive plan's recommendations have been followed!

Sure, we're now working, slowly, on an APFO (thanks to Commissioner O'Neil). Meanwhile, NO changes have been made to the Zoning Ordinance to reflect the policies and goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Jim Hoover pushed the Council to hire a Planner in

2003 to update the Comprehensive Plan, study zoning regulations and recommend changes to eliminate Code contradictions.

A "Planner" was hired and paid for over 30 months and did nothing to accomplish his primary task, to update the Comprehensive Plan. We were told, in 2003, that the Comprehensive Plan should be updated before we began any overhaul of the Zoning Ordinance (Planning Commission minutes 6/30/03 and 11/24/03). Where is that revised Comprehensive Plan? Who was supervising?

Meanwhile, "staff" has been talking to several developers. WHY? We should shut the doors to any new residential development until the updated Comprehensive Plan is approved and the follow-up tasks outlined in 1998 are completed.

- Betsey J. Forrence
Emmitsburg, Md.

Preston clarifies his point

Mayor Burns, I have no misunderstandings, nor misrepresentations about your maladaptive inappropriate behaviors expressed Jan. 17 in the Thurmont municipal meeting, and your public letter to me. I do have a problem with you wishing to deal with this manner in an unethical forum.

I wish not to be tracked down privately by you. Since you're dying to know, I do not own a 'land line' phone. ... I wish not to be found by anyone who demonstrates psychotic aggressive maladaptive behaviors toward me. Yes, your words scare me, noted 3/2/06 *Dispatch*.

Dear God, man, you are a grown-up, so act like one. In is not appropriate to address my opinion about your words as you have chosen. Truly, I wish I never caught wind of your unkind words about the citizens of Emmitsburg noted in the 2/2/06 *Dispatch*. Fortunately or unfortunately, being a native, I will

defend her with my last breath.

Your words about calling you privately were inappropriate too. If you disagreed with our governor or president, would you really 'call to clarify?' I know you're 'just the Mayor', but it is an adult job you should treat with respect. Calling me would also be inappropriate for I am deaf and dumb to you. You may be slow in your wit, so I am generously giving you another opportunity to see my point. ...

My point in the 'Letter to the Editor' was simply ... that your words of advice for Emmitsburg's citizens ... did not sit well with me as an Emmitsburg native of 26 years. Your reply was inappropriate. I have not spoken publicly about the current municipal government because I had reasons to move from town, and felt that like you, it would be wrong to 'butt in.'

- John Preston
Manchester, Md.

Praise for post office staff

I certainly agree with the comments made by Mr. Wayne Baumgardner in his February 16th article for *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* concerning our present day postal service. One good thing I have found though, is that the staff at the Emmitsburg Post Office

are extremely pleasant, and I find very knowledgeable. Also, there may be hope for us credit card holders. This past year a few of my time sensitive bills were lost in the mail, and recently I had a new credit card marketer explain the company's policy to me. If I mail

my payment, and it gets lost, I am to call and explain this, and they won't raise my interest rate from 9% to 25%. This sounds great, but I hope I will never have to test this out!!

-Mary-Elizabeth Buckham
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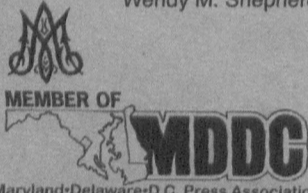
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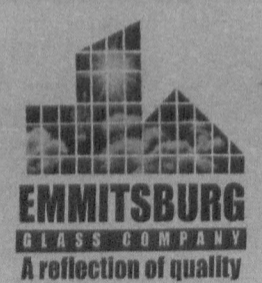
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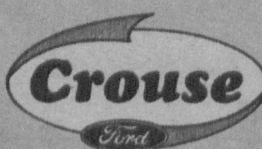
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EDITORIAL

Local art contest should become a town tradition

The board of commissioners has approved an art contest for area students (within the 21727 zip code) proposed and developed by Commissioner William B. O'Neil Jr. Hats off to the commissioner for providing an opportunity to showcase local talent.

The arts are often cut back when schools run into budgetary shortfalls. Sometimes we lose sight of their value as we cheer on our children at sports events. But we need to remember that encouraging all of our children's talents and interests will help them develop into the well-rounded adults we hope they will become.

Now we need some more businesses and individuals to support the effort.

The commissioners approved awarding the winners \$18,000 in savings bonds. The bonds will actually cost the town about \$9,000. Although the motion was presumably passed based on the assumption that the town would pay for the contest and associated expenses, the town


would likely welcome sponsorships or contributions from businesses, local organizations, and individuals.

Larry Little, co-owner of One More Tavern and a member of an off-road sporting group called Borderline 4x4, told the commissioners not to worry about the money. But one group of individuals shouldn't be the sole funders of an event that will benefit our young people and the arts in the community.

In addition, if other assistance were offered, Borderline 4x4, which contributes to a number of youth-oriented interests, would not have to commit thousands of dollars to a single cause.

Our area young people represent the future of the community, and we need to embrace any opportunity to further their interests. To discuss contributing to the art contest, contact the town offices at (240) 629-6300.

(See related story, "Art competition set to begin," in this issue of *The Dispatch*.)



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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.

**April 6, 1906
Mount St. Mary's News**

Work on the new College barn was delayed by the snow storm three full weeks.

Mr. Zentz has his machine in the woods north of the College and sawing lumber for the barn.

Very Rev. Dr. Flynn, President of the College, preached in his usual eloquent style at St. Joseph's Church, this village, on Wednesday evening.

The school for Colored children has an average attendance of eight.

Nelson McLean's house took fire on the 2nd floor, but Mr. Stouter and his men soon extinguished the flames. But for them the destruction of the building was certain, as the fire started on the shingled roof.

Mr. Long of Tom's Creek has moved into the beautifully situated house lately occupied by Harry Hopp.

The farm of "Hayland," where the school existed in 1805 which afterward developed into Mt. St. Mary's College, is advertised for sale.

FAIRFIELD ITEMS

Joseph Carson moved on a farm near Waynesboro.

The Lutherans have put a new roof on their parsonage in Fairfield.

Rev. C.L. Ritter will hold services in the Lutheran church every night next week until Thursday night, when the services close. Communion Easter Sunday.

Mr. Trimper Riley, who lived on Emory Baer's farm, has removed to the Henry Musselman farm.

Mr. John McCleaf, of Fairfield has sold his grocery and confectionery store to John Mackley on private terms.

Mrs. S.W. Plank and daughter, Helen, and son, Parke, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. Shulley, of Fairfield.

REMOVALS

The following is a list of those who have recently changed their residence:

Mr. John T. Hospelhorn has moved into the house on East Main Street which he purchased from Mrs. Ann Hoover.

Misses Annie and Ella Shriver have taken possession of their new house on East Main Street.

Mr. Grant E. Bell moved into the West End of Mr. George S. Springer's house, in this place.

Mr. J.E. Payne has taken possession of the house he purchased from Mr. W. J. Wivell, in this place.

Mr. Frank Topper moved into Mr. F. A. Welty's house, in this place.

Mr. George Gingell moved to Zora, Pa.

Mr. Cornelius Buckingham occupies the house adjoining Mr. Tyson Lansinger's store East Main Street.

Mr. Jerome Hemler, of Gettysburg, has taken possession of the Emmit House, in this place, and will carry on the hotel business.

Mr. Albert Adelsberger moved into Mr. J. Thos. Gelwicks' house, on Green Street.

Mr. Charles Myers moved into Mr. David Guise's tenant house, near this place.

**April 13, 1906
ENGINE EXPLODED**

The engine at Zimmerman and Shriver's Pin Factory, in this place, exploded Tuesday morning, completely wrecking the engine. Fortunately no one was injured, as the employees at the time were in the Express Office waiting until the engine contained sufficient steam to operate the saw mill. The boiler of the engine turned several somersaults and landed on a pile of locust wood some distance from where it was standing at the time the accident occurred. While the boiler was turning somersaults, the front axel and wheels were broken loose from the boiler and were thrown over a stable, landing in Mr. Lewis M. Motter's field, a distance of about 500 feet from where the engine stood. The heavy iron axel was broken straight in two pieces, the tire was knocked from the wheels and many of the spokes broken. Other parts of the engine were broken and twisted and were found lying at different places nearby. The cause of the explosion is unknown.



-DICK BLOOM / THE DISPATCH

Bridge closure paves way for 'Eisenhower' visit

Road crews have been working on the Toms Creek Bridge on South Seton Avenue for more than a week preparing for a 10-week partial closure to facilitate a more dramatic upgrading. The bridge is being spruced up in preparation for a national re-enactment of the 1919 highway tour which included future President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Seton

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Joining the caravan in Frederick, after the convoy departed Washington, D.C., was Eisenhower, then a lieutenant colonel in the army.

Jennifer Gavin, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) deputy director of communications, said the experiment "was a really bad experience. The roads were awful."

The convoy found the roads across the country in such bad shape it took them more than a month to get to the West Coast.

Eisenhower was so distraught over what he found on the trek that creating a national highway system became a priority as he ascended into the presidency. As a result of his efforts, the act creating the U.S. Interstate Highway System became law on June 29, 1956.

As part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the highway system, AASHTO is organizing a coast-to-coast "reenactment" of the 1919

caravan, scaled down to 20 vehicles, and carried out in reverse. The convoy will leave San Francisco on June 16, with plans to end the trip in Washington, D.C., on the anniversary date of June 29.

Joining the ride will be President Eisenhower's grandson, Merrill Eisenhower Atwater. "We're going to start in San Francisco, come across U.S. 80 and stop at least once in each state along the way," Gavin told *The Dispatch*. "The route (basically) mimics the one Eisenhower took."

One of the stops planned will be at the Toms Creek Bridge on South Seton, which Gavin noted was, "one of the first bridges savaged to get through." Details are pending as far as date and time for the visit.

The SHA spokesman said the Maryland highway administration wasn't overhauling the bridge solely because of the coming event. "It had to be done anyway but once this (commemoration) was announced the work was accelerated because of the event. It (the bridge repair) was in the process of happening anyway."

Election

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had subsequently resigned from that organization.

Former Commissioner Joyce Rosensteel, who served from 2002 to 2005, when she was defeated for re-election, filed Feb. 15. Former Commissioner Clifford Sweeney, who served from 2001 to 2004, when he lost a re-election bid, filed Feb. 13.

Alternate judge needed

Three judges have been approved for the upcoming election: Denise Etris, who has served previously; Sharon Hane;

and former Commissioner Dianne L. Walbrecker, both serving for the first time.

The town still needs one alternate judge to cover in the absence of any of the other judges. If no one comes forth, the mayor may appoint someone.

Write-in candidates must file by noon, April 18. Write-in candidate names will not appear on the ballot.

All candidates must provide proof and duration of residency. Every candidate must also file a financial disclosure statement both 30 days before and seven days after the election (covering the 30-day period of time from the first filing).

Planning recommends sign code changes

EMMITSBURG, Md. -- The town planning commission recommended on March 27 that the board of commissioners amend the town sign ordinance to address political signs and clarify wording on other sign issues.

One of the recommendations was to remove the requirement that political signs comply with any town regulations.

A review of the town sign rules came about after last year's challenge by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), acting on a complaint filed by then-candidate Harold Craig. Craig filed his complaint after the town warned him that a campaign banner he had hung violated the town sign code section regarding size limitations on temporary signs. Craig claimed that size limitations on a campaign banner constitutionally violated his freedom of speech.

Ultimately, the town took no action on the issue, but the ACLU did. In a March 28 letter, Richard Griffiths, an ACLU staff attorney, wrote to the town on Craig's behalf, saying that the town sign regulations clearly violated the political sign regulations.

Other proposed sign ordinance changes related to clarity and consistency of wording. The planning commission also suggested that the commissioners review the logic behind prohibiting self-illuminated signs.

-R. Fulton

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TOWN NEWS

Town may help AppleTree pull out of Southgate

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
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EMMITSBURG, Md. – Apple Tree Homes may finally have a way to pull out of Emmitsburg if they can complete on deadline a checklist of improvements at their Mountainview at Southgate development.

Town Manager David Haller told the board of commissioners March 20 that Thomas Carolyn, the owner of Apple Tree Homes, previously requested posting a \$300,000

bond in lieu of a letter of credit to ensure completion of stormwater management, sediment and erosion control and road and sidewalk work.

Although the town has been doubtful about accepting a bond as security, Haller said doing so might be “the best thing to do in this isolated situation” to complete the development to the point that Apple Tree can pull out, and remaining lots could be sold to other developers to market.

The basic motivation behind this ... is the developer has offered

to complete all developmental work there and leave ... 11 finished lots. The staff supports this,” Haller said.

Apple Tree Homes officially broke ground for the development located off South Seton Avenue in 2003. They began construction on the first of the then-priced \$244,000 to \$300,000 houses in Feb. 2004, with an estimated two-year build out for the entire project.

But then an event not of Apple Tree Home’s making bogged down progress on the project – town officials realized the decrepit state of the town’s wastewater collection system.

Southgate was then besieged by a series of actions that all stalled its progress, even though it was an already approved development. First was the quasi-moratorium policy halting new sewer connections; then the ordinance-backed moratorium devised to replace the so-called policy; then the creation of the “taps allocation plan,” and finally the consent order entered into with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

Still unfinished, 11 lots remain undeveloped, leaving some residents who live in Southgate concerned about their children’s safety and feeling that they are living amidst never-ending construction. If the proposed completion agreement goes through as planned, Haller said, “They will no longer have to be living in a construction site.”

The board agreed to consider accepting a bond after Apple Tree completes the checklist of improvements, which Haller estimated could take up to two months.

Town News Briefs ...

Art competition set to begin

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The board of commissioners unanimously approved on March 20 the establishment of and financing for a student art competition in the hopes that it will also become an annual event.

The competition would be limited to school age children and teenagers living within the 21727 area code. It was decided to restrict participation by zip code, rather than by list of schools, to allow for participation by home-schooled children.

The theme for the competition will be “100 Years of Discovery – Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Emmitsburg Public Library.”

Three age categories have been established: K-3; 4-7; and 8-12. Awards in each age category will be in the form of savings bonds, and will range from \$100 (for honorable mention) to \$1,000 (first place). More than \$18,000 in awards will be handed out to winners. The estimated actual cost of the bonds will be about \$9,000.

All entries must be received by the town office, 300A-1 South Seton Avenue, by 4 p.m. on June 6. Winners will be announced on July 1 (time to be announced). Entry forms may also be obtained from town hall, (240) 629-6300.

- R. Fulton

Town to hire planning consultant

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The commissioners voted March 20 to engage a planning consulting firm in lieu of hiring a new town planner to replace Michael Lucas, who resigned at the end of 2005.

The firm of Jakubiak & Associates, based in Annapolis, will provide planning services to the town at the rate of \$100 to \$120 per hour, depending on the level of expertise needed for a project, for a three-month “trial” period.

After the three-month period expires, the town will have the option of entering into a regular contract with the firm.

Town staff recommended hiring the company because of its experience working with other entities in Frederick County.

- R. Fulton

A water surcharge could be in town’s future

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The water supply system has become so expensive to operate, at \$1 million a year, that the town may consider assessing a surcharge on new connections as it does with sewer services.

In addition, there is concern that the plant is reaching capacity and may only have be able to support another 200 connections.

Town Manager David Haller told the commissioners March 20 that covering the expenses for upgrading may be an area where “we might” want to consider a surcharge.

- R. Fulton

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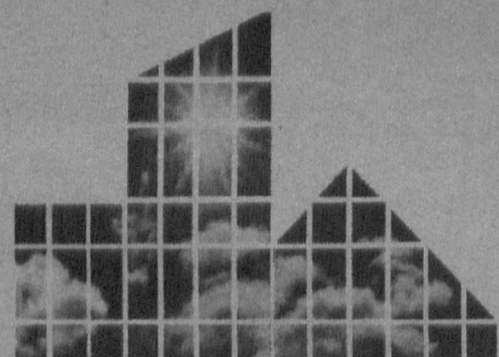
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TOWN NEWS

Landfill ban forces 'roll-off' use for yard waste

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Beginning May 1, the county landfill will no longer accept lawn waste, forcing municipalities that do not presently accept yard waste to come up with alternative plans to dispose of leaves and lawn clippings.

Bob Clark, president of Frederick-based Key Sanitation, Inc., the town's current trash hauler, told the board of supervisors March 20 that the county's ban on lawn and garden debris "affects the current contract" between his company and the town.

Clark said a number of towns on his company's service list either already have programs for dealing with yard waste or are planning to take measures to address the issue. He said the town should "develop a program or not pick up yard waste at all."

The Key Sanitation president recommended that the town permit the company to provide a roll-off (essentially an industrial-sized dumpster) for residents to use for lawn waste disposal. Delivery of a roll-off would cost \$75 each, and pick-up of the filled container would be \$155, he stated.

Each roll-off can hold between eight to 10 tons, according to Clark, who stated, "I can't see Emmitsburg being over that (amount)." However, an additional roll-off could be provided, or the pick-up rate increased, if one proved insufficient.

According to the contract between the town and Key Sanitation, yard and landscape materials prohibited from being deposited in a roll-off include sod, dirt, rocks or tree limbs over three inches in diameter.

Town Manager David Haller suggested to the board that a roll-off be sited at the wastewater treatment plant where it would be

secure behind existing fencing. He said the town should also consider "requiring driver licenses" to make sure that individuals bringing waste to the site are from Emmitsburg.

Haller said he would work out the necessary details for keeping the proposed roll-off at the treatment plant.

The county Division of Utilities & Solid Waste Management notified Key Sanitation on Feb. 2 that "the Frederick County landfill will no longer be permitted to dispose of yard waste in the refuse disposal area of the landfill."

"Yard waste" is considered to be primarily organic materials including "leaves, grass clippings, plants, shrubs, prunings and trimmings which are no longer than eight feet or larger than six inches in diameter." Debris produced from clearing land or edible products are exempt from the ban and may still be disposed of at the landfill.

Town News Briefs ...

Problematic sewer system continues to spill

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The town wastewater collection system continued its track record of unreliable conveyance of sewage in February when it suffered two more spills, according to Town Manager David Haller.

On Feb. 3, 6,000 gallons of raw sewage was spilled, followed by a 7,750-gallon spill on Feb. 4.

The treatment plant also continued to suffer from intrusion of unwanted storm water into the collection system, causing the facility exceeding its treatment capacity on four days in February: Feb. 2 — 925,000 gallons; Feb. 3 — 1.4 million gallons; Feb. 4 — 2.1 million gallons; and on Feb. 5 — 1.2 million gallons. — R. Fulton

'Main Street Sweets' could lead to new regulations

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Main Street Sweets, a coffee and baked goods shop, which had its grand opening March 18 on the town square, may soon offer outside tables with seating. But other businesses may be denied the same luxury.

According to town staff, there is nothing in town codes that would prohibit the new business from having outside seating. The shop's unique location provides a large amount of sidewalk.

However, the town is concerned that other businesses might want the same set up where sidewalk width is more limited. Town staff will develop regulations, at least as a policy, requiring shop owners to provide a certain clearance for pedestrian traffic and to avoid having sidewalks blocked. — R. Fulton

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TOWN NEWS

A Word from a Commissioner

Pensions protect loyal employees, families

Golden years. Rocking chairs and grandchildren. Fishing. Peace and tranquility. Quiet contemplation. These charming images have been ingrained in our subconscious when we think of retirement.

Recent years, however, have brought other images to mind that are not so settling. Enron, WorldCom, 401(k) bankruptcies ... hardly the peace and tranquility anyone would plan for their future.

If recent events have demonstrated anything, it is that 401(k) investment plans (or their financial relatives) are no guarantee of financial stability. One investing in them should, instead, view them as an added increment of income, not the sole source of it during retirement years.

Pensions offer stability to loyal long-term employees with any entity; be it a corporation, organization, association, or government. More than a 401(k), however, pensions offer benefits

that extend to the family of an employee should they be stricken with a disability, be injured on the job, or die.

Within the state of Maryland, 109 of the 157 municipalities are presently enrolled in the state Employees' Contributory Pension System (ECPS) including Middletown, Mt. Airy, Brunswick, Walkersville and Thurmont – the same municipalities competing for experienced personnel. Over the past five years the Town of Emmitsburg has lost eight licensed sewer and water plant operators to other municipalities who currently offer this retirement system. Salaries alone do not attract and retain employees, a family-friendly comprehensive benefits package does.

Recently, the town of Emmitsburg opted not to fill two senior positions in the Planning and Zoning department with a combined salary and benefit package of nearly \$68,377 annually, or \$752,147 over 11

years. By contrast, the cost of joining the pension system is \$28,909 annually, or \$318,000 over 11 years. When comparing the two, the costs savings is \$434,147. Add to that the amount saved in not continually having to attract, retain and train new employees, and our savings continue.

Some have indicated that, rather than join the state ECPS, the old system could have been improved; yet, this same proposal was first brought to the Town Commission in June 2005 and during that time no alternatives or improvements were proffered. It is not enough to say "no," one must say no and offer a viable alternative.

Others believe that we should have supported the pension plan only "if" we did not have to pay the fee to join. Sure, life would be easier for us all if we didn't have to pay deposit money when buying a home, down money for a car, or collateral for a loan, etc., – but that's not the way life works.

Providing a pension plan is a just an honorable effort for our employees, their families, and for the future stability of our town.

- William B. O'Neil, Jr.
Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners

Town News Briefs ...

New 'prefab' bathrooms to be installed Other park improvements planned

EMMITSBURG, Md. – Town staff has ordered new pre-cast bathrooms for the town-owned Memorial Park along Willow Rill, which could be in place for the July 4 festivities, according to Town Manager David Haller.

The bathroom facilities come pre-wired and pre-plumbed, according to Haller. The town has reserved money in its budget for two years for bathroom improvements at the park.

Haller said he is also looking into providing lighting at the pavilion.

A set of "jungle gyms" has been removed from the park "for safety reasons," according to Haller, who told the board of commissioners March 20 that the staff wants to replace the equipment.

- R. Fulton

Code enforcement garners more than \$5,000

EMMITSBURG, Md. – Town code enforcement fetched \$5,449 in meter revenue along with fines and costs for other services during February.

According to a report filed by Town Manager David Haller, town parking meters generated \$2,222, while parking tickets brought in \$2,630. Funds from meters and related tickets support the Emmitsburg After-School Program.

- R. Fulton

Parks committee appoints board member

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The board of supervisors unanimously approved on March 20 Mayor James E. Hoover's recommendation of a new parks committee member, Dianne L. Walbrecker, former town commissioner.

- R. Fulton

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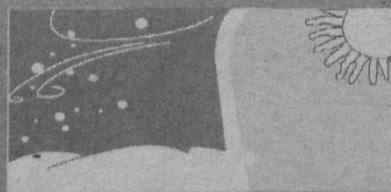
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REGIONAL NEWS

Exceptions granted for 1,160 home development

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
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FREEDOM TOWNSHIP, Pa. — Mason-Dixon Country Club (MDCC), a proposed 867-acre development spanning Freedom Township, Pa., and Frederick County, Md., has been granted special exceptions permitting a 150-room hotel and development-associated water storage and treatment operations.

Envisioned to include more

than 1,160 homes interlaced with a golf complex, the development received conditional special exception from the Freedom Township Zoning Hearing Board on March 16.

Specifically, the granted exceptions were for a 150-room hotel, which would exceed the normal 20-room limit; for proposed water storage and treatment operations on a 14-acre parcel between Bull Frog and Natural Dam roads; and wells and treatment-related works on the

commercial portion of the proposed development.

Numerous conditions offered little surprise

The board attached a number of conditions to their approval of the special exceptions, but many were already required under county and state regulations.

MDCC must also comply with all other township regulations not waived as part of the special exception approvals.

"I think it's (the conditions attached to the approval package) relatively consistent with what we anticipated," said MDCC Attorney R. Timothy Weston. "Some we had suggested (during testimony)."

Board Attorney James Yingst, who read the findings, noted that the board had determined that opponents had failed to prove their case and had provided no evidence

that the applicants had not met the exceptions requirements.

Zoning board hearings on MDCC's special exceptions requests began in August 2005. The hearings concluded Dec. 19. MDCC will eventually request an additional special exception from the zoning board for a proposed water transmission line to bring water from Marsh Creek to the Natural Dam Road treatment facility.

Conditional use approval proved a little rockier

Hearings on MDCC's conditional use application before the township supervisors began in September 2005. Conditional use approval was necessary because the township only permits "golf communities" as a conditional use in the mixed use (MU) zone.

The hearings concluded Dec.

15, and the conditional approval to the special exception, with some 74 conditions attached, was announced on Dec. 21

Carroll "Duke" Martin, a project manager for MDCC, told *The Dispatch* soon after that approval, "... We don't believe anything really raised any eyebrows. We were happy to get through the process although we have all those conditions set. I remain optimistic."

MDCC staff reviewed the conditions, and as a result, Weston contested some of them in Adams County Court, filing near the end of January.

Weston told *The Dispatch*, "Most of those contested were over the language," which he described as "confusing." Other stipulations are being challenged because they were "impossible to comply with."

Weston said the court had not yet set a review date.

Development slated for 2009 build-out

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP, Pa. — Once all the necessary special conditions and conditional use approvals are obtained, Mason-Dixon Country Club (MDCC) plans call for a six-phase build-out, with completion slated tentatively for 2009.

The 867-acre, half-billion-dollar "golf community" development would sit principally between Emmitsburg Road and Bullfrog Road, with its northern boundary near the U.S. 15 interchange. A commercial section, including a hotel and businesses, is proposed between U.S. 15 and Shorbs Mill Road.

A portion of the proposed golf course and several estate homes would lie on the Maryland side of the Mason-Dixon Line within North Frederick County.

In addition to more than 1,100 homes, the site would include a 150-room hotel in a commercial area bordering U.S. 15 along with other commercial operations.

MDCC, Inc. is owned by Caswell and Marie Holloway (Holloway Development Corporation) of Philadelphia. The Holloways began purchasing land for the project around 1988, and began work on the development concept around 1998. — R. Fulton

Fairfield council approves demolition

FAIRFIELD BOROUGH, Pa. — The borough council granted conditional approval March 28 to allow David Sites to demolish the "Kump property" in conjunction with his Fairfield Commons proposal, pending review and approval of further revisions on the development.

Historical and Architectural Review Board (HARB) and council member Dean Thomas provided the lone dissenting vote, citing concerns regarding the development's density.

Sites continues to modify his

Fairfield Commons development proposed for 20-28 E. Main St., based on feedback from the borough planning commission and HARB.

His current proposal calls for eight units: three duplexes book-ended by a single family home on each side. The homes would be larger than the townhouses proposed in a previous, withdrawn submittal, but ten-foot alleys would separate the units and provide 22 feet of space between neighboring properties.

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REGIONAL NEWS

Appliance store holds grand opening

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
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CUMBERLANDTOWNSHIP, Pa. — McGuire Appliance, an appliance store originally founded in Falls Church, Va., celebrated its grand opening in Cumberland Township, Pa., April 1 at its new store at 1685 Fairfield Road.

The store is owned and operated by Robert and Mary Kraft of Fairfield, who also continue to own the original half-century old McGuire Appliance business located in Falls Church. Chuck and Linda Kraft, Robert Kraft's parents, manage the Virginia store.

Robert and Mary Kraft acquired the Virginia operation three years ago, although they had worked in sales and installations for the appliance company for 20 years. The couple moved to Fairfield about five years ago, opening the new Fairfield Road store's doors about a month ago.

Mary Kraft told *The Dispatch* that since her husband's parents running the Virginia store, the two-store "chain" is entirely family owned and operated.

"We carry all of the major



—RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

New appliance store opens

Mary Kraft, who operates McGuire Appliance with her husband Robert on Fairfield Road in Cumberland Township, with several of the many name-brand appliances the store carries. The shop held its grand opening on April 1.

brands," Kraft stated, including General Electric, Whirlpool, Maytag, and Frigidaire. "We offer discount prices every day, and we are the only full-service appliance store in Adams County."

McGuire shares space with Baker's Electronics, owned by David Bollinger, which recently

relocated from Gettysburg, an arrangement born from the friendship that grew between the companies' management, Kraft said.

McGuire Appliances can be reached at (717) 339-0600. Baker's Electronics can be reached at (717) 334-4410.

County women want more pay and jobs

BY NICOLE M. BELANGER
Contributing Writer

FREDERICK, Md. — More than any other issue, Frederick County women ranked higher pay and access to more jobs as the most important in the county, according to a yearlong study conducted by the Frederick County Commission on Women.

"It surprised me that so many economic issues were at the top of the scale," said Diane DeMarco with the commission.

The 2004-2005 Needs Assessment Survey, which surveyed 356 women of various backgrounds and in all regions of the county, was an update of a 1994 study. Questions were asked about health care, education, childcare, personal safety, affordable housing, political issues, support services and discrimination.

Respondents were asked to rank the level of importance of each issue and the level of perceived satisfaction with that issue so the commission could determine whether there is a gap in delivering services.

Before the survey was distributed, commission members arranged focus groups throughout the county, including one at the Upcounty Family Center in

Thurmont.

"We wanted to know the thoughts behind the issue," DeMarco said.

Childcare was the most important issue in the focus groups, DeMarco said.

Other issues at the top of women's minds included affordable housing and education, although most women agreed the county school system is delivering the education they expected, according to the survey.

Affordable and available health care is also something to which most women need access but rank as important, the study results show.

The survey can be accessed at <http://www.co.frederick.md.us/fccfw>. Monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Winchester Hall in Frederick and are open to the public.

Turn trash into cash

THURMONT, Md. — Clean up your community while earning money for your non-profit organization with the 2006 Big Sweep.

The event will take place across Frederick County on Saturday, April 22.

Participants collect pledges to clean up litter along Frederick County roads and parks. A portion of each dollar is donated to the specified non-profit group, while the remainder supports the county program.

Volunteer Frederick coordinates the event and provides supplies, training, promotion and fundraising assistance, as well as a kick-off breakfast.

Since 2002, the Big Sweep has mobilized 2,700 volunteers, raised nearly \$140,000 for local non-profit organizations, picked up nearly 130,000 pounds of trash and recyclables and performed 7,500 hours of work service to the community.

The following local teams have registered with Volunteer Frederick's BIG Sweep, as of March 27:

- Mount St. Mary's University (women's golf team, dance team and Tri Beta biology honor society), cleaning Annandale Road
- New Forest Society, cleaning Annandale and Scott Roads
- Catoctin High School Peer Mediators, National Honor Society and Student Government Association, cleaning Blue Mountain and Catoctin Furnace Roads
- Boy Scout Troop 270, cleaning Hemler Road
- Apples United Church of Christ, cleaning Roddy Creek Road and Roddy Road
- Graceham Moravian Church, cleaning Mumma Ford Road
- Cub Scout Pack 270, site not confirmed
- Vigilant Hose Company Explorer Post 6, cleaning Community Park, Memorial Park, and Willow Rill Creek.

For more information, visit www.thebigsweep.org or call (301) 663-5214.

— J. Rada and S. Allen

Prescription discount program launched

FREDERICK, Md. — Frederick County residents will soon receive a discount card that will help save an average of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

While the discount card program will benefit all county residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage, the program offers considerable savings for uninsured and under-insured citizens.

The card is not associated with nor is it a replacement for the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan or any other prescription drug programs.

The prescription discount card program is administered by Caremark and is provided to residents as a joint effort of Frederick County Government and the National Association of Counties, a full-service organization that provides legislative, research, technical and public affairs assistance to the nation's 3,066 county governments. — J. Rada

Ambulance fees increased April 1

FREDERICK, Md. — As of April 1, when a patient needing emergency medical services is transported, the service costs more. The new charge for a Non-Emergency Basic Life Support (BLS) fee increased to \$240. The Emergency Basic Life Support (BLS) fee increased to \$360.

The Frederick County Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of the increase following a public hearing March 7.

County residents can join the Ambulance Subscription Club for a small annual fee. All subscription club money is returned to the local fire/rescue company providing the subscriber service. Members are not billed for any portion of the bill not paid by insurance.

Although the fees have increased, no one will be refused transport due to lack of insurance or an inability to pay.

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— J. Rada

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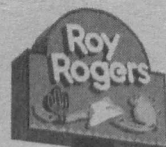
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REGIONAL NEWS

Borough council balks at adopting prayer motion

By WILLIAM K. REINKE
Contributing Writer

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — A motion to open each council meeting with prayer was soundly defeated at the March 14 borough meeting due to a lack of support from council members.

Councilman Daniel Patton, who made the motion, spoke in support of the idea, reiterating the purpose of the measure was to recognize the importance of God in our heritage, to recognize the diversity of religions in the community, and to offer words of inspiration at the beginning of council meetings.

The topic drew comments from all of the council members, some of who favored a moment of silence as a compromise solution.

Patton stated a moment of silence would not accomplish any of those objectives. "I would be a hypocrite to support a moment of silence. I believe in God and I would like to ask him for guidance before each meeting."

But council president Thomas Wolf stated, "I do my praying when I think it's appropriate, whether at church or at home." He added that he did not want to mix religious activities with public service.

Councilman Steven Semiatin based his opinion on the fact that adopting an opening prayer would most likely be challenged and end up taxing the time and financial resources of the borough with court battles. Semiatin, along with council vice president Roger Butt and councilman John Van Volkenburgh spoke in favor of an opening moment of silence.

Councilman Ted Talbert quoted scripture by saying, "render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's," adding, "We're here to do 'Caesar's' work!"

When Patton moved to adopt the measure and Wolf asked for a second, the room was silent and the motion died. There was no further discussion on adopting an opening moment of silence.

Borough Solicitor Thomas Campbell previously advised the

council to proceed with "extreme caution" and to "not enter into this decision lightly. You will be challenged. Be prepared to do battle" if this is the route you choose."

See related story, "Council considers opening prayer at meetings," in the March 2, 2006, issue of *The Dispatch*.

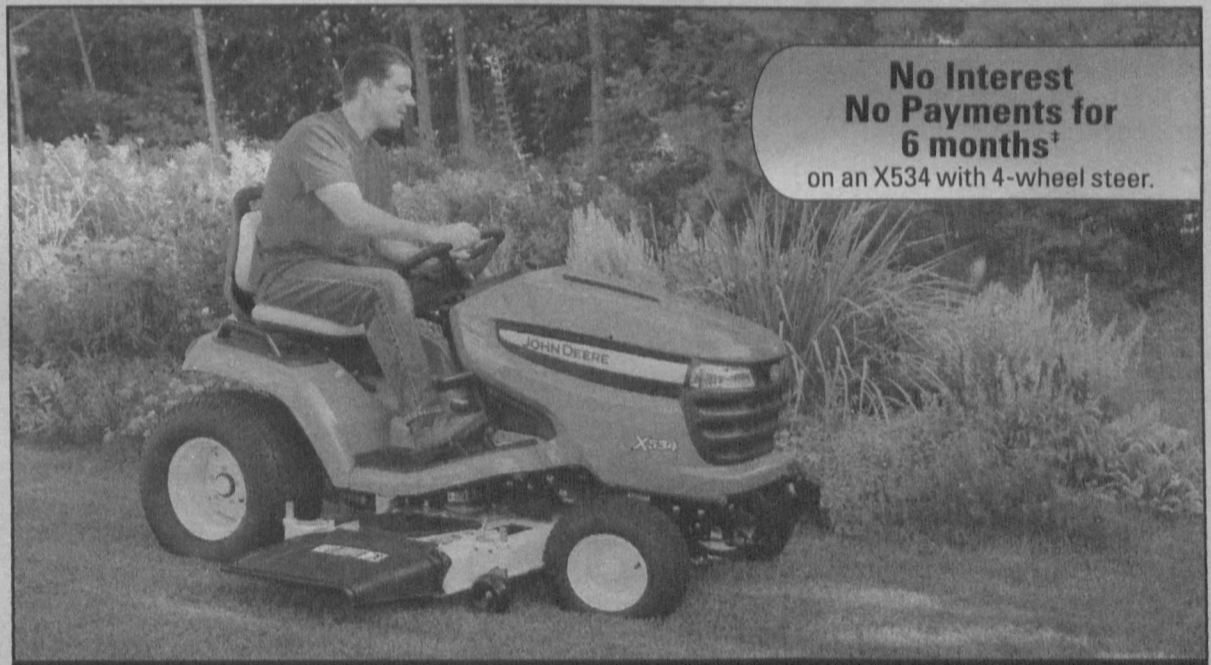
County issues burning permit ban

FREDERICK, Md. — The Frederick County Health Department will not issue any open burning permits due to the county's outdoor burning ban announced March 17. No permits will be issued until sufficient rainfall has fallen and the ban is lifted.

The ban applies to all outdoor ignition sources, including campfires, bonfires, fireworks, leaf, brush, grass, trash burning and other similar open incineration. The ban does not affect the use of gas grills.

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— J. Rada



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REGIONAL NEWS

Bigger, better Business Expo highlights Thurmont

By JAMES RADA, JR.
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THURMONT, Md. — Between 1,400 and 1,600 people attended the second annual Thurmont Business

Expo at Catoclin High on Friday, March 31. The three-hour event was created by Thurmont's Economic Development Commission to highlight the area's businesses and services.

Last year, 74 exhibitors hosted

about 650 visitors at the first expo. This year, 95 exhibitors filled both gyms at the high school and the hallway between them.

One of the exhibitors was Diana Stull, owner of The Beauty Parlor of Thurmont. Her area was elaborately decorated for the expo's Mardi Gras theme. She and her employees also dressed for the theme and handed out beauty samples and chocolate hair dryers to visitors.

"I wanted to participate and be a part of Thurmont just for the fun of it," Stull said.

Rebuilders, Inc., a local landscaping and lawn care company, probably spent the most time assembling its booth. The owners spent two hours building a stone patio and walls.

"We wanted to let people see more of what we can do," said owner Michael McKeel.

And the crowd not only saw what they could do but also enjoyed seeing what other businesses had to offer.

Jody Stinson and her family have lived in Thurmont for about a year. Though she likes living in the town, she really didn't know what Thurmont had to offer.

She came to the expo because, "I wanted to learn more about the town so I don't have to travel to other towns for things." She said she enjoyed the family friendly



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The 2nd annual Thurmont Business Expo on March 31 filled both gyms at Catoclin High School with 95 exhibitors and between 1,400 and 1,600 people.

atmosphere of the expo and will be using a lot of the businesses she saw there.

Josh Knoll came from Waynesboro to attend the event with a couple of his friends, Amanda and Brittney Wright. They left the expo laughing and said it had been "cool," "fun," and "awesome."

A number of non-profit organizations also participated. Erin Dingle, branch manager of the Thurmont Library used the expo to officially kick-off the new Friends of the Thurmont Library.

"We had a lot of people stop by

interested in joining and some even paid their dues," Dingle said.

Seven area businesses offered food to attendees, including crab dip from the Shamrock Restaurant and sno-cones from Gateway.

Maggie Doll with Gateway said she brought 500 cups for sno-cones and had to get more before the evening ended. She also brought 300 chocolate-covered frozen bananas, which all quickly disappeared.

Barbara Lewis of Thurmont said, "The food was good and the decorations were wonderful."

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Graduating seniors have a number of opportunities to acquire financial help through local scholarships.

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A scholarship is also available through the Thurmont Freemason Lodge, Acacia #155. This scholarship is worth \$4,000 over a four-year period at an accredited university or college, and is available to all graduating high school level seniors residing within the Catoctin High School district boundaries. Scholarship application forms are available at

the Catoctin High School guidance office or at the Thurmont Public Library. Interested students must complete the application and return it to one of these locations on or before April 14.

The Northwestern Frederick County Civic Association is offering a new \$1,000 scholarship, available to any graduate from Catoctin or Smithsburg high schools pursuing a career in the automotive technology field. Students of private schools within these two school districts may also apply. Applications can be obtained from the guidance offices.

The \$1,000 John A. Cliber Memorial Scholarship Fund, also from the civic association, is available to students of the same districts, or adults pursuing continuing education. For more information about these scholarships or the civic association, call (301) 241-3687.

Students receive awards at local county science fair

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) and the Frederick Jaycees sponsored the 25th Annual Science and Engineering Fair on March 25. The following Catoctin High School students received awards at the event: Senior

Kenneth Getzandanner received first place honors in Space Science. In the Earth Science category, senior Brandon Smith was awarded first place, junior Matina Hunter placed third, and senior Brad Luhn received honorable mention.

In the middle school division, Thurmont Middle School

students Tony Alvarez and Robert Vaughn were awarded honorable mention in the medicine & health/gerontology category.

Altogether, 320 students from elementary through high school exhibited projects at the fair, which was funded by the Frederick medical technology firm MedImmune.

Catoctin Mountain Park announces Youth Conservation Corps program

The 2006 Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program at Catoctin Mountain Park is scheduled to begin on June 19 and end Aug. 11. The workday will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 4 p.m.

The program is open to young men and women 15 through 18 years of age. All applicants who meet the eligibility requirements

listed on the back of the application will be considered. The position will require daily outdoor labor, working in heat, and using a variety of hand tools.

The 2006 work projects include resource monitoring of fish populations, gypsy moths, exotic plants, trail maintenance and construction; and painting projects

during inclement weather.

A random drawing will choose enrollees with an equal number of positions allocated to male and female applicants. The pay rate will be \$6.15 per hour.

Applications can be obtained from local high school guidance counselors or by contacting Andy Ludwig at Catoctin Mountain Park, 6602 Foxville Road, Thurmont, MD 21788. Completed application forms must be mailed to Mr. Ludwig at the above address by April 15.

If you have any questions concerning this program, please contact Rebecca Loncosky at (301)416-0536.

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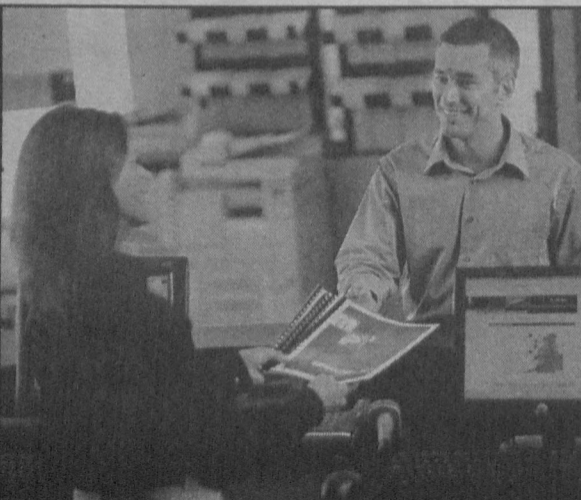
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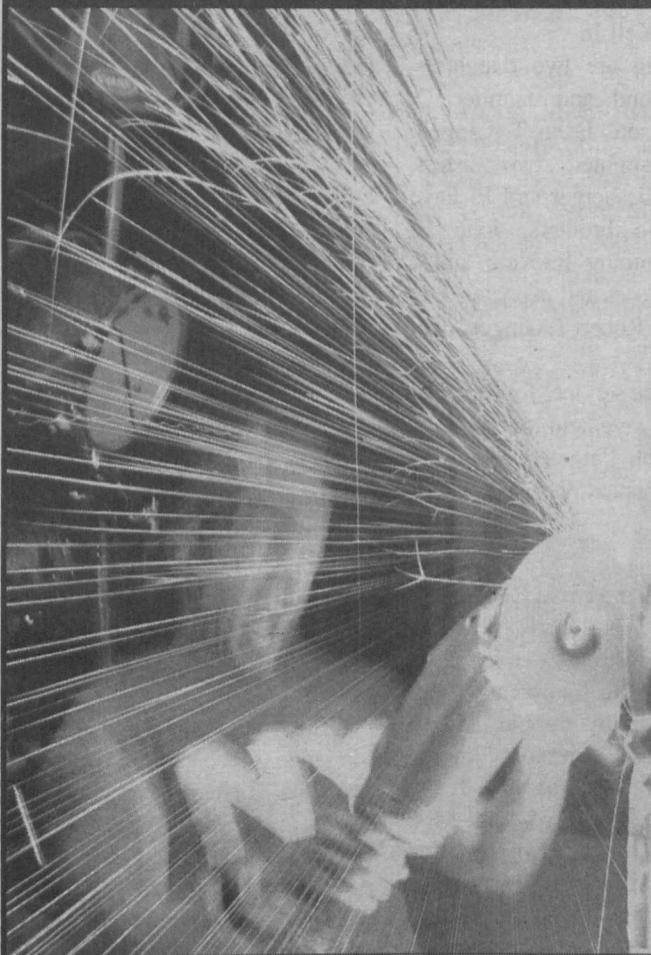


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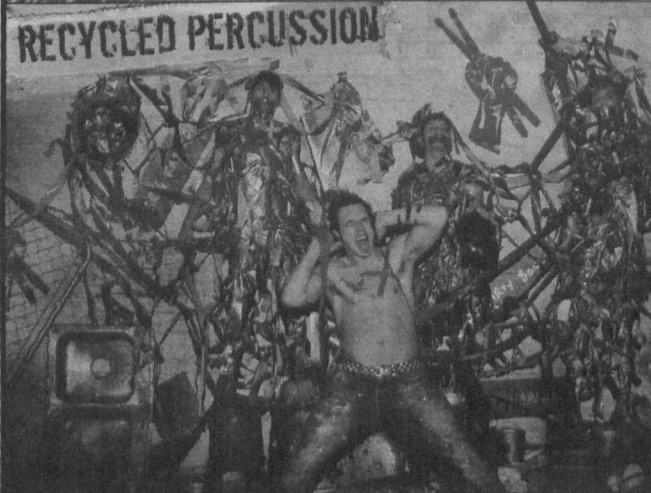
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Mount junior Laura Mancini stars as the ambitious Ellie, who defies practicality and heads to New York City, determined to become a star in the Big Apple. Fellow Mount student Richard Clark takes on the role of Jeff, the equally ambitious songwriter, whom Ellie falls in love with and marries. The show chronicles the musical duo's rise to the top—and their fall from marital bliss. Ultimately, the audience will see Ellie overcome her personal struggles to rise up and go on making the music that she loves.

Leader of the Pack debuted on Broadway in 1985 at the Ambassador Theater, and was nominated for a number of awards, including a Tony Award for Best Musical, a Grammy nomination for Best Cast Album, and The New York Music Award for Best Broadway Musical. All seats are \$7. All tickets are reserved seating, please call 301-447-5308 x4723 for reservations.

Mount St. Mary's University's Gospel Choir Concert

Friday, April 21
7 p.m., Knott Auditorium

The theme is “A More Perfect Praise.” This multiracial, interfaith group will sing a variety of traditional and gospel songs aimed at spreading the message that praise to God is expressed outwardly through our everyday actions, as well as inwardly in our thoughts. The concert is free, however donations will be accepted.

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Sunday, April 30
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Sunday, May 7
3 p.m., Knott Auditorium

The Mount St. Mary's University Wind Ensemble and Jazz Workshop present their annual Spring Concert, featuring works by Ralph Vaughn Williams, Franz von Suppe, Duke Ellington, and Cannonball Adderley. Donations will be accepted for the Catoctin Pregnancy Center.

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Sat., Apr. 8, 2 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Ruth N. Buckingham

Ruth N. Buckingham, 85, of Taneytown Pike, Emmitsburg, Md., died March 7, 2006, at Gettysburg Hospital.

Born Jan. 22, 1921, in Baltimore, Md., she was a daughter of the late James K. and Charlotte Moon Davis.

Surviving are one daughter, Linda C. Rollette; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Kenneth I. Davis; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were private. Interment was in the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery, Crownsville, Md.

Sister Aloysia Dugan, DC

Sister Aloysia Dugan, DC, 87, died March 13, 2006, at Villa St.

Michael, Emmitsburg.

She was the former director of the nursing department at St. Joseph College, Emmitsburg.

Surviving are one sister, Rose Metzler; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was offered March 16 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Debbie J. Fogle

Debbie Jean Fogle, 37, of Waynesboro, Pa., died at home on March 7, 2006.

Born Nov. 29, 1968, in Gettysburg, Pa., she was the daughter of Ernest Hurley of Ortanna, Pa., and Nancy Green Glaser of Breezewood, Pa.

Surviving in addition to her

husband Keith Fogle and her parents are children, Justin Wayne Fogle, Shawn Michael Fogle, Nicholas Adam Fogle, and Hannah Faith Fogle; sisters, Erna Green and Jennifer Kump; brothers, Ernest Hurley Jr. and James Davis; and several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held March 14 at the Chapel Mausoleum of Resthaven Memorial Gardens. Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Susan Gingell

Susan M. (Kell) Gingell, 55, of 14511 Pennersville Road, Cascade, Md., died March 10, 2006, in the Waynesboro Hospital.

Born May 27, 1950, in Hagerstown, Md., she was the daughter of Mrs. Beulah M. (Fox) Kell of Shady Grove, Pa., and the

late John A. Kell Jr.

Surviving are two daughters, Amy R. Bond and Jennifer D. Flores; one son, Jason T. Gingell; one granddaughter; two sisters, Doris J. Addlesberger and E. Faye Stouffer; two brothers, John R. Kell and Timothy E. Kell; and a number of nieces and nephews. Her husband, Mr. Robert T. Gingell, died March 14.

Graveside services for Mrs. and her husband were held March 22, at Bethel Church Cemetery, Cascade, Md., with Pastor W. Brian Black officiating.

Yvonne Ann Marie Leonard

Yvonne Ann Marie Leonard, 67, died in her Fruit Cove home on March 15, 2006, following a long illness with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bertrum Clements, Yvonne was born in Baltimore, Md. She spent her childhood in Newton before moving to Emmitsburg, with her mother, the late Genevieve Keepers Clements.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas Sr., and six children: Thomas Jr.; Robert; Randall; Edward; David and Stacy.

On March 18, the Rev. Daniel Cody celebrated a Mass in Mrs. Leonard's honor at the Historic St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Mandarin, followed by interment in the church cemetery.

James V. Mickley

James Vernon Mickley, 88, Fairfield, died March 8, 2006, at Village of Laurel Run, Fayetteville.

Born March 4, 1918, in Hamiltonban Township, he was the

son of the late George Oliver and Laura Virginia (Sites) Mickley.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Mary M. (Shriner) Mickley; two sisters, Helen Barton and Alice Funk; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held, March 11, at Monahan Funeral Home, 27 E. Main Street, Fairfield. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Fairfield.

Mr. Richard H. Myers

Richard H. "Dick" Myers, 71, of North Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Md., died March 20, 2006, at home.

Born January 9, 1935, in Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late Edward L. and Ada G. Ashbaugh Myers.

Surviving are his wife, Marianne Gochenour Myers; and two sons, Richard Myers and Fred Myers; one daughter, Pauline Engelstatter; one step-son, Robert A. Dick; one step-daughter, Debora Sanders; many step-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 23, from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, Md., with the Rev. Stephen P. Trzeciecki, C.M., as the celebrant. Interment was in new St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, Md.

Mr. Thomas X. Walter

Thomas Xavier Walter, 46, of Emmitsburg, Md., died suddenly on March 25, 2006, at home.

He was born on February 6, 1960, in Richmond, Va.

Surviving are his parents, John H. (Buzz) and Mary Agnes Bucker Walter of Emmitsburg; three brothers, John Dennis Walter, Mark David Walter and Gregory Stephen Walter; one sister, Susan Marie Walter-Warren; and many nieces, aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated March 30 at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, by his pastor, the Rev. Vincent O'Malley, C.M. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

James Willard Sr.

James Roy Willard Sr., 65, of Fayetteville, Pa., died March 13, 2006, at home.

Born December 22, 1940, in Rocky Ridge, he was a son of Mary Catherine Eckenrode Willard and the late Roy Milton Willard.

Surviving are five children, James R. Willard Jr., Michael A. Willard, Gary W. Willard, Michelle L. Willard, and Scott A. Willard; five grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and one sister, Carolyn Strawsburg.

Funeral services were held March 17, at the funeral home. Interment was private.



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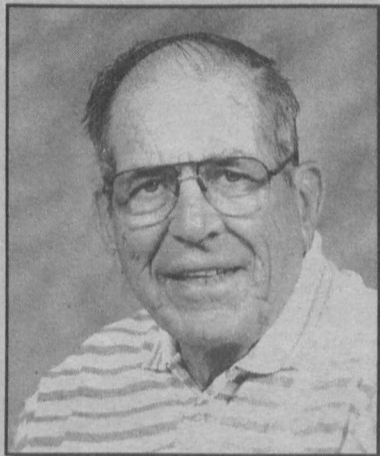
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Former mayor laid to rest with full fireman's honors



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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Former Emmitsburg Mayor Edward Eugene Myers, 77, died March 31 at Western Maryland Hospital Center, Hagerstown, and was buried with full firemen's honors on April 5.

Myers served as the mayor of Emmitsburg from 1978-1980 and town commissioner from 1974-1978. He was chief of Vigilant Hose Company and a lifetime member of the company. He had

been inducted into the Frederick County Fireman's Association Hall of Fame.

Born Sept. 19, 1928, in Emmitsburg, Myers was the son of the late Edward L. and Ada G. Ashbaugh Myers, and husband of Loretta Ruth Sager Myers, who died on March 11, 2002.

Surviving are his five children, Pat Orner, Mike Myers and Steve Myers, from Emmitsburg, Kathy Rohrbaugh, Littlestown, Pa., and Doug Myers, Frederick; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four sisters, Margaret Myers, Emmitsburg; Doris Forney, Taneytown; Ann Hamburg, Taneytown; Linda Henning, Hagerstown; and three brothers, Jack Myers, Taneytown; Donnie Myers, Fairfield, Sterling "Butch" Myers, Hanover.

The former mayor was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, past president of Parish Council, and received the Archdiocese Medal of Honor. He was active with the Holy Name

Society, a church group that raises money for the community. A member of the Knights of Columbus Bruté Council 1860 in Emmitsburg since 1948, he was a third degree knight, council trustee, and had served as deputy grand knight.

An avid Baltimore Orioles fan, Myers was a past coach of the Babe Ruth Baseball Senior Division, and owner and manager of his own softball team.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 5, from St. Joseph's Catholic Church, with Rev. Vincent J. O'Malley serving as celebrant. Myers was buried in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

The family has asked that memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, be given in Myers' name to The Vigilant Hose Co., P.O. Box 171, Emmitsburg, Md., or St. Joseph's Church Renovation Fund, P.O. Box 376, Emmitsburg, Md., or Daughters of Charity, Retirement Fund, 333 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727.



The Guardian Hose Company posted a temporary memorial to former fire chief and company president Edward Eugene Myers in front of the firehouse during the funeral procession April 5.



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The Emmitsburg American Legion honor guard participates in funeral services at the New St. Joseph's Cemetery as former Mayor Edward Eugene Myers is laid to rest. Eugene E. Myers (far above) served as the town mayor from 1978-1980 and was active in the community throughout his life.

Births

- * Courtney and Warren Kelly, Emmitsburg, a daughter, March 4
- * Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kenneweg, Emmitsburg, a son, March 16
- * Kimberly and James Hanvey, Emmitsburg, a son, March 16

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SPORTS & RECREATION

Lady Cougars: Champs on and off the court

BY JAMES RADA JR.
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THURMONT, Md. — March 11, 2006 - two minutes left in the Maryland State Girls Basketball

championship game at University of Maryland Baltimore County. Catoclin High School led by nearly 20 points, but Lady Cougar Becky Cuddahee still didn't think her team could win.

The Thurmont senior came

off the court shaking her head and saying it wasn't going to happen. She had experienced the heartbreak of a last-second loss against Southside Academy last year.

The seconds ticked off. Although the Lady Cougars had scored an amazing 22 points in the fourth quarter compared to Southside's 9, when the final buzzer sounded. All the girls and even the coaches could do was stare at the scoreboard in disbelief.

They had soundly beaten (61-45) the team they had lost to in the last three seconds of the 2005 championship game. More importantly, the Lady Cougars were Catoclin High's first state championship team in 20 years and only the third in the school's history.

"I couldn't believe it," said senior Connie Cuddahee. "I didn't expect us to get by the regionals."

"Regionals?" replied Coach Amy Murray. "You didn't expect us to win our division."

Connie wasn't alone in her pessimism. Six seniors, including some of its strongest players, graduated last year. The remaining players didn't expect to have a strong season this year.

Yet, the girls developed their skills, worked together and filled the holes in their teams. Together, they finished the season with a 22-3 record.

Their win over their rival Boonsboro High was as much an emotional high the first time they did it this season as it was the third time.

Their game against Clear Spring High was a lesson in overconfidence that nearly cost them a win.

"If they can't play at our level, we can't allow ourselves to play at their level," said senior Monie Cuddahee of the lesson she learned.

The team nearly suffered defeat even before the championship game when sickness ravaged them.

"Eleven of 13 players were sick the week before the states," Murray said.

"And some of us weren't better



The winning Cougars

The first Lady Cougars to win a Maryland basketball championship are (Front row, left to right) Becky Cuddahee, Kasey Gladhill, Lauren Wildasin, Connie Cuddahee, Emily Firor, Carrie Matthews, Monie Cuddahee (Back row, left to right) Coach Amy Murray, Manager Julie Haglin, Kate Robinson, Katie Stackhouse, Ashley Metal, Amber Kline, Hanna Dubois, Brittany Cole, Assistant Coach Hayley Howe, Assistant Coach Rick Wastler. Assistant Coach Mike Valentine is not pictured.

until a week and a half after the states," added junior Ashley Metal.

Through it all, senior Kate Robinson always believed the season would end with a championship title.

"I knew from day one we could do it," she said.

She never let her faith waver and eventually as the number of winning games grew, everyone else joined her.

"It was a matter of gaining confidence little by little, over the season, until the fourth quarter when everything came together," said Murray.

It certainly wasn't the first quarter. Murray said whenever her team was able to score its typical 16-17 points in the first quarter of a game, they went on to win the game. The Lady Cougars only scored 14 points in the first quarter of the championship game.

But then came the team's

22 points in the fourth quarter. It was unprecedented, according to Murray.

Now, as many of the girls have moved onto spring sports and are thinking about college, they find themselves missing their time on the court.

"This is the first year I've actually missed practice," Becky said.

Besides teammates, they found friends this season, which will last longer than their fame as state champions.

"Our other teams are friends but not like this," Ashley said. "Even after the season, most of us still hang out together."

Kate says she hopes the team has started a winning trend for the school.

"We've broken the curse and now everybody's going to be winning now," Kate said.

Who's to say she's wrong? She called this season right.

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SPORTS & RECREATION

'Links' gains major women's golf competition

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
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MOUNT JOY TOWNSHIP, Pa. – The Links at Gettysburg will be adding a major golf competition to their program for the next three years, thanks to an agreement reached with the Duramed Futures Tour, a group promoting women's golf.

The first championship

resulting from the agreement will be held at The Links from Aug. 25 to 27, and is being presented by Klein Builders Group, Inc. and Hanover Honda. The event will offer a \$75,000 prize and will bring the first professional golf tournament to the golf complex, which opened outside Gettysburg on Mason-Dixon Road in 1999.

At a press conference with Links and Duramed Futures staff and event sponsors on March 29, Kenneth Picking, general manager of The Links, called the agreement with Duramed Futures "a new tournament... a new beginning." The agreement essentially salvages golf competition for Central Pennsylvania after the loss of the championships formerly held in York, Pa.

Tracy Kerdyk, vice president of business development and communications for Duramed Futures, and a University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame inductee, called The Links course "exceptionally challenging. (The competitors) will use just about every club in their bag."

The event took only two months to put together, according to Kerdyk, after the initial deal was struck between Duramed and The Links. "We've had wonderful support here (in Pennsylvania)," she said, adding that the championship is projected to generate an economic impact of \$350,000 to \$400,000.



-DICK BLOOM / THE DISPATCH

Links partnership announced

Kenneth Picking, general manager of The Links at Gettysburg, announces on March 29 the establishment of the women's Duramed Futures Tour golf competition to begin in August. Picking was joined by University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame inductee Tracy Kerdyk (insert) in announcing the three-year agreement. Kerdyk is also vice president of business development and communications for Duramed Futures.



Registrations being accepted for Old Line Soccer Classic

Team registrations are currently being accepted for the Central Maryland Soccer Association's Old Line State Classic. The event will take place on the weekend of April 22 and 23, throughout the Baltimore – Harford metropolitan area.

The classic is open to all school, recreation and club soccer teams in the mid-Atlantic region, with competition offered for both boys' and girls' leagues in the 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 & under age groupings. The tournament will feature round-robin competition, and all teams will be guaranteed a minimum of three games.

Registration and roster forms are available on the tournament's Web site, www.cmsasoccer.com. For additional information, call Steve (410) 686-2212; Skip (410) 363-8610, or e-mail scorenews@aol.com.

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Children's programs

Make it and take it craft (all ages)
Create a beaded bookmark during National Library Week.
April 3-8

Chess Club (ages 6 and up)
Bring an adult if you are under 8.
April 7 (date change) and 28, 3:15 - 4:45 p.m.

Oak and Acorns Book Club (grades 4-6 with adult of child's choice)
Read and discuss great books for kids, with snacks and socialization.
April 10, 6:30 p.m.

"Did You Know?" series (ages 6-12)
Jai James returns for another hands-on workshop to create small animals out of clay.
April 8, 2 p.m. *Registration required.*

Storytimes at ThorpeWood (ages 3-5)
Monthly preschool story program at ThorpeWood Environmental Center, Old Mink Farm Road, Thurmont, hosted by Thurmont and Emmitsburg libraries. (301) 271-2823.
April 20, 1-2 p.m. *Registration required.*

Night owls (ages 9-12)
Round two of fun, games and crafts.
April 13, 6:30 p.m.

Candy and Cupcake (ages 2-8)
Join storyteller Candy and her teddy bear, Cupcake, for songs,

stories, puppets and fun centered around a Mother Goose theme.
April 22, 11 a.m.

TV Turn Off Week (all ages)
Stop by the library each day this week to support TV Turn Off Week and be entered in a drawing.
April 24-28 all day.

Storytimes
Babies with Books (birth-24 months with an adult)
First three Wednesdays of the month, 10:30 a.m.
April 5, 12 and 19

Two Terrific Storytime (age 2 with an adult)
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.
April 4, 11, 18 and 25

Pre-school Storytime (ages 3-5 with an adult)
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
April 6, 13, 20 and 27

Family Storytime (all ages)
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
April 5, 12, 19 and 26

For Teens
Movie Makers Club (grades 6-12)
Join other teens to learn the basics of filmmaking. Share experiences and resources to make movies.
April 4 and 20, 7 p.m.

Animé Club (grades 6-12)
Movie, snack, other activities. Co-sponsored by Emmitsburg and Thurmont Libraries.
April 21, 6-8 p.m. *Registration required.*

SF/Fantasy Book Club (teens & up)
April 18, 7 p.m. Stop by the desk for the current selection.

Brain Child! Our Teen Voices (teens)
Get published in BrainChild magazine. Submit your work to any branch. Deadline April 28.

Adult programs
Friends of the Library open house (all ages)
Light refreshments and good old-fashioned conversation.
April 21, 2-4 p.m.

Leaving a legacy: Writing about your life (adults)
Join this unique writing group to pass on legacy stories to future generations.
April 3, 1:30 p.m.

Non-fiction Book Club
April 13, 1 p.m. - "Moyers on America" by Bill Moyers

Tuesday Evening Book Club
April 11, 7:30 p.m. - "An American Summer" by Frank DeFord

Knitting Circle (adults and teens)
April 20, 4 p.m.

Genealogy Focus Group (adults and teens)
Learn about resources and share tips with others.
April 27, 7 p.m.

Mini Size in Super Size World (adults)
Come taste some low-cal food and learn how to get healthier through portion control.
April 25, 7 p.m.

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

Cards-500, and Bridge Group:
April 5 and 19.

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.

Senior Events

If April showers should come your way, just remember our dry fields and forests and be grateful for the rain. And don't duck under a tree - drop in at the center for some special events. On **Wednesday, April 12** we'll have **Easter basket bingo**; bring a prize that would go in an Easter basket. **Meeting Day** is **Tuesday, April 18**. An **Open House** is scheduled from 10-2 on **Thursday, April 27**. Come on by, see some of our members in action in exercise class and the poolroom, and enjoy a few refreshments. Our bowling group is growing; join us on Monday afternoons. Don't forget our men's pool tournament which continues every Wednesday at 1

p.m. **The center will be closed on Friday, April 14.**

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

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

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

Bingo: April 12 and 26.

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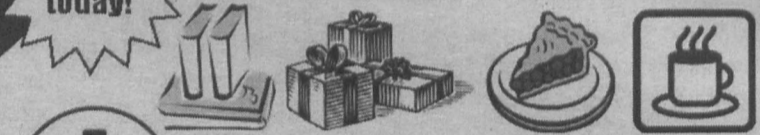
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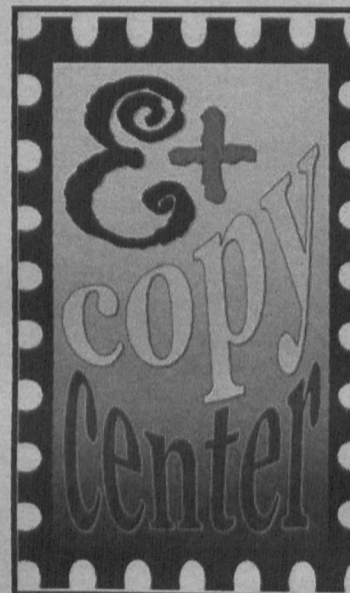
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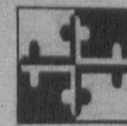
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Arts & Entertainment

LOOKING AHEAD

'Schoolhouse Rock' to be presented at Catoctin High

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

Consider the example of the A-B-C song: couldn't many education basics be easier to remember if they were set to music and rhyme? This was, and is, the premise of "Schoolhouse Rock," a well-loved and admired cartoon series which ran on ABC-TV from 1973-1985. Drama students at Catoctin High School will present the live-action version of the show in the school auditorium April 7-9.

Lessons in math, American history, science, and grammar will be linked to music and dance by an ensemble cast, directed by Karen Stitely.

"This show is so much fun," says Stitely, "and very suitable for families. I haven't ever laughed so much," and the student players agree. Songs and dances have "the

feel" of different decades in history. While staying true to the feeling of the original television production, the group has been free to improvise at the director's discretion and "be silly ... There are lots of props ... and bright colors" to liven up songs about gravity, women's suffrage, and many other numbers throughout the show.

Cast members include seniors Jake Puhl, Christine Portier, Kyle McClellan, Sarah Langan, Sara Lawson, Mandy Eyley, and Anna Lynch; juniors Jenny Lawyer, Jessica Moore, Scott Gautney, Jane Puhl, and Chris Forrence; and freshmen Karen Crum and Nora Grider. Sophomore Sara Hayes is the student director.

Three performances are scheduled: Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 9 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. Information: (240) 236-8141.

Book on Taneytown history available

The Taneytown History Museum has an increased supply of Rev. Dr. David W. Shaum's book, "A Dam Good Town," available for purchase.

"A Dam Good Town" contains Shaum's written remembrances of life in Taneytown during his childhood years. His book contains fond memories of friends, townspeople and events, presenting a panorama of life in Taneytown during the 1920s and 1930s.

Father Shaum attended St. Joseph's Parochial School and graduated from Taneytown High

School. He became a student at Mt. St. Mary's College and Seminary, and was ordained a priest in 1946 for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. He retired from teaching after 42 years at Mt. St. Mary's College, where he directed the Mt. St. Mary's College Singers and the Glee Club, and taught in the areas of music, education and philosophy.

The cost for the book is \$10. Free addenda that add "The Post Office" are now available for those who purchased the first 200 books without that story. Call (410) 756-4234 for details.

For Children

April 8, 15, 22, 29 - "Peter and the Wolf." 2 p.m. Borrowing from Prokofiev's masterful mixing of musical themes and fable, this original adaptation of the boy who cried wolf is more like an old Spaghetti Western. With unexpected twists and turns, Peter and his lasso are hot on the trail of the wolf. \$8-12. The Fun Company at the Maryland Ensemble Theater, 31 W. Patrick St., Frederick, (301) 694-4744.

April 22 - Earth Day Celebration. 12-3 p.m. Celebrate the amazing diversity of our planet with games, information and activity stations. Make a bird feeder, learn what plants attract butterflies, get a new appreciation for bats, go on a scavenger hunt and take a baby tree home to plant. \$8.95-\$12.95. Catoctin Wildlife Preserve & Zoo, 1(301) 9 Catoctin Furnace Rd., Thurmont. (301) 271-4922.

Concerts

April 8 - Rhonda Vincent and the Rage. 8 p.m. This high-energy vocalist and fiddler launched her music career at the age of five - and hasn't slowed down yet. Named Female Vocalist of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association for three years straight, Vincent continues to merge her traditional roots with cutting-edge bluegrass. Opening act: Williams and Clark Expedition. \$25-35, Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 W. Patrick St., Frederick. (301) 228-2828.

April 18 - Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. Andrew Constantine, conductor, Madeline Adkins, violin, perform Mozart's Symphony No. 32 in D Major, K. 297 ("Paris"), Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 2 in G Minor, Opus 63, and Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4 in A Major, Opus 90 ("Italian") Pre-concert lecture at 7 p.m. Frederick Community College, JBK Theater, 7932 Opossumtown Pike. (301) 694-5978.

Dance

April 18 - "Philadanco - The Philadelphia Dance Company." 8 p.m. Celebrating 35 years of artistic excellence, Philadanco has blossomed from its grassroots beginnings into one of America's foremost contemporary dance

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April 8-9 - 11th Annual Gettysburg National Military Park Seminar. "The Most Shocking Battle I have ever witnessed," The 2nd Day at Gettysburg. Featured speakers include Gettysburg historians, authors, licensed battlefield guides and park rangers. Registration required. Gettysburg National Military Park, 97 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg. (717) 334-1124 x447.

Through April 14 - "China Focus." An exhibition of photographs by Jamie Turner and Jason Turner, with paintings by Hongxiang Wang. Washington County Arts Council Gallery, 14 West Washington Street, Hagerstown, (301) 791-3132.

Through April 23 - "Reuben Kadish Exhibition: Metamorphosis." A mini-retrospective of works by Reuben Kadish (1913-1992). Work in all of his media, from every stage of his career - painting, sculpture, drawings and prints. Includes drawings from his Surrealist and war years and features several rare pre-1950 paintings. Five iconic sculptures and many pioneering Tamarind workshop lithographs and studio-impressed monoprints. Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, 91 Key Street, Hagerstown. (301) 739-5727.

Through April 29 - "Rive Gauche: April in Paris." Some of the region's finest artists are participating in this exhibit and auction, which will close at 9 p.m. April 29 - during the Center's fund-raising gala. All proceeds from the silent auction and gala will benefit the Center. Bidding will run throughout the exhibit and anyone can register to submit a bid. Delaplaine Visual Arts and Education Center, 40 S. Carroll St, Frederick. (301) 698-0656.

Stage

April 6-8 - "Leader of the Pack." 8 p.m. Upper Flynn Hall, Mount St. Mary's University. A musical that

traces the life of Ellie Greenwich, one of the unsung heroines of the 1960s and one of America's greatest songwriters, whose titles include "Da Doo Run Run," "Chapel of Love," "And Then He Kissed Me," "River Deep, Mountain High," and "Leader of the Pack." All seats, \$7. Reservations: (301) 447-5308 x4723.

April 6-8 - "The Shape of Things." 8 p.m. Written by Neil LaBute, this play is a fast-moving and thrilling piece of theatre set on a college campus in small-town America. It follows a young man as he drifts into an ever-changing relationship with a graduate art student while watching his best friend's engagement crumble. It's a play about relationships, art, and friendship in which nothing is quite what it seems. \$7-10. Frederick Community College, JBK Theater, 7932 Opossumtown Pike. (301) 846-2515.

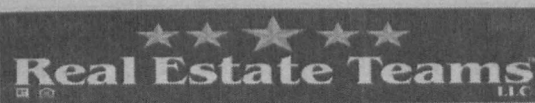
April 6-8, 13-15, 20-22 - "The Women of Lockerbie." 8 p.m. The themes of love and reconciliation abound in Deborah Brevoort's award-winning play based on true stories associated with the 1988 crash of the ill-fated Pan Am 103, which killed 258 passengers in Lockerbie, Scotland. The play, set seven years later, on the weekend of a memorial service, dramatizes the efforts of the village women to obtain, wash and return to family members, the clothing recovered from victims of the disaster. \$15-20. Maryland Ensemble Theater, 31 W. Patrick St., Frederick. (301) 694-4744.

April 14, 15 - "Alice in Wonderland." 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tenth annual production. Performers from the tri-state region present this original musical theater adaptation of a beloved classic by Other Voices, Inc. \$12. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 W. Patrick St., Frederick. (301) 228-2828.

April 15-17 - "Brigadoon." 2 and 7:30 p.m. This 1954 hit Broadway musical features two Americans on a hunting trip in Scotland who become lost. They encounter a small village, not on the map, called Brigadoon, in which people harbor a mysterious secret, and behave as if they were still living two hundred years in the past. \$7-8. Catoctin High School, 14745 Sabillasville Road, Thurmont (240) 236-8141.

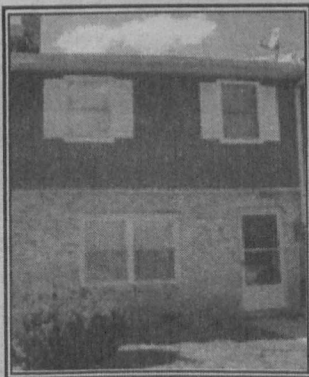


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Beginning April 3 - Cemetery cleanup. St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, Md. Families are asked to remove all Christmas decorations, ornamental items including statues, shepherds' staffs, or anything upright. Live flowers are permitted year round in disposable, not glass, containers. The caretaker will remove items not removed by owners.

April 8 - A Buck a Bowl. 4-8 p.m. Emmitsburg Ambulance Co., 300 S. Seton Ave. Soup and sandwiches, plus extras, \$1. Small games of chance. Information: (301) 447-2073 or the Ambulance Station: (301) 447-6626.

April 8 and 9 - "Watch the Lamb." Saturday at 7 p.m., Sunday at 6 p.m. Easter program presented by Mountain View Ministries Church at 103 Apples Church Road, Thurmont. Free. Information: (301) 271-2380 or (301) 271-9088.

Community Calendar

LOOKING AHEAD

April 15 - Volunteer Trail Work Days. 9 a.m. Camp Round Meadow, Catoclin Mountain Park. Help repair and maintain trails to make them safe for hikers and to prevent erosion. Information or to sign up, contact Park Ranger Don Stanley (301) 663-9388.

April 15 - Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Noon to 2 p.m. Germantown Church of God 16924 Raven Rock Rd., Cascade, Md. For children, walking to age 12. Lunch and storytime. Information: (301) 241-3050.

April 17 - Emmitsburg Area Historical Society meeting. 7 p.m. Emmitsburg Community Center.

April 21 - Basket Bingo. Begins at 7 p.m., doors open at 5:30. Emmitsburg Fire Hall. \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. Benefits Elias Lutheran Church 250th Anniversary. Call 301-271-3459 or 301-447-2805.

April 22 - Sabillasville School PTA Yard Sale in the Country. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Booths \$12. Information: (301) 271-9192.

April 22 - Fly-tying Demonstration. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visitor Center, Catoclin Mountain Park.

April 22 - Deer Discovery for Kids. 1:30 p.m. Visitor Center, Catoclin Mountain Park. Participate in the Deer Discovery interactive computer program, to learn the effect of deer populations on forest ecology.

April 23 - Junior Ranger Program for Kids. 9 a.m. for children ages 6-8; 1 p.m. for children 9-11. Help celebrate Earth Day. Includes a short hike. Children completing the program will receive a Catoclin Mountain Park Junior Ranger Badge.

April 28 - CHS Safe-n-Sane Golf Tournament. 9 a.m. Maple Run Golf Course, Thurmont. Cost: \$65/single and \$260/team. Information: (301) 271-4420 or (301) 271-2554.

April 29 - Book signing with Dr. Thomas W. Petrisko. Noon to 1:30 p.m. St. Peter's Books and Gifts Café, 101 Silo Hill Road, Emmitsburg. Talk follows at Ski Liberty Resort Conference Center, Fairfield, at 2:30 p.m. (301) 447-1901 or (717) 334-4529.

April 29 - Steak and Shrimp Feed. 6-8:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. Guardian Hose Activities Building. Tickets: \$20. Call (301) 271-7117 or 271-3413. Benefits Guardian Hose Fire Company building fund.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

Wivell family gathers for annual party

The descendants of Roy and Helen Wivell held their annual Christmas party at the Blue Ridge Sportsman's Club on Jan. 1. Two hundred people attended and the family now totals 462.

Therese Topper led the blessing of the food. The family recited the Lord's Prayer for deceased family members.

Emcee Paul Wivell welcomed everyone and gave a family update, including seven babies, two weddings and two deaths. Families celebrating anniversaries in five-year increments were recognized. Paul welcomed Mary (Paul) Wivell into the "Roses n' Thorn" club - 62 years and older.

Bun and Carolyn Wivell and family were praised for their work on the Wivell Walk-a-thon every June and the financial help they give local sports clubs

in memory of Mike and Doug Wivell.

Ed and Helen Reaver were recognized for receiving the "Medal of Honor" from the archdiocesan Bishop Malooly at St. Anthony's Shrine on Oct. 16, 2005, for service to their church. Ed Reaver was recognized for the generous raffle donation (a homemade hope chest) to benefit Hurricane Katrina victims. David Shields was mentioned for serving in Iraq. The family sang "America the Beautiful" for all Americans serving in the war.

Door prizes included: Fruit basket - Brad Wivell; \$10 - Bill Wivell, Gina Dielman, Kathy Shields; \$5 - Nick Pappas, Jordan Fullam, Jamie Wivell, Jeff Wivell and Melissa Dawson.

Therese Topper presented Rick and Lisa Wivell with a monetary donation from the

Wivell family in memory of their daughter Laci who died October 2003 from Tay-Sachs disease.

The great-great-grandchildren participated in a Nativity scene: Carolyn Shields, Emily Kelly, Gina Dielman, Casey Wagman and Heather Wivell read Bible excerpts about Jesus' birth; Hailie Dawson - baby Jesus; Chelsea Dawson - Mary; Robin Wivell - Joseph; Carrie Weaver, Maria Kelly, Gabriel Grecco and Julia Wivell - angels; Jacob Wivell, Justin Reaver, Roy Reaver Jr., and James Reaver Sr. - shepherds; Philip Davis, Luke Kelly and Isaih Wivell - the three kings. The senior choir sang religious songs accompanied by Janie Hoff on the organ.

Santa Claus delivered presents to the children. The family wishes everyone a holy, happy and healthy year.

Young volunteers from Silo Hill clean up neighborhood

On Friday, March 10, Deborah Gonyea, from Silo Hill in Emmitsburg, was driving her granddaughter to school with one of her friends and noticed how



- PHOTO COURTESY OF DEBORAH GONYEA

Kurstin Metz, 9, Caitlyn Mears, 8, and Heaven Gonyea, 7, took time out of their weekend to clean up the neighborhood.

much trash there was along the curbs in their neighborhood.

Gonyea turned to her granddaughter and said, "I think we need to take some time and clean up our neighborhood tomorrow." Not only did her granddaughter agree, but her friend also volunteered.

Saturday, March 11 their day began with breakfast and a knock at the door. It was another of her granddaughter's friends from across the street wanting to play. Gonyea explained that they were getting ready to do some community service in their development and the girl said she would also like to help.

cleaning up the neighborhood. The group spent approximately two hours cleaning, collecting 2 1/2 bags of trash, and ending with a little rest and relaxation at the park. They earned high praise from Gonyea, and a number of the neighbors who let the girls know that they were doing a good thing.

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Search for Maryland's outstanding older worker

Experience Works, the nation's largest training and employment organization for mature workers, is searching for Maryland's outstanding older worker. Experience Works Prime Time Awards Program was created to highlight the valuable contributions that older workers are making in their communities and places of work.

Maryland is currently soliciting nominations from businesses and individuals. Applicants must be 65 years of age or older, a resident of Maryland, currently employed, and working at least 20 hours each week for pay. The honoree must be willing and able to travel to Washington, D.C. in September for the Experience Works Prime Time Award Program events.

Official nomination forms are available from Experience Works, Pennsylvania/New Jersey/Maryland Office, 817 South Market Street, Mechanicsburg PA 17055-4720, telephone (800) 854-1578. Entries may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to (717) 790-0119 (FAX) or PA_receptionist@experienceworks.org. A nomination form can be accessed online at www.experienceworks.org. The deadline for nominations is May 31.

Maryland's 2005 outstanding older worker was 84-year-old Finetta McIntyre from Baltimore, who works as a community liaison for We Care America, a company that educates citizens about emergency preparedness.

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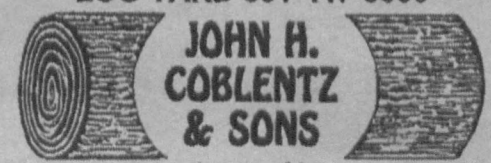
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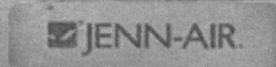
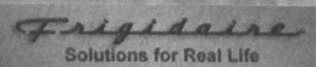


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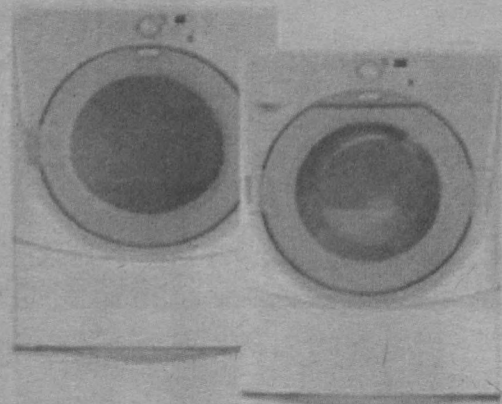
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