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Town awards contract for sewer line repair work

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – A valve missing for 20 years which likely led to numerous wastewater spillages on the Waybright property is about to be addressed, along with other improvements, following a project bid awarded April 10.

J.H.G. Contractors, Frederick, received a \$426,790 contract to repair the portion of the wastewater collection system along Creamery Road, including the forced main line from the pumping station to the wastewater treatment plant.

Losing the bid to J.H.G. was W.F. Delauter & Son, Thurmont, who bid \$517,224. This was the town's second attempt to get an approvable bid on the project. In the first round, Delauter was the sole bidder at \$735,105, well over the project's estimated cost. The town rejected that bid in December 2005.

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-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

Police set-up 'surprise' truck inspection station

A Maryland State Police officer monitors a weight scale as part of a surprise truck inspection set up on the morning of April 18 along East Main Street across from the Jubilee parking lot. The inspection was triggered by local resident Catherine Forrence who arranged for the inspection through the local New Market truck scale facility. Forrence said that four trucks had been ordered out of service for violations by 10 a.m.

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Emmitsburg Election

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Proposed town tax relief dies in 2-2 vote

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – Board of commissioner members voted 2-2 April 17 on whether or not to direct town staff to prepare a budget incorporating a constant yield tax

rate for the town, effectively killing a proposal that could have cut the upcoming budget by more than \$40,000.

The concept of setting the local tax rate using a constant yield rate was introduced at the board's April 3 meeting by board President Christopher V. Staiger, but seemed

doomed to an uphill battle in order to achieve passage.

It was estimated that the tax savings per taxpayer would average \$60 to \$70 per home. Staiger believed that the tax cut would not impact services, pointing out that the town has had a significant surplus in revenue accrued at the end of each

fiscal year. He stated the cut would only reduce the surplus, not the services.

However, Commissioner William B. O'Neil Jr. wasn't impressed with the proposed amount of the tax cut per taxpaying resident.

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Residents discuss Myers farm annexation

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THURMONT, Md. – Though 300 to 400 new homes in Thurmont would increase the customer base for his jewelry store, John Brown doesn't want see the Myers farm annexed into town.

"It would help my business, but I'm more concerned about the town," Brown said. "I don't want

to see 300 new homes."

Brown was among the 30 people who attended an April 12 meeting in Thurmont's town hall to talk about the possible annexation and town growth in general.

"Mayor" Martin Burns hosted the meeting in response to the many e-mails he has received since he said he expected an annexation request for the 235-acre farm to come to the town in the near future.

Burns has met with developers twice and told them, "You'd better bring your checkbook if you're even thinking about coming to the

town with an annexation request."

He said an annexation is a

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Town pension plan costs too much

I wish to thank Chris Staiger for his vote against the pension plan. When this pension plan was disposed of last year, Chris specifically told Dave Haller and other town staff present that he was open to revisions to the existing plan if there was a need. Obviously, this was not a priority for the town employees since they did not research any alternatives or ever presented a case on why this was required.

In the two and a half years

I have lived in Emmitsburg, not one employee has left over pay or benefits and every recruitment has had numerous qualified candidates. This pension plan is going to cost the town over \$300,000 for 15 employees, most of who are in the last couple of years before retirement. These are good people who work hard but this is not something we can afford.

Emmitsburg has the highest poverty rate in Frederick County,

the lowest per capita income and the lowest average home value. On top of that, we have the third highest property tax rate. Since I moved, my taxes have gone up \$500 for ambulance services tax and, based on new assessment, will go up another 10 percent. I am fortunate and can afford these increases, but given our poverty rate, I do not believe everyone can.

- Patrick Joy
Emmitsburg, Md.

O'Neil's pension numbers are wrong

Reading recent columns by myself and Commissioner O'Neil, it's obvious that we have different opinions on joining the Maryland State Pension Plan. Each commissioner and each citizen will make their own judgment.

It's important to know that Commissioner O'Neil's figures presented in his April 6 column are grossly inaccurate. If the mayor's rejected 2005 budget proposal is accepted in 2006, paying off the entry fee for our 16 regular employees and 6 elected officials will cost the taxpayers a projected \$471,000 (NOT \$318,000) at \$47,000 a year over 10 years (NOT \$28,909 a year over 11

years). The total cost is only \$318,000 if paid in ONE LUMP SUM.

As with credit cards, substantial interest applies if the balance isn't paid in full. As interest rates continue to go up, we can reasonably expect the true costs to be even higher. In addition, since a P&Z consultant has been hired to assume many duties of the two former P&Z municipal employees, it is NOT accurate to say that all the money from their combined salaries and fringe is saved, since the consultant will be paid to perform many services they had previously provided.

In the end, it may not make any difference to the "State Pensions at

any Price" lobby that the figures were off by 48%, but I continue to feel that this is an inappropriate expenditure and request that town staff provide alternate plans as originally requested by Commissioners Boyle and Walbrecker in 2004 when this process was initiated.

Having attended those town meetings two years ago, it is clear to me that application to the Maryland State Pension Plan was meant to be one of many options, not the only option, presented by staff for the Board's review.

- Christopher V. Staiger
President, Emmitsburg
Board of Commissioners

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 13, 1906
Fairfield Items

It is said that Mr. John McCleaf, of this place, who sold out his confectionary store has since bought Mr. E.P. Brown's Dry Goods Store. Mr. Brown will retire from business.

Rainy weather is hard on masons. There is considerable mason work to be done at Monterey. Houses are being put up every summer.

While Fairfield is a nice small town, there is no business. No shops for hands to work in.

Hands are at work digging for oar, copper, etc., at the foot of the mountain. No copper has been struck as yet.

Mr. Lee Kittinger and Oma Musselman have gone west.

Mr. Roy Baker, who had been working at Waynesboro, has bought out Mr. Harry Walter's butcher business, and will conduct business at this place. There are 3 butchers in Fairfield at this time.

Your correspondent was at Monterey recently peddling beef and there are quite a number of houses going up there. This summer thousands of dollars will be spent in building cottages. The place will become a city in the course of a few years.

April 20, 1906
San Francisco in Ruins

Earthquake and fire Wednesday caused the greatest calamity California has ever known. In San Francisco alone it is estimated that at least 500 persons have perished, while over 1,000 are suffering from injuries. The entire business portion of the city is in ruins, and the flames which, owing to the lack of water, cannot be checked except by the blowing up with dynamite of buildings in their path, are still sweeping through the city.

The property loss in San Francisco alone is estimated at \$80,000,000 to \$100,000,000. The losses in other California cities will

aggregate \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 additional.

A hundred thousand people are homeless, and many are huddled in the parks and public square beside their household goods they were able to save.

The city is under martial law, and all the downtown streets are patrolled by cavalry and infantry.

Details of troops are also guarding the banks.

Most of the principal buildings have already been destroyed and others are in imminent danger. Over all the scene of desolation hangs a dense pall of smoke.

Communication with outside towns is almost entirely cut off, but the report comes from Palo Alto that a number of buildings of the Leland Stanford Jr., University have been wrecked, and that the splendid memorial church, one of the finest structures of its kind in the world, is a mass of ruins. One student is known to have lost his life. In Oakland five persons were killed. San Jose and Sacramento, Berkley, Alameda and other places heard from suffered severely, but report no loss of life.

The dreadful earthquake shock came without warning at precisely 5:13 o'clock Wednesday morning its motion, apparently, being from east to west. At first the upheaval of the earth was gradual but in a few seconds it increased in intensity.

The people became panic-stricken and rushed out into the streets, the most of them in their night attire. They were met by showers of falling buildings, bricks, cornices and walls.

Many were instantly crushed to death, while others were dreadfully mangled. Those who remained indoors generally escaped with their lives, though scores were hit by detached plaster, pictures and articles thrown to the floor by the shock. It is believed that more or less loss was sustained by nearly every family in the city.

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celebrate?

E-burg is my hometown, but I haven't lived there since graduating from EHS in 1965. In 1957, the town had a wonderful bicentennial celebration (pageant, parade, etc.). Are there plans for a celebration in 2007? If so, please let me know how I can find the dates, as I would like to attend. Thank you!

- Bob Ulrich
Springfield, Mo.

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legally binding contract. The town can stipulate anything and if the developer agrees to it, they have to abide by it.

Area resident Kevin Haney said, "To me, it almost sounds like bribery."

Burns said it was a business decision for the town and the decision depends on what the town is offered.

"They have not made it anywhere close to being intriguing for me," Burns said.

Besides a commercial development with a large box store and a residential development of 300 to 400 new homes, developers have suggested building the shell of a new town hall (the exterior structure only, leaving the interior for the town to finish) and a wastewater treatment plant for the development.

"Nothing is firm until somebody puts pen to paper and they say this is what we're offering," Burns said.

The box store is commonly believed to be Wal-Mart, but Burns said five different large stores have expressed an interest. Wal-Mart has not signed a contract and Burns has heard Wal-Mart is interested in property between Lewistown and Walkersville.

"If we were talking Wal-Mart alone, I think people would say go for it," Burns said. "People don't want the homes."

Though the town can't stop a request from being made, town officials can discourage it from being made.

"What we can try to do is steer it and scare them off," Burns said. "Sometimes that works."

However, he noted that the town's potential for growth is down to about one year's worth of developable lots. With the current zoning on the farm, only a dozen homes could be built on the farm now, according to town planning and zoning commission chairman John Ford.

Without that growth, Burns

said, "Your sewer rates and water rates and tax rates are going to go up if we don't get more money in."

Haney, who lives within a third of a mile from the farm, asked if the town would consider bringing the annexation issue to a referendum. Burns said he fully endorsed a referendum, but it has to be brought forth by residents. The town charter doesn't allow the commissioners themselves to begin the process.

Even if a referendum were successful, only town residents would be allowed to vote on it. Haney and about half the people at the meeting would not have a say.

"What you're asking for is a right to act as if you are part of the town and paying our taxes," Burns said.

Town resident Thomas Cromwell said, "You're responding to other people's initiatives, which are really always driven by commercial interests."

(See related story, "Myers development could start in 2008," in this issue of *The Dispatch*.)

Tax relief

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"The relief (proposed) is basically three trips to Pizza Hut (in equivalent

cost)," he told the board.

Stating he was concerned about cutting into the town's surplus, which the town sets aside to use for unforeseen expenses and emergencies, O'Neil said, "I'd rather

see the money there and available for things as they are needed."

Commissioners Staiger and Glenn Blanchard voted for the proposal. Commissioners O'Neil and Arthur Elder voted against it.

Sewer

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The expenditures will be covered by a community development block grant (CDBG) awarded to Emmitsburg in December to improve the wastewater collection system. (See related story, "Town awarded \$656,000 sewer grant" in the Dec. 15, 2005 issue of *The Dispatch*.)

Town Manager David Haller told *The Dispatch* that, generally, the work encompasses converting the line from the pumping station to the treatment plant to an all-pressure line.

At present, the portion of the line coming from the pumping station is pressurized. At a vault located on the Waybright property, the line becomes a gravity line leading to the treatment plant.

Unfortunately for the environment and town coffers, a valve intended to regulate the transition of the wastewater from pressurized to gravity flow was apparently never installed in that vault, leading to numerous wastewater spills with accompanying fines from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

Not only will the "missing" valve be installed, but the line from the pumping station to the treatment plant will become all pressurized, eliminating the gravity flow portion of the system.

However, further modifications are needed to handle an all-pressure

line system. To prevent surges of high wild water intrusion, a controller will be installed at the pump station. At the treatment plant, incoming pressurized sewage will be discharged into the bottom of a lagoon containing about 14 feet of wastewater. The standing wastewater is intended to offset the pressure of the incoming stream of waste.

Additional work is proposed that would allow the storage of several million gallons of wastewater if it built up during a severe wild water incident.

"Once this project is done," Haller said, "we should be able to stop the spills."



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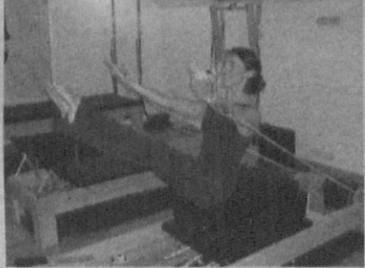
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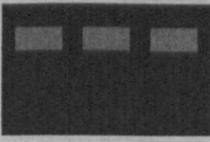
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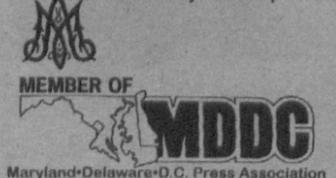
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Let's celebrate – but when?

It might be nearly time for Emmitsburg's 250th anniversary, but then again, it might not. Commissioners – it's time for a decision.

It seems as if the town's founding date is still being debated, or maybe it's not being debated at all, but rather, just ignored.

With no time frame established for any decision-making, and no date decided, it's unlikely that there will be a follow up to the 1957 celebration mentioned so fondly in Bob Ulrich's letter to the editor (this issue).

The town commissioners decided to keep 1757 on the town seal as the founding date. With that

date so prominently displayed, it seems that the town would be in the midst of plans for the 250th but clearly, nothing is happening.

Perhaps it's not too late to add a question to the April 25 election ballot. Other towns regularly add questions to the ballots for citizen input. Maybe it's time to let voters decide whether to use the date Samuel Emmit bought the land (1757); the date the town was laid out and land tract sub-divided (1785); or the date the town was incorporated (1825).

Many townspeople remember the 1957 events. Whether or not that

is the date to celebrate, residents deserve a decision. The town's welcome signs have been removed and not replaced. A state highway sign near Jubilee Foods has been vandalized – 1757 scratched off and 1785 scratched in.

Mount St. Mary's University has been planning its 100th anniversary (2008) for more than two years. There would have been opportunities to work together with the university on town festivities, leading up to the Mount's celebrations. There might have been an opportunity to take advantage of collaborative pricing

on publicity and events.

Town residents deserve the opportunity to celebrate Emmitsburg's rich history. The town's founding date should be something that unites the community in celebration, not something that divides people. Major dates are well documented, and with no clear state or national guidelines on what constitutes a founding date, it seems that there might not be a wrong date to celebrate.

But complacency does not serve the town or its residents well. Town commissioners need to take the lead in bringing this issue to closure. Sitting idly by is simply no longer an option.

NEWS ANALYSIS

A town's founding date is what you make it

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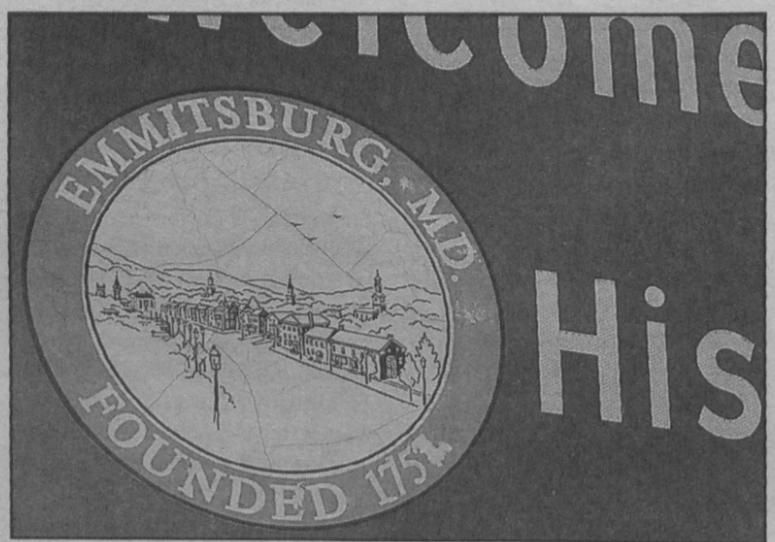
EMMITSBURG, Md. – Not infrequently do elderly people not know the actual date they were born because no birth certificate was ever issued documenting their arrival.

It is rarer, it would seem, that such uncertainty would apply to an entire town in a state as old as the country itself ... yet a debate about Emmitsburg's founding date has divided the community for the past several years.

The town's founding date has become infamous enough that a Yahoo internet search for something as generic as "definition 'founding date'" brings up the Emmitsburg debate as entries #2 and #4 on the first page of returns.

Key dates in the town's evolution

Sorting out the facts appears to have been hampered



-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

The state highway 'welcome' sign on West Main Street near Jubilee Foods shows damage, suggesting someone altered the sign to eradicate the reference to the 1757 founding date. Samuel Emmit purchased 2,250 acres in 1757 from the Carroll family, a portion of which evolved into present day Emmitsburg.

by missing facts and a loose interpretation of others, and there is no official known decree pronouncing the creation of the Town of Emmitsburg. But there are landmark dates, any of

which might serve as worthy of recognition or celebration:

1757: Samuel Emmit purchased 2,250 acres from the Carroll family of Annapolis and established his newly founded

settlement in the area. Documents suggest Emmit rented tracts to various other settlers. The land Emmit acquired was bounded by Middle, Toms and Friends Creeks, and the Pennsylvania state line to the north.

1785: In August 1785, Emmit divided his holdings into lots, culling off a 35-acre tract to his son William Emmit. According to Michael Hillman, Emmitsburg Area Historical Society, the first known written mention of a town, or the name, "Emmitsburg," appears in the deed.

However, apparently, the town lots were already drawn up before the transfer, since additional wording states, "... wherein the lots of a new town of Emmitsburg are laid out," suggesting the town's founding, at least by intent, predates even 1785.

1825: The Town of Emmitsburg was incorporated by an 1824 (passed in 1825) act of

-See **Founding Date** next page

Correction

MDCC build-out

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP, Pa. – In the headline and text of an April 6, 2006 story on p. 9 in *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, "Development slated for a 2009 build out," the build-out date for the development should have read 2020, not 2009. Thanks to MDCC Project Manager Duke Martin for calling the error to our attention.

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TOWN NEWS

South Seton water/sewer rehabilitation project set to go

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Removing and replacing deteriorating sewer and water lines down South Seton Avenue can proceed now that a \$923,714 contract was awarded to W.F. Delauter & Son, Thurmont, on April 10.

Delauter's bid trumped the only other bid received of more than \$2 million by Callahan Pipeline, Inc., Thurmont.

Town Manager David Haller told *The Dispatch* that work on the lines could begin in about a month, and that the contractor has up to 180 days to complete the work, although Haller felt it would not take that long. The aging sewer and water lines involved run from the town square down to the area of the Seton Center, he said.

Haller said much of the sewer line beneath South Seton "may be old clay sewer pipe," which has simply degraded over time, even falling part. He said that existing

conditions along that line make it a "suspect area for wild water."

Wild water, also called inflow and infiltration (I&I), is a combination of groundwater, rainwater or melting snow that works its way into the collection system. If enough of this unwanted water gets into the system, it can overwhelm the wastewater treatment plant, causing it to exceed its design capacity. In addition, the increased flow can lead to spillages

of untreated wastewater.

The water line along South Seton is also a problem. Likely composed primarily of cast iron, much of the water flow is reduced because of rust build-up inside the pipes, Haller said. In some cases, a four-inch line could be functioning as a two-inch line simply because of heavy rust build-up.

Pipeline replacements will include some road disturbances, Haller said, although not

necessarily along the entire length of the project.

South Seton will have to be dug up to facilitate the sewer and waterline work from the town square to the post office. Once that work is complete, the road will then have to be repaved.

Because South Seton is a state road, work must be restricted to between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Haller noted that traffic restrictions might be in effect during work hours.

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the Maryland General Assembly.

Part of establishing a founding date is determining what constitutes a founding. Take for example the United States itself. At what point was it founded? When the first land grant was processed for a colony? When the colonies declared independence? When the articles of confederation defining the first United States were adopted? When the constitution defining the second United States was adopted? Americans have decided that the issuance of the declaration of independence established the founding date, but any of the above could have just as easily been selected.

In the case of a community, is it a deed, any initial non-Native American settlement, or a map showing the town laid out, that constitutes its founding? Is the definition so fluid it really takes a community vote to set a date based on personal preferences of the majority?

Linda Kelley Junker, director of intuitional research, Mount St. Mary's University, previously stated, "From researching this issue I have learned there is no national or state law, no theory,

and no formal rule for establishing the founding date of a town."

Mark Hudson, executive director of the Historical Society of Frederick County, Inc., agreed with Junker, previously stating, "There is no objective appropriate means for determining a town's founding date." In an e-mail obtained by *The Dispatch*, Hudson also said, "I am not aware of a specific protocol for determining the date of founding for a town. Most often that is left to the citizens of the community to determine."

At their Feb. 21, 2005 meeting, the board of commissioners created a town Charter Review & Ballot Question Committee, as sponsored by Commissioner William B. O'Neil Jr.

One of the committee's primary objectives was to take on the founding date issue with the possibility of having the question added to a public ballot so that town residents could decide what would be, finally, the "official" founding date that the town could celebrate.

To date, one resident has volunteered and been appointed to the committee.

For expediency, and especially since any potential anniversary dates are fast approaching, the issue needs to be placed in the hands of the community.



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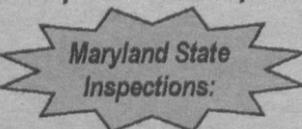
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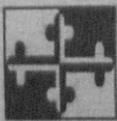


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TOWN NEWS

Town News Briefs ...

Corrected story from April 6 issue New 'prefab' bathrooms to be installed

EMMITSBURG, Md. - Town staff has ordered new pre-cast bathrooms for the town-owned Community Park that 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 "with other types of activity items." - R. Fulton

Art contest article gave wrong awards info

EMMITSBURG, Md. - A story which appeared in the April 6 issue of *The Dispatch* titled "Art contest set to begin," and an editorial entitled, "Local art contest should become a town tradition," gave the wrong award information for the upcoming town art contest.

The following is the correct breakdown of the award amounts:

First place in each division, \$1,000 bond; second place in each division, \$500 bond; third place in each division, \$200 bond; and honorable mention, \$100 bond (up to 10 to be awarded). The bonds will cost the town half the bond's face value.

Additionally, it was mentioned that Larry Little was a member of the 4x4s. He is not a member, according to Little. - R. Fulton

Main Street could get left turn signals

EMMITSBURG, Md. - Main Street lights could be equipped with left turn signals like Seton Avenue lights received last year.

Mayor James E. Hoover said he was concerned that vehicles passing each other trying to make left turns off Main Street could pose a threat to pedestrians. Actually, Hoover pointed out, it is illegal to pass a left-turning vehicle on the right.

Sometimes cars, and especially large trucks, clip sidewalk areas that extend into the intersection adjacent to the parking spaces at the town square.

Hoover met with the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) in early March to discuss the issue, and followed up with a letter requesting that the agency look into the possibility of adding the left turn signals. - R. Fulton

Local 'park and ride' possibility discussed

EMMITSBURG, Md. - Mayor James E. Hoover has approached the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) to see if a state-owned "park and ride" facility could be established to help reduce commuter congestion.

Hoover met informally with SHA in early March to discuss a number of roadway related issues, including the "park and ride" possibility.

The mayor said a site at the east end of town, east of U.S. 15, seemed likely if land is available. If the land were for sale, the state would buy the necessary amount at a fair market price, and would run the proposed facility. However, Hoover said it could take three years or more to develop such a proposal. - R. Fulton

Board approves Civil War Heritage resolution

EMMITSBURG, Pa. -- The board of commissioners voted unanimously at their April 18 meeting to adopt a resolution that will pave the way for Emmitsburg's participation in the Maryland Civil War Heritage Area program.

Once the action is approved by the heritage program, the board will amend the town's comprehensive plan to reference a proposed "Civil War Area Heritage Management Plan."

Participation in the program can help the town acquire historical and tourist industry-oriented funding. - R. Fulton

Water taps surcharge could top \$7,000

EMMITSBURG, Md. - The need to reinforce the capacity of the water treatment plant to deal with particulate matter loaded in surface water could lead to a tap surcharge in order to raise the up to \$500,000 price tag for improvements.

A tap surcharge for new connections could run as high as \$7,000, according to a town staff recommendation. Staff will be producing a draft ordinance for consideration by the board. - R. Fulton

Snow route status ends on secondary roads

EMMITSBURG, Md. - During future snowstorms, town staff will only plow the center of town roads after removing snow emergency route status from secondary roads in town.

The town board of supervisors voted unanimously March 20 to direct town staff to remove posted snow route signs and stop plowing "from curb to curb" following snowstorms. Town Manager David Haller said, "I think a lot of people are happy if you just plow them in and keep the street open."

State regulations would remain in effect for Seton Avenue and Route 140 (Main Street). - R. Fulton

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Voters' Guide

Emmitsburg Election

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Polls open: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ballots to be cast at the old town hall (now community deputy office) at 22 East Main Street.

Who may vote? Emmitsburg residents who live within the town boundaries, who have been a resident for a minimum of 30 days, and are a Frederick County registered voter.

Candidate Questions

The Dispatch asked candidates for town commissioner to provide brief biographical information and to respond to several questions. We thank them and urge readers to review the questions and answers. We believe that residents would not make a mistake voting for any of the candidates. The only mistake would be not voting.

Qualifications (50 words)

What are your qualifications for holding office in Emmitsburg? Why do you think you would be a good town commissioner?

Top Issues (75 words)

What do you see as the five most important issues facing town commissioners and why?

If elected (100 words)

If elected, how would you address these top issues?

Editor's Note: Responses longer than the allotted word limit were shortened, as indicated by ... in the answers.

In an effort to promote political responsibility, *The Dispatch* has produced this Voters' Guide for use in the upcoming election. *The Dispatch* does not endorse nor oppose any candidate, and nothing in this guide should be interpreted as an endorsement. The candidates appear in alphabetical order.

Candidates for Town Commissioner



Catherine Forrence

My husband and I have two children and live on Main Street.

Education: I graduated from Mother Seton School, St. Joseph's High School, The College of Notre Dame and the school of French Pastry, L'Academie de Cuisine.

Employment: Before starting a family, I worked as a paralegal and a pastry chef in restaurants in and around Washington, D.C.

Organizations: I am secretary of the New Forest Society and a member of the Emmitsburg Streets & Transportation Committee.

Qualifications: I meet the requirements mandated by Emmitsburg's Charter for Candidates for Commissioner. Additionally, I have regularly attended and participated in Town meetings since 2003 and bring an intelligent, forward-looking approach to the issues facing Emmitsburg. To find out more, please visit my campaign Web site at <http://emmitsburg.net/catherine>, or call me at (301) 447-3017.

Top Issues: Within the next few weeks, the Council will begin reviewing the FY07 budget, a significant undertaking. The Council is also beginning to evaluate how to measure the impact of new development by creating an Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance ("APFO"). The update and approval of the Comprehensive Plan and revision of Emmitsburg's Zoning Ordinance are pressing issues. In addition, the Town must collaborate with the State Highway Administration to plan a bypass to address traffic concerns.

If Elected: Candidates for public office should have a thorough understanding of the APFO, comprehensive plan, and zoning ordinances to effectively collaborate with the council in moving these growth-focused plans to completion.

The public rightly expects their elected officials to make the most of their tax dollars, and when taxpayers reduce discretionary spending, so should their government.

Emmitsburg closed out FY05 with a \$2,323,138 debt, a clear indication that the town has not been managing its money wisely. I am determined to make the most of each tax dollar. Finally, planning for and funding a bypass will be a top priority.



Joyce Rosensteel

63, married to Gene Rosensteel. Four children, five grandchildren. Resident of Emmitsburg for 54 years.

Education: St. Joseph's High School graduate, 1956. Attended Frederick Community College; attend seminars on an ongoing basis.

Employment: Retired after 19 years with The City of Frederick Human Resource Department. Currently employed in Building and Permits, City of Frederick.

Organizations: Active member of St. Joseph's Parish (Lector and Eucharistic minister) and past secretary of the Parish Council. Active member of VFW Post #6658, Thurmont AmVets, Past President and Auxiliary member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #121, and charter member and past president of the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary #1860.

Qualifications:

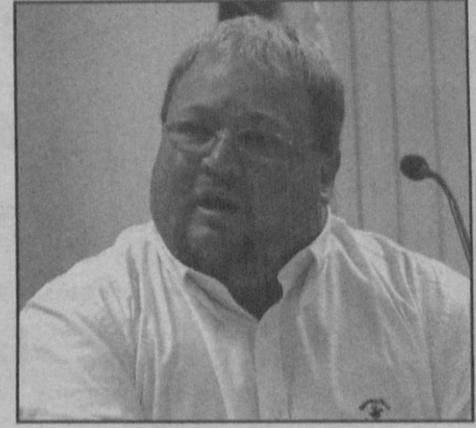
I am well acquainted with the functions of a City's operations, and I feel my experience and background will be even more helpful since I have returned to work part time in the building and permits department with the City, and continue to gain knowledge that would be helpful to the Town of Emmitsburg.

Top Issues:

The many pressing issues facing Emmitsburg are fixing our water and sewer problems, resolving traffic congestion, fighting drugs, annexations, youth activities, industry and most of all controlled growth.

If Elected:

Learn the facts. Get expert advice. Consider alternatives. And most of all I will again devote a good deal of my time to fulfilling the duties as a Commissioner by preparing for every Town meeting that I attend.



Clifford Sweeney

40, married to Elizabeth Ott Sweeney. Two children, Amanda and Chad. Native of Emmitsburg going back at least five generations.

Employment: W.F. Wilson and Sons for 20 years.

Organizations: Lifelong member of Saint Joseph's Catholic Church; involved in Emmitsburg Little League and Knights of Columbus; past president and member of Emmitsburg Community Chorus.

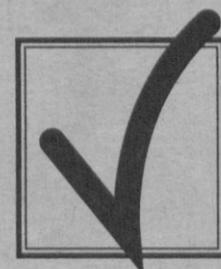
Qualifications: Commissioner in the past for eight years, Planning and Zoning Commissioner for 2 years, Streets Commissioner for 3 years and Parks Commissioner for 3 years. I believe that I qualify for the position. I'm honest, trustworthy, and love Emmitsburg with all my heart.

Top Issues: Infrastructure old and new, schools, smart growth residential and business.

A) My background in the water and sewer business helps me understand what is needed to fix the problem. B) Our schools are over capacity. We need to push Frederick County into moving us up on the list for school repair and enlarging. C) Emmitsburg needs smart growth. We need affordable housing and new businesses to keep up with today's needs.

If Elected: As Commissioner, I would continue to work to make much-needed improvements to our town's water and sewer lines, and use my experience in helping to make the most economical decisions. I will work with the Mayor and Town Planner to attract new businesses to Emmitsburg. In planning for our future, I will work to update the comprehensive plan in a way that preserves Emmitsburg's small town atmosphere, but allows us to grow into the 21st Century. Having a Commissioner like me hounding the County Commissioners about our needs and concerns is in the best interest of our community.

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REGIONAL NEWS

Myers farm development could begin in 2008

By JAMES RADA JR.
 Thurmont News Editor
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THURMONT, Md. — Though an annexation request for the Myers farm is expected to come to the Thurmont town commissioners soon, the developer working with the property says his “extremely rough guess” is that residential construction on the farm would not start for another 2 to 2 ½ years.

Tom Hudson with Hudson Land, LLC in Washington, D.C., wants to develop the Myers farm in a way that fits with the desires of Thurmont residents.

“We have a concept plan and it’s a very rough one at that,” Hudson said.

He explained that his company is still conducting community outreach and does not know when the annexation request will be made.

“If I had my druthers, I’d do it as soon as possible, but I don’t want

to artificially rush it,” Hudson said.

Knowing that the plan will face opposition from many people, he wants to make it as palatable as possible. Thurmont “Mayor” Martin Burns said 95 percent of the e-mail he has received about the annexation has opposed the project, though he said he has heard too from many project supporters.

While initial discussions have focused on a large box store and 300-400 homes on the 235-acre farm, Hudson said nothing has been set in stone. No contracts have been signed.

He expects the final home count to be in the 350-375 range, but the plan could include medical facilities in addition to the commercial development.

Thurmont has only been allowing about 25 new homes a year to be built during the past few years. Hudson would like his development to grow somewhat faster.

“I would like it to be a little

higher than that,” Hudson said. “We need to be able to pay for some of the pretty significant dollars we’ll be putting up.”

The commercial development is expected to begin no earlier than 2009, but Hudson said the residential construction could begin in 2 to 2 ½ years.

Other issues raised about the development have to do with protecting the scenic view and ensuring an adequate water supply.

“We will be respectful of some of the heritage and architectural styles of the town,” said Hudson.

Thurmont Planning Commission Member Randy Cubbedge said, “It’s not going to look, no matter what, what’s up on the hill (Food Lion shopping center).”

(See related story, “Residents discuss Myers annexation,” on page 1 of this issue of The Dispatch.)

‘Sally Cortner Pavilion’ renovation nears completion

By WILLIAM K. REINKE
 Contributing Writer

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — Council members beamed with pleasure at the news of the nearly completed renovations on the Sally Cortner Pavilion in Carroll Commons Park.

The project, which came in at 50 percent of its projected \$45,000 budget and is completed more than six months early, is “sensational,” according to Borough President Thomas Wolf.

Councilman Thomas Fitzsimmons concurred: “The members of the Municipal Services Department who worked on this project deserve a big round of thanks.” Proudest of all was Borough Manager David Hazlett who said the level of craftsmanship and dedication was “unbelievable” and surprised even the workmen themselves.

Borough council President Thomas Wolf had solicited cash donations to cover the installation costs of heating and

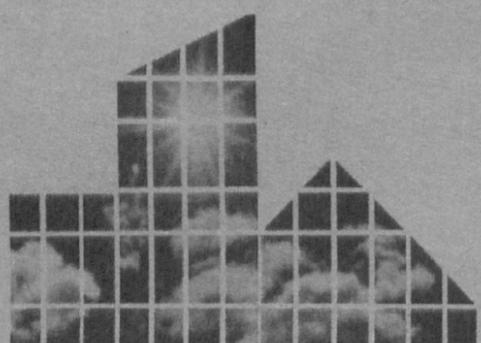
air conditioning in the pavilion. Headlining the donors’ list are Adams County National Bank, which pledged \$5,000; and The Lions Club, Liberty Worship Center, and the Carroll Valley Community Association (CVCA) each promising \$1,000.

The renovation used capital funds and donations. Improvements include new floors, walls, windows, and the heating and air conditioning.

The Finance Committee revised the fee schedule for the pavilion and other park amenities. Users are divided into four classes: borough sponsored events and other governmental agencies; nonprofit organizations with at least 51 percent of their members living in Carroll Valley; Carroll Valley residents; and non-residents and outside organizations.

Fees for the first two classes are waived, except for a \$50 per event rental. For borough residents, pavilion rental ranges from \$35 for the open pavilion to \$200 for the full facility, open pavilion, climate controlled closed pavilion, and full kitchen. Non-resident fees range from \$55 to \$300.

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REGIONAL NEWS

Fairfield fire company wants dialogue with developers

BY WILLIAM K. REINKE
Contributing Writer

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — Fairfield Fire Chief Bill Jacobs addressed the Carroll Valley Borough Council on March 14, requesting better communication between the organizations about new housing developments coming to the area.

The lack of dialogue concerns Jacobs, who fears that new developments may not be planned with proper access for large fire equipment in an emergency.

Council President Thomas Wolf said he was "shocked" to hear that the fire company was not consulted about the pending development on Sanders Road known as "The Crest of Carroll Valley." He added that he would expect both the developer and the council to contact the fire department, but since The Crest was no secret, the fire company should have contacted them.

Jacobs spoke to clarify the misconception that the fire company is a tax-based organization. On the contrary, the volunteer company survives almost exclusively through private donations and fund raising efforts.

While the municipalities the company serves have historically

offered annual donations, it is not mandated and the donations amount to less than five percent of the \$587,000 operating budget.

Jacobs also told the public that

the fire company is always looking for more volunteers, especially since the 52 fire calls so far this year more than double the 2005 call volume.

'Gateway Theaters 8' premieres \$7 million film on Gettysburg

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — "Fields of Freedom," a 30-minute movie about the Battle of Gettysburg produced by Robert J. Monahan Jr., president of The Monahan Group, and Greystone Films, premiered April 19 at the new Gateway Theaters 8 at Gateway Gettysburg.

Monahan recently told *The Dispatch* that the "Fields of Freedom" production cost \$7 million, and features the London Symphony (recorded at Abbey Road) and President George Bush Sr. reciting "The Gettysburg Address." One of the reasons for the relatively high cost of the 30-minute film was the use of "JPEG 2000 technology," he said.

The film will be shown continuously after the premier as an introduction to the battlefield for area visitors. The production will be featured in two of the theaters built especially to show-off high quality productions like "Fields of Freedom."

Both theaters have 60-foot wide screens, three and one-half stories tall, which Monahan described as "IMAX-like." Monahan, told *The Dispatch* that the theaters' projection equipment is "the most advanced (theater) technology in the country today ... all digital video and sound," noting that the theaters could also accommodate live broadcasts and theatrical productions.

The Civil War movie was given a special viewing on April 5 for members of Congress and diplomatic guests in Washington, D.C.

— R. Fulton

Frederick County News Briefs ...

Site for yard waste recycling

FREDERICK, Md. — Frederick County has two locations for county residents to recycle their yard waste. The closest site for residents in northern Frederick County is in Walkersville at Heritage Farm Park, 9924 Devilbiss Bridge Road.

Contact the Walkersville Town Office at (301) 845-4500 for hours of operation. Business yard waste will not be accepted at this site.

Residents and businesses may take away mulch at no charge.

Acceptable items for the yard waste site include unbagged grass and leaves, brush, and branches no larger than 8 feet in length and 6 inches in diameter. Larger branches, root balls, dirt, rocks, and sod are considered land clearing debris and are not acceptable. Land clearing debris must be taken to the Frederick County Landfill, located on Reichs Ford Road.

Mulch loading assistance for pickups and larger vehicles is provided April through September at the Reichs Ford Road facility in Frederick from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

For an update on mulch availability at each

site and any unanticipated changes in the loading schedule, please call (301) 694-1848, press 0, then press 8. For additional information on recycling in Frederick County, call (301) 696-2960. — J. Rada

County plans to use constant-yield rate

FREDERICK, Md. — The Frederick County Commissioners voted on April 7 to adopt the constant-yield rate to use in the fiscal year 2007 budget.

The county property tax rate is \$1 per \$100 of assessed property value. The commissioners have reduced that rate to 93.6 cents per \$100.

The constant-yield rate is the tax rate that would generate the same property tax revenue for the county next year as it did this year. As assessments rise, the constant-yield rate drops.

With the rate reduced, the commissioners will have to adjust their spending to meet its lower revenue projections.

This reduction only applies to the county property tax rate. It does not affect fire tax, state property tax or municipal property tax.

Public hearings on the proposed budgets are scheduled at 7 p.m. on May 2 and May 4 in Winchester Hall, Frederick. — J. Rada

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'Big Sweep' team seeks volunteers and donations

The New Forest Society and Mount St. Mary's University have teamed up to participate in "The Big Sweep," the county-wide effort to clean up the region's watersheds on Earth Day, April 22, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. To participate, make donations, or for additional information, contact Catherine Forrence, secretary of the New Forest Society, at (301) 447-3017 or e-mail her at 404westmain@adelphia.net.

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REGIONAL NEWS

Carroll Valley News Briefs ...

CV to celebrate 'National Night Out'

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — Mayor Ron Harris informed the council at its March 14 meeting that the borough is planning to celebrate the "National Night Out" on Aug. 1 to provide "neighbors a chance to get out and talk about safety."

The event will be coordinated with Fairfield fire and emergency medical services (EMS) departments. More information about the event will be forthcoming, but Harris noted that volunteers are needed. Interested individuals can contact the borough office at 642-8269.

— W. Reinke

Mayor requests auction donations

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — Mayor Ron Harris told the borough council and general public on April 11 about a May 20 fundraising auction to be held at the Fairfield Fire Company, with all proceeds going toward the borough's July 4 festivities.

Harris asked the public for donations and invited everyone to attend the auction. To donate items, contact Harris or stop by the borough office.

— W. Reinke

Lake Kay options weighed

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — Citing the economic unfeasibility of dredging Lake Kay, the borough council approved on March 14 allocating \$9,380 to purchase aerating equipment for the small lake, which has seen a marked decline in water quality in recent years.

Borough Manager David Hazlett said that

the aeration system, along with ongoing chemical treatments to reduce noxious vegetation, should gradually improve the water quality over the next three years and beyond, according to the engineer consulted.

Further concerns were raised about continuing waterfront erosion. Since the borough owns the lake but the land is privately held, borough Solicitor Thomas Campbell said it begs the question whether "the borough's lake is ruining the land or people's land is ruining the lake."

Council Vice President Roger Butt said that when he moved to the area in the 1970s and the shoreline was covered with trees and bushes, runoff and erosion were not an issue. The Lake Kay Ad Hoc subcommittee was given the responsibility of developing a plan to address this concern.

— W. Reinke

Citizens question Lake Kay safety

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — Concerned citizens questioned the borough council on April 11 about progress on the Carroll Valley walking path that is to include the Lake Kay area, and particularly the narrow bridge on Ski Run Trail.

Council President Thomas Wolf and vice president Roger Butt assured the public that the council was committed to this project, and that state grant money has been allocated for it.

Project grant money will not be allocated until the state's 2007 fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2006. Asked whether the borough could "lend" money to itself from the capital fund and repay itself when the grant money is received, Wolf pointed out that on a previous grant-financed project, the state would not reimburse the borough for expenses incurred before the grant money was received.

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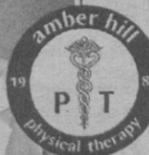
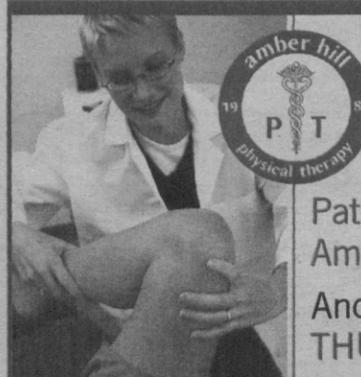
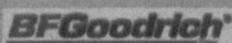
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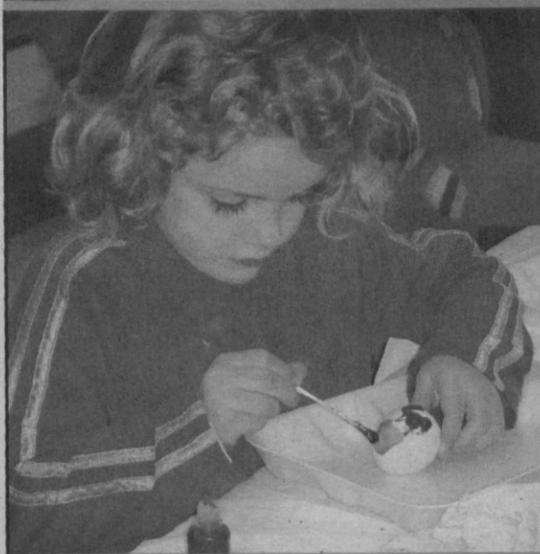
Local grocery sponsors children's Easter event

EMMITSBURG, Md. – On Saturday, April 8, Jubilee Foods in Emmitsburg hosted approximately 200 children and their families in a pre-Easter extravaganza.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the store was filled with children having their faces painted, dying eggs and decorating cookies. Nearly all of them also had their photo taken with the Easter Bunny. Every child received a goodie bag and entered the prize drawing. The store gave out nearly 30 prizes, including bikes, an IPOD, an XM satellite radio receiver, movie passes, fishing poles and gear, both an indoor and a portable basketball system, skateboard and helmet, Wal-Mart gift cards and three Easter hams.

Manager Rich Boyd told *The Dispatch* that the overall response was very positive, and he is already planning for either Halloween or Christmas.

– Story by J. Demmitt & photos by R. Buchheister



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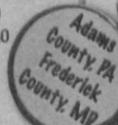


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EDUCATION

Mobile science lab rolls into Emmitsburg Elementary

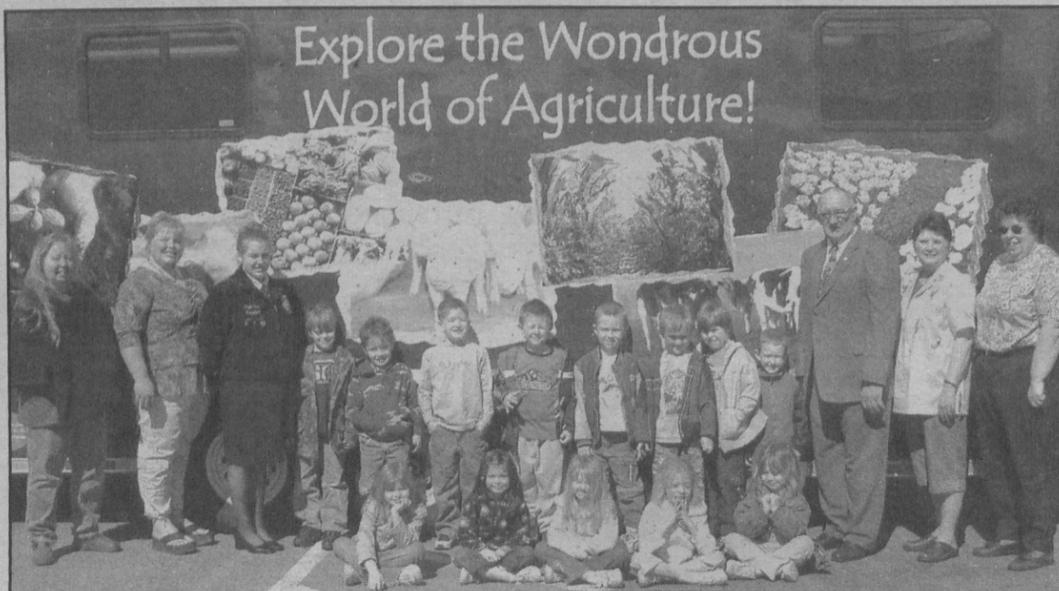
BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

Parents and passersby may have noticed that a different sort of portable classroom was in place alongside Emmitsburg Elementary School (EES) April 10-11 and 18-20. The Thurmont Grange, Catoctin High School Future Farmers of America (CHS FFA), and the CHS FFA Alumni jointly sponsored a visit to the school by the Ag Products Mobile Science lab.

The lab offers students in all grades opportunities for hands-on lessons about practical science and nutrition as they "explore the wondrous world of agriculture" with lab instructor Sharon Fox. Older classes also learn about

farming in different parts of the state and the current place of agriculture in Maryland's economy. Fox is a veteran teacher, now retired, who worked at Middletown Elementary for many years and now accompanies her "ag classroom" to the annual Frederick fair and schools throughout central Maryland.

The Ag Products lab is one of three labs (the others are an Aquatics lab and a Biotechnology lab) furnished by the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. (MAEF.) The nonprofit foundation is based in Havre de Grace and works "to promote and enhance Marylanders' understanding and appreciation of the importance of agriculture in their daily lives." More information at www.maefonline.com.



-DICK BLOOM / THE DISPATCH

Standing with Carolyn Miller's kindergarten class in front of the mobile classroom trailer at the Emmitsburg Elementary School are, from left, Mrs. Miller; Amanda Valentine Dennis, member of the Catoctin High School FFA Alumni; Kayla Stull, president of the CHS FFA; Rodman Myers, president of the Thurmont Grange; Sharon Fox, mobile lab instructor; and Wanda Severance, principal of Emmitsburg Elementary School.

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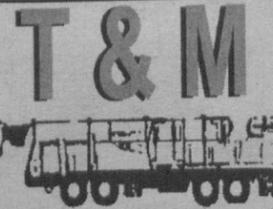
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Lectures and discussion throughout the week will cover new scholarship on the foreign and domestic policy of the Eisenhower administration. Topics include the Cold War, civil rights, 1950s

economics and popular culture.

Two Pennsylvania professional education credits (60 ACT 48 hours) are available for attending the Academy. Three graduate credits are also offered through Mount Saint Mary's University for an additional fee. Teachers, graduate students, and those who simply wish to learn more about Eisenhower and 1950s America are invited to attend. Total cost including food, lodging and field trips is \$575 single occupancy. The day student rate is \$310. For more information, contact Eisenhower Academy, Eisenhower National Historic Site, 250 Eisenhower Farm Lane, Gettysburg, PA 17325 or call (717) 338-9114 Ext. 10.

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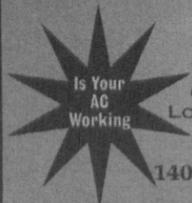
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Just when it seemed all hope was lost, a "miracle" occurred at Mount St. Mary's University.

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Debbie Squicciarri of Ramsey, N.J., was visiting the Mount with her daughter, sister, and niece at a Discovery Day Admissions program on February 20 when her engagement ring slipped off her finger and fell into an automatic flush toilet in the Mount's student center.

Squicciarri's sister tracked down the Mount's Recruiting Director, Josh Ditsky, and told him what happened. Ditsky called Physical Plant for assistance and Physical Plant worker Ron Bledsoe attempted to recover it—removing the toilet from the wall and scanning the plumbing trap, but to no avail.

Bledsoe, of Fairfield, Pa., promised a visibly distraught Squicciarri that he would keep an eye out for it, although his words seemed to do little to comfort her.

But this story has a happy ending.

A month later, on March 20, Bledsoe sought out Ditsky in the Admissions Office.

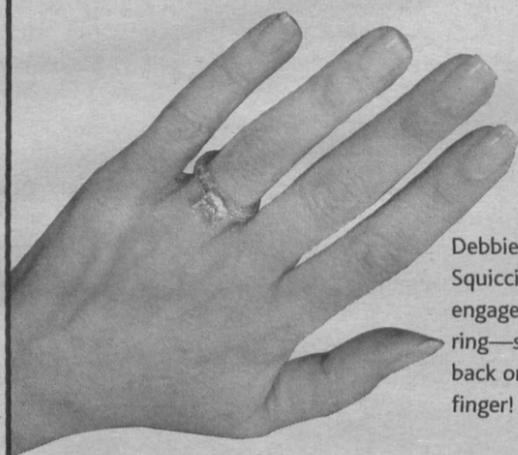
"Ron walked into our office and says to me: 'I'm supposed to talk to you about the woman who lost her ring,'" Ditsky recalled. "And then proceeds to pull it out of his shirt pocket."

Ditsky then called Squicciarri to share the good news.

"I guess this means I have to send my daughter (a high school junior) to Mount St. Mary's," an ecstatic Squicciarri joked to Ditsky. "When I returned home, everyone reiterated the same words Ron did, that the chances of finding the ring were slim to none. I had resigned myself to accepting that my ring was gone."

"When Josh called, my reaction was total shock followed by an immediate sense of faith—in the fact that there are people in this world who are not only caring but honest," Squicciarri said. "Not only did Ron continue to look for my ring, but when found he was honest enough to return it. I cannot say enough about how thankful I am for his diligence and morality."

Squicciarri met up with Bledsoe on campus March 27, where he returned the ring to its rightful owner—right where it belongs!



Debbie Squicciarri's engagement ring—safely back on her finger!



Mount St. Mary's University physical plant employee Ron Bledsoe with Debbie Squicciarri.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Finitude, Suffering and Hope: What wisdom and witness do we have to offer a despairing worlds

Tuesday, April 25

7:30 p.m., Knott Auditorium

Carol Taylor, CSFN, RN, Ph.D.

A vocational analysis of one woman's journey to accompany family and friends, students, patients and groups struggling to find meaning in finitude and suffering.

Mount Chorale Spring Concert

Sunday, April 30

4 p.m., Immaculate Conception Chapel

The Mount Chamber Choir and Women's Ensemble present Sacred Music from Rival Empires and Beyond. Featured on the program are works by William Byrd, Tomás Luís de Victoria, Juan Esquivel, Franz Schubert, and Giuseppe Verdi. A free will donation will be accepted.

Mount Wind & Jazz Ensemble Concert

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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4 p.m. Kristi Voskuhl

Conflicting Identities: Birth Control and American Catholic Women

Thursday, April 20

Noon Shannon Gibbons

An Analysis of RELN as an Autistic Gene

3 p.m. Kelly Pilger

Triptych of Terror: "Murder in the Window"

Friday, April 21

Noon Sean Clancy

Collection of Short Stories

3 p.m. Kate Parnell
Lips, Slips, and Meander Strips: Steps in Making an Ancient Greek Vase

Monday, April 24

Noon Matt Simantel

Cursory Versus Conscientious: Comparing Scholarly and Public Assessments Regarding Presidential Ranking

3 p.m. Megan Wertner

Symbolizing the Sacred: "World Youth Day" as Rhetorical Sub-Genre

Tuesday, April 25

Noon Eddie Wright

Chaos in Student Formation

3 p.m. Jen Auman

Las Latinas del Trabajo y de la Casa: Giving Voice to Latin American Women at Work and Home

Wednesday, April 26

Noon John Foley

The Economics of Stadium Construction

3 p.m. Natalee Henry
Do trichomes in rapid-cycling Brassica rapa defend against herbivory by Trichoplusia ni larvae?

Thursday, April 27

Noon Jennifer Fox

Expression and Characterization of the Variola Interferon Gamma Receptor Protein

2 p.m. Jackie Hoy

The Celtic Tiger, Past Present and Future: A look at the economic impact of European expansion on Ireland.

Friday, April 28

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Tuesday, May 2

Noon John Rodriguez

Counter-Insurgency Lessons for Iraq

3 p.m. Tara Lowder

Exploring the Intentional Fallacy Through the Artwork of Frida Kahlo

Wednesday, May 3

Noon Ryan Cleary

Use of Thionyl Chloride to Increase Purity and Yield of Organic Chemistry Sequence 3 Experiment in the Undergraduate Organic Chemistry Laboratory

1 p.m. Danielle Krause

Developing a Curricula of Change

3 p.m. Jessica Upchurch
An Analytical Comparison on the Methods Implemented in the Social Studies Classroom and Mount St. Mary's Teacher Education Program

Thursday, May 4

Noon Laura Robinson

The Ever-changing Legend of Jane McCrae

3 p.m. Bill Davidson

Catholic Thought on Birth Regulation: An Argument Starting with the Common Ground

Friday, May 5

Noon Laura Treado

Gambling with Our Future? A Cost Benefit Analysis of Legalized Gambling

3 p.m. Ross Montfort

Examining the Philosophy of Fight Club: An Expose of the Film's Freudian and Marcusean Assumptions

*The (retired) Ecologist***Unlearning about worms**

BY BILL
MEREDITH

*Dispatch
Columnist*

"Education: that which discloses to the wise and disguises from the foolish their lack of understanding."

-Ambrose Bierce,
The Devil's Dictionary

It is a sad fact of life that many of the things we learn as children turn out not to be true. As a small child, I remember thinking I knew all about birds when I learned that robins migrate south for the winter, and that their return in March is one of the first signs of spring. By the time I got to college, I was a bit disillusioned to find that there are exceptions to all of the pretty rules I had learned earlier. I clearly remember our first field trip in ornithology class; it was January, and cold, and I heard a chirp that sounded like a robin. When I asked the professor, he remarked offhandedly that, yes, it was a robin, and that there are always a few of them that stay around all winter and don't migrate. It was one of those

critical experiences we all have when we are forced to confront the realization that the world is more complicated than we thought.

Global warming is proceeding apace; this winter, the robins didn't even pretend to migrate. In previous winters I recorded them only occasionally when I went walking into the woods; this year, they were in the yard nearly every day, eating crab apples and Bradford pear fruits. In March, when they normally would have been returning from the south, I saw them hopping about in the brown-colored lawn with puzzled expressions on their faces because there were no earthworms. I had a similar expression on my face when I plowed the garden just before St. Patrick's Day and, for the first time in my memory, did not turn up a single earthworm. The worms, of course, were waiting for the spring rains; this was the driest March on record, and they had sense enough to be patient. Things seem to be getting back to normal in the past couple of weeks; rains have come, worms are up, and robins are happier.

Whenever I think of earthworms, my mind turns to Charles Darwin. Everyone knows he wrote the "Origin of Species," in which he presented the first defensible explanation of evolution;

but most people are not aware that he wrote 17 other books. The last of these, "The Formation of Vegetable Mould by the Action of Worms," was his personal favorite; he worked on it, on and off, for over 40 years, and it was published the year before he died. "Vegetable mould" was the old British term for topsoil, and most of the "facts" we learned in school about how earthworms form topsoil came from that book. Darwin spent uncounted hours over those four decades counting earthworm burrows in his lawn and gardens, weighing the dirt castings the worms brought to the surface, and observing their habits; his gardener once remarked, "The poor Master must be losing his mind, for all he does is sit and stare at the ground." His estimates that between 6 and 12 tons of dirt were brought to the surface of an acre of ground each year were still quoted in biology books when I was in school.

In a lifetime of fishing, as well as teaching zoology for 41 years, I thought I had come to know a good deal about earthworms. Hence it came as a surprise recently to learn that they are not entirely beneficial; in fact, they have been found to be causing ecological problems in some forests. The parts of North America that were covered by glaciers in the Ice Age have no native species of

earthworms; the ones now found there, as well as many of the species in more southerly parts of the U. S., were brought from Europe, mostly by accident, in soil around potted plants. The development of soils in forests is the result of the breakdown of leaves by fungi, which release nutrients into the soil. In the 12,000 years since the Ice Age ended, this breakdown went on slowly, and the native forest trees adapted to this slow rate of decomposition. The European earthworms, which include the common night-crawler, speed up the decomposition of leaf litter, releasing nitrogen and phosphate faster, and much of these nutrients wash away before the trees can absorb them. Ecologists in New England and Minnesota have recently found that alien earthworms have changed the soil enough that some rare plants are becoming extinct and the growth of several types of trees is slowing down because of stress on their root systems.

Thinking about this, it occurred to me that I had never read Darwin's book on worms, so I went to the Mount library to get it. The copy on the shelf was the 1896 edition, and it was a beautiful book ... red leather binding overlaid with marbled paper, and the upper edges of the pages gilded. An inscription on the flyleaf indicated that it had been donated to the college; it was probably one of a set of Darwin's books that the owner bought to display on his shelves. But it was a display of vanity, for it had never

been read. The pages were still folded and uncut, as books were sold in those days. So I had the fascinating experience of being the first person to read a 110-year old book, carefully cutting the pages apart with a sharp knife as I went through it.

Much of Darwin's writing is dry and fact-laden, but he had a gift for eloquence; the last paragraph of the "Origin of Species" is famous for its near-poetic quality. The conclusion of the worm book is in a similar vein. He reminds us that the soil we see has passed countless times through the bodies of worms, and that their effect is immeasurable: "The plough is one of the most ancient and most valuable of man's inventions; but long before he existed, the land was in fact regularly ploughed by earth-worms."

As I grow older, I find it irksome to give up old knowledge. This is not unusual; old people are notorious for resisting new ideas. As David Brooks recently remarked, "Intellectual history moves forward in a hearse." So it is impossible not to wonder what Darwin would think of the new discoveries about the harmful effects of his beloved worms. He was a wise man, and my guess is that rather than clinging to old ideas, he would be intrigued. After all, progress in science has always involved the modification of previously held ideas, and it has always required the un-learning of what we thought were proven truths. *Sic transit gloria mundi.*

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A Word from the Pulpit Coming to faith

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From the 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians the Apostle Paul lays out the central tenets of the Christian faith passed on to him by the disciples and by the Holy Spirit. Paul emphasizes "that Christ died for our sins . . . , that he was buried, and that he was raised (from the dead) on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas (Peter), then to the twelve. Then he appeared to "more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died" (1Cor. 15:3-6). These verses provide an excellent listing of the foundational beliefs of the early church. These are the things that we believe about Jesus Christ.

Paul conveyed these tenets to the Corinthians so that they would

be encouraged to live hopefully in the faith even though some of them were now dying. We can also be continually encouraged as we remember the testimony about Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Of course, the resurrection is essential to the Christian faith, but so are all of Christ's ethical teachings and lessons about caring for the poor and living the Christian life in the here and now. And so, the whole of the Christian story is quite impossible to contain - even in this inspirational passage from St. Paul.

Within the Lutheran tradition we try to shy away from simple formulaic expressions that can be equivocated with salvation. Saying things like the "Sinner's Prayer" to get someone "saved" is just not adequate nor does it provide foundational understanding of what the sinner is believing in. It's not

that the old-old story cannot be told rather simply and plainly enough for children to understand, for it can! But there is so much more to the Gospel Story and facets of the faith that it simply cannot be summed up into a salvific incantation.

It is not that we Lutherans don't have our own popular expressions that convey what we believe, for no Lutheran would be complete if we did not exclaim that "I am justified by God's grace through faith alone" (from Luther's treatise on Romans 5), or "Here I stand, I can do no other!" (Luther's final statement about his writings that spawned the Reformation - another very long story!) Or "Be a sinner and sin strongly (Sin Boldly!), but more strongly have faith and rejoice in Christ" (from Luther's reflections on Christ's supreme accomplishment at Calvary).

The problem with short decisive prayers or formulaic "laws" that equate with salvation is that they are never sufficient in and of themselves. For God's plan of redemption for the world can scarcely be explained or

described in a short formulaic verse. Rather, a truer expression of our faith in Christ involves placing ourselves in a position of humble listening, obedience and acceptance of what has been done on our behalf by Christ Jesus the Lord.

The Lutheran stance on saving faith, by grace through faith, places the saving action into the realm of God's doing. It is by God's will that we have been saved and it is the work (or by the movement) of the Holy Spirit who leads an individual through steps of spiritual growth.

For children the first step may be by the washing of water with the Word - Holy Baptism. In Baptism, God is the initiator; we do nothing of ourselves but bring our children by faith to the sacramental waters. For an unbaptized adult, it is the movement of God - by the Holy Spirit, which begins to kindle an interest in the life of the would-be believer. He or she must become initially open to the hearing and understanding of God's voice through the Word. This best happens when someone hears or reads the Holy Scriptures, but

Paul also allows that we might make the initial realization about God's love, wonder and mercy through the witness of creation.

Whatever means by which we are "awakened" to our need of Divine mercy, love and fellowship . . . the first action is on the part of God who "calls to us." Here is a Biblical theme worth noting, it is not typically audible, but God speaks to his would-be children and then their lives are changed!

I invite you to reread the short passage above, from Paul's letter to the Corinthians, and ask yourself if you are part of the body of believers (the Church) who are living in this high hope. If you are not feeling optimistic about your life now or where this life leads when death comes, then I would invite you to follow the leading of God's Spirit voice and become a part of God's family, the Church of Jesus Christ.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Local celebrations honor Earth Day

BY NICOLE M. BELANGER
Contributing Writer

Celebrating Earth Day, which falls on April 22, will be easy this year, as many organizations will be offering events ranging from fishing to crafts to visiting zoo animals.

For the first time ever, the Catoctin Mountain Park will offer kids the chance to become Junior Rangers by completing several requirements, according to Debra Mills at the park.

Children ages 6-8 are invited to join a National Park Service Ranger on April 23 at the visitor center. This program, which lasts for two hours, starts at 9 a.m. A program for ages 9-11 will be offered at 1 p.m. During the day, kids will learn about natural history and take a hike through the park. Those who complete the entire program will receive a Catoctin Mountain Park Junior Ranger Badge, according to Mills.

Other park events include an interactive computer program on April 22 that allows kids to play

with the Deer Discovery program, which teaches the effect of deer populations on forest ecology.

For adults, the park will offer a fly-tying demonstration on April 22. The free event, held from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., will feature experienced fly-fishers who will show how to use ordinary insects to increase fly-fishing success.

At nearby Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo, children of all ages can make birdfeeders, participate in a scavenger hunt and learn about different creatures around the world. The zoo is hosting the event on April 22 from noon until 3 p.m. Games, information and activity stations will be set up and kids can take home baby trees to plant.

Lilypons Water Gardens, 6800 Lilypons Road, Adamstown, is also having a celebration on April 22 that is free and open to the public. Organizers will have children's activities, workshops and a bird sit, so true bird watchers and even novices can enjoy the many birds who flock to this site.

Gettysburg celebrates annual arts festival

BY NICOLE M. BELANGER
Contributing Writer

For the ninth consecutive year, residents and visitors will descend on historic Gettysburg to usher in the upcoming tourist season.

"History Meets the Arts", which runs from April 20-23, will feature more than 75 nationally-known artists, authors, historians and musicians, as well as more than 60 different events.

The four-day event will kick off with the premier of the \$7 million film, "Fields of Freedom," which focuses on the military aspects of the Battle of Gettysburg. This movie will be shown four times in a digital theater with a 3½ story high screen at the new Gateway Gettysburg Complex.

The public will also get to see the refurbished Lincoln Train Station, open for the first time since it shut down two years ago.

This year more visual and performing arts will be offered, as well as living history, music, exhibits and tours.

"The historic backdrop of Gettysburg provides the perfect setting for a celebration of both history and the arts," coordinator Karen Hendricks said.

Between 8,000 and 10,000 visitors are expected for the event, which is being coordinated by the group Main Street Gettysburg and includes more than two dozen businesses.

Live musical entertainment will be offered at Lincoln Square near the Gettysburg Hotel and at the American Civil War Museum Park.

Gettysburg Village will host a chainsaw art carving demonstration, and Michael Sanders will sign his book, "More Strange Tales of Civil War."

The Gettysburg Fire Hall will feature more than 20 artists, as well as re-enactments by the British Military and Native American Re-enactors. They will demonstrate rifle building, quill working and blacksmithing.

For more information and a complete listing of events, visit www.hmtarts.com.

For Children

April 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 home a baby tree to plant. \$8.95-\$12.95. Catoctin Wildlife Preserve & Zoo, 19 Catoctin Furnace Rd., Thurmont. (301) 271-4922.

April 24 - Freedom Train. 10 a.m. All aboard for a musical about Harriet Tubman, who rose from slavery to become one of the most famous conductors of the Underground Railroad. Dance, dialogue, and music combine to tell a powerful story of self-sacrifice, dedication, and survival - a true celebration of the human spirit. Recommended for grades 2-9. \$5-6. Theatreworks USA. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 W. Patrick St, Frederick. (301) 228-2828.

April 29, 30 - Farm Museum Spring Festival. 12-4 p.m. Craft demonstrations, manor house tours and hands-on crafts, activities and games for children. The Farm Museum offers a tractor pull, kiddie pedal pull, music, animals, hayrides, food and more. Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 N. Market St. Frederick. (301) 694-1650.

Concerts

April 21 - Mount St. Mary's University's Gospel Choir. 6 p.m., Knott Auditorium.

April 30 - College Community Orchestra Concert. 2:30 p.m. Lewes Peddell, conductor. Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. (717) 337-8200.

April 30 - Mount Chorale Spring Concert. 4 p.m. University Chapel. The Mount Chamber Choir and Women's Ensemble present sacred music featuring works by William Byrd, Tomas Luis de Victoria, Juan Esquivel,

Franz Schubert, and Giuseppe Verdi. A free-will donation will be accepted.

May 3 - Student Instrumental and Vocal Recital. 3:30 p.m. Mount St. Mary's Knott Auditorium. A free year-end concert of master works.

May 5, 6 - Apple Blossom Jazz Festival. 8 p.m. High school and college jazz ensembles in adjudicated performances, jazz workshops, and clinics. The May 5 evening concert features The Tim Warfield Quartet and the May 6 evening concert features the Majestic Jazz Orchestra, joined by the Grant Street Dance Company and the Gettysburg College World Music Ensemble. Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. (717) 677-7514.

May 7 - Mount Wind & Jazz Ensemble Concert. 3 p.m. Knott Auditorium. Featuring works by Ralph Vaughn Williams, Franz von Suppe, Duke Ellington, and Cannonball Adderley. Donations will be accepted for the Catoctin Pregnancy Center.

May 7 - Youth Service. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thurmont United Methodist Church, Long Road, Thurmont. An evening of music, drama, teaching, fun, and refreshments. Sponsored by Youth for Christ. Information: (301) 271-0255.

May 12 - The Basement Elias Coffee House. 7-10 p.m. First year anniversary. "Common Clay" and "Forgiven" will perform. Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, 100 West North Ave., Emmitsburg.

May 13 - Colours of Love. 8 p.m. A pops concert of love songs from Cole Porter, Richard Rodgers, and the Beatles to "The Little Mermaid" and "Beauty and the Beast." Kussmaul Theatre, Frederick Community College. Tickets: \$15/ \$12 for students and seniors. (301) 662-7442 or www.frederickchorale.org.

Dance

April 28 - Forget-Me-Not Gala. 8 p.m.-midnight. The 8th annual gala benefits the Alzheimer's Association Greater Maryland Chapter. Music by The Shades and The Ray Birely Orchestra with a theme of "Remembering our Downtown Days". Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and silent auction. \$50. William Talley Recreation Center, Bentz St, Frederick. (301) 696-0315.

April 30 - Dancefest. 2 p.m. Celebrate the 15th anniversary of this countywide dance extravaganza, featuring local dancers, guest performers, and a few toe-tapping

surprises. Proceeds benefit Frederick Arts Council dance scholarships. \$6-10. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 W. Patrick St., Frederick. (301) 228-2828.

Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

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.

Through May 3 - Art on Wheels Student Exhibition. A mobile Art Center created and directed by Diane Hurwitz-Specht and Gail McDermont. Finding Ourselves in mixed media. Frederick Community College, Mary Condon Hodgson Art Gallery, 7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick. (301) 846-2513.

Stage

April 20-22 - "The Women of Lockerbie." 8 p.m. 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 dramatizes the efforts of the village women seven years later to obtain, wash and return to family members, the clothing recovered from victims. \$15-20. Maryland Ensemble Theater, 31 W. Patrick St., Frederick. (301) 694-4744.

April 28 - "Lazer Vaudeville." 7 p.m. Vaudeville returns to the Majestic. Direct from Broadway, bicycle hoop roller and rope-spinner Carter Brown shares the stage with international juggling champion Cindy Marvell and acrobatic box juggler Nicholas Flair. A mix of lasers, music, magic, glow-in-the dark action, and classic screwball comedy. \$12-19. Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. (717) 337-8200.

May 5 and 6 - "Laugh out Loud." 8 p.m. Upper Flynn Hall, Mount St. Mary's University. Student-directed productions. All tickets: \$5.

QUILTERS

Quilts are meant to be cuddly



BY MARY ELLEN CUMMINGS
Dispatch Columnist

I'm often asked if my quilt group has any young quilters. The answer is "no", however, we did have several young women when we met day and evening. With so many young women working daytime, it is hard to find a suitable time for quilt making with them.

This bothers me; because I am afraid the art of quilting will die and be replaced with quilted-fabric-art. There's nothing wrong with that; however, I still like the warm cuddly feel of a scrappy quilt. I like a quilt of many colors (they blend with any décor). Each time you look at those quilts you see something different.

The latest issue of "American Quilter" magazine carries an article by Terri Kirchner which gives details of making "fractured" quilts.

The late Ellen Adams, a Canadian textile artist, writer, teacher, juror and curator, developed the method. Ms. Kirchner says this method of cutting and manipulating "identical motifs to produce images that seem to explode" because there is so much visual movement.

"Better Homes and Gardens" winter 2005 issue has a quilt

called "Solar Eclipse" designed by Kelly Spann and Ellen Sonnenscheins that I think fits the exploding category. It starts with a kaleidoscope fabric center of reds, orange, yellow, blue and green and purple. The design and workmanship of the quilt are exceptional, but the quilt is too loud for me. I can't imagine anyone cuddling and comfy in it.

Many people think a scrap quilt is too much like ones made during the "Great Depression," too much like looking needy. Most of today's scrap quilts are made from newly purchased fabric, not left over and recycled.

In the same issue of "Quilt Sampler" magazine, is a scrap quilt called 'American Crossroads'. It is made from at least ten different fabrics - blues, browns, reds and shirtings. It looks like a "cuddle" quilt.

Many art quilts are like some modern music and rap. They are too loud and too busy for me. I guess that is why I still prefer hand piecing and hand quilting - slow, quiet and flowing.

Margaret M. Boyer
Margaret Mae Boyer, 102, of Emmitsburg, Md., died April 9, 2006, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg, Md.

Born May 10, 1903, in Loy Station, Md., she was a daughter of the late Harvey B. and Grace Keilholtz Ogle.

Mrs. Boyer was a member of Incarnation United Church of Christ, Emmitsburg, Md. and the Senior Citizens of Emmitsburg. She worked in the Emmitsburg Public School cafeteria for many years.

Surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held April 13 at the Skiles Funeral Home, 210 W. Main St., Emmitsburg, Md., with her pastor, the Rev. Regie Rice officiating. Interment was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, near Yellow Springs.

Robert T. Gingell
Robert Theodore Gingell, 62, of 14511 Pennersville Road, Cascade, Md., died March 14, 2006, in Washington County Hospital, Hagerstown, Md.

Born October 30, 1943, in Gettysburg, Pa., he was the son of Mrs. Jane (Bollinger) Gingell of Emmitsburg, Md., and the late Thomas Gingell.

Mr. Gingell graduated from Emmitsburg High School in 1961.

He was married to the late

OBITUARIES

Susan M. (Kell) Gingell, who died March 10, 2006.

Surviving are two daughters, Amy R. Bond and Jennifer D. Flores; one son, Jason T. Gingell; one granddaughter; two sisters, Pinny Davis and Francie Thomas; and one niece.

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

Audrey F. Maturo
Audrey F. Maturo, 74, of 44 Carroll's Tract Road, Fairfield,

Pa., died March 25, 2006, at the Gettysburg Hospital.

Born June 8, 1931 in Brooklyn, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Lillian Peake Linkens.

Surviving are three daughters, Joanne R. Calato, Michele A. Maturo, and Rose T. Maturo; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one sister, Gloria Tafaro; and one brother, Richard Linkens.

Funeral services were held March 29 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, West High Street, Gettysburg, with Father Michael Messaro officiating. Interment was private.

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The Workforce Housing Summit is the result of an action plan developed by the Frederick County Affordable Housing Council. State and local business, civic and government leaders will introduce initiatives and programs to address what many are calling a housing crisis.

Frederick County resident James T. Brady, former Secretary of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, will be the keynote speaker. Business owners and managers are encouraged to participate because the issue affects employee housing needs and commute time.

Pre-registration is required, \$20 per person, which includes breakfast. To register, call the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce, at (301) 662-4164, by April 28.

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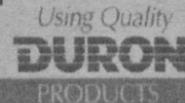
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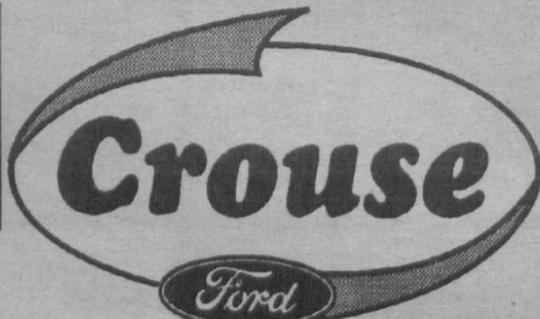


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