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Hometown hero is laid to rest on Memorial Day



Robert Augustine Seidel, III
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-RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

A U.S. Army honor guard accompanied 1st Lt. Robert Seidel, III's flag-draped coffin to St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church's cemetery next to the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Seidel was killed by an improvised explosive device near Baghdad, Iraq on May 18 and is the first local resident to die in the war. See full story on page 3.

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Town tax rate will remain the same

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
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EMMITSBURG, Md. – The current tax rate on real property in town will not change in 2007 despite a budget increase of nearly \$200,000, passed by a 3-1 vote at a special commissioners meeting on May 30.

Based on projections,

Mayor James Hoover proposed a \$1,515,308 town budget for 2006-2007, compared to the \$1,327,992 budget set for 2005-2006.

The increase is largely from the inclusion of some \$600,000 of surplus monies from prior budget years, proposed short and long-term road projects, and the proposed hiring of a third deputy.

Also, some 20 new homes have been built that will not

generate revenue until 2007-2008, but will require services beginning this July.

Already unhappy that the town did not adopt a proposed constant yield tax rate, Commission President Christopher Staiger voted against the 36 cents per \$100 assessed property value tax rate.

Staiger told *The Dispatch*, "I haven't seen any effort to reduce cost in our budget process. The

Town Manager protests that there is no way to do so without impacting services. Obviously, this is misleading at best. ... With a captive audience of taxpayers and steadily increasing property values the money just keeps rolling in and municipal government seems happy to find new ways to spend it."

Budget work will continue at the June 5 town meeting.

Resident Rainbow Lake beavers to be killed

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
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EMMITSBURG, Md. – The town has declared war on Rainbow Lake's beaver population, and has hired a trapper to capture and kill the renegade rodents.

The 11.5-acre, 33 million-gallon Rainbow Lake serves as a water reservoir for Emmitsburg. Under normal conditions, the town is authorized to process as much

as 168,000 gallons of lake water a day for public consumption.

For the past couple of years, large amounts of algae, known as blooms, have hampered efforts to withdraw and treat Rainbow Lake's water by clogging the filters, which must then be changed frequently.

Town staff believes the algae blooms are fueled by nutrients provided by resident beavers, although they are not the sole source, according to water plant Supervisor Dave Fissel.

Conibear traps may be used

Local trapper John Miller has been asked to remove the beaver population, according to Town Manager David Haller. Miller

has disposed of several beavers at Rainbow Lake in the past, according to Haller, including one weighing in at over 60 pounds.

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New ambulance building is not just a 'social' hall

Once again I am disappointed in the writing of an article in *The Dispatch*.

I wish that just once things could be printed in a positive way, and not make things seem what they are not. Yes, we are building a new building and it will have a social hall, and be for fundraising.

But building this building for only that reason is very untrue. This building is being built for the Emergency Medical Service for the community and surrounding area called mutual aid. This building is also going to serve as an Emergency Disaster Relief Building. It will have better facilities for housing career and volunteer personnel for better and faster response times. To have the extra room to house more emergency vehicles for the growth of the community. Our goal is for protection of the citizens.

It is not being built solely as a social hall as you made it sound. Why was nothing mentioned about the things I just wrote? Yes, it will also have a social/activity area. This is being added to have fundraising to help

assist in keeping the taxes of the community lower.

We are constructing this building without asking for funding assistance from Frederick County. We still need volunteers and fundraising. Without fundraising the county would have to consider raising taxes higher, to build the new building.

- Joseph Pelkey, President
Emmitsburg Volunteer
Ambulance Company #26

Editor's Note: In the May 18 article, "County covers ambulance company permit fees," the word 'social' was used to refer to any non-emergency services use of the building, including fundraising activities to help offset county EMS costs.

Pedestrians are safer

The loud pounding of a pneumatic hammer on concrete normally irritates me, but I was happy to hear it May 16. It signaled the permanent closing to cars of that part of School Lane next to my house. Now I can rest easy, knowing that speeding cars

will no longer hurdle down the narrow lane into my house and fence.

More importantly, children walking to school and other pedestrians (myself included) will be able to walk in safety down the lane. Further, there is an extra added attraction, more parking space on Main Street. Many thanks to the town.

- Harold C. Craig Jr.
Emmitsburg

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

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

June 1, 1906

MEMORIAL SERVICES

The beautiful custom of honoring the deceased comrades of the late wars was fittingly observed on Memorial Day in this place. The Services in commemoration of the day were held in the Public School Building at 9 o'clock, a.m.

After the services in the School Building, the parade was formed in the following order: The Monocacy Valley Cornet Band: Arthur Post. No. 41, A.R. Comrades of other Posts and school children carrying flags and flowers. The parade marched to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, where the graves of deceased comrades were decorated with flowers, by school children under the direction of a committee from Arthur Post. The line then moved to the Public Square, and up Main Street to Zacharias alley, and thence to the Lutheran Church Cemetery where the services were continued by the reading of Grand Army Ritual: Lincoln's Gettysburg Address being read by Adj. Samuel Gamble; Chorus, "Garland Their Graves," by Choral Union. Major E. Y. Goldsborough of Frederick made a few remarks in the cemetery; prayer and benediction by Rev. Charles Reinwald, pastor of the Lutheran Church. The graves in this cemetery were decorated by the school children, after which the organization disbanded.

The graves at the other cemeteries in this community were decorated by committees from Arthur Post.

ARRESTED AT REQUEST OF PA AUTHORITIES

William T. Eyler, Jr., of near this place, was arrested on Wednesday evening, by Constable W.H. Ashbaugh, at the request of the Gettysburg officials, charged with seriously injuring Howard Miller by hitting him over the head with a pump handle, at Gettysburg On Memorial Day. Eyler was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace, Henry Stokes, Wednesday night and was committed to the Frederick jail to await the action of

the Pennsylvania authorities. It is reported that Miller's condition is very serious and that there is little chance for his recovery. Miller is the son-in-law of Mr. Daniel Shorb, of near this place.

BASEBALL

On Decoration Day the Lewistown Baseball team played the Emmitsburg High School team on the grounds of the latter team in this place. The game was hotly contested from start to finish, and was one of the most interesting games witnessed here for some time. Both teams did some very fine playing. When the game ended the score stood 11 to 11, ten innings having been played. The Lewistown boys were prevented from playing the eleventh inning because of the long drive to their home.

About 200 negro men and women left Easton Friday and Saturday for the berry fields of Caroline, Worcester and Wicomico counties, and many housewives are without cooks, waiters, and other help.

NEW SEMINARY BUILDING

During the summer workmen will be engaged in the new building to be erected at Mt. St. Mary's College. The marked increase in the attendance at this well known institution has made it imperative to provide a separate building for the use of Seminary students. Ground has been broken for the foundations of this structure, which will be 175 feet 8 inches long by 51 feet 5 inches wide and will be five stories high, no story being less than 12 feet. It will contain dormitory rooms, lecture halls, a chapel and gymnasium. This new Seminary building when completed will give the academic department four rooms and lecture halls all that space now occupied by the students of theology.

It is understood that the building and the chapel areas, which will be 37 feet long, are to be built of natural mountain stone, and will give employment to local mechanics for some time to come.

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Area's first Iraq war casualty laid to rest



- ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL SR. / THE ROSENSTEEL STUDIO

More than 1,000 mourners attended services held in the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on Memorial Day for 1st Lt. Robert A. Seidel, III, killed in Iraq on May 18. Former pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Reverend James O. Kiernan, was the celebrant. Bishop W. Francis Malooly, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore, concelebrated the Mass.

BY DISPATCH STAFF

EMMITSBURG, Md. — On Monday, May 29, Memorial Day, U.S. Army 1st Lt. Robert Seidel, III, 23, was laid to rest with full military honors. Within sight of a 9-11 memorial, Seidel was buried in St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church's cemetery next to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Seidel's journey home began a week and a half earlier on Thursday, May 18 near Baghdad, Iraq. An improvised explosive device detonated, striking the Humvee in which Seidel's patrol was riding.

Seidel and three others were killed, according to a spokesperson from the U.S. Department of Defense. Lt. Daniel E. Holland, 43, of San Antonio, Tex.; Sgt. Lonnie C. Allen Jr., 26, of Bellevue, Neb. and Pfc. Nicholas R. Courmoyer, 25, of Gilmanton, N.H. died with Seidel. Holland was assigned to the 352nd Civil Affairs Command, Fort Bragg, N.C. Seidel, Allen and Courmoyer were assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

Seidel grew up in Emmitsburg.

He was an altar boy for St. Joseph Catholic Church and later a high school representative for the parish counsel. He played football and baseball for Catoctin High School and played in the Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball League when

to die in the Iraq War since it officially began in March 2003. Near the end of the service the Seidel family was given 1st Lt. Seidel's Bronze Star, which he was awarded for his service in the war.

Inside the basilica, the standing-room only crowd of more than 1,000 mourners showed how much Seidel meant to the community.

"The people of Emmitsburg have been wonderful," said Sandy Seidel.

Though Rob Seidel's parents, Robert, Jr. and Sandy, and brother Stephen, now live in Gettysburg, many of his family still live in northern Frederick County. His paternal grandparents, Robert Sr. and Ruth Seidel, are in Emmitsburg. His maternal grandmother, Arlene Giannini, is in Thurmont. His grandfather, Robert Seidel Sr. was a former Emmitsburg mayor, and a retired Mount St. Mary's College professor, and

his uncle, Edward Seidel, had been an Emmitsburg Commissioner.

The Rev. James O. Keirnan, C.M., a former pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, presided over the service, with Father Vincent O'Malley and Father Stephen Trzeciecki as concelebrants. Kiernan had known Seidel as a young adult at St. Joseph's.

"Rob grew up in Maryland, and as a child he and his family made frequent visits to the Civil War battlefield at Gettysburg, and from his earliest days he dreamed of serving in the U.S. Army. He deployed to Iraq with the 10th Mountain division and was killed by a bomb in Baghdad. His father says this about Rob: 'He loved his family, and believed in God, and he loved his country, and he was willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of his country.'

We live in freedom because of young Americans like Lieutenant Rob Seidel."

-President George W. Bush in a May 27 radio address

he was younger. He graduated from Catoctin High School in 2000.

"He had wanted to go to West Point since he was five," said his mother Sandy Seidel.

He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 2004, the first Emmitsburg resident to do so.

He is also the first local resident

Present as well was the Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore, Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, D.D., V.G. and clergy from many other denominations in Emmitsburg's Council of Churches.

As the mourners inside the basilica sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" Seidel's coffin was carried from the church to St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church Cemetery.

Prior to the Mass, 200 to 300 members of the Patriot Guard, a group of motorcyclists made up of veterans and their families who ride for special memorial duty, rode to honor Seidel. Maryland State Police, State Police K-9 units, Frederick County deputies, Emmitsburg fire personnel and about 15 police vehicles paid tribute.

The funeral cortège was diverted en route from the Stauffer Funeral Home in Thurmont to the 140 (Main Street) ramp off U.S. Route 15, and then proceeded south on South Seton to the Basilica to avoid a small group of anti-military protestors from Westboro Baptist Church, Topeka, Ks. The half dozen protestors were contained on a small site diagonally across from the northernmost entrance to the Basilica, with police stationed nearby.

A scholarship has been established in Seidel's name and contributions can be made to the Rob Seidel Scholarship Fund, Catoctin High School, 14745 Sabillasville Road, Thurmont, MD 21788.

Editor's Note: For local tributes and more on Seidel see page 11.



- ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL SR. / THE ROSENSTEEL STUDIO

Sandy Seidel clutches the flag that covered her son 1st Lt. Robert Seidel, III's coffin. Seidel's parents also received numerous commendations their son earned including the Purple Heart, a presidential award honoring military person wounded or killed in the line of duty.

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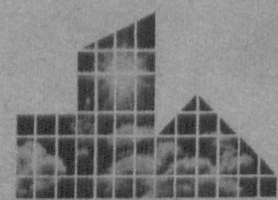
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EDITORIAL

The reality of war comes home

Was Rob Seidel so different from any other young man that he should be remembered by so many this past Monday, Memorial Day?

Like all men he had a mother and a father, other family members, and those who considered themselves his friends. The man was good-natured, had a good sense of humor, and was likable, so he may have had more friends than many. But what brought out so many people to his funeral that the major basilica in a little town

could barely hold them all? Yes, it was the young man, but more so, it was the catastrophe of war.

Yes we remember the man, but more, we identify with this terrible thing that men engage in. This thing that takes lives of men who would seem to have so many years left to live. We remember war ... the wife and children he won't have, grandchildren, or retirement years. No, he has already retired against his parents' wishes, his friends' wishes, and

possibly even his own wishes, but not against his will.

This man did not go to war unaware of what he faced. It takes courage for a man to be willing to give up his life for a greater cause, for the many. "Humble," "selfless," "strong leader" were words used to describe his character. Fitting for a man I knew personally, if only briefly. But it is these things we remember, these things we identify with, these things that brought out so many.

The ultimate sacrifice.

We are a peaceful people in St. Joseph's valley. War has been far from us since those three terrible days in July 1863. Yet this man reminds us of what war brings – the loss, the pain, the suffering, the sacrifice. Sometimes too much to bear, yet without it comes no change, no new tomorrow, no peace.

- Raymond Buchheister
Editor and Publisher

Op Ed

The Da Vinci Code and "The Lady of Emmitsburg"

Dan Brown's book, "The Da Vinci Code," has moved into movie theaters. Discussion groups, pro and con, can be found in every community. Will religious groups become upset or will the issues bring them closer together? Strong admonitions exist for the faithful not to attend the movie. I could go on and on.

Not to slight the public's overwhelming interest in "The Da Vinci Code" issues, I wish, however, to discuss a local religious controversy that has dominated Emmitsburg.

The so-called Lady of Emmitsburg religious situation began in 1993, when an alleged Marian visionary, Dr. Gianna Talone-Sullivan, reported receiving messages from the Blessed Virgin Mary during weekly Thursday night prayer groups at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Emmitsburg.

On Sept. 8, 2000, the Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore forbade Talone-Sullivan from meeting on church property. In 2003, Cardinal Keeler, Archbishop of Baltimore, issued a written decree that the alleged apparitions were

not supernatural. The Catholic Church had rendered its decision: there would be no more weekly prayer groups, no more weekly messages from the Mother of God.

But supporters have not disappeared. The local visionary's followers, known as the OLOE, "Our Lady of Emmitsburg" group, still gather. Their numbers have grown, and they recently moved to the Lynfield Complex on U.S. 15.

The messages are clear:

... This holy place in Emmitsburg, Maryland, the Center of my Immaculate Heart, will be a living realization of the Gospel ... (May 11, 2000)

... Out of all the places in the world, there is no place that is called the Center of my Immaculate Heart ... This is not just another site. Emmitsburg is the Center of my Immaculate Heart... (April 1, 2003)

... My Son has deemed this place to be the Center of my Immaculate Heart. ... (Jan. 1, 2004)

... I desire to be known as Our Lady of Emmitsburg ... here at the Center of my Immaculate Heart. ... (March 14, 2005)

Dr. Courtenay Bartholomew, author of "The Immaculate Heart of Mary and Mother Seton's Emmitsburg" (2003), and "The Last Help Before the End of Time" (2005), is an outspoken Christian believer in the Blessed Mother's coming to Emmitsburg:

... Until proven wrong, I sincerely believe that Emmitsburg and Elizabeth Seton's area will be the Center of Mary's Immaculate Heart in the United States. ... (2002)

Dr. Bartholomew appealed to Cardinal Keeler on Aug. 22, 2003, "... Mother Seton's Emmitsburg will eventually be the greatest of all Marian shrines and is a privilege which Americans should not disregard, disrespect, or deny..."

The Aug. 18, 2005 press release from local Catholic Church spiritual leaders to parishioners was quite clear:

...We the undersigned

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

Emmitsburg has many concerns, above and beyond the religious issue of The Lady of Emmitsburg. Nevertheless, I directly challenge the town, the Seton Shrine Daughters of Charity, the Mount University and Grotto, the Emmitsburg Historical Society, Frederick County Tourism Council, and anyone else who is interested, to immediately plan to acquire land located between the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the Mount's National Grotto of Lourdes for the express purpose of erecting a National Perpetual Adoration Chapel/Shrine identified as, and dedicated to The Sorrowful And Immaculate Heart Of Mary, Lady Of Emmitsburg.

- Paul A. Clarke, Ed. D.
Thurmont, Md.

Editor's Note: Paul A. Clarke, Ed. D. is the author of "Emmitsburg, Maryland: Its Catholic Heritage and the Legacy of Elizabeth Ann Seton" (2004), reviewed in The Dispatch, April 7, 2005.

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Correction

The admission fee for the Pennsylvania Lavender Festival at Willow Pond Farm, Fairfield, Pa., June 16-18, is \$3. Children under 12 are free. There is free parking and shuttle service.

Emmitsburg ambulance to hold groundbreaking



-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

A sign along Creamery Road announces the location for the new Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company headquarters. The \$1.9 million, 25,895 square foot, two-story structure will house the volunteer ambulance company and provide space for fundraising and community socials. Groundbreaking is slated for June 3 at 1 p.m.

Beavers

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Haller shared an e-mail from water plant Supervisor Dave Fissel, saying that Miller had initially stalked the beavers in March, killing two.

Miller, Fissel wrote, had "developed a personal vendetta against the beavers," adding that the beavers "quickly caught on to what was happening and changed their entrances to their lodges."

The plant manager said he believes there are three or more beavers left in the lake, and that they seemed to clear an area about 35-feet in diameter before relocating their lodge or dam.

According to Fissel, the town paid Miller about \$360 in March, based on, he thought, \$25 per beaver and \$20 per day. Once the traps are set they have to be monitored. However, Miller can only operate during normal hunting seasons established by the state and cannot

begin again until fall.

Using a state-approved hunting contractor, who could carry out the kills year round, could be prohibitively expensive for the town, Fissel said. Using a state contractor, "It would probably cost thousands of dollars to get rid of those beavers up there," according to Fissel.

Trapping process explained

Fissel told *The Dispatch* that the trapper would take a boat out onto the lake and place conibear traps into the water. He said he believed these traps clamp onto the animal's leg, holding onto it until the animal drowned or was disposed of by the trapper.

However, according to the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals' Web site, (<http://www.peta.org>), conibear traps "crush animals' necks, applying 90 pounds of pressure per square inch. It takes animals three to eight minutes to suffocate in these traps."

PETA provides an even bleaker

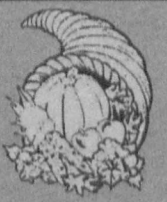
assessment of simple leg traps: "... the trap's jaws slam on the animal's limb. The animal frantically struggles in excruciating pain as the trap cuts into his or her flesh, often down to the bone, mutilating the animal's foot or leg."

Some animals, PETA states, "especially mothers desperate to get back to their young, fight so vigorously that they attempt to chew or twist off their trapped limbs."

Catherine Forrence, secretary of the New Forest Society, a local environmental group, told *The Dispatch*, "They should move the beavers to the Scott Road property, which has not one, but two huge ponds."

Fissel said that live capture and relocation was "not really considered. Most animals will come back" or "somebody else would have a problem with them then."

Editor's Note: For more information about beaver management, see <http://www.beavers-beavers.com/beavers-management.htm>.



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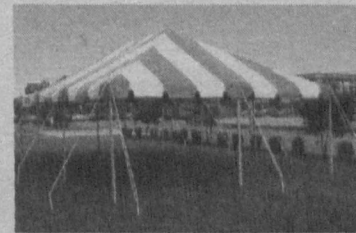
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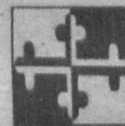


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TOWN NEWS

New industrial park clears county hurdle

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
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FREDERICK, Md. — Frederick county commissioners voted 4-1 on May 8 that plans to build an industrial park on Creamery Road across U.S. 15 adjacent to the new Emmitsburg Glass Company building would not be inconsistent with present county zoning.

Commission President John L. "Lennie" Thompson Jr. cast the only dissenting vote.

Emmitsburg East Industrial Park Phase II, owned by Sheridan "Dan" E. Reaver Jr. and brother Gregory, wants to build a new industrial park on a 39-acre parcel of land referred to as the Waybright property.

The Reavers would like the

town to annex the site, but needed the county commissioners to rule that these plans were not inconsistent with the county's present "light industrial" zoning of the site. There are no plans to use an eight-acre section on the property located within the 100-year flood plain.

EEIP annexation progresses

The town received the initial annexation petition from the Reavers on June 3, 2005, and the board of commissioners referred the request to the planning commission on June 6, 2005.

State law does not mandate that a town refer annexation requests to the planning commission, but in Emmitsburg it is considered "customary" to do so. The planning commission

subsequently approved a recommendation to allow the annexation to proceed in a 4-0 vote on Dec. 20, 2005.

However, EEIP Phase II needed a declaration from the county regarding consistency with county planning to proceed further with the proposed annexation. If the site is annexed, it could generate an assessable tax base of \$20 million 260,000 square feet of light industrial usage is completely built out.

The town recently completed work on the water and wastewater collection system that permitted the new glass headquarters to connect to those services, as will the proposed new industrial park.

The Reavers also own EEIP, located on Creamery Way, as well as the Emmitsburg Glass Company.

Businesses on the move

✓ Emmitsburg Glass Company moved into their new headquarters building at 100 Creamery Court, adjacent to the proposed phase-two industrial park, on May 11. President Dan Reaver said, "We're all glad to be back under one roof." Previously the company's shop and engineering department were at one location and the accounting staff was in another. Reaver said, "We were a bit unresponsive during the move, but will be back on track now that we're settled in our new building." At some point, the company anticipates holding an open house for the community.

✓ W.F. Delauter & Son, Thurmont, began moving into the old Emmitsburg Glass Company build-

ing, EEIP, Creamery Way, while the glass company was moving out. Delauter had purchased the glass company building in 2005, and leased it back to Emmitsburg Glass until its new building was completed. Delauter has already begun some improvements to the building.

✓ Work began on May 25 on Josh Bollinger's new headquarters at EEIC, Creamery Road, a move that will centrally locate a number of his businesses. Bollinger plans to build a 10,000 square-foot building with an attached structure that will house South Seton Auto Repair. In addition to Bollinger Properties LLC, Bollinger and his wife own and operate Bollinger Construction, Bollinger Homes, T&M Crane, and South Seton Auto Repair.

Emmitsburg town meeting

June 5 proposed agenda

- Presentation by Borderline 4x4 on art competition
- Pembroke Woods request for release of letter of credit
- Consideration of 2006-02R Bond Series for South Seton water line replacement
- Proposed bond presentation by Emmitsburg Ambulance Company and F&M Bank
- Discussion of draft APFO ordinance

Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., Emmitsburg Community Center.

Draft work schedule released for comp plan

EMMITSBURG, Md. —

A proposed work schedule for the update to the town's comprehensive plan was released at the May 22 planning meeting, although the timeline is presently tentative.

The schedule, as prepared by newly hired town planning

consultant Christopher N. Jakubiak:

- Complete an inventory of existing conditions (in town) by early June, analyzing growth by the end of June;
- Establish goals, objectives, and principles by mid-July;
- Address plan design and implementation by late-August;

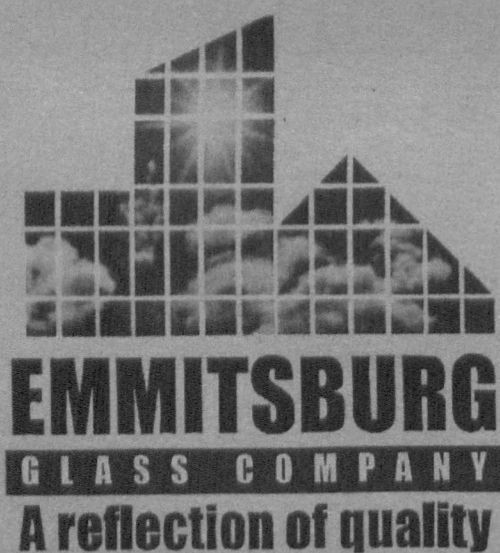
- Produce a draft by the end of August;

- Complete a 60-day public review period concluding at the end of October; and
- Incorporate any revisions and adopting the final documents by late December.

The first workshops for updating the town's comprehensive plan were held in 2004, with work continuing through 2005. The original comprehensive plan, adopted in 1974, was the first effort to establish planning and zoning controls in Emmitsburg, and was most recently updated in the mid-90s.

- R. Fulton

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- **Town Meeting**
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- **Streets Committee**
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- **Planning Commission**
June 26
7:30 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Emmitsburg Town Office, Emmitsburg Community Center, 300A South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg. For information call (240) 629-6300 or visit www.emmitsburgmd.gov.

Town News

Town News Briefs ...

April showers brought one sewage spill

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The town wastewater collection system suffered one minor sewage spill in April and the treatment plant exceeded its permitted treatment capacity that day as well.

Town Manager David Haller noted that the area received 3.3 inches of rain in April, only 0.5 inch below the normal average for the month.

However, with the rain came a 3,760-gallon sewage spill on April 22. The same day, the treatment plant exceeded its permitted 800,000 gallons per day capacity limit by more than 640,000 gallons, processing a total of 1,441,000 gallons. — R. Fulton

Code enforcement issues 175 parking tickets

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Code enforcement brought in more than \$3,200 in April, including \$1,719 from 175 overtime parking tickets.

In addition, two citations were issued for parking at a yellow curb, one for failure to park between designated parking lines, six for parking in a restricted zone, eight for parking on the wrong side of the road, and eight for abandoned vehicles/movable property.

Money from parking meters totaled \$1,366 and the town received \$115 for parking permits, all of which go toward the town's after-school program. — R. Fulton

Tree removals and sidewalk repairs

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Topographic maps showing the contours of the town are nearly completed and will be in the town staffs' hands to help assess what needs to be done about street tree replacement and sidewalk repairs.

Town Manager David Haller told the board of commissioners at their May 15 meeting that the tree replacement effort will have to take into account handicapped accessibility, and said that some trees might not be replaced because of sidewalk clearance issues.

He told *The Dispatch* that some trees had been planted virtually in the center of the sidewalk, and that they might need to be moved, or not replaced at all.

Haller told the board that he would include progress on the project in his future town manager reports. — R. Fulton

Town ready to televise meetings in June

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Equipment needed to broadcast town meetings has been installed and could

be used to broadcast town commissioner and planning commission meetings on Adelphia Cable Channel 99 beginning officially in June.

No decision has been reached at this point on broadcasting committee meetings, but that remains an option. The equipment was put through a test run at the May 15 meeting, and the meeting was accidentally broadcast live in the process.

The \$38,000 system was installed by Connectivity Group, Adamstown. Mayor James E. Hoover said a technical volunteer would be operating the equipment during meetings. — R. Fulton

Northgate access may go to closed session

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The board of commissioners and the town attorney will likely be meeting in closed session to discuss options that would solve the Northgate access dilemma.

The North Seton Avenue entrance to Northgate lies within the 100-year flood plain of Flat Run. Residents of the Northgate and Emmet Ridge developments have expressed concerns about being able to access the developments when the entrance road is flooded.

Although attempting to exercise eminent domain over adjacent property appears to be on the table, board President Christopher V. Staiger said another option would be to acquire an agreement insuring that at least emergency access is assured in lieu of a whole new access point for all of the developments' residents.

The town identified Sunnie Cahler as the owner of the Emmet Ridge development site which contains the land in which the town is interested. — R. Fulton

Southgate bond contract ready for signing

EMMITSBURG, Md. — An agreement between the town and Thomas Carolyn, owner of Apple Tree Homes, which would provide the developer with an "escape from Emmitsburg" has been drafted and is ready for signing.

Completing a list of improvements at their Mountainview at Southgate development off South Seton Avenue will clear the

way for Apple Tree Homes to post a \$300,000 assurance bond in lieu of a letter of credit.

Although the town has been dubious about accepting a bond as security, Town Manager David Haller said doing so might be "the best thing to do in this isolated situation." This approach would allow Carolyn to finish out the development to the point that Apple Tree can pull out, clearing the way for the remaining lots to be purchased by another developer.

Restricted allocation of wastewater collection system permits, resulting from the town's consent order with the Maryland Department of the Environment to ensure that wastewater system problems were addressed, has hampered the development's completion. — R. Fulton

Avian Flu presentation planned

An educational presentation on avian (bird) flu has been scheduled by the Frederick County Health Department in the community room of the Emmitsburg branch of the Frederick County Library, 300A South Seton Avenue, on June 15, 7-8:30 p.m.

The presentation will describe the avian flu threat, pandemic planning efforts and what to do to prepare and prevent infection.

For additional information, contact Sheila Gorman, 301-631-3324 (e-mail sgorman@fredco-md.net).

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REGIONAL NEWS

Potential second annexation for Thurmont

BY JAMES RADA JR.
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THURMONT, Md. — While many residents' attention has been turned to the north and the possible request to annex the Myers' farm, a similarly large annexation request may come before the town commissioners for property to the south of town.

"We look at Thurmont as a

great location north of Frederick," said Barry Weller with Drees Homes in Frederick. "We thought we could build some homes there that you don't have to be a millionaire to afford and you still live in Frederick County."

Drees is the developer for a residential project next to the under-construction Weis Market south of Thurmont. Three parcels of property have been planned for about 360 homes, according to

Mayor Martin Burns.

Hudson Land, LLC, is developing the Myers Farm north of Thurmont for possible annexation.

"Right now, I think it's a food fight between them to be the first to come in with a request," Burns said.

He was told about the new project when he attended a meeting he thought was called to discuss a rezoning request for Stonewall Acres. Burns said the confusion was his because the same attorney represents both properties.

Of the three property parcels, two are already under contract and one is being negotiated, according to Burns. The development could include about 130 single-family homes, 130 small townhomes and 100 larger townhomes.

"The design they showed me included roundabouts, a small park, a large park with a pool and walking trails that connect to existing trails to the new library," Burns said.

The developer would like to build the homes at a rate of about 80 a year.

Burns said he told the devel-

oper, "My residents aren't going to go for that."

Weller said community support for the project is important and company representatives are beginning to gather information about what the new development would need to be acceptable to residents.

"We will never make all the people happy because for some one house is too many," Weller said. "However, Drees has a reputation of bringing more to a community than it takes from it."

Even if the property were annexed today, no new homes could be built for some time because it wouldn't meet the town's adequate public facilities ordinance. The primary school is over capacity and the town has not yet fixed its sewer problems.

"If this whole thing goes as

quickly as it could go, I think it would still be a few years before we would start building," Weller said.

Drees wants to conduct soil and water studies as their next step.

"On the positive side, this project doesn't have a big box store that seems to upset a lot of people," Burns said.

Burns described the area in question as marshy. County Planner Denis Superczynski agreed.

"I think a lot of what has stopped potential development back there is the wet soils," Superczynski said. "It will be interesting to see how they address the issue."

The Stonewall Acres project is already within town limits, but the property is zoned agricultural. The developer would like to build 75 homes on it.

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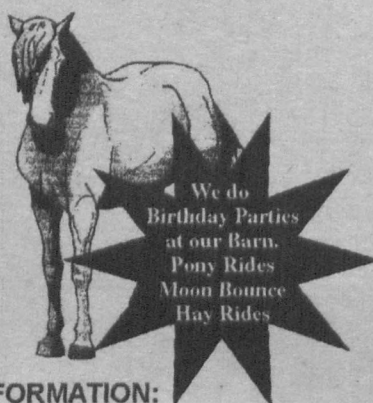
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Fairfield to update business registry

BY WILLIAM K. REINKE
Contributing Writer

Fairfield register with the borough.

The ordinance pertains to all companies within Fairfield Borough limits, even if they do not actually conduct business there, as is the case with several contractors with home-based offices.

There is no fee associated with the registry, and it is used to track companies to ensure the borough is receiving its share of earned income tax revenue generated by employees of local businesses.

FAIRFIELD BOROUGH, Pa. — Fairfield Zoning Officer Robert Fortenbaugh will be contacting all known businesses in the borough in the coming weeks to update the Fairfield business registry.

The registry ordinance, passed in the 1980s according to borough Solicitor Matthew Battersby, mandates that all businesses operating out of

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REGIONAL NEWS

Wivell Walk helps family heal grief

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THURMONT, Md. — In October 2000, Doug Wivell, a 25-year-old middle-school teacher from Rocky Ridge, was supposed to kayak with a friend on the Tappahannock River in Virginia.

The friend never showed up, but Doug went anyway. A former wrestler, Doug stood 6 feet 1 inch tall and weighed 240 pounds. The water on the river was placid that day. Yet, Doug drowned in water that barely reached his chest.

"I personally think he either had a heart attack or hit his head," Doug's sister Carolyn Wivell said.

She'll never know for sure. Her brother was buried without being autopsied. His death left not only that question unanswered but it also left a hole in Carolyn's heart and life.

It also reminded her of when another brother Michael was killed in a car accident near Catocin High School in December 1980.

"Not a day goes by we don't think of them and wish they were here," Carolyn said about her brothers.

After Michael died, the family had talked about doing something in his memory, but nothing ever came of it because the family was grieving. Even now, Carolyn says her father, Bernard Wivell, still gets choked up when he talks about his sons.

"My father, who is almost 73, is still dealing with the death of two of his sons," Carolyn said.

The Wivells found a way to deal with their loss. After Doug died, Mary Van Buren, activities director at St. Catherine's Nursing Center and a family friend, helped



— PHOTO COURTESY OF CAROLYN WIVELL

Carolyn Wivell and her father, "Bun," are two of the family's members who remember brothers Doug and Mike Wivell each year with a memorial walk in Thurmont's Community Park. Since 2001, the walk has raised more than \$20,000 that has been used locally to help residents get more out of sporting activities.

the family create the Michael L. and Douglas A. Wivell Memorial Walk.

"Everybody has loss and it will always be hard, but it's what you do with it that makes the difference," Carolyn said.

The Wivell Walk is a 3-mile walk around Community Park in Thurmont and it's held rain or shine. Registered walkers get people to sponsor them and the donated money goes into a memorial fund.

"The Wivell Memorial Fund has been established to provide financial assistance to the youth of Emmitsburg and Thurmont, so that each child will have an opportunity to participate in school and community sports activities, and to attend various sports camps," Carolyn said, reading the mission statement.

In its six years, the walk has donated about \$20,000 to local groups. It has paid for the athletic boosters building, paid for teams to participate in sports camps, been used to purchase equipment for teams, and used to rent buses for teams to get to competitions and many other events.

"If there's money, we give it," Carolyn said.

This year's walk will be held on June 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Park. Registered walkers will receive a Memorial Walk t-shirt. The registration fee is \$10 per walker or any gift you feel comfortable giving. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, directions or registration forms, call (301) 695-3869 or (301) 271-2682.

Regional News Briefs ...

New director of Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services named

FREDERICK, Md. — Frederick County Commissioners appointed Eugene Mellin as the new director of Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services on May 8. Mellin succeeded Clarence "Chip" Jewell III, who became chief of the Frederick County Bureau of Emergency Communications earlier this year.

Mellin will coordinate operating aspects of the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association in cooperation with the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Services Division.

Mellin is past chief of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company. In this volunteer position, he was the senior operations officer over 60 volunteer and 16 career members. He served as liaison to county and local governments, the media, community groups and various associations. He established relationships with local government officials, set up a firefighter health and wellness program and improved overall company response.

He also served the fire company as deputy chief, assistant chief, fire captain, fire lieutenant and firefighter. Throughout his volunteer experience with the fire company, he served on the board of managers, where he assisted the management of business and administrative affairs, including budget development and oversight.

As director, Mellin will develop and review policies, procedures and standards for the FCVFRA and present them to the county commissioners. He will also ensure coordination between career and volunteer fire and rescue personnel, and assist with the preparation and monitoring of multi-year operating and capital budgets, including oversight of individual company and tax district budgets. — J. Rada

Hagy won't seek re-election

FREDERICK, Md. — Frederick County Sheriff James Hagy will not seek re-election this fall. The three-term sheriff made the announcement May 22 at the Frederick County Law Enforcement Center.

"Since I first took the oath of office of the sheriff, I have been faithful in my commitment to you, and I have accomplished everything I promised you that I would and more," Hagy said. "Therefore, I feel very comfortable leaving at this time, and I will not seek a fourth term as your sheriff."

Hagy cited enhanced communications between public safety agencies, the creation of the school resource officer program, building of the law enforcement center and educational partnerships with Frederick Community College.

He noted that the office was in the "perfect position to have a change in leadership." — J. Rada

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St. John Lutheran Church of Fairfield graduated its first pre-school class on May 24. Graduates included (not in photographic order), Allison Crevier, Colten Devilbiss, Leonardo Di Meo, Abby Godard, Blaze Graff, Noah Hazlett, Brooke Hobbs, Page Karsteter, Whitney Riegel, Haley Sanders, and Madison Sass. The students received Christian instruction, academic preparation, social skill development and participated in field trips and special activities. Recognition of completion awards were presented to Elena Fredrikis, Robert Jenkins, and Nick Thompson.

Seniors explore the world with graduation projects

BY JAMES RADA JR.
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THURMONT, Md. — From a mission trip to Honduras to detailing a truck. From writing a novel to training youngsters in soccer. It was a night of discovery at Catoctin High School.

The 2006 senior class at Catoctin High School presented their senior projects to the community on Tuesday, May 16. The display of interests and hobbies was as varied as the students themselves.

James Pierce's display was dominated by the deer's head next

to it. He had learned taxidermy for his senior project. Besides the finished product, which took him about three weeks to complete, pictures on a display board showed Pierce hard at work.

"I like how it turns out when you are done with it and how it feels when you achieve something," Pierce said.

Pierce's mentor was Roger Smith, who does taxidermy as a hobby. He said of Pierce, "He worked really hard and did a good job with it."

Exhibits that caught the eyes of passersby including herb-cooked meals, a large remote-control airplane and an even larger inflatable cigarette. Many students also used computers, videos and DVDs to show their projects in progress.

Parents and evaluators wandered the aisles in the auxiliary gym and the halls around the office, looking at the projects and asking questions of the students.

"I think they are excellent and I know the students worked really hard," said parent Carol Johnson. "It has been a real learning experience for them."

"I think the projects are neat and they are all very different," said parent Susan Eyler.

Student graduation projects

involve several steps. Students must propose a project and explain what they hope to accomplish. Once a faculty advisor approves the project, students then research their topics, submit written compositions and create the audio, visual and technical components. They must also prepare resumes and participate in mock interviews. In addition, students each write a reflection piece that explains what they learned while preparing their projects.

Margaret Johnson wants to be a teacher, so she prepared lessons for a child development class at Catoctin High School.

"It was totally different," said Johnson. "It was nothing like I thought it would be."

While different, the experience only reinforced her desire to teach. "I love little kids and how they think and view the world."

Jeff Boone's project related to his goal of working in wildlife management. He made and monitored an environmental pond. Boone chose this area because ponds like the one he built "keep the area healthy and filter out pollutants from the water." He also learned more about the water table and how it moves.

Frederick County seniors graduate on Wednesday, June 7.



-RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

More than 100 attend school talent show

Emmitsburg Elementary School students performed for each other and their families at the annual talent show, held on May 19. The showcase highlighted a wide variety of skills, including this group's version of "The Makarena."

Emmitsburg UM senior receives excellence award

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — University of Maryland awarded senior Joanna Stewart the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources' James and Patricia Miller Outstanding Senior Award. The award was established by former Agronomy Department chair Dr. James Miller and his family in 2002. Recipients are selected based on an excellent academic record and involvement in activities.

Stewart, a former 4-H and FFA member, grew up on a livestock and crop farm in Emmitsburg. While maintaining a 4.0 grade point average at UM, she participated as a member of three student groups: the Veterinary Science Club, the Animal Husbandry Club, and the Alpha Zeta Honorary Agricultural Fraternity. She earned a College Park Scholars Program citation, is currently in the Beyond the Classroom Living and Learning Program, and is a member of several campus honor societies.

Stewart graduated May 21 with a B.S. degree in Animal Science and will enter the Virginia-Maryland Regional Veterinary College in Blacksburg, Va., this fall. Her career goal is to become a large animal veterinarian and work in private practice in Frederick County.

The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Maryland offers students cutting-edge opportunities in a wide range of options from agricultural resource economics and environmental science and policy to pre-veterinary studies, dietetics, food science, and landscape architecture. Established in 1856, the college encourages state-of-the-art research while providing exemplary education to both its undergraduate and graduate students.

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From his school

Sue Weaver, Robert Seidel III's guidance counselor during his senior year at Catoctin High School:

It was "the glory end" of his outstanding high school career, capped by his appointment to West Point and his best friend Ryan Rippeon's appointment to the Naval Academy. Weaver said that most affected were staff, teachers and coaches who had known Seidel. A group met on May 23 to address their grief.

Doug Williams, Seidel's football coach at Catoctin High:

"He played for me for four years, and he was a team-first guy all the way

... a selfless player" who could and would play any position. As a student "he was very mature for his age, very focused... he knew what he wanted to do," and had "a great sense of humor." Williams said, "He was a pleasure to teach, a pleasure to coach ... I'll never forget him."

From his church

Father Vincent O'Malley, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Emmitsburg:

"Our parishioners saw him growing up and spoke highly of him and regarded him as a responsible and dedicated young man.

From Emmitsburg baseball

When Robbie Seidel was 11, he played for the Emmitsburg Red Sox. His brother Stephen joined him on the team in the spring of 1995.

On Saturday, May 20, during a special ceremony before the Emmitsburg Red Sox played the Taneytown White Sox, the Emmitsburg Baseball Softball League honored the town's first Iraqi war casualty.

Jeannie Doane, EBSL spokesperson, said that league players, their family members, league members and others wore yellow ribbons throughout the day

to honor Seidel. "It's a sad irony," Doane said, "that the league's opening day ceremony devoted the season to U.S. troops serving at home and abroad."

League President Brian Holt

presented Seidel's brother with flowers and a sympathy card. Doane said the flag was then lowered to half-staff, and that "It will remain at half-staff, in Robbie's honor, for the remainder of the season."



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Members of the Patriot Guard Riders rally in front of the basilica before the Memorial Day funeral for Robert A. Seidel III. More than 200 motorcyclists, including many veterans, ultimately lined the roadway to the basilica with flags to honor the fallen soldier, to demonstrate sympathy for his family, and, if necessary, to provide a human shield between any protestors and mourning family members. The Patriots are comprised of volunteers from a number of other motorcycle groups who assemble as the "guard" for patriotic, memorial and funerary events. Riders from numerous states were represented during Seidel's services.



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An officer stands by as a handful of protestors, from the 77-member Westboro Baptist Church, Topeka, Kan., express their opinions on placards displayed during the Memorial Day funeral for 1st Lt. Robert A. Seidel III. The group, comprised of members of the Phelps' family, according to a WBC representative, protested on South Seton Avenue adjacent to the Seton Center. The funeral route was changed at the last minute to avoid driving past the protesting group.

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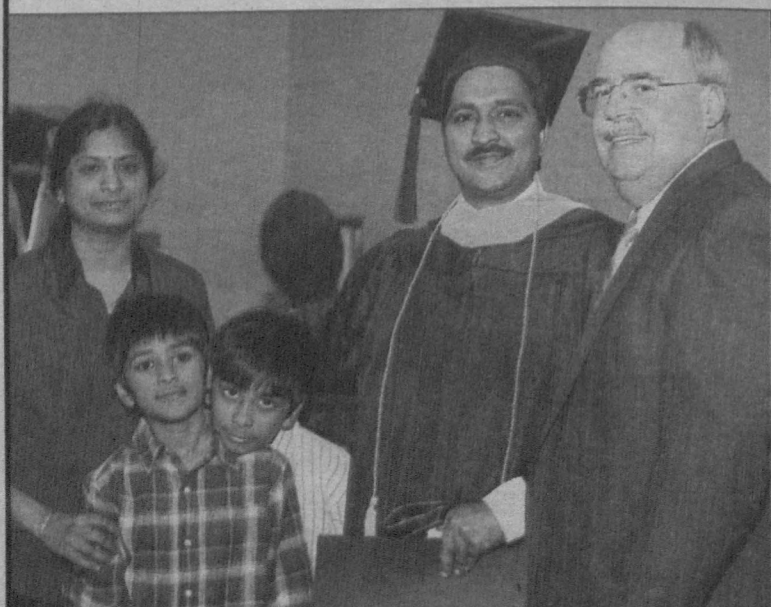


Commencement Activities Highlight Academic Year at the Mount

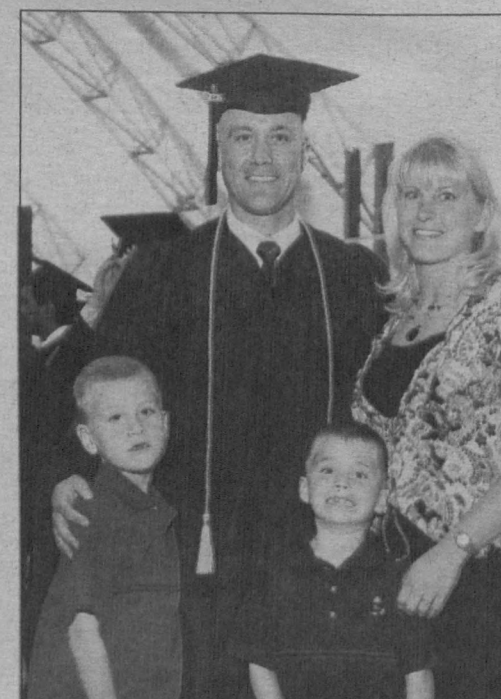
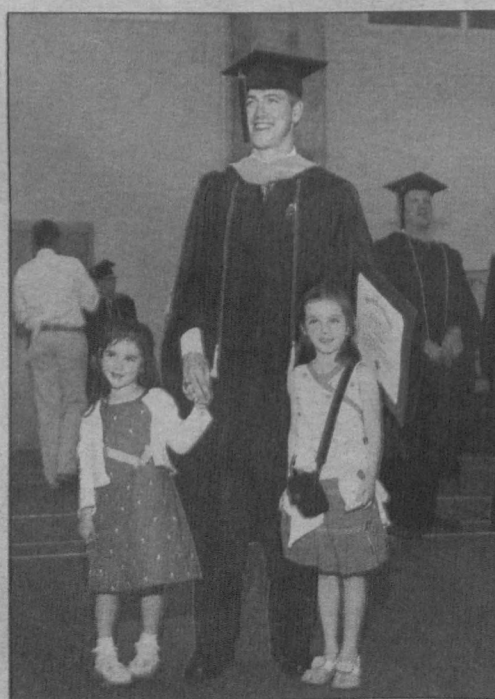
Mount St. Mary's University awarded nearly 350 undergraduate degrees, and more than 100 graduates degrees at commencement exercises this spring.

At the graduate commencement program May 17, 93 received their Master's of Business Administration degree, 17 received a Master's of Arts in Teaching, while seven received Master's of Education degrees.

University Provost Christopher R. Blake, Ph.D., received the President's Medal, as did Paul B. Rhoads, Jr., C'40. Rhoads is a long-time benefactor and supporter of the university's athletic department, while Blake was recently appointed President of Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



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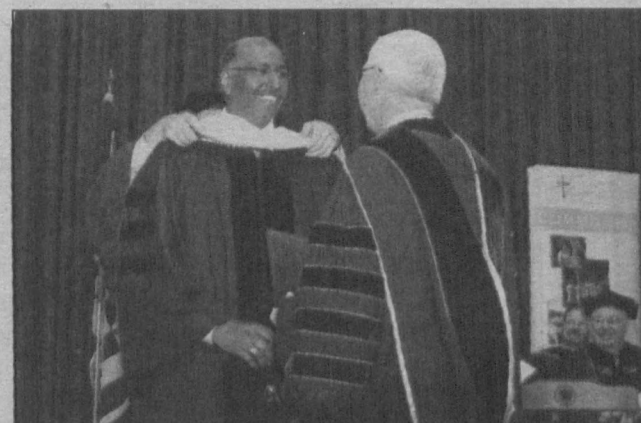
MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

On May 21, the Mount awarded 242 Bachelor of Science degrees, and 106 Bachelor of Arts degrees. Maryland Lieutenant Governor Michael S. Steele served as the Commencement Speaker and was awarded an Honorary Degree.

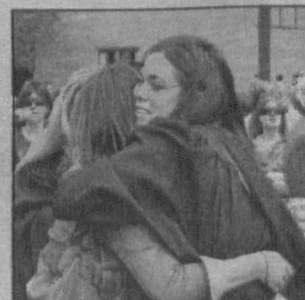
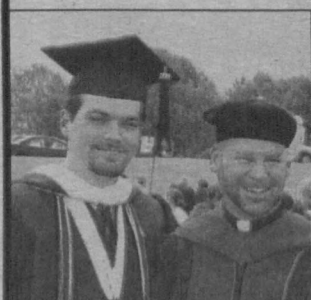
In January 2003, Lt. Gov. Steele earned a place in history when he became the first African American elected to statewide office, and the first-ever Republican Lieutenant Governor in Maryland. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Landover Hills, Md. The Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, was also awarded an Honorary Degree.

President's Medal recipients included S. Frank DeLuca, C'68, S'73, former Vice President for Advancement; The Rev. James P. Farmer, Jr., S'80; Terri and George Gelles, C'64, and benefactors Blanche and Jacques Moore.

Additionally, the title of Provost and Professor Emeritus was conferred on John W. Campbell, Ed. D., of the education department. The rank of University Professor was conferred on Robert E. Ducharme, Ph.D., of the English department; and C. Frank Zarnowski, Ph.D., of the business, accounting and economics department.



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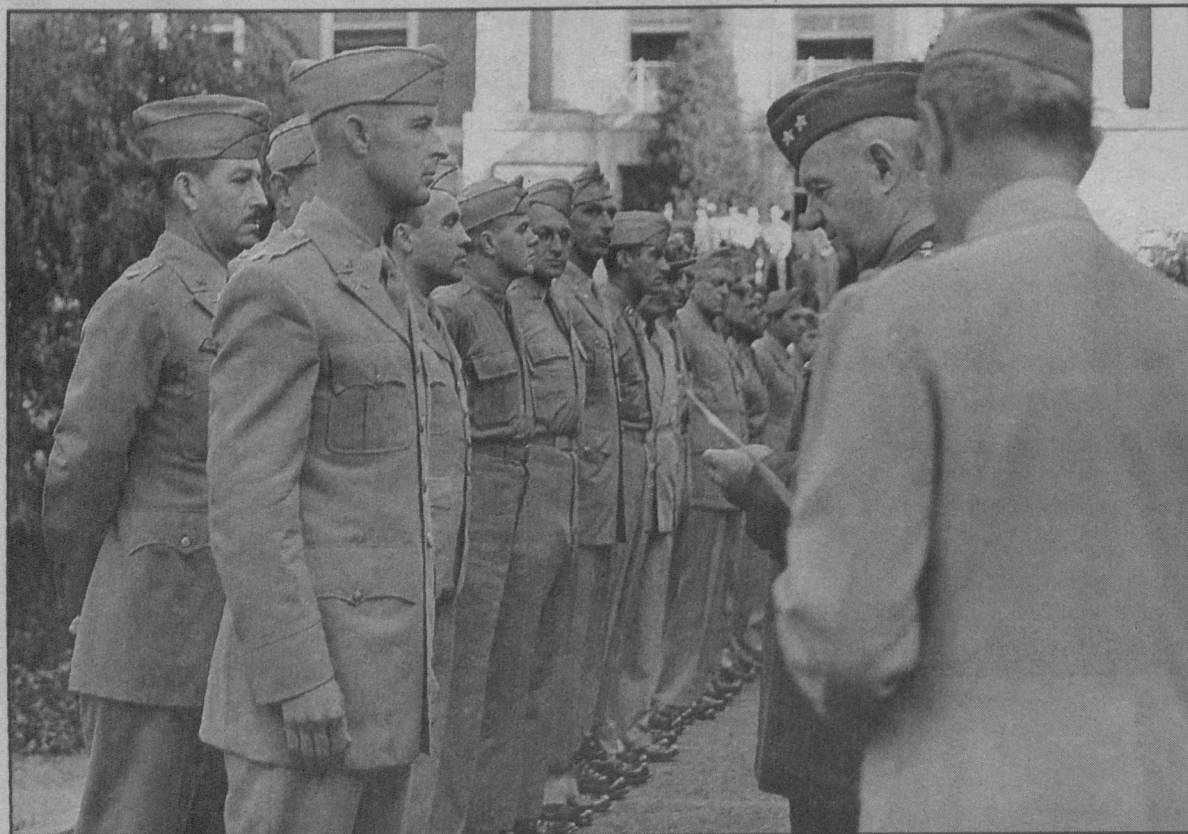
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LOCAL HISTORY

Catoctin Mountain spies helped win WW II



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Awards presentation to OSS agents

1945, Washington, D.C. — Major General William "Wild Bill" Donovan, commander of the OSS, presents medals to OSS Special Operations agents for valor in service against the enemy, some of it behind enemy lines. Front row, first soldier, Major Arden Dow, and third soldier, Captain Frank Gleason, both of whom were former instructors at Training Area B in Catoctin Mountain Park in 1942, and who served as OSS agents against the Japanese in China beginning in 1943.

BY JAMES RADA JR.
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THURMONT, Md. — On April 5, 1942, the swing-arm gates of Catoctin Recreational Demonstration Area swung shut and were locked. Armed guards stood watch to make sure they stayed that way.

Then military trucks began arriving with their beds covered with canvas sheets so no one could see who or what they were carrying up

the mountain. These trucks were allowed past the locked gates.

Shortly thereafter, soldiers began showing up in Thurmont bars for a drink and at USO dances to enjoy the company of pretty girls.

When asked where they were from, the soldiers always said Fort Ritchie.

"The people weren't fooled," said John Chambers, a Rutgers University history professor. "They knew something was going on up here."

They just didn't know what. But secrets and lies were normal for Catoctin's new operator. The park had been a popular summer camp for groups like the League for Crippled Children and The Salvation Army. Once the gates were closed, Park Ranger Debra Mills said those groups were "given notice that the summer camping season was cancelled and no future use could be guaranteed."

The new residents of the park were a newly-created federal group

called the Office of Strategic Services, a forerunner of the Central Intelligence Agency. The OSS sent agents behind enemy lines during World War II to gather information, sabotage the enemy, and rescue Allied airmen.

But before any of that could happen, those commandos had to be trained. Catoctin Mountain, or Area B as the OSS called it, was one of the training camps.

Nobody on base knew who they were training," Chambers said. "They were given fictitious first names."

He said many young men were recruited from top universities and society families to be trained as spies. However, to learn needed skills, they mixed with criminals who taught things like safecracking and forgery.

Chambers is writing a book, commissioned by The National Park Service, about the OSS at Catoctin Mountain Park. He spoke recently about the information he had been gathering from declassified documents and interviews with former agents.

He said that at any one time, the camp housed about 40-50 staff and instructors and 15-20 students.

According to the Catoctin Mountain Park Web site, Area B trained agents in hand-to-hand combat, infiltration training, marksmanship, and setting charges.

One feature of the camp was the "spook house". Trainees, armed with a .45-caliber pistol and two clips of six rounds, were sent into the house. As the trainees crept through the house, cardboard cut-outs of Nazis popped into the open, requiring trainees to think fast and shoot them.

Recruits were sometimes injured during training. In one incident, trainees were told to crawl along a path as small explosions detonated overhead, simulating combat. William Casey, a young

lawyer from New York, rose up too soon.

"An explosion knocked a piece of wood from the tree about the size of a football," Chambers said. "It hit him in the face and broke his jaw."

That young trainee grew up to become director of the CIA under President Reagan.

"Many people who later became directors of the CIA had commando training here in Catoctin," Chambers said.

During the 4-6 week training course, the trainees' days lasted from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. with actual training running from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. six days a week.

"Sometimes they would have night exercises, reconnaissance and other things," Chambers said.

American agents, and many from Norway, Thailand, Yugoslavia, Italy and France, went through the rigorous training at Catoctin.

After completing OSS training, the agents' "final project" was to infiltrate various military targets in the region, such as shipyards and steel mills. If they were successful, they were sent into the field.

Chambers said his research has led him to believe, "The OSS had a significant role in helping the Allies to win the war."

Very little remains to show the military's presence in the park. The OSS winterized the camping cabins and it is said an unexploded mortar shell was once found in the Owen's Creek area long after the war.

Otherwise, Catoctin Mountain Park holds its secrets just as tightly as the OSS did.

Chambers is interested in hearing from anyone with information about relationships with and attitudes of local residents toward the military in Catoctin Mountain Park between 1942 and 1947. He can be reached at (732) 932-3613 or chambers@rci.rutgers.edu.



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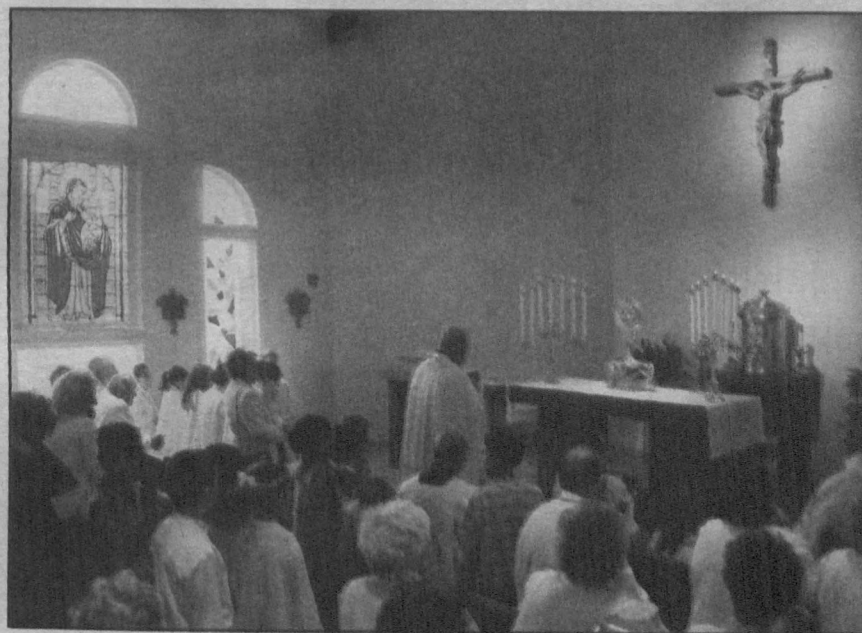
Artists Wendy Samet (left) and Heather Smith (right), both with Art Conservation Services, Baltimore, work to restore a 1902 painting of Saint Vincent DePaul by S. Scattaglia, one of two of his works featured on the church ceiling in St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, North Seton Ave. and DePaul St.



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Three ceiling paintings undergo restoration as part of the overall restoration of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Emmitsburg. Artist Sian Jones (left) and Irina Dagikh (right), with Art Conservation Services, Baltimore, clean the only unsigned, undated ceiling painting to prepare it for restoration work. Church staff was unsure of the age of the painting, but the artists felt it was much newer than the two 1902 Scattaglia works. The art restoration project will be completed sometime in June.

Eucharistic adoration begins at St. Mary's in Fairfield



-Photos by RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

On Sunday, May 21, after the regular 10:30 a.m. Mass, a procession of several hundred believers transferred the Eucharist from Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church (St. Mary's) in Fairfield, Pa., a short way up Tract Road to a new chapel. The chapel, recently constructed, is part of the House of Studies for the Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary at 350 Tract Rd., an order based in Linwood, N.J. Adoration of the Eucharistic currently takes place 24 hours a day, Monday through Friday, but is anticipated to become a perpetual devotion in the near future according to St. Mary's pastor Fr. Michael A. Messaro, M.S.S.C. (Above left) Brother Robert Malagesi, M.S.S.C. leads the May 21 procession. (Above right) Fr. Robert McDade, M.S.S.C., the Superior of the House of Studies, kneels before the Blessed Sacrament in the new perpetual adoration chapel dedicated to Bl. Gaetano Errico in memory of Antonia & Carmine Errico. The Errico family, related to the Missionaries founder Blessed Gaetano Errico, donated major funding for the chapel as a gesture of thanksgiving for their prosperity as immigrants to this country.

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OBITUARIES/BIRTHS

Anna V. Heare

Anna V. Heare, 79, of 30 Mount Hope Road, Fairfield, died May 18, 2006, at home.

Born Feb. 25, 1927, in Fairfield, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Lelia Mickley Sites.

Surviving are three sons, Timothy R. Heare, Lawrence J. Heare and Mark S. Heare; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; four sisters, Louise McDannell, Lelia Mae Hemler, Ruth Jean Hammonds and Vonnice Barber; and one brother, William Sites.

Funeral services were held May 22 at the Monahan Funeral Home, 27 E. Main St., Fairfield, with the Rev. Suzanne Elliott officiating. Interment was in the Fairfield Union Cemetery.

Sister Ursula Jankunas, DC

Sister Ursula Jankunas, DC, 93, died May 11, 2006, at Villa St. Michael, the province's retirement residence in Emmitsburg.

The former Pauline Jankunas was born in Baltimore, Md., to Anthony and Helen Layman Jankunas.

She entered the Daughters of Charity in July 1932, and served as a childcare worker, schoolteacher and school administrator

throughout her career.

Surviving are two nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was offered on May 13 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Mary Krom

Mrs. Mary Alice "Smith" Krom, 91, of Mountain View Rd., Emmitsburg, died May 14 at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg.

Born Nov. 8, 1914, in Rocky Ridge, she was a daughter of the late Edward John and Ruth Riffle Smith.

Surviving are three sons, John David Krom, Paul Joseph Krom and Philip Wayne Krom; four brothers, Ed Smith Jr. and Lewis Smith; two sisters, Ruth Hobbs and Elizabeth Richardson; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on May 17 from the Skiles Funeral Home, 210 W. Main St., Emmitsburg, Md., with her pastor, Rev. Jon Greenstone officiating. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Alice V. Reeher

Alice Virginia Shindledecker Reeher, 85, of 1781 Mount Hope Road, Fairfield, died May 15, 2006,

at Shepherd's Choice, Gettysburg.

Born March 16, 1921, in Gettysburg, she was the daughter of the late William and Susan Kint Shindledecker.

Surviving are two sons, Dennis R. Reeher and Barry W. Reeher; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 18 at the Monahan Funeral Home, Fairfield. Interment was in the Fairfield Union Cemetery.

Mary E. Tressler

Mary E. Tressler, 97, of Fairfield, Pa., died May 20, 2006, at the Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village.

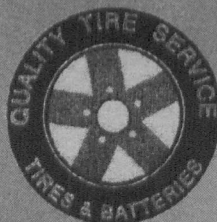
Born June 15, 1908, in Frederick County, Md., she was the daughter of the late Martin and Cora (Linebaugh) Tressler.

Funeral services were held May 23 at the Monahan Funeral Home, 27 East Main St., Fairfield, Pa. with Pastor Kenneth R.W. Reid officiating. Burial was in Jacob's Cemetery, Fountaindale, Pa.

Births

Julie and Bernard Kaufhold, Emmitsburg, a son, May 7.

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SPORTS

Cougars win first softball state title in 20 years

By JAMES RADA JR.
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THURMONT, Md. — When the Catocin Cougars softball team played Williamsport and lost its third straight game at the beginning of this season, they certainly didn't look like the championship softball team of the past or the future.

"We sucked at the beginning of the season," pitcher Alicia Brandenburg said. "Everybody was sick. Everybody was crying."

Besides the poor start to the 2006 season, the team was also coming off a poor 2005 season when they had been eliminated in the regional finals.

"I think the turnaround started last year when they lost in the regional finals last year," said Coach Amy Hunt. "It ended the season on a sour note and then they had a rough start to this season. I think they realized that the title was not going to be given to anyone. They had to earn it."

And earn it they did with a 4-0 win over Colonel Richardson in the Class 1A Maryland Softball championship game on May 25 at the

University of Maryland softball complex in College Park. It became the team's first state title in 20 years.

The Williamsport game was the turning point. "They were crying," said Hunt. "It was like a funeral."

"We realized how much we wanted to win," said left fielder Natasha Ammenheuser.

Brandenburg said it helped when the team reprioritized their goals. Instead of making winning the state title the number one goal, she said, "We realized we had to do well during the season."

The recovery was rocky but steady. They barely won against Walkersville 16-15. Hunt said it was the first time she ever saw the number that high on the visitors' side of the scoreboard.

"I don't think we had 15 runs scored on us for all of the rest of the season," said third baseman Kasey Stiles.

"From that point on, they got continually better," Hunt said.

By mid-season, they had beaten Brunswick and the momentum was building.

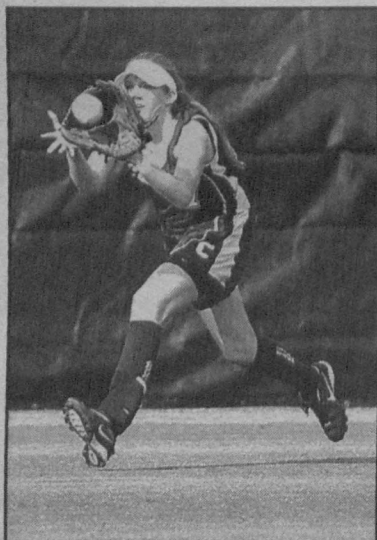
"They said it was a fluke, but we beat them three times," said player Lauren Wildasin.

They also developed some traditions that helped them focus on winning. They wore "no error" bands around their wrists for each game and had a "happy circle" before each game. The players linked thumbs in a circle with their index fingers pointing into the center of the circle to remind them they were number one. Then each player would say something nice

about the teammate on her left.

Stiles also refused to wash her socks once the team started winning.

Centerfielder Brittany Brown said, "In one film you can hear her say in the huddle she's going to take off her shoes. Everybody started running."



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From the May 25, 2006 championship softball game against Colonel Richardson: (Above) Ashley Metal scores one of the Cougars 4 runs. (Left) Left fielder Amanda Farr makes a running catch.

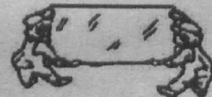
Even the championship game wasn't that worrisome for the Cougars once they reached their 4-0 lead.

"Winning was awesome," said Hunt. "We had been to the championship before and it was frustrating not winning."

With only four seniors graduating, the team is hoping to continue its winning tradition next year.

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Children and adults enjoy a hayride during the May 20 Spring Family Fun Day at Breezy Hill Stables, 15117 Mud College Road, Thurmont, while others enjoyed the food. The day offered kids entertainment and the opportunity to pet the stable's horses and see the new colts. Horse and dog obedience and skills demonstrations were also held during this event sponsored by Life Horse, Inc.

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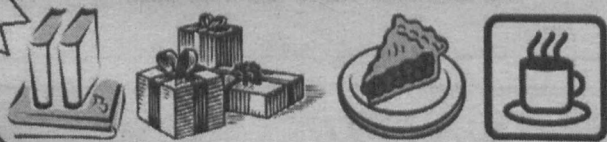
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Summer Concerts in the Park

Emmitsburg

All concerts at Memorial Park.

Friday, June 30 – Emmitsburg Community Chorus (Patriotic and Disney songs) 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 29 – Home Comfort Blue Grass Band (Sponsored by the Emmitsburg Library and Parks and Recreation committee) 6 to 8 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 1 – The Ray Owens Band (folk music) 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 16 – The No Name Band (classic rock) 5 to 7 p.m.

Thurmont

All concerts at Thurmont Memorial Park, except as noted.

Sunday, June 18 – 5th Annual Freedom Concert featuring local and area volunteer talent, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20 – U.S. Air Force Heritage Aire Celtic Ensemble, Catoctin High School, 7 p.m. (free by ticket)

Sunday, July 2 – Frederick Spires Brass Band, 6 p.m.

Sunday, July 16 – Westminster Municipal Band (A Tribute to John Philip Sousa), 6 p.m.

Sunday, July 23 – The Rohrer'sville Band, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 27 – The Alesia Band, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 3 – Harmony Band, 2 p.m.

Gettysburg

Sundays from 7-8 p.m. in the Recreation Park's Amphitheater off Long Lane. Sponsored by the Gettysburg Area Recreation Department.

June 4 – Apple Museum Dance Band

June 11 – The Willys

June 18 – Brass Band Festival (and Picnic in the Park)

July 9 – Jay Smar

July 16 – Shippensburg Blaskapelle Band

July 23 – Gospel Sounds

July 30 – Voxology

Aug. 6 – Orrtanna

Aug. 13 – C.B. Pickers

For Children

June 3 – Family Expo. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. One of the largest children's and family events in the Frederick and surrounding area. The Great Frederick Fairgrounds, 797 E. Patrick St., Frederick. (301) 748-3626.

June 24-25 – "Cinderella." Tickets, \$8-15. Students from the Frederick School of Classical Ballet and guest artists bring this story to life in classical style. Weinberg Center for the Arts 20 W. Patrick St., Frederick. (301) 228-2828, www.weinbergcenter.org.

Concerts

June 17 – "Summon the Heroes." 8 p.m. The Frederick Orchestra annual pops concert, conducted by Dr. Elisa Koehler. Frederick Community College, Jack B. Kussmaul Theater, 7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick. (301) 663-8476. www.frederickorchestra.org.

June 24 – Frederick Catoctones Annual Show. 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. An acapella musical performance presented by a men's chorus and quartets. Frederick Community College, Jack B. Kussmaul Theater, 7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick. (301) 607-4093. www.harmonize.com/catoctones.

Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

June 3 – First Saturday Gallery Walk. 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Featuring artists creating interactive works of art LIVE on downtown Frederick sidewalks. Exhibit openings, guest artists and live entertainment. More than 80 shops, galleries and restaurants are open until 9 p.m. or later. www.downtownfrederick.org.

June 3-4 – 4th Annual Beatty Cramer Living History. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Features various 18th-

and 19th-century demonstrations of lifestyles, trades and skills. The 18th-century Cramer House will also be open for tours. Beatty Cramer House, 9010 Liberty Rd., (Rt. 26) Frederick. (301) 668-2086.

Through July 5 – "Heritage: The Photography of Charles 'Jim' Lot." Vintage photographs from the 1930s and 40s by Adams County, Pa. farmer Jim Lot, a self-taught photographer. He created photographic images of people and agricultural landscapes, which are remembered by his son, John. Majestic Theater Gallery, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. (717) 677-7514.

Festivals

June 3-4 – Frederick Festival of the Arts. Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Juried arts market, entertainment, children's activities, literary activities, multi-cultural food, film festival and art demonstrations. South East Street and Carroll Creek Park, Frederick. (301) 694-9632. www.frederickarts.org.

June 16-18 – Pennsylvania Lavender Festival. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Some 40 varieties of lavender will be for sale, along with other herbs and perennials, lavender products and herbal products. Lunch is available. Live entertainment. Admission: \$3, children under 12 are free. Free parking and shuttle. Willow Pond Farm, Fairfield, Pa. www.palavenderfestival.com.

Stage

Through June 17 – "Urinetown, the musical." Tickets, \$15-20. The three-time Tony-award-winning musical offers a tale of love and triumph over greed. When a Gotham-like city faces a water shortage, its residents are deprived of their toilets and must pay to use public facilities controlled by a sinister corporation. Maryland

Ensemble Theatre, 31 W. Patrick St., Frederick. (301) 694-4744, www.marylandensemble.org

Saturdays in June – Summerfest Family Theatre. 7 p.m. Free theatrical performances for children and families in Baker Park's Bandshell, 121 N. Bentz St., Frederick. (301) 694-2489.

June 3-18 – "Rounding Third." Tickets, \$23-30. Follow the journey of two little league coaches through an entire season – from their first meeting to the climactic championship game. Don is a rough, blue-collar win-at-all-costs veteran coach and Michael is a corporate executive who is a newcomer both to the town and to baseball. Together they form an alliance that benefits their sons and the team. Totem Pole Playhouse, Caledonia State Park, 9555 Golf Course Road, Fayetteville, Pa. (888) 805-7056, www.totempoleplayhouse.org.

June 8-18 – "The Two Gentlemen of Verona." Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday, 5 p.m. The Maryland Shakespeare Festival will take two average guys on an excellent adventure through Renaissance Italy as they discover how girls, pirates, bad music and a dog can very nearly ruin a really good friendship. Hood College, Hodson Outdoor Theater, 401 Rosemont Ave., Frederick. (301) 668-4090.

Dance

June 3 – Fair Squares Dance Group. 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Performance at the Gazebo. Gettysburg Village, 1863 Gettysburg Village Drive, Gettysburg. (800) 868-7553.

June 3 – The Merritt Dance Company Spring Concert. 7 p.m. Presented by the Merritt Athletic Club & The Right Moves Dance Co. Tickets: \$3-5. Carroll Arts Center, 91 W. Main St., Westminster. (410) 848-7272.

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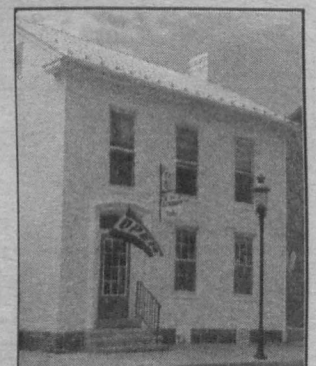
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June 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Pre-school Storytime

(ages 3-5 with an adult)

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

(all ages)

June 7, 14, 21, 28 at 7 p.m.

Global Groove

(ages 5 and older)

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June 2 at 3:30 p.m.

Children's programs

Board Games

(ages 6 and up)

Play chess and other board games with friends.

June 9, 23 from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Oak and Acorns Book Club (4-6

with adult of child's choice)

Read and discuss folktales.

June 12 at 6:30 p.m.

"Did You Know?" series

(ages 6-12)

The Great American Sign Language

Mystery - Hunt for clues as you learn more about American Sign Language and its origins with interpreter Kathy McMillan.

June 17 at 11 a.m. Registration required

Storytime at ThorpeWood

(ages 3-5)

Monthly preschool story program at ThorpeWood Environmental Center, hosted by Thurmont and Emmitsburg libraries. Directions: www.thorpewood.org or (301) 271-2823.

June 15 from 1 to 2 p.m. Registration required.

Winnie the Pooh visits the library

(all ages)

Bring your camera for a photo with Winnie-the-Pooh.

June 26 at 11 a.m.

For Teens

Clue into Comics!!

Peruse "The Cage," a mini comic and manga story, dance, and sing karaoke.

June 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. Registration required.

Movie Makers Club (grades 6-12)

Join other teens to learn the basics of filmmaking. Share experiences and resources to make movies.

June 6 at 7 p.m.

Animé Club (grades 6-12)

Movie, snack, other activities. Co-sponsored by Emmitsburg and Thurmont Libraries.

June 9 at 6 p.m.

SF/Fantasy Book Club

(adults and teens)

June 20 at 7 p.m. Stop by the desk to pick up the current selection.

Mystery Game Night

(grades 6-12)

Gather clues and solve the mystery of Hollywood High. Choose your character when you register. (Registration required.)

June 27 at 7 p.m.

Adult programs

Leaving a Legacy:

Writing about your Life

Join this unique writing group to pass on legacy stories to future generations.

June 5 at 1:30 p.m.

Non-fiction Book Club

"Collapse, Part 1 and 2" by Jared Diamond

June 8 at 1 p.m.

Tuesday Evening Book Club

"Himalayan Dhaba" by Craig Danner

June 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Knitting Circle (adults and teens)

June 15 at 4 p.m.

Genealogy Focus Group

(adults and teens)

June 22 at 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.

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

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



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It's June, bringing the first day of summer, the last day of the school year, and good weather for picnics and stargazing. We'll honor our dads with a **Father's Day surprise on Friday, June 16. Meeting Day is June 20.** A trivia competition has been added to our activities on **June 23.** There's a public **Night Card Party on June 28;** doors open at 5:30 p.m. Our bowling group is growing; join us on Monday afternoons. Don't forget our men's pool tournament, continuing every Wednesday at 1 p.m. **The center will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.**

The seniors encourage all eligible persons (50 years and older) to join them for regular program activities and special events. Our

lunch program is open to those 60 and older. The center is lovely and the "natives" are friendly! Check us out!

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

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

Bingo: June 7 and 21.

Cards, 500, and Bridge Group: June 14 and 28.

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June 3 – National Trails Days. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Strawberry Hill Nature Center and Preserve, 1537 Mount Hope Road, Fairfield, Pa. Help clean up Middle Creek Trail. Adults, or children with an adult. Water, lunch provided. Register by June 2 (for food count). Volunteers free. Noon to 2 p.m. Adopt-a-Trail Kickoff Event. Information: visit www.strawberryhill.org, call (717) 642-5840 or e-mail info@strawberryhill.org.

June 3 – Catocin's Youth Programs, YCC and Job Corps. 2 p.m. at the Visitor Center. Join a ranger to learn the history of youth programs in Catocin Mountain Park. One of the park's 70th anniversary events.

June 3 – Mass and spiritual conference. 6 p.m. The Grotto of Lourdes, Emmitsburg. The cause of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, conducted by Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR.

June 4, 11, 18, 25 – Whiskey Still Talks. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Meet a ranger at the site of the original Blue Blazes Still for an informal talk about how an excise tax took whiskey stills from the family farm to moonshine operations tucked in mountain coves and hollows. Trailhead for the ¼ walk begins near Catocin Mountain Park Visitor Center.

June 6 – Walker Brothers Circus. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Memorial Park, Park Drive off Route 140, Taneytown, Md. Sponsored by Taneytown Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets: (410) 756-4234 or (410) 371-4265.

June 10 – Interpretive Summer Season begins. Gettysburg National Military Park. Included are many ranger-conducted programs, walks, tours, campfire programs, living history programs, children's programs and battle walks.

June 10 – Strawberry Festival. 9 a.m. St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Sabillasville. Eat in or carry out. Information: (301) 241-3287.

June 10 – Fr. Joseph Iannuzzi. Booksigning. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. St. Peter's Bookstore, Emmitsburg. Signing his latest book, "The Antichrist and the End Times." Followed by a talk at Ski Liberty Resort and Conference Center, Fairfield, Pa. at 3 p.m.

June 10 – Family Style Dinner. Noon to 6 p.m. Creagerstown parish house. Cost: \$10, children \$5, under 6 are free. Benefits the Creagerstown Lutheran Church.

June 10 – Mt. Tabor Church Festival. 4 p.m., music of "The Gospel Travelers" at 7 p.m. Rocky Ridge. Food, games, bingo.

June 10 – Basket Bingo. Lewistown Fire Hall. Doors open at 4:30; bingo starts at 6 p.m. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Food served by Lewistown Fire Dept. Proceeds to benefit Faith DCC. Tickets or information: (301) 898-9047 or (301) 694-7413.

June 10 – Camping Expo. 6 to 8 p.m. Owens Creek Campground, Catocin Mountain Park.

June 11 – "Snip-its of Grace United Church of Christ's History." 10:15 a.m. Grace United Church of Christ, 40 West Baltimore Street, Taneytown. Learn how in 1887 the Keysville Reformed Church was formed and supplied by Rev. Ditzler, also pastor of the Taneytown Church. Information: (410) 756-2302.

June 11 – Country Style Breakfast Buffet. 7 a.m. to noon. St. Joseph's Catholic Church Social Hall, 44 Frederick St., Taneytown. Adults \$5.50, Children 7-10, \$3.25, six and under free. Early bird special 7 to 8 a.m. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph Taneytown Council 11631.

June 11 – Mountain View Ministries concert. 6 p.m. 103 Apples Church Road, Thurmont. Songwriter and country gospel singer Joyce Igo will perform. Free. Information: (301) 271-2380, (301) 271-9088 or (717) 337-3406.

June 15 – Free workers comp seminar. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sheraton Four Points, 1910 Dual Highway, Hagerstown. Hosted by IWIF, Maryland provider of workers' compensation insurance. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Limited seating; reservations required: 1(800) 264-IWIF, ext. 2180, or e-mail kbrown@iwif.com.

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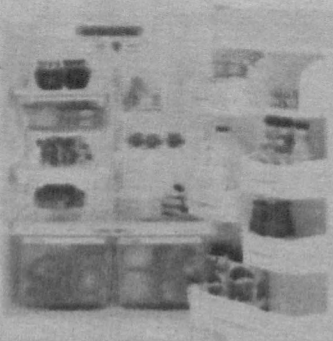
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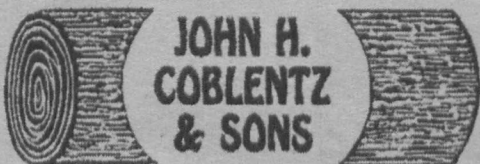
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