

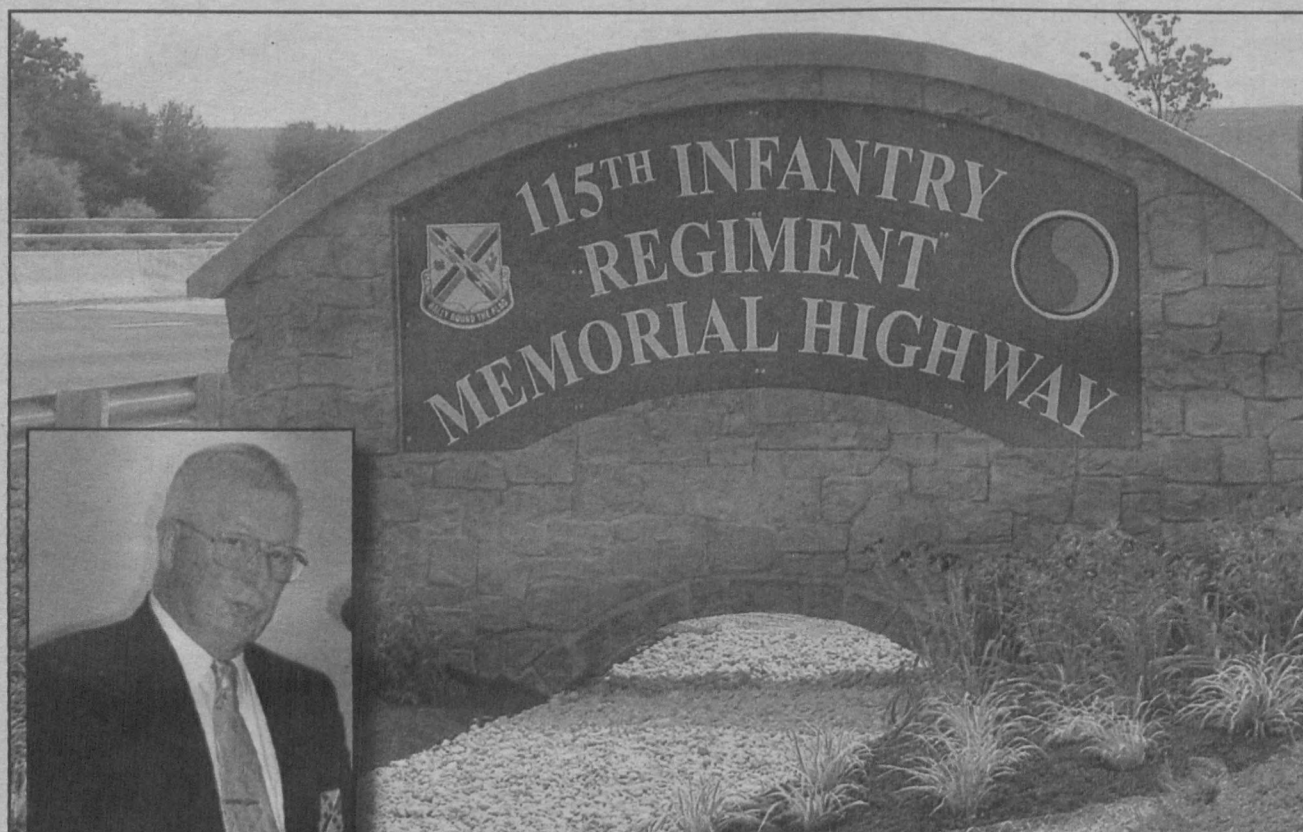
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U.S. 15 dedicated to 115th Infantry Regiment



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The Maryland State Highway Administration and Cresap's Rifles Post 78, 29th Division Association, held a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Mason-Dixon Welcome Center near Emmitsburg, formally dedicating U.S. 15 as the 115th Infantry Regiment Memorial Highway. The monument (shown above) is located on a section of U.S. 15 near the Rt. 140 ramp. A number of veterans of the 115th attended the ceremony during which Brigadier General Ernest M. Snyder (left) praised the legacy of the 115th Infantry. Snyder was born in Mt. Airy, graduated from Catocin High School and served in the military for 34 years.

Board will not decide town founding date

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The board of commissioners voted on July 17 not to make a decision about what should be the town's founding date, but will likely adopt a resolution to only recognize Emmitsburg's incorporation date on the municipality's official seal and flag.

Commissioner Clifford Sweeney, who had requested the founding date be placed on the board's agenda for a decision, said he would support a celebration in 2007 if an organization wanted to hold one, but "I don't think history should be voted on (by a town board)."

The commissioners agreed to give further consideration to a resolution prepared by Commissioner William B. O'Neil Jr. recognizing 1825 as the town's incorporation date. Removing 1757 from the town seal and flags would follow successful adoption of O'Neil's resolution.

Comments from a number of residents at Monday's meeting were generally restatements of positions going back years in the never-ending debate ... but that debate will likely end soon as far as town meetings go.

"I think nobody is wrong," Sweeney said, pointing out that both dates offered by their proponents — 1757 and

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Board divided over Silo Hill answer

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The board of commissioners voted 3-1 on July 15, Commissioner

Glenn Blanchard absent, to advise the Maryland State Highway Administration that the town would rather have a stoplight at the Silo Hill intersection than a traffic circle.

The Silo Hill intersection

represents a convergence of Silo Hill Road, East Main Street (state Rt. 140), and state Rt. 904F. Westerly, Route 904F takes traffic to the southbound lane of U.S. 15, while Route 140 provides access to the U.S. 15 northbound lane, and

continues on to other points. To the east of the intersection, Route 140 serves as the main street through Emmitsburg.

Town staff met with the SHA

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Social Services clears Terpko of child abuse

BY JAMES RADA JR.
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THURMONT, Md. — Not only has the Frederick County State's Attorney's office dropped the child-abuse charge against Thurmont Commissioner Ron Terpko, but the Frederick County Department of Social Services has also ruled out child abuse in the case.

In a letter to Terpko dated

June 29, Diana Harrison, social worker for the case wrote, "The child's health or welfare was not harmed or placed at substantial risk or harm."

Terpko's son Brandon was arrested on June 14 along with two other juveniles for smashing 13 mailboxes in the Thurmont area. Following the arrest, Terpko left work to pick up his son. An upset Terpko struck his son once in the face with either a closed fist or open hand, depending on which

police report is cited.

Because of this action and the fact that Brandon was handcuffed at the time, County Deputy John McQuain arrested Terpko and charged him with second-degree

assault and child abuse.

State's Attorney Scott Rolle dropped the child abuse charge on June 28. He said at the time, "That

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Roundabout is the way to go

Commissioner Chris Staiger made a valiant effort at the last town meeting to take a long-range view for the safety of Emmitsburg's citizens. He proposed that the horrendous traffic problem at the Silo Hill intersection would be better handled over the long-term with a roundabout rather than a fully functioning traffic light. Although statistics from both the Federal and Maryland Highway Administrations show conclusively that accidents at roundabouts are much less severe

than those at traffic lights, the other commissioners (and the mayor) opted for the quick fix.

While a traffic light can be installed more quickly than a roundabout, and costs less to boot, it is not better for the citizens and for those who travel our roads. Several citizens, including me, have asked for a roundabout at that location since 1997. If the town government had backed that request then, it is quite likely that we would already have a circle there.

Remember, a roundabout slows ALL traffic down, saves gas, allows traffic to flow freely, and creates an attractive gateway into our beautiful town. A traffic light, on the other hand, creates backups and encourages motorists to speed up to "make the light." I shudder to think of the possible severe collisions at that intersection that might have been avoided. Our town deserves a better solution.

- Dianne L. Walbrecker
Former Emmitsburg
Commissioner

Terpko

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charge, no matter what version of the incident you believe, doesn't fit the definition. The law says you need to prove intent to maim or cause physical damage. This simply doesn't fit."

When Assistant State's Attorney Patricia McLane, who is prosecuting the Terpko case, was asked whether the Child Protective Services investigation played a role in the state dropping the child abuse charge, she said, "No. We received it (the investigation report) two weeks after we decided not to prosecute for child abuse."

Child Protective Services investigates all cases where there is a suspicion of sexual, mental or physical abuse or neglect.

Frederick County Child Protective Services investigated

528 abuse cases in 2005 and found evidence of abuse in 82 of them, according to a state report. Over the past nine years, the county agency has averaged 491 investigations a year and found evidence of abuse in an average of 69 cases each year.

The Department of Social

Services closed the case against Terpko because the "safety of the children is assured" and "No further services are needed."

Terpko referred questions related to the case to his attorney Norman Usiak, who chose not to comment on the results of the investigation.

A decision reached in Terpko case?

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THURMONT, Md. - The Frederick County State's Attorney Office has completed its investigation and made a decision about whether or not to continue to prosecute the state's case against Thurmont Commissioner Ron Terpko.

State's Attorney Investigator Bob Hargas said, "As far as my investigation, it's over. I passed it on to Mr. Rolle and they kicked it around for a couple days. He told me he made a decision, but I don't know what that is."

Terpko's son Brandon was arrested on June 14 along with two other juveniles for smashing 13 mailboxes in the Thurmont area. Following the arrest, Terpko left his work to pick up his son. An upset Terpko struck his son once in the face with either a closed fist or open hand, depending on which police report is cited.

Because of this action and the fact that Brandon was handcuffed at the time, county Deputy John McQuain arrested Terpko and charged him with second-degree assault and child abuse.

The child-abuse charge against Terpko was dropped by the state's attorney's office at the end of June, but Hargas' investigation hadn't been completed before Terpko's preliminary hearing on July 13.

State's Attorney Rolle could not be reached for comment.

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.

July 6, 1906 STORE WINDOW WRECKED

About 12 o'clock Wednesday night, one of the display windows of M.F. Shuff's furniture store was wrecked by a giant firecracker. It was undoubtedly the work of some spiteful person, for the explosion was at a time when few were on the street, and the explosive so placed that it would do the most damage. The lower glasses of the window were blown out, a large hole torn in the sash and part of the weatherboarding under the window splintered and shattered. Two men were seen near the store a short time before the deed was committed, one of them turned into Frailey's shop, the other stayed back presumably to light the firecracker. Several people saw this man run down the street turning down Frailey's alley and then toward the upper end of town. Although no one could recognize the man it was seen that he was a tall man, in his shirt sleeves, wearing a light straw hat.

July 20, 1906 FAMILY REUNION

It is proposed, by some of the Harbaugh family, to hold a reunion of all those people of this name who are descendants of the Harbaughs who settled in this section of the country over a hundred years ago. It has been suggested to hold a reunion at the farm of Mr. H.A. Harbaugh, Blue Rock, Quincy township, Franklin county, Pa., because that farm has been in the possession of the family longer than any other tract of land in the Cumberland Valley. At this place also a collection of relics belonging to the first Harbaughs has been gathered and for this reason alone, would be of most interest to the descendants.

It is said that when the family came to this county from Switzerland, two brothers stood

on the top of the mountains, back of Fairfield, and chose their new homes, the one selected the west side and settled near Waynesboro, the other elected to stay nearer the mountains and remained on this side.

TOWN HALL

On Monday evening, the citizens of this place met in the Firemen's Hall to hear the report of the committee appointed two weeks ago, to canvass the community for an available site for the proposed town hall, and to take some action of a definite nature to further the undertaking. Mr. Galt opened the meeting by generally outlining the idea and feasibility of plans already suggested, and presented the report of the committee, of which he was chairman. Almost every piece of property within the limits of the town was examined, but on all but a few the price was prohibitive. After discussing the several lots which seemed most desirable, on the motion of Rev. Gluck, it was decided that the present committee, Messrs. Galt, Gelwicks, Stone, Burket and A.A. Horner, be instructed to learn of the available sites, the prices of the same, and that the results be reported at a meeting of the citizens on Tuesday night, July 31, at eight o'clock.

During the discussion a generous proposition was read from the Rev. Mr. Murray, to the effect that he was heartily in favor of the town hall, that he would do everything in his power to further it, and that he would subscribe to as many shares of stock as any one else would.

The meeting was much larger than the one held two weeks ago and much more interest was manifested by all those in attendance. With the start thus made it looks as if the town hall would be a reality in a short time.

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SHA installs conduit near town square



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Employees with contracting firm Midasco, Oakridge, Md., repave the sidewalk along Stavros Pizza after it was torn up during the month so that conduits carrying wiring for the Maryland State Highway Administration traffic control system at the Seton Avenue and Main Street intersection could be installed.

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1785 — were worthy of celebration for their respective reasons. In 1757 Samuel Emmit purchased land in Frederick County, a portion of which eventually became Emmitsburg. In 1785, Emmit transferred a deed to his son to lay out a town, specifically called Emmitsburg.

Board President Christopher V. Staiger agreed that the board should not vote on a founding date. "We had a situation when we were making flags and then we were burning them. An organization should step up to the plate," adding that the board shouldn't be the organizing body.

Pointing out that the town contributes money toward the Lions Club-sponsored Community Day, Staiger said the board could also contribute toward an organized effort to celebrate the town's heritage.

In addition to avoiding making a founding date determination, the board also agreed that the town will not officially organize any founding date activity, but said that any group organizing such activities could solicit a contribution from the town.

O'Neil's resolution seems to reflect a general consensus among board members that adopting an 1825 incorporation day would probably pass unanimously, despite the fact that the Maryland

Municipal League and the Frederick Regional Action Network both list Emmitsburg's incorporation date as 1824.

However, that discrepancy may be due to the town's incorporation date being approved in 1824, but not signed into law until 1825, according to several sources, including the Emmitsburg Area Historical Society Web site, which explains the town "was incorporated by the general assembly of Maryland, by its act of 1824, passed January 13, 1825."

The board voted 4-0, Commissioner Blanchard absent, to consider the incorporation date resolution at the Aug. 7 meeting.

Silo Hill

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in June to discuss the possibility of installing a traffic light at the intersection. At that meeting, town representatives were told they could go with a stoplight or a traffic circle (roundabout).

Staiger supported roundabout

Board President Christopher V. Staiger said he could not support the stoplight proposal because it could possibly cause more serious accidents than a roundabout.

He said not only would a stoplight be unlikely to end accidents, but also wrecks would more often be of the "T-bone" type, where vehicles are broadsided by oncoming traffic. Accidents in roundabouts, he believes, tend to be rear-end collisions at slower speeds.

A roundabout could take up to three years, according to SHA,

with cost estimates discussed at the town meeting ranging up to nearly \$1 million. A light could take six to eight months to install at a much lower cost to the state.

However, Staiger said he believes the multi-year wait for a roundabout would be worth it. "I hate to see a rush to judgment," he told the board, adding, that the SHA said the circle was the safer option. In addition, he noted that there are likely to be severe traffic backups into town caused by the proposed stoplight. "You'll be fighting with backups at two lights in town."

Other board members felt that the three-year estimate for a circle was unrealistic. "We're probably looking at five to ten years," Commissioner Clifford Sweeney said.

Call for stoplight approved

Sweeney, in supporting a traffic light, said, "Safety has to come first. Somebody is going to get killed if something is not

done now."

The board also considered the possibility that the town could pursue a circle later, once the light is installed, which SHA apparently indicated was also an option. Staiger said he felt if the light were installed, the circle option might fall by the way.

Members of the public present and board members said that a circle could be made attractive and serve as a gateway to the town, although Sweeney pointed out that the less-than-flat terrain might not be conducive to a circle.

Mayor James E. Hoover said, "There is no doubt a circle could be more attractive and look appealing, the sooner we do it (get a light installed), the safer the intersection will be. "There is a need for something sooner rather than later."

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EDITORIAL

Growing the growth argument

Growth doesn't pay for itself. You don't have to discuss new construction and growth for too long before someone will bring up that argument. The one figure used many times is \$1.14 in services that is needed for each \$1 in taxes generated.

Assume that is true. That would mean that despite paying more than \$12,660 in municipal impact and connection fees (which is intended to pay for a house's impact on the town's infrastructure) the new house is not paying enough to justify its existence.

What's that say about houses built in Thurmont two years ago when there were no impact fees? Those houses must have been devastating for the town because nothing was paid to offset their impact on the town.

What about the houses built in 1980, 1950 or 1850? If growth doesn't pay for itself, it didn't pay for itself at any time. A three-bedroom, two-bath rancher has the same impact on the infrastructure now as it did 50 years ago. The only difference is that the new home actually contributes something towards its impact.

That's the problem with the argument that growth doesn't pay for itself. People who use it only apply it to new development, not existing development. Consider that some of the biggest critics of the county's New Market Region Plan were people who have moved into the area within the past 10 years. And what did they move into? New construction for the most part.

So maybe it's just the very new homes that don't pay for their impact. Then what's the magic age

where a house goes from being a drain to a benefit on the community? Is it when a house hits the double digits in age?

Then we had better start building those new houses quickly so they can become acceptable housing that much sooner.

Of course, that would create such a glut of housing that the infrastructure would be overtaxed.

It would create more-affordable housing, something everyone seems to agree that the county needs.

If newer houses with their impact and connection fees and higher taxes (because of higher assessments, in general) don't cover their community impact, then older housing is even a bigger loss for county and municipal governments.

So why not tear down older homes, which have the biggest

impacts on our infrastructure? Then we could infill the empty lots with newer, higher value houses with impact fees.

Of course, that's no answer, but that is the conclusion you can reach using the "Growth doesn't pay for itself argument."

Probably noone would argue that new housing doesn't impact infrastructure, but the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance is designed to phase growth in at a speed that is manageable for the infrastructure and impact fees are designed to pay for the impact. If the impact fees aren't doing that, then raise them.

Just don't say growth's not paying for itself. Not unless you're willing to live in a tent. New growth pays for itself more now than new growth ever has.

Streamlining town government: action item?

In the July 6 issue of *The Dispatch*, an editorial addressed the cumbersome manner in which Emmitsburg town meeting agendas are set by the board of commissioners.

Sad to say, that is not the end of the agenda saga, because setting the agenda entails more than suggesting items, discussing items, and then voting to include or not to include each item.

Once an agenda item is suggested, the commissioners decide whether it will be a "discussion item" or an "action item" on the next agenda. If this were the manner in which Marylanders conducted business in the past, then it would be easy to understand why Maryland didn't secede fast enough to join the Confederacy in 1861 before it was "captured" and occupied by the Union forces.

The purpose of any local government is to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the

community it represents in as expeditious a manner as possible. Why would one create two subsets of considerations on an agenda... one set demarked for discussion and one for action?

If an agenda item is not marked for discussion or action, then the board has greater liberty to do either as it sees fit and circumstances dictate.

In most communities, if not in the vast majority of them, every item on an agenda could be an action item. Boards do not generally lock themselves into a no-action situation, or one in which action would have to wait a week or weeks because of needing to identify something as an action item for a forthcoming meeting.

Pennsylvania communities in *The Dispatch* distribution area generally have one town meeting a month. If they adopted the "Emmitsburg Principle" whereby they could not take action at a meeting because something was

marked for discussion, it could be a month before any action could be taken.

The process of marking regular agenda items for either discussion or action is archaic and can be self-defeating if timeliness is important. Every agenda item should be treated as a potential action item. Action, if any is warranted, can always be tabled, but if discussion leads to an actionable solution, it is a waste of time to postpone the solution just because the item has to be included in a future meeting agenda as an action item.

It is likely that the cumbersome process came about because someone in the past was shopping for loopholes to contest some action they might have been against and failed to attend the meeting that had produced the objectionable results.

Too bad, but that is no excuse for prolonging the business process and the desire to take action on town issues in a timely fashion.

Interested parties will soon learn, if the process is altered, to attend any meeting that includes a topic of interest, especially if action is possible.

Correction

Incorrect budget cited in car story

The Town News Brief, "2006/2007 budget amended to buy car" in the July 6 issue of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, erroneously stated that the 2006/2007 fiscal year budget was amended to purchase a car. It was the then-current fiscal year 2005/2006 budget that was amended.

Incomplete credit in covered bridge story

The story, "SHA will give town ceremonial bridge" in the July 6 issue of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, incorrectly attributed credit for pursuing the acquisition of the bridge. Catherine Forrence and *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* news editor independently approached different SHA staff, although the two were in contact with each other during the process. In addition, the paper has since learned that the SHA had previously approached Mayor James E. Hoover about the disposition of the bridge.

Watermelon Eating

In the Emmitsburg Community Show Games winners listing, first place winner in Watermelon Eating, ages 13-16, should have been Erin Knox.

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TOWN NEWS

County will reimburse Vigilant for permit fees

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — County commissioners voted 4-1 on July 11 to grant repayment of county permit fees to the Vigilant Hose Company. Commissioner John L. Thompson Jr. provided the single "no" vote.

Vigilant Hose, headquartered at 25 West Main Street, Emmitsburg, has to date paid county building permit fees of more than \$10,000, and anticipates needing to acquire plumbing and electrical permits

amounting to less than \$1,000.

The commissioners voted July 11 to reimburse Vigilant up to \$12,000 in permit fees. Commissioner Michael L. Cady said that reimbursing such fees was "a good way to support the volunteer companies."

Early in 2005, Vigilant announced plans to refurbish a neighboring, former apartment building to house emergency staff, provide administrative quarters and serve as temporary housing for residents left homeless by fires.

Project Architect Michael Proffitt said that the proposed

expansion would increase the present structure by about 820 square feet, and would involve refurbishing much of the original building, including dealing with a bulging outer wall on the School Lane side.

He said the historic façade would be maintained, but new stairs, an elevator and sprinklers would be added to bring the structure into compliance with safety standards.

Anticipating Vigilant's plan to expand its existing facility, the board of commissioners, in January 2005, introduced a text amendment to the town code to reduce off-

street parking requirements for rehabilitated buildings in the village zone that are being used by providers of critical emergency services. The measure passed at a March 21 public hearing, 4-0.

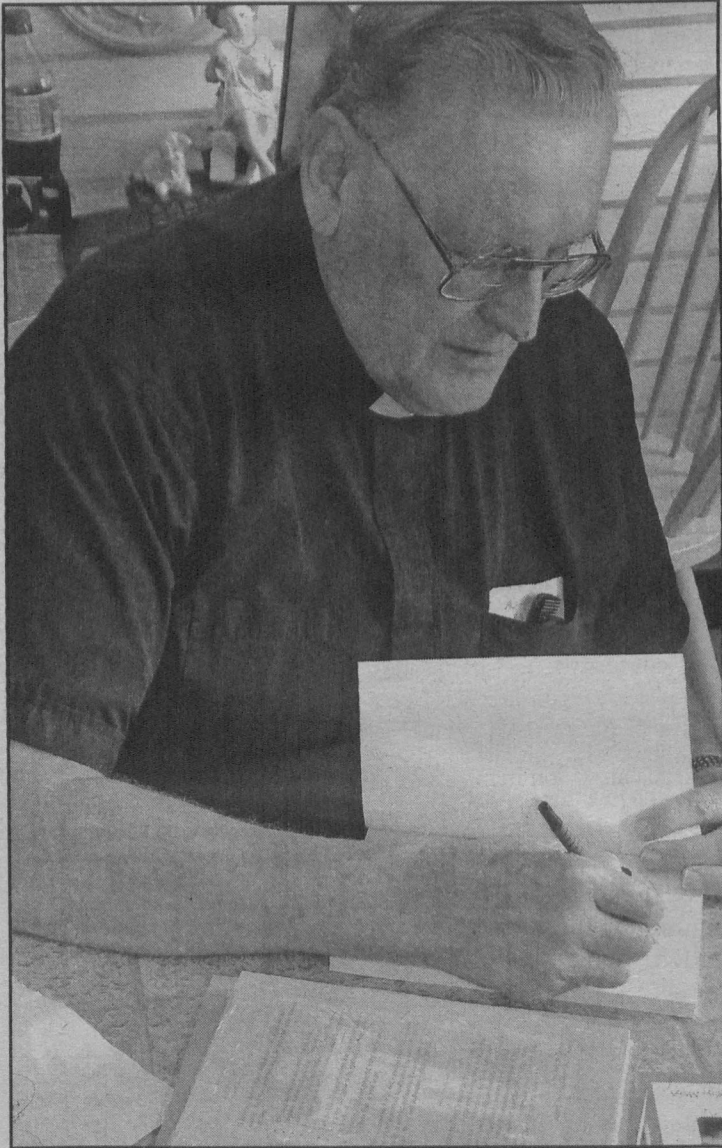
The town planning commission approved the Vigilant Hose site plan for the proposed expansion at their June 27, 2005 meeting, with the condition that comments entered into the record by town staff concerning property consolidation, parking, lighting and a proposed loading dock be addressed.

The planning commission granted final approval of a corrected plat on Aug. 29, 2005. The plat had been modified to show the proposed consolidation of four separate parcels into one lot.

Because some boundary numbers differed from those in a previous plat, the board granted conditional approval in a 4-0 vote, subject to verification of the correct site measurements, and subject to any state and county reviews.

Also on Aug. 29, the board approved the final site plan in a 4-0 vote conditioned on the addition of lighting on the School Lane side of the building.

Representatives of Vigilant did not respond to a request from *The Dispatch* regarding the project status before deadline.



-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

St. Peter's Books hosts book signing

Father Bill McCarthy signs a copy of one of several books he has written on a number of religious topics July 15 at St. Peter's Books, 101-2 Silo Hill Rd. McCarthy is the co-founder and co-director of My Father's House Retreat Center in Connecticut, and a member of the Missionaries of Holy Apostles, also in Connecticut.

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TOWN NEWS

Town News Briefs ...

Still no update on Northgate

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The town is waiting for input from planning consultant Christopher N. Jakubiak about the Northgate access issue, but to date nothing has been received.

However, Town Manager David Haller said the planner is tied up with other issues, including salvaging the much-delayed comprehensive plan.

Jakubiak has been asked to review the Northgate entrance issue and see if an alternative entry point can be found. Haller said the planner has also been asked to determine a cost, if an alternate entrance can be located, and contact the owner to see if any arrangements can be worked out.

Residents of Northgate and Emmet Ridge have expressed concerns about access to the developments during flooded road conditions. *– R. Fulton*

South Seton sewer/water work beginning

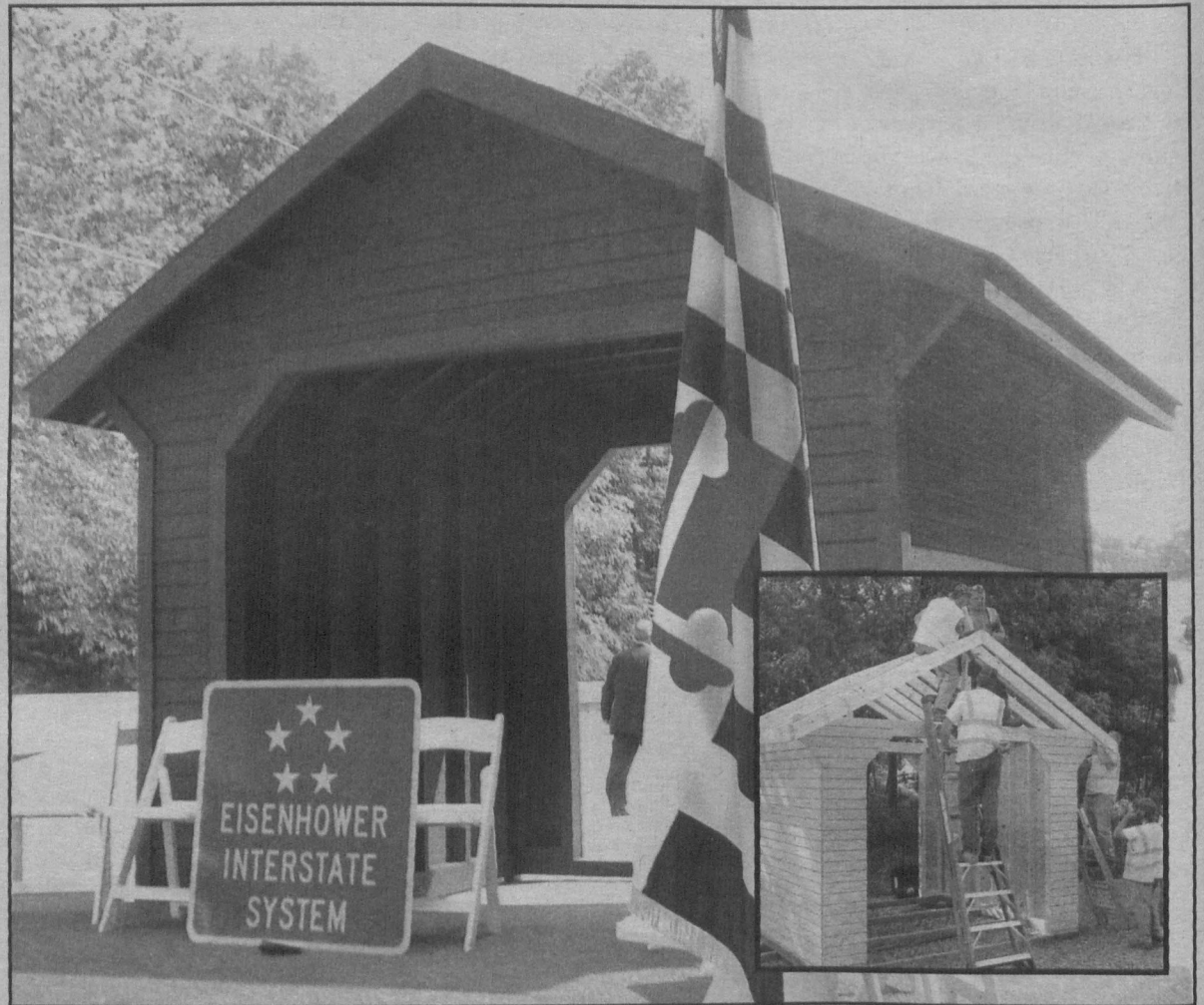
EMMITSBURG, Md. – Work is set to begin on the South Seton waterline rehabilitation project, which had been held off until after Community Day to avoid interference from any road blockages. The piping for the work has already been staged near the road.

From the Community Center south, new water connections will be made from the existing houses on the west side of South Seton to the 10" water main on the east side of the street; and the old 6" water main presently serving those homes will be abandoned.

Work will take place only between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., during which time there may be some lane closures or traffic controlled by "flaggers." State regulations require that other entities working on their highways must reopen them each day by 3 p.m. Haller said he expected the work to be completed within a 180-day timeframe, probably within 120 days, once the project begins.

The town also plans to rehabilitate the wastewater collection system lines from Lincoln Avenue-South Seton intersection to the area of the Community Center at the same time, using monies included in a recently approved \$600,000 state grant. *– R. Fulton*

Emmitsburg will receive ceremonial bridge ... eventually



–RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

The commemorative covered bridge that was created by Maryland State Highway Administration workers (insert) sits in the middle of South Seton Avenue following the June 28 celebration. The bridge will make an appearance elsewhere before being returned to Emmitsburg.

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
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EMMITSBURG, Md. –

A town park will soon gain a new asset, the ceremonial covered bridge used in the June 28 Maryland State Highway Administration commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the national highway system, assuming that the bridge makes it there.

According to Town Manager David Haller, the SHA has asked

if they could first use the bridge at another commemoration, which will delay their donating the bridge to Emmitsburg.

Haller said he was told that SHA might add flooring and shingles, which weren't in place for the June 28 event, before they do return it to the town.

SHA built the bridge to represent "The Bridge of Sighs," a covered bridge that once carried South Seton Avenue over Toms Creek, and which blocked a military convoy in 1919 trying to get to the West Coast.

Accompanying the convoy was future President Dwight D. Eisenhower, then a lieutenant colonel in the army. The Bridge of Sighs incident was the first in a series of mishaps between Washington, D.C. and California that convinced Eisenhower the nation needed a reliable national highway system, which he brought about as president in 1959.

The covered bridge was dismantled in the early 1920s and replaced with the concrete bridge still in use.

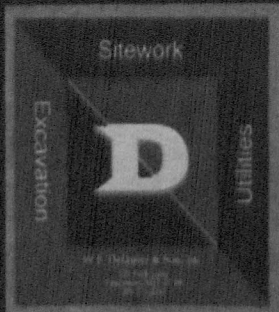
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TOWN NEWS

Frederick County approves new deputy for Emmitsburg

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Frederick County Board of Commissioners approved by a 4-1 vote on July 11 Emmitsburg's request for a third deputy to help patrol the town. Commissioner John L. Thompson Jr. voted against the motion.

Commissioner Jan. H. Gardner told *The Dispatch* that the commissioners had a lengthy discussion, while reviewing the new deputy question, about how to obtain an additional patrol car to replace the one that would be sent to Emmitsburg.

"The big debate we had on that related to the car," Gardner said. "Right now, we don't have a car available."

The commissioner said the new deputy will arrive in Emmitsburg with a car, but there's a lot of debate about how they will come up with another vehicle for that officer's replacement in the sheriff's office.

Gardner said the board asked county staff to come back to them with a recommendation about how to secure a car. The sheriff's office, she stated, said it was reasonable for the county to finance the new vehicle because of the benefit to the county.

Aside from replacing the vehicle going to Emmitsburg, she said the decision to provide the town with a third deputy "was an easy thing to support because the town is covering the cost. We're happy to

do that (approve the officer)."

Regarding when the new officer would report for duty in Emmitsburg, Gardener said, "I was under the impression it would be relatively soon, almost immediately."

The commissioner said she had wished the request had come in before the now 11-day-old county budget had been finalized. "Our budget went into effect in July. We wish we had known so we could have dealt with the car issue before the budget" was finalized.

"We'll work it out. Four of us were not willing to hold up the

deputy for the town because we had not resolved the car," she said.

Mayor James E. Hoover had previously indicated interest in the town hiring a third deputy from the county sheriff's office, costing the town a total of about \$95,000.

Although the town commissioners questioned at their June 12 budget meeting whether crime in town had increased sufficiently to justify the hire, they approved the fiscal year 2006-2007 budget with the requested amount, thereby authorizing the hiring on June 19.

Town News Briefs ...

Apple Tree Homes will move on soon

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Thomas Carolyn, owner of Apple Tree Homes, has signed a contract to finish certain improvements at the firm's Mountainview at Southgate development, and has posted a \$300,000 bond in lieu of a letter of credit.

Town Manager David Haller told *The Dispatch* that Carolyn has all the necessary agreements and money in place to proceed with stipulated improvements that will allow him to complete his involvement in the South Seton Avenue development.

"Over the next couple of months, you should see the (site) work getting completed," Haller said.

Residents have complained because they felt like they were still living in a construction site, with unfinished roads and sidewalks.

— R. Fulton


Town Meetings

Planning Commission
July 31
7:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners
Aug. 7
7:30 p.m.

Annexation Hearing
Aug. 14
7:30 p.m.
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Emmitsburg Town Meeting

Aug. 7 - 7:30 p.m.

- * Incorporation date resolution
- * Property purchase and finance approval
- * Update employee handbook
- * Section 16.16.100: proposed changes to recreational fees - discussion

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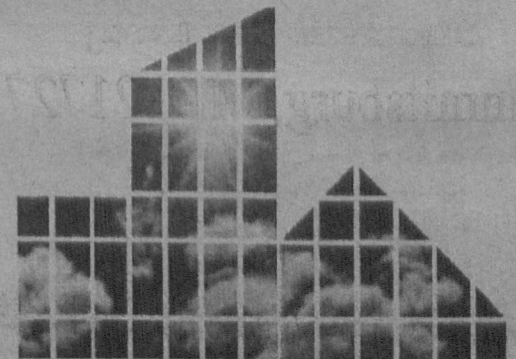
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REGIONAL NEWS

Freedom Township News Briefs...

Contract approved for paving Shorb Mill

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP, Pa. — Township supervisors approved a \$22,000 contract at their July 12 meeting to pave Shorb Mill Road.

The contract was awarded to the sole bidder, Hammaker East LTD, Chambersburg. Wilson Paving, Carlisle, had also contacted the town about the project, but did not submit a bid.

The board held off awarding a second contract to Hammaker for sealing the road, which would be at an additional cost of about \$11,000. That decision has been tabled until the August board meeting.

- R. Fulton

Township not likely to enact private fireworks permits

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP, Pa. — The township supervisors took no action on a request to consider the issuance of private fireworks display permits.

The township would have had to adopt an ordinance to allow private parties or companies to hold fireworks displays, but the board's position at their July 12 meeting was that they did not want to get into issuing such permits.

State law allows professional exhibition companies to be licensed by municipalities for public events.

- R. Fulton

Police praise public awareness

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP, Pa. — The good news is, Freedom Township residents have been more active in reporting suspicious activity in their area to police. The bad news, criminal arrests are up from 2005.

Liberty Township Police Chief James Holler told the Freedom Township Board of Supervisors at their July 12 meeting that some types of enforcement actions for the first six months of 2006 were up from 2005 records, while others have decreased.

There were five fewer traffic citations thus far in 2006 compared to the same time period last year, but Holler said, "We've increased in criminal arrests this year."

However, police feel this could also be the result of residents alerting police to questionable activities more freely than in the past. "Township residents are becoming more comfortable with calling and reporting, and there are more arrests as a result," the chief stated.

The Liberty Township Police Department is under contract to patrol Freedom Township. Thus far in 2006, they have issued 155 traffic citations, conducted 18 criminal arrests and responded to some 723 incidents in the township.

- R. Fulton

Second annual July 4th celebration a great success

BY WILLIAM K. REINKE

Contributing Writer

CARROLL VALLEY

BOROUGH, Pa. — Although thunderstorms threatened, Carroll Valley was spared and revelers enjoyed a spectacular Fourth of July celebration for the second consecutive year.

While the threat of inclement weather kept some folks away, Mayor Ron Harris estimated the daytime attendance at 350, with an additional 250 people coming out for the fireworks display launched from Liberty Mountain.

To acknowledge their tireless work to make the celebration a success, Harris presented three plaques at the July 11 council meeting to those the town administration felt were deserving parties. The first went to the Carroll Valley Maintenance Crew who repaired a park that had been severely damaged from flooding a week earlier.

Next, Harris acknowledged Assistant Borough Secretary Gayle Marthers. He compared their relationship to that of a commander and chief officer. While the commander is the one who gets the credit, it is the chief

officer who does all the work. "I have been blessed to have the talent and support of Gayle," Harris concluded.

Finally Harris praised Borough Manager David Hazlett for his support and dedication to the safety of the children of the borough. "I have never met a better borough manager," Harris said.

Council President Thomas Wolf commended Harris for his dedication to the celebration, now in its second year. He expressed the hope that the event would continue its tradition of excellence in the years to come and even after Harris' term as mayor ends.

Borough increases television and print communication

BY WILLIAM K. REINKE

Contributing Writer

CARROLL VALLEY

BOROUGH, Pa. — The borough council has entered into an agreement with Adelphia Cable Television to film and air council meetings for six months beginning with the July meeting.

The council agreed at their July 11 meeting to the taping, at a cost of \$200 per month, as part of their ongoing effort to keep the citizens of the borough more informed. The July meeting will be broadcast on cable channel 10 in its entirety on July 15 at 5:30 p.m., July 17 at 9:30 a.m., July 18 at 4 p.m., and July 21 at 9 p.m.

Borough Manager David Hazlett also announced the formation of the

Ad Hoc Valley Views Committee which will produce a quarterly newsletter.

The *Valley Views*, previously included quarterly in *The Dispatch*, will now be mailed to property owners as a separate newsletter. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact Hazlett at the Borough Office or by calling (717) 642-8269.

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'National Night Out' planned for August 1

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — The borough will participate in the National Night Out celebration on Tuesday, Aug. 1 from 5-8 pm. The event is designed to raise safety awareness for local families and will include children's fingerprinting, child seat checks, gun safety training, and much more.

All of the local fire and police departments

and several other safety organizations will be on hand to talk with citizens.

On the lighter side, there will be games and free food for youngsters between the ages of two and 12. A complete listing of the evening's events is available on the borough's web site at www.carrollvalley.org.

-W. Reinke

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REGIONAL NEWS

Commissioners change campaign sign restrictions



-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

FREDERICK, Md. – With the election season approaching, the Frederick County Commissioners have addressed candidate concerns about campaign signs.

They removed a time restriction related to political campaign signs in the county zoning ordinance. Signs in unincorporated areas of the county are permitted as long as each sign is within the owner's property boundaries and is not within the public right of way.

The county had previously limited the time campaign signs could be posted. However, the county attorney's office advised the commissioners that time limitations on political campaign sign are unconstitutional and unenforceable because they prohibit the signs at all other times. This is based on

a 1994 U.S. Supreme Court case.

Due to public safety concerns, the commissioners retained the remaining regulation that prohibits political signs in the public right-of-way and limits them to the owner's property because the signs in the right-of-way might obstruct views and distract motorists. Limiting the signs to the owner's property prevents trespassing.

Municipalities may also regulate the placement of signs. For more information, contact the municipalities directly with questions about sign regulations. In addition, signs along state highways are subject to State Highway Administration regulation. Visit the SHA web site at www.sha.state.md.us for information about outdoor advertising rules and regulations. -J.Rada

2006 Election Candidates

FREDERICK, Md. – The following are the candidates for some of the Frederick County offices in the 2006 election. The primary election will be held Sept. 12. The deadline to register to vote in the primary is Aug. 22.

County Commissioners (5 seats open)

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| Ronald Bird (R) | Charles Jenkins (R) |
| Mike Cady (R) | Elaine Kessinger (R) |
| Samie Conyers (R) | John Lovell Jr. (R) |
| Richard Floyd (D) | Edward Lulie (R) |
| Micky Fyock (R) | Stan Mazaleski (R) |
| Jan Gardner (D) | Joan McIntyre (R) |
| David Gray (R) | Billy Shreve (R) |
| Kai Hagen (D) | John L. Thompson Jr. (R) |
| Thomas Henderson (R) | Ron Wolf (D) |

Board of Education (4 seats open)

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| Daryl Boffman | Lanie Lile |
| Bonnie Borsa | Leslie Mansfield |
| Fern Brittain Jr. | Mike Schaden |
| Barrie Ciliberti | Jean Smith |
| Whitney Duck | Jonathan Switzer |
| Angie Fish | |

Sheriff

- Harold Domer (R)
- William Folden (R)
- Chuck Jenkins (R)
- Thomas Johann (R)
- Tony Lawson (R)
- Charles Tobery (D)

State's Attorney

- Dino Flores Jr. (R)
- Charlie Smith (R)
- William Poffenbarger (D)

Get an early payment discount on tax bill

FREDERICK, Md. – Now that the Frederick County property tax bills have been mailed, residents can receive a discount if they pay the bill early.

The bills cover the period from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. A one-percent discount on the county tax portion of the bill will be applied if the bill is paid in July. After July 31, property owners can still receive a 0.5-percent discount for payments made by Aug. 31.

Payment is officially due by Sept. 30 and interest begins accruing on Oct. 1 at the rate of one-percent a month until paid. Accounts not paid by the last day of February 2007 will be considered delinquent and notices will be sent out to alert these citizens that the property is eligible to be sold at the county's annual

tax sale held the second Monday in May.

The Frederick County Government web site (www.co.frederick.md.us) offers an "eServices" real estate tax inquiry. After clicking on the link, Internet visitors who input their property address or parcel identification number may view their 2007 tax bill amount and other information. This on-line service is helpful to citizens who have refinanced their homes during the past year and wish to confirm that their mortgage company or other financial institution has made the payment on their behalf, as well as to verify their own payment. Payments made by mortgage companies are posted July 31 and Dec. 31.

For more information, contact the county treasurer's office at (301) 694-1111. -J.Rada

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Thousands of visitors crowded the Thurmont carnival grounds July 10-15 to enjoy the rides, food, games and music. Thurmont's annual carnival is the Guardian Hose Company's largest

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as far as he can tell, it's been an annual event in Thurmont for at least 90 years.

Following the parade, most of the spectators crowded onto the carnival grounds for one of the busiest nights of the weeklong carnival. Visitors enjoyed the rides, food, music and games.

Chris Souris attended with his wife JoLane and daughter Leah. They live in town and regularly come to the carnival.

"I like to come for the food," Chris said.

JoLane said because the carnival is in the summer, Leah gets to see school friends she hasn't seen in weeks. They all also get to see neighbors and friends.

"It still has a very small-town feel and it's a family friendly affair," she added.

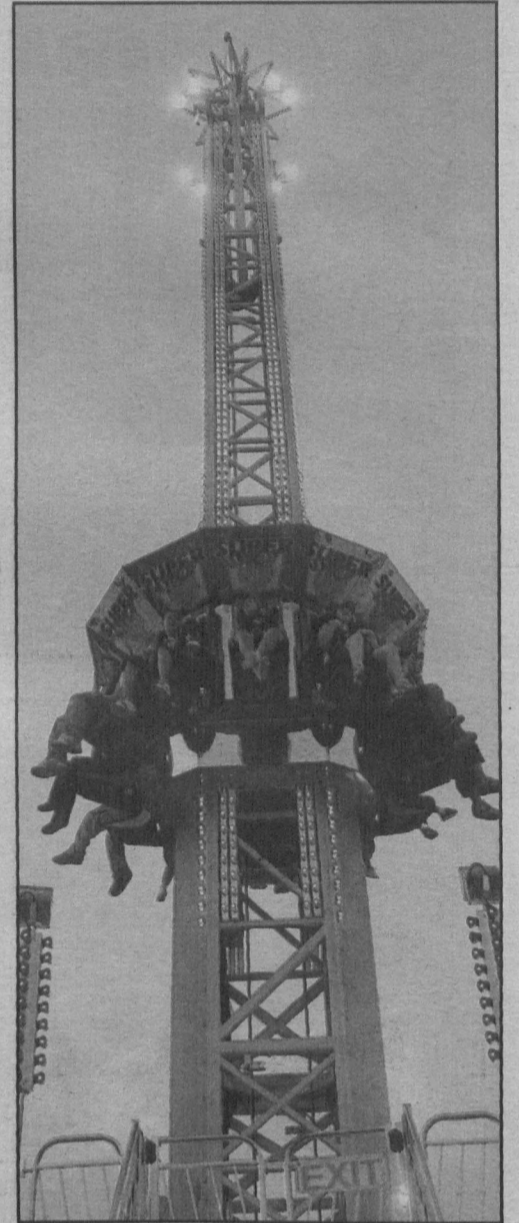
William and Leila Spahr came from Rocky Ridge to enjoy the games. William wanted to win a goldfish. "It only cost me 16 bucks when I did it at the Walkersville carnival," he joked.

He and his wife enjoy the carnival as a date. They can come play a few games, get a meal to eat and have a good time.

Audrey and Tim Demarais have volunteered to run games and booths at the carnival for six years. Tim is a social member of the Guardian Hose Company and his son is an active member.

Despite the heat, Audrey said, "I love it. I like seeing and talking to the people who come by."

Though the carnival is a fun community event, it also serves an important purpose for the Guardian



Hose Company. It is their principal fundraiser to run the fire company.

"It's very important," Stitely said. "We depend a lot on it. We try to get \$60,000."

Roughly a third of the company's annual budget comes from proceeds from the carnival.

"We do very well, better than a lot of carnivals," Stitely said. "We watch our expenses and we also get additional sponsors to help us."

Now that the 2006 carnival is finished, Stitely is already starting to plan for next year's event.

Fireman's carnival and parade – decades of fun and fundraising

BY JAMES RADA JR.

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THURMONT, Md. – People began lining East Main Street more

than an hour before the annual parade started. By the time the roughly 200 vehicles and groups started down the street at 6:30 p.m. on July 13, spectators were two, three or more deep along the

parade route.

It took about an hour and a half for all the vintage cars, fire and rescue equipment, political candidates, bands and baton twirlers to pass. Many of the parade participants threw candy to the crowd and children scrambled to fill bags faster than they can on Halloween night.

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Around 200 floats, vehicles and groups took part in the annual Thurmont parade on July 13. Spectators saw shiny fire and rescue equipment, champion sports teams and civic groups. Children enjoyed scrambling for the pounds and pounds of candy tossed out by parade participants.



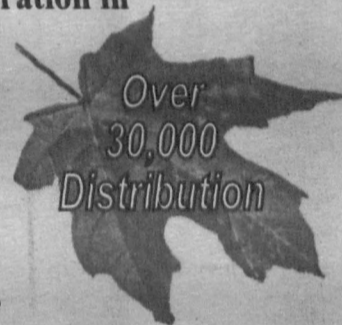
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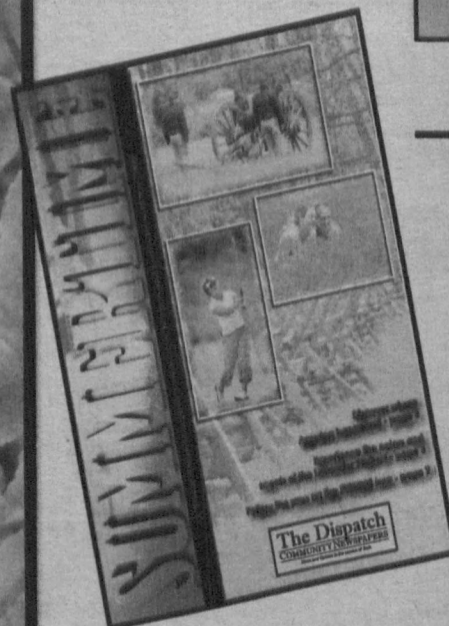
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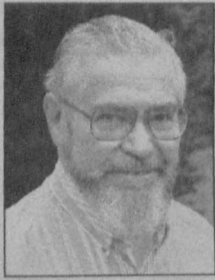


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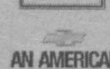
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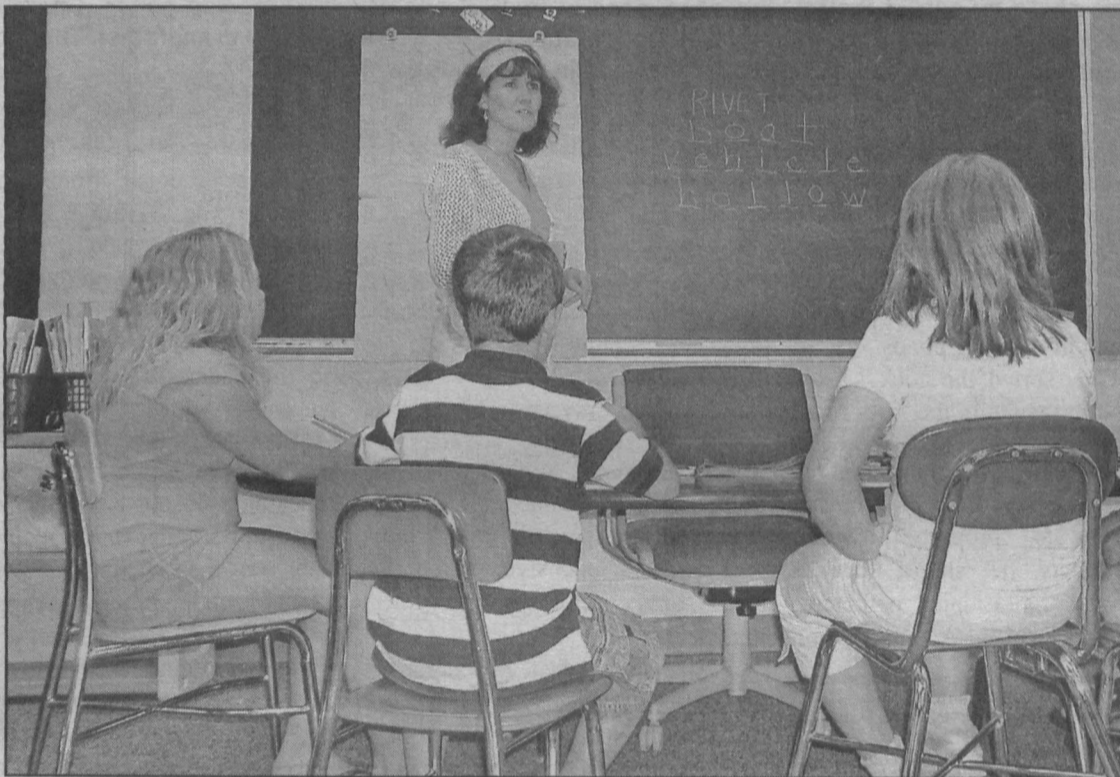
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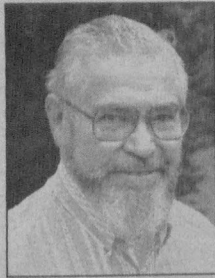
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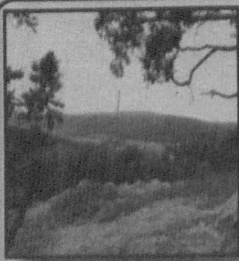
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Located about six miles south of Thurmont at 1071 Putnam Road (take a right off U.S. 15 onto Fish Hatchery Road, and then a left on Putnam) is Eaton's Fish Hatchery, one of the remaining goldfish and carp raising operations that once proliferated in the county.

Stephen Eaton, who runs the business along with his wife Roxanne and daughter Tanzy Logue, a dental hygiene student at Frederick Community College, is the third generation of Eatons to raise goldfish and koi on lands bisected by Putnam Road.

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As Eaton took over the operation of the growing hatchery, purchasing the business from his father in 1976, he added koi, a fancy Japanese carp. koi were developed by the Japanese over 2,000 years ago and are a favorite among homeowners with lawn ponds or rock gardens. A large, foot-long, lace-finned koi can cost about \$40.

Although the family's principle product remains goldfish and koi, the business has added minnows, crayfish, chicken liver and night crawlers for bait, large tadpoles, frogs, turtles, and pond plants. In addition, pellet fish food for outdoor fish is available for bulk purchase.

The hatchery once produced feeder fish, goldfish bred mainly for food for other pets, but Roxanne Eaton said, "The bottom dropped out of the feeder business years ago. We don't fool with them too much anymore."

A full-time family business

The hatchery consists primarily of ponds which dot the rolling fields of the farm, and a couple of structures which provide office space, salesroom and space for sorting the young fish as they are caught. Today, in acreage alone, the Eaton's Fish Hatchery remains one of the largest operations in the area.

The ponds, Eaton said,



—RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

Eaton's Fish Hatchery owners Stephen and Roxanne Eaton, along with daughter Tanzy Logue, joined in this photo by one of the family's dogs, pose in front of one of their breeding ponds. Operated strictly as a family business, the hatchery was established by Stephen Eaton's grandfather. The facility shuts down in October, and the fish hibernate in the ponds for the winter.

are mainly for breeding. After breeding, the various fish are trapped and taken to a building devoted to sorting, which, Tanzy said, is a prolonged process given the thousands of young fish brought in from the ponds.

Once sorted, the stock is taken to holding tanks in the sales room where customers can select the fish they want to add to their ponds or collection. The clientele consists of private property owners, landscapers, pet shops, such as Gettys Pet, and major merchants, such as Maryland Aquatic, Eaton

stated, noting that they sell both wholesale and retail.

He said he doesn't really know how many fish are at the hatchery at any given time. It's likely that the numbers are in the hundreds of thousands, counting hatchlings.

The family hatchery does not generally advertise, but relies on "word of mouth" to acquire new customers. Not a get-rich-quick kind of business, Roxanne Eaton said it "pays the bills," but can be labor-intensive, and only their family of three works the hatchery.

She noted that the biggest expense in keeping the fish is the food, with medicines and pond fertilizer coming in second and third among the expenses. "They (vast numbers of fish) can be a lot of trouble," she said.

Buying fish or fishing for them

The Eaton's Fish Hatchery is located at 1071 Putnam Road,

phone number (301) 898-7578.

Business hours from April 1 through Aug. 31 are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. every weekday except Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. In September, the hatchery is not open on weekends; and the business is closed from Oct. 1 until April 1.

Eaton's also offers an opportunity to catch fish for the dinner table (no, not the goldfish) or for the sport. Eight of the hatchery's ponds are now stocked with channel catfish, bluegill, crappie and large mouth bass strictly to provide a fishing experience to visitors or enthusiasts.

For those without the appropriate equipment, the hatchery also rents fishing poles and some tackle. Because the ponds are on private property, no fishing license is needed.

Fees to fish are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Those children under 16 may not fish without adult supervision.

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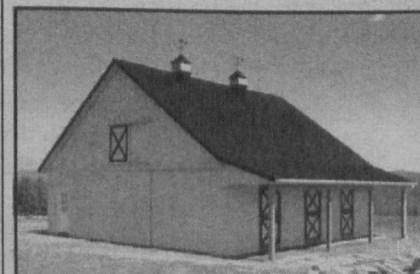
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LOCAL HISTORY

Something fishy's going on here

By JAMES RADA JR.
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THURMONT, Md. — Frederick Tresselt's retail goldfish store was the center of the free world on a Sunday afternoon in 1942.

Tresselt owned the Hunting Creek Fisheries near Catoctin Furnace, but on weekends he operated a retail store on Route 15 across from Blacks Mill Road where he sold some of the goldfish he raised.

"On a good day in spring, when business was always good, he could collect as much as \$300," Ernest Tresselt, Frederick's son, said.

The store had a large pond with a Hunting Creek Fisheries sign in the middle of it. Above the name was a large fantail goldfish painted in bright orange. The area was also nicely landscaped with water lilies, shrubs and bamboo.

It was an attractive location and an eye-catching sign, so eye-catching that three cars pulled off the road and stopped one Sunday in 1942.

Frederick recognized the military man who climbed out of one of the cars as General George Marshall. Marshall was President Franklin Roosevelt's Chief of Staff at the time, but history would remember him as the creator of "The Marshall Plan," a program of economic and military aid to foreign nations.

"Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt and I are interested in seeing your operation here," Marshall said, according to Frederick's son, Ernest Tresselt.

Of course, Frederick agreed. The drivers pulled the cars in closer to the fish house, the storage building with concrete pools and wire vats.

Winston Churchill, the prime

minister of Great Britain, got out of the car and walked into the fish house with Frederick. He and Frederick then began talking about Frederick's unique crop.

"President Roosevelt looked in the door, but he didn't come, since he was handicapped and couldn't get out of the car," Ernest wrote.

Churchill showed an interest in the golden orfe, which were 15-18 inches long. Churchill said he had even bigger ones in his pond in England. Frederick told the prime minister that he also had bigger ones in his ponds on

streams and springs. The temperate climate, with its distinct seasonal changes, is ideal for the propagation of goldfish."

Goldfish farming began in the county in the 1870s near Lewistown, according to George Wireman in his book, "Gateway to the Mountains."

"By 1920, Frederick County was producing 80 percent of the goldfish in the United States, and they were being shipped from Thurmont to all parts of the country," Wireman wrote.

"The News-Post Year Book and Almanac" throughout the 1930s and into the 1940s notes that Frederick County had "more goldfish produced than in any part of the United States." Interestingly, the yearbooks list goldfish as "selected crops harvested" rather than "livestock on farms."

The 1925 yearbook listed the county's production at 3.5 - 4 million goldfish on 400-500 acres. One 1932 report lists production at 7 million goldfish on 500-600 acres.

The 1925 yearbook notes, "They (goldfish) are marketed at from \$10 to \$50 per thousand, value of yearly production being about \$75,000."

According to Wireman, it was overproduction of goldfish and sagging prices that caused many of the 20-30 farms (Ernest's estimate) to go out of business. The local farms included Clabaugh's Fish Farms (location of the Weis Market), Arrowhead Farms north of town, the Zentz farm in Thurmont and another Zentz farm in Graceham and Windy Hill Farms.

"Every farm that could had a fish pond," Ernest said. "It was a cash crop for them."



Hunting Creek Fisheries.

The reason for the interest in the small fish shop was that in the early part of the 20th century, Frederick County was the leading producer of goldfish in the United States.

Ernest said the reason goldfish farming took hold in the county is unknown, "but it appears to be related to the availability of water on many farms because of the mountain



(Below) Hunting Creek Fisheries on Blacks Mill Road, seen from this aerial view, was established as a goldfish farm in Thurmont in 1923. (Above) Some of the current crop feed in one of the display tanks at the fisheries. (Inset) In the 1930s, goldfish were shipped in metal cans that were cooled by melting ice to help the fish survive the train trip.



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Arts & Entertainment

LOOKING AHEAD

Corn Fest offers live music, lots of food

BY NICOLE M. BELANGER
Contributing Writer

While munching on fresh-from-the-field corn, visitors to the 3rd annual Old-Fashioned Corn Fest will get the chance to listen to bluegrass music by a longtime Frederick band.

The Orchard Boys will perform for the second year at the festival on July 23, delighting audiences with their original music and lighthearted shows.

"The crowd just loved them," said Tonya White, one of the owners of the Round Barn just outside Gettysburg — the site of the Corn Fest.

White found the group by accident, intrigued by their name. She thought the name "Orchard" went well with her family business of selling fresh vegetables and fruits and she said she ended up discovering a great musical act.

The festival kicks off at 11:30 a.m. with an offering of barbecue chicken, pulled pork, fire roasted or boiled corn and other food. The

Orchard Boys will begin performing at noon, offering music from their recently released second CD called "I Don't Miss the Train."

The Orchard Boys first began performing in the early 1980s when a group of three brothers from Frederick formed a bluegrass band with a unique progressive sound. Two others joined and the result is a mix of banjo, guitar, mandolin and other music that makes a crowd-pleasing sound.

Offered at one of a handful of historic round barns around the country, the festival will give White's family a chance to show off their farm and business.

"We decided we wanted to have a couple of festivals to bring people out to the barn," White said, explaining how the festival first started.

Besides the corn and music, the festival offers a children's activities area, hay rides around the farm and shopping inside the barn.

The farm is located at 298 Cashtown Road in Biglerville, Pa. For more information, call (717) 334-1984.

For Children

July 28-30, Aug. 4-6 — "Seussical the Musical." 2 p.m., 7 p.m., High-energy musical that benefits the Adams County Arts Council and Hanover Public Library's Youth Services Division. Tickets \$10-12, New Oxford High School auditorium, Gettysburg, (717) 334-5006, info@adamsarts.org.

Saturdays in July, August — **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.

Concerts

Saturdays in July, August — "Summer Concert Series." 7 p.m. Free outdoor musical performances in Baker Park's Bandshell, 121 N. Bentz St., Frederick, (301) 694-2489. www.celebratefrederick.com.

July 22 — **Candlelight at Christ Church.** 8 p.m. Song & Stories of a Civil War Hospital. The event will include live music, history, poetry and readings. Free to the public. Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30 Chambersburg St., Gettysburg. (717) 334-5212.

July 22 — **The Rohrer'sville Band.** 6 p.m. Thurmont Summer Concert Series, Thurmont Memorial Park.

July 23 — **Mozart Concert.** 4 p.m. In commemoration of Mozart's 250th birthday and in cooperation with Music, Gettysburg! and the Sunderman Conservatory at Gettysburg College Seminary Chapel, Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg (717) 334-8151.

July 29 — **Home Comfort Blue Grass Band.** 6-8 p.m. Sponsored by the Emmitsburg Library and Parks and Recreation committee. Thurmont Memorial Park.

July 29 — **The Alesia Band.** 6 p.m. Thurmont Summer Concert Series, Thurmont Memorial Park.

Festivals

July 21-23 — **Frederick Blues Festival.** 8 p.m. on Friday, July 21 at the Weinberg Center for the Arts. 1 p.m. on July 22 and noon on July 23 at Carroll Creek Park Amphitheater, (301) 698-5300. Celebrate the

10th Anniversary of Frederick's premier music festival featuring renowned national, regional and local artists. Local band Blues on Board kicks off the show on the 22nd.

July 23 — **Third Annual Old-Fashioned Corn Fest.** 11:30 a.m. Free entertainment by Frederick's The Orchard Boys. Corn-on-the-cob and other food will be available. Historic Round Barn, 298 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. (717) 334-1984.

Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

July 22 — **Art at the Farmers' Market.** All-day event. Local artists will display their work at the farmers' market in downtown Gettysburg. Adams County Arts Council.

July 15 - Aug. 31 — **Frederick's Camera Clique Photographic Competition.** Frederick Community College, Mary Condon Hodgson Art Gallery, 7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick. (301) 846-2513. www.frederick.edu.

July 25 — **25th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. More than 200 craftspeople and artists will display and sell a wide variety of handcrafted items including: wood carvings, custom leather, folk art, baskets, needlework, pottery, stained glass, wreaths, furniture, walking sticks, silk creations, stuffed animals, and much more. Caledonia State Park, 40 Rocky Mountain Road, Fayetteville, Pa., (717) 352-2161.

Through July 31 — **Exhibition of Art by Adults with Disabilities.** The Community Wall will be an exhibition of work created by students from the ARC of Frederick County. Art pieces vary from watercolors to finger-painting, mixed media and monoprints. Delaplaine Visual Arts Center, 40 S. Carroll St., Frederick. (301) 698-0656.

Stage

Through Aug. 26 — "Fiddler on the Roof." In the little village of Anatevka, Tevye, a poor dairyman, tries to instill in his five daughters the traditions of his tight-knit Jewish community in the face of changing social thought and growing anti-Semitism in Czarist Russia. Tickets \$13-38. Way Off

Broadway Dinner Theater, 5 Willowdale Drive, Willowtree Plaza, Frederick, (301) 662-6600, www.wayoffbroadway.com.


Through Sept. 3 — "For the Glory: Civil War Musical." Show times vary. The acclaimed Broadway musical covers a wide range of emotions including: The Union and Confederate armies singing of their excitement as they prepare to go into war, defending their respective causes; and slaves singing of their pain and misery as they are sold as property. Tickets, \$20-45. Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg (717) 677-7514.

July 20-30 — "Teenages." 2 and 8 p.m. Thurmont Thespians' 9th annual Summer Teen Musical Theatre presents an original musical written and composed by Kurt Johnson. Profits will be sponsor boys' camps at Camp Westmar, Foxville. All tickets \$8. Thurmont American Legion Auditorium, 8 Park Lane, Thurmont, (301) 271-7613 or reservations@thurmontthespians.org.

July 20-29 — **The Musical Theatre Factory** presents "Hedwig and the Angry Inch." 8 p.m. A story about a punk rock girl and her journeys. Frederick Cultural Arts Center, 15 W. Patrick St., Frederick. (301) 620-2122, themusicaltheatrefactory.com.

July 21-30 — "Gypsy." 3 and 8 p.m. Mama Rose, a domineering stage mother, she sees her older and less talented daughter Louise become the 1930s classy burlesque queen, Gypsy Rose Lee. The show includes songs and sass like "Let me Entertain You" and the "Everything's Comin' Up Roses." Tickets \$6-18. The Fredericktowne Players, Tuscarora High School, 5312 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick. (240) 315-3855 or www.fredericktowneplayers.org.

July 21-22 — "The Mid-Atlantic Comedy Smorgasbord." 8 p.m. The Comedy Pigs last two performances, a selection of stand-up, sketch, improv, musical and film. Tickets \$12-16. Maryland Ensemble Theatre, 31 W. Patrick St., Frederick. (301) 694-4744.




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QUILTERS

A thing of beauty, in word and deed



BY MARY ELLEN CUMMINGS
Dispatch Columnist

A Crazy Quilt

*They do not make them any more,
For quilts are cheaper at the store.
Than a woman's labor, though
a wife
Men think the cheapest thing in life.
But now and then a quilt is spread
Upon a quaint old walnut bed.
A crazy quilt of those old days
That I am old enough to praise.*

*Some woman sewed these points
and squares*

*Into a pattern like life's cares.
Here is a velvet that was strong,
The poplin that she wore so long.
A fragment from her daughter's
dress,
Like her, a vanished loveliness;
Old patches of such things as these,
Old garments and old memories.*

*And what is life? A crazy quilt;
Sorrow and joy, and grace and
guilt,*

*With here and there a square of blue
For some old happiness we knew;
And so the hand of time will take
The fragments of our lives and
make,*

*Out of life's remnants, as they fall,
A thing of beauty, after all.*

What is a quilt? A quilt can be a bed cover, a wall hanging, a piece of art; or the word quilt might just mean the process of making these things.

However, the quilt world is so much more than just fabric melded together. Many excellent books are available which relate the history of quilts and the people who made them. There are magazines and books of instructions, novels in which quilts are an important part of the story, and — poetry.

Some books you might enjoy are Helen Kelley's "Every Quilt Tells a Story," "The Quilted Message" by Ken Munro, "Murder at the Quilt Show" by Aliska Webb and "That Dorky Homemade Look" by Lisa Boyer, along with many others too numerous to mention.

"The Romance of the Patchwork Quilt," by Carrie Hall and Rose Kretzinger, 1935, includes this poem:

Library Events

at the Emmitsburg Library

Storytimes

Two Terrific Storytime
(age 2 with an adult)
July 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Pre-school Storytime
(ages 3-5 with an adult)
July 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime (all ages)
July 26 at 7 p.m.

**Children's Programs
Board Games**

(ages 6 and up/under 8 with an adult)
Play chess and other board games with friends.
July 28 from 3:15-4:45 p.m.

Solve a Storytime Mystery!
(all ages)
Join professional storyteller Ann Griffith for stories to keep you on the edge of your seat.
July 22 at 11 a.m. Registration required.

Clue Club – Fingerprint Fun
(ages 6-12)
Learn about the history of

fingerprints and create fingerprint art.
July 31 at 3 p.m. Registration required.

**Adult programs
Genealogy Focus Group**
(adults and teens)
July 27 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.

Senior Events

July is here, and we've already celebrated the founding of our nation's independence with a float in the annual parade and fantastic fireworks. Events are a little less exciting now as we cope with the heat and humidity of the "dog days" of summer. The center is gently air-conditioned, so come and be comfortable with us. There's a public **Night Card Party on July 26**; doors open at 5:30 p.m. Our bowling group is still growing; join us on Monday afternoons. Don't forget our men's pool tournament which continues

every Wednesday at 1 p.m. The seniors encourage all eligible persons (50 years and older) to join them for regular program activities and special events. Our lunch program is open to those 60 and older. The center is lovely and the "natives" are friendly! Check us out!
Bowling: Mondays at Taneytown bowling center. Carpool; meet at center at 12:30 p.m.
Strength Training & Conditioning: Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. Dress comfortably, wear athletic shoes.

Participants will use small weights. Led by Linda Stultz.

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

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

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

OBITUARIES

Alice M. Eyler

Mrs. Alice Regina Miller Eyler, 78, of Emmitsburg, Md. died June 22, 2006 at Gettysburg Hospital.

Born Nov. 26, 1927 in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late Charles R. and Ethel Hess Miller.

Surviving are sons Richard, Clifford W., Samuel, and Johnny Eyler; one daughter, Frances Seltzer; seven granddaughters; six grandsons; 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Donald Miller and Lynn Miller; and one sister, Linda Miller.

Funeral services were held June 24 at St. Anthony's Shrine Parish Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Stephen Tryeciski, C.M., the celebrant. Interment was in Blue Ridge Cemetery, Thurmont.

Sister Letitia Frank, DC

Sister Letitia Frank, DC, 93, died June 23, at Villa St. Michael, the province's retirement residence in Emmitsburg.

Dolores Catherine Frank was born in Baltimore, Md., to Joseph H. and Mary Agnes Frank.

She entered the Daughters of Charity in 1931 and was given the name Sister Letitia. Sister served as an elementary school teacher, and childcare worker throughout her 74 years of vocation. She retired and moved to Villa St. Michael in 2001.

The last of her immediate

family, Sister Letitia is survived by one nephew, several cousins, and two grandnephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was offered June 28, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg.

Lloyd J. Hahn

Lloyd Junior Hahn, 67, of Friends Creek Road, Emmitsburg, Md. died July 1, 2006 at home. He was the husband of Phyllis Arlene (Hurley) Hahn, married for 45 years.

Born Sept. 28, 1938 in Hagerstown, Md., he was a son of Luther and Ida (Jacobs) Hahn.

Surviving in addition to his wife are five daughters, Lori Ann Turner, Nancy Lewis, Sandra Copenhaver, Patricia Wetzel, and Lisa Wetzel; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandson; seven brothers, Luther, Paul George, Albert, Joe, Jim, and Ronnie Hahn; three sisters, Ida Mae Sklareski, Helen McClain, and Mary McLaughlin.

Funeral services were held July 5 at the Skiles Funeral Home, Taneytown, Md., with Pastor Ted Snyder officiating. Interment followed in Keysville Union Cemetery.

Charles E. Brown McNair

Charles E. Brown McNair, 70, of Laurel, Md. died July 5, 2006, at home.

Mr. McNair was born May 22, 1936 in Gettysburg, the son of the late Charles and Leone McNair.

He was raised and spent his youth in Emmitsburg, graduating from Emmitsburg High School.

Surviving are his wife Margaret; one son, Edward; one daughter, Arlena; and two grandsons.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fulton, Md. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Thomas A. Plunkard

Thomas Aaron Plunkard, 16, of Keymar, died June 29, 2006.

Born Nov. 24, 1989 in Keflavik, Iceland, he was the son of Lonny L. and Kimberly Myers Plunkard of Keymar.

Surviving in addition to his parents are his maternal grandmother, Frances Ann Myers; one uncle, Richard Myers Jr.; paternal grandparents, Harry Thomas Plunkard Jr. and spouse Jimma, and Carole Crum Corey; great-grandfather, Harry T. Plunkard Sr., and one brother, Phillip William Plunkard, at home.

Funeral services were held July 3 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Woodsboro, with the Rev. Donnie MacDougal, his youth minister, officiating.

Marian L. Stine

Mrs. Marian L. Stine, 76, of

Northampton Manor, died July 6, 2006.

Born Oct. 14, 1929, in Rocky Ridge, she was the daughter of Laura Baker Welty also of Northampton Manor and the late Edgar Welty.

Surviving are one daughter, Linda Davis; three grandchildren; one great grandson; one brother, James Welty, and two sisters, Hilda Stinett and Shirley Crone; and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 10 at Stauffer Funeral Home, 1621 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, with her pastor, Rev. Ron Reeves officiating. Interment was in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Jefferson.

Norma R. Stover

Mrs. Norma Rebecca Stover, 88, of 11039 Rocky Ridge Rd., near Detour, died July 1, 2006, at home.

Born Aug. 21, 1917, in Middleburg, she was the daughter of the late Joseph H. and Nannie Houck Frounfelter.

Surviving are two daughters, Frances V. Bostian and Wanda L. Stover; one son, Harold G. Stover Sr.; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Carrie Haugh; along with a number of other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 6 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Woodsboro, with the Rev. Donald E. Stine, retired Brethren pastor, officiating. Interment was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Woodsboro.

Michael T. White

Michael Thomas "Mikey" White, 14, of Keymar, died June 29 in Keymar.

Born July 19, 1991 in Frederick, he was the beloved son of Thomas Lee and Cheryl Ott White of Keymar.

Surviving in addition to his parents are two sisters, Melissa René White of Thurmont and Michelle LeeAnn White at home; maternal grandparents, Francis and Patricia Ott; aunt, Cynthia Keilholtz; uncle, Jon Scott White and wife Gwyn; godparents, Ron and Tina Terpkio; and several cousins.

Funeral services were held July 3 from the Evangelical Wesleyan Church, Keymar, with the senior pastor Rev. James Hosey and the youth pastor Donnie MacDougal, officiating. Interment was in Utica Cemetery, Utica.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Peter B. Mannix, Emmitsburg, twin daughters, June 25.

Raymond and Jennifer Buchheister, Fairfield, Pa., a son, July 7.

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July 21-22 – Yard and Bake Sale. Saint Anthony Shrine, Emmitsburg. Food and baked goods available starting at 8:30 a.m. Spaces: \$15 for one day, or \$25 for both. Information: call (301) 447-6431 or the parish office (301) 447-2367.

July 22 – Blacksmith Shop Demonstration. 1-3 p.m. Camp Round Meadow, Catoctin Mountain Park. The volunteer blacksmith will demonstrate and explain how metal is heated and shaped into useful and decorative objects.

July 22 – Korean War Commemoration. 2 p.m. Eisenhower National Historic Site, Gettysburg. 53rd anniversary of the Korean War ceasefire. Featured speaker: Mr. Harold Hartlaub, a veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division, United States Army, who served in Korea, earning three battle stars. Information: contact the Eisenhower National Historic Site, (717) 338-9114 or visit www.nps.gov/eise.

July 22 – Peach Festival. 4-8 p.m. Graceham Moravian Church, 8231 Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont. Food, games, musical entertainment. Information: (301) 271-2379.

July 24 – Red Cross Blood Drive. 2-8 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 103 N. Church Street, Thurmont. Call (301) 271-7872 for an appointment or for more information. Walk-ins welcome.

July 25, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Hilltop Garden Club. 9:30 a.m. to noon. ThorpeWood Environmental Education Center, Thurmont. Gardening with Jim Gallion.

July 28 – Eucharistic Healing Evening. 7 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, Our Lady's Grotto, Emmitsburg. Conducted by Fr. Al Winshman, S.J.

Aug. 3 – Day of Prayer for Peace through Conversion. Our Lady's Grotto, Emmitsburg. 10:30 a.m. talk and Rosary; Noon Mass; 2:45 p.m. Holy Hour and Benediction.

Aug. 5 – Blessing Day. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mountain View Ministries, 103 Apples Church Road, Thurmont. Free clothing for children and adults, toys, books, household items, tools, etc. Information: (301) 271-9088 or (301) 271-2380.

Aug. 5 – Booksigning. 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. St. Peter's Bookstore, 101-2 Silo Hill Road, Emmitsburg. Prof. Courtney Bartholomew. Followed by a talk at Ski Liberty Resort and Conference Center, Fairfield, Pa., at 3 p.m. Admission: \$10. Information: (301) 447-1901.

Aug. 5 – Crab Feed - all you can eat. Doors open at 5 p.m., eat from 6 to 8 p.m. Graceham Fire Hall, Thurmont. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at door, 12 and under free. Tickets: (240) 315-2003 or (301) 271-2000

Aug. 5 – "Praying with the Heart," Mass and Spiritual Conference. 6 p.m. Our Lady's Grotto, Emmitsburg. Conducted by Father Stephen Valenta, OFM. Conv.

Aug. 6 – 7 Jacob Hahn Family Reunion. Begins at 11 a.m. Mt. Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge. Group picture taken at 12:30 p.m. Activities and special entertainment.

Aug. 7-15 – Annual Novena in Honor of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 7 p.m. nightly. Our Lady's Grotto, Emmitsburg. Conducted by the Franciscans of the Primitive Order.

Aug. 11 – Catoctin High School Class of 1983 get together. Begins at 7 p.m. Ott House, Emmitsburg. For more information, call (301) 271-4585.

Aug. 12 – Mt. Bethel U. M. Annual Picnic. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, on Stottlemeyer Road near Foxville. In the picnic woods, adjacent to the church. Entertainment by the Yellow Springs Band.

Aug. 13 – Grace United Church of Christ Snip-it. 40 West Baltimore Street, Taneytown. Honoring the church's 250th anniversary. A lawn fete in addition to the service. Information: (410) 756-2302.

Aug. 13 – Second year anniversary, Taneytown History Museum. 1-5 p.m. 24 E. Baltimore Street, Taneytown. Local author, Daniel D. Hartzler will sign his book, "The Carroll County Maryland Baseball, Men's Amateur and Semi-Pro Baseball from 1850-1999." Free admission; refreshments will be served. A return engagement of the world renown photographer Michael L. Smith is also planned. Information: (410) 756-4234.

Aug. 27 – ThorpeWood Community Dinner. 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. ThorpeWood Environmental Center, Thurmont. Recycling and how you can help.

Sept. 30 – Second Annual Color Your Night Pink 1960s Sock Hop. 6 p.m. to midnight. American Legion in Gettysburg. Sponsored by Adams County Breast Cancer

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July 24-28 – "Fiesta-Where Children are Fired Up About Jesus." 6:30 - 8:45 p.m. Graceham Moravian Church, 8231A Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont. Children ages 3 through 5th grade (completed). Registration: (301) 271-2379.

Aug. 7-11 – Mountain View Ministries. 103 Apples Church Road, Thurmont. 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for pre-school to sixth grade children. Pre-registration recommended. Children will enjoy Bible crafts and games, experience Bible stories, along with snacks and music. Information: (301) 271-3170, (301) 271-9088, or (301) 271-2380.

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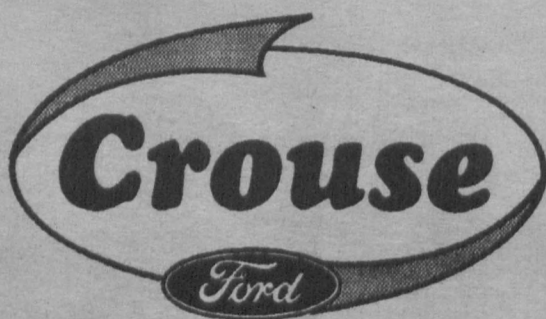


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