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## 50th Anniversary Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show this weekend?

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## **County Commissioner to help push for town bypass**

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON Emmitsburg News Editor rfulton@emmitsburgdispatch.com

EMMITSBURG, Md.

County Commissioner Michael

Cady will be trying to include

an Emmitsburg bypass on the "wish list" for possible funding in the upcoming state six-year transportation budget.

In a related action, the town board of commissioners adopted a resolution Aug. 29 indicating support for inclusion of a town the key contributors to in-town "village zone" bypass in the upcoming Frederick County Transportation Plan.

Cady told the town board Aug. 21 that he realized that state highway interchanges are one of

traffic congestion. In the case of Emmitsburg, the town's proximity to U.S. 15 generates a flow of traffic through town, including people commuting to and from South Adams County communities

in Pennsylvania to reach Rt. 15. The Maryland Department of Transportation will be meeting with county representatives to ascertain transportation needs "to

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RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

Black-clad counter protestors (left) shout obscenities at the Ku Klux Klan (right) using a hand-held megaphone. The KKK obtained a permit from the Gettysburg National Battlefield to host a rally Sept. 2 adjacent to the Cyclorama. About two dozen of their members participated, with other members and supporters among the spectators. About 100 federal, state and park police provided security in the pouring rain. At least one counter protestor was arrested as hundreds of participants mixed with battlefield tourists looked on. (See related article "Former racists lectures Mount students" and photo on page 3)

#### This Issue

## Little interest in wildlife/human protection plan

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON Emmitsburg News Editor rfulton@emmitsburgdispatch.com

EMMITSBURG, Md. Gunfire will continue unhampered on town land and neighboring property owners will have to

state for protection based on a Sept. 5 board decision.

The commissioners chose to take no action on a proposed resolution by Commissioner William B. O'Neil Jr. that would have implemented a hunting

continue to rely on an unresponsive moratorium on town lands to addressing hunting safety zones, allow time to develop a wildlife management plan.

The resolution would have preceded the establishment of a wildlife management area ordinance and a best practices management plan ultimately

prohibiting the total eradication of a given species, as well as establishing practices that would protect threatened and endangered species, as well as providing for

-See Wildlife on page 3



BY JAMES RADA JR. Thurmont News Editor jrada@thurmontdispatch.com

EMMITSBURG, Md. - Only two other years in the past 35 did Frederick County grow slower than it did last year, according to the Maryland Department of Planning.

The county's population was estimated at 220,701 last year, an increase of 3,245 people or 1.5 percent. That is the lowest definite drop in housing units built.

percentage increase since the county grew by 1.3 percent in 1983 and 1.4 percent in 1970.

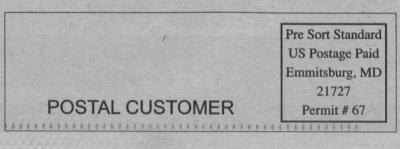
"It's easy to explain," said Frederick County Commissioner John L. Thompson Jr. "We had a moratorium in 2002 and that pretty much put a crimp on any new growth on the City of Frederick water system."

While data from the county's division of permitting and development review shows a in the City of Frederick in 2002, it was back to normal the next year. From January through July 2002, the city's new housing units made up only 3.6 percent of the county's total, while the city's construction

made up 29.1 percent over the same time period from 2003-2006. Commissioner Mike Cady

added that the county has seen

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SPECIAL PULLOUT



**Hurricane Katrina** - see page 10

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Dispatch encourages its readers to express their thoughts and opinions about issues that appear in this publication or affect the community. Letters must be exclusive to the *The Dispatch* and should be no longer than 300 words in length. They must be signed and include the writer's address and phone number for verification purposes. *The Dispatch* reserves the right to edit letters for content and space.

### **Global warming – Hollywood and media hype**

I am sending this in response to the article by Bill Meredith in *The Dispatch*, Thursday, Aug. 17 edition. the mainstream media, to make a comment such as "The last doubters in the scientific community had conceded defeat by about 10 years

If "...by the 1950s clear evidence of a connection had been found and the Greenhouse Effect was commonly mentioned in college textbooks," why were we being told in the 1970s that we were heading for another ice age?

You obviously live in the same bubble as Hollywood and

comment such as "The last doubters in the scientific community had conceded defeat by about 10 years ago; scientific opinion now is virtually unanimous that global warming is real..." Get real. You have to know, as well as I do that that comment is a crock, unless you choose only to associate with those who agree with you, or your head is buried in the sand.

Lastly, if not for global warming

long before cars and factories were ever invented, the earth would still be stuck in one of many ice ages. Apparently the earth does experience many cycles of weather changes. How is it that you can't tell me what the weather will be tomorrow, but you expect me to believe what experts like you say it will be in 10, 50, 100 years?

> - B. Casey Fitzgerald Sabillasville



### **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.

#### September 7, 1906

#### **Another Dance**

Under bells and bunting and amid flags and streamers, the young people who graced the dance on Tuesday night, gathered again in the new Chronicle building, and to the enchanting strains of sweet music, merrily danced the hours away.

The affair was entirely impromptu. There were twenty numbers on the programme and a splendid orchestra of eight pieces furnished the music. Promptly at half-past eight the first couples took the floor and from that hour till past midnight waltz and two-step were tripped off by the graceful dancers for which Emmitsburg is noted.

Delicious ices, and dainty light refreshments, made by the ladies attending the dance, were served during the intermission and partaken of amid rippling laughter. And for those refreshments, for the beautiful decorations and for all that made the dance memorable, The Chronicle is gratefully indebted to the charming young ladies and the courteous and willing men whose efforts were equaled only by the success which they made possible.

## Where is The Emmitsburg Band?

Some years ago the citizens of Emmitsburg organized a band under a charter and, popular subscription, by equipped the organization with instruments and uniforms. Thereafter, for a number of years these same citizens, with pride and pleasure, listened on many and many an occasion to the good music furnished by this well-known organization. The Emmitsburg Band was more than an institution; it was alive and in evidence; the town was justly proud of it and the people not only liked to see it and hear it whenever it appeared in public, but they also liked to accompany it when it went from home to celebrate some happy event.

But where is the band today? This question is being asked on all sides and the matter is being discussed from various standpoints.

It would seem that, technically, there are two bands, one with instruments, but without sufficient members; the other – the new and active organization – with sufficient members; but without the necessary instruments.

Why is it that no agreement between the two organizations can be arrived at? It is certainly not unreasonable for the citizens here to expect such an agreement. Emmitsburg needs a good band and could have one if the petty differences that now seem to exist were overcome and done away with.

Business in our town is undoubtedly on the increase. There is not a store or a dwelling unoccupied. Every industry is alive, the merchants report a larger volume of business, and an air of greater prosperity is noticeable in every quarter, and with the reopening of the schools and the large educational institutions in our midst things will be brighter still.

The town of Emmitsburg has great opportunities. They are at hand and it behooves us all to take an earnest and an active interest in everything that has a tendency to build up and improve this community in which we live. Let us not only work shoulder to shoulder and unite in doing all we can to loyally support every merchant, every industry and every institution we now have, but in addition to this let us hunt up and encourage new industries and new enterprises. Let us advance all of our interests by speaking well of our hometown, its churches, its people, its hotels and its various activities and above all, let us patronize home industry.

#### **Live Local News**

The wheat crop this year on the College farm amounted to 1126 bushels.

Mr. John Wagerman claims the record for thrashing. In nine hours his machine hulled considerably over 800 bushels of wheat for Mr. I.S. Annan.

## **Former racist lectures Mount students**

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON Emmitsburg News Editor rfulton@emmitsburgdispatch.com

FREDERICK COUNTY, Md. – A former member of the Aryan Nation, a nationwide group dedicated to promoting white supremacy, shared his experiences and views with several hundred students at Mount Saint Mary's University Aug. 30.

Floyd Cochran, who claims to have once been the fifth ranking member of the Aryan group, told the students that having been raised in predominantly white communities during his youth helped pave the way for his journey down a racist path.

Noting that he did not actually even have a conversation with a

black person until his early 30s, Cochran blamed his surroundings. "Society taught me to be a white supremacist," he said. Cochran said the greatest

attribute that racist organizations have going for them is that many people live in denial of their existence, or simply believe the groups are somewhere else and "it's never in our community, it's somewhere else."

But the fact remains that the power base has moved (from the South) to places like Pennsylvania..." the former Aryan noted, adding that Southeast Pennsylvania has some of the highest concentrations of white supremacists in the country.

No matter where it exists, he said, "it is affecting all of us no matter

where we live."However, he did note that he felt the Ku Klux Klan was diminishing, if only because the trend has been for youth to gravitate more toward neo-Nazi groups.

Cochran said he began to challenge the Aryan philosophy when he was told they expected him to euthanize his own son due to a genetic flaw, a harelip. He also said he had become dubious of organized religion because of the way some of the groups used the Bible to promote their views.

The former racist now travels lecturing educational institutions and making primarily liberal media appearances. His appearance at the Mount was sponsored by the Adams County's Community Unity Day.

## Wildlife

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marked nature trails. The board, however, did render a three-point decision to maintain the status quó.

an educational element, including

Town staff was directed to provide written documentation that

the town is complying with Maryland Department of Natural Resources lands management standards, that the staff survey town properties to ensure boundaries are properly marked, and that staff consider extending safety zones if requested by nearby property owners.

Additionally, One More Tavern co-owner Larry Little accused *The Dispatch* of publishing a "staged" photograph in the Aug. 3 issue of shotgun shells lying near the edge of Rainbow Lake. The photo was taken to show the presence of shotgun shell litter. One shell had been moved closer to a grouping of two found near the bank of the lake.

Little was the leading antimoratorium critic at the two meetings where the issue had been discussed.

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see what they can fit in" the six-year funding proposal, Cady said.

He said the goal might be to include the Emmitsburg bypass proposal along with those proposed for Walkersville, New Market and Libertytown as a package that needs SHA attention.

Board President Christopher V. Staiger told *The Dispatch*, "The county board of commissioners will be considering the county transportation budget to be submitted to (state DOT) Secretary Flanagan in September. So, I felt we should get something defining our position in front of them."

"We've tried to plan 'bypasses' locally but they tend to look good on paper and fall apart in practice. Brookfield Drive is a prime example," Staiger said.

"Well, in practice, we've narrowed the section of Brookfield where I live to a point where that wouldn't be a suitable use and then there's the small issue of bridging Flat Run where the property on either side is controlled by Don Briggs' conservation fund," Staiger said. "So just how would we get a developer on either side

to build a bridge across someone else's property?" He said, realistically, "We need

expert help. We need to make sure we are on the list controlled by those who can get it done."

Previous strategies have included the proposal that the creation of a bypass could be tied to proposed developments, especially since an informal proposal was made regarding the possibility of annexing lands at the west end of town.

However, town representatives have said there has been no significant progress on the annexation proposal since it was initially and informally discussed.

For information ask for Bill at (717) 339-0009

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of free and slave blacks supported the Confederate war ef-

fort, 15,000 or more of them armed. (www.civilwarhistory.

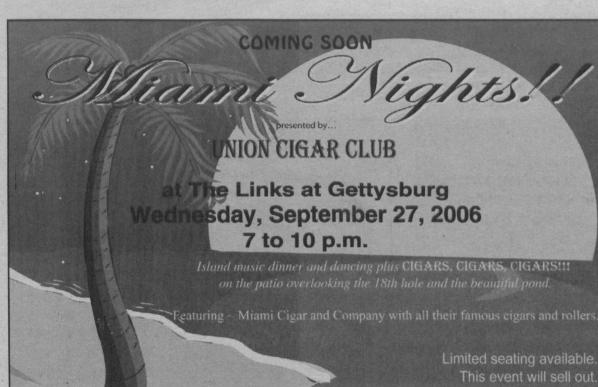
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Emmitsburg, MD- Affordable Home Mortgage, a local mortgage lender, has stepped forward again to address the needs of the community. With an increase in job losses, divorce, and gas prices at an all time high, many homeowners have found themselves deep in debt with no where to turn. Daniel Strong, a spokesperson for the company, stated that through a large volume of loans and a more "human approach" to underwriting, Affordable Home Mortgage is able to make loans banks and other lending institutions would never consider. According to Mr. Strong the money should last through the end of October. If you would like more information please call Mr. Strong for a free consultation at 1-866-561-8079.



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## EDITORIAL Are we sending kids back to school spiritually naked?

It feels good to send children to school equipped with clothes, books, and materials. But do we send them psychologically and spiritually naked? Do we teach them how to interact with people in their real world?

There are small-time terrorists in their world – stupid bullies who batter children with insults, bad kids who spear them with taunts to do bad things, selfish brats who sneer at and shun them. How should our children respond?

More importantly, how can we help them avoid doing the same things?

If you think they should retaliate the same way, consider whether you

really want your children, too, to be bullies, baddies, or brats.

Children are born vulnerable, not bad. They're in danger, not only from others, but from their own ignorance and instincts, which are as normal as hunger and thirst.

It's parents' job to help them manage these dangers. We don't fail to give them food for their bodies. We should give them food for their minds and hearts, too.

If we fail to teach them, they will learn from someone else – not only bad kids at school, but from anti-human Internet sites, abominable video games, demeaning TV shows, destructive lyrics with musical noise. The stupid and adolescent creatures behind those media have the power to de-form our children. We have the obligation to form them.

How? Let's have serious talks with kids often, even daily, explaining how a growing person is supposed to act and speak. Let's think of examples of how to deal with bullies and bad kids, and with adults. Let's pray with them.

But our first rule is like the one for doctors: First, do no harm. Dads, moms, don't let your own words and behavior teach them the wrong way to deal with others.

Most of us know little about how to teach human relations to young people. They didn't offer "How to be a parent" courses when we went to school. So, let's read at least one book about it, or talk to a counselor at school or church.

Knowledge is a garden. It needs watering, fertilizing, and weeding, and infrequent applications are not enough. If you tend your garden only once a month, you soon will have no flowers.

Teachers can't teach everything. Training children how to be good persons is the natural obligation of moms and dads. It's at least as important as buying them sneakers and pencils.

Starting now, let's be parents for our kids' minds and hearts, and more than once a month.

## A Word from a Commissioner — — A Residents need to comment on comprehensive plan

After approximately two years, town staff has begun to produce revisions to the Emmitsburg Comprehensive Plan. As Commissioner Blanchard and the planning and zoning commission receive these proposed revisions, they are holding a series of workshop sessions. P&Z expects to have a complete, revised draft available by the end of the year.

The re-draft effort, now conducted by the town's new planning consultant, has quite a different look. In spite of some changes to the layout, the issues which the state requires the plan to address are the same. Indeed, there have been some state-mandated additions. In the end, I expect the new plan will maintain the small town focus of the previous plan which is meant to incorporate growth into an interconnected, town-centered master plan.

Certainly, we've experienced some "growth shock" due to the

ongoing build-out of 20-year-old annexations and subdivisions which will eventually result in 240 new houses popping up in a short five or six years – all of those houses of a single type and pattern.

Just how we intend to handle the pressures for additional, larger scale, residential development is a key element of our comprehensive plan. In future, you will hear quite a lot about the projected rate of residential growth and its projected impact on our community. The job of the planning commission and eventually the town council will be to accurately identify the resource opportunities as well as the resource constraints that factor into such projections while also designing a system to handle them - a system which does not continue to overwhelm and encapsulate the historic town center.

As additional growth does come on-line, the plan should provide a road map for where we can expect

that growth to take place and what we will expect that growth to look like. Contrary to the opinion of some, it is possible for a municipality to manage growth through a well thought out, comprehensive rezoning and effective ordinances.

Commissioner O'Neil and the rest of the board have began to take the first step toward revamping town ordinances with the consideration of an adequate public facilities ordinance meant to lay out in law the standards, measurements, and requirements to be expected. Modified from existing legislation of neighboring jurisdictions and tailored to specific conditions in Emmitsburg, this legislation will more effectively address our small town community goals and objectives.

After the revised Emmitsburg Comprehensive Plan is approved, it will fall to the board of commissioners to implement changes to subdivision regulations

promoting additional development along historic, town-centered lines instead of the suburban sprawl so common throughout the area. The goal should be to maintain a wellplanned variety of housing stock in the pipeline necessary to meet a cross-section of needs while promoting linkages to the town center.

We should not allow more disconnected islands of cookie cutter development and cul-desacs known solely by the name of the subdivision. Unfortunately, our current ordinances seem to envision no other type. Creative design, a mix of housing types, and the promotion of usable open space that mimics Emmitsburg's historic layout should be key goals.

Please don't miss your chance to participate in this important process.

> - Christopher Staiger President, Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners



THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH



Frederick County Deputy Matthew J. Simon, Emmitsburg's newest community officer, stands by his car outside town hall. Simon considers vehicular law enforcement one of his specialties.

## New deputy joins Emmitsburg team

By RICHARD D. L. FULTON Emmitsburg News Editor rfulton@emmitsburgdispatch.com

EMMITSBURG, Md. – As of July 1, Emmitsburg has a new community deputy, Matthew J. Simon, will join the two officers already on duty in town providing police protection for the community.

Simon was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, graduating from Lakewood High School. In 1995, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, and graduated from Heidelberg College in 2001 with a double major, secondary education and health and physical education.

Upon graduation from the Maryland Police Corps in 2002, he became a Frederick County deputy. Simon primarily patrolled the southern portions of Frederick County before being assigned to Emmitsburg.

The deputy has completed additional training, including under-aged alcohol and tobacco laws enforcement certification (2003), radar certification (2004), and field training officer certification (2004), among other related certification courses.

Simon lives in Hagerstown

with his wife and one-year-old son. He told *The Dispatch* that the main reason he came to Maryland was the lack of jobs in Ohio.

"I like it a lot up here (in Emmitsburg)," he said. "I hadn't really been up here before." Simon said he would like to move to town but the prices of homes in the area keep him and his family from doing so.

"I really enjoy traffic enforcement," Simon said, "If I had to say I had a specialty, it would be traffic patrol."

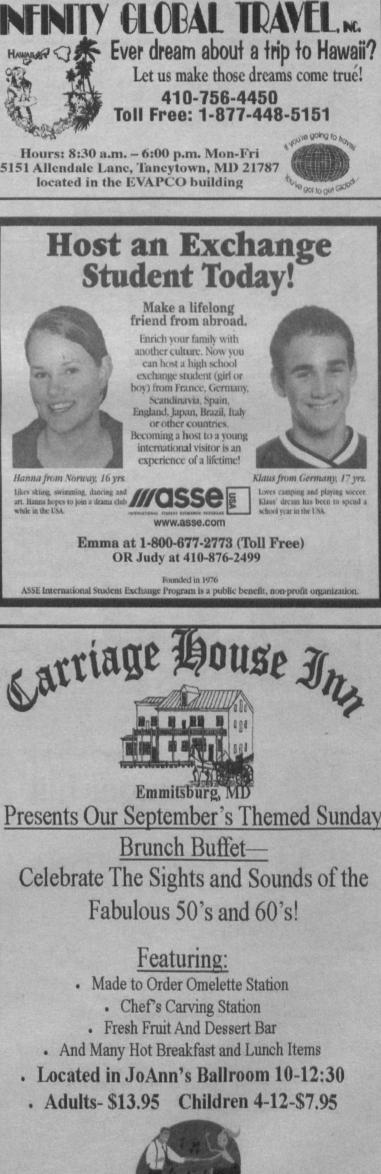
As hobbies, Simon enjoys weightlifting and fishing, and is a "real big NFL fan."

#### **Board purchases South Seton property for future town parking lot**

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The town could have a new municipal parking lot now that the board of commissioners gave town staff the final okay on Aug. 7 to acquire land belonging to Bollinger Properties, located at 140 South Seton Avenue. The existing South Seton Auto will remain for a time after the purchase and will be paying rent to the town. That structure will ultimately be demolished. A house on the site will continue to be used as a rental property. The board also approved the financing necessary to pay for the \$325,000 tract of land.

Town Manager David Haller said the parcel should provide up to 38 metered spaces for town parking. Traffic would enter from South Seton and exit the lot onto School Lane. -R. Fulton





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#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2006

## TOWN NEWS

## Town committees in dire straits – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED –

By RICHARD D. L. FULTON Emmitsburg News Editor rfulton@emmitsburgdispatch.com

EMMITSBURG, Md. – Commissioner Clifford Sweeney put in a plea for more parks and recreation committee members at the Aug. 21 town meeting, stating that the committee has not been able to hold meetings for lack of a quorum.

The code allows parks the greatest flexibility on numbers of members, and the group may have as few as five, but no more than eight. Parks presently has only four members, Carolyn Miller, Stephen May, Patrick A. Joy and Tim O'Donnell, with Sweeney serving as liaison for the board of commissioners. He is not considered a committee member.

However, the parks committee is not the only committee short on members. As pointed out during the Aug. 21 meeting, every committee lacks full membership. Committee members serve two-year terms without compensation. However, commissioners who attend committee meetings as liaison are paid to attend.

The streets and transportation committee, by code, is to be composed of five members, four of whom must be Emmitsburg residents, while one may live outside of town. At present, there are only two members, Maria Topper and Catherine Forrence, with Commissioner Bill O'Neil Jr. serving as the liaison.

The water committee may

have four members, three of whom must be town residents while one member may reside outside the town. Currently it has two members, Dave Martin and Jenna Lea Ott, with Commissioner Joyce Rosensteel serving as a non-member liaison.

The newest committee created by the board of commissioners is the charter review and ballot question committee. It is slated for five members, all of whom must be town residents having lived in Emmitsburg for at least one year. To date, only Denise Etris has been appointed.

Any individuals interested in serving on a town committee should send a letter of interest to Mayor James E. Hoover, Town of Emmitsburg, 300A S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727.

Whether it's

#### Lincoln Avenue work planned

EMMITSBURG, Md. – After finishing South Seton Avenue water and sewer line improvements, town staff hopes to begin similar work on Lincoln Avenue.

According to town manager David Haller, the Lincoln Avenue "wish list" includes replacement of about 3,450 feet of various sized sewer line with new 12-inch pipe, and replacement of 900 feet of six- and eight-inch water main with 10-inch line.

Haller said, "The South Seton Avenue work should be ending in early to mid-October. We hope to start Lincoln Avenue design this winter, but work may not start until next fall, possibly later."

- R. Fulton



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## **REGIONAL NEWS Thurmont discusses bypass**

By JAMES RADA JR. Thurmont News Editor jrada@thurmontdispatch.com

THURMONT, Md.-Thurmont Town Commissioners are looking to the town's past to solve the town's future traffic problems.

Frederick County's regional plan for Thurmont used to show an industrial parkway going around the town. The road connected with U.S. 15 and looped around the east end of town, according to Commissioner Bill Blakeslee.

Over the years, the bypass disappeared off the maps.

At a recent commissioners' meeting, the town commissioners opened up a discussion about whether the town should support putting the

#### **Primary election** next week

FREDERICK, Md. - The state primary election will be held Sept. 12. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. For your polling location, call the Frederick County Elections Office at (301) 694-1005, email ElectionBoard@fredcomd.net, or visit mdelections. umbc.edu/voter\_registration/ v2/vote prod.php. -J.Rada

parkway back on the maps. County Planner Denis Superczynski said now is the time to decide the issue because the county is preparing to update the Thurmont Region Plan and the town is in the middle of updating its town master plan.

"The first step for the town ... would be to come to some sort of consensus as to an approximate alignment," Superczynski said.

The Thurmont Industrial Park sits on the east end of town, but the main transportation route through town is on the west side of town. That means tractor trailers travel through town past schools, homes and businesses on a daily basis. A parkway could take most of that truck traffic out of town.

Other municipalities are also seeking to have bypasses built around their towns, such as Middletown, Emmitsburg and Libertytown. Middletown has been debating its bypass for about 20 years.

"But if you don't start things moving, it will never happen," Blakeslee said.

Superczynski told the commissioners they needed to reach a consensus within the town before the county would begin seriously considering adding the parkway to the county maps.

In the town's planning and zoning survey conducted last December, 36 percent of those who responded said the town should improve the town's road system. Of those who suggested specific traffic reduction measures, half said the town needed to build a bypass.

"I want the town to be aware of everything in the hopper so you can politically gauge where our request would be," Superczynski said.

Once it gets included in the county's plan, it then needs to work its way to the top.

"Anything you can do to make the project more affordable to the state or the county obviously helps grease the wheel," Superczynski said.

Woodsboro recently had a bypass built, but it was primarily through contributions from the local quarry.

## Town News Briefs ...

#### Free medical care for low-income adults

FREDERICK, Md. - The Frederick Community Action Agency offers a Primary Adult Care Program that provides free medical care to lower-income adults.

The agency operates a primary health care clinic for adults aged 19 to 65. The clinic is staffed by nurse practitioners and physicians and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Appointments may be scheduled, but walk-in hours are also available on a daily basis.

The Primary Adult Car Program also provides assistance for prescription medications and annual eye examinations.

To be eligible for the free medical care, a person must complete an application and income-eligibility guidelines. Outreach workers and case managers are available to help with the applications.

For more information, contact Nick Brown, manager of outreach services, at (301) 694-1506 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:nbrown@cityoffrederick">nbrown@cityoffrederick</a>. com. -J. Rada

#### Citizen scrap tire drop-off day

FREDERICK, Md. - On Sept. 30, Frederick County residents can dispose of tires free of charge at the county landfill.

Each household in the county can dispose of up to 10 passenger and pick-up truck tires from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Reichs Ford Road Recycling Center at 9031 Reichs Ford Road.

The Maryland Scrap Tire Hauler's License requirements have been waived for this event. A Maryland driver's license will be required for proof of residency and tracking. Tires will not be accepted from commercial sources.

Once the state limit of tires for this event has been collected, tires will only be accepted at the regular tire disposal rates.

For more information, call (301) 696-2960. -J. Rada

## **Researchers find new fossil bed at Rocky Ridge**

By Joyce M. Demmitt Managing Editor editor@emmitsburgdispatch.com

> ROCKY RIDGE, Md. -Paleontologists at the 200million-year-old Rocky Ridge fossil site will be focusing attention on a prehistoric

> > lake

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result of the discovery of a complete dinosaur-age fish and more freshwater shrimp.

Work at the fossil site established last year had been centered on exploring beds of red shale representing ancient mudflats on the 145-acre farm which has produced reptile skin impressions and hundreds of tracks, along with prehistoric millipede and insect tracks.

However, sampling done throughout August along a layer of gray shale representing a fossil lake bottom, turned up one or more new species of prehistoric freshwater shrimp and, on fish ever found in the state.

The Triassic Period is considered the "Dawn of the Dinosaurs," as it was during this time period that dinosaurs began to appear for the first time.

Robert Weems, a noted geologist with the United States Geological Survey joined The Emmitsburg Dispatch News Editor, Richard Fulton, a published paleontologist who is in charge of the site excavation, and Cathe (Adelsberger) Curtis, Gettysburg, who is responsible for recovery and preparation of collected

Aug. 25, the first complete Triassic-age fossils, to help expand the work in the gray shale on Aug. 25.

Fulton discovered the fish, as well as parts of others, while Weems and Curtis concentrated on recovering more shrimp for further study at the USGS and in Hungary.

The 145-acre farm, regarded as the largest Triassic fossil site ever found in Maryland, belongs to John and Linda Ballenger. The site has been the subject of continuous research since Linda Ballenger reported the possibility of fossil tracks on the farm to The Emmitsburg Dispatch in March 2005.

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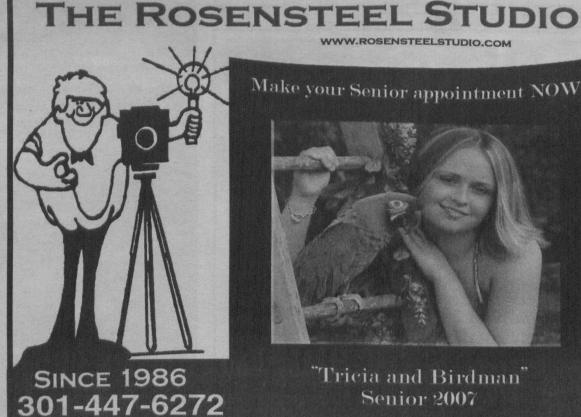
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### Growth

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a 20 percent decrease in new construction compared to that of the previous board of county commissioners and a 10 percent decrease over the county's average for the previous 20 years.

"To label us as a growthout-of-control commission is not accurate," Cady said.

While many people complain about how fast the county has been growing, the rate of growth has been dropping since 2002.

Commissioner Jan Gardner agrees with Thompson that the moratorium reduced the number of homes, but she also noted that the county's birth rate has been dropping. The county's birth rate was 13.6 births per 1,000 people in 2004. It was 23 births per 1,000 in 1960.

This can also be seen with a slowing in the enrollment growth in county schools.

"But this was predicted," Gardner said. "When Ray Barnes told us that, we all looked at him like he was crazy, but it has happened. He also said would begin to increase again in 2015."

Thompson also said growth will accelerate due to the county's and city's approval of the Potomac River water line.

"Since the city has no APFO they are going to be going like

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vailable only at Open House \$100 off the Service Fee for the First 100 Members! gangbusters," Thompson said.

For the past three years, the county's rate of growth in each of the years' ranks among the county's 10 slowest-growing years since 1970. The 2005 rate of 1.5 percent is the third slowest. The 2004 rate of 1.8 percent is tied with 1974 for the fifth-slowest-growing year and the 2003 rate of 2.1 percent is tied with 1972 and 1998 for the eighth-slowest-growing year.

Even the number of additional people living in the county has been decreasing since 2002. The 3,245 additional people represent the  $11^{\text{th}}$  smallest annual increase in population since 1970.

Gardner points out that even though growth has slowed, it is still continuing and whether it is too much or not depends on the person's perspective. The county's division of planning estimates population differently than the state and its population estimates are thousands of people higher.

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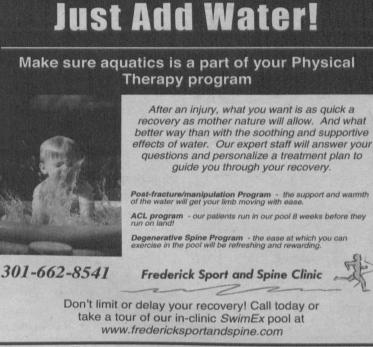
"With a small town, you can add 100 units and people don't get too worked up," Gardner said. "But if you get growth that doubles the size, that's when people get upset."

Frederick County's growth rate has also been dropping in relation to other Maryland counties. In 2002, Frederick County's growth rate was the third-highest in the state. Last year, it was the 10<sup>th</sup> highest.

Thompson said any slowing of growth in the county now is due to the actions of the previous board of commissioners.

"The Gray Administration decreased the amount of land available for residential," Thompson said. "We pulled back the growth line in Point of Rocks and Lewistown."

While Cady said some of the credit does indeed go to the previous board, the current board reduced the growth in New Market, which won't make itself known until the next board of commissioners.







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## SPECIAL TO THE DISPATCH New Orleans one year after Katrina Seen through the eyes of 'Mister Ed'

I love New Orleans; always have, since my first visit years ago. The food, the music, the people have always been kind of special.

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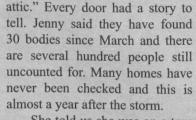
Party Trays & Catering Available Bonnie & Clarence Ohler Shirley & Larry Little Owners hospitality you only find in the South. But if you look into their eyes, you see a certain sadness. Like when you have lost a dear friend or someone in your family is going thru a bad time. We took a tour of the "Katrina" area and we saw very quickly where the sadness comes from.

Before we took the tour we spent time in the French Quarter where we were staying. This area has no major problems from the storm. No major flooding and the wind damage was mostly twisted street signs. The whole area was closed till January due to no power or water. As we walked around we saw most everything is back to normal. You can hardly see any difference. The major problem in the Quarter is lack of business due to slow tourism. We had dinner at K Paul's, a famous restaurant in New Orleans. Usually a long line outside, we walked right in. We had the pleasure of meeting Paul Prudhomme the owner/chef. He told us business is off 70 percent in the Quarter and asked me to tell everyone to come on down, the French Quarter is alive and well, and you can enjoy all the things New Orleans is famous for.

On Monday morning our tour guide picked us up in a 10passenger van for our post-Katrina tour. Jenny, our guide, was a bornand-raised New Orleans girl. She began by telling us that Katrina was the first major storm to hit New Orleans in 40 years and the amazing thing was that the major problems were not from high winds, but from flooding. If the levees had not been breached there would not have been any flooding. She said that the U.S. Corps of Engineers admits that when the levees were built, they used poorquality material. That's what caused the breach.

We crossed over the 17th Street Canal levee. This is one that breached, and turned into a housing development. The full impact hit us right away. Row after row, street after street. Houses either completely destroyed, or off the foundation, or full of mud and debris. Refrigerators on roofs, cars upside down, trees on houses, houses on houses. The entire area destroyed.

Some areas teams had gone through looking for survivors or bodies. They wrote on the doors "0 people inside" or "1 dead in



She told us she was on a tour awhile back and came upon a house with several police cars around it. She stopped when this man came up to her car and told her they had just found his mother's body in the back yard. He told her on the day of the flood he came to get her and she would not leave. So he stayed with her. As the floodwater rose, they went to the attic. When help came, his mother had died. They took him and said they would come back for her. He ended up somewhere in Texas. He called every agency he could to tell them where his mother's body was. No one came. He finally made his way back four and a half months later. When he got to the house the back attic had fallen off and he found his mother in the back yard, still wearing the black shawl he had put around her. Jenny promised him she would tell everyone his story. I found it hard to think that this could happen in America.

We drove three hours, passing miles of homes, stores, shopping centers and schools all destroyed.

There is no way words, pictures or TV can explain what I saw. It is so horrible.

If you can imagine a huge flood hitting Adams County and when it had passed Gettysburg was untouched, but Biglerville, Bendersville, Fairfield, Arendtsville, Orrtanna, York Springs, clear to Hanover was destroyed. Picture that. Now multiply all the homes and business times 100. That's how big the area of destruction is. Spending three hours in the middle of this horror you can't help wonder about all the people that are still affected by this. Over 200,000 displaced. What are the kids doing; where are the pets? There has never been anything this catastrophic in our nation's history. Where do they begin to start over? How do they cope? Most lost everything they owned.

The ones that have a house still standing, in order to restore it, have to take everything out. Down to the floor joist and studs. The mold is so bad that nothing can be saved. After the house is gutted, what's left must be treated to kill the mold or it will come back. A huge task.

Tensofthousandsofvolunteers have come to New Orleans to help clean up and rebuild, from kids on spring break to senior citizens. And they have made a difference. The people of New Orleans are very grateful for the outpouring of love and support.

I talked to Chris Rose, a journalist and author from *The Times Picayune Newspaper*. He said the best thing we can do besides visiting is to write to every congressman, senator, and state rep. And tell them to come to New Orleans and see for there self. It's been almost a year; a lot of folks think we have forgotten them.

America has the best and most resources in the world. But we the people make America what it is. But listen to me America has been deeply wounded. We must get this wound healed. It will not happen overnight, but if our voices are heard the healing will start sooner.

God bless the people of New Orleans and God bless America.

- Ed Gotwalt Orrtanna, Pa.

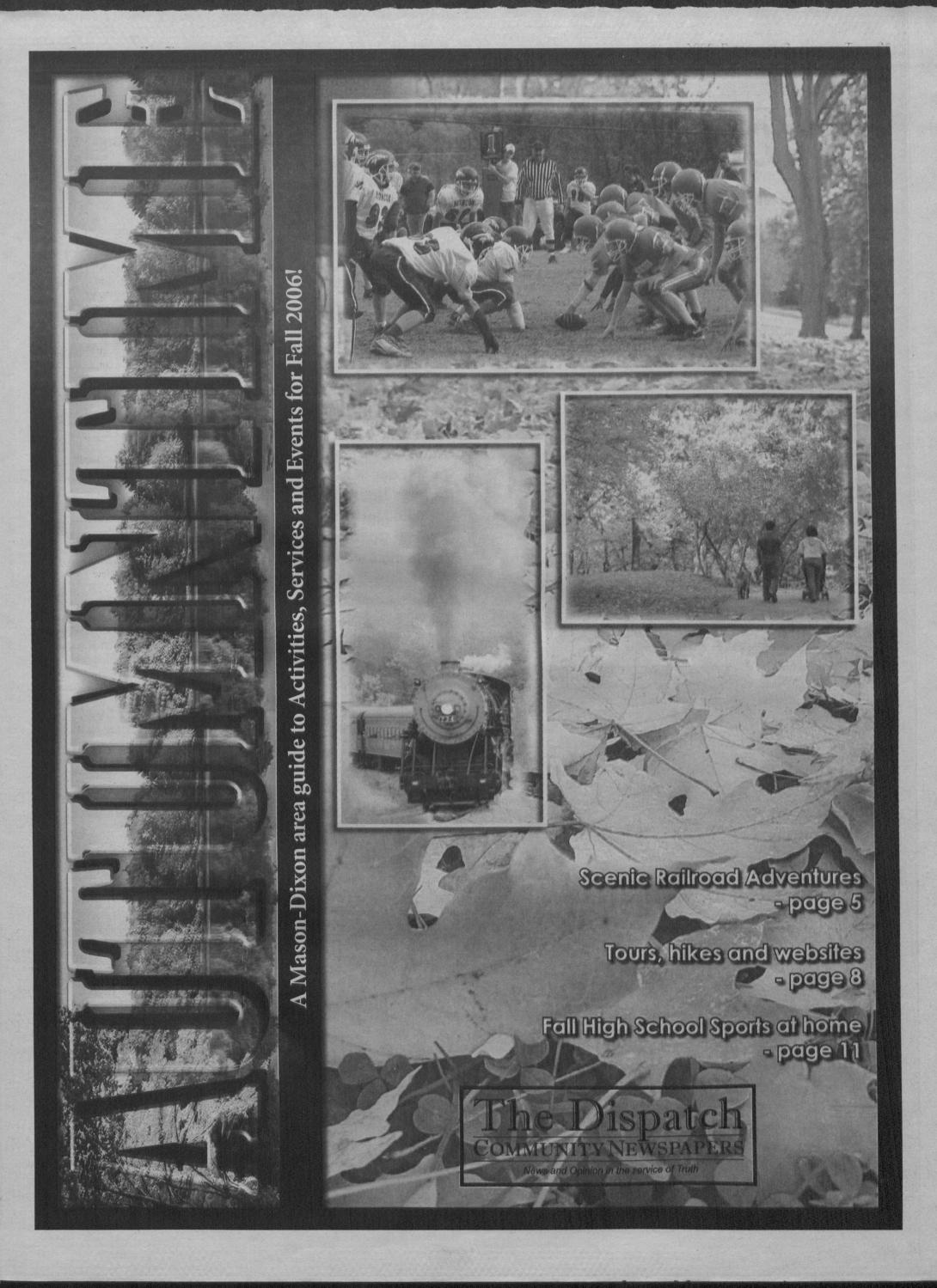
### **'9-11' concert to benefit firefighters foundation**

New York City – On Sept. 11, 2001, 383 firefighters died in the effort to save the victims of the attack on the World Trade Center in New York City ... a number that nearly equaled oneeighth of the total number of all individuals who perished in the attack.

A special commemoration concert will be held on Sept. 11 at Symphony Space in New York City to pay tribute to the great sacrifice of the heroes of 9-11. Eighty percent of the proceeds from the event will be contributed to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, and Armed Forces Foundation.

For more information on the "Concert for Heroes," call (212) 864-5400. -R. Fulton





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Our advertisers have highlighted the variety of activities and services they provide. With more than enough to fill your calendar, our guide will help you and your family throughout the fall, focusing on what's going on in our area, helping you plan day, evening or weekend fun.

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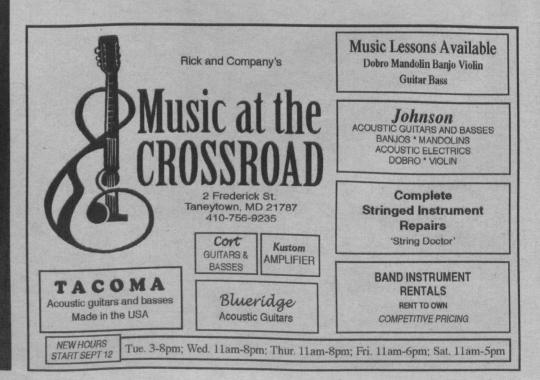
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## A Stop on the 'Journey through Hallowed Ground' Eisenhower Farm served as temporary White House

#### By JAMES RADA JR.

Editor's Note: This is the first in our series of features on sites in the Mason-Dixon Region along the "Journey through Hallowed Ground," the 175-mile area along the U.S. Route 15 corridor that reaches from Gettysburg to Charlottesville, Va.

GETTYSBURG, Pa. – "And so we came to Gettysburg and to the farm we had bought 11 years earlier, where we expected to spend the remainder of our lives."

So wrote President Dwight D. "Ike" Eisenhower in the mid-1960s, and his prediction was true. He and his wife both lived out the remainder of their lives on their Gettysburg farm.

The Eisenhowers bought the farm in 1950 as a retirement home. Eisenhower had retired from the army and had a \$650,000 royalty check from the sale of his book, "Crusade in Europe," about his service as Supreme Commander of Allied Forces.

"When the Eisenhowers first visited the farm in 1950, Ike never entered the house," said National Park Service Ranger Andy Tarbet.

According to Tarbet, Ike was more

## Upcoming events at the Eisenhower Farm

• Sept. 16 – World War II Weekend. Visit the farm and also see a living history encampment featuring Allied soldiers, a German camp and WWIIvintage vehicles.

• December – An Eisenhower Christmas. Visit the farm as it is decorated for the holidays, featuring some original decorations and Christmas cards. interested in finding a worn-out farm he could reinvigorate. The Eisenhowers decided to take the house and paid \$44,000 for it, a princely sum at the time. The house eventually had to be renovated from nearly the ground up. It cost \$210,000 and took three years to complete.

However, before the Eisenhowers could enjoy their new home, Ike was called back to service as the head of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and then elected President of the United States in 1951.

"It's not until 1961, 10 years almost to the day they bought the farm, that the American people allowed him to retire here," Tarbet said.

The Eisenhowers lived on the farm until their deaths. Ike died in 1969 and his wife Mamie died in 1979. The farm, which the park service had owned since 1967, opened as a historic site in 1980.

While visitors can tour the entire farm, the main focus is the 21-room house, which is still decorated as it was when the Eisenhowers lived there.

The living room showcases many of the gifts the Eisenhowers received over the years, including a fireplace that had been removed from the White House in 1873. Ike considered the room "too stuffy" and spent little time there.

"Ninety-eight percent of their waking hours during retirement were spent on the sun porch," said Alison Ludnick with the park service.

The Eisenhowers watched TV, played cards, entertained friends, ate meals and Ike painted in the sunroom.

Besides being a president's home, the house served as a temporary White House in 1955 while Ike recovered from a heart attack. He did much of the nation's work

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You need to take a shuttle to the farm from the Gettysburg National Military Park Visitors Center. This can be reached from either Taneytown Road or Steinwehr Avenue. Prices: \$5.50 (adults), \$4 (13-16 years old), \$3 (6-12 years old), free (under 6). Price includes the admission fee and the shuttle bus ticket.

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This rear view of the Eisenhower home shows the sun porch, which was the Eisenhowers' favorite room. International guests, such as Nikita Khrushchev of the Soviet Union and Charles DeGaulle of France sat on the porch and talked with President Dwight Eisenhower.

from his office. Ike was in the office when he received a phone call on May 7, 1960, informing him that the Soviet Union not only shot down a U-2 spy plane, but also captured its pilot, Francis Gary Powers.

Another interesting site near the house is the Secret Service office, located in the former milk house. About 10 agents operated from the office, which includes the safe where the nuclear codes carried in a satchel that accompanied the president everywhere were stored.

The farm is one of the many stops along "The Journey Through Hallowed Ground."

The marble fireplace in the living room of the Eisenhowers' home was removed from the White House in 1873 by President Grant. The White House staff found the fireplace and purchased it as an anniversary gift for the Eisenhowers.



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## Local festivals showcase regional exhibitors



With the turning of the seasons, the hot temperatures of the summer moderate and trees show off a multitude of delightful colors. Farmers harvest their crops and enjoy the bounty of the season.

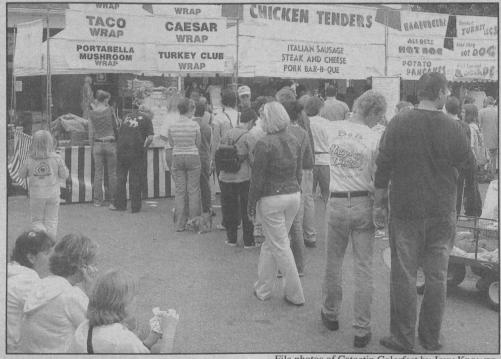
Such is a time made for celebration and the Mason-Dixon area abounds with fall festivals. Colorfest in Thurmont, Md.; the Apple Harvest Festival in Arendtsville, Pa.; the Sabillasville Community Fair in Sabillasville, Md.; Pippinfest in Fairfield, Pa.; the South

Mountain Fair in Arendtsville, Pa.; and the **Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community** Show in Thurmont, Md. are just some of festivals to visit this time of year.

Colorfest is in its 43rd year in Thurmont. Scheduled for Oct. 14 and 15, the festival will feature 350 juried arts and crafts exhibitors.

"One of the things people like is that we require all of the crafts to be hand-made by the exhibitors," said Beverly Zienda, president of Catoctin Colorfest.





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During Colorfest weekend, the 6,000resident town of Thurmont is flooded with about 100,000 visitors who visit the exhibits at the Thurmont Community Park, Thurmont Middle School and Guardian Hose Company Activity Grounds.

"We started out as a nature walk, trying to draw people into the area," Zienda said. "Then we became an art show and now what we are today."

Once Colorfest pays its bills, the organization contributes the extra money to the town. Colorfest donations have paid for rewiring of a pavilion in one of the town's parks, paved some of the park roads, established school scholarships, supported the local historical society, bought Christmas decorations for the town, supported the fire and ambulance companies and purchased park benches.

For those who don't want to deal with the crowd at Colorfest, or who want to experience two different festivals, the 31st Annual Sabillasville Community Fair will be held the same weekend at Sabillasville Elementary, just six miles northwest of Thurmont on Rt. 550.

Visitors will find vendors offering regional crafts, art, antiques, produce and baked goods. "Twin Express" will play bluegrass/gospel shows at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Animal exhibits and a car show will also entertain visitors. Country fare will be available as well. Admission and parking are free.

Pippinfest in Fairfield, Pa. has a long history and continues to grow.

- File photos of Catoctin Colorfest by JOHN KINNAIRD

"Last year, we had around 15,000 visitors and each year, the number grows," said Priscilla Storr, one of Pippinfest's organizers. Held on Sept. 23 and 24, Pippinfest is

Fairfield's street fair and apple festival. This year is Pippinfest's 26th year.

"A tree was donated to Fairfield some years ago that grew Pippen apples. Jim Landis started this festival to celebrate the apple harvest," Storr said.

Pippinfest features about 100 juried exhibitors, and includes a Saturday flea market.

"We had a family come from Oregon and from what they told us, they had the best time they've had at a festival in a long time," Storr said.

The Apple Harvest Festival in Arendtsville covers two weekends in October: Oct. 7 and 8, and Oct. 14 and 15. The festival celebrates the apple harvest. The Adams County Fruitgrowers Association started it in 1961 as the Apple Harvest Holiday.

When the Upper Adams Jaycees became involved in 1965, the name changed to the Apple Harvest Festival. Features include an antique car display, apple cider press, an apple butter boil, pony rides, orchard bus tours, apple desserts, apple and apple product sales, candy apples, commercial displays, souvenir booths and meals.

For a listing of some of the festivals going on in the Mason-Dixon area this fall, see the list on page 9.



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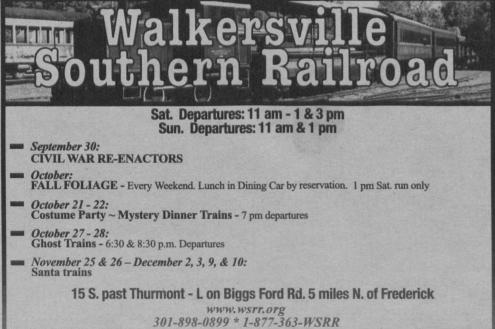
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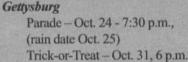
Parade – Oct. 31, 7 p.m. Trick-or-treat – Oct. 31, 6-7 p.m. Grotto – All Hallows Eve celebration Oct. 31, 5 p.m.

#### Fairfield

Trick-or-treat – Oct. 31, time to be announced

#### Zora Village

Plastic Pumpkin Hunt - Oct. 21, 1-2 p.m.



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#### Halloween party at Fireman's

Activity Building Oct. 27, 6:30- 8:30 p.m.

Trick or treat - Oct. 31, 5-8 p.m.

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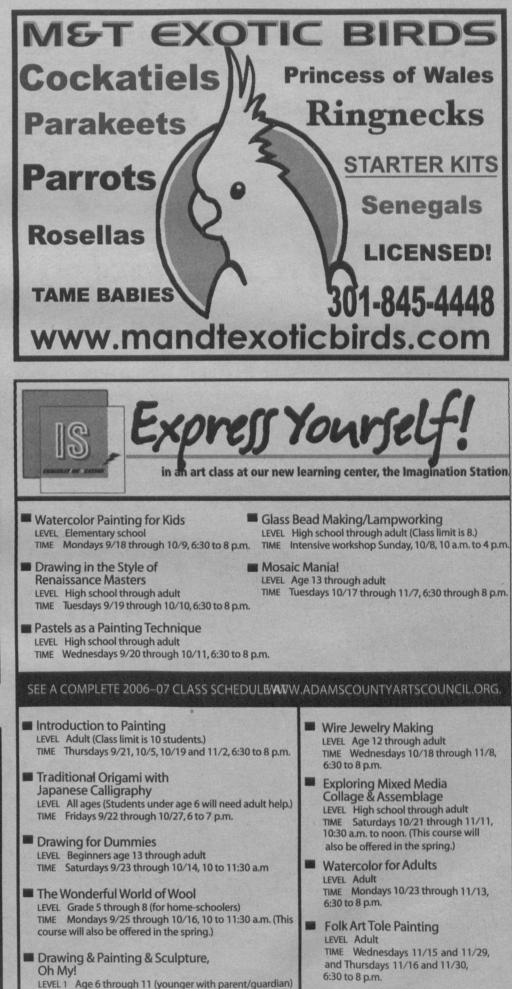
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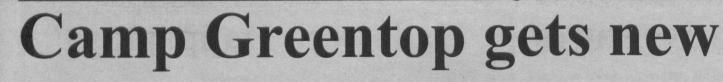
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TIME Mondays 10/2 through 11/6, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. (This

course will also be offered in the spring.)

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#### BY BRENDAN WEEKS

A brand new totem pole was dedicated at Camp Greentop in Catoctin Mountain Park this past April to mark the park's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The pole dedication was held simultaneously with the League for People With Disabilities, Inc. Open House.

"Totem poles have been in the park since as early as 1937," says Supervisory Park Ranger Sally Griffin. "From what we're sort of reading between the lines, it was probably a project for the campers one year and the tradition has kind of stuck." The totem pole is usually replaced every 10-15 years due to weathering.

The new pole was carved by local artist Erin Aylor of Myersville. Aylor grew up in Frederick County and has been working with wood since he was a child. "My parents told me if I ate with silverware for a week, I could get a pocket knife," says Aylor. His first project was an Indian in a canoe. Aylor went on to take woodworking classes in high school and attended the Appalachian Center for Crafts in Tennessee.

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The new totem pole stands 14 feet tall, replacing the previous 8-foot pole that was also carved by Aylor, in 1991. The pole was carved out of white cedar, a rot-resistant wood that is also a bug deterrent.

A few members of local Boy Scout Troop 270 painted the totem, under Aylor's supervision.

"We're very active with the boy scouts," says Griffin, "We had volunteer boy scouts working in the park that weekend and we invited them to do a volunteer project with us."

At the park's request, Aylor incorporated native species into the totem including a deer, a snake, and an owl. Written on a plaque on the back of the totem pole is the poem that inspired the artwork:

"Father Sky's beard grew into Mother Earth. Through his hair fibers he heard Mother Earth tell him that he needed to remind all of the creatures of the earth that we are all an intricate part of the cycle of life. Father Sky then spoke to the deer, who whispered to the snake, who spread the word to the wise old owl. The owl then educated all the young humans. They were at one with nature."

"Because the old story was lost, this time we had the story engraved on a plaque. The story will always

# totem pole

be with it," says Griffin.

The poem originated with the Native Americans. "I think it's a story that's been repeated throughout Native American culture," says Aylor.

"I think that Erin did a wonderful job and his desire to promote environmental ethics with the youth is wonderful," says Griffin, "Were very pleased to have such an impressive piece of art work."

Camp Greentop was built in 1937 as part of the Catoctin Recreational Demonstration Area and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a Historic District. The camp, located in Catoctin Mountain Park outside Thurmont, Md., can be rented by organized groups of 60 or more during the week or on weekends from April through mid-June and mid-August until Oct. 31. The dining hall and recreation hall are available for conferences year round.

For more information, visit www.nps.gov/cato/planyourvisit/ greentop.htm or call (301)-663-9330.

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#### Fall park activities

Catoctin Mountain Park 6602 Foxville Road, Thurmont, MD 21788. (301) 663-9388

Sept. 10, 17, 24 – Whiskey Still Talks. 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Blue Blazes Still, Catoctin Mountain Park. 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.

Sept. 16 – Volunteer Trail Work Day. 9 a.m. Camp Round Meadow. The last trail workday of the year. Help repair and maintain trails to make them safe for hikers and to prevent erosion. Information or to sign up as a member of the trail crew, contact Park Ranger Don Stanley at (301) 663-9388.

Sept. 30 – National Public Lands Day. 9 a.m. at Camp Round Meadow. Learn how to identify alien plants threatening the Catoctin Mountain Park forest composition and then remove them. No minimum time commitment. Groups and individuals welcome. Information: contact Debbie Mills at (301) 663-9388.

Sept. 30 – Wayside Exhibit Dedication. Noon at the Visitor Center. 29 graphic panels, outdoor wayside exhibits, introduce park visitors to significant events and natural features at Catoctin Mountain Park. A three-year cooperative effort between the Catoctin interpretive staff, the Harpers Ferry Center and Ion Design.

Sept. 23 – Blacksmith Shop Demonstration. 1-3 p.m. Blacksmith Shop in Camp Round Meadow. The volunteer blacksmith will demonstrate and explain how metal is heated and shaped into useful and decorative objects. Information and directions, call the Visitor Center at (301) 663-9388.

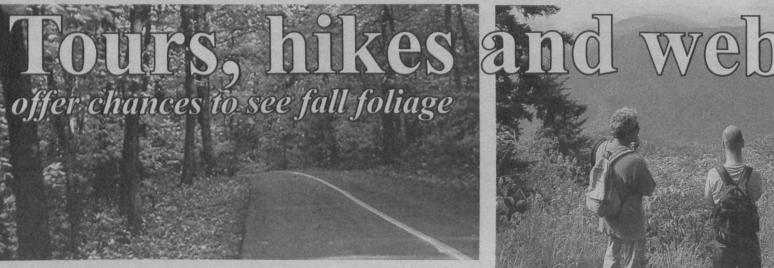
Oct 21, 22, 28, 29 – Fall Color Walks. 1:30 - 3 p.m. Hog Rock Parking Area. Walk with a ranger and learn why the leaves change in the fall and how weather affects fall color.

Nov. 12, 18, 19 – Orienteering (Map and Compass Reading). 1 p.m. Visitor Center. Indoor slide program that introduces maps and their components and the orienteering compass. Participants then complete a short outdoor course, going off-trail in varied terrain. Free, but limited class size. Reservations: call the Visitor Center at (301) 663-9388.

#### Catoctin Mountain Park 70th Anniversary Celebration

Join the staff of Catoctin Mountain Park at the Visitor Center at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14 to celebrate the park's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A special one-day postal cancellation, art display by Catoctin High School and birthday cake will be available from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

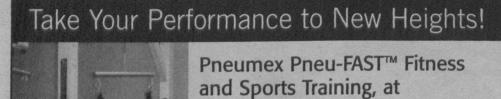






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The Mid-Atlantic and New England states have a long tradition of celebrating the advent of fall by setting aside time to enjoy the changing of the leaves as trees produced by hardwoods busily engaged in manufacturing and storing sugar for winter hibernation.

According to the PA State Tourism Bureau, Pennsylvania lists 127 varieties of trees, each turning its own unique color during autumn. Different species of trees produce varied colors of leaves depending on the types of sugars being produced.

The region offers a number of ways to enjoy the fall foliage.

#### Major parks with hiking trails

*Frederick County, Md.* Cunningham Falls State Park 14039 Catoctin Hollow Road Thurmont, MD 21788 (301) 271-7574

Adams County, Pa. Gettysburg National Battlefield Park hiking and biking information at www.nps. gov/gett/pphtml/activities.html.

#### Maryland DNR recommends...

For a fall drive in Washington and Frederick counties, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources suggests taking Route 40 into Greenbrier State Park, then entering Washington Monument State Park off Alternate Route 40. In the park, hike a half-mile to the monument to enjoy the spectacular vista. On leaving the park, take Route 67 south through Pleasant Valley to Gathland State Park for more fall viewing.

#### Hot lines and web sites...

Maryland's Department of Natural Resources maintains a Fall Foliage Hot Line at 1-800-LEAVES1, which is updated weekly with information on locations of developing fall foliage in the state.

Pennsylvania maintains a weeklyupdated status list of the fall changes at <u>www.</u> fallinpa.com/fallinpa/foliageReport.jsp.

Visit the U. S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Web site to learn why leaves change color. <u>www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/</u> <u>misc/leaves/leaves.htm</u>.

This University of Illinois Extension website, "The Miracle of Fall," includes the common names of foliage trees, the Latin name, the foliage color, and a link to a photograph of each tree's leaves in fall color. www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/fallcolor/trees.html.

#### Just for fun...

Learn how and why leaves change color in this Wisconsin Department of Natural Web site designed for children. <u>www.dnr.state.wi.us/</u> org/caer/ce/eek/veg/trees/treestruecolor.htm.

Watch a time-lapse video of a leaf changing into fall colors on the Virginia Tech Web site. <u>www.cnr.vt.edu/dendro/dendrology/</u> leaf.swf.



#### **Fall Festivals**

Sept. 9 & 10 – Gettysburg Wine and Music Festival. Gettysburg Recreation Park. Tickets: \$10-\$20. Live entertainment, exhibits. <u>www.gettysburgwine.com</u>.

Sept. 17 – Adams County Heritage Festival. Noon to 5 p.m. Gettysburg Recreation Park. A celebration of music, food and the arts in recognition of ethnic diversity. Visit <u>www.icpj-gettysburg.org/</u> <u>festival</u> or phone (717) 334-8943.

Sept. 23 – Gettysburg Outdoor Antique Show. 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 150 dealers from 13 states display their wares on the sidewalks in downtown Gettysburg. Sponsored by Gettysburg Retail Merchants. Visit <u>www.gettysburgchamber.org</u> or contact Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce at (717) 334-8151.

Sept. 23-24 – Fairfield Pippinfest. Main Street in Fairfield, Pa., 8 miles west of Gettysburg on Pa. Rt. 116, featuring apple products, music, crafts and antiques in street fair setting. Fair weather only. Phone (717) 642-5640.

Sept. 15-23 – 144<sup>th</sup> Great Frederick Fair. Frederick Fairgrounds, 797 E. Patrick St., Frederick, 21701. Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5 per person; free for under 18 and over 65. Information: call (301) 663-5895, or visit <u>www.thegreatfrederickfair.com</u>. Oct. 7-8 and 14-15 – 42nd Annual National Apple Harvest Festival. South Mountain Fairgrounds, Arendtsville, Pa., 10 miles northwest of Gettysburg. Oldtime festival of apple products, live country music, arts and crafts, antique autos, steam engines, orchard tours and plenty of food. Visit www.appleharvest.com.

Oct. 14-15 – 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Catoctin Colorfest. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thurmont. The area's largest juried craft show. Three craft areas: Community Park, Firemen's Activities Grounds and Thurmont Middle School. Information: e-mail: <u>info@colorfest.org</u> or visit <u>www.colorfest.org</u>.

Oct. 14-15 – 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Sabillasville Community Fair. Sabillasville Elementary, on Route 550, six miles northwest of Thurmont. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Regional crafts, art, antiques and food. Bluegrass/gospel group, "Twin Express," Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission and parking. Information: (301) 241-3997 or (301) 241-4886.

Oct. 21-22 – Family Festival @the Farm. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 14; noon to 4 p.m. on Oct. 15.Visit any or all of the 18 Frederick County farms participating in this year's festival. Free, self-guided tour. Each farm is hosting a variety of special activities and events for all ages. For a complete list of participating farms, visit www.discoverfrederickmd.com/funfarm/ fffgi 06.html.

#### **Civil War-related Events**

Nov. 18 – Remembrance Day. Various locations throughout Gettysburg. Held in conjunction with the Lincoln Observance. Includes a parade at 1 p.m. of Civil War troops to the Albert Woolson Monument for a wreath-laying ceremony, sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans.

#### **Fall Concerts**

Weinberg Center for the Arts 20 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701 www.weinbergcenter.org. 8 p.m. except as noted

Oct. 14 – David Bromberg and Angel Band,

8 p.m. Nov. 3 – David Cassidy, 8 p.m.

Nov. 4 – Chris Matthews, 8 p.m.

Nov. 10 – Maryland Symphony Orchestra,

8 p.m. Nov. 18 – Phil Vassar, 8 p.m. Nov. 24 – Russian American Kids Circus, 1 & 5 p.m. Nov. 9-11 – International Gift Festival. Mennonite Church, Fairfield, Pa. Home decor, pottery, baskets, textiles, Oriental rugs, jewelry and toys handcrafted by artisans from around the world. Visit www.fairfieldmennonitechurch. org or call (717) 642-8936.

Nov. 19 – 143rd Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. An annual observation with brief memorial services in the Gettysburg National Cemetery at 1 p.m. Sponsored by the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania.

#### **Majestic Theatre**

25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, PA 17325 www.gettysburgmajestic.org. Sept. 30 – Peter Cincotti in Concert, 8 p.m. Nov. 1 – Leahy Celtic Band, 8 p.m.

#### Pen Mar Park

High Rock Road at the Mason-Dixon line Info: Washington County Rec. Dep't., Hagerstown, MD 21742 (240) 313-2805 Sundays, 2-5 p.m. Sept. 10 – Saxy Sept. 17 – Music by Just Us Sept. 24 – Easy Listenin' Variety Band Oct. 2 – The Ray Birely Orchestra



#### AUTUMNTIME

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## **Skateboarding a hit in Taneytown**

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#### **By BRENDAN WEEKS**

With the growing popularity of extreme sports such as skateboarding, there has become a rising need to build facilities where kids can skate safely. Taneytown decided to erect their skate park in the summer of 2004.

"We offer kids a safe place to skateboard that's not on the street," says Parks and Recreation Director Robert Mitchell, "I would rather have them there in a safe environment then out in the streets or on public property." The skateboard park is part of Taneytown

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funded primarily by the county with some city money also used. City crews erected the ramps with a wide range of input as to the actual design of the park. "A lot of the design was done by numerous people," says Mitchell, "Even the kids had input on that." The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board along with citizens of Taneytown participated in laying out the park.

The park offers several ramps including quarter pipes, jump boxes, grind rails, and a spine. There is also a section of the park left empty for beginners to practice. "More of the community gets to use the skateboard park

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this way," says Mitchell, "If you're a novice registration fee. This allows the city to monitor and you're just getting into skateboarding, you have the open space." The park is host to children starting as young as four years old.

is pleased with the addition of the park to the Taneytown community. "It's pretty cool," says Harmon. Friends Josh Scott, 11, and Michael Livesay, 13. both agree. "Parks are a lot of fun," says Livesay of Taneytown. Toby Livesay accompanies his son Michael and his stepson Josh, who has only been skateboarding for a week. "It gives the kids a bunch of bruises, but it keeps them out of trouble," jokes Livesay.

The skateboard park requires a \$10 per year who is in the park as well as provide parents with a copy of the park rules.

"We have had very little problems since Phoenix Harmon, 12, of Union Bridge, I've been here," says Mitchell. "The kids that go out there and use the park are good kids for

the most part." The park is located at the corner of Roberts Mill Road and Carroll Heights Drive and opens between 8:30 and 9 a.m. and is closed by the police at sunset. Information about the park can be found on the city's web site, www. ci.taneytown.md.us/ parks.aspx, and there are plans to add more information in the future.



BRENDAN WEEKS / THE DISPATCH

A skateboarder is caught airborne at Taneytown's two-year old skateboard park. The facility was constructed by the town, using ideas and input from local children. The park (ramps in lower photo) was funded primarily through the county with some city money also used.

## **Fall hunting notes**

#### MARYLAND

Maryland hunting licenses www.dnr.state.md.us/service/, or call (410) 260-8200.

Maryland hunting and trapping guide www.dnr.state.md.us/ Black Bear huntersguide/, or call (410) 260-8540.

Ducks, Coots, Mergansers Oct. 14-21, Nov. 11-24, Dec. 12-Jan. 27

**Black Duck** Guides and permits www.pgc.state.pa.us/ Nov. 11-24, Dec. 12-Jan. 27 For other foul, see www.dnr. maryland.gov/huntersguide/ lwfchart.asp.

Oct. 23 through Oct. 28

White-Tailed Deer Sept. 15-Oct. 18, Oct. 23-Nov. 24 See regulations and bag limits www.dnr.maryland.gov/ at

huntersguide/regionb.asp.

Statewide - Nov. 20-22

Statewide (Gun) - Nov. 27-29



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## Fall High School Sports - at home

#### CATOCTIN

14745 Sabillasville Road Thurmont, MD 21788 (240) 236-8100; www.chs.fcps.org

**Boys and Girls Varsity Cross Country** Sept. 12 Dual Meet @ Brunswick/ Williamsport, 4 p.m.

**Girls Varsity Field Hockey** (all at 4 p.m.) Sept. 19 Tuscarora Sept. 26 Walkersville Sept. 28 South Carroll Oct. 5 Liberty Oct. 10 Francis Scott Key Oct. 23, Last play date; Oct. 24, Region Round 1; Oct. 26, Region Quarterfinal; Oct. 31, Region Semifinal; Nov. 02, Region Final; Nov. 06, State Semifinal; Nov. 13, State Final

#### **Boys Varsity Football**

(all at 7 p.m.) Sept. 15 Sidwell Friends Oct. 13 Boonsboro Oct. 20 Clear Spring Oct. 27 South Hagerstown Nov. 10 Brunswick Nov. 17, Region Semifinal; Nov. 24 Region Semifinal; Dec. 1 State Semifinal; Dec. 8 State Final

**Coed Varsity Golf** (all at 4 p.m.) Sept. 7 Williamsport Sept. 12 Smithsburg Sept. 14 Boonsboro Sept. 28 South Hagerstown Oct. 5 North Hagerstown Oct. 10 Brunswick State Semifinal, Oct. 23 and Oct. 24; State Final, Oct. 25

**Boys Varsity Soccer** (all at 6:30 p.m.) Sept. 19 South Hagerstown Sept. 21 Williamsport Sept. 26 Smithsburg Oct. 9 North Hagerstown Oct. 16 Clear Spring

#### **Girls Varsity Soccer**

(all at 6:30 p.m.) Sept. 7 Francis Scott Key Sept. 28 Boonsboro Oct. 5 South Hagerstown Oct. 12 Brunswick Oct. 19 Frederick Oct. 24 Clear Spring For both boys and girls varsity soccer: Oct. 25, Last play date; Oct. 27, Region Round 1;

Oct. 31, Region Quarterfinal; Nov. 3, Region Oct. 10 Littlestown Catoctin Mt. Spa and Tub ERVIC 14135 Graceham Rd. Thurmont, MD (301) 271 - 4704Authorized Emerald Spa Dealer EMERALD It's Where You Want To Be

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Semifinal; 11/07, Region Final; 11/10-11, Oct. 12 Delone Catholic State Semifinal; 11/16-18, State Final **Girls Volleyball** 

#### (all at 6 p.m.)

Sept. 7 Bermudian Springs Sept. 11 York Catholic Sept. 13 Hanover Sept. 19 West York Area Sept. 26 York County School of Tech Oct. 2 Northeastern Oct. 10 Littlestown Oct. 12 Delone Catholic Oct. 13 Christian School of York

#### FAIRFIELD

4840 Fairfield Rd., Fairfield, PA 17320 (717) 642-8228; www.fairfieldpaschools.org **Coed Varsity Cross Country** (both at 4:30 p.m.)

Sept. 19 York Suburban Oct. 10 Dallastown Area

**Girls Varsity Field Hockey** (all at 4:15 p.m.) Sept. 11 York Suburban Sept. 14 Eastern York Sept. 21 Hanover Sept. 28 Littlestown Oct. 3 Delone Catholic Oct. 10 Bermudian Springs Oct. 12 Biglerville

#### **Boys Varsity Football**

(all at 7:30 p.m.) Sept. 9 Pius X Sept. 16 York Catholic Sept. 22 Bowling Brook Oct. 20 Delone Catholic

**Boys Varsity Soccer** (at 7 p.m., except as noted) Sept. 14 Dover Area Sept. 21 Biglerville Sept. 26 Hanover Area Sept. 28 Littlestown Oct. 7 Annville Cleona (12:30 p.m.) Oct. 10 York Catholic Oct. 13 Christian School of York Oct. 14 South Western (10 a.m.) Oct. 16 Waynesboro Area

#### **Girls Varsity Volleyball**

(all at 6 p.m.) Sept. 7 Bermudian Springs Sept. 11 York Catholic Sept. 13 Hanover Sept. 19 West York Area Sept. 26 York County School of Tech Oct. 2 Northeastern

Oct. 13 Christian School of York

#### FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

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**FSK Girls Varsity Field Hockey** (all at 4 p.m.) Sept. 7 Century Sept. 14 North Carroll Sept. 18 Middletown Sept. 26 Frederick Oct. 5 Winters Mill

#### **FSK Boys Varsity Football**

(all at 7 p.m.) Sept. 15 Linganore Sept. 22 Westminster Sept. 29 Frederick Oct. 13 Walkersville Oct. 20 South Carroll

#### **FSK Coed Varsity Golf**

(all at 4 p.m.) Sept. 11 Century Sept. 14 Walkersville Oct. 10 Winters Mill

**FSK Boys/Girls Varsity Golf** (both at 4 p.m.) Sept. 11 Century Sept. 20 South Carroll

#### **FSK Boys Varsity Soccer**

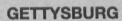
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#### **FSK Girls Varsity Soccer**

(at 6:30 p.m., except as noted ) Sept. 14 North Carroll Sept. 18 Smithsburg Sept. 20 Frederick (5 p.m.) Sept. 28 Walkersville Oct. 17 South Carroll Oct. 24 Williamsport

#### **FSK Girls Varsity Volleyball**

(all at 6 p.m.)Sept. 7 North Carroll Oct. 3 South Carroll Oct. 5 Walkersville Oct. 17 Westminster Oct. 26 Frederick Oet. 31 Old Mill (time TBA)



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#### **Boys and Girls Varsity Cross Country**

(at 4:30 p.m., except as noted) Sept. 9 Gettysburg Invitational (8 a.m.) Sept. 12 Shippensburg Area Sept. 19 Palmyra Area Sept. 28 Scotland School Oct. 18, MPC Meet; Oct. 28, District III Meet; Nov. 4 PIAA Meet

#### **Girls Varsity Field Hockey**

(all at 4 p.m.) Sept. 7 Boiling Springs Sept. 13 Lower Dauphin Sept. 15 Mechanicsburg Area Sept. 21 Susquehanna Township Oct. 5 Hershey Oct. 12 Northern Oct. 20, District III Play-in; Oct. 24, District III Round I; Oct. 28, Round II; Oct. 31, Round III; Nov. 4, Finals

#### **Boys Varsity Football**

(all at 7:30 p.m.) Sept. 15 Big Spring Sept. 29 Susquehanna Township Oct. 13 Mechanicsburg Area Oct. 27 Red Land Nov. 10, District III, Round I; Nov. 17, Quarter Finals; Nov. 24, Semi-Finals; Dec.1, **Finals** 

#### **Boys Varsity Soccer**

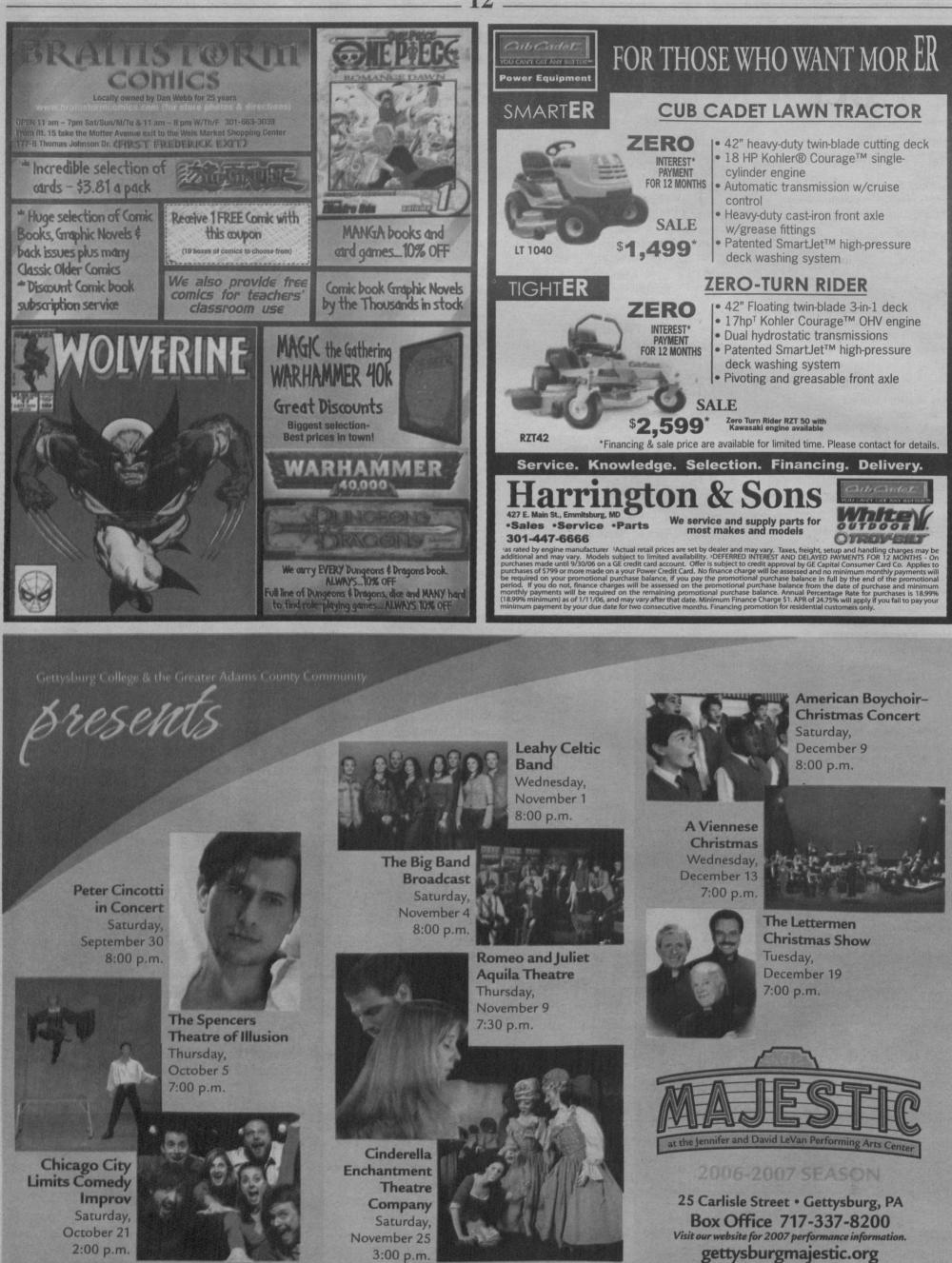
(all at 6:30 p.m.) Sept. 9 Bishop McDevitt Sept. 14 Hershey Sept. 19 Mechanicsburg Area Sept. 21 Susquehanna Township Sept. 23 Northern Sept. 28 Middletown Area Oct. 5 Lower Dauphin Oct. 26, Oct. 28, Nov. 1, Nov. 4, District III **AAA** Tournament

#### **Girls Varsity Volleyball**

(at 7:15 p.m., except as noted) Sept. 7 Waynesboro Area Sept. 11 South Western Sept. 14 Red Land Sept. 16 Gettysburg Varsity Tournament (8 a.m.) Sept. 21 Middletown Area Sept. 26 Big Spring Sept. 28 Shippensburg Area Oct. 5 Northern Oct. 9 Chambersburg Area Oct. 12 Mechanicsburg Area Oct. 16 Carlisle



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### EDUCATION

## Catoctin area school enrollments on target

By SUSAN ALLEN Contributing Writer

According to local principals and guidance counselors, the start to the 2006-07 school year on Aug. 28 was "very smooth ... a great opening." Exact enrollment figures were not available for every one of the Catoctin feeder schools by the first day of school. However, administrators were able to provide estimates or anticipated enrollment relative to last year's numbers.

Thurmont Primary Principal Debbie Myers stated that kindergarten enrollment was expected to be "a little lower" than last year, while grades 1 and 2 were approximately the same. Pre-kindergarten students were still being enrolled.

Thurmont Elementary

Assistant Principal Terri Zigler reported that student numbers are "slightly under our projections," with six classes at each grade level (3-5) and class size at 23-24 students per classroom. **Emmitsburg Elementary** As of Friday, Aug. 25, Principal Wanda Severance was anticipating 316 students in grades pre-K-5.

Lewistown Elementary

"Enrollment is up a little this year across the board," according to office staff as of Aug. 25.

Sabillasville Elementary Principal Karen Locke also reported that enrollment is "slightly up from last year, but well within projections." Thurmont Middle

As of Aug. 25 the guidance office anticipated 700 students, "about the same as last year," to begin classes on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Catoctin High** 

Expected enrollment at CHS (school capacity, 1,200) was 1,050 students as of Aug. 25. "We have room to grow," said Principal Jack Newkirk II.

### **'Scotty's Ride' sponsored** by legion and local business

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON Emmitsburg News Editor rfulton@emmitsburgdispatch.com

EMMITSBURG, Md. – "Scotty's Ride," a poker run to be held Sept. 30 (rain date Oct. 7), sponsored by American Legion Post 121 and My Father's Footsteps Hair Design, will help raise funds for a four-year old suffering from a brain tumor.

Scotty Harbaugh was initially diagnosed over two years ago with the inoperable tumor while undergoing medical evaluation for a seizure disorder.

He has received nearly two years of palliative chemotherapy which has enabled him to attend school and maintain a good quality of life, although he has since suffered from intercranial bleeding and has been recovering from the resulting surgery through physical rehabilitation.

Registration will be held in the Jubilee Foods parking lot from 8 to 9:45 a.m. The run will start at 10 a.m. sharp. The event will conclude at Kerry & Valerie Shorb's, 11322 Harney Rd.

Funds raised will go toward Scotty's medical expenses, according to Kerry Shorb, Harbaugh's great uncle. People can register the day of the event, or make a donation without participating and still attend the after-run reception.

For additional information, contact Kerry at (301) 447-3260 or (301) 447-6600.



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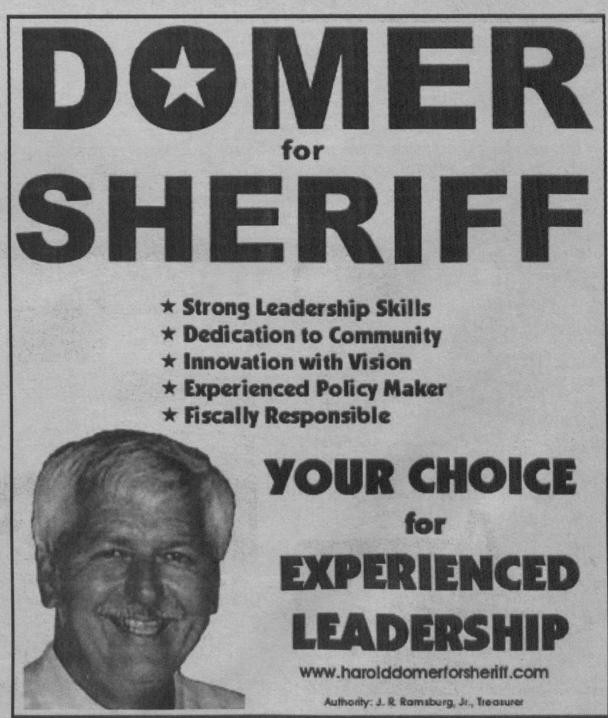
## Yard sale to benefit scholarship fund

#### By SUSAN ALLEN Contributing Writer

The New Forest Society will host a yard sale/flea market at Lost Hen Farm nursery in Rocky Ridge on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2006. The society will sell items from its own table, and is offering table space to other individuals or groups in return for 10 percent of their sales. In addition, there will be a raffle of a red maple tree from the nursery. All proceeds will be contributed to the New Forest Society's environmental scholarship fund with The Community Foundation of Frederick County.

Anyone wishing to donate items to NFS or arrange space for their own sales should contact the NFS at (301) 271-4459, or Lost Hen Farm, (301) 695-8219, (301) 514-2500. The farm is located at the intersection of Mud College (off Old Frederick Road) and Hoovers Mill Roads. The event will be held rain or shine; the nursery's "hoop house" will provide cover in case of inclement weather.

NFS is a locally-based environmental group founded by Elizabeth Prongas of Rocky Ridge. It supports tree planting for watershed restoration and stream protection and leads hands-on projects for kindergarten students in Emmitsburg. The first scholarship from the New Forest Society Fund was awarded in June to Maria Stevens, a 2006 graduate from Walkersville High School.



#### **Agnes M. Braxton**

Agnes May Braxton, 98, of Frederick, died July 24, 2006, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg.

Born Dec. 1, 1907, in Baltimore, she was the daughter of the late Clarence Braxton and the late Martha Ellen Richardson Braxton Stewart.

Surviving are one grandson, one step grandson; one great-grandson; and two great great grandsons.

Funeral services were held at Hartzler Funeral Home, Libertytown, with the Rev. Lawrence Bryant, of Warren United Methodist Church, Mount Airy, officiating. Interment was in Keys Chapel Cemetery, Oldfields.

#### **Shirley Anne Gingell**

Shirley Anne Gingell, 69, of West Main Street, Emmitsburg, died Aug. 15, 2006, at York Hospital.

Born Feb. 4, 1937, in Blue Ridge Summit, Pa., she was a daughter of the late George William and Pearl Miranda Stull Small Sr.

She is survived by her husband, Herbert T. Gingell of Emmitsburg; five children, Thomas Kevin Gingell, Kelly Ann Connor, Herbert T. Gingell, Shirley Kristin (Watts) and George Michael Gingell; four grandchildren; two brothers, William Small and James Small; three sisters, Harriett Gonder, Margaret Brown and Patricia Trostle; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Aug. 18, with her pastor, the Rev. Reginald Rice, officiating. Assistant Rev. Harry "Bud" Yoder also officiated. Inurnment was at Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

**OBITUARIES** 

#### **Raymond Hoffman**

Raymond L. Hoffman, 83, of Rocky Ridge, Md., died Aug. 11, 2006, at his home.

Born in Creagerstown, Md., on Jan. 10, 1923, he was the son of the late George Elmer and Ella Hankey Hoffman.

In addition to his wife of 57 years, he is survived by two sons, Paul Lemar Hoffman and Rav Eugene Hoffman; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one brother, George Hoffman.

Services were held Aug. 15, at the Stauffer Funeral Home, Frederick, with the Rev. Linda Lambert officiating. Interment was at Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick.

#### Louise A. Robertson

Louise Amanda Robertson, 79, of Keymar, died Aug. 5, 2006, at Lorien Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Taneytown.

Born April 3, 1927, in Salisbury, she was the daughter of the late Charles A. and Thelma P. Smith.

Surviving are two daughters, Susan I. Robertson and Kathleen L. Robertson; one son, Thomas P. Robertson Jr.; three grandchildren; four sisters, Ruth Simpson, Ann Propst, Ella Kauffman and Sarah Gray.

Funeral services were held Aug. 10, at Grace United Church of Christ, Taneytown, with Rev. Steven Ostendorf-Snell, her pastor, officiating. Interment was in the Grace United Church of Christ Cemetery.

#### Mrs. D'Ann Spangler

Mrs. D'Ann Evelyn Spangler, 67, of N. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, Md., died Aug. 10, 2006, at home.

Born Feb. 17, 1939, in Washington, D.C., she was a daughter of the late Daniel A. Sullivan Jr. and Elizabeth Mullvaney Sullivan.

Surviving is her husband, Paul R. Spangler Sr.; five children, Daniel A. Spangler, D'Ann Kolb, Paul Spangler, Liz Spangler, and Andrew Spangler; and eight grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Aug. 14, from St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg, Md., with the Rev. Stephen P. Trzecieski as celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

#### Coy A. Trent Sr.

Coy A. Trent Sr., 78, of Lafayetta, La., died Aug. 4, 2006, at a hospital in Lafayetta, La. He was the husband of Barbara Trent. Born Dec. 24, 1927, in

Rosehill, Va., he was the son of the late Maggie C. King Trent and the late John H. Trent of Emmitsburg.

Surviving in addition to his wife Barbara are two sons, David and Matthew; two daughters, Barbara and Karen; several grandchildren; one step-daughter; one step son; two brothers, Leonard and Fred; five sisters, Marlene Springer and Sarah Green, Emmitsburg, Judy Althoff, Linda Lutz and Brenda Shults.

His body was donated to science for research.



Dear JoAnn Hance Charity Golf Supporter,

The Hance Family and golf tournament committee offer a sincere thanks for your generous contribution to our 2006 event. This year's event raised over nine thousand dollars for the charities.

Your donation will make a difference in our community. All proceeds go directly to Up-County Family Center, Emmitsburg Lions and The Sister Barbara Hance Homeless Shelter. On Aug. 13, 2007, our tournament will celebrate its 10th anniversary.

Thank you and God bless you and your family.

The Hance Family & Golf Tournament Committee

#### Note of Thanks:

I would like to thank all of you who have reached out to me and my family in so many wonderful ways during the loss of my husband, William (Billy) Junker. I've no idea how we would have managed without you. I was truly overwhelmed by the outpouring!

I will always remember the kindness of Dr. & Mrs. Powell, Pauline Engelstatter and the wonderful faculty, administration, and staff at Mount St. Mary's University who offered so much support during Bill's illness and after his death.

A very special thanks to friends: Dr. Bonnie Portier, Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center, Don & Libby Briggs, Sal & Joan Chandon owners of the Fairfield Inn, and Lisa Elder owner of the Chronicle Press.

Bill was blessed to have a number of friends, relatives, religious, and clergy with him throughout the day of his passing: Sally Thomas, Karen Adelsberger, Don & Libby Briggs, Stacy Bowers (Bill's Hospice nurse), Sr. Betty Hart (Bill's sister), Pastor Christopher Frye, Sr. Joan Maenner, Fr. Jim Donohue, Fr. Jack Lombardi, David Shackleton, Dena Sewell, Christopher and Matthew Shackleton, and Fr. Paul Redmond, who prayed Bill into heaven. We were all blessed by their presence.

I want to thank the Rev. Ray Harris, Rev. Dan Mindling, and Msgr. Bill Parent for concelebrating Bill's funeral mass with Fr. Jack and Fr. Paul and the main celebrant, Fr. Jim Donohue. The liturgy was indeed beautiful. I also want to thank Bill's Pall Bearers: Karl Barron, Donald Briggs, Frank Buhrman, Sal Chandon, Jim Dieffenderfer, Eric Landfried, William Portier, Chris Robinson, Chris Talbot and Honorary Pall Bearers: Francis Glaine, Joseph Junker, Tim Kirby, David Shackleton, Christopher Sewell, and John Winkler. - Linda Kelly Junker

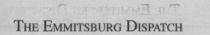
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Attendees at the 232nd annual birthday celebration for Elizabeth Ann Seton enjoy the festivities and balloons at the family-oriented event held Aug. 27 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, sponsored by the Seton Club of Harrisburg, Pa., and the Daughters of Charity at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. About 375 attended the Mass and party. Also held was a recognition ceremony for 21 children present who were named after Mother Seton. - Photo courtesy of National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

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#### DINO FLORES IS THE TOUGHEST PROSECUTOR

- As Chief of the Homicide/Violent Crimes Division in the Frederick State's Attorney's Office, he took 5 murder cases to TRIAL and obtained CONVICTIONS in all of them.
- No current prosecutor has Mr. Flores' experience with homicides and serious felonies.

#### DING FLORES WILL SEVERELY LIMIT PLEA BARGAINS

- In 1999, the Office tried 74 criminal cases; over the last 4 years, the average was only 25 out of 2300+ cases.
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#### DING FLORES IS MORE RESPECTED BY JUDGES, POLICE OFFICERS & LAWYERS

- He was recently found "MOST QUALIFIED" to serve as a District Court Judge; the Republican opponent has applied TWICE and has NEVER been found qualified.
- He received **ALL** police endorsements given in 2002; the police are extremely dissatisfied with the current administration and desperately want a change!

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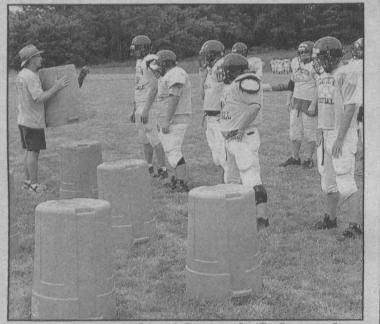
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Hopefuls for Catoctin Cougars football team prepare to run drills on Aug. 15, the first day of practice for sports teams in the State of Maryland. The varsity football team's next home game will be Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. against Sidwell Friends.



The Duramed Futures developmental tour at The Links at Gettysburg on Aug. 25-27.

Song-Hee Kim, Seoul, Korea, won the Gettysburg championship and was awarded a \$10,500. The Gettysburg victory represented her fifth win on the tour.

Finishing second was Jin Young Pak, Kang Leung, Korea, winning \$7,500, while the third place winner was Kristy McPherson, Conway, South Carolina, who took home a \$5,550 prize.

"With over 2,400 spectators, Tour held its first official LPGA and over 200 volunteers working the tournament, we are extremely gratified by the success of the first professional golf tournament at The Links at Gettysburg," Links Manager Ken Picking told The Dispatch. "We already are planning for 2007 and our plans are to continue to grow this into one of the premier golf events in the Mid-Atlantic region each year."

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Three Duramed Futures players at the 10th hole (above) at The Links at Gettysburg as the Aug. 25-27 competition gets underway. The tournament attracted a world-wide field of women golfers,

including Kristina Tucker (insert) from Stockholm, Sweden. Two

Korean golfers finished first and second overall.

Korean women prevail at

**Gettysburg golf tournament** 

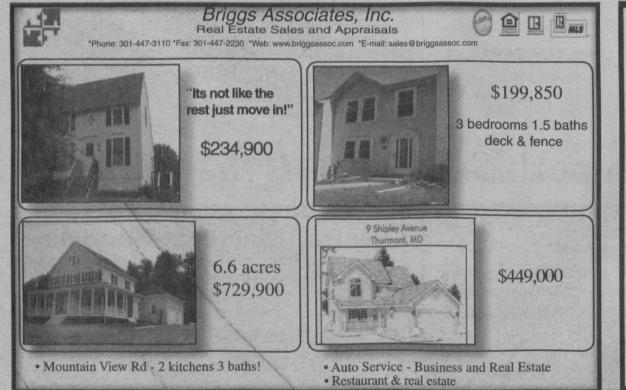
The Futures tour, being held in 14 states, has a season purse of \$1.42 million, an average tournament

purse of \$75,000. The Gettysburg tournament held a \$75,000 purse, a cash prize of \$10,500 for the winner, and \$7,500 to the runner-up.

While the average player's age is 25, the Futures tour lowered the age threshold to 17, with several players "right out of high school this season," according to a Futures press release. Women in the tour represent 31 nations and 41 states.

Klein Builders Group and Hanover Honda sponsored the Gettysburg tournament.

-R. Fulton





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### 50th Annual Thurmont & **Emmitsburg Community Show** Sept. 8-10, Catoctin High School

#### Friday, Sept. 8

6 p.m. – Show opens to the public.

7 p.m. - Community Flag Ceremony. After the flag ceremony, the show committee will honor the 50th anniversary of former Catoctin FFA Chapter Sweethearts, FFA Ambassadors and the Catoctin FFA Ambassador program.

8:30 p.m. - Baked goods auction begins.

9 p.m. - Grand champion cake, pie and bread will be sold.

#### Saturday, Sept. 9

Petting zoo, pony rides and farm machinery display during the day. In the old gymnasium - Thurmont resident John Kinnaird's old pictures from Thurmont's 250th Anniversary; Helen Mackley's display of buttons and badges. Thurmont Library annual book sale; commercial exhibits, 4-H demonstrations.

7 to 10:30 a.m. - Thurmont Lions Club Breakfast, Agricultural Center. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Catoctin FFA Alumni Beef, Sheep and Swine show.

10 a.m. to noon - Pet Show in front of the high school.

3-7 p.m. - Thurmont Grange turkey and ham supper. School cafeteria. 7 p.m. - 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Catoctin FFA Alumni Beef, Sheep & Swine sale. Ag Center area.

8 p.m. - Richard Lee Troxell concert in the auditorium. Doors open at 7 p.m.

#### Sunday, Sept. 10

9:30 a.m. - Goat Show, followed by the Dairy Show and Decorated Animal Contest at noon.

Noon - Catoctin Area FFA Alumni chicken barbeque. Cafeteria.

1 p.m. - 27th annual horseshoe pitching contest.

1 p.m. - 26th annual crosscut log sawing under the show tent. Ag Center area. 1-1:45 p.m. and 2:15-3 p.m. - "Catoctin Promise" band. Auditorium. 1:30 p.m.- Barnyard Olympics for children. Age groups: 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-13.

2 p.m. - Martial arts demonstration. Old gym.

3 p.m. - Scholarship Raffle Drawing

#### **Exhibits**

Entry: Thursday, Sept. 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 8 from 8 a.m. to noon in the Catoctin High School gymnasium.

Removal: All exhibits must be removed Sunday, Sept. 11 between 3 and 7 p.m.

Departments include: Fresh Fruits, Fresh Vegetables, Home Products Display, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Jellies & Preserves, Pickles, Meats, Baked Products, Sewing & Needlework, Flowers & Plants, Arts, Paintings & Drawings, Crafts, Photography, Com, Small Grains & Seeds, Eggs, Nuts, Poultry & Rabbits, Dairy Classes, Goats, Hay & Straw, Junior Department and Youth Department.

The Community Show is sponsored by the Thurmont Grange, Catoctin FFA Chapter, Catoctin Area FFA Alumni, the Maryland State Agricultural Fair Board and the Maryland State Grange. Committee members: Officers: President - C. Rodman Myers, Vice President - Robert Valentine, Secretary - Robert Beavan. Thurmont Grange: Jean Myers, David Harman, Cheryl Lenhart, Sue Keilholtz, Alan Brauer Sr., Robert Wiles, Jeff Geisinger, Jessica Valentine. Catoctin FFA Alumni: Denise Valentine, Helen Troxell, Karen Myers Amanda & Paul Dennis, Jane & Dave Savage, Laura Keilholtz; Catoctin FFA Chapter: Robert Beavan and Diane Ogg - Advisors, Karen Delauter, Sarah Willard. Historians: Susan Sanders and Patty Johnston.



Recreation Park. Tickets: \$10-\$20. Live entertainment, exhibits. www. gettysburgwine.com.

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Sept. 17 - Adams County Heritage Festival. Noon to 5 p.m. Gettysburg Recreation Park. A celebration of music, food and the arts in recognition of ethnic diversity. Visit www.icpj-gettysburg.org/festival or phone (717) 334-8943.

Sept. 23 - Gettysburg Outdoor Antique Show. 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 150 dealers from 13 states display their wares on the sidewalks in downtown Gettysburg. Sponsored by Gettysburg Retail Merchants. www.gettysburg-chamber. Visit org or contact Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce, (717) 334-8151.

Sept. 23-24 - Fairfield Pippenfest. Main Street in Fairfield, Pa., 8 miles west of Gettysburg on Pa. Rt. 116, featuring apple products, music, crafts and antiques in street fair setting. Fair weather only. Phone (717) 642-5640.

#### Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

Through Oct. 15-Brand New Day. Photographs by Martin L. Heavner. Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick. Heavner's award-winning photographs visually celebrate the gift of each day. He captures the color, form and textures of uncommon landscapes and graphic man-made objects, including several from the Frederick area. Working in digital, 35mm and medium formats, he has won more than 100 awards at national and regional salons.

September-October - Kids Like Us: Who Cares? Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick. Reception, Sept. 9, 2-4 p.m. Photographic images, created by youth ages 9 to 13, depict individual experiences of caring - who cares about them and their/ our community. Third annual exhibit of the Frederick County Health Department Kids Like Us program, led by art therapist Julie

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Sept. 2-24 - Contemporary African-American Artists. Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick. The exhibit showcases the work of George H. Smith-Shomari, printmaker; Carien Quiroga, weaver/sculptor; Peter Williams, painter; and Alonzo Davis, bamboo sculptor. Family legacies, the pursuit of life ambitions and the struggle to achieve, serve as primary themes.

Sept. 2 to Oct. 29 - Letters from an Expedition by Michael Douglas Jones. Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick. The artist is off on an expedition around the globe searching for his lost muse. However, it is the artist that is lost, not the muse. An exploration of how one repeatedly searches for what cannot be found, because it was never lost.

### Stage

Sept. 8-Nov. 4 – "The Odd Couple." Neil Simon's hit comedy featuring the mismatched pair: Oscar Madison and Felix Unger, sure to have you rolling in the aisles with laughter. Tickets: \$13-\$38. Way Off Broadway Dinner Theater, 5 Willowdale Drive, Willowtree Plaza, Frederick. (301) 662-6600, www. wayoffbroadway.com.

Sept. 22, 23, 29, 30 and Oct. 1 - "Clue: the Musical." Jack B. Kussmaul Theatre, Frederick Community College. Sept. performances at 8 p.m., Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. Brings the world's bestknown suspects to life and invites you to help solve the mystery: who killed Mr. Boddy, in what room, and with what weapon. Audience members choose from cards representing the potential murderers, weapons and rooms -216 possible solutions. Tickets: \$6-\$22. Call (240) 315-3855.



Artz Library, 110 E. Patrick St., Frederick. No charge. Brown bag lunches for sale; free Rita's Italian Ice desserts, treats from BB&T. Information: (301) 694-1630. Sept. 8 – Orquestra La (Salsa, Cumbia, Tremenda Merengue)

For Children

Through Nov. 18 - "The Three

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Sept. 15 - Strykers' Posse (Reggae)

Sept. 22 - Solazo Trio (Andean folk and Latin dance)

Sept. 29 - Scythian Celtic Misfits (Celtic Rock)

Sept. 10 - Gettysburg Chamber Orchestra. 4 p.m. Chapel of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, 147 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg.

Sept. 16 - The No Name Band (classic rock) 5-7 p.m. Emmitsburg Memorial Park, Emmitsburg.

### Festivals/Events



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## **ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS**

### Library Events

Storytimes **Babies with Books** (birth-24 months with an adult) Sept. 13, 20, 27 at 10:30 a.m.

**Two-Terrific Storytime** (age 2 with an adult) Sept. 12, 19, 26 at 7 p.m.

Family Storytime (all ages) Sept. 13, 20, 27 at 7 p.m.

**Preschool Storytime** (ages 3-5 with an adult) Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:30 a.m.

#### Children's Programs "Did You Know?" Series: Horse

Sense Staff from Breezy Hill Stables will provide information about horses, their care, and how they can help children and adults affected by life's difficulties.

Sept. 23 at 11 a.m. Registration required.

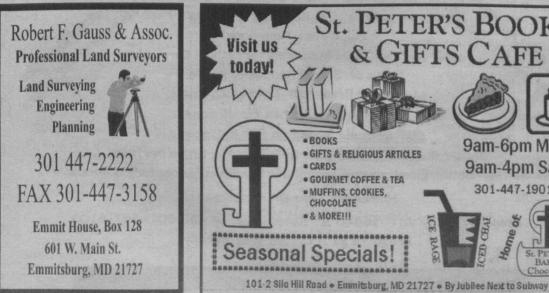
The Book Bunch (ages 6-9) A celebratory book discussion with craft or activity. Check the library desk for book titles. Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. Registration required.

Reading Rocks! (ages 10-12) Choose either book for each session, and join us for a snack, an activity,

### Senior Events

An old song tells of "leaves of brown tumbling down" in a September rain, and despite some recent showers, we surely need some more here this September. Even if it's raining, we hope you will come out to our Fall Bazaar on Saturday, Sept. 23. We'll be open from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Meeting Day is Tuesday, Sept. 15. There's a public Night Card Party on Sept. 27; doors open at 5 p.m. Our bowling group is still growing; join us on Mon. 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



and book discussion. "Math Curse" by Jon Scieszka

or "The Number Devil" by Hans Magnus Enzenberger Sept. 11 at 4 p.m. Registration required.

**Little Scientist Program** (ages 4-6) Join the Walkersville Chemistry club for hands-on activities with take-home results. Sept. 30 at 11 a.m. Registration

Storytime with "Sneaks" (all ages) Enjoy storytime and a visit from the FCPL mascot Sneaks the Cat to help celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month. Times to be announced.

required.

#### Teen Programs Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club (teens and adults) Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. "Dark Lord of Derkholm" by Diana Wynne Jones.

Animé Club (grades 6-12) Join us for Animé/Manga movies, card games and more.

Adult Programs **Celebrate Art!** 

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Bingo: Sept. 13 and 27.

center at 12:30 p.m.

Smith, running Sept. 9 through 23.

**Tuesday Evening Book Club** "Running With Scissors" by Augusten Burroughs. Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

**Non-Fiction Book Club** Sept. book to be announced. Sept. 14 at 1 p.m.

#### Design for Living: What Do I Do with All This Paper?

Expert organizer Julie Tobiason will help you unclutter paperwork pileup like paid bills, warranties, and tax information at this free program. Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. Registration required.

#### **Knitting Nook**

(teens and adults) Beginners and experienced knitters welcome. Bring your own needles and yarn, or call for info. Sept. 21 at 4 p.m.

**Genealogy Focus Group** (teens and adults) Learn how to do genealogical research and track down elusive

ancestors. Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.

#### Leaving a Legacy: Write About Your Life

Learn to record your stories and personal observations of what life was like "back when ... " Meeting time to be announced.

Cards, 500, and Bridge Group: Sept. 6 and 20

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

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

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

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



As a quilt lover and maker, I have always wanted to go to Paducah, Ky., and Houston, Tex. during their yearly quilt weeks. I've also thought that some day I would experience a GREAT inspiration for a special design. Yearly, the Hoffman Challenge fabric entered my fabric stash, and, there it is unused and taunting me.

The 2006 challenge fabric is dozens of colored ribbons swirling and twitting on a dark background. No one could use that for a quilt! However, they did! One quilter did two bathing beauties with one wearing a "ribbon" fabric bathing suit. Many items were of ribbon fabric, but the designs were so easy to find that I don't know why I couldn't think of any. There was a wall hanging - a gift box with ribbon-fabric ribbons; a mariners' compass; stylized cats with one body of ribbon fabric. I don't know the quilt names, but one looked like space with planets and comet trails. Another was like a DNA chain.

Creating a design seemed easy. Making it into a quilted item was the task. I'm told that a computer is a big help in sizing and making templates.

Quilt Odyssey (she spelled it Odessey) 2006 at Hershey, Pa., convinced me that Paducah is out. I lack the stamina for it. Thank goodness Odyssey had plenty of chairs.

I've attended two shows this summer, The Odyssey and the Blue Ridge Quilters Guild at Blacksburg, Va. Both shows featured some traditional patterns, but different interpretations. For example, "Drunkard's Path" in a new arrangement in shades of orange, yellow and blue. Another featured "Ocean Waves" in blues, white and pink, in addition to the traditional blue and white.

Find a show and go to it. Your favorite show can help you. Fabric stores have samples of work displayed, creating a show in itself. Take your husband along. He might get the quilt fever. If not, he can sit with the other husbands. A quilt show can be a family affair.

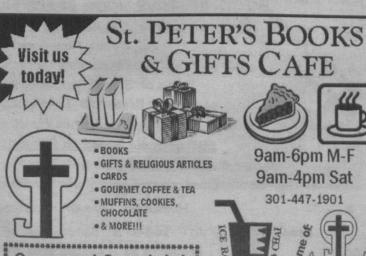
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