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Fallen firefighters memorial services this weekend

Fire safety workers, family members and friends will gather in Emmitsburg the weekend of Oct 6-8 to honor firefighters who died in the line of duty.

The 25th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend at the National Fire Academy will honor 100 fallen firefighters from 33 states who died in 2005, along with seven firefighters who died in previous years. No Maryland firefighters, but seven Pennsylvania firefighters, are included on this year's roll of honor.

On Saturday, a vigil will be held at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

At 11:30 a.m., bikers will travel through Emmitsburg to the Fire Academy and lay a wreath at the National Monument for the eighth annual Red Helmets Ride.

Saturday evening a candlelight service at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will begin at 6:30 p.m. preceded by a musical interlude at 6 p.m.

On Sunday a 10 a.m. memorial service will be held on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. An honor guard and bagpipers processional will begin the ceremony. Included will be the unveiling of the plaque listing the names of the 2005 fallen heroes and others being honored.

Through the 2004 "Everybody Goes Home" initiative, the U.S. Fire Administration and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation aim to reduce firefighter deaths by 25 percent within five years and 50 percent within 10 years.



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Four-year old Scott Harbaugh poses with grandparents Cindy Harbaugh (left) and Marty Harbaugh (right) and event participants at the start of the Sept. 30 "Scotty's Ride," a poker run held by American Legion Post 121 and My Father's Footsteps Hair Design to help raise funds to help with Scotty's medical expenses. Harbaugh suffers from an inoperable brain tumor. The event raised nearly \$11,000, with the final count yet to be made.

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Police asked to crack down on Mount students

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON

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EMMITSBURG, Md. -

Mount St. Mary's University's alleged failure to plan for more on-campus housing as the campus

grew has been blamed for some of the ill-effects felt by the town as community deputies are urged to crack-down on student misconduct.

Board of commissioners President Christopher V. Staiger said Sept. 18 that complaints he

has recently received regarding disturbances at homes boarding Mount students warranted further action by the town, including evaluating how certain homes had become boarding houses.

The board requested that the community deputies monitor

and issue citations to offending students boarding in town in the hopes that increased enforcement would discourage the conduct which has been generating numerous complaints.

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Rare butterfly habitat found at Rainbow Lake

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

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The presence of White Turtlehead, a plant necessary for the survival of the state butterfly, the Baltimore

Checkerspot, has been identified

at Rainbow Lake.

The Baltimore Checkerspot (Euphydryas phaeton) is listed as a "watched species" on the state rare, threatened and endangered species

list and described as uncommon to rare. In this region, the Checkerspot relies solely upon the presence of the White Turtlehead in order for the female to lay eggs, according to a spokesperson with the Baltimore Checkerspot Restoration Project.

The plants (Chleone glabra) were found and reported to The Dispatch by a town resident. The news editor and the reporting party confirmed the plant's presence on Sept. 28, and The Dispatch subsequently verified the identity

of the plant with the BCRP.

The White Turtlehead thrives only in certain environments, particularly in a "fen," lowland covered wholly or partly with water and with peaty, alkaline soil.

The flowers have also been found on wooded hillsides. Development, especially along the Eastern seaboard, has been blamed for

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Thanks from Baghdad

I am a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard, but I have been a resident of Emmitsburg since December 2002. As you can tell from my e-mail address I am presently serving in Baghdad, Iraq. Thanks to my loving wife I stay in touch with Frederick County with The Emmitsburg Dispatch and another area newspaper. Normally when not wearing the uniform of the U.S. Army I work for Comcast, formerly Adelphia, in Frederick.

Sir, I enjoyed your article, "A local hero makes his final journey"

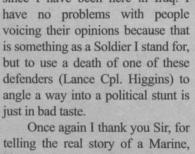
(Aug. 17, 2006). You described everything that I would have done if I had your outlet. As you alluded, Americans don't grasp the concept that the media only reports what will help its agenda. Now don't get me wrong. This works both ways. But in my humble opinion, to have a fair and consistent story you must include both sides. You said in the article the positives that happen here, which Sir, honestly needs to be heard more often. Why has the state of our media come to the point that only death and carnage are reported

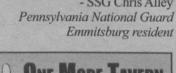
while positive and proactive items are left to the wayside?

I have had many "running gunfights" with the likes of (a reporter from an area newspaper) since I have been here in Iraq. I

Once again I thank you Sir, for his "Buddies", and a war, after doing research on a topic instead of relying on "Talking Heads" and other news media which have their own agendas.

- SSG Chris Alley







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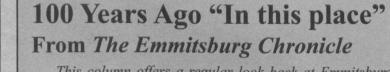
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This column offers a regular look back at Emmitsburg through the eyes of The Emmitsburg Chronicle which first appeared on June 14, 1879, published by Samuel Motter. In 1909 the paper became known as The Weekly Chronicle. It continued regular publication,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

Oct. 5, 1906 Live Local News

The property recently bought by Mr. J.E. Payne from Mr. J.A. Long, has been rented to Mr. Vernon Lantz. Mr. Lantz will occupy the property in the spring.

The whole town was surprised several days ago to learn of the very sudden and, what at first was supposed to be, the fatal illness of Mr. Jas. B. Gelwicks. Though not entirely out of danger there is a noticeable change for the better in his condition and his host of friends now predict and sincerely hope that he will very shortly be restored to perfect health.

It must be with a feeling of pride and pleasure that the President, the Faculty, the students and all who are interested in Mount St. Mary's, look back upon the beautiful ceremonies that graced the laying of the cornerstone of the new Seminary Building at this renowned old institution.

And with still greater pride must these same men contemplate the many notable achievements of those who have occupied and who now occupy high places in the Catholic Church – all of them alumni of this proud old college on the Mount.

The Emmitsburg Library

Last June the Chronicle called attention to the need of a public library for Emmitsburg and offered to donate 25 volumes as a nucleus for this purpose. The idea was heartily approved of, a committee was formed and plans for organization determined upon. As was to be expected little was done during the summer months, but now at the end of vacation the committee is hard at work and in a word the Emmitsburg Public Library is an assured thing.

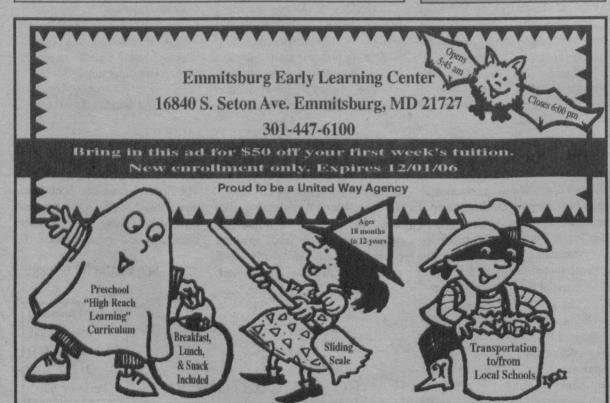
On Wednesday evening last the Executive Committee met at in his pocket.

the home of Miss Belle Rowe, the following members being present: Rev. A.A.M. Gluck, Dr. J. Mc C. Foreman, Mrs. J. Henry Stokes, Miss Belle Rose, Miss Ruth Hoke and Miss Gertrude Annan. It was decided that each member of the Executive Committee make an effort to secure at least five charter members during the next two weeks

In order that this committee may properly carry on its work and establish the library on a thorough basis, rent a suitable room, print such regulations as are necessary, etc., there must be a charter membership of at least fifty members, each subscribing the annual membership fee of one dollar, and that such a number will subscribe there can be no doubt.

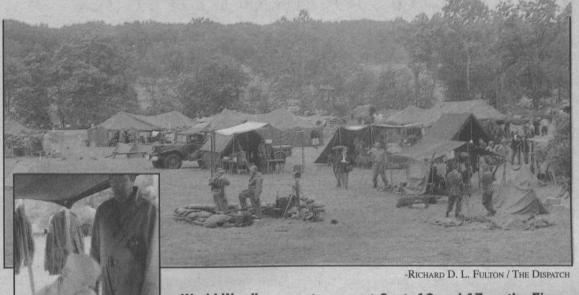
Fred Debold out of Jail

Fred Debold, the boy who shot Edward Smith in Eyler's Valley in August last, and the jury in whose trial for murder at the September term of court failed to agree, was Tuesday morning released from jail on bail. When the second trial of young Debold was postponed until the December term of court, the court decided that he might be allowed to give bail, which was fixed at \$1,000. Justice Calvin N. Stem, of Sabillasville, and Jeremiah Dutrow, of near Sabillasville, consented to become bondsmen for the boy, and it was arranged to give bail Tuesday morning. Mrs. John Debold, mother of the boy, left her home, about 25 miles from Frederick, at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday morning and drove to Frederick, reaching the office of Messrs. Harp and Etchison, the boy's attorneys, at 10:30 o'clock, The young prisoner's release was quickly arranged and he soon joined his mother. Shortly afterward the two set out, rejoicing, for their home. The boy was dressed in his best clothes and had a Bible





Annual WW II re-enactment held at Eisenhower Farm



World War II re-enactors spent Sept. 16 and 17 on the Eisenhower Farm, recreating period encampments as they appeared during World War II. Donald L. Frisby (insert) signs a book for one of the encampment participants. Frisby, a naval veteran of the war who served from 1943 to 1946, attended the event as a spectator but quickly became the center of the attention for many of the re-enactors.



Butterfly

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-RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

A bee enjoys the nectar offered by a White Turtlehead blossom along a small brook on town land near Rainbow Lake. The rare Baltimore Checkerspot, Maryland's state butterfly, relies on the White Turtlehead for egg-laying purposes. The plants discovered near Rainbow Lake were growing in thickets adjacent to a logging road leading to a denuded (from logging) clearing overlooking the lake.

much of the species' decline.

The plants discovered near Rainbow Lake were growing in thickets along a small creek adjacent to a logging road the lake.

It's not known how much of the White Turtlehead growth may have been destroyed in establishing the logging road. Additionally, tracks indicative of all-terrain vehicles were present in the immediate area.

No effort appears to have been made to protect the plants from ATVs, damage by hunters, deer (who are fond of White Turtlehead) or on-going logging

activities, but the BCPR said the scarce butterflies need a lot of them to maintain a local Checkerspot population.

On Sept. 5, the town board leading to a denuded (from of commissioners took no action logging) clearing overlooking on a proposed resolution by Commissioner William B. O'Neil Jr. that would have implemented a hunting moratorium on town lands to allow time to develop a wildlife management plan.

Part of that plan would likely have addressed the protection of rare, threatened and endangered species on town lands.

See related story, "Little interest in wildlife/human protection plan" in the Sept. 7, 2006 issue of The Dispatch.

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EDITORIAL

Will your home be located in a place that you'll want to live 20 years from now?

"If you don't care about parks, jobs, traffic, new homes, shopping choices, working farms, water quality, small town character, economic opportunities, schools, environmental quality, annexation, police protection, Main Street, land subdivision... or the quality of life in your neighborhood, then by all means do not attend the next planning commission workshop...."

That's how a county planner described the planning process that the north end of Frederick County is involved in right now. Both Emmitsburg and Thurmont are updating their town master plans and Frederick County has started collecting data to update the region plan for unincorporated property north of the Monocacy

These documents are used as a guide to plan for future growth and community needs for the next 20 years.

Depending on what is included in them, the landscape and feel of northern Frederick County and it's incorporated municipalities can change in ways you'll like or

For instance, the McNair property located on North Seton Ave. north of Emmitsburg has the potential to provide an east-west alternative route for traffic to get around the town. But, that could also bring development along that pathway which could destroy the scenic view of the town from the Maryland Welcome Center. Both are important to the town and require careful planning.

In Thurmont, the Myers Farm is being considered for annexation. Is the commercial and residential development worth the destruction of the view along the Route 15 Scenic Byway?

With many big issues like these at stake, and others of general importance such as affordable housing, few people attend the meetings where the feedback is collected to put the plans together. And the people who usually complain the loudest are those who fail to come out and add their thoughts, complaints and comments to the process.

For those who do want to participate, they run into another problem. Because of the long-range nature of the work, workshops aren't held regularly, making it hard for residents to know when the meetings are.

When Thurmont's workshop attendance was limited, Planner Denis Superczynski mailed town residents a card that began the way this editorial does. Not only did the direct mail reach everyone affected by the plan, it touched a nerve and attendance at the next workshop jumped by about 500 percent.

It just goes to show that residents are interested and willing to participate when they know what's at stake and how to submit their thoughts and feelings.

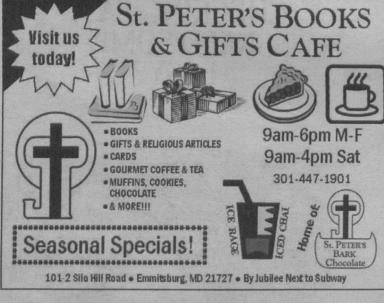
It's a two-way street, commissioners need to find multiple ways to inform residents about the importance of this work, and of meeting dates and times. A direct mail questionnaire, similar to the one Thurmont did recently, could help.

In turn residents need to make an effort to attend meetings and respond to requests for input.

As Superczynski also wrote in his mailing, "The time to be heard is now! Make your opinion count!"

The next workshop on Emmitsburg's comprehensive plan will be Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the town meeting room.

related "Emmitsburg comp plan may not be finished until 2007" and "County's region plan work has begun" on page 8 of this issue of The Dispatch.









Town News

Sidewalk repair heading toward five-year mark

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

EMMITSBURG, Md. - Repair of sidewalks damaged by town trees will likely not begin until next year at which point the effort will have reached a five-year mark, tracing its roots back to meetings in 2002, and it will likely take several years to complete.

Town Manager David Haller told the board of commissioners Sept. 18 that the project will probably be divided into three phases, each projected to cost around \$75,000. The work will be bid out by section. Haller further stated that the work might take as much as three years to complete.

The proposal entails replacing some trees where practical, or simply removing trees where proper sidewalk widths cannot be maintained, especially where they might be inclined to prevent handicapped use.

Unlike the original plantings, the new trees would also be placed in tree boxes. Tree boxes are containment wells that help prevent the spread of root systems.

Former Emmitsburg Mayor William Carr previously told The Dispatch that the Main Street trees, a variety of pear trees, were planted

would not begin until 2007 and in the mid-1980s when the "hump" down the middle of the road was also addressed. The work was done through "Main Street" funding provided by the state, which Carr believed covered about 90 percent of the costs of the trees. The town hired contractors to plant them.

> A number of sidewalk sections along Main Street have been damaged or pushed up by growing tree root systems over the years, generating numerous complaints from residents in town.

> According to town records, some of the initial efforts to address the sidewalk damages attributed to tree growth date back to 2002 when Commissioner Clifford Sweeney

addressed, beginning in July with a request to see if any grant money was available for the repairs.

He continued to plea on behalf of the streets committee, to which he was the board's liaison, finally eliciting a response from Mayor James E. Hoover in October saying the repairs should be assessed and cost estimates determined for inclusion in the next fiscal year

In 2003, Sweeney continued to attempt to pursue repairs in January and again in May with a request that the town again consider adding the repairs as a maintenance line in the budget. By June, he actually

repeatedly asked that the issue be conducted a survey himself and documented sidewalk damage, especially that caused by tree roots.

It was not until November 2005 that the mayor stated the town owns the trees, and that related damage should be viewed as the town's responsibility. Hoover suggested adopting a policy that the town not repair damage done by the tree unless the tree is removed and, if replaced, that the replacement tree be planted within a tree box.

By the end of 2005, work finally appeared to be underway to repair the sidewalks, but ultimately this could be an eight-year effort to correct a potentially dangerous situation.

Dumping deer carcasses can be illegal



RICHARD D. L. FULTON / THE DISPATCH

Deer remains scattered on property bordering Annandale Road appear as discovered by Catherine Forrence during Clean Sweep weekend. The site has since been cleaned up and posted.

Although the state environmental and natural sources agencies do not regulate the disposal of animal wastes generated by hunters, there are laws that determine where hunters may not dispose of the remains of their kills.

Karina Blizzard, associate director of wildlife and heritage service, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, told The Dispatch that hunters cannot dispose of animal remains on state land. Beyond that, it is also illegal to dispose of remains by dumping them on private property.

Illegal dumping on private land may involve trespass charges and could involve other liability issues.

Blizzard recommended that landowners who find dumped carcasses on their property report any incidents to local law enforcement for further investigation.



Civil War Heritage resolution passed

EMMITSBURG, Md. - The town board of commissioners unanimously voted at their Sept. 18 meeting to approve a resolution to insert a civil war heritage management plan into the town's draft comprehensive plan.

Emmitsburg could benefit from increased tourism and grant money for marketing Civil War-related attributes by participating in the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, which comprises portions of Carroll, Frederick and Washington counties.

Participating communities must adopt an HCWHA management plan to participate in the program, which is part of the Maryland R. Fulton Heritage Areas Program.

See related story, "Comp plan may not be finished until 2007"



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Town News

Town may not be complying with police code

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

EMMITSBURG, Md. According to the town municipal code and charter, Emmitsburg is required to appoint a police chief, a mandate that the town has apparently willfully chosen to ignore.

The town municipal code states, "At the organization

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each year, or as soon thereafter as possible, the mayor, with the consent and approval of the commissioners, shall appoint a chief of police..." The law does not state "may," but, rather, makes it mandatory with the use of the word "shall."

Emmitsburg has apparently been in violation of its own code since sometime in the 1980s when the police department was

meeting of the commissioners essentially dissolved, or at least not to be identified told The Dispatch not re-staffed. The Frederick County Sheriff's Office has provided law enforcement services to Emmitsburg since July 1992. Three community deputies presently patrol the town.

Code and charter remain to be changed

The town code contains numerous references to the nowimaginary Emmitsburg police force.

For example, in the code section dealing with impounding of vehicles, the local police authority is mentioned several times, including in a statement that, following a hearing on impounded vehicles, "The findings of the hearing officer shall be in writing. A copy of same shall be furnished to the owner as prescribed by the department of police procedure."

At the Oct. 17, 2005 town meeting Mayor James E. Hoover recommended that provisions in the town code pertaining to the chief of police and police department as they relate to processing parking and abandoned vehicle regulations be repealed.

However, Commissioner William B. O'Neil Jr. stated that it is his understanding that the charter could be left in place with no action necessary to correct it (removing references to the Emmitsburg

The board ultimately decided in a 5-0 vote to address the recommended changes to chapter 2.20 of the code at some future

The town did recently drop "Emmitsburg Police Department" from its parking tickets. Prior to this action, a state employee who asked that issuing citations in the name of a fictitious police force could be a violation of law in itself. However, Scott Rolle, the State's Attorney for Frederick County, disagreed.

Jurisdiction discrepancies and duties unfulfilled

Whether or not the town is violating its code by not appointing a police chief, what area that chief would be in charge of is not exactly

The town charter states that Emmitsburg police officers "have the powers and authority to keep and enforce the laws of the State of Maryland and the Town of Emmitsburg ... within the municipality and beyond those corporate limits for one-half mile."

The town code, on the other hand, states that the local police "shall have all the powers of a constable or deputy sheriff within the police limits of the town." Italics added editorially.

Because the town does not conform to its code, other designated police duties are also not being performed by the mandated officer, including:

- keeping a record of all arrests
- -keeping a record of all warrants and other papers served;
- keeping a record of all papers served for other governmental
- keeping all financial records as required by resolution of the mayor and commissioners.

"Inconsistencies have accumulated over the years due to piecemeal revisions ... The duties of the police chief were apparently reassigned to the county and the town manager over time without cleaning up the original language. Is it a crisis? I don't think so. Should it be fixed? Yes," board President Christopher V. Staiger told The Dispatch.

Second Northgate entrance continues to be unresolved

EMMITSBURG, Md. - The town board of commissioners continued to seek information in an effort to resolve the alleged need for a second entranceway into the Northgate development at their Sept. 18 meeting.

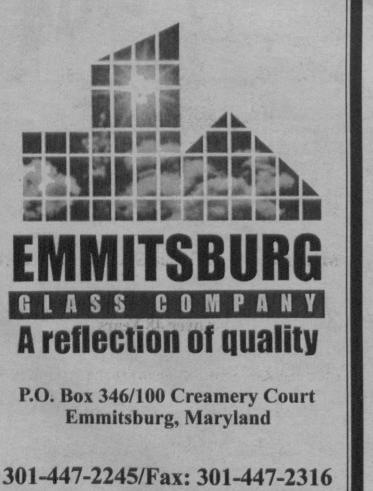
Town planning consultant Christopher Jakubiak told the board he has contacted the engineers that were involved in the Northgate and Emmit Ridge developments to determine if a resolution can be found, such as establishing a new communally-owned second entrance or in purchasing land to establish a second access point.

The North Seton Avenue entrance to Northgate lies within Flat Run's 100-year flood plain. Northgate and Emmit Ridge residents have expressed concerns over access to the developments when the entrance road allegedly

Emmit Ridge was never built out after the town rescinded approval of the development. The failed build-out of Emmit Ridge has also forced residents in what remains of that development to share access with Northgate.

The issue has been before the commissioners since January.

- R. Fulton





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FLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2006 7:30 PM

COMMISSIONERS BOARD ROOM 300A SOUTH SETON AVE.

AGENDA: **EMMITSBURG COMPREHENSIVE** PLAN

PUBLICIS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

Town News Briefs ...

Homeland Security money may provide back-up power

EMMITSBURG, Md. - The town offices located at the Emmitsburg Community Center may be backed up by an emergency generator if the county commissioners approve a funding request from town staff later this week. Town Manager David Haller said the county had received funds for Homeland Security-related projects, and that, at the mayor's urging, the staff applied for money to acquire a generator that would provide power to the town offices in the event of a power loss affecting the community. Haller said the estimated cost of the generator would be about \$55,000, but it would provide enough power to back-up all of the third floor (town offices and meeting rooms). Once approved, he said, the back-up power generator should be installed within six months. - R. Fulton

Board approves town code changes

EMMITSBURG, Md. - The board of commissioners unanimously approved minor "housecleaning" changes to the municipal code proposed by town staff. Changes related to fire hydrants, manhole gaskets, as-built drawings, and other technical issues concerning improvement projects. The board took action on the request even though the item was listed as a "non-action" item on the meeting agenda. Their action brings into question once again the validity of marking agenda items as "action" or "discussion" items See "Streamlining town government: action item?" in the July 20 issue of The Dispatch. - R. Fulton

Students

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"My preference would be to take a harder line rather than a softer line," Staiger stated at the meeting.

"Over the last year and a half, the board has received numerous, direct complaints in writing and in person from residents living in the East and West Main Street areas as well as the subdivisions. These complaints have dealt with alleged drunken behavior by young adults apparently occupying or visiting rental properties," Staiger later told The Dispatch.

Staiger said that effective law enforcement is "a key component as we try to get a handle on this situation. I would also like to find a way to tie the property owners into the responsibility end since they are the initiators, gatekeepers, and beneficiaries. Perhaps there needs to be a penalty when the people they choose to rent to exhibit continued, bad behavior?"

Complaints have primarily

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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

OCTOBER 30, 2006 7:30 PM

COMMISSIONERS BOARD ROOM 300A SOUTH SETON AVE.

AGENDA: SIGN ORDINANCE

PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

alleged boarding houses include Northgate, Brookfield, "and a few East Main," according to town Senior Inspector Frank Henry.

limited on-site housing.

involved residences located in the town's R-1 zoning district, which only permits single-family homes. Specific developments containing off Main Street, most of those on

Town planning consultant Christopher N. Jakubiak told the board of commissioners Sept. 18 that problems with over-spillage into adjacent communities from local universities is "not an unusual problem" when the institutions have

Jakubiak said he would

TOWN NEWS

Second planning nominee rejected, Mayor wants more diversity on board

EMMITSBURG, Md. - The board of commissioners rejected another recommended planning commission member at their Oct. 2 meeting, even though virtually all members said they approved of the nominee's qualifications.

Not appointed as a planning commission alternate member was Tim O'Donnell, presently a member of the town parks and recreation committee. Commissioner Glenn Blanchard had nominated O'Donnell for the position.

The board balked at the approval after Mayor James E. Hoover expressed concerns over the lack of residency, race and gender diversity on the planning commission.

Acknowledging that O'Donnell would be an appropriate individual to serve on the planning commission because he (O'Donnell) "provides a certain experience," the mayor said, "I'm concerned about the lack of diversity in that group."

Suggesting that he would prefer to see someone on the board not affiliated with a development, the mayor noted, "We currently have members from Pembrook and Brookfield. To put another Pembrook resident (on the board) at this time concerns me." Pointing out that the seats on planning are for five-year terms, he said the board needs to "look long and hard" on appointments.

The planning commission is presently an all white, male board, including Pembrook resident Rich Kapriva, Brookfield resident Tom Cashour, and in-town resident Larry Little. Commissioner Blanchard serves as liaison to the planning commission for the board of commissioners.

Hoover had previously nominated Catherine Forrence for the planning commission, but the board failed to reject or appoint the local resident. The recommendation died for lack of a second for either position.

See "Planning commission adds one; one denied" in the Sept. 21 issue of The Dispatch.

investigate to see how the offending enterprises could be brought into compliance. "Maybe it (the use of homes in the R-1) has a commercial use involved," he said.

Another problem with regulating boarders in the R-1 zone is related to the definition of what constitutes a "family." The town code states a family unit may not even necessarily be related, apparently revised at some point to permit the adoption of foster children in the R-1 district.

"This is obviously a messy issue. I about crawled under the desk when I found out we had a definition for what constituted a family ... Trying to legislate such definitions is always a recipe for disaster! I'll be curious to see if the planning consultant can find an effective way to address this issue through zoning," Staiger said.

The Mount is planning to build a new residency hall capable of housing more than 180 students, and is presently awaiting additional permits to proceed. Ground has not yet been broken for the project, which is expected to be to be completed for the 2007-2008 school year.

According to Mike Post, dean of students at the Mount, the current enrollment of full and part time students at the university is 1,524. Of those, 1,284 live on campus with 240 living off campus. There is no breakdown maintained indicating where the off-campus students

Post said the university does have disciplinary options, ranging from verbal warnings to expulsion, in dealing with student conduct on and off campus, but generally cannot take action on off-campus activities unless they are aware of it, preferably from a police source.

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PLANNING NEWS

Emmitsburg comp plan may not be finished until 2007

By Brendan Weeks Special to the Dispatch

EMMITSBURG, Md. – For the past 18 months the planning and zoning committee has been toiling with the town's new comprehensive plan, and could still take until February of next year to wrap up.

The resignation of Town Planner Michael Lucas in December 2005 further stalled progress on producing a draft plan.

Work on the comprehensive plan was revived in April 2006 with the hiring of planning consultant Christopher Jakubiak of Jakubiak and Associates, Inc. At that time, the town also decided to throw out the draft they had been working on and start fresh. "Mr. Jakubiak has got the comp plan back on schedule," Mayor James E. Hoover told *The Dispatch*.

Delays and little public involvement

The town's first comprehensive plan was approved in 1974. The current plan was adopted in 1998.

State law requires that a town's comprehensive plan be updated every five years. While the town does not incur any specific penalties for a delayed comp plan final draft, it can make getting approval from the state on certain matters difficult. "It's really hard to get approval from the state about things concerning the environment," said Commissioner Glenn Blanchard.

Hoover, while frustrated with the delay, noted this as a common problem among towns, stating "I've never known of one to be done on time." "Everybody wants to make sure it's done right," Blanchard stated, "It has a very powerful impact on the town as far as the direction of its development."

Hoover is troubled by the lack of citizen involvement in the process of drafting the plan, but not surprised. "It's a common thing in every town. There are a few potential property owners of commercial property that come out to listen, but input is very low," he recently said.

Potential revenues from Civil War designation

The updated comprehensive plan calls for the town to become a certified "Heart of the Civil War" area. "To a great extent we're trying to capitalize on our history as far as the Civil War," stated Blanchard. "This will help to publicize the fact that the town of Emmitsburg was important during the Civil War and will hopefully draw more tourism."

Town population may nearly double

One of the many major topics included in the comp plan is potential growth of the community. As of July 2005, the population of the town was estimated to be 2,369 people. Hoover said that the new draft of the plan estimates a population growth of up to 5,500 people over the next 20 years, almost doubling the town's population.

Hoover is pleased with the prospect of three percent yearly growth of the town, noting, "This is a very manageable, very reasonable concept that you're going to get three percent growth."

Rising housing costs

The plan also discusses the cost of housing in the community. Hoover estimates that the average cost of housing in Emmitsburg is around \$225,000. "Frederick County in general, whether you live in the county or in a municipality, it has become more difficult to find moderately priced housing," the mayor said.

Don Briggs, a local realtor for over 10 years, has been trying to attend comprehensive plan meetings. He sees the rising cost of housing as an emerging problem in the community. "I see a lot of elderly people moving out because they have no place to go," Briggs told *The Dispatch*. "I see a lot of young people who cannot afford to live here who are moving up to Pennsylvania." He believes that the style of homes being built in Emmitsburg is causing inflation of housing costs.

Opportunity for rezoning zoning requests

The town will be tackling the tougher issue of zoning in upcoming meetings. "Zoning is always the toughest because you really could change a property owners' rights," Hoover said. According to the mayor, the best time for citizens to request rezoning is during the redrafting of the comprehensive plan.

During the review process, anybody can request rezoning for any piece of property, Hoover pointed out. Otherwise, a request for rezoning must be presented to the board with proof of either a significant change in the community, or that there has been a mistake in the plan.

Ordinances needed this time

Dianne Walbrecker, who served as a town commissioner and was liaison to the planning commission in 2004, believes that the previous plan was flawed in that it was not tied to any ordinances.

"Once it was done in '98 they never changed the ordinances," Walbrecker stated. "To make that vision a reality you have to change your town ordinances."

Planning commission member Larry Little believes that while ordinances should be re-examined, there should always be room for the town to change. "We need to look at each ordinance and see how they impact the comp plan," Little said, "but the comp plan should never be hard and fast."

The town hopes to have a draft of the updated plan finished by February of next year. Once completed, the draft will be submitted to the commissioners who will review the plan and make their suggestions.

The next workshop on the comprehensive plan will be Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the town meeting room.

County's region plan work has begun

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FREDERICK COUNTY, Md.

- The Thurmont Region Plan will be the first county region plan that separates the master plan and

rezoning element of the planning process.

The Frederick County Commissioners decided last year that instead of having the two parts of the region plan updated concurrently, they would first put together a master plan for the region and then hear any zoning requests based on the new zoning.

The Thurmont Region is one of eight planning regions in Frederick County. The Thurmont Region is the largest, making up about 20 percent of the county's area. It includes the area north of the Monocacy River and towns such as Thurmont, Emmitsburg, Sabillasville and Rocky Ridge.

County Planner Denis Superczynski said that when the two parts are developed concurrently, "If you do that starting with zoning, you never get to step back and look at the global picture."

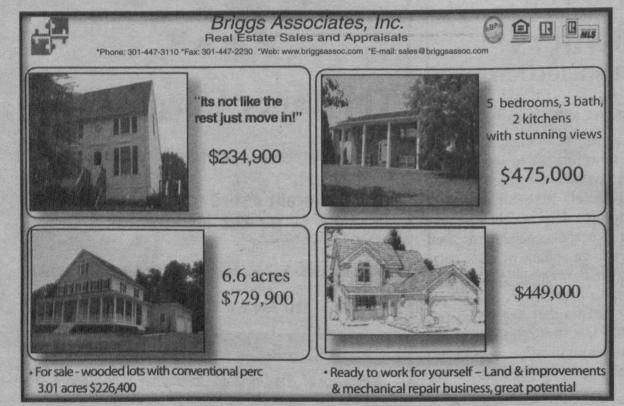
He said hearing rezoning requests after the new comprehensive plan is developed should make the process go smoother.

"You base the rezoning on how you have decided the community will develop, what infrastructure is needed and where you'll be maintaining open space," Superczynski said. County planning staff is already collecting data for the Thurmont Region Plan update, conducting internal reviews and soliciting comments from other county agencies.

The public workshops on the Thurmont Region Plan will begin next year.

If the municipal comprehensive plans for Emmitsburg and Thurmont are not completed before the data is needed for the county plan, the county will go with the most-current data available.

Superczynski said that while the state asks that the plan be revised every six years, no penalty exists if it doesn't happen. He said the only problem that would arise is that as the plan grows older, it grows more out of date.





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POLICE ACTIVITY

Reward offered in Chubby's burglary

EMMITSBURG, Md. Chubby's Southern Style Barbeque, 16430 Old Frederick Rd., Frederick County (across U.S. 15 from Emmitsburg), has posted a reward for information regarding an Oct. 2-3 robbery.

Chubby's According to owner Tom Caulfield, one or more individuals forced entry to get inside the restaurant. Neither Caulfield nor police would release a complete list of the items allegedly taken, but both stated that cash was taken. Caulfield also noted that the restaurant sustained what he described as "minor damage"

during the break-in.

The restaurant owner said that Manager Angie Perez discovered the break-in around 8:30 a.m., Oct. 3.

Chubby's is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and successful prosecution of anyone involved in the crime, and asked that those with information contact the restaurant at (301) 447-3322.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office has requested they also be contacted with information pertaining to the case at (301) 631-- R. Fulton

Police respond to community center

EMMITSBURG, Md. - Police responded on Sept. 5 to the report of a theft in the county Department of Aging office at the Emmitsburg Community Center located at 300 S.

According to Jennifer Bailey, spokesperson for the sheriff's office, cash was reportedly stolen from one of the office desks between 1 p.m. on Sept. 1 and when the office staff returned to work on Sept. 5.

Bailey said the suspect or suspects had broken into the building. The theft is still under investigation.

Frederick County Sheriff's Office is also continuing to investigate an incident at the

community center in which syrup was poured into a computer and other office furnishings, including an aquarium.

Bailey said the damage had occurred in a Head Start classroom, sometime between Sept 15 at 5:30 p.m., and Sept. 16 at 12:21 p.m.

The suspect had also filled the toilets with toiler paper, Bailey said. Police stated a janitor reported that a damaged door was found unlocked when he reported to work.

Anyone was information on either of the incidents is asked to contact any of the Emmitsburg community deputies at (301) 360--R. Fulton

REGIONAL NEWS

Requests made for annexation

Three annexation requests could add 945 new homes

By James Rada Jr. Thurmont News Editor jrada@thurmontdispatch.com

THURMONT, Md. - Thurmont now has three large annexations to consider. Developers for three properties to the north, south and east of Thurmont submitted petitions for annexation to the town at the end of September.

Of the three annexations, only one, Drees Homes near the new Weis Market, submitted a draft annexation agreement along with its annexation petition.

Drees Homes is asking that 113.6 acres south of Thurmont be annexed into town and rezoned from agricultural land to residential property.

The property would eventually hold 329 dwelling units for a density of 2.9 units per acres. The project would include 119 singlefamily homes, 102 townhouses and 108 condominiums.

Drees Homes would like to be able to build these dwellings at a rate of 75 per year.

The incentives Drees Homes is offering include:

\$2,000 for each singlefamily home, \$1,500 for each townhouse and \$1,000

for each condominium on preliminary plan approval to be used to maintain and/or improve the public sewer system (\$499,000).

- \$3,000 for each home on permit application approval to be used to maintain and/ or improve the public sewer system (\$987,000).
- \$300,000 for design and construction of Thurmont Boulevard Extended, related landscaping and sidewalk construction.
- \$200,000 for the construction of two public tot lots that the town would maintain.
- \$50,000 upon final approval of the preliminary plan for the proposed town master plan vision and downtown revitalization plan.
- \$200,000 for the second phase of the trolley line restoration.
- \$250,000 for the design and/or construction of a new town hall, police building, Guardian Hose Company or other municipal improvement.

The total cash value of all of the incentives would be \$2,486,000. This is in addition to normal fees paid by the developer and property taxes that homeowners would pay.

Many of the incentives would be paid at designated points during development.

Drees Homes also submitted a water and sewer study with its annexation petition. The water study notes that Drees Homes would seek independent sources of water for the development and that the town would be given any excess capacity the company develops.

Beazer Homes petitioned the town to annex the 131.1 acres that makes up the Lawyer Farm east of town. Beazer Homes is seeking to build its anticipated 241 singlefamily homes at a rate of 50 a year.

Hudson Land requested that the town annex 209.5 acres north of Thurmont into town. The development would include commercial properties and around 375 homes.

The town attorney is now considering how the town will consider three major annexations at one time. The usual process would be to introduce the annexations at a town meeting, refer them to the planning and zoning commission, file them for review with the county commissioners and planning and zoning commissioner and have the planning and zoning commissions make recommendations.

County adopts uniform telephone exchange to improve public service

FREDERICK, MD-Frederick County Government and those served by the county's telephone system at the City of Frederick and various state agencies have adopted a uniform telephone exchange. The uniform exchange - (301) 600-XXXX - eliminates the variety of area codes and exchanges that have been in use for many years throughout the county's telephone system. The last four digits of any county-served telephone number will not change.

Frederick County's Interagency Information Technologies Division successfully tested the new exchange over the past month. While the new exchange is available immediately.

the county has allowed a transition time of one year to permit the previous and new telephone numbers to be used simultaneously. After the gradual migration to the new exchange, Verizon will place a recording on all old telephone numbers directing callers to the new numbers for one year.

Frederick County Government directory entries in the December 2006 Verizon Frederick Telephone Directory will carry the new exchange.

For additional information, contact the IIT HelpDesk at 301-600-1013 or via e-mail at IIThelpdesk@fredco-md.net.

- J. Rada

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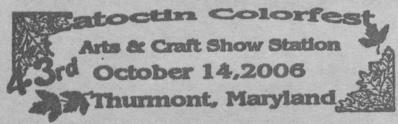
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REGIONAL NEWS

Colorfest crowds coming!



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THURMONT, Md. – At 5 a.m. on Saturday morning, Oct. 14, Community Park will be pitch dark as the trees keep even what twilight there is from reaching the ground. But circles of light will move through the park like giant fireflies as people drive in and use lanterns and flashlights to show the way.

They will be vendors for Colorfest, which will be opening for its 43rd year in Thurmont on Oct. 14-15.

"When daylight breaks it's like a whole village comes to life," said Carol Robertson.

She said the smells of breakfast foods cooking is wonderful and a great way to begin the artisan and craft festival that attracts about 100,000 people into Thurmont over the weekend.

"I've taken checks from people from Texas and California who will be here," Robertson said.

Robertson said many people like to come to Colorfest to do their Christmas shopping because they know they will find unique handmade items at the juried vendors.

However, when the tourists come in, some residents leave for the weekend and some businesses close.

"People recognize that Colorfest is inconvenient," said Thurmont Clerk/Treasurer Rick May. "It's not a lot of fun trying to get through town that weekend."

Robertson acknowledges that the festival creates inconveniences for some residents, but she also points out the many benefits the town receives from the festival. Civic organizations and churches set up booths to sell items to the crowds. Local school PTAs receive the funds from paid parking on the school lots. Colorfest, Inc. gives Guardian Hose \$2,500 and the Thurmont Ambulance Company \$1,500 every year.

"The fire company is the only food vendor on the carnivals ground, which helps them raise a lot of money," Robertson said.

Colorfest, Inc. has also awarded five scholarships annually.

"We've given well over \$100,000 away in scholarships," Robertson said. Colorfest also makes numerous donations to the town each year, in the past paying for paving the parking lot at Community Park, buying the town's Christmas lights, new park benches, a new flagpole for Community Park, playground equipment and new trees for Memorial Park.

Robertson said Colorfest usually gives the town the money in a lump sum. However, she said Colorfest would start handing out the money for specific items rather than giving the town a check that goes into the town's general fund.

"We're going to give the same amount, but we're going to spread it out a bit," Robertson said.

May said it is difficult to assess the economic impact on the town because town government is not coordinating everything. Many organizations operate on their own.

"Some people pay their taxes with what they get renting their property," May said. "It's the prime source of fundraising for many organizations."

Even when the festival ends, the tourists leave behind good news for many businesses. Many of the tourists will return to visit the orchards or other town activities.

"When Colorfest ends, hotels are booked already for next year," Robertson said.

In spite of drizzle, thousands attend Fairfield 'Pippinfest'

- Photos by Jay Ballenger



Young assistant at the St. John Lutheran Church food concession keeps a wary eye on flames rising from a rebellious hamburger during Fairfield's Pippinfest. The Sept. 23-24 event attracted thousands of attendees in spite of periods of rain.

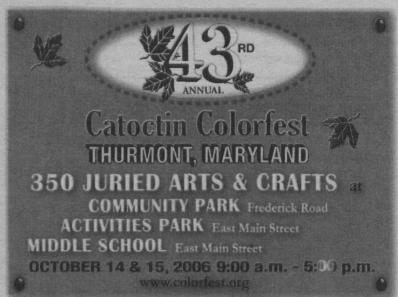


Christina Gelwicks, 16, Fairfield, applies hair coloring to Leah Hull, 12, sitting, also of Fairfield. The concession was one of the more-unusual offerings amid the sea of yard sales at Pippinfest.

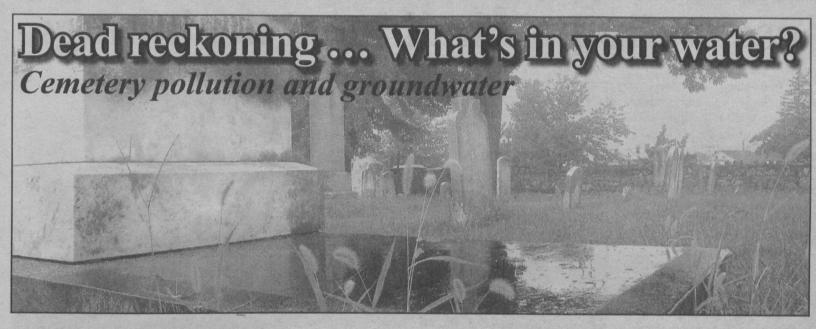


A chance to win a homemade quilt was offered to Pippinfest attendees during the annual two-day event. Pippinfest featured about 100 juried exhibitors, and included a flea market.





ENVIRONMENT



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

A New Jersey woman reported in 1990 that she believed her drinking water was making her ill. N.J. environmental authorities ran tests on the water, which came from an on-site well, and found no contaminants.

Still, she insisted the water was causing her sickness. An expensive, full-spectrum test revealed that the water was laced with formaldehyde, a chemical used to embalm corpses.

Although the investigating agency remained at a loss to explain the odd contaminant, the discovery during the investigation of a nearby cemetery raised a red flag.

A potentially grave situation

No direct connection was ever made between the cemetery and the presence of formaldehyde in the immediate drinking water in the above incident.

As one employee of the investigating agency stated, "Not everyone was agreed that formaldehyde was coming from the cemetery," noting that the nearby cemetery had been created for veterans, and dated back to a period when arsenic was the primary embalming chemical.

The incident passed by without significant media fanfare, probably because the press itself never foresaw the potential ramifications of cemetery contamination, since no direct link had been made during the 1990 investigation.

But, in truth, cemeteries can be laced with a myriad of chemicals and have never been significantly regulated to control or monitor contaminants that could easily transfer from age-old decomposing bodies into the groundwater.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has established action levels for every potential contaminant a cemetery could generate. But historically those regulations have only been applied to industry, landfills, wastewater facility discharges and farm runoff,

not to cemeteries.

Oddly, cemeteries seem to have been neglected, even though the Environmental Engineering and Marine Geoscience Division of the Council for Geoscience indicated as early as 1997, "Research shows that poorly sited cemeteries pose a threat of groundwater pollution, at least equal in magnitude to that posed by conventional waste-disposal sites."

Formaldehyde

The most prevalent embalming fluid used since the early 1900s has been formalin, commonly comprised of water containing 37 percent formaldehyde with 10 to 15 percent methyl alcohol added to reduce polymerization. EPA has classified formaldehyde as a probable human carcinogen.

According to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, "High levels of exposure (to formaldehyde) may cause some types of cancers ... Ingestion of as little as one ounce of a solution containing 37 percent formaldehyde has been reported to cause death in an adult."

Formaldehyde is not a good thing to have in the drinking water, but the good news is it does not last long once discharged to the environment, because it is actually a gas and evaporates once exposed to the air. The bad news is, as the 1990s incident suggests, it might not always evaporate while traveling through underground water conveyance systems, natural and manmade.

Bodies were once buried in wooden caskets, which were phased out in favor of metal ones. While one would think that metal caskets would prevent embalming fluid from escaping, according to John L. Konefes and Michael K. McGee, as stated in their paper, "Old Cemeteries, Arsenic, and Health Safety" (see http://crm. cr.nps.gov/archive/19-10/19-10-6.pdf to read the entire paper), "Both wooden and metal caskets will eventually degrade and begin to allow contact of the embalmed

remains with the environment."

Thus, while formaldehyde does disperse into the environment faster than older types of embalming fluids, if it does not have a chance to evaporate, it may still wind up in drinking water. But no one routinely tests for formaldehyde unless some indicator suggests its presence.

Arsenic

Probably one of the deadliest pollutants associated with burials in relatively recent history is arsenic, an extremely poisonous chemical. While no longer used in embalming, great quantities of it were used a little over a century ago.

"From 1856 to 1873, six patents were issued for (embalming) fluids that contained arsenic, from as little as four ounces to as much as 12 pounds of arsenic per body," according to Konefes and McGee. Arsenic continued to be used into the early 1900s when it was banned and replaced with formalin.

It was most widely used when bodies were buried in wooden caskets, and arsenic persists in the environment, meaning it does not evaporate or readily break down into other less harmful ingredients.

It has been suggested that, at least the arsenic used in the past, has long since been washed from the soils and dispersed. Konefes and McGee note, however, that recent tests of a Civil War grave revealed

the continued presence of arsenic. "This is firm documentation that arsenic embalmed remains can carry the arsenic residue for many years," they wrote.

The EPA mandates that local water authorities test for arsenic, but private well owners are on their own. According to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, ingesting high levels of arsenic can be fatal. Studies have also shown that ingesting inorganic arsenic "can increase the risk of skin cancer and cancer in the lungs, bladder, liver, kidney and prostate."

Less used in embalming, but still potentially dangerous, were mercury and creosote, according to Konefes and McGee.

In addition to actual embalming materials, normal graveyard maintenance can involve pesticides, herbicides and discharges of equipment fuel or oil. In addition, ongoing debate continues about the extent of the danger from actual biological agents such as viruses and bacteria, released from decomposed bodies.

A skeleton in the water closet

Researchers in Canada, The United Kingdom and South Africa have published papers on cemetery contamination and have acknowledged that deadly chemicals associated with the embalming process pose potential threats to drinking water supplies.

But the United States has shown little interest. When contacted by *The Dispatch*, both EPA and Maryland Department of the Environment representatives acknowledged that no regulations require cemetery owners to monitor the discharges to the environment from their burial sites.

No government agency mandates that future cemeteries be lined as per solid waste and hazardous waste landfills...and no one seems to be accountable for any action. But this lack of regulation is somewhat universal.

Macclesfield Borough Council, England, posted the following on their Web site: "Our ignorance of the consequences of using this chemical (formaldehyde embalming fluids) is a cause for concern. In particular, the chemical is used by funeral directors and embalmers who carry no responsibility for its impact on the cemetery, crematorium or community."

Aside families from considering burial alternatives, government measures could be implemented to protect drinking water in the immediate and long-term future, including: expanding water-testing criteria for water supplies which draw from groundwater or reservoirs near cemeteries; establishing monitoring wells up and down gradient from cemeteries, installing landfill-type liners beneath proposed cemeteries; and, in worst-case scenarios, site remediation.

The best first step is to involve local government, since it is at that level that some initial action could be considered and possibly implemented, including establishing standards for present and future cemeteries.

Editor's Note: Pennsylvania law states that a burial may not take place on any land which drains into any stream which furnishes water for any city within a distance of one mile, not applicable to cemeteries established before the law (Pa. Cemetery Law at 9 P.S. 10.)





LOCAL HISTORY

White House wallpaper had local beginnings

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

THURMONT, Md. - Many people know about Thurmont's connection to the White House through Camp David, but Thurmont also has another connection to the president's home, one that actually hangs in the president's home.

It's wallpaper.

In 1961, Peter Hill, a Washington D.C. resident, sold antiques and used the profits to spread the gospel as a lay preacher.

In May of year, Hill needed cash continue his missionary work. At that point, if "as by divine guidance," said in a Washington Post article,

friends told him of an antique auction at the Stoner House in Thurmont.

The stone house on East Main Street (where Hobbs Hardware now sits) was built in 1838 by William Jones, who owned a tannery along Hunting Creek. Eugenie and Daniel Rouzer purchased the home in 1891. The Rouzers' daughter Gertrude and her husband, William Stoner, eventually inherited the house.

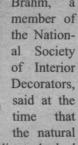
Gertrude Stoner had sold the house in 1961 and it was scheduled for demolition to make room for a

On Saturday, April 1, as Hill entered the house to view the furnishings that were to be auctioned off, he spied the wallpaper in the front hallway. The panoramic scenes showed a general view of New York City and its bay seen from atop Weehawken, the fortifications and parade ground at West Point, Niagara Falls covered in mist, the Natural Bridge in Virginia and a view of Boston and its harbor.

"To American historians, the scenes of the U.S.A. may look strange," Dorothy McCardle wrote in The Washington Post. "It is not pictorial American history

> as an Early American would have illustrated

Dora Brahm, a member of the Nation-Society of Interior Decorators, said at the that time



elements and buildings looked realistic. It was the people in the pictures that gave the wallpaper its unusual appearance because they looked more Parisian than American.

Gertrude Stoner had written to Gregory and Brown Co., an interior decorating firm, in 1929 trying to find out the history of the unusual wallpaper. J.C. Waterman replied saying the print was manufactured by a French manufacturer, J. Zuber in Rixheim, Alsace. The scenes were taken from a set of Currier and Ives prints and called "Scenic America.'

In 1834 when the wallpaper



For 45 years, the White House Diplomatic Reception Room has displayed a unique block-printed wallpaper called "Scenic America." The wallpaper was made in 1834 and hung in the Stoner House in Thurmont until 1961. The wallpaper was salvaged for \$50 and sold to the White House for \$12,500. Photo courtesy of the White House Historical Association

was manufactured, it would have taken about a year to produce a complete set, which consisted of 32 strips. Each strip was 18.5

inches wide and 11.5 feet long. Hill told Stoner he wanted to purchase the wallpaper, but she told him he would have to negotiate with Ralph Miller who was in charge of the demolition

which was scheduled to start in

"Hill invested his savings in buying the wallpaper on the spot," McCardle wrote. "There was only one proviso. He would have to have it off the walls before the house was torn down at the end of next week."

He paid \$50 and spent three days removing the complete set of "Scenic America" wallpaper with a razor blade and putty

On Thursday, April 6, Hill notified The Smithsonian Institution of his find. He knew John Newton Pearce of the Cultural Historical

Section through his antique sales. The following day, he took the wallpaper to the White House and spread it out on the floor of Pearce's wife's office. Mildred Pearce was the White House curator.

Jacqueline Lady

Kennedy walked into the office around noon with two of her friends. "The historic paper,

Society of Interior Designers was redesigning the room with an Americana theme. The round walls of the room also worked well for displaying the panoramic wallpaper. Kennedy asked the society to purchase the wallpaper as part of what would be an \$180,000 redecoration of the room.

where the wallpaper would be

hung, in part, because the National

The society purchased the wallpaper for \$17,500, though it paid only \$12,500 for it, which was the amount they could afford according to McCardle. In a letter dated Aug. 14, Hill told Stoner that the difference was "given in the name of Thurmont."

The holes and damage to the paper were repaired. Additional strips reproduction of America" were purchased from Philadelphia to complete the coverage.

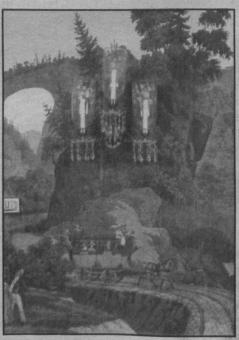
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So now, while the president resides part-time in Thurmont, a part of Thurmont resides in the president's house.



(harbor) - Photo courtesy of Bruce White

for the White House Historical Assoc.



(natural bridge) - Photo courtesy of Erik Kvalsvik for the White House Historical Association

displaying the French flavor she

likes so well, caught the first lady's

eye instantly," wrote McCardle.

Kennedy decided on the spot that

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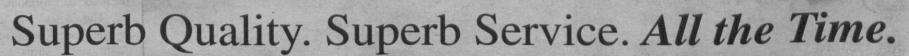


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BUSINESS

Main Street Grill under new ownership

By JAMES RADA JR.
Thurmont News Editor
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EMMITSBURG, Md. – Main Street Grill reopened its doors in August after new owners Ron Luna and Steve Bradford bought the restaurant from former owner Jeff Schoeller, but a date for the official grand opening has not yet been set.

Luna became interested in purchasing the business after his daughter, Jennifer, a student at Albright College, ate there and told him how great it was.

Luna, a member of the 2nd Squadron, 104th U.S. Cavalry, teamed up with friend Bradford, a member of the Washington, D.C. National Guard, to buy the business. Both work at Fort Detrick.

The business has already expanded from its former four employees under Schoeller to 11, including Manager Michelle Busby, Emmitsburg, formerly of Four Seasons outside of Fairfield.

Renovations are both in the works and being planned. The banquet area is the first being overhauled, which includes the removal of walls to enlarge the area. The bar/lounge and main dining area will be left as is for the time being, according to Luma.

"We also have a brand new menu," Luma told *The Dispatch*, "with a larger selection of food including steak and seafood." Seniors (over 55) receive a 10 percent discount, as do military and firefighting personnel in uniform.

A number of special events are already planned, including one recently held, a back-to-school bash for the students of Mount St. Mary's, with about 150 attending. The restaurant also provided free finger foods and entertainment during this past Fallen Firefighters Memorial weekend.

Upcoming special events: Oct. 14 – Poker Pub Crawl to benefit a number of local charities including St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Up-County Family Center, American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association

Oct. 26 – Knights of Columbus banquet

Oct. 28 – Halloween Bash, including a costume competition, free hors d'oeuvres and prizes, 5-8 p.m. for children and 9 p.m.-2 a.m. for adults.

Sundays are NFL night with games televised free to patrons along with special prices on drinks and meals.

The owners propose changing some of the hours of operation. Currently the restaurant is closed Monday, open Tuesday through Wednesday from 11 a.m. to midnight; Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m; and Sunday from 11 a.m. to midnight.

For additional information, call Main Street Grill at (301) 447-3116.



-ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL SR. / THE ROSENSTEEL STUDIO

Local Glass Company sponsors Ehrlich Fundraising Event

Governer Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. spoke yesterday evening at the Lynfield Events Complex, Frederick, during a Republican fundraising event. Several local business owners and Emmitsburg Mayor James E. Hoover attended.

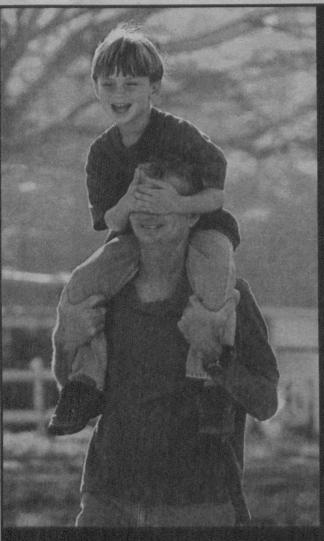
Town applies for Maryland Neighborhood Business Works designation

THURMONT, Md. – Thurmont First submitted a 275-page application to receive a Maryland Neighborhood BusinessWorks designation that would work in conjunction with some of the other descriptors it has received as a Main Street Maryland community.

This Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development program is used for municipal revitalization efforts. If Thurmont receives this classification, businesses, non-profit organizations and the town government would be eligible to apply for special financing loans. These could be for marketing, planning and feasibility studies, real estate acquisition, new construction or rehabilitation, lease hold improvements, machinery and equipment, working capital (when part of the total project costs), and certain other costs associated with opening or expanding a small business. The loans would be charged two to four percent interest for 15 years.

Thurmont Main Street Manager Vickie Grinder would be available to help local businesses write the grant requests if the town receives the designation.

- J. Rada



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Local doctor offers alternative to traditional medicine

THURMONT, Md. - William Swann, D.O, has started a private medical practice, Health Tapestries, to provide personal consultations and treatments in a calm, unhurried setting. His practice is located in a clinic in his Thurmont home.

An osteopathic physician with more than 25 years of experience, Dr. Swann's private practice will focus on diagnosing and treating health issues where people have not found relief or understanding through traditional medical avenues.

"As an osteopathic physician, I focus on the patient's health what is right with the body - not just what is wrong with it," Swann said. "I also take a holistic approach, and work closely with my patients to make them part of the healing process through a healthy lifestyle and at-home exercises."

Dr. Swann has also served as a physician on the emergency room staff of Suburban Hospital in Bethesda since 1991. He and his wife, Rexie, a registered nurse, have lived in Thurmont for the past 13 years.

Osteopathy is the practice of medicine and surgery that attempts to understand and recruit the body's own wisdom and abilities to heal itself. It does this by first searching for the good things happening in the body. Then osteopathy uses the body's own ability and wisdom, plus the practitioner's skills, to enhance a patient's health.

Osteopaths, practitioners of osteopathic medicine, are fully licensed physicians and surgeons who are authorized to prescribe medications and utilize the full compliment of medicine and surgery.

For more information on Health Tapestries or Grey Tigyr, call (240) 409-3486, e-mail wbswann@adelphia.net or visit www. swanndo.com. - J. Rada

DBED programs available

THURMONT, Md. - Business owners in Thurmont can soon get an idea of the many programs and services the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development can provide. Heather Pinkney from DBED will be the speaker at the next Economic Development Commission meeting to be held on Oct. 18, at the Cozy Restaurant, beginning at 7 p.m.

Structural Systems puts safety first

THURMONT, Md. - Structural Systems, Inc. recently received recognition for achieving one year without a lost-time accident at its Frederick engineered wood products facility. Structural Systems is a building components manufacturer and distributor with additional offices in Thurmont, Culpeper, Va., and Elkton, Md.

"Having an accident-free facility is a great accomplishment for SSI," said Karlys Kline, Structural System's vice president of distributor products and quality assurance. Over the past 18 months SSI has increased employee involvement in creating and enforcing a safe working environment.

The Frederick employees were honored by their co-workers, executive management team, and numerous vendors at a barbeque celebration in September. - J. Rada

Thurmont's dog days

THURMONT, Md. - As part of its Main Street Maryland events, Thurmont First is looking to have a series of pet days in downtown Thurmont next year. The events would encourage people to bring their pets with them as they shop downtown and would include different animal-related activities, such as costume judging, tricks and pet treats. - J. Rada

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BUSINESS

Enjoy art with Thurmont's Gallery Stroll

By James Rada Jr. Thurmont News Editor jrada@thurmontdispatch.com

THURMONT, Md. - On Friday, Nov. 10, Thurmont First will host the first "Gallery Stroll" in downtown Thurmont.

"We do a lot of events for children," said Main Street Manager Vickie Grinder. "This is about the adults."

The centerpiece of the gallery stroll will be the Rebecca Pearl Gallery on East Main Street.

"This is the kind of thing that will be a very good component for the development of downtown Thurmont," Pearl said.

Visitors will be able to enjoy cheeses and participate in a wine tasting in between visiting some of the artoriented shops in downtown Thurmont.

"It will be a glitzy night in casual dress," Grinder said. "It will show off the finer parts of Thurmont. It will essentially be a meet and

As part of the event, Pearl will debut a limitededition print called "Twilight Mass artist's proofs will be \$75. A portion church's 150th anniversary. The be donated to the church. Call (301)

watercolor will show the church in late fall. The first 25 prints of the 150 print set will be artist's proofs. The unmated print will be \$40 and matted prints will be \$50. The 25

a limited-edition print during Thurmont's first Gallery Stroll on Friday, Nov. 10. Pearl will be signing the prints as part of the evening's

activities in downtown Thurmont.

"Twilight Mass at Mount Carmel," a new painting by local artist Rebecca Pearl will debut as

271-2348 for more information about the print.

"Part of my goal or ambition for being here in Thurmont is to paint what's around here, to restore and

> preserve the history and bring out the story that surrounds it," Pearl said.

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On gallery stroll night, she will also be signing copies of a small book she illustrated called "Red Hat Wisdom: Humor for the Better Half of Your Life."

"It has all these little gems about living right, especially when you're older," Pearl said.

Pearl provided about 30 illustrations for the book. She will also be signing the book at the Cozy Restaurant on Nov. 14 from 2-4 p.m.

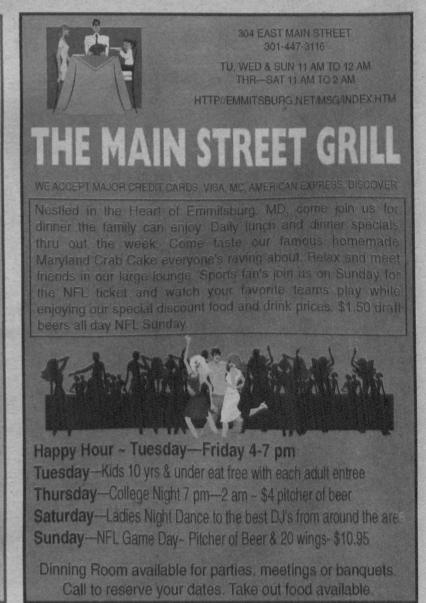
"We're fortunate to have an artist in Thurmont so we can do this," Grinder said.

Besides her art gallery, Whimsical Place, Brown's Jewelry and Gifts, Cool Beans and Hobbs' Hardware will also be featured on the walk.

"This is just the first one to see the interest in it," Grinder said. "I would like to do a series of these in 2007."

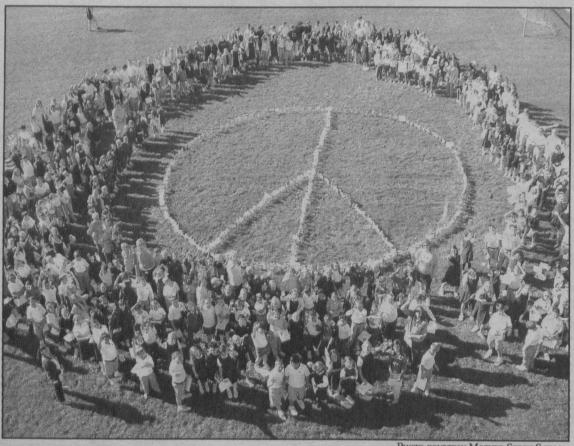
She would also like to add at Mount Carmel" to celebrate the of the proceeds from the print will music to the summer and fall strolls she would like to see next year.





EDUCATION

Pinwheels for Peace



-PHOTO COURTESY MOTHER SETON SCHOOL

On Sept. 21, in support of International Peace Day, students in grades pre-k to 8 at Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg displayed nearly 400 pinwheels representing their visual statement for "whirled" peace. Under the direction of art teacher Karolyne Myers, students created individual pinwheels, decorating one side and writing their thoughts about peace and harmony on the other. Students stuck their pinwheels into the ground in front of the school, collectively forming a pre-shaped peace sign. Vigilant Hose Company assistant chief Cliff Shriner and firefighter Randy Myers came in a Tower 6 fire engine to give staff the opportunity to get an aerial photo of the pinwheels peace sign.

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Dates set for parent-teacher conferences

By Susan Allen Contributing Writer

Frederick County Public Schools has scheduled fall parent-teacher conferences on three consecutive Mondays in October this year. This schedule reflects a change from previous school years, prompted by parent requests *not* to hold conferences on three half days in the same week.

Conferences will begin on **Monday afternoon**, **Oct. 9**. Schools will dismiss three and a half hours early. Lunch will be served. There will be no pre-kindergarten classes.

On **Monday, Oct. 14,** schools will open four hours late with no lunch service and no pre-kindergarten classes. Parent-teacher conferences will be held in the evening.

The final day for conferences is **Monday**, **Oct. 23**. Elementary and middle schools will open four hours late with no lunch service and no pre-kindergarten classes. Parents and teachers will meet in the evening. High schools will be open all day.

Parents whose children attend primary and elementary schools should already have received notices from their children's teachers regarding specific conference schedules. Most parents of middle and high school students must take the initiative to call the schools to set conference times with their child's teachers.

Area parents who have missed the notices to schedule conferences may call the particular school: Catoctin High School, (240) 236-8100; Thurmont Middle School, (240) 236-5100; Emmitsburg Elementary, (240) 236-1750; Lewistown Elementary, (240) 236-3750; Sabillasville Elementary, (240) 236-6000; Thurmont Primary, (240) 236-2800; and Thurmont Elementary, (240) 2236-0900.

The FCPS schedule includes parent-teacher conference dates in the fall and spring of the school year, with both daytime and evening conference hours available at all school levels. Parents are *not* limited to these scheduled dates only. They may call an individual school to arrange meetings or to confer by telephone with teachers and administrators to address matters that relate to their students or school policies.



EDUCATION

Scholarship recipients announced

FREDERICK, Md. – The Community Foundation of Frederick County recently awarded its scholarships and grants. The local Catoctin High School winners are

Amy Palmer, a 2004 CHS graduate, received The Esther Grinage Kindergarten Scholarship, awarded typically to early childhood education majors. Palmer studies at Frederick Community College.

Kasey Stiles, a 2006 CHS graduate, received The Ross and Pauline Smith Scholarship, given to a Frederick County resident demonstrating financial need and academic promise. Stiles plans to attend St. Francis University to study social work and wishes to work with abused and neglected children.

Lauren Roop, a 2006 CHS graduate, received The Catoctin Medical Center Scholarship, awarded to CHS graduates and those who attend other high schools or who are home schooled yet live within the geographic area served by CHS and wish to pursue careers in the medical or health field; The Merle and R. Rebecca Guyton Scholarship, awarded to medicine or law enforcement majors who demonstrate their faith through good citizenship and service to others, and The Charles Thomas and Mary Ellen Main/Character Counts Scholarship, awarded to Frederick County residents demonstrating good character and academic promise. Roop plans to major in biology at Grove City College with a pre-med focus, and would like to become a missionary doctor.

Julie Roop, a 2004 CHS graduate, received The Mary E. M. and Ruth E. Smith Scholarship, awarded to Frederick County residents studying in a post-secondary setting, and The Dr. Lawrence C. Hoyer Memorial Scholarship, awarded to a Frederick County resident who attended Frederick Community College and is continuing at a college or university to major in secondary education, applied visual arts or the sciences. Roop is majoring in agricultural and environmental education at West Virginia University with plans of returning to Frederick County to teach high school agricultural classes.

Wyatt Baseley, a 2006 CHS graduate, received The David G. Marshall Memorial Scholarship Fund, awarded to students pursuing a career in the aviation industry. Baseley will attend McDaniel College in the fall with dreams of one day becoming a pilot.

Colleen Weeks, a 2004 CHS graduate, received The Mary E. M. and Ruth E. Smith Scholarship, awarded to Frederick County residents studying in a post-secondary setting. Weeks studies at Johns Hopkins University.

Whitney Crist, a 2006 CHS graduate, received The Mary Ann Moschel Memorial Scholarship, for a Frederick County graduating senior majoring in counseling, psychology, education, or human services. Crist begins studies at West Chester University.

Chelsea Minnick, a 2006 CHS graduate, received The Bob and Elizabeth Boyer Scholarship, awarded to traditional and nontraditional students who live in Washington or Frederick County and are studying a health related profession, the ministry or agriculture. Minnick plans to study nursing at Frederick Community College.

Colin Shultzaberger, a 2006 CHS graduate, received The C. Ray and Dorothy Barnhart Green Memorial Scholarship, for CHS graduates interested in pursuing a bachelors or masters degree in the arts, sciences, engineering, or business and The Elaine A. Heiberg Scholarship for the Arts for Frederick County residents under the age of 25 to pursue a career in the arts. Shultzaberger wants to pursue a music education career and will attend Frostburg State University in the fall.

Warren Zentz, a 2006 CHS graduate, received The Greater Frederick County Advertising Federation Scholarship, for students pursuing a career in marketing, advertising, graphic design, public relations, communications, publishing, or multi-media; The Dawn Renee Smith Memorial Scholarship for graduates of Frederick County Public Schools or Frederick County Career and Technology Center's marketing program; The CHS Youth Scholarship for students who have graduated or are graduating from CHS and The Ernest W. Ausherman Scholarship for Frederick County residents attending any post-secondary institution. Zentz plans to attend Frederick Community College.

Sarah Free, a 2004 CHS graduate, received The Markey Scholarship, for a Frederick County resident who is pursuing a four-year degree in education or art and The Esther Grinage Kindergarten Scholarship, awarded typically to early childhood education majors. Free attends McDaniel College.

Laura Hobbs, a 2004 CHS graduate, receives The Esther Grinage Kindergarten Scholarship, awarded typically to education majors. Hobbs attends Mount St. Mary's University.

The Community Foundation has helped establish charitable funds that award scholarships and grants since 1986. Of the more than 550 funds held by the Community Foundation, more than 110 award scholarships. Visit www.cffredco.org or call (301) 695-7660 for more information. Application and guidelines to be considered for scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year will be available on the foundation's Web site after Dec. 15.

CHS golf fundraiser

THURMONT, Md. – The Catoctin High School Golf Team is holding a two-person scramble golf tournament at Maple Run Golf Course on Oct. 7 at 1 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person. There will be cash prize contests for putting, longest drive and closest to the pin. Golf package giveaways at several local courses will also be offered. Light refreshments will be available during the event.

The golf club is also seeking hole sponsors for \$25. You will get your name or business posted on the hole during the tournament.

For more information, contact Coach Chris Barnhart at (301) 271-4873 or Daryl Smith at (301) 271-9084.

MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

PROFESSORS RECEIVE SPECIAL RECOGNITION



Dr. A.J. Russo, professor of science, has been named the Class of 1964 Professor. The three-year appointment honors excellence in teaching, scholarship and

service to the Mount community and is awarded by the president on the recommendation of an academic committee. Professor Russo will deliver an annual lecture on a topic related to science, direct the work of the student fellow, and involve students in research.

Dr. Peter Dorsey, chair of the English department, has been named the Delaplaine Professor, also for a period of three years. This honor recognizes Dorsey for excellence in teaching and scholarship and for his contributions to curricular development, particularly the Core Program. He was selected

by the president based on the recommendation of an academic committee. Dorsey will hold summer seminars and events as well as a public lecture.



NEW LECTURE SERIES!

Mount Connections is a new lecture series held at the Mount's Frederick campus. The October 16 talk features Ross Peddicord discussing his adventures starting Maryland Life magazine. Peddicord, formerly the director of marketing for the Mount's Continuing Studies program, will describe the magazine's creation, which grew out of a class in entrepreneurship in the



Mount's MBA program. For more information and to reserve a seat at the 5 p.m. talk, please call the Mount's Frederick campus at 301-682-8315.

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MASS & SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE: "HEALING"
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MASS & SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE: "SACREDNESS IN WORSHIP"
Friday, October 20
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Gusman.

Directed by Fr. Jack Lombardi; music by St. John's Acappella chorus.

SEMINARY SYMPOSIUM: LONG IN COMING: THE INTEGRATING OF THE CATHOLIC PRIESTHOOD Thursday, October 26
Stephen J. Ochs will lead the symposium. He is the author of Desegregating the Altar: The Josephites and the Struggle for Black Priests, 1871–1960 and A Black Patriot and a White Priest: Andre Cailloux and

a White Priest: Andre Cailloux and Claude Paschal Maistre in Civil War New Orleans. He lives in Silver Spring, Maryland, and is chair of the history department at Georgetown Preparatory School. For more information, please contact the Department of Church History at 301-447-3413.

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OBITUARIES / BIRTHS

Mr. David Bushman Sr.

Mr. David (Hap) Rodman Bushman Sr., 68, of Waynesboro Rd., Emmitsburg, Md., died Sept. 27, 2006, at home.

Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late Charles Sr. and Anna Elizabeth Portner Bushman.

Surviving are his wife, Cheryl Darlene (Shriner) Bushman, whom he married Feb. 23, 1962; two daughters, Pamela L. Bushman and Robin D. Black; one son, David R. Bushman Jr.; seven Born Oct. 8, 1937, in grandchildren; one great-grandson; and three brothers, Charles W. "Bo" Bushman Jr., Thomas L. Bushman and George Greg Bushman; and

two sisters, Helen E. Carico and Mae J. Brown.

Funeral services were held Sept. 30 from Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, with his pastor, the Rev. Jon Greenstone, officiating. Inurnment will be in **Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery** at the convenience of the family.

Birth

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Milboutrne, Rocky Ridge, a son, Sept. 16



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Here is a sampling of what some of the participating local farms will offer. The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 21 and from noon to 4 p.m. on Oct. 22.

Brookfield Pumpkins, L.L.C. 8313 Ramsburg Road, **Thurmont**

The Roop family is offering a scenic hayride out to the pumpkin patch where you can pick your own pumpkins and gourds. Then, return to the barn for your fall decorating shopping spree, face painting, petting zoo, photo opportunities, and to learn about the history of this sixth generation century old farm. Then meet "Molly Moo," a life-size replica of a dairy cow welcoming customers to try their hand at milking! Preschool and elementary school age children are invited to participate in "Kids Get to Know You Grain Party," on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Each child will be allowed to make a picture using many grains grown in Frederick County.

Scenic View Orchards 16329 Sabillasville Road, Sabillasville

In the 1880s the farm was mostly a hay and grain operation. Now Scenic View raises a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. Enjoy a guided hayride and orchard tours, Sunday at noon, 1:30 and 3 p.m.; horse-drawn wagon rides to the pumpkin patch, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.; and Jack-B-Little pumpkin painting by Deerfield United Methodist Church youth group. Relax in the picnic area, and then stroll through the indoor fresh produce market. Fresh apple and pear cider along with jams, jellies, pumpkins, Indian corn and custom birdhouses and available.

Summer Creek Farm 15209 Mud College Road, Thurmont

Summer Creek Farm has operated on 27 acres since 1992, andin 1998 became a fully-certified organic farm. Produce is marketed through farmers' markets, several CSAs, and wholesale and retail outlets. There will be farm tours; honeybee and small grain growing demonstrations; tours of the high tunnels; and for children 6 and under, a straw mound play area, and pick-your-own pumpkins, squash and sunflowers.

Tranquility Farm 11819 Whates Lane, **Thurmont**

Tranquility Farm Equestrian Education and Renewal Center's first and dominant purpose is to establish and administer programs that bring together rescued horses and people suffering from physical, mental or emotional injury. There will be farm tours; horse and donkey petting; pick-your-own pumpkins; a concession stand; and equine gifts for purchase.

Winterbrook Farm 13001 Creagerstown Road, **Thurmont**

Lawyer's Winterbrook Farm is home of the moonlight corn maze with over 5 miles of trails and the great pumpkin cannon, capable of launching a pumpkin more than 2,500 feet! Learn how this family-owned farm grows 68,000 great white turkeys each year, plus grain and pumpkins. Visit the pumpkin patch; a "Farm Safety Just 4 Kids" display, highlighting Internet, bike and agriculture safety; honeybee demonstration at 2 p.m. on Sunday; concession stand; music; and produce to purchase.

For more information visit www.discoverfrederickmd.com/ funfarm. This event is sponsored by the Frederick County of Economic Development, the Agriculture Business Council Public Relations Committee and the farm participants.



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ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

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Oct. 11, 18, 25 at 10:30 a.m.
Two-Terrific Storytime
(age 2 with an adult)
Oct. 10, 17, 21, 31 at 7 p.m.
Family Storytime (all ages)
Oct. 11, 18, 25 at 7 p.m.
Preschool Storytime
(ages 3-5 with an adult)

Oct. 12, 19, 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Global Groove
(ages 5 and older with an adult)
Come along with Sneaks as he learns about other cultures around the world.
Oct. 6 at 4 p.m. Registration required.

Children's Programs

"Did You Know?" Series: Your House – It's all built on chemistry Join the Walkersville Chemistry club to explore the world of chemistry with hands-on experiments.
Oct. 14 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.
Oct. 18 at 4 p.m. Registration required.

Reading Rocks! (ages 10-12)
Choose either book, and join us
for a snack, an activity, and book
discussion. "The Haunted House"
edited by Jane Yolen or "Who Let the
Ghosts Out?" by R.L. Stine
Oct. 16 at 4 p.m. Registration
required.

Annual Scarecrow Stuffing (all ages)

Bring old clothes, a pumpkin and accessories. Stuffing provided. Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. Registration required.

Teen Programs

Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club (teens and adults)

Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. "In the Forests of the Night" by Amelia Atwater-Rhodes Animé/Manga Club (grades 6-12)

Join us for Animé/Manga movies, card games and more. Oct. 13 at 6 p.m. Get Active @ Your Library with

Join health & fitness expert Teri Lowry – learn about kickboxing, Pilates & yoga. Wear comfortable clothes.

Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. Registration required.

Adult Programs

Tuesday Evening Book Club
"Picture of Dorian Gray" by Oscar
Wilde
Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Non-Fiction Book Club Oct 12 at 1 p.m.

Knitting Nook

(teens and adults)
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Oct. 19 at 4 p.m.

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

ancestors.
Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.

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

Senior Events

October, the first full month of autumn, is here, bringing us Standard Time, a harvest moon, and "things that go bump in the night" on Halloween. We'll be observing that special holiday with a party on Tuesday, Oct. 31 - come wearing a costume to win a prize! Other special dates include Meeting Day on Tuesday, Oct. 17. Judy Hallman from the Sheriff's Department will be our guest speaker. She will address the issue of "Seniors and Law Enforcement Together." The center will be closed Monday, Oct. 9 for Columbus Day. Our bowling group is still growing; join us on Monday afternoons. Don't forget our men's pool tournament which continues every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

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

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

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

Bingo: Oct. 11 and 25. Cards, 500, and Bridge Group: Oct. 4 and 18.

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.



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FREDERICK, Md. – The Frederick County Health Department, in partnership with Frederick County Public Schools, will provide FluMist, a nasal-spray flu vaccine, free of charge for elementary school children, aged 5-11 years. Collaboration between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, MedImmune and governor's office made the program possible.

FluMist is approved for the prevention of influenza in healthy individuals, 5 to 49 years of age. FluMist uses a weakened form of the flu virus to stimulate the immune system, which helps to offer protection from the flu without causing a case of the flu.

Health Officer Barbara Brookmyer said, "This is a terrific opportunity of which we hope parents of 5-11 year old children will take full advantage. School-aged children are particularly susceptible to the flu, which raises the importance of vaccination in order to improve school attendance and help prevent the spread of flu to others. Children may also be more accepting of this vaccine since it does not require a shot."

The free vaccine will be available for children at upcoming health department flu clinics. Information about the 2006 flu clinics is available at www.frederickhealth.org or from the Health Department's flu hotline (English or Spanish) at (301) 631-3035.

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For Children

Through Nov. 18 - "The Three Little Pigs." Performances every Saturday afternoon and the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Brand-new musical where the three little pigs are pursued by the conniving Virginia A. Wolf and her not-so-bright sidekick. Way Off Broadway Dinner Theater, 5 Willowdale Drive, Willowtree Plaza, Frederick. 301-662-6600, www.wayoffbroadway.com.

Oct. 7 - Barry Louis Polisar. 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, 40 South Carroll Street, Frederick. A show for kids of all ages. A true pioneer in the world of books and music for children, Polisar is a fourtime Parents Choice Award winner who began writing and recording songs for children in 1975. \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door.

Concerts

Oct. 14 - David Bromberg and Angel Band. 8 p.m. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 West Patrick St., Frederick. www. weinbergcenter.org.

Nov. 1 - Leahy Celtic Band. 8 p.m. Majestic Theatre. 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, Pa. www. gettysburgmajestic.org.

Nov. 3 - David Cassidy, 8 p.m. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 West Patrick St., Frederick MD 21701. www.weinbergcenter.org.

Galleries, Exhibits, Art Shows

September-October-Kids Like Us: Who Cares? Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick. 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 Wood Merchant.

Oct. 6-Nov. 18 - Gallery show. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 W. Patrick St., Frederick. Original paintings by local artist, Ron Young. Artist's reception, Oct. 6 from 7-9 p.m. Booksigning, "UnConventional Assassination," 4-5 p.m. on Oct. 7.

Through Oct. 15-Brand New Day. Photographs by Martin L. Heavner. Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick. Heavner's award-winning photographs capture the color, form and textures of uncommon landscapes and graphic man-made objects, including several from the Frederick area.

Festivals/Events

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 - 43rd 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: email: info@colorfest.org or visit www.colorfest.org.

Oct. 14-15 - 31st 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. 21; noon to 4 p.m. on Oct. 22. 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.

Stage

Oct. 21 - Chicago City Limits Comedy Improv. 2 p.m. Majestic Theatre. 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, Pa. www. gettysburgmajestic.org.

Through Nov. 4 - "The Odd Couple." Neil Simon's hit comedy featuring the mismatchedpair, 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.

Film

Oct 20-21 - 72 Film Fest. Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 W. Patrick St., Frederick. Highlights independent, and under-screened films for the Frederick area; annual filmmaking/screenwriting contest for filmmakers from the D.C./ Baltimore/Western Maryland region. Contact Weinberg Center box office for tickets; visit www.72fest.com or contact Clark Kline at 240-344-4380 or e-mail clark@72fest.com.





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Oct. 7 - Buffet Breakfast. 6 to 11 a.m. Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, Tom's Creek Church Road (off Route 140 between Taneytown and Emmitsburg). Adults \$6, ages 5-10 \$3.

Oct. 7 - Huge Indoor Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Keysville Lutheran Church, 7301 Keysville Rd., Keymar. To benefit church kitchen renovation matching funds by Thrivent. Information: 410-756-6064.

Oct. 7-8 - Fall Festival at Rose Hill Manor Park. Farm festival is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Activities at the manor from noon to 4 p.m. 1611 North Market Street. Frederick. Children's oldfashioned toys, games and hands-oncrafts. Blacksmith demonstrations. Carriage museum will be open. Manor house tours. Fees for crafts. Tractor pull and butchering demonstration at the farm museum. Hayrides. Parking, \$1. Information: 301-694-1650 or visit www.rosehillmuseum.com.

Oct 7-8 - "An Inconvenient Truth." 7 p.m. Unity Church, 1 W. 9th Street, Frederick. Film on myths and misconceptions surrounding global warming. Admission: \$5, half benefits the Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light. Information: visit www.unityfrederick.org or call 301-846-0868.

Oct. 8 - Snip-its of History. Grace United Church of Christ, 40 West Baltimore Street, Taneytown. Homecoming tours at 10:15 a.m. Luncheon follows the service for past and current members with a reservation. Information: 410-756-

Oct. 8-10-"Making Mountaintops with Jesus" Revival. Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren, 26 Pipe Creek Road, Union Bridge, Md. Pastor: Larry M. Dentler. Theme: Book of Revelation prophecy. Oct. 8, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 9 & 10, 7:30 p.m. Hymn sing each

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childcare provided. Information: email pipecreek1758@wmconnect. com or call 410-775-7343, or 410-775-7693.

Oct. 11 - Safe & Sane Committee Meeting. 7 p.m. CHS Media Center. Junior and senior parent volunteers needed. 240-236-8100 Kathy Foster.

Oct. 14 - Giant Yard Sale. 7 a.m. Inside Graceham Moravian Church, 8231 Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont. Food will be available at 9 a.m. Information: 301-271-2379.

Oct. 14 - Fall Fest Dinner. Creagerstown Parish Hall. Noon to 6 p.m. Family style dinner. Adults, \$10; children, \$5. Apple butter for sale Oct. 7, 14, 21.

Oct. 14-15 - Ridgefest. Mt. Tabor Park, Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge Apple butter boiling demonstration on Saturday from 5 to 10:30 a.m. Fried ham sandwiches, flea market, crafts (call 301-271-2135 for free space), home-cooked food, a country store and more. Information: 301-271-2674.

Oct. 14, 21, 28 - Manor Ghost Tale Tours. Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 North Market Street, Frederick. 7-9 p.m. Enjoy local and traditional "ghost" stories interspersed with historical folklore and superstitious trivia while touring the 200-year old house. Cost: 10 years-adult, \$5 each. 24 hour program line: 301 694-1650 or visit www.rosehillmuseum.com.

Oct. 15 - Walk around the World. Sponsored by the Autism Treatment Center of America. Proceeds will fund scholarships for autistic

evening at 7:15 p.m., special music, children at the center. Donations are tax-deductible. Information: 717-337-9914 or e-mail gettvsburgW A W@vahoo.com.

> Oct. 16 - Emmitsburg Area Historical Society. Community Center, Emmitsburg.

Oct. 16 - Mount Connections lecture series. Mount St. Mary's University Frederick Campus, 5350 Spectrum Drive. Speaker, Ross Peddicord, on starting Maryland Life magazine. Information: 301-682-8315.

Oct. 18 - Challenging Beliefs Discussion Series. 7 p.m. Unitarian Universalists of Gettysburg, 136 S. Stratton St. Under review, "Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why," written by Bart D. Ehrman. Discussion, open to the public, moderated by Bruce Boenau. Information: 717-334-2920; or visit www.uugettysburg.org.

Oct. 18 - An Evening of Entertainment and Awareness, with a special focus on children. 7-9 p.m. Gettysburg College Ballroom. Sponsored by Domestic Violence Task Force, an affiliate of Healthy Adams County. Music, dance, speakers. Free childcare available.

Oct. 20 - Fish Fry. St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 44 Frederick St., Taneytown. Information: 410-756-

Oct.21-Lacie's Legacy fundraising walk. Carroll Valley Park, Fairfield, Pa. In memory of Lacie Wivell, a walk to benefit National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases Association, Inc. Requesting monetary donations and donated merchandise: snacks, drinks, raffle prizes. NTSAD is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Information: contact Lisa Wivell, 717-642-6989.

Oct. 21 - 2nd Annual Run/Walk Benefit. Register 7:30 a.m. for 1 mile; 9:30 a.m. begins 5k. Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg (benefits the Catoctin Pregnancy Center - for families in need). Free t-shirts and refreshments for participants. Details & pre-registration: 717- 642-0196. Pre-registration forms available anytime at front entrance of the Catoctin Pregnancy Center, 502 E. Main St., Emmitsburg.

Oct. 21 - Camp Eder's 28th Annual Fall Festival. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 914 Mt. Hope Rd. Fairfield Pa. Benefit auction at 9 a.m.; pit pig and turkey roast dinner, noon to 4 p.m.; Gospelbluegrass concert by the Franz Family at 2 p.m. Family activities Chainsaw carving demonstration. Free parking, crafts. Information: 717-642-8256.

Oct. 21 - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. 4-8 p.m. St. Joseph's Church Social Hall, 44 Frederick Street, Taneytown. All you can eat. Cost: adults, \$7, children 6-12 years, \$3.50, 5 and under, free. Sponsored by the St. Joseph's Taneytown Knights of Columbus Council 11631. Proceeds will help support the Council's charitable and service programs. Information: 410-751-

Oct. 21 - "Taneytown" concert. Northwest Middle School, Band from the Taneytown. Claudia SanSoucie Netherlands.

will open for the band. Concert tickets available at most main street downtown merchants and many other retail locations in Taneytown.

Oct. 22 - Fall open house at St. Maria Goretti High School. 1-3 p.m. Hagerstown. Prospective students and their parents are welcome to tour the facilities and to meet the teachers. Information and directions: 301-739-4266 or visit www.goretti.org.

Oct. 22-25 - Revival Services. Mountain View Ministries, 103 Apples Church Road, Thurmont. Oct 22 at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Oct. 23 to 25 at 7 p.m. Guest speaker: Pastor Jerry Price.

Oct. 27 - "Taneytown" concert. The Ott House, 5 West Main St., Emmitsburg. Band from the Netherlands.

Oct. 27-28 - Turkey and oyster supper. Friday, 3-7 p.m., Saturday, 1-6 p.m. Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont. Cost: \$12 for adults, children (5-10) \$6, and under 5 free. Information: call the church at 301-271-2379.

Oct. 28 - Make a Difference Day. Sponsored by the Thurmont Lions. Sign for clubs, organization, company or groups needing help with a specific project or choose from a list being assembled. Projects will be done all over the Thurmont area. The day will conclude at 3 p.m. at the Thurmont Scouting Building, Elm Street, Information: call Paul Cannada, 301-271-2924.

Oct. 28 – Basket Bingo. Taneytown Building. Fireman Activities Taneytown Chamber of Commerce fundraiser. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Games begin at 6:45 p.m. Admission by ticket only. Tickets: \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door. Tickets/information: call Donna Sake, 410-756-4234 or email dlsako@verizon.net.



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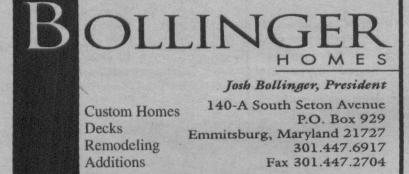


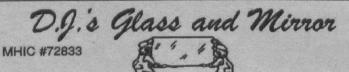
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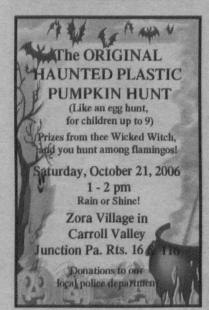
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Ghost, goblins and ghouls to visit Emmitsburg

Halloween plans Emmitsburg are official. Trick or treating, the annual parade, and refreshments and games courtesy of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion and the Emmitsburg Lions Club are all planned for Oct. 31.

Trick or treating hours are from

After scooping up candy and treats, Emmitsburg residents and visitors can gather at the corner of Federal Avenue and DePaul Street to walk in the Annual Halloween Parade. The parade will go through the center of town and will begin at 6:30 p.m. At the square, judges will be evaluating all the participants to determine winners in multiple

categories. American Legion Post 121 will provide monetary prizes for all winners while members of the Vigilant Hose Company and **Emmitsburg Ambulance Company** assist with traffic control.

The parade will end at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Station in front of the Community Center. Once there, participants will be treated to gingerbread cakes and apple cider from the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion. The Emmitsburg Lions Club will lead several spooky games, including the old favorite - bobbing for apples. For those who prefer dancing, music will be provided in the ambulance company social hall.

National Fire Prevention Week

National Fire Prevention Week is Oct 8-14. This year's theme is "Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What you Heat." According to the National Fire Protection Association, more fires start in the kitchen than in any other part of the house. Visit www.nfpa.org to learn more about the week and to take an online fire prevention week quiz about cooking

Local fire companies are hosting open houses to educate the public about fire safety.

Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company - Monday, Oct. 9 from 6-9 p.m. Fire prevention open house in the engine hall. Activities: fire truck rides, helicopter demo (weather permitting) firefighter demo, face

painting, Safe Kids car seat display, house signs and more. Rocky Ridge Juniors will be available for new membership. For more information, contact Penny Stonesifer, (301) 447-

Vigilant Hose Company, Emmitsburg, call (301) 447-2728.

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Halloween Happenings

Emmitsburg

Trick-or-treat - Oct. 31, 5-6 p.m.

Parade - Oct. 31, 6:30 p.m. Grotto - All Hallows Eve, 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.

Gettysburg

Parade - Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m. Trick-or-Treat – Oct. 31,

Taneytown

Halloween party at Fireman's Activity Building - Oct. 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Trick-or-treat - Oct. 31, 5-8 p.m.

Thurmont

Halloween in the Park -Oct. 21, 6 p.m. Trick-or-treat - To be announced

Library shows global warming movie

The film, "An Inconvenient Truth," will be shown on Oct. 12 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. in the Emmitsburg Library. Featuring Al Gore and directed by Davis Guggenheim, the movie documents the earth's climate crisis. Free. For more information, call the library: (240) 629-6329.



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The walk is designed to increase awareness about Tay-Sachs and allied genetic diseases and to raise funds to help fight them, many of which are fatal in early childhood. All proceeds from the walk will be donated to the National Tay Sachs and Allied Disease Association to support research, education and prevention of these devastating diseases. NTASD receives no government funding.

The entry fee to participate in the walk is \$10 per person. The walk will begin at 10 a.m. and will be approximately one mile around the park's fitness trail. For more information, contact Rick & Lisa Wivell at (717)-642-6989.

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