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## Inauguration at the Maryland State House

The Dispatch covers the O'Malley inauguration

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*I Remember When...*

I was a firefighter with Vigilant Hose Company in 1941.

## O'Malley, Brown call for 'One Maryland'



-CHRIS PATTERSON / THE DISPATCH

BY CHRIS PATTERSON  
Contributing Writer

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The inauguration of Governor Martin O'Malley (D) and Lt. Governor Anthony Brown (D) began somewhat privately on Wednesday, Jan. 17 with the official swearing-in ceremony inside the Maryland State House in Annapolis.

With little room inside, attendance at the official ceremony was limited to legislators and a select group of VIP guests. Even the media was restricted to one newspaper and one television outlet; the latter provided the live television feed to hoards of media waiting outside.

The public waiting to see the ceremonies began gathering as early as 9 a.m. outside the State House.

Guests on the inaugural platform included Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), and Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD), State Senator and Minority Leader David Brinkley (R-Dist. 4) among former governors, elected officials and other dignitaries.

Former Governor Robert Ehrlich (R), wife Kendal and former Lt. Governor Michael Steele took their seats in the front row of the ground seating, in front of the media.

Lt. Governor Brown was joined on the platform by his wife,

Patricia Arzuaga, their daughter and young son. Governor O'Malley entered onto the platform with his wife, District Court Judge Catherine Curran O'Malley, their two daughters and two young sons to the uplifting strains of Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man."

After a vocal rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner," the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the new governor's father-in-law, former Maryland Attorney General J. Joseph Curran.

O'Malley and Brown were sworn-in again for the public by Chief Judge Robert Bell, Maryland Court of Appeals. Both O'Malley

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Governor Martin O'Malley (D) stands with his wife Katie and two of their four children, William and Jack, during the inauguration ceremony on Wednesday, Jan. 17th. on the front steps of the Maryland State House in Annapolis.

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## Comments on Thurmont Region Plan

BY JAMES RADA JR.  
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Frederick County kicked off its update of the Thurmont Region Plan with an open house in the Emmitsburg Community Center on Jan. 29.

"The plan hasn't been updated since 1995," said Chief Planner Jim Gugel. "This introduces people to the process and we'll follow up later this spring with a draft plan."

The Thurmont region of Frederick County is bordered by Washington County to the west, Pennsylvania to the north, Carroll County to the east and various streams and the Monocacy River to the south.

The region plan looks at the future development of the area except for Thurmont and Emmitsburg, which have their own master plans because they are municipalities.

"This is probably the first-ever region plan where the municipalities have also had their master plan

underway at the same time," Gugel said.

The county plugs the information approved in municipal master plans into the region plans.

The other difference with this region plan is that in the past Frederick County has run the comprehensive planning process and zoning process at the same time. This has led to a gray area if someone is requesting a rezoning whether it should be measured against the existing zoning in the old plan or the

expected zoning in the plan being updated.

"This allows for stronger planning," Gugel said. "If someone comes in with a rezoning request, it will be compared to the just-adopted plan and not a plan 10 years old."

Mark Allen lives between Thurmont and Emmitsburg. He came to the open house to look at

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## Emergency warning system repaired

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — When Emmitsburg's emergency warning system went active in 2003, the hope was that it would warn residents when severe weather hit such as a tornado.

In that, it was successful. Less than six months after it was installed, the system was activated

to warn residents of a potential tornado. The loud whooping siren sounded across town and then a voice issued the tornado warning. However, of late, the alert has sounded when the skies have been clear. In at least one instance, the alert continued for hours.

"The problem was we were having some issues with the batteries," said Tim Clarke, public information officer with Vigilant Hose Company. "They weren't charging

correctly and that was causing the failure."

Scott Cassell, service and vice president with Communications

Electronics, the company that sold Emmitsburg the alert system,

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Rethink your vote

There are many prominent Republicans and Democrats who are ignorant though educated. Having considerable political experience, they have been exposed to many facts which can be learned, but have no judgments which cannot be taught.

Those who favor the unjust war in Iraq do not have common sense. They should not be in any office of public trust.

We do not have adequate resources to win the war in Afghanistan, conceivably a just war. We certainly should not support

anyone for high office who at any time favored the unjust war in Iraq. They should have known better.

- Harold Craig  
Emmitsburg

## Pennsylvania dog warden and the Adams County SPCA

I just caught wind of a Jan. 4 "Letter to the Editor" written to The Emmitsburg Dispatch. This article spoke of a stray dog that killed several family cats in Adams County, Pa. The dog warden was reportedly on vacation, and when they contacted the A.C.S.P.C.A. they could not come get the dog, but gave the option of bringing the animal in.

I would like to clarify a few comments from this article. In Pennsylvania the dog warden is employed by the Department of Agriculture - Dog Law Division and is assigned a county to cover. The Adams County SPCA has absolutely no jurisdiction over the dog warden; in fact the dog warden is the one that inspects our facility in accordance to our kennel license.

Pennsylvania Humane Officers and humane organizations do not have the resources or jurisdiction to cover loose animals. On the other hand, we do accept any and all stray animals from Adams County at our facility, whether they are from the dog warden or the public.

In the case of a Pennsylvania Dog Warden being on vacation, it is up to the state to assign another dog warden to that area. In the case of an emergency, the police are to be contacted to handle any animals that are loose and/or dangerous to the public.

Pennsylvania is only one of two states in the United States that has humane officers, not animal control officers. Humane officers, employed by humane organizations

in Pennsylvania cover neglect, abuse, and abandonment in accordance to the law. In Pennsylvania the dog warden handles loose dogs, rabies vaccine protocol, and kennel licensing. If you ever have a question as to whom to call, please feel free to contact the Adams County SPCA at (717) 334-8876.

- Scott McLaughlin  
Adams County SPCA  
Shelter Director  
Gettysburg, Pa.

*Editor's Note: This letter was written in response to Bill Fredrik's letter, "Loose dog attack and kills family's cats," that appeared in the Jan. 4 issue of The Emmitsburg Dispatch.*

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From The Emmitsburg Chronicle

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

## Child Labor

The following are some of the facts about child labor taken from Bulletin 69 just published by the Census Bureau:

About one-third of the children employed in gainful occupations were 15 years of age, and more than one-half were 14 or 15 years. The number under 14 was 790,623, or 45.2 percent of the total.

The cotton mills furnish employment to children to a greater extent than any other manufacturing or mechanical industry. In 1900 the number of cotton mill operatives 10 to 15 years of age was 44,427, and they formed 18 percent of the total number of persons more than 10 years of age engaged in that occupation.

In the North about one cotton mill operative in every ten was 10 to 15 years of age, while in the South the corresponding ratio is about three in every ten. The difference in these proportions is partly accounted for by the difference in the labor laws of these two sections.

The employment of children in mines and quarries is a phase of the child labor problem which, in popular judgment, is especially objectionable. In 1900 of the children 10 to 15 years of age gainfully employed 24,209, or 1.4 percent, were engaged in mining and quarrying. Of this number, 24,105 were males and 104 females. Approximately seven out of every eight children reported as mine and quarry workers were employed as coal miners.

In the families with child breadwinners schooling rarely extends beyond the age of 13. Of the children 14 years of age 97.4 percent were employed and only 1.6 percent were at school. The percentage of school children is a little higher in the next older years. It is evident that a considerable number of the families that had children 10 to 14 years of age at work had older children attending school.

The breadwinners who were heads of families represented only 25.1 percent, or about one-fourth of the total number of breadwinners. The breadwinners under 15 years of age constituted 35.7 percent, or more than one-third of the total; and those 15 to 20 years of age constituted 28.1 percent. The total number of breadwinners is almost the same as the total number of dependents - one-half (49.9 percent) of the population living in these families were breadwinners. In the total population of the United States the percentage of breadwinners not including those under 10 years of age, is 38.3.

## Men Wounded

Last Tuesday morning several sticks of dynamite exploded at Maria Furnace near Fairfield among some workmen with almost fatal results. The men, Mr. John Shulley, Mr. Eyler, and Mr. Calimer, the boss of the gang of workmen employed by the Pure Oil Company in the construction of their pipeline, were standing around a fire thawing out a box of dynamite. There were some loose pieces near the fire and three or four of these, from some unknown cause, exploded with terrific force tearing the clothing of the three men to shreds and otherwise injuring them.

Doctors Trout and Glenn, of Fairfield, were immediately summoned and hurried to the scene. Examination showed that Mr. Calimer was injured more than the others. It is feared that he may lose his sight. He and Mr. Eyler were removed to the hospital at Chambersburg. Mr. Shulley escaped with little injury.

## Fairfield Items

Mr. Jacob Musselman has purchased the property he now occupies. This property some years ago was sold for \$5,000; Mr. Musselman, at public sale, purchased it for \$1,500.

Everyone who has an icehouse is busy at this time getting in their supply for the Summer. The ice is seven inches thick.

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Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown delivers a speech during the inauguration ceremony.

## Inauguration

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and Brown took the opportunity to speak about their unified vision for the next four years.

### 'One Maryland'

The theme of O'Malley and Brown's respective inaugural speeches should have come as no surprise to anyone. Both men have

been talking about their ideas for "One Maryland" throughout the weeks preceding the inaugural events.

Neither should anyone have been surprised that the speeches were filled of lofty phrases full of enthusiasm and high ideals, but little substance on specific solutions.

As Delegate Rick Weldon (R-Dist. 3B) told The Dispatch, "I think (O'Malley's speech) set a great tone for the new administration. Like most inaugural speech-

es, it was a little light on specifics, but the State of the State speech next week is the forum for laying out a policy agenda."

While Brown's speech ended with the strongly positive language of "One Maryland," O'Malley's speech went farther to re-cap a few of the issues he and Brown have emphasized during their expensive and hard-fought campaign.

During his roughly 13-minute speech, O'Malley spoke of many "perils and possibilities" that face Maryland and the nation. Those perils included "budget deficits, polluted waters, drug addiction and crumbling infrastructure," all of which he cited as of "our own recent making." But he also mentioned national and world issues that affect the state, such as global warming and terrorist threats, among others.

O'Malley said he saw "possibilities" that included joining in partnership with Virginia and Washington, D.C., re-establishing the "regulatory framework of our state government" for a cleaner environment, and improving the public education system, including making college affordable for working parents.

On the subject of the environ-

ment, O'Malley said the survival of the bay was imperiled by "poorly planned sprawl and a multitude of other manmade ills" including storm water runoff and broken sewer systems.

"We have the possibility... to fuse science, government and personal responsibility together to expand buffer zones, cover crops, ... open space and oyster beds, and to harness the growth that is coming to rebuild our cities and towns. To-

gether we can preserve our quality of life and our Bay," O'Malley said.

Talk of the perils to our national security abounded with a reference to the safety interests Marylanders have in the Port of Baltimore, a fight O'Malley took on while mayor of Baltimore.

"Maryland is one of America's wealthiest states," he said. "It is time to make us one of America's safest and most secure."

## Region Plan

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the zoning maps. "I'm interested in what the zoning changes will be."

He said he wants to make sure if the area is going to grow that the county is planning enough

infrastructure to keep up with the growth.

Donna Burch from Emmitsburg said she came because she wants to see where growth is planned. She moved to this area from Frederick because she wanted a rural environment.

Her friend, Jean Howard, on

the other hand, would like to see more convenience in the area. She was interested in where commercial and retail development would be.

Public hearings before the county planning and zoning commission are expected to be in June and the plan could be approved in October or November.

## Alert Repair

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confirmed that was one problem. In addition, there was a manufacturing problem, and in one spot wiring can rub together and cause a short circuit.

False alerts have sounded three times and Communications Electronics has made changes after each one, thinking the problem was solved.

The most-recent fix was during the fourth week of January.

"We've scheduled to monitor the system weekly through the [fire] training center," Cassell said. Personnel from the center will check the voltage on the solar-powered batteries and make sure everything is in order.

The alert system went active in December 2003 after 11 months of planning. It was a joint project involving the Town of Emmitsburg,

Mount St. Mary's University, the National Emergency Training Center, Vigilant Hose Company and the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company.

"Central alarm can activate the system or someone at the station," Clarke said.

The three alarm towers are behind the town pool, on Silo Hill and by the cemetery on the west side of town.

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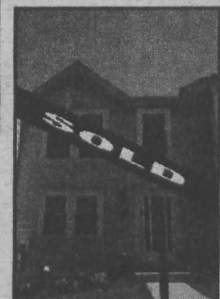
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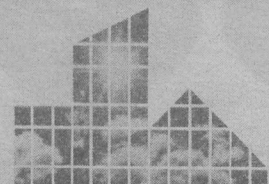
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## OPINION

### A Word from a Town Commissioner

# What's an APFO?

Many years ago, when I first heard of an Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance I thought to myself, "please, not another boring government policy."

But as I worked to defend the things I really cared about: making sure local schools weren't overcrowded, preventing or controlling traffic congestion, protecting our environment, providing recreational opportunities for our youth and seniors, and safeguarding our streets from crime, I soon came to realize that one over-arching policy helped to ease many of these growing problems – the APFO.

That is why I began the work roughly a year ago to draft the first APFO for the Town of Emmitsburg.

As communities grow (and all do over time), more people are added into the mix. While new

people can be a blessing for any community, they also mean more cars on our streets, children in our elementary school, pollution, and greater demands for town services.

In fact, for every home built the minimum number of car trips per day, per home, is 10. Multiply that by 100 homes and you have 1,000 car trips per day through the heart of Emmitsburg. And since the county school board estimates that there will only be .5 children per new home built, our elementary school rapidly becomes overcrowded.

I have yet to find a .5 child.

The reality is, generally speaking, people who purchase a new home between 3,500 and 5,000 square feet more than likely either have children or are planning to start a family. In my neighborhood

alone there are 77 homes. This should mean that there are only 38.5 children in our community. In fact, there are nearly 200.

An APFO helps distribute the burden of the impact of new town residents among prospective developers, builders and homebuyers – to the benefit of new and old residents alike.

Some may say, "why not just negotiate with the developers during approval of annexation?" The problem with doing so is that it is subject to the abilities and experience of the elected officials serving the town at any given time. And while local officials only can commit part of their time to public service (when they are not making a living), developers can hire full-time attorneys, marketing specialists,

consultants, lobbyists, and a vast assortment of experts to make their case. Frankly, small towns are no competition.

Rather than negotiate over each individual plan to build, our town will be able to cite an APFO.

The APFO is a blueprint to becoming a positive and integral part of Emmitsburg. Better still, rules will not change because someone can afford better experts and everyone will know what is expected of them before they ever even meet with town officials.

As 2007 progresses, please pay attention to the APFO. Whatever issue concerns you most – an APFO can help.

- William B. O'Neil Jr.  
Emmitsburg Commissioner

### A Word from a County Commissioner

# Region plan comments needed

Greetings. I'd like to start by thanking *The Dispatch* for offering to print an occasional report from Winchester Hall. I'd also like to thank everyone in the north county who supported my campaign last fall.

As the only county commissioner who lives north of Walkersville, I feel a special responsibility to the people and communities of this wonderful area.

During the course of the campaign, many of you shared your concern that the north county hasn't always gotten the attention it should from the county commissioners. And now with development pressures growing here, benign neglect will not protect

our interests, our landscape, or our communities.

As it turns out, this is a particularly important time to get informed and involved. Although the annexation proposals in Thurmont have been receiving a lot of attention lately – for good reasons – Frederick County is in the process of reviewing and updating the Thurmont Region Plan.

Frederick County has eight planning regions, and the Thurmont region is the largest, encompassing 80,762 acres across the northern reaches of the county, and including Thurmont, Emmitsburg, Sabillasville, Rocky Ridge, Creagerstown and a few other small communities.

The current Thurmont Region Plan was adopted in 1995. The updated version will include a comprehensive Land Use Map that will establish the location and type of proposed land uses for the next 20 years, such as residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural areas.

The development of the draft plan elements began in 2006, and will continue into spring, when a completed draft version will be released. Public participation is very important. There will be two open houses. The first public open house was in the Emmitsburg Town Offices on Monday, Jan. 29.

On Monday, Feb. 5, the second open house will be in Thur-

mont. It will be in the cafeteria at Thurmont Middle School, and you can drop in any time between 5 and 8 p. m. You can review large maps and informational displays, and ask questions or discuss issues with county planning staff.

I hope many of you will take a few minutes to drop in, look over the maps and other information, and ask a few questions.

Finally, for now, please don't hesitate to contact me about whatever is on your mind. My office number is (301) 600-1303 and my e-mail address is KHagen@fredco-md.net.

- Kai Hagen  
Frederick County Commissioner

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## TOWN NEWS

# Emmitsburg hotel manager named hotelier of the year

BY BRENDAN WEEKS  
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Sleep Inn Hotel manager Pat Larson was recently awarded hotelier of the year at the 18th annual "Stars of the Industry" banquet hosted by the Maryland Hotel and Lodging Association.

Larson first got involved in

the hotel industry while attending the University of Maryland working toward a degree in Personnel Management. He attended classes during the day and then worked through the night at a local hotel to pay for school. "That's what got me through the last couple years of college," said Larson.

He has managed the Sleep Inn for the past five years. In 2005 the hotel was nationally recognized as

"Inn of the Year" by Choice Hotels International. "That (award) is based not on sales, but guest satisfaction," Larson noted.

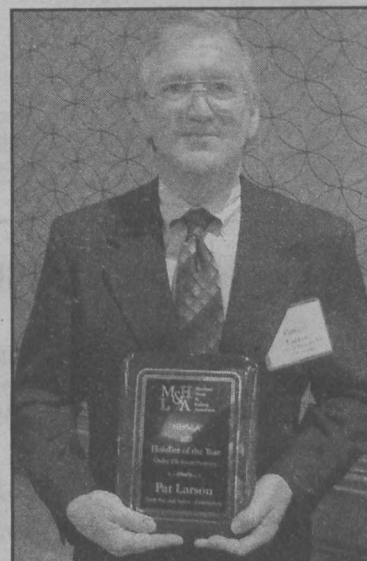
According to Hess Hotels Group Director of Quality Assurance Alan Doran, "Larson was nominated for his work ethic and efforts at the hotel," but he attributes the honor to the people that work for him.

"The award had my name on it,

but it was really a reflection of collectively what the staff had done," said Larson.

Last year one of Larson's staff members suffered a heart attack while working at the hotel. "His heart stopped beating in the lobby," Larson recalls. "Fortunately at that time all the staff had CPR training. We went and started (CPR) right away." With the help of a firefighter who was staying at the hotel, the staff was able to resuscitate the employee, who still works at the hotel today.

For the past two years Larson has been president of the Emmitsburg Professional Business Association. He also coaches women's volleyball in Westminster and represents the hotel in the Taneytown Chamber of Commerce. Larson is a resident of Westminster and plans to continue working in Emmitsburg for a long time.



—COURTESY OF THE SLEEP INN

General Manager of the Sleep Inn, Pat Larson, was recently named Hotelier of the Year. In 2006 the hotel was awarded "Inn of the Year." Larson has been manager of the hotel for the past five years.

## Town, planner formalize update process

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Emmitsburg Mayor and Commissioners formalized an update process with their planner that should improve communications between the town and the planner.

The town commissioners asked Planner Christopher Jakubiak to attend their Jan. 17 meeting to update them on his work. A lack of communications had left some of the commissioners uneasy about what their money was being spent on.

"I'm never sure how these requests are communicated," said Board President Chris Staiger. Later, he added, "What we found happens is when we try to follow up on something, it's hard to get information."

Jakubiak provided the commissioners with an update on his work on the comprehensive plan, alternative road connection, sign ordinance and adequate public facilities ordinance. He also reminded the town that his contract calls for 20-30 hours a month on town business.

"The comprehensive plan is

supposed to be his main effort," Town Manager Dave Haller said. "That is why others may seem to fall by the wayside."

Staiger agreed that the comprehensive plan should remain Jakubiak's main focus. He asked if it would be possible for the commissioners to get a monthly progress report.

"That will keep us from getting wrong footed and perhaps a little frustrated," Staiger said.

— J. Rada

## Commissioners approve temporary sidewalk repairs

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Emmitsburg Town Commissioners approved a plan to have town staff make temporary repairs to damaged sidewalks.

"The plan is not intended as a long term or final solution to this problem, but as a temporary or stop-gap means by which to address this public safety hazard," Town Manager Dave Haller told the commissioners.

The town has nearly 233 square yards of sidewalk that needs to be replaced along Main Street. The temporary measures would replace about 52 square yards with an asphalt compound called "cold patch."

Haller estimated that, in all, the project would require town staff to work a couple of weeks, but the work will be spread out over the next couple months as the town maintenance crew has time.

"I think it's good for the town and we don't have to spend any extra money," said Commissioner Cliff Sweeney.

— J. Rada

## Sheriff's office December stats

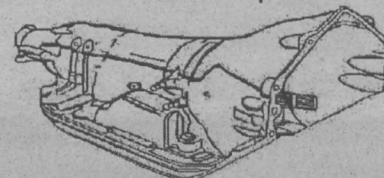
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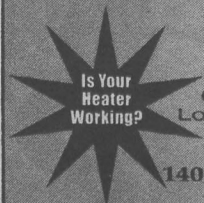
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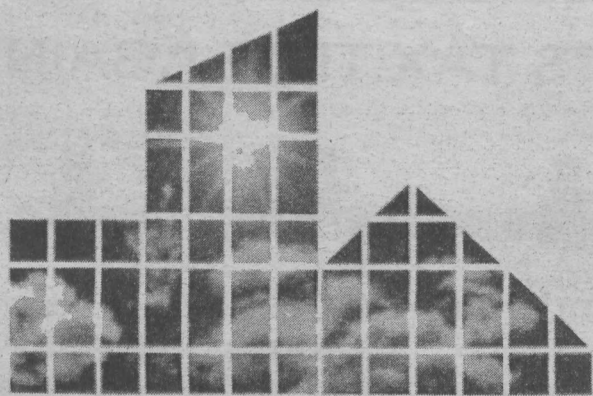
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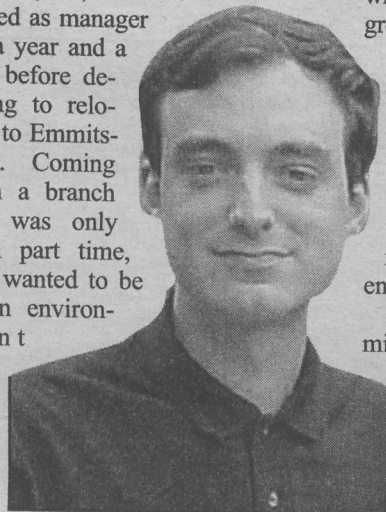
## Town News

### Emmitsburg getting new librarian

By BRENDAN WEEKS  
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Beginning Feb. 5, Derek Gee, will join the Emmitsburg community as new manager of the Emmitsburg Branch Library.

Gee will be coming from the Barron F. Black Branch Library in Norfolk, Va., where he served as manager for a year and a half before deciding to relocate to Emmitsburg. Coming from a branch that was only open part time, Gee wanted to be in an environment



Derek Gee will become the new Emmitsburg Library branch manager in February.

that allowed him to spend more time at the library.

"I was looking for some more management work and looking for more full-time hours," said Gee.

Gee received his undergraduate degree in history from Winthrop University in South Carolina. After finishing at Winthrop, Gee attended the University of South Carolina at Columbia where he received a Master's degree in library science.

According to associate director of Frederick County Public Libraries Dolores Maminski, a Master's in library science is necessary for Gee's position. "In Maryland, for a professional position like this one, a master's degree in library science is required," she said.

While working in Emmitsburg, Gee hopes to bring surrounding communities closer together through the library. "I would just love to try to bring the different communities around the branch together," said Gee. "I would love to bring back the ones that have stepped away for a while."

As far as his own literary interests go, Gee is currently a fan of historical fiction, in particular, author Bernard Cornwell. "I still like the classics, I like the history, but I don't want to read the technical textbooks."

When not busy at the library, Gee unwinds by playing a little poker or golf, sitting down with a book, or hanging out with his fiancée Rachel.

"I think he is going to be a great fit for the Emmitsburg community," said Maminski, "and I think you're going to really like him."

### Municipal Meetings

#### Town Meeting

Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m.

Emmitsburg Historical Society presentation of historic map

Water committee and planning commission member appointments

#### Ethics Committee

Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Review financial disclosure statements of affected employees and elected officials

#### Planning Commission Workshop

Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Comprehensive Plan workshop

#### Town Meeting

Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m.

#### Parks Committee

Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.

#### Planning Commission

Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Sign ordinance

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

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## SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY NEWS

## FREMA unveils emergency management plan

By WILLIAM K. REINKE  
Contributing Writer

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — Fairfield Regional Emergency Management Agency Coordinator Dave Martin unveiled the emergency management plan for the region at the borough council meeting on Jan. 9.

The council is expected to

ratify the plan at its next meeting on Feb. 13. The document is the product of months of work by the FREMA Board, which includes Carroll Valley and Fairfield Mayors Ron Harris and Robert Stanley, Liberty Township Supervisor Paul Harner, and Martin.

Martin noted that while the plan is complete and could be implemented in case of a disaster tomorrow, not all of the volunteer

positions have been filled. Harris said the agency is seeking twelve volunteers for positions ranging from communications and public information officer to health and medical services officer. Harris said "two or three" individuals have already stepped forward as a result of FREMA's solicitations. Were an emergency to occur before the volunteers are in place, the burden of disaster management would fall

on the four-member board.

The council was expected to ratify the plan in January, but Councilman Daniel Patton objected, saying the council hadn't seen the document and it was allegedly incomplete. Martin agreed to provide all council members with a copy of the document. Harris clarified that by "incompleteness" he meant that not all the positions have been filled, not that

the emergency plan itself was not thorough.

Individuals interested in volunteering for the FREMA response team should contact Harris (717) 642-9270, Stanley (717) 642-8000, Harner (717) 642-6202, or Martin (717) 642-5704. No experience is required. Training will be provided by at "tabletop exercise" dry run followed by a full-scale disaster drill this summer.

## Union Road compromise reached

By WILLIAM K. REINKE  
Contributing Writer

FAIRFIELD BOROUGH, Pa. — The Fairfield Borough Council and township planning commission each endorsed a Union Avenue design proposal from Empire Homes on Jan. 23. The plan includes sidewalks on both sides of the street, but no curbs.

The debate surrounds the not-yet-built road that will straddle the municipalities' border in the 400+ home subdivision known as McGinley's Choice. Fairfield's ordinance calls for curbs and sidewalks on neighborhood streets; Hamiltonban does not address the issue. Empire could have constructed a road with a curb and sidewalk on one side of the street and neither on the other. None of the parties involved thought this was a viable solution.

The endorsed proposal calls for the elimination of the six-foot-wide paved shoulder and curbs. Instead, a four-foot-wide grassy shoulder planted with trees is proposed adjacent to the road, followed by a 10-foot swale to absorb and channel storm water runoff. On the far side of the swale, a concrete sidewalk is proposed. Both sides of the street would look the same. Fairfield Councilman Carroll Smith supported the proposal, saying, "Curbs actually hinder the storm water situation." Without curbs, the

grassy shoulder allows runoff to get into the swales, preventing the standing water during heavy thunderstorms when a large volume of water tries to go down a storm drain in a curbed road. Smith also commented that removing the paved shoulders would eliminate the temptation to park cars on the side of the road.

Adam Mutchinbaugh, representing the borough's engineering firm, C. S. Davidson of Gettysburg, also supported the proposal. "It will help with [storm water] runoff and lower traffic speeds [because of the narrower paved surface]. It fits with the use proposed."

The Fairfield Council voted unanimously in support of Empire's design. Project Manager James Hanna and attorney Jeffrey Ernico then attended the Hamiltonban Planning Commission meeting where township officials approved a recommendation that supervisors endorse Empire's proposal at their Feb. 6 meeting.

## 'No action' on English language resolution

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — After a brief discussion during the Jan. 9 council meeting, the proposed resolution to adopt English as the official language of the borough died without a vote.

Carroll Valley resident Sam Delaurence proposed the resolution at December's council meeting, modeling in on the controversial measure passed by the Taneytown, Md. council last year.

Council President Thomas Wolf allowed each member to comment for the record, which revealed a council unanimously opposed to taking any action on the matter.

Councilman John Van Volkenburgh feared that with the increasing diversity of the borough's population, such an ordinance would create "a huge red arrow pointing at us saying, 'No diversity; English only.'"

After the meeting officially adjourned, Mayor Ron Harris shared that similar legislation is making its way through the legislature in Harrisburg, making local debate somewhat pointless.

— W. Reinke

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Not pictured: 4th Kevin Albaugh (74), 7th Larry Eyler (65)



Above: A special award was presented to Robert "Bobby" Mumma for many years of service to the fire company, including his extensive work on fundraisers and building projects, especially the new Activity Building and the new engine house.



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2007 Line Officers (Front row, l to r) Steve Whetzel (chief), Alan Hurley (1st assistant chief) and Luke Humerick (2nd assistant chief). (Back row, l to r) Lieutenants Andy Mathias and Craig Hovermale. Lieutenant Doug Wivell not pictured.



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## BUSINESS

# County leaders mull help for small businesses

By CHRIS PATTERSON  
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. — During a forum Friday, Jan. 19 at the Cozy Inn in Thurmont, area municipal and county leaders learned more about an innovative way local communities can help small businesses get off to a strong start.

Organized by the Frederick County Office of Economic Development, 50 to 60 local elected municipal and

county leaders and others in the business community attended the forum.

Those present heard from representatives around the state who have successfully created what are known as "business incubators" in their respective communities.

Some reasons cited for small business failures include lack of services and financing challenges, among other reasons. Supporters of business incubators say that they usually include designated business space that provides shared facilities and resources

to minimize initial cash investments and provide substantial support to burgeoning small businesses.

Incubators can be established for whatever types of businesses the community determines are necessary, such as technology, food services, retail or agricultural. A feasibility study is usually done first to determine if an incubator is needed and what type. Feasibility study can often be provided through government grants.

With combined resources, a food services business, for example, may

provide a commercial-grade kitchen that new businesses would use to create their salsas, jellies, breads or other food products they wish to market without having the expense of their own licensed facility.

Following the meeting, Thurmont Commissioner Bill Blakeslee and Main Street Manager Vicki Grindler said they have an interest in further considering an incubator in Thurmont.

Thurmont Mayor Martin Burns said he is interested in learning more

about incubators, but is concerned about the town providing any funding for an incubator at this time.

Speakers at the forum stressed that incubators are often supported by contributions from a local municipality or county along with grant funding from multiple government sources, such as the United States Department of Agriculture and other state or county agencies.

Emmitsburg Town Manager Dave Haller said he would discuss the information with Emmitsburg Mayor Jim Hoover before issuing a comment about what the town will do in regard to creating an incubator. However, Haller and Commissioner Joyce Rosensteel, also present at the forum, did confirm that they have a strong interest in considering incubators for the community, as well as considering partners in creating an incubator.

Frederick County has a business incubator located at Hood College that exists through a public-private partnership. Known as the Frederick Innovative Technology Center, it has been operating since January 2005. FITC was fully occupied within one year and another incubator is in the works south of Frederick.

FITC's partners include Frederick County, the City of Frederick, the State of Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, the Maryland Technology Corporation, and local businesses.

For more information about FITC, visit [www.fitci.org](http://www.fitci.org). To learn more about The Frederick County Maryland Office of Economic Development, go to their Web site, [www.discoverfrederickmd.com](http://www.discoverfrederickmd.com), or call toll-free 1-800-248-2296.

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## Bollinger Construction receives quality certification

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Bollinger Construction was recently re-certified by the National Association of Home Builders' Research Center. The center's National Housing Quality Certified Trade Contractor Program provides a third-party evaluation of contractors.

"It's very valuable to both us and our customers," said owner Josh Bollinger. "It's good because it gives us the tool to manage our people, ensure quality of our work and hold our people accountable."

To achieve certification, contractors must develop, document, implement, and maintain a quality management system that allows them to consistently meet code and regulatory requirements, builder specifications and homeowner expectations. "It has opened up doors

for us for new customers because the certification, to them, is quality assurance," said Bollinger.

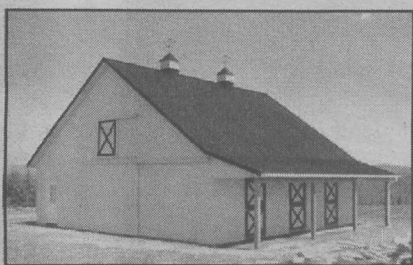
After at least three months of operating under this system, a company then needs to pass a certification audit and internal audits. The audits ensure that the company is continuing to operate under its quality management system.

"Today, every contractor says that they provide quality service to their customers, but when NHQ Certified Trade Contractors who carry the NAHB Research Center label are used, you can expect greater customer satisfaction," said Frank Alexander, NHQ program director at the Research Center. "We are working closely with contractors to raise the bar on professionalism in the industry and across the nation."

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## New businesses rejuvenate old Jubilee store

By JAMES RADA JR.  
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THURMONT, Md. — Catoctin Development and Advanced Development Services operated out of an office in Frederick with 1,100 square feet of workspace.

"Everyone was sitting on top of each other," said Sam Bollinger, co-owner of Bollinger Enterprises. "When you got up from a desk someone would take it."

And that doesn't include finding space to work on the sprint cars that Catoctin Motor Sports operates.

That's no longer the case with the new 5,400 square foot office at one end of the old Jubilee Foods store. And if the companies ever run out of space, another 12,000 square feet of empty space sits vacant next to the office, ready to be rented.

The store had sat vacant for four years until Donny Owens purchased it for his companies.

"It was a mess," Bollinger said. "There were asbestos tiles on the floor and an old drop ceiling. We pretty much gutted it. We tore out the tiles and sprinklers, fixed the sprinkler system and cut windows so we could get some light."

Other changes include an updated electrical system, propane tanks, a fenced-in back area and a security

Catoctin Motor Sports is one of three businesses owned by Donald Owens now occupying a portion of the old Jubilee Foods store in Thurmont. Catoctin Development and Advanced Development are the other two businesses.

— ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL SR./THE DISPATCH



system.

The entire project cost about \$400,000. The companies had their first planning session on redeveloping the old store in November and moved in the middle of January.

"It was a lot less expensive," Bollinger said. "We bought it for a lot less than anything we could have gotten in Frederick."

The other advantage is that many of the principals in the company are Thurmont natives who have now been able to bring their businesses back to their hometown.

"Our relocation to Thurmont is a key component to our growth strat-

egy," Owens said. "We've been able to plan the new facility to streamline our operations, enabling us to grow and provide more services to our customers. And, it is nice to be back where I grew up."

Catoctin Development is a residential development company and Advanced Development Services is an underground utility company. In business for six years, the companies employ 35 people.

Canyon Construction was the general contractor on the project and Bollinger Enterprises represented the owner through the purchase and renovation.



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## EDUCATION

# Community discusses special ed and testing with Superintendent Burgee

BY SUSAN ALLEN  
Contributing Writer



**Dr. Linda Burgee**  
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With no major construction issues at present, members of the Catocin school community came to their annual "conversation" with Superintendent of Frederick County Public Schools Dr. Linda Burgee, with more specialized topics in mind. Approximately 30 people, including many area administrators and staff members, attended the public meeting at Thurmont Elementary School on Jan. 17.

Most of the evening's discussion centered on special education needs. Linda Polansky of Thurmont posed specific questions. Her son, a fifth grader at TES, blind from birth, is one of 100 blind and visually impaired students receiving special services in Frederick County schools. FCPS currently employs four teachers, one of whom will be retiring at the end of the current school year, to work with these students. Polansky expressed concern about her son's fall 2007 transition to the much larger Thurmont Middle School. She provided an array of information about the lengthy process required to prepare teachers and aides to work with blind students and the shortage of qualified teachers in Maryland and the region.

Speaking to Polansky's specific concerns, Burgee also addressed the overall demand for special education services. According to the 2006 FCPS School Report, 4,949 students, 12 percent of FCPS enrollment, receive services. The teacher shortage for blind students mirrors that in all disability categories, she said, and the situation is not improving. Only 20 percent of needed special education teachers will graduate this year, and Frederick County must compete with other school systems, that "pay more and can offer big incentive bucks." Since "schools must provide the accommodations needed to bring academic achievement" for all students, FCPS must contract private specialists if qualified teachers are not available.

Burgee also pointed out that by 2014 all students must meet the same federal No Child Left Behind standards (as measured by tests), with no allowances for learning or physical disabilities. Currently there are gaps in testing results for special education students. Some testing is always necessary, she said, but "No Child Left Behind is driving the bus right now ... and there's more to public education than the tests test for." The program will come before Congress for re-

newal later this year.

Kathy Foster, president of the Maryland State Child Care Association which represents the state's licensed childcare centers, asked about possibilities for closer collaboration between private centers and public schools. Burgee noted that while "the more we can provide early intervention and early childhood learning, the better, a lot of quality control conversation" will be needed. Records-sharing between the private groups and the schools also involves privacy concerns and parent permission. Burgee advised Foster to approach local school principals with her ideas.

Buildings and budgets were not entirely absent from the superintendent's remarks. She noted that work has begun on Thurmont Primary School addition. Funds are available to add air conditioning to Sabillasville Elementary and an addition to Emmitsburg Elementary School remains on the facilities calendar for 2009.

EES Principal Wanda Severance mentioned in a Jan. 19 discussion that a "walk through" survey of the Emmitsburg building, a preliminary step in the addition process, is scheduled for late January.

The projected county school budget request for 2007-08 is \$420-425 million, approximately \$26 million more than the current year. The figure includes the costs of establishing full-day kindergarten in the final nine elementary schools and a 31.2 percent step raise for teachers. FCPS is currently negotiating a cost-of-living adjustment with representatives of the Frederick County Teachers Association.

## MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY



## BEARERS OF HOPE AND HEALING, CALLINGS CONFERENCE 2007

March 12-16, 2007

Conference attendees and presenters will explore pathways for service in a broad spectrum of healing professions. After the conference opening on Monday, each day will be devoted to a specific aspect of healing. Get inspired! Come for a day or the full conference! See full schedule online at [www.msmmary.edu](http://www.msmmary.edu) or call 301-447-5368 to register.

To arrange for interpreters for the deaf, please contact the Learning Services Department of Mount St. Mary's University at 301-447-5006 at least 72 hours in advance.

"The Personal Challenge of Peacemaking"

Tuesday, March 13, 7 p.m.,  
Knott Auditorium

Arthur Romano, International peacemaker

"Transforming Trauma into Healing Activity"

Wednesday, March 14, 7 p.m.,  
Knott Auditorium

Nesse Godin Holocaust survivor

"The Power of Forgiveness"

Thursday, March 15, 7 p.m.,  
Knott Auditorium

Martin Doblmeier, Documentary filmmaker; president and founder of Journey Films

"How Can I Keep from Singing?"

Friday, March 16, 7 p.m.,  
Knott Auditorium

Deforia Lane, Ph.D., Resident director, music therapy, University Ireland Cancer Center, Cleveland

## MOUNT 2007

Up to 1,500 young people will be joining us at the Mount 2007 retreat this weekend, Feb. 2-4. This Eucharistic Prayer Festival will enable high schoolers and young adults to hear dynamic Catholic speakers and deepen their relationship with the Lord. Please pray for our guests, and visit [www.mount2000andbeyond.com](http://www.mount2000andbeyond.com) to learn more about this opportunity and how you or your youth group can join in next year's retreat.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For a complete schedule of events visit [www.msmmary.edu/calendar](http://www.msmmary.edu/calendar) and for more information on any of the events below call 301-447-5366

### AS TALL AS LIONS

February 3, 2007

Knott Auditorium, 10 p.m.

Having recently released their highly acclaimed self-titled sophomore record, As Tall As Lions display a maturity and pose that acts twice their senior still have yet to achieve. Free for Mount students, \$5 for everyone else.

### DISCOVERY DAY

February 12, 2007

The Discovery Day—Class Visitation offers you the opportunity to attend classes and lunch with a Mount student host. For more information contact the admissions office at 1-800-448-4347

### ECHOES OF THE PAST—

MAXINE MAXWELL

February 15, 2007

Knott Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Maxine Maxwell weaves in and out of history to explore the turning points in the lives of five African women of remarkable strength and courage. Each character comes complete with a concise background narrative along with subtle costume pieces to set the stage. This dramatic performance takes a look at what it has been like to be black and female over the past 150 years.

### COMEDIAN JEFF KREISLER

February 16, 2007

Purcell, 9 p.m.

His comedy, "Political Absurdism," is a blend of political commentary, social insight, and classical absurdity.

### ATHLETICS

For a complete schedule, athlete profiles and live stats visit [www.mountathletics.com](http://www.mountathletics.com)

### MEN'S BASKETBALL HOME GAMES

Feb 8 vs. St. Francis (Pa), 7 p.m.  
Feb 10 vs. Robert Morris, 7 p.m.  
Feb 17 vs. Monmouth, 7 p.m.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HOME GAMES

Feb 10 vs. St. Francis (Pa), 3 p.m.  
Feb 17 vs. Monmouth, 3 p.m.

### NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO OF LOURDES

#### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

#### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Sunday, February 11  
Noon, Mass

#### HEALING

Thursday, February 15

6:30 p.m., Holy Hour; 7:30 p.m., Mass and Sermon

## CHS hosts financial aid seminar

THURMONT, Md. - Catocin High School's Guidance Department will host a college financial aid seminar on Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. David Reeder of Mt. St. Mary's University will give parents essential information on how to complete the government's FAFSA form for college financial aid. Parents of CHS seniors now working on their student's college financial aid planning are welcome to attend. Attendees should plan to bring current or last year's W-2 forms from the IRS filing. The hour-long seminar will be in the CHS auditorium. - J. Rada

## OBITUARIES

**Mrs. Mary Jane Harrington**

Mrs. Mary Jane Harrington, 75, of Emmitsburg, died Jan. 24, 2007, at home.

Born Oct. 14, 1931, in Laurel, she was the daughter of the late Maimi Elizabeth (Hume) and Lucian Dallas Minnick.

Surviving are her husband of 57 years, Earl E. Harrington, and nine sons, Earl Harrington III, Michael, Ken, Richard, Bernie, Andrew, Robert, Neal, Paul; one daughter, Mary Ann Tyler; 24 grandchildren; one great-grandchild, six siblings, and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 27 from St. Joseph Catholic Church, Emmitsburg with Fr. Vincent O'Malley officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

**Mrs. Elsie Wivell**

Mrs. Elsie Marie (Sherman) Wivell, 79, of Dry Bridge Road, Emmitsburg, died Jan. 19, 2007, at home.

Born Aug. 1, 1927, in Catlett, Va., she was a daughter of the late Donald and Susan Weaver Sherman.

Mrs. Wivell is survived by eight children, Bill and Rachel Wivell, Steve and Diane Wivell, Mike and

Carolyn Wivell, Randy and Patti Wivell, and Perry and Kim Wivell, all of Emmitsburg, Dale and Paula Wivell of Union Bridge, Jay and Michelle Wivell of Pennsylvania and Susie and Paul Baumgardner of Carroll Valley; 19 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Ruth Wivell of Emmitsburg.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 23 from St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Stephen P. Trzeciecki, C.M., as the celebrant. Interment was in St. Anthony's Shrine Cemetery.

## BIRTHS

Janet and Sean Jones, Fairfield, Pa., a son, Jan. 16

Schelly and Jamie Kline, Fairfield, Pa., a daughter, Jan. 2

Shannon and Karl Little Owl, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Jan. 18

## COMMUNITY NEWS

## Lions Club announces scholarships available

The Emmitsburg Lions Club has announced the availability of its three annual \$1,000 scholarships, sponsored jointly by the Lions Club and the Community Foundation of Frederick County. The scholarships are available to high school seniors residing in the Lions club service district, the 21727 zip code.

Each scholarship is to be used for college or other post high school education. Scholarship candidates must follow the guidelines posted on the club's Web site, [www.emmits-](http://www.emmitsburg.net/lions/scholarship.htm)

[burg.net/lions/scholarship.htm](http://www.emmitsburg.net/lions/scholarship.htm).

The application essay must contain information such as career goals, high school activities, non-school activities, volunteerism, and any other information the applicant deems relevant. The essay should show how the lives of George Morningstar, Bob Gauss, and Harry Prongas (the names of the three scholarships) relate to your particular goals and aspirations. In addition to the essay and cover letter, all applicants for the scholarship honoring Dr. Harry

Prongas must complete the Universal Comprehensive Scholarship Application form available on-line at [www.cffredco.org](http://www.cffredco.org). The Community Foundation must receive this form no later than 5 p.m. on March 1.

The signed cover letter and one essay of application for all three scholarships must be received by Chairman, Emmitsburg Lions Club, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 1182, Emmitsburg, MD 21727 before noon on March 15.



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## New Pastor at Weller United Methodist

Richard C. Broome Jr. was recently installed as pastor of Weller United Methodist Church in Thurmont. He graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary in 1990 and was ordained in 1993. Broome served for 15 years as pastor of Mt. Savage UMC in Mt. Savage, Md., from 1984 to 1986, he was pastor of the Church of the Living Christ in LaVale, Md., and associate pastor of Centre St. UMC in Cumberland, Md. from 1986-1991. He and his wife Beth live in Thurmont, and have three children and six grandchildren.



- ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL SR. / THE DISPATCH

## A wee bit o' Scotland in Emmitsburg

Carriage House Inn hosted the 4th Annual Emmitsburg Burns Night on Sunday, Jan. 21. The event is a celebration of the birth of Scottish composer and poet Robert Burns. Chef Paul Karsteter (center) cuts into one of the traditional Scottish dishes he prepared for the events as (left to right) Bill O'Toole, Bonnie Portier, Myra Derbyshire and David Throne look on. Proceeds from the event benefited the building fund of the Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center.

## Carriage House Inn

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Mixed greens with our homemade tomato vinaigrette dressing, served with fresh baked bread

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Petite cold water lobster tails, broiled seafood au gratin, petite jumbo lump crab cakes, carved tenderloin of beef w/ mushroom madeira sauce, steamed mussels & little neck clams, twice baked potatoes, fresh dilled asparagus

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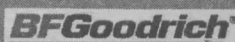
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## ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

### Library Events

February at the Emmitsburg Library

#### Storytimes

##### Babies with Books

(birth-24 months with an adult)  
Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:30 a.m.

##### Two-Terrific Storytime

(age 2 with an adult)  
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 at 7 p.m.

##### Family Storytime (all ages)

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

##### Preschool Storytime

(ages 3-5 with an adult)  
Feb. 8, 15, 22 at 10:30 a.m.

#### Children's Programs

##### "Did You Know?"

##### Series: The Sweet Life

Wendy Glass, pastry chef and co-owner of Main Street Sweets, will introduce you to the world of sweets and help you create your own special treat. Registration required.  
Feb. 17 at 11 a.m.

##### The Book Bunch (ages 6-11)

Book discussion with craft or activity. Check the library desk for book titles. Registration required.  
Feb. 21 at 4 p.m.

##### Reading Rocks! (ages 10-12)

Choose either book: "The Dream Bearer" by Walter Dean Myers or "The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963" by Christopher Paul Curtis. Feb.

12 at 4 p.m. Registration required.

##### Tooth Tales (ages 3-6)

Learn some tooth facts, hear some tooth "defying" tales, and make a lost tooth holder to take home. Registration required.  
Feb. 24 at 11 a.m.

#### Teen Programs

##### Movie Makers Club

(grades 6 and up)  
Have fun directing, acting and writing.  
Feb. 6 at 7 p.m.

##### Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club

(teens and adults)  
"Joust" by Mercedes Lackey  
Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.

##### Animé/Manga Club

(grades 6-12)  
Animé/Manga movies, card games and more.  
Feb. 9 at 6 p.m.

##### DDR @ the Library (ages 11 and up)

Dance, Dance, Revolution party. Free.  
Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. Registration required.

#### Adult Programs

##### Just Mousin' Around

Ongoing one-on-one computer lessons. Call to arrange a time.

#### Tuesday Evening Book Club

Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

#### Non-Fiction Book Club

Feb. 8 at 1 p.m.

#### Knitting Nook

(teens and adults)  
Beginners and experienced knitters welcome.  
Feb. 15 at 4 p.m.

#### Genealogy Focus Group

(teens and adults)  
Learn how to do genealogical research.  
Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.

#### Leaving a Legacy

Learn to record your personal stories.  
Feb. 5 at 1:30 p.m.

#### Origami-rama

Learn the basics of the Japanese craft of paper folding. Registration required.  
Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.

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

### Senior Events

We couldn't hold winter's cold weather off forever, but at least our hearts will be warm as we celebrate Valentine's Day this month. Our series of **three workshops** on "Healthy Eating for Diabetes & Weight Management" has been postponed until **March 15, 27 & 29**. Registration is required; phone (301) 600-1599. There is a cost of \$15 per person.

#### Feb. 14 - Valentine Bingo

**Feb. 15 - "Oldies but Goodies"** group from Tom's Creek Methodist Church will join us for a special program.

**Feb. 19 - Center closed** in observance of Presidents Day

**Feb. 20 - Meeting Day.** 1 p.m. blood pressure checks with "Nurse Steve" before lunch

**Feb. 27 - Jewelry Making with Melissa**

#### Regular Activities

**Men's Pool Games:** Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

**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:** Feb. 14 & 28.

**Cards; 500, and Bridge Group:** Feb. 7 & 21.

**Pinochle:** Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

**Card Games:** 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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Monday, February 12th • 7:00 - 8:30 PM

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# Art & Entertainment Calendar

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Events

**Feb. 6 – Maryland Arts Day.** Conference and statewide advocacy and grassroots campaign organized by Maryland Citizens for the Arts in support of state funding for the arts and for the Maryland State Arts Council. Bus leaves Frederick at 7:30 a.m. for meeting with legislators in Annapolis. Local artists, arts patrons, and other interested individuals can sign up by calling the Frederick Arts Council at 301-662-4190.

**Feb. 7 – Nicaraguan mural artist.** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Adams County Arts Council's arts learning center, The Imagination Station, 18 Carlisle St., Suite 201, Gettysburg. Internationally recognized Nicaraguan Primitivista mural artist Jose Ignacio Fletes Cruz will offer a painting demonstration. No registration or fees. Information: 717-334-5006.

**Feb. 15 – "Echoes of the Past."** 7 p.m. Knott Auditorium, Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg. Actress Maxine Maxwell weaves in and out of 150 years of history to explore the turning points in the lives of five remarkable and courageous women including antislavery activist Sojourner Truth, journalist Ida B. Wells and 15-year-old Elizabeth Eckford, one of the "Little Rock Nine" who integrated Central

High (Little Rock, Ark.) in 1957. Free and open to the public. Information: 301-447-5366.

**Feb. 22 – Storytelling at the Majestic.** 7 p.m. Majestic Theatre, Gettysburg, Pa. Nationally acclaimed African-American storyteller Charlotte Blake Alston and the John Blake Jr. Jazz Quartet. Family-oriented performance. Tickets: \$7-\$10. Available online at [www.gettysburgmajestic.org](http://www.gettysburgmajestic.org) or at the door.

### Concerts

**Feb. 3 – Common Ground on the Hill Concerts Series.** 9 p.m. Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, Westminster. "Santa Cruz River Band," Southwestern folk music. 410-857-2771.

**Feb. 25 – Caledonia.** 3 p.m. The very best of Scotland's music performed by 10 of today's top Celtic musicians and world-renowned fiddle champion Bonnie Rideout. The Majestic, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. 717-337-8200 or [www.gettysburgmajestic.org](http://www.gettysburgmajestic.org).

### Stage

**Feb. 2, 3, 9, 10 – "Two Rooms."** 8 p.m. Gettysburg Stage, Kefauver Center, 157 Lefever Street, Gettysburg. When an American university professor in Beirut is captured and held hostage by terrorists for three years, his wife tries to find

her own ways to cope with the stress. Reservations suggested: 1-866-859-5192, [www.gettysburgstage.org](http://www.gettysburgstage.org).

**Feb. 2, 3, 4 – "Amadeus."** Jack B. Kussmaul Theatre, Frederick Community College. The classic confrontation between the mediocrity of Antonio Salieri, established composer in the court of the Austrian Emperor, and genius and child prodigy Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Fredericktowne Players. Tickets: \$6-\$20. Information: 240-315-3855, [www.Fredericktowneplayers.org](http://www.Fredericktowneplayers.org).

**Feb. 4 – The Village Dinner Theatre of Gettysburg auditions.** 241 Steinwehr Avenue, Gettysburg, Pa. Noon to 6 p.m. Auditions for new company members for the rest of the first season and into the second. Call 1-800-570-4590 (option 3) to make an appointment. [www.thevillagedinnertheatre.com](http://www.thevillagedinnertheatre.com).

**Through March 10 – "Forever Plaid."** Four young, eager male singers, killed in a car crash in the 1950s on the way to their first big concert, are miraculously revived for the posthumous chance to fulfill their dreams and perform the show they never did. Way Off Broadway Dinner Theater, 5 Willowdale Drive, Willowtree Plaza, Frederick. Tickets: 301-662-6600, [www.wayoffbroadway.com](http://www.wayoffbroadway.com).

# Community Calendar

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Feb. 3 – Fairfield Baseball/Softball Registration.** 9 a.m. to noon. Snack shack meeting room on Steelman Street. Baseball registration, ages 5-12; Pony league, ages 13-16; softball, ages 8-12, modified pitch; under 14, fast pitch. Information: contact Chuck Whitlow, 717-642-5576.

**Feb. 3 – Cash Bash.** Doors open at 2 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center, Church Street, Thurmont. Cash drawings every hour until 8 p.m. Games of chance, tip jars and music by "Back Roads." Tickets: \$25; no tickets at the door. Information: 301-447-2367 or 301-271-4439.

**Feb. 3 – VFW Men's Auxiliary.** 2 p.m. Emmitsburg VFW Post #6658 is starting a men's auxiliary. Join now to become a charter member. Bring your discharge papers. Information: call Marty Williams 717-334-6940, Robert Dinterman Sr. 301-447-2465 or Tony Topper 301-447-2713. Deadline is March 1.

**Feb. 4 – H.S.A. Annual Spaghetti Dinner.** Noon to 5 p.m. Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. Adults and children over 10, \$7; children 3-10, \$4; free for children 2 and under. Open house for new families at 2 p.m. Information: 301-447-3161.

**Feb. 4 – Superbowl Sunday Bingo.** Doors open at noon; games begin at 1:30 p.m. Emmitsburg Ambulance Co. 26, 300 S. Seton Ave. Emmitsburg. No tickets necessary. Light fare menu. Information: Mary Lou Little 301-447-2073, Diane Kelly 301-748-6894 or Patti 301-447-6288.

**Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 – Moms' Club.** 1 p.m. UpCounty Family Center, 303 W. Lincoln Ave., Emmitsburg. 301-447-2810.

**Feb. 11 Basket Bingo** – Doors open at 11 a.m. Games begin at 1 p.m. Thurmont Activities Building on Carnival Grounds. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Featuring Longaberger Baskets and Pampered Chef products. For tickets, contact Kelly Chmelik at (301) 898 7251.

**Feb. 7 – College financial aid seminar.** 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Catocin High School auditorium. David Reeder of Mt. St. Mary's University will give parents of graduating seniors essential information on how to complete the government's FAFSA form for college financial aid.

**Feb. 9 – Taneytown Business Breakfast.** 7:30 a.m. Thunderhead Bowling Center.

**Feb. 9 – The Basement Coffee House.** Elias Lutheran Church, 100 W. North Ave., Emmitsburg. 7-10 p.m. House band: "Silver Lining" Feature band: "Common Clay." Free food and drink, door prizes.

**Feb. 10 – Ladies Auxiliary Valentine Dance.** 8 p.m. to midnight. Harney V.F.W. Pavilion Band: "No Alibi." \$10 per person. Tickets available at the door or call Home post, 410-756-6866 or Marie Wolfe 717-359-4409.

**Feb. 15 – Third Thursdays at ThorpeWood.** 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 12805-A Mink Farm Road, Thurmont, MD 21788. Storytime fun. Reservations: 301-271-2823.

**Feb. 17 – Country Butchering.** Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company. Advance orders by Sunday, Feb. 11: call Gertie Whetzel 301-271-4253, Dennis Mathias 301-271-4252, Teresa Kaas 301-271-3781 or Helen Burrier 410-775-2758. Pick up meat from 6 to 10 a.m. at the Activities Building (old fire hall). Buffet breakfast from 6 to 10 a.m.

**Feb. 18 – Daytona "500" party.** 12:30 p.m. until NASCAR race ends. New Windsor Fireman's Building, 209 High St. Food and beverages available. Tickets: advance purchase, \$20; at the door, \$25. Benefits Terra Rubra Lions Athletic Club Girls Softball Program and the Terra Rubra Lions Club Field Maintenance and Building Fund. Information: 443-398-4618 or 410-751-1673.

**Feb. 18 – Save our Liberty annual meeting.** 1 p.m. in the Village Hall on Main Street, Fairfield, Pa. Election for board members. Refreshments. Information: 717-642-5747.

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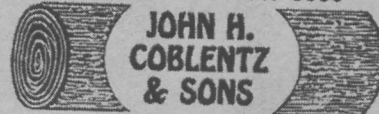
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# Valentines' Day

Wednesday, February 14th

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- large baked potato
- green beans almondine
- cole slaw and roll

Orders must be  
placed by Tuesday,  
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