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## Planning and zoning begins comp plan discussion

BY JAMES RADA JR.

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EMMITSBURG, Md. - Now that the Emmitsburg Planning and Zoning Commission has had some time to look over the draft town comprehensive plan, the discussion has started about what should change and what should stay.

Chris Jakubiak, the town's planning consultant, met with the planning and zoning commission on Feb. 13 to start the process of refining the plan that will guide development in

Emmitsburg for the next 25 years.

"Only after the public hearing will the Planning Commission make any final decision on the plan," Jakubiak explained to the commission and the audience.

### Housing

Jakubiak told the commission that by 2008, Emmitsburg will have 1,112 houses.

"By 2030, we expect the number of households to reach 1,950 which translates into a population of 4,800," he said.

Commission member Tim O'Donnell expressed concern that many of the new houses might be townhouses and some residents had expressed reservations about that type of development.

Chairman Larry Little said, "Townhouses are affordable housing. They're not low quality. They're not low-income housing."

O'Donnell is a supporter of having residences over the new stores that are proposed along Anandale Road to extend the historic downtown look of Main Street.

"I want residences over shops

so when the town shuts down, it isn't just an empty shell of stores," O'Donnell said. He also noted that residential growth would be necessary to enhance current and proposed businesses.

### Open Space

The draft plan tries to incorporate the idea of a greenbelt around the town and many of the properties that would be in this greenbelt have already been placed into some type of conservation protection.

"This greenbelt concept is well

on its way to being established in Emmitsburg," Jakubiak said.

### Parkway

Commission member Catherine Forrence pointed out that the proposed parkway that would go around the Emmitsburg's southwest edge relieving some of the downtown traffic problems would go though some environmentally sensitive areas.

Jakubiak said the parkway wouldn't solve all of Emmitsburg's traffic prob-

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## Is your drinking water safe?

BY BRENDAN WEEKS

Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. - Water. It's something no one can live without and yet most of us take it for granted. Regularly we grab a glass of water from the sink without really thinking about where it comes from. How do we know that it's safe?

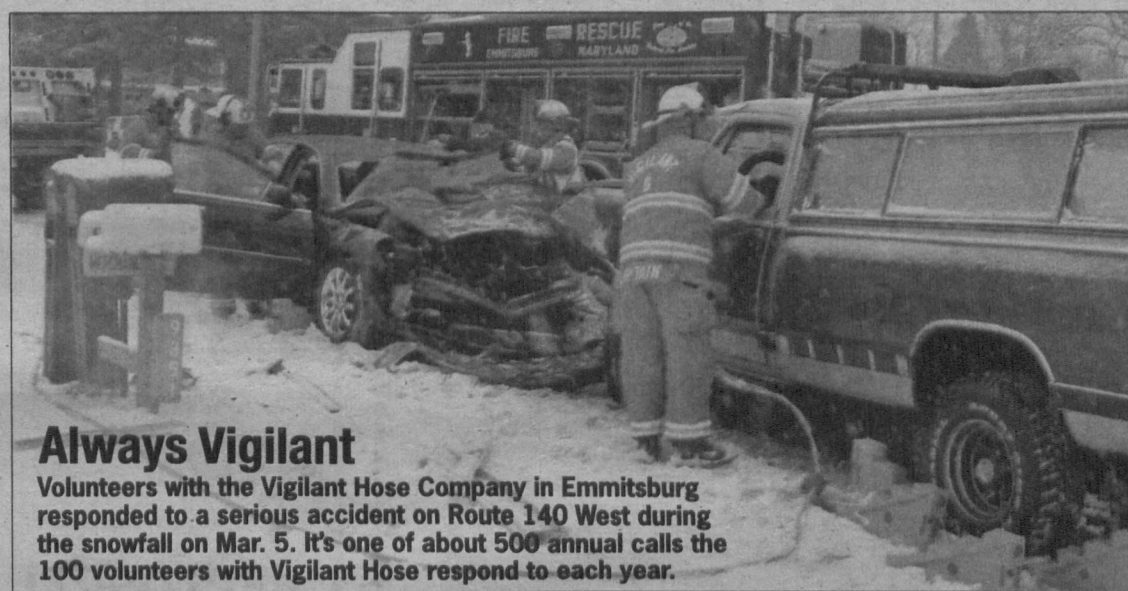
A need for water purification dates back to as early as 2000 B.C. Sanskrit writings on medicine say that water

should be heated or purified through filtration through sand and rocks. The Romans even had sedimentation tanks sporadically throughout the aqueducts where water flow would slow and sediment could be deposited.

Today we have chemicals and apparatus to purify water, but the cleaner it is to start with, the easier it is to make sure it's safe for you to drink. Many municipalities are dealing with the issue of wellhead protection and trying to balance private property rights with the need for clean water for their public water systems.

What is wellhead protection?

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### Always Vigilant

Volunteers with the Vigilant Hose Company in Emmitsburg responded to a serious accident on Route 140 West during the snowfall on Mar. 5. It's one of about 500 annual calls the 100 volunteers with Vigilant Hose respond to each year.

- ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL SR. / THE DISPATCH

## Resignations, anger at Carroll Valley council meeting

BY WILLIAM REINKE

Contributing Writer

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. - Choosing his words slowly and deliberately, Councilman Daniel Patton made a motion to force Thomas Wolf to resign as council president during the March 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Patton commended Wolf for his passion and tireless work on behalf of the borough, but suggested his "autocratic, opinionated, and often rude" manner in which he used his position

to facilitate the council meetings and forward his own personal agenda was not in line with the intention of his office. "I feel that the face of the borough is not being represented with Mr. Wolf as president at this time," Patton said.

Before the motion was made, Patton asked Wolf for his resignation (having also done so in private earlier in the week). Wolf's response was an emphatic, "No!" Patton then made the motion and Councilman John Van Volkenburgh seconded it.

Councilman Ted Talbert delivered an impassioned speech in de-

fense of Wolf. Although he acknowledged that Wolf could be heavy handed and rude at times, he felt that the president had accomplished a lot for the borough. "This is entirely inappropriate and divisive!" he said. "You new-

comers don't know what the hell is going on. You haven't lived here long enough. When you don't know the history, you're doomed to repeat it."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Israel destabilizing the Middle East

Policy mistakes have lasting consequences. U.S. denial of asylum to Jewish refugees added thousands of victims to the Holocaust. Nazi genocide of millions of Jews is a horror indelibly imprinted on my mind, the thought of which is still quite painful to me after more than 60 years. I had to leave in haste a showing of the film *Schindler's List*, and I cannot visit the Holocaust Museum, knowing its contents.

U.S. recognition and support of Israel, however, has nothing to do with the Holocaust and everything to do with domestic politics. We cannot justify our

conniving with the British to give Palestine to European Jews, whose claim to that country is, at best, a self-serving legend.

Perhaps the public forgot that Israel was founded by Jewish terrorists, who forced themselves on the Arab inhabitants, and contributed to the destabilization of the Middle East. Under these circumstances Palestinians can never have justice and Israel's can never have security. We have created a monster.

Our national interests are not identical to Israel's, their propaganda to the contrary notwithstanding. Frankly, I am disgusted with the U.S. Senate,

the U.S. House of Representatives and the President of the United States when they bow down abjectly to Israel.

The U.S. invasion of Iraq on fraudulent grounds made a bad situation worse, further destabilizing the Middle East. We cannot justify the loss of our soldiers' lives and those of hundreds of thousands of Iraqis, to say nothing of billions of dollars. Are we going to make another major mistake by invading Iran? Will we continue to neglect Afghanistan? If so, why?

-Harold Craig Jr.  
Emmitsburg

## Complainant background should be considered

Your article should have been headlined "Fired Planner...". Mr. Lucas apparently will overlook no opportunity to cause problems for

the Town and the Town's officials.

-Betsey J. Forrence  
Emmitsburg

Editor's Note: This letter refers to the story, "Town planner files ethics complaint against commissioner" in the March 1, 2007 issue of The Dispatch.

## Washington student wants to know Maryland

Hello, I'm a fifth grader at Conway School in Mount Vernon, Washington. We're doing state reports and, yes, I'm doing your state. I'm so excited to learn about Maryland. It would be great if I could here from real people! Some

things I would like to receive are: license plates, souvenirs, postcards, old newspapers and any thing else you can think of.

Some questions I have are: What do you do for fun? What is it like compared to here?

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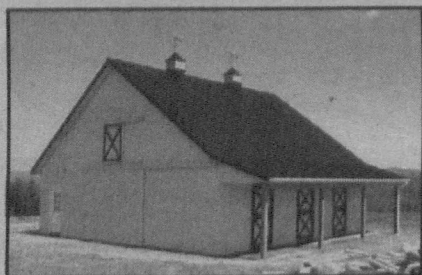
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From The Emmitsburg Chronicle

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## March 1907

Emmitsburg  
Holds It's Own

No dense clouds of smoke from unsightly stacks rise above it; the noise of massive machinery is not heard on every hand, and yet each year the town of Emmitsburg in its quiet way adds its quota to the long list of manufactured products that makes up the sum total of the country's industries, and, strange to say, if the average citizen was asked to enumerate the manufactures in or near the town he would be likely to hesitate, and finally he would fail to name the total number. Yet it would not be so very strange after all, for not many of those who are interested in these various local industries of a manufacturing kind are prone to let the outside public know much about their small but always busy plants.

Here, for instance, is located a Foundry in which is manufactured all kinds of castings for farm machinery and farm implement, plowshares, grates for engines, stoves and furnaces are made here. Iron door sills, sash weights, cattle troughs, fire backs, kettles and wagon parts are products of the firm and under the same roof is case one of the best known and most satisfactory stoves on the market at this time. In addition to all these this foundry has made and does make up special orders for the government, for the county, and for individuals.

Right at the very depot almost stands the Pin Factory of Zimmerman & Shriver, a busy place which in the course of a year turns out thousands upon thousands of wooden pins, used on telephone poles throughout the country. These pins, owing to their exceptionally good quality, are quickly bought up, and it is often a hard matter to manufacture a sufficient quantity to supply the ever increasing demand.

Outside of the limits of the town, but not a great distance, is located the Broom Factory, a busy concern which makes nothing but the very best quality of brooms. The product of this bustling manufactory is well known not only in this community, but also throughout this and many states.

When it comes to buggies, runabouts, surreys and light vehicles of all kinds there are not better made than those which come out of the local shops.

These vehicles are all made to

special order and, apart from being constructed of the best materials which insures long usage, they are invariably representative of the best types in vogue.

The Shirt and Wrapper Factory, another home enterprise, is always working to the full limit of its capacity and every week hundreds of dozens of well made garments are shipped to the city.

Acetylene gas-machines giving more or less satisfaction are made in various large cities, but it remained for Emmitsburg to turn out the finest one that is manufactured. This machine, known as the Sunlight Automatic Force Feed Gas Machine, is manufactured by Messrs. J.T. Hays & Son, is the result of many long and careful experiments having for their object the overcoming of the defects noticeable in the other gas machines. The one in question is guaranteed by the makers to be faultless, and that it comes up to the guarantee is evidenced by the numerous testimonials coming to this firm from those who have had these machines installed. Not the least important feature about this improved gas maker is its freedom from those irregularities which have made it necessary for the underwriters to cut out eight per cent of all the acetylene gas machines made.

The monument and tombstones in many a cemetery and grave yard hereabout and in neighboring town are the work of an Emmitsburg firm, Hoke & Rider. These gentlemen are busy from one year's end to the other filling orders from far and near. There is an individuality about every monument they make, and the good taste displayed in designing and the high grade of stone used in this work brings many an order to this town that would otherwise be filled elsewhere.

Another home industry is the Emmitsburg Bottling Works, also operated by Zimmerman and Shriver, where soft drinks of all kinds are bottled. There is great demand for soft drinks in this vicinity, especially during the warm months, and these works are taxed to their utmost in supplying the needs of numerous appreciative customers, not only local, but also from a distance.

Nor is the smoker forgotten in the list of home manufactures. Although not large in equipment, the town cigar manufactory is constantly busy in producing cigars of various qualities.



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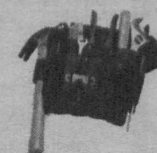


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## Council

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Wolf defended himself, admitting that this could be the last time he got the last word. "I think that at the moment I can handle the job as well as anyone on council." He added that he does a lot more than hold the gavel at council meetings, citing his mentoring of Borough President David Hazlett as an example. "If I'm voted out tonight, I'm voted out with great regret."

A roll call was held to decide the matter and Wolf was forced to resign by a 4-2 vote, with only Fitzsimmons and Talbert siding with the ousted president; Wolf himself abstained from the vote. Fitzsimmons immediately took over as president and Councilman Steven Semiatin motioned to make the move permanent. Fitzsimmons immediately declined the nomination. After a quick consultation between Hazlett and Borough Solicitor Thomas Campbell concerning proper protocol in such matters, another roll call was held to determine the next president. Van Volkenburgh won with four votes to Wolf's three.

Fitzsimmons immediately resigned as vice president.

Talbert said, "I am ashamed and embarrassed to be associated with my colleagues. I resign from the council ef-

fectively immediately. To hell with you guys! Good luck running the borough!" With that he grabbed his belongings and walked out of the meeting.

Amongst the silence that followed, Hazlett reminded Van Volkenburgh that it was his meeting and he had a vice president to appoint. The evening's third roll call produced nominations of Wolf, Patton, and Tammy Lytle, but no one gained the majority. Lytle declined the nomination and another roll call gave the vice presidency to Wolf by a 4-1 vote, with Wolf himself abstaining. Wolf immediately declined the nomination. A final roll call produced Patton as the vice president with four votes; Wolf and Fitzsimmons abstained.

Clearly shaken from the turn of events and his new roll, Van Volkenburgh opened the meeting for public comment. Finance Committee Chair-

man Gordon Lamb, who was in attendance, offered his resignation from that committee with a strongly worded condemnation of Patton's actions. The council voted to accept his resignation, with Semiatin refusing it, saying "Mr. Lamb is far too valuable to lose."

The resignation was nevertheless accepted, and Wolf and Fitzsimmons were heard muttering to each other, "More to come... more to come."

The meeting was adjourned and as the stunned audience filed out, Wolf approached Patton saying, "Great job, Dan. You've done more damage to this borough than anyone in the last 20 years." Lamb also approached Patton, adding, "You're a despicable person!"

Leaving the borough office, Wolf and Fitzsimmons lamented the turn of events. "There'll be more fallout from this. They have no idea," Fitzsimmons said.

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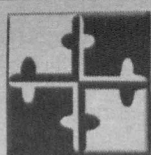
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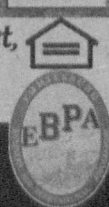


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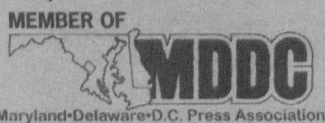
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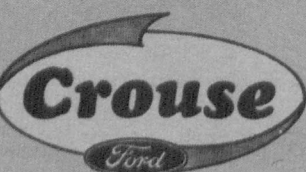
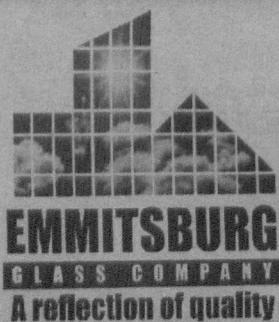
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## EDITORIAL

### Volunteerism should be a benefit not a cost

The Frederick County Commissioners are talking about switching from suburban and urban district fire taxes to a countywide fire tax. A countywide tax would help about 70 percent of the county's residents hold their fire tax rate in line, but what would it give the other 30 percent of the county population that turn out in enough numbers to run a volunteer fire company or ambulance service?

Nothing. Whoops! Wait. They would get one thing. Higher taxes for the same service. In essence, they would have to pay for the privilege of being a volunteer.

Suburban areas like Thurmont and Rocky Ridge would still be expected to

get their volunteers to disrupt their lives in order to protect us, but urban areas would only have to depend on paid county personnel to do their jobs.

The suburban areas would still be expected to sponsor fundraisers to generate cash for equipment, vehicles and buildings. Urban areas would just have to convince three of the five county commissioners to write the check.

And the suburban residents do all this work for what? So urban residents don't have to buckle down and sacrifice some of their time to help keep their taxes lower. Why should they when the county commissioners seem to be willing to allow the suburban residents to do it instead?

While a countywide fire tax is not necessarily a bad idea, at this point, the county would still be forcing a third of the residents to subsidize a greater portion.

A countywide fire tax won't do anything to encourage volunteerism. Why should a volunteer give up his or her time if they get nothing for it? If fire and ambulance volunteers stay home when the alarm sounds, the county will eventually have to add county personnel to the stations.

However, to have the same level of staffing at the suburban and urban fire stations would require an increase in a countywide fire tax that no one would like. An alternative would be to reduce

the level of service, which residents in the current urban districts won't like.

Unless the county commissioners can come up with an incentive that would continue to encourage volunteerism, a countywide fire tax won't work at this point. If there's no distinction in rate, the suburban areas would be justified in asking for the additional paid coverage.

It would be better to simply wait for the communities to decide they are willing to pay a higher tax for a paid service. Until the community is ready, the county should just continue as it has been, adjusting the rate as needed based on size of the district and the level of service.

### A Word from the Mayor Appreciating those who protect and serve

I recently had the opportunity to participate in a four-hour ride along with one of the Emmitsburg resident deputies, Donald Duman. I requested to take part in the ride along to become more aware of police duties and activities in the Emmitsburg community. As the cold icy weather kept most people indoors, it also made for a quite evening with just a few calls for police assistance.

Although it was a quite evening, it still gave me a better perspective of what our resident deputies are doing. Even on

evenings without any calls for police assistance, our deputies are physically inspecting business and apartment buildings, verifying license plates on vehicles, making several traffic stops for numerous reasons and always looking for suspicious activities.

The evening that I participated in the ride along, there were two resident deputies on duty. It was exciting to see the team work that these deputies shared. It also helped me better understand the benefits of more than one deputy responding to a call. Deputies are

required to go through many hours of training each year. Part of their training includes training as a back up-officer. I guess I really never thought about the need for more than one active role of responsibility. But watching these two deputies work together, really gave a clear understanding of the safety concerns and the precautions they take to prevent injuries and conflicts with suspects. There were no major crimes or calls that took place during the time that I participated in the ride along but, these deputies took their jobs and every

call very serious.

Each month, our resident deputies provide the mayor and town council with a police report. With just my limited experience on the ride along, I believe I can better visualize and comprehend more of the items on the police report.

I really enjoyed the opportunity and I certainly plan to do it again. I would encourage others to do it too.

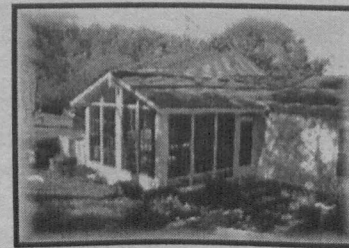
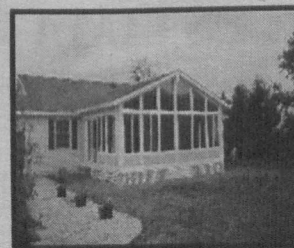
-Mayor James Hoover  
Emmitsburg

### Correction

In the March 1st issue of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, Ramblewood Drive should have been identified as the road needing snowplowing, not

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In *The Dispatch Business Directory*, the police number for emergencies in Emmitsburg is (301) 600-2071.

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## TOWN NEWS

## Cows on the mooove in Emmitsburg

BY JAMES RADA JR.  
News Editor  
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — On Sunday night, Mar. 4, the cows came home to Emmitsburg.

A cow and her bull calf were seen wandering the streets of Emmitsburg on Mar. 4, but no one knew whose cattle they were.

The next morning they were headed back out of town, but first

they stopped at Betsey Forrence's. "I got up Monday and saw that they had visited my barn and gotten in the hay and had themselves a good time," Forrence said.

She penned the cattle up and called Frederick County Animal Control.

According to an e-mail Betsey's daughter, Catherine Forrence, sent the town commissioners on Monday, Frederick County Sheriff's Deputies had gone door to door to local farms to try and

find the owners. They had no success and animal control was prepared to pick up the cattle Tuesday morning.

However, the owner, Charles Catron, was finally located. The cattle had come from a farm on Riffle Road.

"When it came time to move his cattle, he couldn't catch those two," Betsey Forrence said. "So he left them and made sure he fed them. At some point, they got out."



— PHOTO COURTESY OF CATHERINE FORRENCE

A cow and her calf decided to hoof it through Emmitsburg recently. They were eventually penned up at the farm of Betsey Forrence until the owner was located and came to retrieve them.

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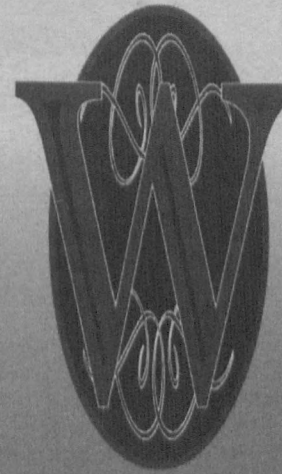
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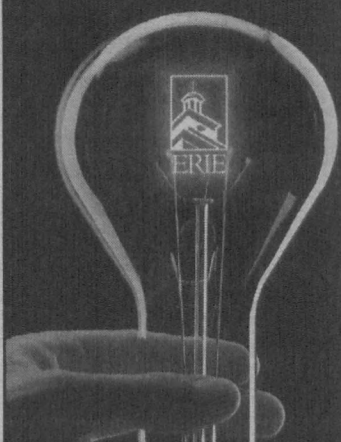
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## Town News

### Local students' art part of Delaplaine exhibit

By BROOKE VINYARD  
Contributing Writer

FREDERICK, Md. — Three hundred pieces of artwork line the halls of the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center in Frederick, each is the creation of a talented young artist. Frederick county schools have once again joined forces, as they have for over a decade, to exhibit some of the area's most gifted student artists for Youth Art Month. March has been declared National Youth Art Month, with the purpose of emphasizing art education and artistic ability among today's youth. "It's a wonderful way to show the work of up and coming talent," said Gwen Drescher, the curriculum specialist of visual and performing arts for Frederick County Public Schools. "We get a lot of positive feedback from the community, its very uplifting to hear we have put on a great show."

In class, students are given the opportunity to explore different techniques used in art, throughout various projects. Each art teacher across the county then chooses the top three of their students' pieces to be shown in the exhibit, throughout

the month of March. "It's a wonderful opportunity to see such fresh art work that is being produced from children as young as five all the way up to our seniors," said Rhonda Ullman, the art teacher at Sabillasville Elementary school.

On the opening night of the exhibition, there is a reception held to welcome families, friends and other visitors, in addition to recognizing the young artists. Later in the month, a local television station is scheduled to interview a few students in regards to their work.

Amber Lee Sanders, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Sabillasville, was one of the young artists whose work was chosen for the show. "It's given me the idea that I must be pretty good, or else I wouldn't be in the art show," she said. This is her first experience in an artistic exhibition; she said she was a little nervous to have her work in the show simply because people had so many different opinions of art. "I feel like people are learning from me, and I am really proud of myself," Sanders said.

The student art exhibition has been held at the Delaplaine for well over the last decade. While most student displays are held in public places including malls and

local libraries, students are given the opportunity to have their work displayed in a more professional atmosphere, enhancing the value of the experience. Diane Sibbison, program manager of the Delaplaine, oversees the exhibit program. "The quality of the work has always been very high for the exhibit," she said. Adding, "We treat this show with the same amount of respect as any other, even if it's only student work."

Following the exhibit, each piece is photographed and holds a possibility of being used on the school calendar, next year's exhibition program, or post cards used to announce the exhibition.

In some instances, a few pieces are chosen to hang permanently in the offices of the Board of Education officials. A committee of teachers selects approximately thirty five pieces or so to move on the annual Frederick Festival of the arts held at the Carroll Creek Linear Park in downtown Frederick.

The exhibit is being held through March 25 at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, located at 40 South Carroll Street, Frederick. For more information regarding the exhibition call the Delaplaine at (301) 698-0656.

### Seton Shrine will participate in Bell and History Days

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Bell and History Days, an annual event in Frederick County, kicks off the new museum season on Saturday, Mar. 31 and Sunday, Apr. 1. Bell ringing and bell-themed history activities will take place in museums, churches and various other locations in City of Frederick and Frederick County, beginning with the simultaneous ringing of bells at 10 a.m. on Saturday and concluding with an historic mass hand-bell concert hosted by All Saints' Episcopal Church in Frederick at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Free trolley shuttle service to museum loca-

tions will be offered in the City of Frederick during Bell and History Days.

Locally, the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton will follow the 10 a.m. bell ringing with a special blessing of the Bells of St. Joseph's, a trio of 19th century bells from St. Joseph's Academy, the Emmitsburg Railroad, and the Seminary (novitiate) of the Daughters of Charity. The bells are displayed between the two historic homes of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

The public is invited to attend this event; for more information, please call the Shrine at (301) 447-6606. The

Shrine Museum also participates in the Passport to History, which is an incentive program to encourage museum visits during Bell and History Days. Those who complete passports and return them to the bell-casting site will receive a special Bell and History Days souvenir, and will be eligible to compete for one of five grand prizes.

A comprehensive Bell and History Days program guide, including the Passport to History, are available at the Frederick Visitor Center, 19 East Church Street, Frederick; (301) 600-4047 or visit [www.fredericktourism.org](http://www.fredericktourism.org).

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Feb. 17, 11 a.m.

**Town Meeting**  
Mar. 19, 7:30 p.m.  
Budget adjustments  
Presentation of the annual audit

**Streets Committee**  
Mar. 20, 7:30 p.m.

**Planning and Zoning Commission**  
Mar. 26, 7:30 p.m.  
Sign ordinance

**Town Meeting**  
Apr. 2, 7:30 p.m.

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



# Water

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As defined by the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1986, a wellhead protection area is "a surface or subsurface area surrounding a water well or well field, supplying a public water system, through which contaminants are reasonably likely to move toward and reach the water well or well field". In other words, it is the area surrounding a supply of drinking ("potable") water that is protected with the intent of preventing as many contaminants as possible.

According to the amendments of the Safe Drinking Water Act in 1986, each state is required by law to establish a state program to protect these areas. However, it is important that not only the states have programs in place, but also counties and municipalities.

## Setting up a program

Small municipalities in the state can solicit assistance from the Maryland Rural Water Association. The MRWA was formed in 1990 and is funded by the Environmental Protection Agency along with several other government departments. Groundwater specialist for the MRWA Joe Everd has worked in several counties and worked with Thurmont in setting up a plan. "They're really trying to do things to protect drinking water in Frederick County," he said.

The MRWA is a great advantage to smaller towns because their services are free. "We go in and assist small systems to help them set up a wellhead protection program," said Everd. "It means a lot because a lot of systems don't have the money to hire professionals."

Part of setting up a wellhead protection program is creating public awareness. Forming a committee comprised of both citizens and public officials is recommended. The MRWA also offers youth awareness programs. They have traveled to several schools with models that simulate groundwater flow and show the dangers of pollutants.

Currently the MRWA is working on placing signs in wellhead protection areas throughout the state that

let the public know when they have entered a wellhead area. The signs are being paid for by a grant received from the MDE.

## Contamination

According to Everd one of the first steps to setting up a new program is listing all the possible contaminants and their sources. Each municipality also has an emergency plan just in case. The plan details how water will be supplied to the town if the original supply becomes contaminated. Taneytown's plan anticipates security issues, power outages, equipment failure, water main breaks, and chlorine leaks.

"The threats can be anything," said Everd, "cleaners, gas stations, underground storage tanks, and businesses."

In 2006, Emmitsburg ran into trouble when beavers invaded Rainbow Lake. The beavers were considered responsible for "algae blooms" in the lake, which were clogging the filters. The beavers had to be removed to solve the problem.

Emmitsburg Commissioner Joyce Rosensteel has concerns about the possibilities of footpaths and horse trails being laid out around the reservoir. "Our wells are up there," said Rosensteel. "We need to protect our wells."

In 1998, Walkersville learned how dangerous and bothersome contamination can be. "There was a development that was being built and on a Friday afternoon they had been using dynamite to get through some rock," said Town Manager Gloria Rollins. "Evidentially they blew right through a Frederick County sewer line."

The sewage seeped into the town's water table causing contamination. By the next day the contamination had spread to the drinking supply.

"Eventually we shut down our water plant. We had big tanker trucks for people to get water," she said. For the next seven months the town was forced to borrow water from the City of Frederick as the contaminants were filtered out of their water table and as

their water plant was upgraded. At the time the city had no wellhead protection area and consequently no plan for the emergency.

Thurmont is currently dealing with two wells, wells seven and eight, that have small traces of a contaminant known as TCE which is a byproduct used in degreasers and other cleaning products. The water from these wells has to be treated because the source of the contaminant is unable to be found.

## Memorandum of understanding

In late 2006 the Maryland Municipal League along with the Board of County Commissioners came together with a memorandum of understanding - a step to protecting wellhead areas outside of municipal boundaries.

Presently towns in Frederick County have no way to defend themselves against contaminants whose origin is outside town limits. For example, well seven in Thurmont is very close to a northern border. If someone wanted to develop on the land outside the border, yet still in range of the well, Thurmont would not be able to stop it. Other towns in the county also deal with this.

"We've always been concerned with the wellhead area. We have our town limits where we can control what people do, but our wellhead area is much greater than our town limits," said Rollins, who explained that a great deal of the town's wellhead area is outside of the town's boundary.

The memorandum does not completely protect these areas. However, it states that the county will notify municipalities if someone submits plans to develop on the land, which gives them time to make comment.

Thurmont Mayor Martin Burns has concerns that while the memorandum is a step in the right direction, there still isn't enough protection in place. "We just want some sort of comfort zone that says around that wellhead you're not going to have a fertilizer plant and potentially contaminate the well," said Burns.

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## Planning

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lems, but "it certainly goes a long way in improving the traffic situation through the center of town."

He believes the parkway could be done without changing the character of Mountain View Road, which would become part of the parkway. Forrence said that a parkway would require major changes at the Mountain View/Route 140 intersection.

O'Donnell expressed concerns about the amount of growth that would need to be supported to pay for the parkway. Developer Andy Mackintosh estimates the cost of the parkway at \$10 million.

In the end, O'Donnell is not even sure that a parkway will alleviate some of the truck traffic through downtown.

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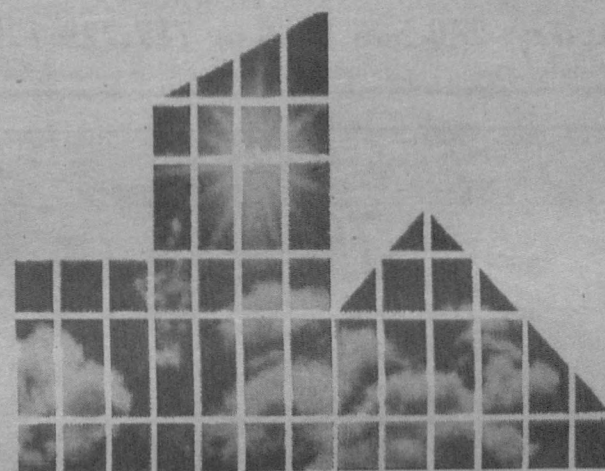
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# Seton Center seeks Easter sponsors for deserving families

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"Sponsors are asked to provide a basket of non-perishable food items as well as an Easter basket of candy," Sister Ellen Eisenberger, administrator of the Seton Center.

When a business or family calls to volunteer to sponsor a family, they are matched with a family according to their resources. For example, a business or church group may want to sponsor a family with a number of children, whereas a single person may choose to sponsor a single parent with one child. Cash donations are also needed for perishable items

and last minute requests. The Seton Center typically sponsors about 40 families at Easter.

The Seton Center, which has been serving northern Frederick County for more than 25 years, is a sponsored work of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. The Seton Center's Outreach Services include emergency and temporary financial assistance with items such as rent, heat, utilities and prescriptions, along with referral and information services, supportive counseling, advocating for the needs of the poor and a host of other services, including the only thrift shop in the area.

"This year the people we've

seeing a deeper level of need because the cost of rents, electricity, heating, medical visits and prescriptions have all increased," said Eisenberger.

If you're interested in sponsoring a family, making a cash donation or volunteering to help at Seton Center, call Sister Ellen at (301) 447-6102 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday. Or, email your interest in sponsoring a family to [setoncenterinc@doc.org](mailto:setoncenterinc@doc.org) by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 31. All donations must be delivered to the Seton Center at 16840 S. Seton Ave. Emmitsburg, MD 21727 between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 4.

## Fundraiser will double benefit to Casey Bly

THURMONT, Md. — Local efforts to raise funds for Campaign Casey Bly and his family by various community groups received a boost when Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Frederick County Branch, announced it will match all proceeds received from the March 24 benefit breakfast at Trinity United Church of Christ in Thurmont up to the amount of \$4,000.

The breakfast to benefit Catoctin High senior Casey Bly, who is scheduled for a lengthy recovery period following a bone marrow transplant recently in North Carolina, is being sponsored by the

Thurmont Lions Club, Trinity UCC Church and the Thrivent branch. The all-you-can eat breakfast will begin at 6 a.m. and serve to 11 a.m. The menu will consist of pancakes, sausage, eggs, chipped beef and the usual items connected with country breakfasts. Since the expenses for this breakfast are already underwritten by the sponsoring groups, the entire value of the \$6 adult/teen, \$3 child's tickets plus donations will be matched by Thrivent.

"Since the Bly family reside in Emmitsburg, the Emmitsburg Lions Club has agreed to promote the breakfast at their annual Health Fair

held on the same day by encouraging participants to also take in the benefit breakfast in Thurmont," according to Joe Ritz, Jr., president of the Emmitsburg Lions Club.

Vic Jagow, a Thrivent Care Congregations Coordinator and a Thurmont Lions club member, reported that Thrivent is a fraternal benefit association with membership participants from most Lutheran churches throughout the country. Funds are disbursed for care programs in congregations and communities through local volunteer branches of which the six northern county Lutheran churches are a part.



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BY JEREMY HOLLINGER

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Greg had been sick and had undergone one of the early heart valve surgeries at Johns Hopkins in the 1950s. Replacement valves allowed his heart to pump blood to his thin arms and legs. Some how we all knew that Greg had been granted an indefinite extension of life. What no one knew, or had thought about for some time, was just how long.

Greg's heart gave out one night, and he died alone in his apartment. My father discovered his body the next morning when he had not come to work. Having lived in California for over twenty-five years, I flew back east to be with my family and to bury Greg.

My brothers, sister and I were raised Roman Catholic and attended Catholic schools. As "cradle Catholics," there was never a question that there would be a rosary at the "viewing," as well as a Funeral Mass for Greg. After sitting through the Roman Catholic ritual, we embarked on the short drive from St. Joseph's Church in Emmitsburg, Maryland, to the community cemetery at the outskirts of town. I rode in the first car, following the hearse, with my parents, but no one had prepared me for what was to follow.

When we reached the center of town, traffic had been stopped in all directions with police holding everyone back as we passed through the center square and turned right onto West Main Street.

The square was filled with townspeople, and as we turned, I saw that the lines extended for blocks. A few hundred feet ahead stood the fire department, the Vigilant Hose Company, established in 1884. There, parked on either side of the street, were two fire trucks with their extension ladders raised toward each other. An

American flag hung from the extended ladders, and it was under this "bridge" that the funeral procession would flow.

Displayed in front of the fire station were a wreath, my brother's fire coat, boots and helmet. The old, original fire bell, which summoned firemen in the 1800s,

over all those years. What no one saw were the hours and hours that went into practice, maintaining the firefighting equipment, and raising money for new equipment. The volunteer fire department was the "Good Samaritan" that guarded the lives of this small village in the Catoctin Mountains of Maryland.

Greg's sudden death had deeply affected the entire community, and there needed to be a collective recognition of what was passing. The ritual of honoring the life and death of a firefighter, in its stark simplicity, grown from the deep subconscious of people who are normally undemonstrative, broke open my heart.

It was then that the tears erupted, as they do to this day when I relive that moment. I was overwhelmed with the love and respect shown through the solemn ritual they were observing as a send-off for my brother. As we proceeded down West Main, up to the cemetery that stood on a hillside

just outside of town, fire trucks from the other local volunteer fire departments were parked at intersecting streets. The firemen were standing at attention, saluting, and the fire truck lights were flashing.

As we climbed the hillside cemetery and looked back, we could see the long line of cars that followed us, along with the line of fire trucks from towns called Rocky Ridge, Harney, Taneytown and Thurmont. These were the communities that my brother, father and grandfather had shared mutual firefighting assistance for decades. These townspeople, too, were here to recognize that one of their own was gone.

I was stunned as I realized how the death of one person in a small community where all depended on each other does make a difference in profound ways. I learned later that the other fire departments, responding to the profound loss of a member of the Emmitsburg's Vigilant Hose Company, had sent their trucks and men over to cover the town's fire needs for a forty-eight-hour period. Not to be outdone, the women's auxiliaries of these various small fire departments had come over and provided the food for the buffet reception that followed the graveside ceremony.

As I look back, I know that the ride past the fire house—bell ringing, firefighters saluting, people silently present, fire trucks from neighboring communities bearing witness with lights mutely flashing, ladders raised, the flag hanging was the real ritual of my brother's death. In our Catholic observation, we had given that rite a "place," but it was the secular observation that gave the burial rite the sacred expression of life and death. In the ride past the fire hall on Main Street, we had encountered the community's heart and soul. It was there that as a community, we had entered into the passion of his life and death.

This ritual, in its stark simplicity and honesty, has become the gold standard upon which I judge all ritual. The sacredness that was evident in this secular burial ritual had eluded me in the "rote" ceremonial burial rites of our religion.

My brother, so different from me in that he had never gone far from home, had profoundly touched many lives. The small-town volunteer fireman's funeral has reminded me of what is vital and important: the time-honored expression of life and death through sacred ritual. The people of this town breathed the passion of life into this ceremony and through it; they gave expression to their deepest feelings, voicing their anguish.

In the end, my brother, my family, and the village that had held us for generations, had the ritual we all needed. And I give thanks.

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— ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL SR. / THE DISPATCH

**Members of the Vigilant Hose Company perform the "sacred secular ritual" when members of the fire company die. In April 2006, Eugene Myers, former Emmitsburg mayor and VHC lifetime member, died. His fire coat, boots and helmet are proudly displayed along the funeral route, the fire bell was rung in his honor and VHC members stood at attention when his hearse passed the fire house.**

pealed slowly. Uniformed firemen, standing at attention, and the women of the Ladies' Auxiliary joined the hundreds of townspeople in paying respect to one of their own. The lights of the fire trucks flashed red, but remained silent.

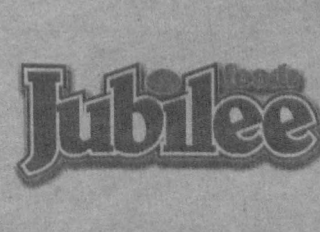
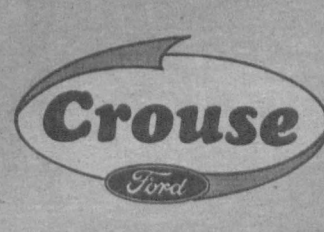
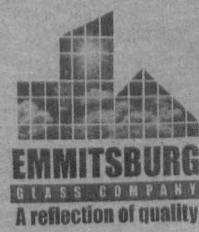
In the years I had been away, Greg had become passionately involved in the local volunteer fire department of which our small, Maryland town is extremely proud. Greg had followed my father and grandfather, each serving as a volunteer firefighter, each performing various leadership roles within the fire department, and eventually each serving as President of the Vigilant Hose Company. My mother had served on the Ladies' Auxiliary. The auxiliary was so successful in its fundraising efforts, that Emmitsburg had the finest, state-of-the-art firefighting equipment.

My family had devoted a huge amount of time in service to the community through the local volunteer fire department. It was their passion and they gave it their all. In the 1950s and 60s, my grandfather and grandmother had one of three dedicated "FIRE" phones within the town. When they received a call reporting a fire, they would take the information down and sound the alarm from their bedroom. In the middle of the night and in the worst of weather, the volunteer firefighters responded to the siren, saving people in car accidents and home and industrial fires.

I never heard a word of complaint

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# EBPA reinvents itself to better support local businesses

BY JAMES RADA JR.  
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — When the Emmitsburg town government first considered making changes to the town's sign ordinance, very few people knew about it. Certainly not the businesses that changes would impact the most.

However, the interim board of the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association learned about it. Members read through the proposals and didn't like what they saw.

"They were about to sign it, but we showed up and said we didn't like what it says," said Robert Rosensteel, Sr., a member of the EBPA interim board.

The commissioners heard the concerns from businesspeople in Emmitsburg and made changes in response to those concerns until the ordinance is just about ready to be approved.

More than 80 businesses operate in Emmitsburg, ranging from home-based businesses large multi-

million companies. In all, Emmitsburg businesses employ about 2,500 people.

So how do they make their needs known to the town government to avoid problems like the potential one with the sign ordinance?

The Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association has a mission statement to "protect and promote a healthy business, professional and civic environment in the greater Emmitsburg area." The organization also offers professionals the opportunity to network and establish the business relationships that will help the town's business community thrive.

"It's the business community that helps make this town work as a community. All the non-profit organizations are being measurably supported by businesses," said Rosensteel.

He pointed to the support that businesses provide the Little League, Boy Scouts, Vigilant Hose Company, the Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company and other non-profit organizations.

"What are we as a town doing to promote business? The doors should be open and we should be welcoming with open arms good businesses," Rosensteel said.

An *ad hoc* committee has been working for the last three months to revitalize and restructure the EBPA. New standing committees have been established to represent local business interests in government relations, membership and development, marketing and events.

"I think it needed to be restructured. We want to put together a viable organization and put strength in it to benefit businesses," Rosensteel said.

The new EBPA is expected to be incorporated by its next meeting on Mar. 20. Anyone interested in participating with the group or finding out more about it, can attend the meeting at the Carriage House. It begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. You can also contact Libby Briggs at (301) 606-5782 or Bob Rosensteel, Sr. (301) 447-6272 for more information. The meeting will include check presentation by Rosensteel Studios, Emmitsburg.



File photo by RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

The Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association works to improve the business environment in town. In this 2004 file photo, the EBPA hosted a luncheon for then-Governor Robert Ehrlich, who came to town and spoke to the business community at the Carriage House Restaurant.

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## OBITUARIES

### Mr. Oran Bancroft

Mr. Oran Lawrence Bancroft, 85, of 111 Eagles Trail, Fairfield, Pa., died Saturday, March 3, 2007, at his home.

Born August 29, 1921, in Weston, W.Va., he was the son of the late Franklin and Pearl (Pugh) Bancroft. He was the husband of Betty (Baughner) Bancroft, to whom he was married for 57 years.

Mr. Bancroft worked as a dairy farmer for many years until 1977 when he and his son started Lawrence Homes, where he worked as a contract builder.

In addition to his wife, Oran is survived by three children, Citty Marie Eader of Damascus, Carol Ann Bancroft of Damascus and David Lawrence Bancroft of Fairfield, Pa.; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Faye Elizabeth Bancroft.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Hospice of the Good Shepherd, 1075 Old Harrisburg Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325.

### Mrs. Joan Beall

Mrs. Joan Elizabeth Beall, 73, of Rocky Ridge, died Saturday, March 3, 2007, at Citizens Nursing Home, Frederick. She was the wife of Herman Lee Beall Sr., who died February 7, 1999.

Born June 12, 1933, in Legore, she was the daughter of the late Paul Elmore and Nellie Gertrude Wetzel Stottlemeyer.

Mrs. Beall had attended the Seventh Day Adventist Church, and was a member of the Thurmont Senior Citizens. She had been employed as a Nursing Assistant at Meridian N.H., and had worked at the Cozy Restaurant, Claire Frock and the Woodsboro Sewing Factory.

Surviving are four children, Herman L. Beall Jr. and wife Bonnie of Tuscarora, Esther M. Humerick and husband George of Dalton, Fla., Carol L. Flanigan and husband Dwayne of Rocky Ridge and Patricia A. Wachter of Sabillasville; 11 grandchildren; three sisters, Vivian Brashers and husband Joe of New Market, Shirley Marlene McGee and husband Gary of Thurmont and Sarah Dodd of Keymar; and two brothers, Alfred W. Stottlemeyer and wife Mary of Woodsboro and Roger Stottlemeyer and wife Tracy of New Midway. Many nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by a son, Bruce Robert Beall; a great-grandson, Shawn Ray Beall; and three brothers,

Marshall, John and Dennis Stottlemeyer.

Interment was in Mount Tabor Cemetery, Rocky Ridge. Memorials may be made to the Oak Hill Church of God, 10059 Oak Hill Road, Lefore, MD 21798.

### Mrs. Betty Hess

Mrs. Betty Virginia Shankle Hess, 83, of Taneytown, died Tuesday, February 20, 2007, at Gettysburg Lutheran Nursing Center in Gettysburg.

Born September 21, 1923, in Frederick, she was a daughter of the late Frederick Nicholas and Anna Esther Fogle Shankle. She was the wife of Edward Everett Hess, her husband of 61 years.

Betty served more than 30 years as a food service manager with the Carroll County Board of Education. She was a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Taneytown and Plymouth Chapter 41 of the Order of the Eastern Star in Union Bridge. She also enjoyed playing bridge with several clubs.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two daughters, Terrie Anne Hendricks and husband Jacob of Hagerstown and Debra Kaye Rutherford and husband Carl of Virginia Beach, Va.; one grandson, Andrew William Hendricks of Hagerstown; two step-grandchildren, Claudia Bennett of Chesapeake, Va., and Carl Rutherford Jr. of Virginia Beach, Va.; three brothers, Harold R. Shankle and wife Mary Louise of Dallastown, Pa., Jack W. Shankle and wife Helen Lee of Frederick and Jerry W. Shankle and wife Cheryl of Florida; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth N. Hopwood, and by her twin sister, Jane E. Carbaugh.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 38 West Baltimore Street, Taneytown, MD 21787.

### Mr. Norval Eyler

Mr. Norval Eugene Eyler, 80, of Rocky Ridge, died Sunday, February 25, at his residence.

He was the husband of Charlotte Romain Baker Eyler, who died February 1, 2006.

Born March 26, 1926, in Frederick County, he was a son of the late Bruce P. and Lutie Singer Eyler.

Mr. Eyler was a lifelong member

of the Monocacy Congregation Church of the Brethren, Rocky Ridge. He was employed with Baltimore Brick Co., Rocky Ridge, for 21 years. He loved to ride his golf cart and work in his garden. During the last few weeks of his life, even though very difficult for him, he remained pleasant and very loving to his family and friends.

Surviving are his three loving children, Ralph E. Eyler and wife Deborah of Rocky Ridge, Loretta Hargett and husband Lewis of Emmitsburg and JoAnn Hurley and husband Paul of Thurmont. He is also survived by his daughter-in-law, Alice Eyler of Rocky Ridge; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; five sisters, Velma Robarge and husband George of York, Pa., Vivian Fogle and husband Donald and Janice Tull, all of Thurmont, Doris Smith of Middleburg, Barbara Horner and husband Tommy of Jefferson; four brothers, Donald Eyler and wife Dolly of Gettysburg, Bruce Eyler and wife Betty of Taneytown, Fred Eyler and wife Nona of Hudson, N.C., and Billy Eyler and wife Teresa of Thurmont.

He was preceded in death by his son, Ronald E. Eyler; and two brothers, Charles K. Eyler and Richard L. Eyler.

Memorials in memory of Mr. Eyler may be made to Hospice of Frederick County, P.O. Box 1799, Frederick, MD 21702; or to the Rocky Ridge Church of the Brethren.

### Mrs. D. Eleanor Humerick

Mrs. D. Eleanor Humerick, 91, of W. Main St., Emmitsburg, died Sunday, Feb. 25, at Gettysburg Hospital.

Born August 16, 1915, in Holiday-sburg, Pa., she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William H. Mingle.

She was predeceased by her husband, John Gerald "Jack" Humerick, on January 6, 2007.

She was a member of Incarnation United Church of Christ, Emmitsburg; and the Emmitsburg Senior Citizens. She was an avid bingo player.

Surviving are two sons, John Michael Humerick of King Salmon, Alaska, and Thomas William Humerick of Emmitsburg; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by two daughters, Dorothy Eleanor Fink and Linda Ann Humerick; three sisters, Mary, Catherine and Lois; and one brother, Marion "Bud."

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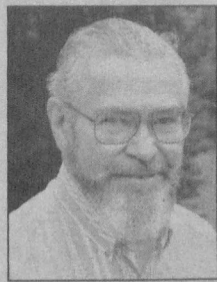
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## The (retired) Ecologist

## Furbish louseworts, turtleheads, and canaries in coal mines



BY BILL MEREDITH

Dispatch Columnist

"To be a naturalist is not just an activity but an honorable state of mind."  
- E. O. Wilson, *Creation*.

A friend recently brought me a book she had got from the library, saying "You will like this." People say that to me fairly often, and it usually makes me shudder, but this time it was correct. The book is called *Creation*, and the author, E. O. Wilson, is one of my favorites. He is an ecologist, and has devoted much of his time since retiring from Harvard University to educating the public about the need to preserve biodiversity in the world.

As the human population spread across America in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, populations of previously abundant species like bison, passenger pigeons and Carolina parakeets declined precipitously, many of them becoming nearly or completely extinct. Popular writers like John

Muir, John Burroughs and Ernest Seton captured the attention of Theodore Roosevelt, who used his "bully pulpit" to make the nation aware of the problem. But the Great Depression, sandwiched between two World Wars, pushed it out of the public mind, and by the 1960s a crisis was developing as pollution from detergents, pesticides and industrial wastes began to cause numerous animal populations to decline. Rachel Carson (whose 100<sup>th</sup> birthday will be celebrated in May) recaptured the imagination of the public with her book, *Silent Spring*, in 1963; that book, more than any other single influence, developed the public awareness that led to the enactment of environmental legislation in the early '70s.

Unnoticed by the public, about the same time as *Silent Spring*, an ecologist named Ramon Margalev published a paper that established what biologists came to call Complexity Theory. It certainly was complex; its mathematical arguments were difficult to apply in those days before computers were widely available. But the gist of it was that ecosystems are most stable when they are complex, i.e., when they contain large numbers of plant and animal species. Reducing the number of species by habitat destruction or by introducing diseases and alien species causes ecosystems to become less stable, and

eventually to collapse. The complexity model provided the evidence ecologists had been seeking to show that extinction is not just an emotional issue; having the widest possible variety of species, which we now call biodiversity, is essential to the health of the natural world.

I quickly included the complexity model in my courses. The science majors who took my ecology course had already taken some math and chemistry, so they easily grasped the evidence that biodiversity is important. But I also taught a required course in biology for non-science students, who had been conditioned to believe science was boring and too hard for them to understand, so special effort and motivation were needed to capture their interest. I had a bulletin board by my office where I posted various notices, and right beside the list of exam grades, which always got their attention, I kept a running series of cartoons and trivia, the more offbeat the better. Among the latter was the "Creature of the Month." Usually this was an animal of some kind... a photograph of a striking bird, or a new fossil discovery... but sometimes it was something fanciful like the invisible catfish (illustrated by a blank sheet of paper) or a weird subatomic particle like the gluon. The "creature" that solved the problem of teaching about biodiversity was the

Furbish Lousewort, which appeared in the headlines in 1977.

Strange as it may seem, there actually is a plant called the Furbish Lousewort. It exists only along the St. John's River in Maine, where it was discovered in 1882 by a naturalist named Kate Furbish. "Wort" is an Old English word for "plant;" the "louse" part was attached because it was once believed that portions made from such plants would repel lice. The lousewort had lived along its riverbank in quiet obscurity since the Ice Age, but in the mid 1970s it was placed on the Endangered Species list when money was appropriated by Congress to build a dam there. It later came to light that the dam was a pork-barrel project and would not have been economically feasible; but by that time its un-euphonic name had made the unhappy lousewort a poster child for anti-environmental groups. Nevertheless, it induced my students to think about biodiversity.

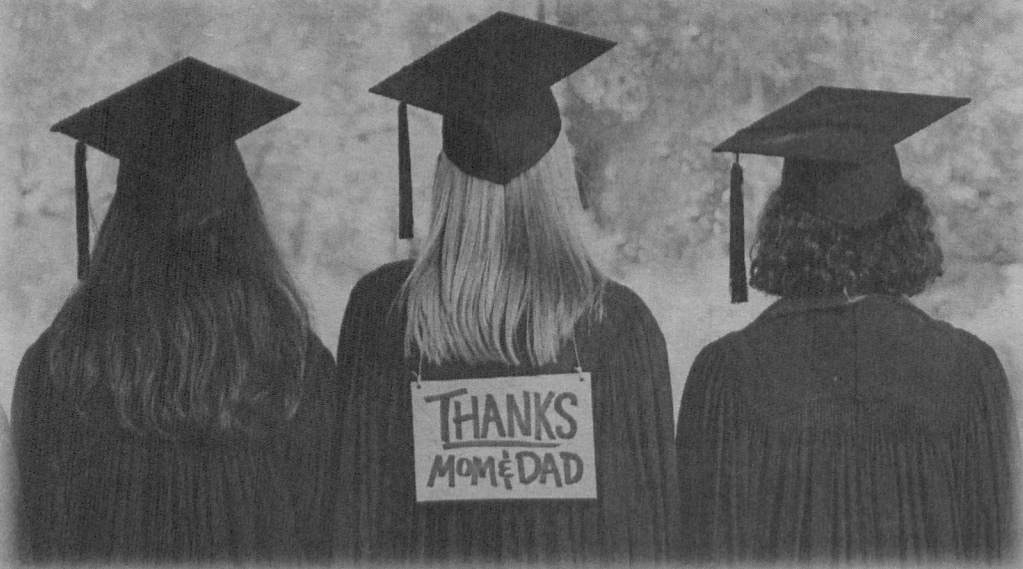
When I was walking to the library to return Wilson's *Creation* book, a young lady stopped me (that rarely happens except in dreams) and asked if I was the "Retired Ecologist." She had heard that a flower called a turtlehead, which is the only food of an endangered species of butterfly, had been found near Rainbow Lake; and she wanted to know if there are other endangered species around here. I mentioned a few obvious ones, but the question brought out one of the main points of Wilson's book. We do not know enough about what species live here.

Wilson uses the mnemonic, HIP-

PO, to recall the causes of extinction. These causes are: H, habitat loss; I, invasive species; P, pollution; P, population growth of humans; and O, overharvesting. All of these are local problems. Housing developments are pushing steadily into areas that were formerly fields, mountain forests and even floodplains. Invasive species have destroyed the American Chestnut, once our most common tree, and the elms that lined Main Street when I moved here. Local streams are contaminated by sewage spills and agricultural wastes. *The Dispatch* pointed out in its last issue that the population of Emmitsburg may double in the next 30 years. Tree species suitable for lumber are being harvested far faster than they can grow back. The list could go on, but the point is made. Biodiversity is being lost.

In spite of the impact of all these problems, our local ecosystem is still amazingly complex. Biologists and naturalists have been cataloging the large and economically important species of plants and animals for centuries now, yet we still know remarkably little about the smaller, less conspicuous species that provide the complexity, and thereby the stability, of our natural environment. Besides becoming more aware of biodiversity ourselves, we need to educate our children about the natural world; it is endlessly fascinating and often beautiful, but more important, it is the canary in the coalmine we live in. Knowing it is there and protecting it may be our best hope for surviving the coming century.

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## EDUCATION

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A crew from Playground Specialists, Inc. installed new playground equipment at Emmitsburg Elementary School on Mar. 6. Jeff Barber, the business owner, offered to refurbish the playground after previous equipment was vandalized in late summer 2006. Three colorful play centers – a quattro see-saw, a climbing tunnel, and a triple shoot-out – will now add to students' recess fun. Barber, parent of a current kindergarten student, a younger child, and two older daughters who attended the school, donated the equipment, resilient barriers, and mulch and their installation by his team of workers.

## Mount appoints vice president for academic affairs

EMMITSBURG, Md. – David Rehm is the new vice president for academic affairs at Mount St. Mary's University. He had been serving as the interim dean and prior to that, he had served as dean for academic affairs for two years.

"I am very pleased with this appointment and grateful to the search committee for their leadership in vetting the most qualified candidate. Dr. Rehm has proven to be an exemplary professional, and we are fortunate to have him in such a key academic and leadership position. I look forward to continuing a strong, collaborative working relationship with him," said Mount St. Mary's University President Thomas Powell.

Rehm is an associate professor of philosophy and works primarily in late ancient Greek philosophy. He came to Mount St. Mary's in

1995 and served as director of the Freshman Seminar program from 1997-2003. He also co-chaired the Mount's reaccreditation process from 2002-05. He received his B.A. from Oberlin College in 1983 and his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1994.

Rehm has received a number of awards, including the John Richards Award for Teaching Excellence; the First-Year Advocate Award from the National Resource Center for the First Year Experience and Students in Transition, a national award honoring his work with first-year college students; and the Honors Program Service Award.

As VPAA, Rehm will promote communication between the faculty and the administration in order to oversee the Mount's academic programs and promote their excellence.

## Board of Education seeks student representative

FREDERICK, Md. – If you would like to be the voice of Frederick County Public Schools students to the board of education, consider applying to serve as the student representative on the board.

Sophomores and juniors in Frederick County public schools are eligible for the position. The nomination deadline is April 11, 2007, for the term beginning in July 2007.

The role of the student representative is to bring a student viewpoint on educational issues to board meetings, generally held two evenings per month. The function is not to represent any particular special-interest group of students on

an issue but rather to respect the diversity of students' points of view, to improve communication between the student body, staff and board members and to inform students of policies and decisions executed by the board.

Interested students should contact their high school principal or student government advisor for a nomination packet. Principals and student government advisors may also nominate a student. Completed applications are due April 11 by 4 p.m. to FCPS Social Studies Curriculum Specialist Michael Bunitsky, 7630 Hayward Road, Frederick, MD 21702.

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ON APRIL 12

2001 National Medal of Science Laureate Francisco J. Ayala, Ph.D., will present "The Biological Foundations of Morality" on Thursday, April 12, as the Bicentennial Distinguished Lecture at Mount St. Mary's University. The event will be held at 7 p.m. in the Marion Burk Knott Auditorium. It is free and open to the public.

Ayala is a professor of biological sciences and of philosophy at the University of California, Irvine. He has been honored internationally with several medals and honorary degrees for his life's work in the field of evolutionary genetics. He is the author of several books, including "Genetics and The Origin of Species" (1997) and "Darwin and Intelligent Design" (2006). In addition to his work in genetics, Ayala is interested in the philosophy of biology and in bioethics, as well as in the relationships between science and religion, including the teaching of evolution in schools.

The lecture is the first of four bicentennial academic symposia in the series Notes to the Class of 2058: The Challenge of Faith and Culture. The series addresses the question of where the dialogue between the Catholic tradition and contemporary academic culture will lead. It celebrates the 200th anniversary of the founding of Mount St. Mary's University in 1808. The second oldest Catholic university in the United States, the Mount is a four-year undergraduate and graduate institution and also home to a major Catholic seminary.

For details on this event, visit [www.msmary.edu/bicentennial](http://www.msmary.edu/bicentennial) or call 301-447-3416. To arrange for interpreters for the deaf or other services, please contact the Learning Services Department of Mount St. Mary's University at 301-447-5006 at least 72 hours in advance.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
BUSINESS GROWTH IN FREDERICK  
COUNTY

March 22

Frederick Campus, 5:30 p.m.  
Marie Keegin, executive director of the Frederick County Office of Economic Development

JAPANESE TIKO PLAYER - KENNY ENDO  
March 22, 2007

Knott Auditorium, 7pm  
Synthesizing traditional Japanese drumming techniques, world music rhythms, and western jazz percussion styles, taiko master Kenny

GRADUATE PROGRAMS OPEN HOUSE  
March 27

Frederick Campus, 5-7 p.m.

80S ROCK - MUSIC IN THE VIDEO AGE  
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March 29, 2007

Knott Auditorium, 7:00pm

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Sun, Mar 18, Buffalo, 2 p.m.

## MEN'S LAX HOME GAMES

Sat, Mar 17, Marist, 1 p.m.

## WOMEN'S LAX HOME GAMES

Sat, Mar 24, Saint Francis (Pa.), 3 p.m.

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## GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 6

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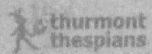
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## Community Calendar

### LOOKING AHEAD

**March 16 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday - Guardian Hose BINGO is BACK!** New BINGO on the 3rd Friday of the month at the Guardian Hose Activity Building on the carnival grounds in Thurmont. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and Games begin at 7:00 p.m. New games, Higher pay outs, New holder jars, King Tuts, Game Boards & New menu items available.

**March 17 – Pancake and Sausage Breakfast.** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Strawberry Hill Nature Center, 1537 Mount Hope Road, Fairfield 717-642-5840, [www.strawberryhill.org](http://www.strawberryhill.org). Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage. Sample a variety of syrups and pick your favorite. Proceeds benefit Strawberry Hill! Breakfasts this year will be held at the Mount Hope Methodist Church, about one mile down Mount Hope Road from the Nature Center. No reservations required. Adults \$5; children 6-12 \$2; children 5 and under free.

**March 17 – Dinner Dance.** Doors open at 6:30 p.m., meal at 7 p.m., DJ following until 12:00 a.m. (shrimp, chicken, ham, and sides) Thurmont AMVETS Post #7 \$15.00 per person. To purchase tickets, contact Tina Delauter @ 301.271.3078. Proceeds to benefit the Safe & Sane for 2007!

**March 17, 18 – 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Maple Syrup Making Demonstration.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the William Houck (Lake) Area. Youth groups are asked to contribute \$1 per person. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of Cunningham Falls and Gambrell State Parks. For more information see article on page 5 of Springtime or call 301-271-7574.

**March 19 – Taneytown Chamber of Commerce.** Networking begins at 6 p.m. Hesson-Snyder American Legion Hall, Post #120, Taneytown. Information: 410-756-4234.

**March 19 – Emmitsburg Historical Society.** 7 p.m. in Community Center.

**March 20 – BURGER KING.** Dine in at the Thurmont Burger King between 5-8 p.m. and they will contribute 20% of the dine-in proceeds to the Catoctin High School Safe & Sane Graduation event!

**March 21 – Slippery Pot Pie Dinner.** Menu: Ham and chicken pot pie, green beans, cole slaw, applesauce, beverage and dessert. Price: Adults \$8, Child: (ages 6-12) \$5. Take outs \$9. Noon - 5:45 p.m. Information: (301) 898-7888. Directions: Take Rt. 15 North to Fish Hatchery Road. Turn right on Fish Hatchery and proceed to stop sign. The Church is on the right. Approx. 8 miles North of Frederick.

**Mar. 21 – Children and Anxiety.** 6 to 8 p.m. (dinner at 6, program at 6:30) Thurmont Primary School, 79889 Rocky

Ridge Rd., Thurmont. Registration required for dinner and / or child care for children over age 4) Call Families Plus! at 301-694-9002 or Debbie Wivell, CASS Coordinator, at 240-236-1770.

**March 23 – In God's Hands Coffee House.** Weller United Methodist Church, 101 North Altamont Ave., Thurmont, 301-271-2802.

**March 23, 24 – Turkey and Oyster Supper.** Friday from 3-7 p.m., Saturday from 1-6 p.m. Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont. Adults, \$12; children (5-10) \$6; under 5 free. Information: call the church at 301-271-2379.

**March 24 – Buffet Breakfast.** 6 to 11 a.m. Tom's Creek United Methodist Church on Tom's Creek Church Road (off Route 140 between Taneytown and Emmitsburg). Adult \$6, ages 5-10, \$3. Advance orders for meat: call Ernie Staub 301-447-6384, Dottie Davis 301-447-2403 or Rose Knox (local for Taneytown) 443-605-2675 by Sunday, March 18.

**March 24 – 24<sup>th</sup> annual Emmitsburg Lions Club health screening.** 7:30 to 10 a.m., Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. Features several low cost hematology services made available by Gettysburg Hospital. Registration required: call WellSpan at 800-840-5905 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**March 24 – Yard, Bake and Lunch Sale.** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Joseph's Parish Hall, corner of DePaul and N. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg. Sponsored by the parish council.

**March 26 – Thurmont Lions.** 6:30 p.m. Cozy Restaurant.

**March 22 – Lecture "Economic Development and Business Growth in Frederick County".** Marie Keegin, Frederick County Office of Economic Development, will present the discussion. It begins at 5:30 p.m., is free and open to the public, and will be held at the Mount's campus in Frederick, Md., located at 5350 Spectrum Drive. For more information and to reserve a seat, please call the Mount's Frederick campus at 301-682-8315.

**Mar. 22-25 – "The Complete History of America".** Mount St. Mary's University presents performances of this Spring Mainstage Production, in Upper Flynn Hall at 8 p.m. on March 22-24 and at 2 p.m. on March 25. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door. For more information, please contact the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at 301-447-5308.

**March 24 – Turkey calling and hunting techniques.** "Dead Eye" Tommy Barham Primos Turkey Prostaff 8 – 10:30 a.m. Free breakfast will be served. Taneytown Baptist Church 4150 Sells Rd. Taneytown. Sponsored by Taneytown Baptist Church Christian Outdoorsmen.

**March 24 – Benefit Breakfast for Young Casey Bly and his family.** All-you-can-Eat from 6-11 a.m. at Trinity U.C.C. East Main St. in Thurmont. \$6.00 adults & teens, \$3.00 for ages 5-10, under 5 free. Sponsored jointly by the Thurmont Lions Club, Trinity U.C.C., and the Frederick Chapter of Thrivent for Lutherans. For more details see article on page 8 of this issue or call 301-898-7004 or 301-271-2305.

**March 24 – Adopt-A-Road.** 9 am – 12 p.m. Pick up trash along our adopted "Catoctin Hollow Road" RSVP For

information contact Thorpewood at 12805-A Mink Farm Road, Thurmont, MD 21788. 301-271-2823.

**March 25 – Community Dinner.** 4-8 p.m. at ThorpeWood 12805-A Mink Farm Road, Thurmont, [www.thorpewood.org](http://www.thorpewood.org). Join friends and neighbors for a vegetarian potluck dinner followed by a presentation about Morels and other mushrooms. Please RSVP to Julie Parlamen via email [jparlaman@thorpewood.org](mailto:jparlaman@thorpewood.org) or call 301-271-2823.

**March 27 – ROCKY'S PIZZA.** 4 - 9 p.m. - All you can eat Spaghetti dinner! \$10 per adult/ \$5 per children under \$7. Proceeds to benefit the Safe & Sane for 2007! The more the merrier!

**March 31, April 1 – Bell and History Days.** Bell ringing and bell-themed history activities will take place in museums, churches and various other locations in Frederick County. For more information see article on page 6 of this issue or call, the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 301-447-6606.

**March 22-24 – Musical production Annie Get Your Gun.** Thursday at 7:30 p.m., and Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. at Fairfield High School. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens. To purchase tickets in advance, either call 642-5767, or email [fairfieldmusicaltickets@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldmusicaltickets@gmail.com)

**March 31 – Craft and Yard Sale.** Barlow Fire Company, 2005 Taneytown Rd., Gettysburg. Held inside from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be available. For information call 717-334-6302.

**APRIL – Restaurant Raffle.** Tickets are \$5 a piece and are good for the ENTIRE MONTH OF APRIL. 30 days of winners! Tickets are on sale NOW! If you would like to sell tickets or would like to buy tickets contact Tina Delauter at 301-271-3078 Proceeds to benefit the Safe & Sane for 2007!

**April 1 – Dance Dramatization.** 3:30 p.m. in the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. The Rejoice Sacred Dance Company will present "Were You There?", a liturgical dance dramatization of the Lord's Passion according to the gospel of St. Matthew. The 45-minute presentation will be followed by a brief period of discussion for members of the cast and the congregation to share thoughts and reflections. Free-will offering. Contact Bonnie Williamson 304-876-2665 [bonniew6@frontiernet.net](mailto:bonniew6@frontiernet.net)

**April 5, 6 - Easter Seafood Bonanza at The Vigilant Hose Company.** 11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Crab cake (all meat) sandwich \$5.25, platter \$11.50; Oyster sandwich \$5.25, platter \$11.50; fried shrimp basket \$5.25, platter \$7; Combination \$16.50; Steamed Shrimp 1/2 lb. \$6.25, 1 lb. \$11.50; Crab Soup bowl \$2.50, Gallon \$21; Fried Fish sandwich \$3.75, platter \$7.50; Side orders fries \$1.25, Colelaw \$1, applesauce \$1. All platters served with your choice of 2 side orders. All above available for carry out or eat in at the firehouse. For more information or to place orders, call 301-447-2728 or see any member.

**April 8 – Special Easter Service at The Full Gospel Pentecostal Church in Sabillasville, MD.** Featuring "One Arm Guitarist" Kenny Johnson & son Ken, Jr. from Bunker Hill, WV. Kenny was a polio victim at age six. Witness a living miracle. Kenny will be speaking. For directions to the Church call 310-293-0172. Free admission.

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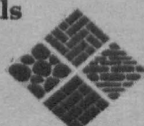
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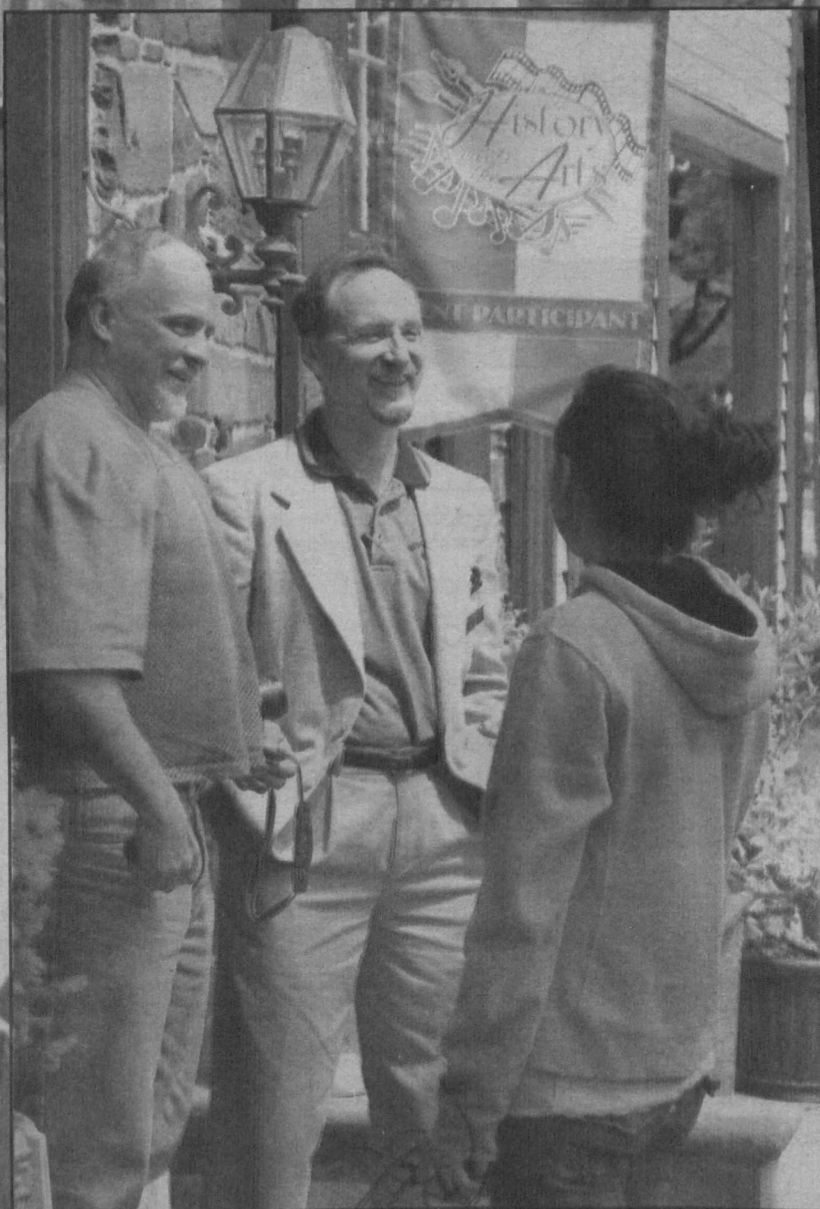


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We hope you find this guide useful as you make your spring plans in the Mason-Dixon area, and we welcome your comments. We thank the advertisers who have joined us this time around, and look forward to our next regional guide, SUMMERTIME, due out in May.

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A STOP ON "THE JOURNEY THROUGH HALLOWED GROUND"

# Lincoln arrived here on his way to Gettysburg Address

BY JAMES RADA, JR.

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

At dusk on Nov. 18, 1863, a black locomotive squealed to a slow stop in front of a brick building on Carlisle Street in downtown Gettysburg. A large bell in the cupola rang announcing the train's arrival.

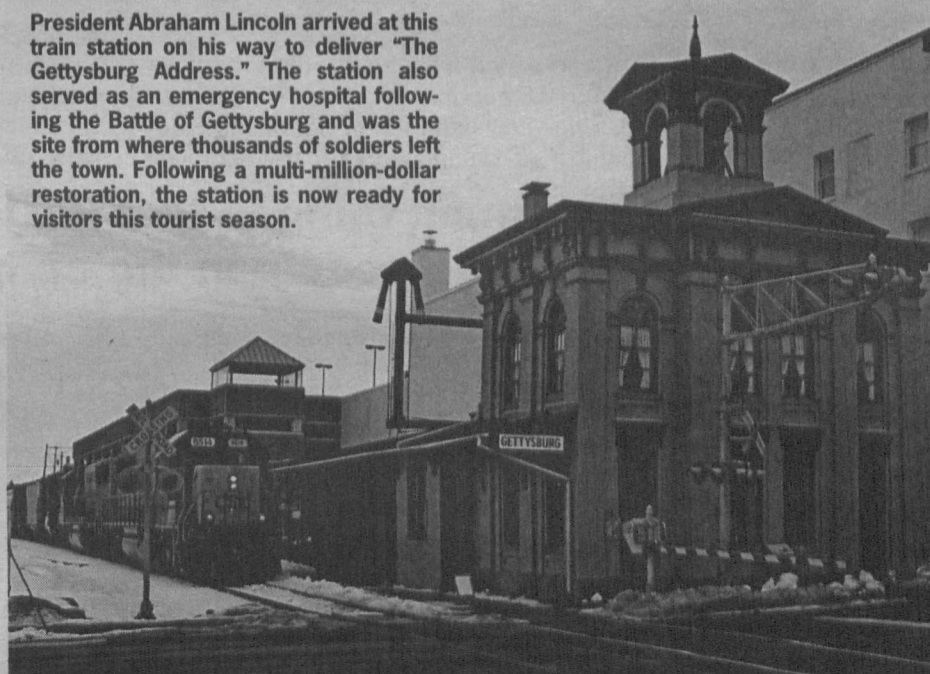
The Italianate villa-style station had been built four years earlier (a one-story addition would enlarge the station in 1886). It boasted a waiting for men and a segregated room for women and children. The station had served as a hospital during and after the Battle of Gettysburg, which left more than 7,500

soldiers dead, four and a half months earlier. Following the battle, more than 15,000 wounded soldiers and the remains of many others departed this station to take them away from the battlefield.

Now it would welcome the President of the United States. The train was festively decorated, though the occasion for which it had arrived was a solemn one. President Abraham Lincoln, members of his cabinet and foreign ambassadors exited the train. They were taken to the home of David Wills on the downtown Gettysburg Square. In the home, the President put the finishing touches on his remarks.

Following the Battle of Gettysburg, the stench of the dead had made the burial of the soldiers a high priority. Wills purchased 17 acres for a cemetery to honor the fallen soldiers and scheduled the dedication. Lincoln

President Abraham Lincoln arrived at this train station on his way to deliver "The Gettysburg Address." The station also served as an emergency hospital following the Battle of Gettysburg and was the site from where thousands of soldiers left the town. Following a multi-million-dollar restoration, the station is now ready for visitors this tourist season.



- Photo by Robert A. Rosensteel, Sr.

hadn't been Wills' first choice for a speaker, but it would be an inspired choice.

The next morning at 9:30 a.m., Lincoln, astride a chestnut bay horse, rode in the procession of dignitaries, townspeople, and widows marching out to the cemetery grounds. He rode between Secretary of State William Seward and Secretary of the Treasury Salmon Chase. The crowd was estimated at 15,000 people including six of the 24 Union governors.

Lincoln walked to the podium during the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery and spoke the speech he had finalized the night before. At less than 300 words, it took under two minutes to speak.

He began, "Four score and seven years ago..."

History would remember little else of what was

said that day, but Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address" is still recited by schoolchildren today.

The train station stopped handling passenger service in 1942 and in more recent years was the home of the Gettysburg Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

In November 2006, 143 years after Lincoln arrived in Gettysburg at the train station, the town celebrated the renovation and restoration of the station. It now features museum displays about the historic significance of the station and will be open to the public this year.

For further information about times the station will be open, call the Gettysburg Main Street Department at (717) 337-3491 or the Gettysburg Convention and Visitors Bureau at (717) 334-6274.

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## Taneytown History Museum reopening its doors

BY BRENDAN WEEKS

After closing their doors for a few months, the Taneytown History Museum has reopened to the public.

The museum now offers a few new exhibits for patrons to enjoy according to Taneytown Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Donna Sako. "We do have some old veterinary instruments that our local veterinarian has gathered over the years," Sako said. They have also added some pictures of the Taneytown High School.

One of the bigger exhibits, which most likely won't be open until April will include local artifacts from the Civil War. "Some of our members have oodles of stuff for the Civil War display," said Sako.

Nancy Eyler, who is currently putting the new display together, is inviting all citizens of Taneytown to share whatever they might have with the museum. "The main thing is that we want to involve

the people in the community," said Eyler. "Gettysburg has done the Civil War. We want to make this unique to involve local people, local artifacts, and local history."

Taneytown played a great part in the Civil War, particularly the battle of Gettysburg. On the corner of Rt. 140 and Harney Road is a house known as "Swope's Place", where Dr. Swope treated wounded soldiers from the battle. Also along Rt. 140 is the Lutheran Church, which was used throughout the battle for sending signals back and forth between Gettysburg and Taneytown.

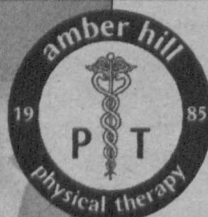
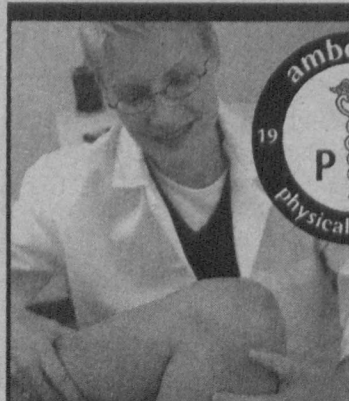
The history museum is operated by the Taneytown Chamber of Commerce. The museum is open on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. as well as Saturdays and Sundays from 1 - 4 p.m. with no admission charged. More information can be found at [www.taneytownmuseum.org](http://www.taneytownmuseum.org) or by calling (410) 756-4234.

**"The main thing is that we want to involve the people in the community"**

The Taneytown Museum has reopened and will feature new exhibits, including of the Civil War highlighting how the war affected the town. Admission to the museum is free.



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# Tapping into the sweet taste of maple syrup

By CHRIS PATTERSON

The Maple Syrup Festival at Cunningham Falls State Park in Thurmont allows visitors to learn about sugaring, how trees are tapped and how maple syrup is made.



- Photo by Robert A. Rosensteel, Sr.

With spring around the corner, it's time to tap your maple trees and make some syrup. But if you need a lesson in making your own syrup, you can head on over to Cunningham Falls for a demonstration...and some pancakes.

Cunningham Falls State Park has been holding maple syrup making demonstrations for 37 years, according to Park Service Associate Jacob Doyle. This year, the demonstrations will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 17 and 18 in the William Houck Lake Area of the park.

For a \$2 per person donation to the park (\$1 per person for youth groups), attendees of all ages will see real maple syrup made in big kettles over open fires.

Every hour the demonstrators will make a batch of syrup and conduct the interpretive program, with five programs each day. Sunday's programs will have an interpreter for the deaf.

Rangers, naturalists and volunteers will present a roughly 30-minute program that includes the history of maple syrup, the legends and myths associated with the syrup and its discovery, and how it has evolved over time, Doyle said. Guests will be encouraged to ask questions.

At the end of the program, everyone may sample real Maryland-made maple syrup, though it won't be the syrup they watch being made due to health department regulations, Doyle said.

The program will end with a consumer quiz including a question on how much syrup is really in the syrups purchased commercially.

Doyle said there are several legends about how maple syrup was discovered. One story tells of a Native American, weary from battle, who took refuge under a maple tree. As he laid down to rest, he sunk his tomahawk into the tree and was pleased to find a sweet, clear liquid draining from the tree in the morning.

The sap used to make syrup at Cunningham Falls is from about 20 trees, Doyle said, including red maples, silver maples and sugar maples, with the latter being prized for producing the sweetest liquid. It takes about 40 gallons of sap to make just one gallon of syrup.

A pancake-and-sausage breakfast will be served from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the concession building. A pancake-only breakfast is \$3.25. Pancakes with sausage are \$4.25. A few other food items and drink items will also be available for sale.

Children's activities in an outdoor tent will include stories, crafts and videos in an outdoor tent

for no extra charge.

*NOTE: This is an outdoor activity so dress for the weather! To get to the William Houck Lake area of Cunningham Falls State Park take Route 77 west from Thurmont, turn left at Catoctin Hollow Road, turn right at the park, and follow the signs to the demonstration area. The park address is 14039 Catoctin Hollow Road, Thurmont. For more information, call (301) 271-7574.*

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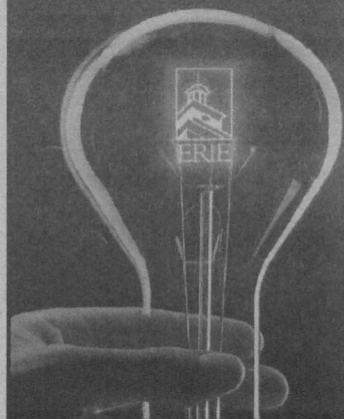
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## For 10 years, history has been meeting the arts in Gettysburg

By JAMES RADA, JR.

Gettysburg's "History Meets the Arts" festival continues to find ways to integrate painting, writing and sculpting with history as the event turns 10 this year.

Main Street Gettysburg Events Coordinator Karen Hendricks calls it "an arts festival with a historic twist."

The three-day festival on April 13-15 has 20 participating businesses and galleries hosting more than 60 events. Attendees can watch

painters paint, listen to music, get books signed by the author and even watch chainsaw sculpting.

"The whole idea behind the event is to open up the town and open up the business by inviting nationally known artists, authors and artisans here to display their talents," Hendricks said.

The free festival attracts between 5,000-8,000 people annually. Since most of the events are indoors, even weather doesn't play a huge factor in diminishing or boosting turnout. Though last year's festival was plagued by rain, it did little to diminish attendance.

"This is the largest gathering of historical artists in the country," Hendricks said.

Though much of the history at the festival is centered on the Civil War, other times can be found as well, such

as World War II or early America.

This year, a booklet describing the monuments and their histories will also be available. Hendricks said that many of the battlefield monuments were sculpted by well-known artisans.

The official festival headquarters will be in the Gettysburg Hotel, which is also where visitors can hear some of the artists speak of their inspiration and research for their work.

**"This is the largest gathering of historical artists in the country."**

Hendricks credits George Lower with Lord Nelson's

Gallery for starting the festival. "He saw a need on the calendar for something to jump start the tourist season," she said.

Lower said the idea came about as something his staff discussed once when they were complaining that the tourist weren't coming early enough.

"I told them, 'Quit whining and do something about it,'" Lower said.

"History Meets the Arts" was the result. Lower said it is based on Easton's Waterfowl Festival, which is an arts festival that focuses on waterfowl.

"History Meets the Arts was a real success from the very first year," Lower said. "People came and they really liked it and it has continued to grow."

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History Meets the Arts, which is in its 10<sup>th</sup> year, is the largest gathering of historical artists in the country. Dozens of artists, writers, singers and sculptors will be in Gettysburg demonstrating and talking about their historical art.

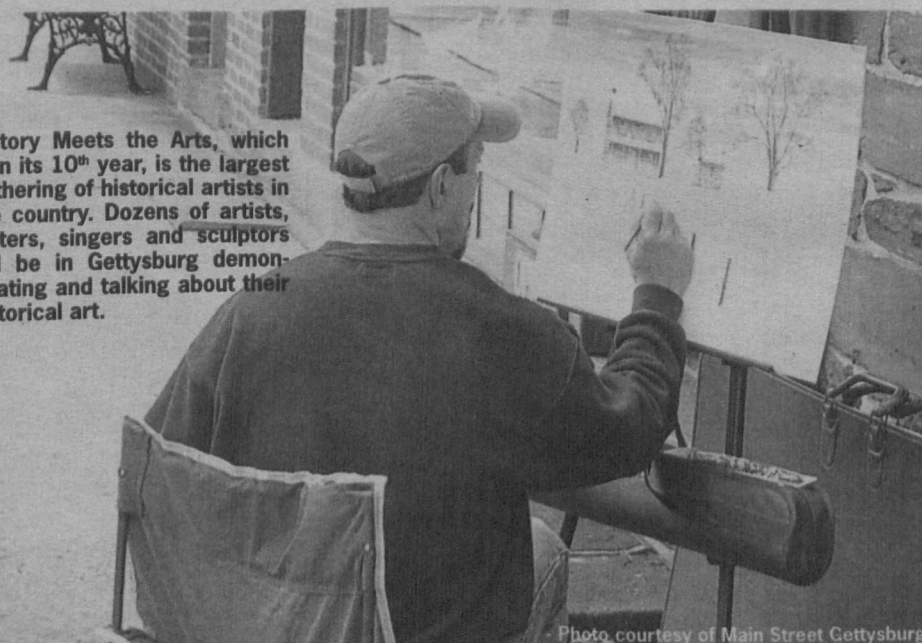


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BY CHRIS PATTERSON & RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER



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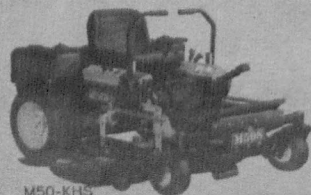
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# Let the games begin!

By BROOKE VINYARD

"We all have a little geek in us, so Noobs is the place to get your gaming fix," according to Joe Garcia. Every Friday night, Garcia and other gamers of the Not 4 Noobs video game club, congregate in the lobby of the Frank Theatres of Gettysburg and prepare to battle it out, testing their gaming skills against one another. Gamers pay \$2 per person and the games begin at 10 p.m. The fun lasts until midnight, sometimes later.

Wyatt Copeland and Joe Garcia are both employees of the theatre and co-founders of the club. The name Not 4 Noobs, which literally means not for new or inexperienced gamers, was created by Garcia. "The name just popped into my head," Garcia said. "We wanted to say we were serious gamers, and it just stuck."

Though the club itself does not own any game consoles, gamers willingly bring their own personal systems. Generally, anything from Nintendo 64 to PlayStation 2 to XBOX 360 is available for play. A large variety of games are offered

including Halo 2, Smash Brothers Melee, Dance Dance Revolution (DDR), and Guitar Hero among others.

"We thought it would be a cool to play games in the theatre," said a fellow gamer.

Although not every night, Not 4 Noobs is known to hold gaming tournaments. Only a limited number of gamers can play in tournaments, so players must sign up on a first-come first-serve basis, and contribute \$3 to the prize money. The tournament game is determined by an overall vote, with Halo 2 being the top favorite. Multiple systems are linked together and played by a process of elimination. Winner takes all.

The price of admission goes toward purchases for the organization. The goal is to collect enough money to buy a projector and rent out a theatre, enabling gamers to battle it out on the big screen. The club made its first purchase after just a few short weeks, when two new televisions were brought in to support the high gaming demand.

While the main goal of the club is to have fun, Garcia sees a bigger picture saying, "There are a lot of kids that have nothing to do. This keeps them out of trouble, and it brings a lot of different cliques together."

According to Copeland, very little planning went into the initial start of the club. On the first night, a group of Garcia's friends gathered in the theatre and set up a few televisions. "We collected money in a cup and stamped paid on everyone's hands. We are really just learning as we go," Copeland said. Since then, the average number of gamers in attendance has nearly tripled.

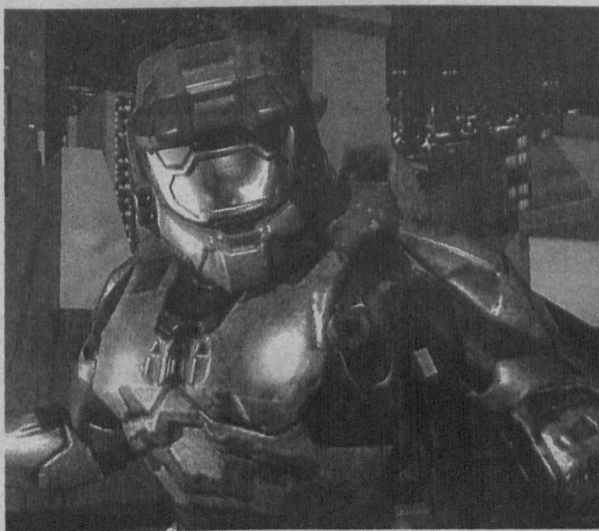
The vast majority of gamers are high-school aged kids and older, due in large part to the time of which the club is held. As a result there are no restrictions on game ratings.

Copeland said he would eventually like to turn this weekly gathering into a thriving business, open multiple days with extended hours, but until then they will have to operate under the theatres guidelines. Multiple gamers agree that they would like to see the hours extended, commenting that "Friday nights always seem to go so quickly". The ideal plan is to open earlier, offering a range of games with more restrictive ratings to a younger age group. Extending hours later into the night may also attract the attention of those late night movie-goers.

The Nubstamp snack bar has recently opened for business, offering gamers an array of refreshments at a low price.

While the video game club is not affiliated with the theatre, the theatre has roped off a section of the lobby for the club's use. Theatre management has also provided the use of a display case and a storage room.

Frank Theatres 10 is located, behind the Gettysburg Village Outlet Mall, just off Route 97 in Gettysburg. Gamers are encouraged to bring their own gaming equipment, but it is not required. For more information you can call the theatre at (717) 338-9005, or visit the clubs website at [www.geocities.com/nubstamp](http://www.geocities.com/nubstamp).



- Screenshot of Halo 2 from [www.blackdragonfly.com](http://www.blackdragonfly.com)

Halo 2 is one of the popular video games Not 4 Noobs play on Friday nights at Frank Theatres. The gamers compete against each other on a variety of different games and on different game systems.

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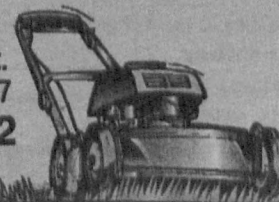
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## Arts & Entertainment CALENDAR

### Concerts

**March 25 – Washington Balalaika Society Russian Orchestra.**

2 p.m. Tickets, \$18-20. Performances of Russian, Ukraine, and eastern European music on traditional Russian folk instruments. Weinberg Center, 20 W. Patrick Street, Frederick. (301) 228-2828 or [weinbergcenter.org](http://weinbergcenter.org).

**March 28 – Lunasa and Dervish.**

8 p.m. Tickets, \$19-26. Two Irish musical talents, who push the limits of tradition. Weinberg Center, 20 W. Patrick Street, Frederick. (301) 228-2828 or [weinbergcenter.org](http://weinbergcenter.org).

**April 14 – 1964: The Tribute.**

8 p.m. Tickets, \$18-30. A recreation of an early 1960's Beatles concert complete with instruments, apparel and banter of the period. Weinberg Center, 20 W. Patrick Street, Frederick. (301) 228-2828 or [weinbergcenter.org](http://weinbergcenter.org).

**April 14 – Symphony Band and Wind Ensemble.**

8 p.m. Free event, but tickets are required for entry. Majestic Theatre, 25 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg. (717) 337-8200 or [gettysburgmajestic.org](http://gettysburgmajestic.org).

**April 20 to 23 – Majestic Jazz Festival.**

Featuring The Gerald Veasley Band, Majestic Jazz Orchestra with Pizzarelli and Big Bands are back! Tickets, \$10-30. Majestic Theatre, 25 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg. (717) 337-8200 or [gettysburgmajestic.org](http://gettysburgmajestic.org).

**April 27, 28 – Equinox Dance Company Annual Spring Concert.**

The company's five-year anniversary performance. 7:30 p.m. Cultural Arts Center of Frederick County, 15 W. Patrick Street, Frederick. Information: [info@equinoxdance.org](mailto:info@equinoxdance.org).

**May 6 – Mexico's Los Folklorista's.**

A traditional Latin folk music ensemble performance, on a collection of one hundred instruments. Tickets: \$20. 7 p.m. Majestic Theatre, 25 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg. (717) 337-8200 or [gettysburgmajestic.org](http://gettysburgmajestic.org).

### Galleries, Exhibits & Art Shows

**March 27 to April 3 – Salon des Refuses Exhibit.**

Impressionist work created by McDaniel College art students. Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, Westminster. (410) 857-2771.

**April 4 – Civil War Photography.**

Author and photographer Halli Casser-Jayne exhibits images from her book *Still Life Images of Antietam*. Cultural Arts Center of Frederick County, 15 W. Patrick Street, Frederick. (301) 662-4190 or [frederickartscouncil.org](http://frederickartscouncil.org).

**April 6 to June 2 – Matrices de la Vida: Works by Latino Artists.**

Influenced by a Latino heritage, artists create work in the themes of nature, birth, growth and death. Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, Westminster. (410) 857-2771

**April 13 to 15 – History Meets the Arts Festival.**

10<sup>th</sup> annual festival in Gettysburg, hosts more than 50 events through out historic downtown including artistic receptions, exhibits, book signings, music, tours and more. Festival headquarters is located at the Historic Gettysburg Hotel, One Lincoln Square. (717) 337-3491 or [www.hmtarts.com](http://www.hmtarts.com).

**May 5 – Mayfest.**

Wander the streets of downtown Frederick and visit various shops galleries and restaurants, while enjoying live music. Beginning at 10 a.m. [www.downtownfrederick.org](http://www.downtownfrederick.org).

**May 5 – First Saturday Gallery Walk.**

Following Mayfest festivities, is an evening of exhibit openings, guest artists, and live entertainment. More than 80 shops, galleries and restaurants are open until 9 p.m. or later. [www.downtownfrederick.org](http://www.downtownfrederick.org).

### Stage

**April 20-22, 27-29 – Nonsense.**

When the Little Sisters of Hoboken discover their cook has poisoned over 50 of the sisters, they are in dire need for funds for the burials. To raise money, the sisters decide to put on a variety show, where each of their stories comes to life. Tickets: \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. Thurmont American Legion Auditorium, 2 Park Lane, Thurmont. (301) 271-7613 or [thurmontthesians.org](http://thurmontthesians.org).

**April 6-8, 12, 13, 15, 19-22, 26-28 - The Three Penny Opera.**

The boss of London's beggars is determined to have Maheath, the city's most-notorious bandit, arrested after he marries his daughter. Set in a time when Germany was struggling to uphold economic order, is a story full of beggars, prostitutes, thievery, and where any character willingly sells out another for their own gain. Maryland Ensemble, 31 W. Patrick Street, Frederick. (301) 964-4744 or [marylandensemble.org](http://marylandensemble.org).

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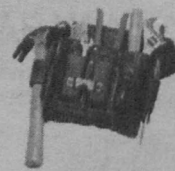
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### Bus Trips

**March 24** – Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

Visit the first museum to be solely dedicated to the native people of America. There are five other museum sites within a few blocks that can be visited. Tickets, \$45-55. Bus departs from Gettysburg at 8 a.m. and returns by 6 p.m. Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Rd. Gettysburg.

**April 24** – The Phillips Collection: Washington D.C.

Take a ride to D.C. and enjoy touring the "Moving Pictures: American Art and Early Film" exhibit. Tickets: \$50, and includes transportation and snack. Bus departs from Westminster at 9 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, Westminster. (410) 857-2771.

### Libraries

#### Emmitsburg Branch Library

300-A South Seton Avenue. (301) 600-6329

#### Genealogy Focus Group

Uncover resources and share tips to help track down those elusive ancestors. Thursdays, 7 p.m., March 22, April 26, May 24.

#### Leaving a Legacy: Write about your life

– Learn to record your personal accounts of life "back when", to share with others. Mondays, 1:30 p.m., April 2, May 7.

#### Thurmont Branch Library

11 Water Street. (301) 271-7721

#### Knit & Chat

Learn to knit or bring a project in progress. Monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7 p.m. April 5, May 3. Registration required.

### Parks

#### Gettysburg National Military Park

(717) 334-1124, ext. 431 or visit [www.mps.gov/gett](http://www.mps.gov/gett).

**March 31, April 1, 14, 15, 21, 22, and May 5, 6** – Living History Weekend.

Demonstrations of drills and camp life during the Civil War era. Different camps vary on the various dates. Free of charge.

**April 22** – "Friends of Gettysburg."

The annual march for Gettysburg, a fund-raising walk for battlefield preservation. To register call the Gettysburg Foundation. (717) 338-1243.

**May 5** – Doors Open Gettysburg.

Visit numerous historic buildings on both the battlefields and in town, that are normally closed to the public. For information, call (717) 338-1243.

**May 28** – Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies.

140<sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Day observations. Parade begins at 2 p.m. followed by a ceremony in the Soldiers' National Cemetery.

#### Catoctin Mountain Park

(301) 663-9388 or visit [www.nps.gov/cato](http://www.nps.gov/cato)

**Month of March** – Women's History Month Exhibit.

Engage yourself in a story of two women who portrayed a vital role in local tourism during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, and how one's tragic death, haunted the other for half a century.

**March 18, 25** – Orienteering.

Discover a passion for your inner outdoorsmen. Learn to interpret maps as well as the orienteering compass. Then test your skills in an outdoor course. Equipment provided. Class sizes are limited, so reservations are required! (301) 663-9388.

**April 21** – Fly-tying Demonstration.

Learn about the art of fly-tying. Expand your knowledge of insects to increase your chances of a successful fishing trip. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Visitors Center.

**April 28** – Junior Ranger Program for Kids.

Become a Catoctin Junior Ranger! Discuss nature and culture, then complete a hike and other requirements to become a ranger. Program for children 9-11 begins at 10 a.m., children 6-8 begins at 1 p.m.

**May 13, 20** – Spring Wildflower Walks.

While exploring several habitats, discover flowers that are blooming and learn about their significance. Join in at the Brown's Farm Trail in Owens Creek Picnic Area. Walk begins at 2 p.m.

**April 13 to October 31** – Camp Misty Mount.

Enjoy the great outdoors by renting a cabin in historic Camp Misty Mount! Available for individuals, families and groups. Call the Misty Mount office at (301) 271-3140.

**April 15** – Owens Creek Campground Opens.

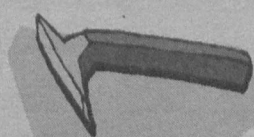
A great family camping spot! Opening on a first come first serve basis at noon. Each site is limited to one camping unit, allowing one tent or trailer, and a maximum of five people.

**April 21** – Acrylic Spring Landscape Painting

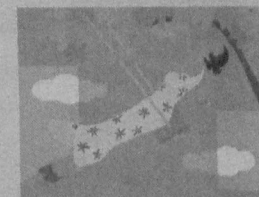
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