

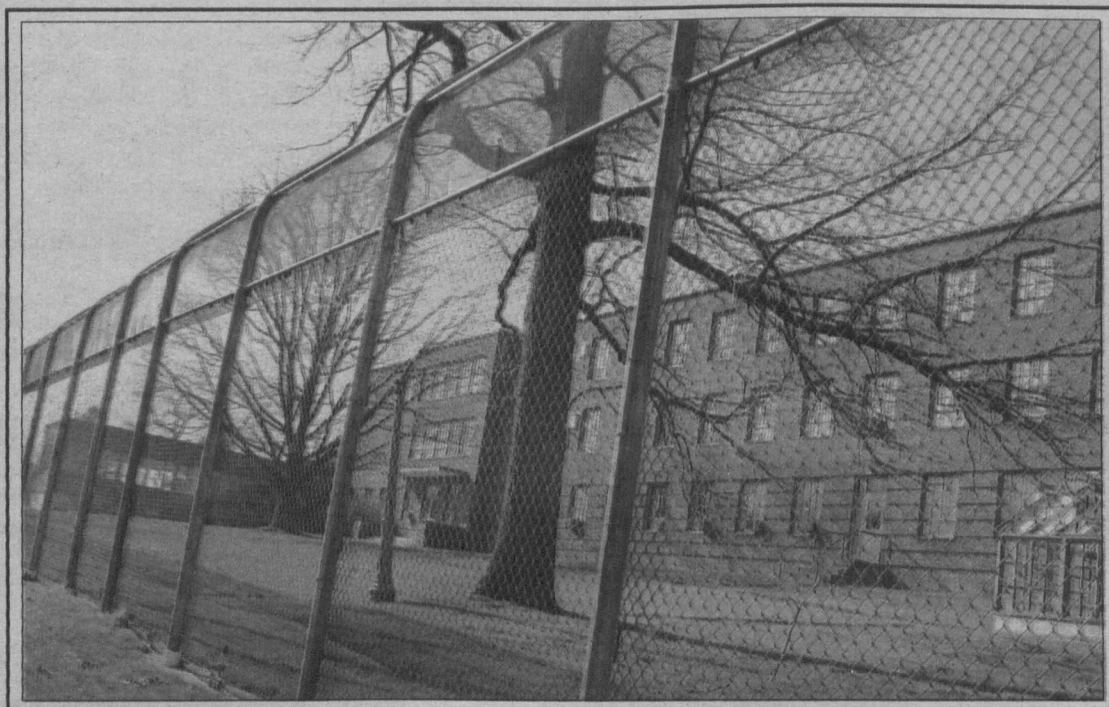
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CULLEN CENTER



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Cullen Center to Reopen

Residents are skeptical about Victor Cullen Center reopening

BY CHRIS PATTERSON

Contributing writer

SABILLASVILLE, Md. — Following a meeting with Department of Juvenile Services Secretary Donald Devore, many Sabillasville area residents said they would wait to see if the state follows through with promises made during the meeting about the re-opening of Victor Cullen Academy for juvenile offenders.

Devore answered questions during the meeting hosted by the Northwestern Frederick County Civic Association at Sabillasville

Elementary School on Monday, April 10.

Approximately 100 people will be employed by the facility and plans are currently under way to try and open by this summer. This year's state budget allocates around \$6.8 million dollars to refurbish the academy.

Devore asked residents to volunteer to participate in a committee to help draft a memorandum of understanding between area residents and the state, putting the promises the state makes to the community in writing.

"...I also know that the history of Victor Cullen was one where a lot of prom-

ises were made to this community... not meeting expectations relative to the protection of the community and the safety within the facility," Devore said.

But he promised a "new day" with a substantial budget allocation from the state to handle the re-opening appropriately and address the concerns of the community.

Around 50 people attended the meeting, in addition to reporters and several of Devore's staff. Members of the

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Mount preparing for growth and bicentennial

BY JAMES RADA JR.

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — As Mount Saint Mary's University gears up for its bicentennial celebration later this year, President Thomas Powell took some time to talk to the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners on April 2 about the plans for the year-long celebration and other projects the university is planning. He called it his first "state of the university address" to the town.



Thomas Powell

"We will also be joining only 40 other institutions in the U.S. that have celebrated a bicentennial," Powell said of the significance of the 200th birthday of the university.

The planning for the celebration that begins in August and continues through October 2008 started two years ago. Besides celebrating a birthday, the university will also be celebrating a number of capital projects and a record-breaking freshman class. The class of 2010 was a record number of 426 students.

"Next year, we're anticipating 435 freshmen to come into Mount St. Mary's," Powell said. The university had 3006 applicants apply for those seats.

The university is in the midst of a \$75-million capital campaign. Projects to be funded with the money include a renovation of The Terrace, a Founder's Plaza, a fine arts building, a visitors' center for the Grotto, a facelift for Memorial Gym and the geo-thermal-powered Bicentennial Hall dormitory for 180 students.

"It really is amazing to see all the things you're planning to do," Commission President Chris Staiger told Powell.

Mayor Jim Hoover pointed out that some of the university's projects have been beneficial for the town such as the connection of the water systems and the trails project.

Powell pointed out during his presentation that, "We are entwined and for the better."

He promised that the university would be a willing

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Emmitsburg APFO will be returning for consideration

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Though residents haven't heard much about it of late, the Town of Emmitsburg is still working toward establishing an adequate public facilities ordinance.

The draft of the town's APFO was last changed in November, but since then other planning items like the comprehensive plan and the sign ordinance have taken front and center. However,

as those items get wrapped up, the town will get back to working on an APFO.

"My goal is to see Emmitsburg adopt an APFO," Commissioner Bill O'Neil said. "It's going to be great if we can do that this year."

The APFO is a growth management tool for the town that establishes tests in various areas to make sure needed public services and infrastructure are in place to handle new growth. The way the APFO's purpose is defined in the ordinance is "with the intent that new residential, industrial and

other development take place in accordance with the Town of Emmitsburg Comprehensive Plan and the Capital Improvements Program and to ensure that adequate public facilities and services are available concurrent

with new development so that orderly development and growth can occur."

"You shouldn't build new if you haven't taken care of the old,"

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Former resident chastises
Carroll Valley Council

Instead of prime time TV, we're heading back to Carroll Valley for Carroll Valley Borough Council Meetings! Life is short, public servants need to be a bit humble for they represent the residents who voted for their princi-

pals. It's an embarrassment reading of such foolish BEHAVIOR, yes BEHAVIOR! Council members need to take an inventory on why they have chosen to be an ELECTED public servant to the community. Best to the

Carroll Valley residents and prayers to council.

The Taylors
Westminster, Maryland
former residents Eagles Trail

Fight cancer by fighting pollution

It's a warm beautiful day. Robins are hopping about and the forsythia, tulips and jonquils are blooming. However, a very short time ago snow and ice were on the ground. Before that combination disappeared, it turned black. What caused that? Cancer-causing soot particles from car and truck exhaust.

What can we do about it? Urge automobile and truck fuel

efficiency on our balking national politicians. Locally we in Emmitsburg can urge a bypass on the politicians dragging their feet. When you and I get lung cancer it will be too late for you and me. A northern bypass will lesson the concentration of soot and help eliminate congestion. Ask your Pennsylvania friends for help; that will not have to sit in smog and soot waiting for the light to change. Pennsylvania

is the most feasible site for a bypass because there is a bridge over Route 15. No Maryland site is equally good. Remember, cancer is the number two cause of death in this country. Further, children living within a third of a mile from a freeway are likely to have their lungs stunted for life.

Harold C. Craig, Jr.
Emmitsburg

Recognizing another championship team

I was reading *The Dispatch* when I saw the article about the boys CYA basketball champions. You never mention the girls CYA basketball

champions. I am a member of the girls CYA basketball champion team. We worked just as hard as the boys and we were undefeated all season. Our team

is very proud of our accomplishment.

Isabel Miller
Thurmont

100 Years Ago "In this place"
From *The Emmitsburg Chronicle*

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

Graceham Personals

Mr. Normal Six tried the busy city strife and bustle of Hagerstown, but after a brief stay returned home, preferring the more strenuous life of our country town.

A pleasant surprise was given Mr. Henry A. Weller, on Monday evening, the close of his birthday, by a number of friends. His wish is that he may ever be worthy of their friendship and regard as shown him.

A "White Sale," a bazaar of articles largely of White Material, together with Moravian Sugar cakes and coffee, will be held on Thursday evening, the 18th by the Ladies Aid Society.

The cold snap of a week ago probably did some damage to the fruit buds, well advanced by the Spring-like weather of a week earlier. Weather conditions are not encouraging to garden making and house cleaning.

THE WILLIAM EYLER
CASE

This is the decision of the Supreme Court handed down Monday in the case of William Eyler whose case was tried in Gettysburg on Nov. 12, 1906.

It will be remembered that Eyler murdered Howard Miller in a barroom in Gettysburg, on last Decoration Day, striking him with an iron pump handle. Eyler was arrested on his way to Emmitsburg, by constable W.H. Ashbaugh, of this place. His attorney made a strong plea for his client. He argued that no man can be judged guilty of murder in the first degree without conclusive proof of his deliberation and premeditation of the crime of malice aforethought. "We say," said Mr. Hersh, "that at the very most it was only murder in the second degree, but there are facts which, of you believe them, will necessitate a verdict of voluntary manslaughter."

The jury, after being out several hours, returned a verdict of murder in the first degree. The motion for a new trial was overruled and on March 18th, the case was reviewed by the Supreme Court which rendered a decision sustaining the lower tribunal.

Much sympathy is felt for Eyler in this community where he has many friends who are sorry that his mental condition did not tend to mitigate the findings of the jury.

The final action will be to lay the whole proceeding before the Board of Pardons and this will be done in the hope that the sentence as it now stands will not have to be carried out.

A Freak Colt

Mr. Peter Bollinger, a farmer living near Emmitsburg, is the owner of a freak colt. The animal foaled last Thursday, has three distinct and perfectly formed hoofs on one leg and does not seem to be in the least inconvenience by the extra appendages.

Personals

As spring weather is coming again a great many people are at garden making, and the farmers are busy getting their corn ground in order for planting.

Ground will shortly be broken for the new building to be erected on Green Street for the Emmitsburg Manufacturing Company.

Anyone having Ice Cream Tubs belonging to me please return, or notify me and I will call for them. C.T. Zacharias.

Next Wednesday, the 24th there will be a good game of baseball in town, St. Euphemia's playing the nine representing the Emmitsburg Home Bakery.

Mr. H.M. Rowe went to Hanover yesterday to get the new closed carriage purchased by him on Wednesday.

Half holiday was given to the scholars of St. Euphemia's School on Arbor Day.

The dwelling of John S. Long, a building of stone and frame, near Rocky Ridge, this county, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. The fire started from a defective flue, and made such rapid headway that only a portion of the household effects were saved.

FAIRFIELD ITEMS

Mr. John Boyd, of Fairfield met with a painful accident Wednesday, while operating a boring machine. His hand came in contact with the augur. One finger was severed and several were injured.

Mr. Jacob Musselman is making extensive improvements to his storeroom.

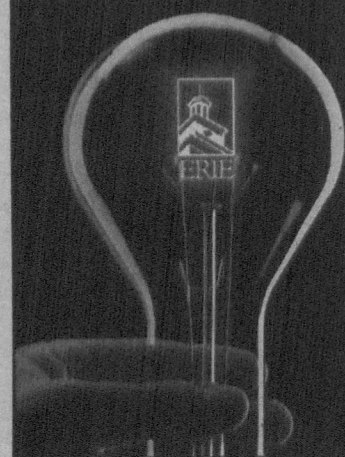
Mr. Daniel Sanders, who lived in town, has moved into the country, on the old Maj. Musselman farm.

Mr. John M. Musselman is about to make an extensive addition to his place of business.

The Catholic church in Fairfield gave a supper last Saturday night, attracting a large attendance. The town was quite lively in consequence.

Mr. John F. Low has improved his lot on Centennial street by enclosing it with a new wire fence.

The friends of Dr. Glenn, of this place, are glad to see him convalescing. The Doctor was very ill for a time.

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APFO

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O'Neil said.

Some of the tests that are currently in the APFO include roads, water supply, school capacity, sewerage disposal, recreational facilities and emergency services.

"We're looking more at sewer, water, streets parks-some of our major issues we have total control over," Mayor Jim Hoover said.

Frederick County has an APFO and so do some other municipalities, such as Thurmont. Frederick City is in the process of fine tuning an APFO that will be adopted there.

Hoover, who credits O'Neil with spearheading the effort to create a town APFO said the town, "Bought into it because recognize that the county is leaning in the direction that they want all municipalities to have an APFO."

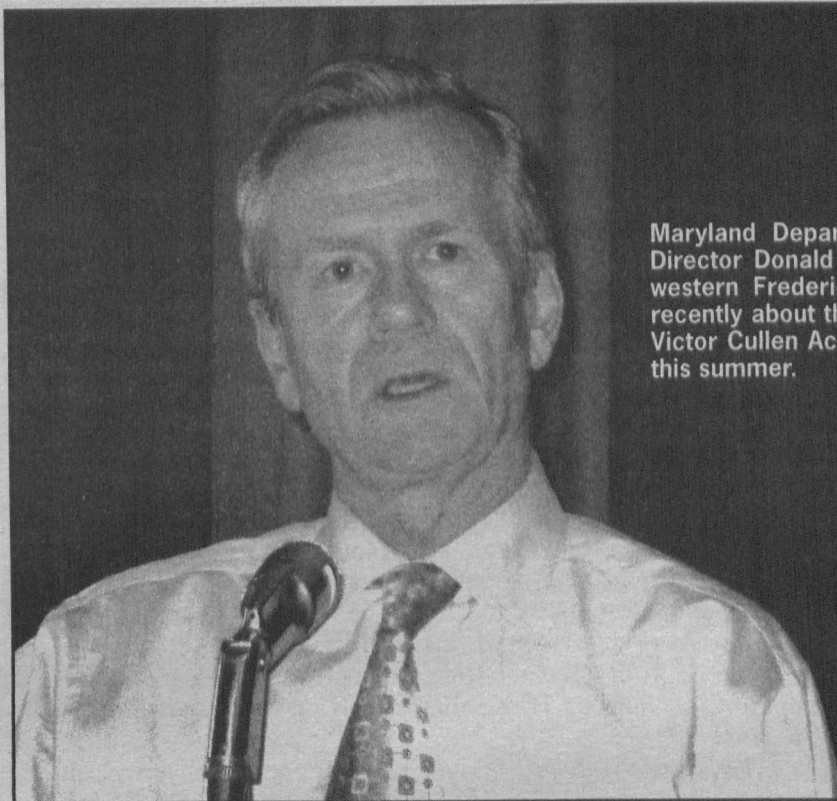
He said the big advantage is that it creates a uniform set of policies and rules before growth ever comes. In this way, developers know whether their projects can move forward and what amount of improvement to the public infrastructure they would have to make before it could move forward.

"Growth is going to happen. My thing is let's keep it to 3 percent a year"

-Bill O'Neil
Town Commissioner

Hoover cautions that the APFO needs to be carefully written to balance the needs of the town and the developers. "If not properly written, it could be very difficult to build," Hoover said.

"Growth is going to happen," O'Neil said. "My thing is let's keep it to 3 percent a year."



Maryland Department of Juvenile Services Director Donald Devore spoke to the North-western Frederick County Civic Association recently about the state's plans to reopen the Victor Cullen Academy for juvenile offenders this summer.

-CHRIS PATTERSON/THE DISPATCH

Cullen

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civic association and others came to hear the plan for re-opening the academy for the third time. Managed at the time by a private company, Victor Cullen was closed for the second time in 2002 when concerns for the safety of the juveniles came to light.

During his speech, Devore made a commitment that the new facility would house no more than 48 residents, a substantial reduction from the over 200 juveniles formerly housed there. That particular announcement made a few people, including civic association president George Khun, say that made them feel a little better.

Devore's proposal includes a change in the state's plan for juveniles that involves creating several small regional treatment facilities around the state rather than sending the juveniles to large facilities or, as is so often the case, to out-of-state facilities far from home and family.

Devore also announced that the facility's juveniles would predominately be ages 13 to 17 and

would not have committed any seriously violent crimes, such as murder, rape or child molestation.

Security was of particular concern to area residents who reminded the secretary of incidents where the juveniles escaped in the past.

Assistant Secretary James Smith, in charge of residential programs, responded to that concern by saying there would be electronic surveillance of the grounds, a staff member who will walk the perimeter every two hours, and special mesh fence that is impossible to climb.

Though Devore's promises and demeanor eased some discomfort, it was not enough for residents to forget the past. Many residents stressed their concerns for their safety and their families' safety during the meeting. Following the meeting, several residents, like Mary Rae Cantwell, weren't ready yet to buy into the state's promises.

"Wait and see," Cantwell said when asked her opinion of the evening's meeting. "Wait and see."

Mount

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partner with the town in dealing with off-campus problems caused by Mount students. Some of the problems have been caused by the lack of student housing, which forces students into rental units in town. The university is working to correct that with renovations and the construction of Bicentennial Hall.

"Please know that you have a willing partner in helping to solve those problems in a legal and very clear, forceful manner if our students are out-of-hand. We recognize that responsibility," Powell said.

As for off-campus problems caused by students, he said the university will work with landlords "and if the kids are too noisy, kick them out (of the off-campus housing)."

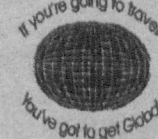
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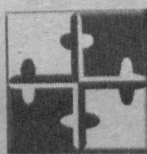
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A Word from the Mayor

What's coming in the mayor's proposed budget

With input from the town manager and me, the town clerk has been working diligently for the past several months on preparing the 2007-2008 draft budget for my final review and approval before I present it to the town council. All year long, the town manager and I receive suggestions and requests from staff and other elected officials for budget recommendations. Like any other budget (at home or at work) there is normally more requests than there is money. The town's budget is no different and as mayor, it is my responsibility to consider the many requests and determine the priority of each. In or-

der to have a balanced budget each year, some items may not get recommended for funding in my proposals to the town council.

After I present the town council with my budget, they then have an opportunity to modify it as described in article IV section 14 of the town charter, as long as it remains balanced.

I review the entire budget line by line several times with staff before I present it to the town council but, in my reviews, most of my attention is focused on the capital improvement projects. I rely more on the town manager and town

clerk to establish the day to day operational cost in the general fund portion of the budget.

Some of the items that I will be recommending for CIP funding this year is a walking path in Community Park near the basketball court going northwest, a pavilion with extra picnic tables and bar-b-que grills at the swimming pool, new street lights with attached flower pots for the town square, a replacement vehicle for the public works department, street lights for South Seton Avenue (same as the lights on East and West Main Street), funding to start sidewalk improvements on East and West Main Street, pav-

ing projects to improve Community Park parking and road conditions and a lane divider in Silo Hill Road to decrease the speed.

From the general fund I will be recommending funding to continue community activities such as the pool parties, farmers market, concerts in the park a comedy show and a movie in the park.

In the sewer and water enterprise budgets, there will be funding for the East and West Lincoln Avenue project. The Lincoln Avenue project will be very much like the South Seton Avenue project, both, sewer and water lines will be replaced. The majority of the street will be dug up and replaced along with improvements to the curb, gutter, sidewalks and lighting. Engineer planning has already begun for this project; I hope to see construction begin within the next twelve months.

James Hoover
Emmitsburg Mayor

Correction

The "Did You Know?" Series at the Emmitsburg Library to celebrate Earth Day is on April 21 at 11 a.m.



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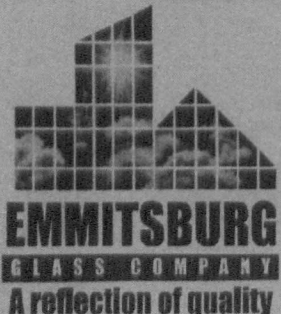
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TOWN NEWS

National fire archive and county museum moves forward

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Years ago, Emmitsburg Commissioner Glenn Blanchard served as an election judge in the Vigilant Hose Company. At slow times during the day, he took time to look at the artifacts of Emmitsburg's fire-fighting history preserved in cases in the fire station. He said the history represented there "fascinated" him.

Its relics and historical information like that which can be preserved in Heritage Hall. County officials proposed Heritage Hall in December to be a county fire museum and a national fire service archive.

"This is an opportunity to help save the history of our county fire service and the heritage of our nation's fire service," Jewell told the commissioners during their meeting on April 16.

The location for the two operations would be in the current Emmitsburg Ambulance Company building, though it will be remodeled so that it looks like an old-time fire house. However, the commissioners had asked the county



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Dressed as an early Frederick County firefighter, Chip Jewell addressed the town commissioners on April 16 about the new county fire museum and national fire service archive.

to tear the building down when the ambulance company vacated it for their new building on Creamery Road. This was before the idea of Heritage Hall was presented. To continue moving the project forward, the commissioners needed to rescind their request that the

county tear the building down. This they did unanimously during the meeting.

Mayor James Hoover said Heritage Hall would be "a perfect fit" with Emmitsburg, which already has the National Fire Training Center and the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

The front portion would be occupied by the county fire museum filled with fire-fighting artifacts, including an 1835 Rumsey hand pumper used to fight the courthouse fire in Frederick in 1861. The archive would be at the rear of the building and hold national documents and other written materials concerning the fire service.

"I think it will be a wonderful treasure for our town," said Commissioner Cliff Sweeney.

The purpose of the archive, which will be known as the National Fire Heritage Center is to have an archive of America's fire service in the same way the Army Heritage Center in Carlisle, Pennsylvania maintains materials relating to the army. Some major fire service organizational and private collections have already committed to donating their memorabilia to the proposed center.

DePaul Street parking to be restricted

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Emmitsburg Town Commissioners decided that during snow emergencies parking will only be allowed on one side of DePaul Street east of Federal Avenue. Town staff will be making the decision on which side of the

street will have restricted parking and post permanent signs to let residents know what the new policy will be the next time there is a snow storm.

- J. Rada

Town yard waste drop off restarting

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Town residents can begin dropping off their yard waste at the sewer plant on Creamery Road starting May 5. The town's yard waste drop off program will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturdays of every month through Nov. 11.

Only yard wastes — grass, branches, weeds — will be accepted at these drop offs. Branches can be no more than 3 inches in diameter and 4 feet

in length. No plastic of any kind will be accepted. Bags can only be used if they are biodegradable. No rocks and no dirt. If any prohibited items are found, the entire load will be rejected.

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- J. Rada



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Emmitsburg offers more than \$6,000 in art competition

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Emmitsburg Town Commissioners have announced the details for the 2007 Emmitsburg Art Competition.

"It gets kids involved in the community and has them focus on the community while they are using their imagination," said Commissioner Bill O'Neil.

The contest is open to K-12 students who live in Emmitsburg or attend school in Emmitsburg. Students can use watercolors, oils, pastels, acrylic paints, pen and ink, charcoal, colored pencils, crayons, mixed media, ceramic or sculpture to create the artwork. The piece must be done by the artist without adult help.

The entries will be judged on originality, composition and theme interpretation in three

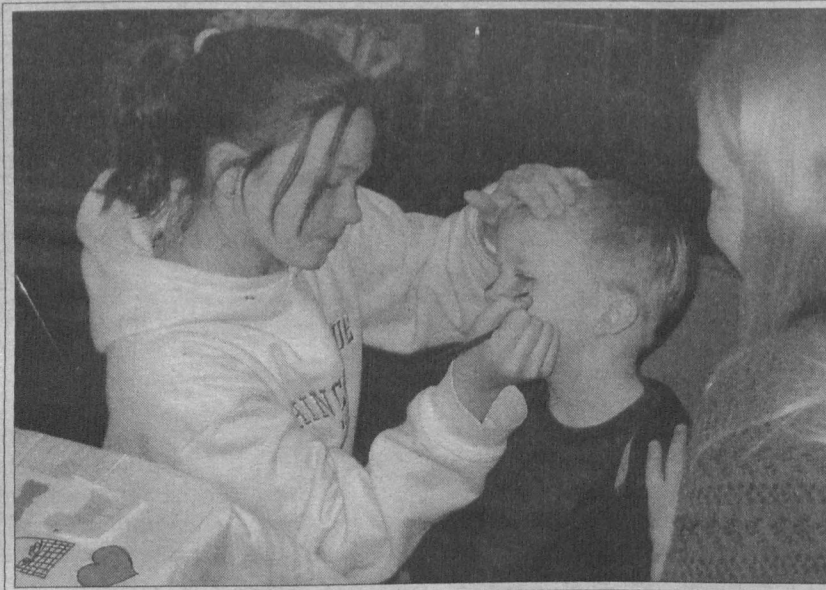
divisions: K-3, 4-7, 8-12. First-place winners in each division will win a \$1,000 savings bond. Second-place winners will receive a \$500 savings bond. Third-place winners will receive a \$200 savings bond and up to 10 people will receive honorable mention awards along with a \$100 savings bond.

There is no cost to enter but entries must be in the Emmitsburg town office by 4 p.m. on May 31. Winners will be announced at the 2007 Emmitsburg Community Day and displayed in the commissioners' meeting room for a year.

Entry forms can be picked up at the town office. For more details, call (301) 600-6300.

- J. Rada

Jubilee celebrates Easter with Kid's Day



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EMMITSBURG, Md. - Jubilee celebrated Easter in the grocery store with its 2nd Annual Kid's Day. Approximately 250 children came to the store on Saturday March 31 for face painting, egg dying, cookie decorating and, of course, a free picture with the Easter Bunny. Along with the activities, kids could sign up for a drawing with a list of 25 prizes including bicycles, \$50 and \$25 gift certificates to

the Gettysburg Outlets, an mp3 player, table top stereo and many other prizes. To top off the day, each child received a "goodie bag" which included a variety of snacks and surprises. Manager Rich Boyd commented how pleased he was with the turnout which was bigger than last year and was very complimentary of all the Jubilee staff and volunteers that help make the event a success.

Community deputies stats for March

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The following are the highlights from the 251 calls for service the Frederick County Sheriff's Office

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Town Meetings

Municipal meetings

Town Meeting

May 7, 7:30 p.m.
Introduction of the budget
Sign ordinance

Planning and Zoning Workshop

Apr. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Comprehensive Plan

Planning and Zoning

Apr. 30, 7:30 p.m.
Comprehensive Plan

Planning and Zoning/Town Commissioners Joint Workshop

May 2, 7:30 p.m.

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SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY NEWS

More Fireworks, Resignations at Carroll Valley Council Meeting

By WILLIAM K. REINKE
Contributing Writer

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — With harshly worded statements, Councilmen Thomas Fitzsimmons and Thomas Wolf resigned from their council and committee posts. The resignations were offered at the end of the council meeting on April 10 and were to be effective the next day. The actions occurred only an hour after the council unanimously appointed Frank Buhrman to fill the vacancy created by Ted Talbert's on-the-spot resignation in March.

Fitzsimmons' and Wolf's decisions were a result of the council's move to remove Wolf as council president last month. The council then nominated Fitzsimmons as Wolf's replacement, but he refused the nomination and further stepped down as vice president. Subsequently, councilmen John Van Volkenburgh and Daniel Patton were appointed as president and vice president respectively.

Both outgoing councilmen slammed Patton's character in response to his motion to force Wolf to step down as president. Fitzsimmons said, "Patton's scurrilous conduct defined his character," and Wolf referred to his motion as a "thoughtless and crude plot." The motion last month was supported by councilpersons Tammy Lytle, Steven Semiatin, and Van Volkenburgh, who all expressed their desire that Wolf remain on council.

Patton defended his actions, saying he had received nothing but accolades and questioned Fitzsimmons' claim to be a team player when he was acting against the wishes of the council majority.

Between the two of them, Fitzsimmons and Wolf criticized their colleagues in their resignation statements. Lytle, who was absent from the meeting was especially criticized by Fitzsimmons, but Semiatin spoke in her defense and flatly denied the allegations levied against her.

Five of the six other applicants who had come forward for the council post were present at the meeting and there was a movement to fill the two additional vacancies immediately. Borough Solicitor Thomas Campbell pointed out that since the new resignations weren't effective until the next day, there were not actually vacancies to fill at the time. The council has 30 days to fill the openings. Since the next regular meeting, scheduled for May 15, is past the 30-day window, a special meeting will be called to fill the positions.

Frank Buhrman Appointed to Carroll Valley Council

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — In a decisive 5-0 vote on April 10, the Carroll Valley council appointed Frank Buhrman to fill the vacancy created by Ted Talbert's immediate resignation in March. Buhrman has been a borough resident for 22 years and brings decades of experience to the table, including 17 years on the borough planning commission and a wide array of communication/pub-

lic relations experience.

Buhrman was one of seven candidates who asked to be considered for the opening, six of whom were among the packed house to make statements for their case. Councilman Thomas Wolf said he was "amazed and surprised with the strength of the candidates" and encouraged those not selected to run as write-in candidates in November.

Councilman Steven Semiatin

echoed Wolf's sentiments, saying he was "very impressed with the pool of candidates. Any one could do an excellent job."

The other candidates who appeared at the April 10 meeting were Neal Abrams, Sam DeLaurence, Ken Lundberg, Ron McClain, and William Reinke. LeeEsta Frishkorn submitted an application but did not appear at the meeting.

- W. Reinke

The Carroll Valley Fishing Derby Set for April 28

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. — The annual fishing derby for children 15 and under is scheduled for Saturday, April 28 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Carroll Valley Commons Park. Last year's event drew 130 participants and borough manager Dave Hazlett expects this year's event to be equally successful.

The creek will be stocked with 250-300 rainbow trout, and the borough places fencing across the water to ensure the fish stay on borough property for the derby. Prizes will be awarded to most, if not all, of the participants and the event is free and open to the public.

Participants should come with their own fishing equipment and bait, but there will be volunteers on hand to assist children whose parents aren't comfortable putting a worm on the hook. For more information call the borough office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at (717) 642-8269.

- W. Reinke

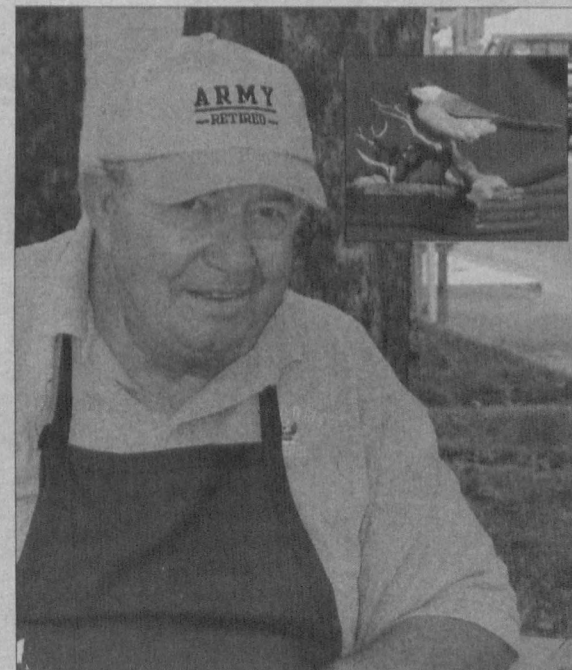
Sons of Amvets helps local resident



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The Fairfield Sons of Amvets recently presented Fairfield resident Jeremy Bucher a check to help with medical expenses. Pictured above are: (back, l to r) Mike Sharrah, Kevin Moritz, Mike Turley, Dave Sharrah and (front, l to r) Steve Moritz, Jr., Dave Kump, Jeremy Bucher, Danny Moritz.

Giving life to wood



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Charlie Lockwood, professional wood carver and Carroll Valley resident, will demonstrate his art at the Fairfield Senior Center, hosted at St. John's Lutheran Church on Main Street, Fairfield, Friday, April 27th at 10:30 a.m. The public is welcome. It will be determined at that time if there is enough interest for him to teach a class. His specialties are song birds, decorative decoys and ducks. He has been carving since the early 1980's and has studied with renowned carvers. He is retired after a 34 year military career, and retired again as the owner of Lockwood Business Support Services in Fairfield.

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REGIONAL

Frederick County Trash disposal costs are expected to rise

BY JAMES RADA JR.
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FREDERICK, Md. — The cost of disposing trash in Frederick County appears likely to rise.

The county's solid waste management operation expects to have a \$3.7 million shortfall next fiscal year. Director of Utilities and Solid Waste Management Mike Marschner recently told the commissioners that the shortfall could be made up with a combi-

nation increasing the tipping fee to as much as \$75/ton and disposing of more waste in the county landfill rather than shipping it to other landfills.

"Although that's a relatively easy way to solve the problem, that's a pretty substantial tipping fee," Marschner said of the \$75 tipping fee. The current tipping fee for municipal waste is \$59/ton.

By increasing the fee, the county would lose some of the business that it now receives, which would make it more dif-

ficult for the landfill to meet its operating revenue needs.

"I can't believe the fee is off competitively by \$15-\$16 at \$75," Commission President Jan Gardner said.

Marschner said that at \$75/ton, Frederick County would have the highest fees in the region. To make the fee more reasonable, he said that the county could increase the tons of garbage per day that it dumps in its own landfill.

"This doesn't solve a problem. It just defers it," Marschner said.

Commissioner John L. Thompson, Jr. said he had no interest in using up landfill space faster. "When you don't charge enough, you shift the cost of operating onto future users," Thompson said.

In addition, for each additional 50 tons per day, a year of the landfill's life is lost. At the current rate of use, the county landfill is expected to be full in 2044. That is, if the county isn't allowed more vertical expansion, which it is currently pursuing with the state.

"I think it's apparent you'll have to adopt an increase in the tipping fee," Marschner said.

The question for the commissioners to decide is how much. The last tipping fee increase took affect July 1, 2005.

"I think it (the landfill) should be self-supporting to the extent it can be," Gardner said.

She asked Marschner to collect information on what other landfills in the region are charging so that the commissioners will be able to make a better-informed decision.

Frederick County develops a prescription assistance resource guide

FREDERICK, MD — The Prescription Committee of the Frederick County Healthcare Coalition has recently developed a valuable Web-based resource guide for those who struggle to cover the cost of prescriptions. The guide contains information on over 30 existing national, state,

and local programs offering assistance in obtaining affordable prescription medications.

A member of the committee recently noted, "The cost of prescription medications has increasingly become a significant obstacle to medical treatment for more people. There-

fore, we chose to create a resource that consolidates already available assistance programs in an easily accessible format on the Internet. We hope that citizens, healthcare professionals and service organizations find it beneficial, and we recommend that they use it in their day-to-day lives

and work places."

The Prescription Committee was also responsible for making the generic medication Prescription Assistance lists from Wal-Mart, Target and Giant Eagle available on the coalition's website. These lists along with the prescription assistance re-

source guide may be accessed from the Health Department's Health Information and Resources web page or the Healthcare Coalition's web page.

To learn more about the committee or the resource guide, call Melinda Malott, committee member, at (301) 600-3397.

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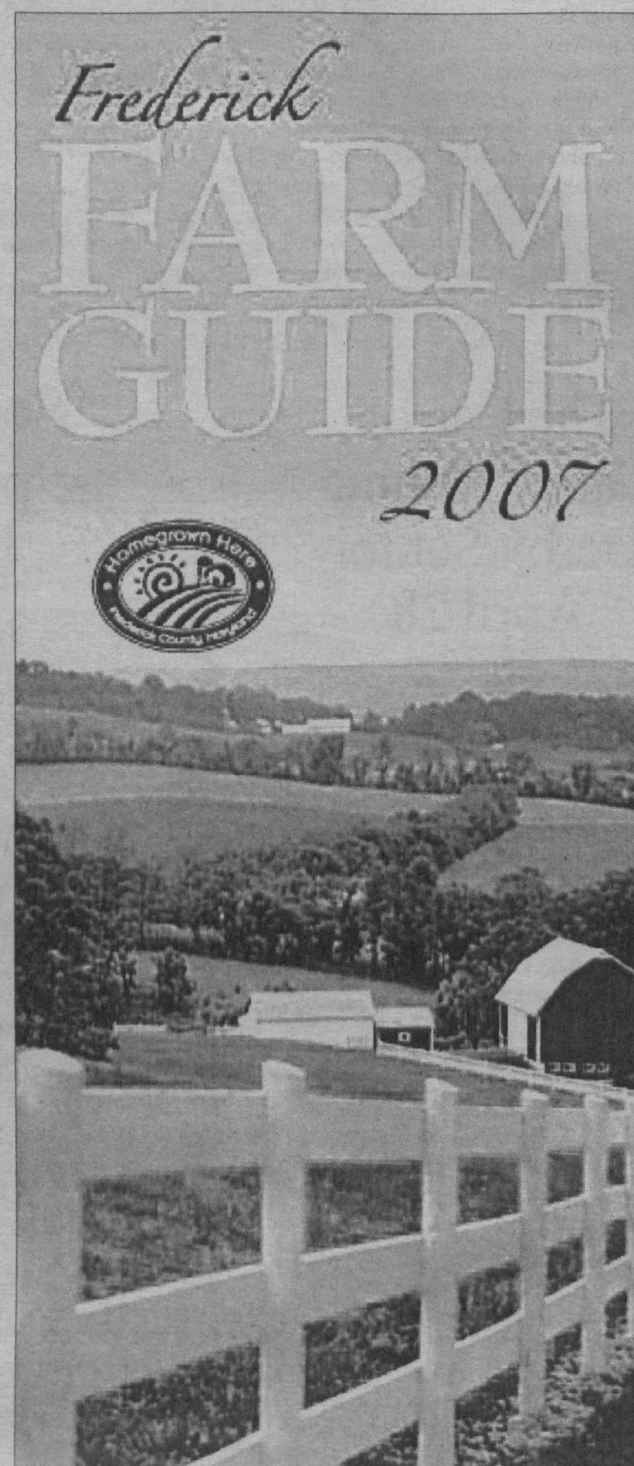
County farm guide available

FREDERICK, Md. - The 2007 Frederick County Farm Guide is now available. The guide, which is produced by the Frederick County Office of Economic Development and the Agriculture Business Council, provides information regarding on-farm sales and activities throughout the year on 34 of Frederick County's working farms. Sale items can include produce, wine, Christmas trees, and baked goods among others; activities like corn mazes and pumpkin patches are often hosted. The guide also includes information on the nine Frederick County farmers' markets, the Virtual Farmers' Market, Home Grown Here and the 2007 Family Festival at the Farm.

Copies of the guide are available at libraries, welcome centers, participating farms and sponsors as well as other designated areas.

The sponsors of this years farm guide include the tourism Council of Frederick County, Mid Atlantic Farm Credit, the Common Market, My Organic Market (MOM's) and the E-ventplex at the Great Frederick Fair.

If you are interested in having a guide sent to you, please contact the Frederick County Office of Economic Development at (301) 600-1058 or the Tourism Council of Frederick County at (301) 600-4047.



REGIONAL

Myers annexation drops 350 houses from plan

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THURMONT, Md. — After announcing a revision to his original annexation request for the Myers Farm north of Thurmont, developer Tom Hudson has submitted his revised annexation request to the Town of Thurmont.

"The proposal is the same proposal I presented in November but without the residential," Hudson said.

Though 188 acres is still being requested for annexation, only 50.5 acres would be developed as commercial space.

"It's a moving target for the actual square footage, but it won't be any more than 445,000 square feet, probably less," Hudson said.

The revised proposal points out that although some people are asking for firm answers to certain questions, they are "Answers to which are typically provided after a rigorous civil engineering review that is integral part of the Town's subdivision entitlement process. Additionally, this same entitlement process is also a key component of determining whether or not a proposed project complies with the Town's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance ("APFO"). It is critical to remember that this is only the first step in a long approval process — not the last."

Without the houses in the proposal, the town won't receive the millions of dollars in impact fees and additional fees that were based on house construction.

The project would still include:

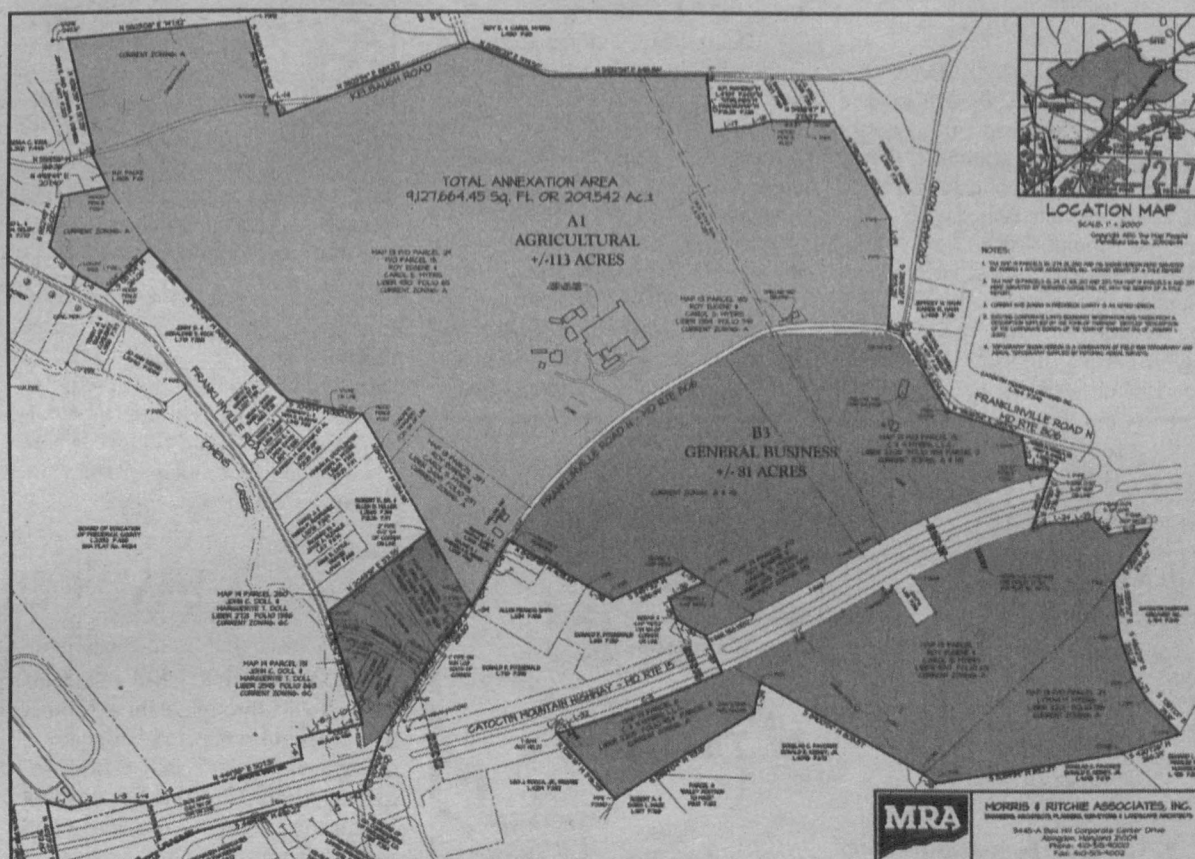
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- \$45,000 to the Thurmont Lions Club for its trolley trail rehabilitation project.
- Up to \$50,000 to reimburse the town its costs associated with review and approval of the annexation.
- \$50,000 for the planning related to an industrial parkway north of Thurmont.

"We will still have to build a treatment plant, but it will be a more-expensive proposition," Hudson said.

This is because the 350 houses in the original project accounted for 70 percent of the plant's capacity.

"Just because we need only one-third of the capacity doesn't mean we can scale it back to one third. There are certain fixed costs we will still have for it, but maybe it won't be quite as big a hurdle," Hudson said.

Participation in the industrial bypass is a new element to the proposal as well. The proposal states, "The ultimate build out of this proposed annexation project coupled with the po-



tential construction of the Industrial Parkway may require another Route 15 interchange. The applicant is willing to dedicate the land necessary for an interchange at this property (which accounts for a significant portion of the total cost of an interchange) and is

willing to work with the State, County, and Town to do whatever possible to ensure that an interchange is built."

Hudson said he wanted to participate in the parkway because "It has been coming up consistently that people want to get the truck

traffic out of town."

With the revised plan in hand, the town commissioners and planning and zoning commission can reconsider the potential annexation. At this point, the project is not on the agenda for either group.

Around the county

The following are some of the happenings around Frederick County as reported by the Frederick County Office of Business and Economic Development.

Maryland

- David Edgerley has been named Secretary of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, replacing Aris Melissarios. Edgerley is a former director of the Montgomery County Department of Economic Development.

Frederick County

- The County Commissioners appointed John Kroll the new Director of the Finance Division. Kroll served as Acting Deputy Director for the past 17 months and was the County Budget Officer from 2002 to 2005.
- The Agriculture Business Council and the Office of Economic Development are pleased to announce the 2007 Frederick County Farm Guide is now available. The farm guide promotes direct on-farm sales and activities on 34 of Frederick County's working farms.

Brunswick

- The City's new comprehensive plan

calls for a new wastewater treatment plant to be built along Catoctin Creek, northeast of town limits.

Frederick

- The Frederick Municipal Airport Commission is seeking applicants interested in the position of "Citizen Representative." This is one of seven voting positions on the volunteer panel.

Middletown


- Kudos to the town, which is the first recipient of a "Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area" mini-grant. The \$1,200 award will support the making of 30 Street banners for Middletown Heritage Days in September.
- The Burgess and Commissioners voted March 1 to extend the demolition moratorium up to 90 days, to allow time for workshops to be held to discuss all the public comments received.

Myersville

- A siren tower has been erected at the town's municipal center to alert residents of weather or other serious emergencies. Emmitsburg is the only other local town with such a siren.
- A developer has proposed building offices, retail outlets and restaurants on a 20-acre parcel along

Route 17, not far from Interstate 70. Public hearings are scheduled.

- Special Note: County Commissioner Charles Jenkins and City Alderman Paul Smith are working on plans for a transportation summit to be held in June. The forum, which will primarily discuss the Interstate 270 corridor, may include federal and state officials.



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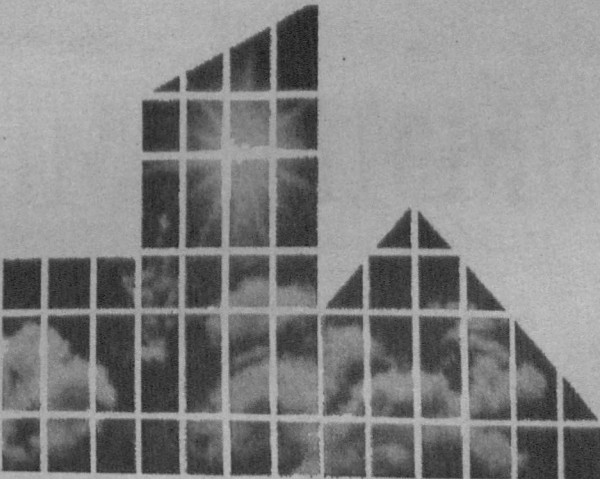
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EDUCATION

Two young women are selected as Catoctin High's "Outstanding Scholars"

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. - Every year Frederick County Public Schools and its partner sponsors honor the county's top scholars. Each public high school and St. John's Catholic Prep selects one junior and one senior as its "Outstanding Scholars" from among hundreds of students whose high school achievement has made them eligible for recognition. This year Catoctin High School's Rebecca Lynn Abel (junior) and Sarah Evangeline Hovde

(senior) were so honored at the awards ceremonies held at Hood College on March 12-14.

Deb Clark, National Honor Society advisor at Catoctin High, said that faculty members are given separate lists of the eligible juniors and seniors. Junior candidates must be members of NHS, while all seniors who attain at least a 3.5 grade point average (out of a possible 4.0 GPA) are eligible for consideration. Faculty votes on the basis of academic excellence in combination with strong character and values as shown in student leadership roles, participation in



Senior Sarah Evangeline Hovde (L) and junior Rebecca Lynn Abel (R) are honored and recognized as Catoctin High's "Outstanding Scholars"

extra-curricular activities and community service. Clark emphasized that the two young women selected "are truly exemplary." All eligible students receive invitations to a scholars' breakfast at Hood College, where the outstanding scholars' names are announced for the first time.

Abel accepted her invitation to the juniors' breakfast, but "I didn't know what to expect... [The award] was kind of a surprise." She is the editor of the CHS yearbook and participates in student government and the mock trial team. She plans to attend Villa Julie College and major in

psychology.

Hovde "was extremely surprised [to be selected] because there are other very outstanding students at Catoctin." Sarah, a cellist with the Frederick Youth Orchestra, plays electric cello with the Catoctin High band, is a member of the Latin Club and the Catoctin High academic tournament team (the team will appear in a playoff round of WJZ-Channel 13's "It's Academic" on April 28 at 10:30 a.m.) She has been accepted at UMBC and will major in linguistics.

County-wide, 469 juniors and 910 seniors were recognized through the Outstanding Scholars program. FCPS, Hood College, State Farm Insurance, and Farmers and Mechanics National Bank sponsor the program.

VFW "Citizenship in America" winners

EMMITSBURG, Md. - Students in grades six through eight at Mother Seton School competed yet again in the annual Patriot's Pen essay contest, sponsored by the Emmitsburg Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6658 and Auxiliary.

Contestants were required to write an essay on a given topic; this year's focus was "Citizenship in America".

Awards are as follows:

- 1st Place - Caroline E. Ruppert, 8th grade
- 2nd Place - Maria R. Alvarado Diaz, 6th grade
- 3rd Place - Theresa M. Cecil, 8th grade

Winners were presented with



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monetary awards, plaques and certificates. Ten students were also awarded honorable mentions for their entries.

Each year, the VFW hold youth essay competitions nation-

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EDUCATION

Catoctin students complete State Skills USA competition, advance to national level

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. - Ninety Frederick County Career and Technology Center students, including students from Catoctin High School, participated in the SkillsUSA Maryland State Championships held March 30-31. Catoctin High students were among the county's 38 medal winners announced at the awards ceremony held at Glen Burnie High School.

Catoctin's Job Skills Demonstration team "A", Jessica Deeter and David Cody Burrier, won gold, as did Adam Willard in the Web Design category. CHS graduate Warren Zentz received a gold medal in post-secondary competition in Customer Service. Gold medallists will represent Maryland at the National SkillsUSA Championships, which will be held in Kansas City, Missouri on June 26-29.

Other local award winners were T.J. Fry, silver medal for his Promotional Bulletin Board entry, and Elyssa Cool, bronze medal in the Health Knowledge Bowl. Deeter also received an individual bronze medal in Job Skill Demonstration.

The following Catoctin students also competed in state championships in the categories listed: Action skills-Jerry Travis; Technical math-Michael Goodyear; Architectural CAD-Brian Leatherman; CISCO (Internetworking)-Anthony Butler; HVACP (Residential plumbing)-Bobby Stouffer; and HVACP (Sheet metal)-Camden Shorb.

All of these students progressed through local and regional competitions to earn the opportunity to compete in contests at the state level. Forty-one different state competitions were held at several venues: Catonsville Community College, the Center for Applied Technology North, Anne Arundel Community College's Hospitality, Culinary Arts and Tourism Institute, and ITT Technical Institute.

SkillsUSA is a national non-profit organization which provides a partnership between students, teachers, and industry representatives. It is dedicated to serving students who are preparing for careers in trades, technical, and skilled service occupations, including the health care fields. Frederick County's Career and Technology Center offers 25 career-specific educational programs for students in grades 10-12.

Taking care of baby



The 5th grade chorus at Emmitsburg Elementary School recently designed and sewed a baby quilt for their chorus teacher Mrs. Trax in appreciation for all the time, energy and support she gave them this school year. Pictured are, right to left: Carrie Trax, Dawn Franzese, Taylor Joy, Mariah Pizzola, Amanda Hackney, Joy Julian, Zabrina Morales, Taylor Shank and Jake Hanvey. Front, left to right: Kurstin Metz and Maggie Kaetzel.

Thurmont High School Alumni Association dinner coming

THURMONT, Md. - The Thurmont High School Alumni Association dinner will be held Saturday, June 2, 2007 at the Thurmont American Legion Post #168. The event is open to anyone who attended Thurmont High School whether or not they graduated. If you or anyone you know would like to attend, but have not received invitations in the past, please contact the secretary of the Association, Victoria Mathias, at (301) 695-8800 ext. 236 or send the information to Victoria Mathias, 7929 Black Road, Thurmont, MD 21788.

The social hour for the event will begin at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Those classes being recognized that evening are those ending in 7 or 2. The price for the dinner is \$15 per person. NO tickets will be avail-

able at the door. Paid reservations must be returned by May 11, 2007.

The winners of the T.H.S. Alumni Association Scholarship will be announced that evening. There will be two \$1,500 scholarships awarded that evening. Students can obtain the application from Catoctin High School in the guidance department or by calling Clinton Rhodes at (301) 271-7994. Applications for the scholarships must be returned no later than May 11, 2007. For more information, contact T.H.S. Alumni Association President, Richard Mathias at (301) 271-7614, Vice President, Clinton Rhodes at (301) 271-7994, Treasurer, Bill Eyler at (301) 663-1134 or Secretary Victoria Mathias at the number given above.

MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

MUSICAL SUNDAYS AT THE MOUNT

"Mostly Salzburg," April 29

The Chorale will perform music written for the Salzburg Cathedral throughout different eras in a program called "Mostly Salzburg" on Sunday, April 29. The concert will take place at 4 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Chapel at Mount St. Mary's University.

The program—which features music that attempts to recreate the music of a liturgy in the late 1700s—will be performed by the university's chamber choir and women's ensemble, who have been working on the program throughout the year.

The chamber choir's featured piece will be Mozart's "Sparrow Mass" in C Major, dubbed as such for its "chirpy," violinistic refrain. They will also perform works by Michael Haydn, Tiburtio Massaino, and Johann Eberlin--Austrian, Italian, and German composers, respectfully—all of whom were associated with the Salzburg Cathedral.

Wind and Jazz Ensemble Spring Concert, May 6

On Sunday, May 6 the Mount St. Mary's University Wind Ensemble and Jazz Workshop will perform their annual spring concert. The performance will also feature the university's flute choir. The concert will take place in the Knott Auditorium at 3 p.m.

The wind ensemble will be performing pieces from composers from around the globe, including "Festive Overture," which was written in just two days by once-controversial Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich for the anniversary of the October Revolution. This work will be complemented by Australian-born composer Percy Grainger's "The Immovable Do," an inventive tune composed on (and about) an organ with a stuck—or, "im-movable"—key.

The flute choir, only in its third year, is under the direction of Prof. Jennifer Rundlett, a classically trained flutist who performs professionally. The choir's performances will include folk pieces like "Black is the Color of My True Love's Hair" and the well-known 19th century Shaker spiritual "Simple Gifts."

Concert admission is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at 301-447-5308.

ROCK THE MOUNT

Virginia Coalition and Catch 22 will share the stage at Mount St. Mary's University on Saturday, April 21. Opening for them at 6:30 p.m. is Parker House and Theory. The event is open to the public, and will be held in the Knott Arena. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$16 in advance and \$20 at the door. To order tickets, go to www.mounttickets.com. There is a \$1 surcharge for online ticket orders. Parking is \$5.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For a complete schedule of events visit www.msmu.edu/calendar and for more information on any of the events below call 301-447-5366

SENIOR THEATRE PRODUCTION

April 19-22, 2007

Upper Flynn Hall, 8 p.m.

Ticket cost will be \$2.00.

SENIOR STUDENT ART SHOW

April 26-20, 2007

Memorial Gallery, 6 p.m.

WORLD TOUR: BANFF MOUNTAIN

FILM FESTIVAL

April 28, 2007

Knott Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

Every year the best outdoorsmen and women in the world push the limits of human endurance and attempt the impossible. After recording their successes, or failures, on film, their stories are revealed to the world for the first time here, at the Banff Mountain Film festival. Tickets: \$12 adv/\$15 door; Students w/ ID \$9 adv/\$12 door. Call 301-447-7437 for more information.

ATHLETICS

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MEN'S BASEBALL HOME GAMES

Tue, Apr 24 vs. UMBC, 3:30 p.m.

Fri, Apr 27 vs. Sacred Heart, 3 p.m.

Sat, Apr 28 vs. Sacred Heart, Noon & 3 p.m.

Sun, Apr 29 vs. Sacred Heart, Noon

Tue, May 1 vs. Coppin State, 2 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL HOME GAMES

Wed, Apr 18 vs. James Madison, 3 & 5 p.m.

Thu, Apr 26 vs. Georgetown, 3 & 5 p.m.

Sat, Apr 28 vs. Monmouth, 1 & 3 p.m.

NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO OF LOURDES

MEN'S RETREAT: FOR CHRIST IN THE MODERN WORLD

Sat., Apr. 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: HOLINESS IN THE MODERN WORLD

Sat., Apr. 28, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The (retired) Ecologist

THE MADNESS OF MARCH



BY BILL MEREDITH
Dispatch Columnist

**'The trumpet of a
prophesy! O Wind,
If Winter comes, can
Spring be far behind?'
...Percy Bysshe Shelley,
"Ode to the West Wind"**

"Madness" was used to describe March long before basketball was invented. "Mad" is an ancient word; it probably originated from Germanic roots, passing to Old English as "gemaedd" and on to "madd" in Middle English before reaching its present form. In

all these various stages it generally meant "insane," and that's an appropriate description of the schizophrenic state of whoever designed this year's weather. And naturally, the craziness of the weather was even more bewildering to animals than to us humans, for they had to stay out in it.

March 2007, came in like a lamb and went out like a lamb, but there were lions in between. The average high and low temperatures for the first day of the month in our area are 50 and 30 degrees, and the actual temperatures this year were 52 and 27, a very good match. As I walked to the post office that day, a flock of ringbilled gulls was circling over the school, with the sunlight reflecting brightly from the white of their wings. Killdeer were darting among them, their melancholy peeps taking on a cheerful tone in anticipation of the mating season. The sidewalk was littered with earthworms, and I counted 35

robins feasting on them in the playground lawn. It looked like all was right with the world.

A week later the mercury dropped to one degree above zero, and the next day reached only 39 for a high. Thermometers continued to impersonate seesaws as time went on. By the 15th of the month we saw 80 degrees; the last of the heavy, wet snow from February finally melted on the north side of my house, and the robins on the schoolyard were too numerous to count. Then the next day we got eight inches of new snow. For some of the robins, that was just too much to endure.

You can actually hear robins talking if you get close enough to them and if you concentrate hard enough and you are in the right state of mind. I don't know why, but most people aren't aware of this; maybe they don't get close enough. Anyhow, I was walking back from the post office the next day and snow was everywhere ex-

cept in the ditch by the road where running water had melted it. All of the robins that had been in the playground the day before were down in the ditch, looking for morsels along the edge of the water, so as I walked along I got a lot closer to them than usual. There was one pair in particular that seemed to be having a bad day; they would fly a few feet ahead of me and come down by the ditch again and they were so caught up in their bickering that they practically ignored me. My mind was in its usual state of half consciousness, so I'm not sure I got all of the conversation, but as best I can recall, it went something like this:

"I hate having to stand in water while I eat! And every time I take a bite I get water up my nose and you have no idea where this water came from or what's in it! I told you it was too early to come north, but no, you had to be the early bird and get the first worms..."

"But tweetie, you know how much better the first ones taste... it's just like that human said last summer when he dug up his new potatoes... and you seemed to be enjoying them well enough yesterday."

"Well, that was yesterday, and I wasn't up to my ankles in cold water with slime all over my beak. And now there's nothing to eat but dragonfly larvae, and I can't stand them. We should have waited another month. The worms were good enough in Georgia."

"But dearest, you know how that red Georgia clay makes worms taste, and besides, we had to get here to mark our territory before the Robinsons try to move into it again. You know we promised Rob Jr. he could nest in one

corner of it this year..."

"If Rob Jr. takes his sense of direction after you, it'll be July before he gets here, and if he's still messing around with that Robinson hussy I don't want him nesting anywhere near me. I don't intend to babysit on her eggs while they're out carousing around all hours of the day."

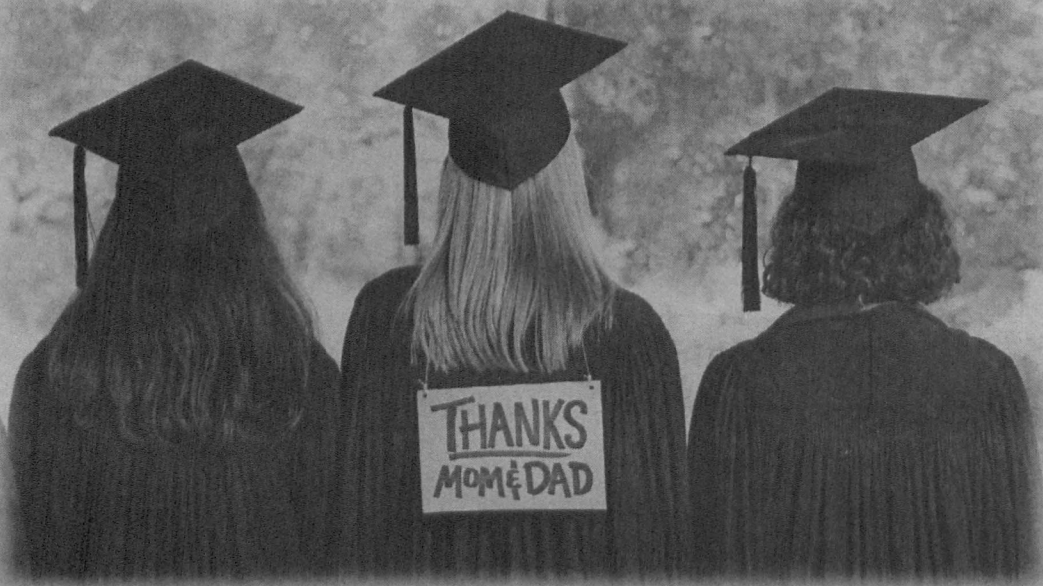
"But precious, they'll be our first grandchildren, and you can't just..."

They flew off at that point and I missed the rest of the conversation, but I had heard enough to guess that it probably would go on for a while. There didn't seem to be much doubt who would win the argument.

I spent a good deal of time that afternoon trying to decide whether to tell my wife about the robins; I have to be careful about such things, because she often thinks I'm mad enough even without the effect of March weather. It was almost bedtime and when she went to turn out the kitchen lights she noticed something moving outside under the birdfeeder. It was a skunk, a beautiful male, almost all white, and he was not in a good mood. That in itself was not unusual; male skunks wake up from hibernation in a bad mood, and they tend to stay that way most of the time. This one was especially upset by the unexpected snow. It had come just at the time when female skunks should be rousing from their beds and stretching themselves luxuriantly; but now, instead of coming out of their burrows and radiating amorous pheromones into the night air, they will probably go back to bed for another two weeks. As the frustrated male waddled off around the corner of the house, we both could hear him muttering, "The #^@*# global warming has the season so messed up I'll never..."

I decided to let it go at that. Things were crazy enough without starting an argument over which robin was right.

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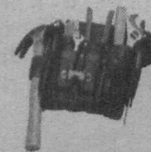
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RELIGION

Toms Creek UMC helps rebuild family's home

BY BROOKE VINYARD
Contributing Writer

FAIRFIELD, Pa. — What is a family to do when they return home from a day on the town, to find that their home has caught on fire, a lifetime of memories has been lost forever with no warning what so ever? That was exactly the situation the Moser family found themselves in this past winter.

On December 4, a fire tore through Moser residence, burning their house to the ground. The source of the fire is still unknown, although it is believed that it involved the stove. Mem-

bers of the Toms Creek United Methodist Church, the community and many businesses joined together to help the family in their time of need, devoting their time and energy to rebuilding the Moser's home in Fairfield.

Since construction began, around the first of the year, individuals have spent weekend after weekend building a home for the family.

"We had probably around 20 people each weekend working to help us, whether it be on construction or preparing meals," said Luanna Moser.

Dan and Luanna Moser, along with their three children have been residing with Lu-

anna's mother in Emmitsburg since construction began.

"We have received donations from people who weren't able to help in the construction, and through Emmitsburg Elementary, where I work; Ski Liberty even donated," said Moser.

The family is set to move in to their new home on April 21.

Members of Toms Creek United Methodist Church, the community and businesses have been rebuilding the Moser family home in Fairfield since it was destroyed by fire in December.



- RAYMOND A. BUCHHEISTER/THE DISPATCH

St. John's Lutheran Church celebrates its 275th anniversary

BY JAMES RADA JR.
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THURMONT, Md. - St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Creagerstown is celebrating its rich heritage as members observe the 275th anniversary of its founding with special services in 2007.

Sunday, April 29th at 3 p.m. will be a choral service with a light meal following the service. Individuals from Apples Church, St. John's Lu-

theran of Thurmont, Catocin United Methodist, St. Paul's Lutheran of Walkersville, St. Paul's Lutheran of Utica, Bethel Lutheran, Trinity United Church of Christ of Thurmont, St. John's of Creagerstown, harpist Lynelle Ediger-Kordzaia, the Handbell choir from Graceham Moravian and soprano Linda Teasley will be participating. Teasley served with the United States Navy Band and has performed with the Cincinnati Pops, the Boston Pops, the National Symphony Orchestra and on numerous nationally

televised events.

German settlers moving south and west from their Pennsylvania homes founded St. John's congregation in 1732. They found the Monocacy area attractive. At first they probably worshiped in homes and barns. The families felt a need to worship in their German Reformed or Lutheran faiths.

In 1732 they built the first log church in Western Maryland near the Monocacy River. Rev. Mulhensburg came in 1747 and had the members

sign a constitution. A new building was built in 1791 in Creagerstown. Lutherans and Reformed Congregations used the same building until 1909 when the Lutherans built a new church.

This congregation has had many devout and faithful members during the 275 years. We pray this will continue for many more years.

More special services will be held during 2007. The next event will be a parade followed by a worship service on May 20th.

Presently, church service is each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday School at 10:45 a.m. for adults and children. The current pastor is Rev. Joan Copeland.

St. John's Lutheran Church is located at 8619 Blacks Mill Rd just a few feet from Route 550 in Creagerstown.

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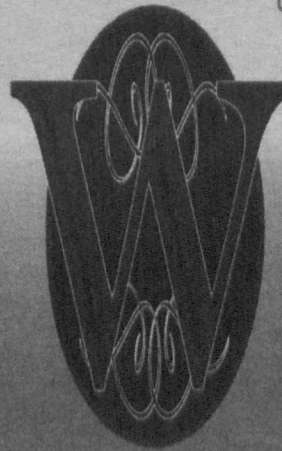


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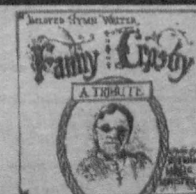
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Structural Systems raises over \$11,000 for Casey Bly



Structural Systems recently raised more than \$11,000 to help cancer victim Casey Bly, who is the son of an SSI employee. Kim Moser with COTA is seen accepting the donation checks above from Bruce Gordon, owner of SSI.

- PHOTO COURTESY OF STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS

THURMONT, Md. - Employees of Structural Systems of Thurmont; Frederick; Elkton, Md. and Culpeper, Va., recently raised over \$11,000 to help SSI employee Patrick Bly's son Casey by having a very unique paintball event.

Bruce Gordon, SSI owner and Mike Robison, director of design, bet that the person who lost the most amount of weight during a week would get to chase the loser around the pond on SSI's Thurmont property while shooting a paintball gun.

The event quickly took on a life of its own as employees began to

sponsor the "sniper" (employee) of their choice, all vying to join Bruce and Mike in the romp around the pond. On a snowy February afternoon the entire Thurmont facility hiked out to the pond to witness their supervisors and coworkers get blasted by paintballs. Several SSI departments sold hot food and drink to keep the spectators warm and raise even more money for Casey. After all the fun was over, \$11,690 was donated.

Gordon presented the checks to Kim Moser, public relations coordinator for Children's Organ Transplant Association, at the end of March.

COTA assists patients and their families with fundraising to meet transplant-related expenses. Casey was diagnosed with leukemia last year and is recovering from a recent bone marrow transplant.

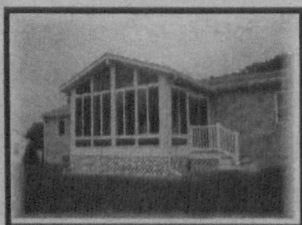
"Look at all of those checks!" Ms. Moser exclaimed when Bruce presented them. "Beth and Pat (Casey's parents) thank everyone and are overwhelmed by our little towns with big hearts." All of the local communities have pulled together for Casey. A complete list of events to benefit Casey is located at www.cotaforcaseyb.com.

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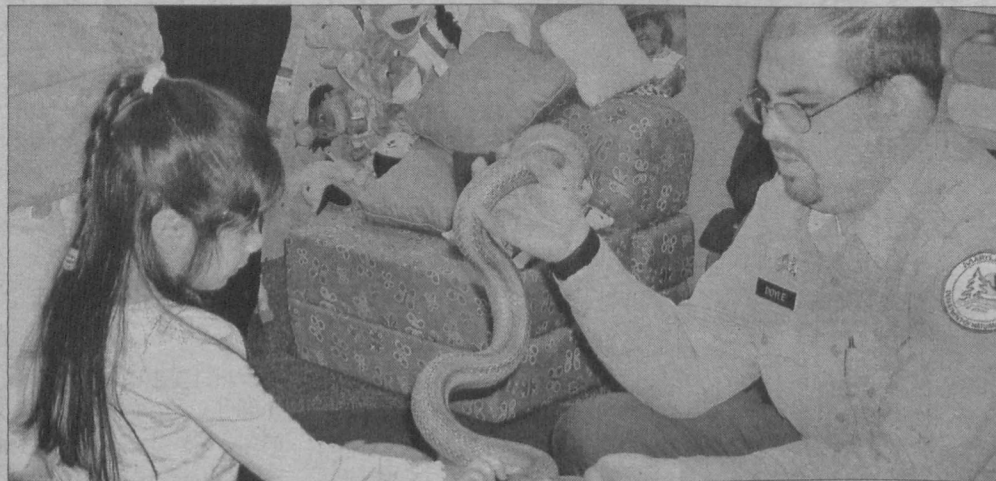
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Taking a walk on the wild side



- JAMES RADA JR./THE DISPATCH

Jacob Doyle with the Maryland Park Service at Cunningham Falls visited the UpCounty Center on April 13 to talk about wild animals with children from the UpCounty Center and Emmitsburg Early Learning Center. Sasha Monacada, 3, was one of the children willing to pet the yellow rat snake Doyle brought with him. He also showed the children a red-tail hawk, great horned owl and a box turtle.

Grants for youth programs available

FREDERICK, Md. - The Community Foundation of Frederick County is accepting applications for Joel's Kids Grants, made possible from the Joel A. Stephens Memorial Fund. Each year, grants are awarded to nonprofit organi-

zations and religious groups that provide direct services to benefit the youth of Frederick County.

Funds may be used for one-time purchases, capital expenses, start up costs for programs in existence less than six months, pur-

chases related to the provision of physical and/or mental healthcare for youth and young adults or the fulfillment of wishes of youth and young adults facing catastrophic circumstances.

The Joel A. Memorial Fund, is in memory of Joel A. Stephens a minor league outfielder for the Baltimore Orioles, who died from colon cancer in 1998, at the age of 22. While undergoing treatment, Stephens attempted to return to baseball, when he joined the Frederick Keys. Grant awardees designate two youth beneficiaries as "Joel's Kids" who shall participate in special events with the Frederick Keys.

Scholarship guidelines and applications may be downloaded from www.cffredco.org, or picked up from the office of the Community Foundation. Applications must be hand delivered, no later than 5 p.m. on May 15, to the Community Foundations office, located at 312 East Church Street, in Frederick.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Help a two-year old lead a normal life

BY BROOKE VINYARD
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. — Karson Brewster, 2, of Thurmont was born with an on-going list of medical problems. One of which is called 18q Deletion Syndrome. The syndrome occurs when the 18th chromosome is broken at a certain point. Brewster's breaking point is 21.2, which means there are over 100 proteins missing from her body. As a result, she suffers from severe eczema, speech failure, mental retardation and is on a feeding tube in addition to her many other problems. She also has a growth hormone deficiency, where her body does not produce the hormone needed to perform gross motor skills including sitting, standing, walking etc.

Although it is not guaranteed, a series of shots is available to help treat the growth hormone deficiency, but they cost \$35,000. Brewster would get a shot once a day for six days a week until doctors see a difference. If successful, she will be able to crawl, walk, talk as well as develop the muscle tone and protein that she does not have now.

Catoctin High School senior Samantha Keeney wants to help Karson. Keeney has taken on Karson's medical needs as her senior project.

"We don't even know if insurance will pay for shots. That's one of the reasons why it is so important to collect this money," said Keeney.

As a result of the care Karson needs, her mother Michelle had to resign from her job; leaving one in-



—RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER/THE DISPATCH

Catoctin High Senior Samantha Keeney (left) is working to raise funds to help two-year-old Karson Brewster (middle) get treatment for 18q Deletion Syndrome.

come to support a family of five. With three children, medical expenses, and everyday bills, the family is unable to afford the shots.

Keeney's project is to head up a fundraiser to raise money for the Brewster family, which would enable them to give their daughter a chance at a normal life.

"I was going to do a long jump clinic, but then my mom starting telling me about Karson. That's when I decided to help her out," said Keeney.

Keeney received a widespread support from within her school, when a class competition was organized to collect donations from students. She has also sought out authorization from various businesses throughout the area, and has placed collection jars in their establishments, to get the community involved. "The medical club from Walkersville High School recently contacted me. They were very

intrigued by my project and are conducting a toy drive, not only for Karson, but for all three children," said Keeney.

"She has done a phenomenal job. Senior projects should have an impact, even if it's only on one person," said Keeney's mother Billie Keeney.

Prior to starting collections, Keeney was required to compile information regarding Brewster's many medical conditions, complete journals, and plans of how to best execute the fundraiser. She has put well over 140 hours of work into the project.

Keeney, along with her senior classmates, will give a presentation of her project on May 17. She will then present the Brewster family with the funds she has raised to be used to finance Karson's treatment.

"I would really like to thank all the businesses, friends, families and community for their continuous help and support," said Keeney.

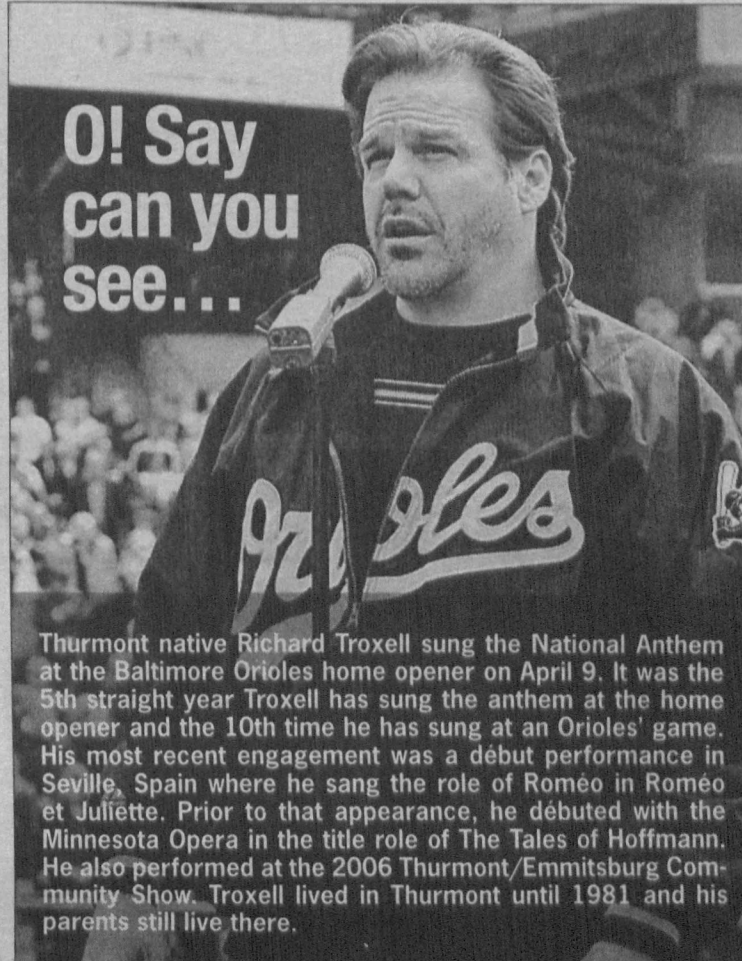


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More to Girl Scouts than cookies

The four Girl Scout troops at Mother Seton School, comprised of one daisy, one junior and two brownie troops do more than just sell cookies. While recent cookie sales totaled to nearly 3,000 boxes, the program is devised to "build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place." Each troop meets after school on either Tuesday or Wednesday and is led by parent leaders. For information regarding Girl Scout registration contact Susan Keane at (717) 794-5014.

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Thurmont native Richard Troxell sung the National Anthem at the Baltimore Orioles home opener on April 9. It was the 5th straight year Troxell has sung the anthem at the home opener and the 10th time he has sung at an Orioles' game. His most recent engagement was a debut performance in Seville, Spain where he sang the role of Roméo in Roméo et Juliette. Prior to that appearance, he debuted with the Minnesota Opera in the title role of The Tales of Hoffmann. He also performed at the 2006 Thurmont/Emmitsburg Community Show. Troxell lived in Thurmont until 1981 and his parents still live there.

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How to help Karson

You can help two-year-old Karson Brewster by buying items at one of two bake sales this month.

• Jubilee Foods in Emmitsburg, April 22, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

• Weis Market in Thurmont, April 28, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Donations are greatly appreciated, and can be sent to Catoctin High School at 14745 Sabillasville Rd. Attn: David Gadra.

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OBITUARIES

Sister Mary Phyllis Boyce

A Mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday, April 10, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, for Sister Mary Phyllis Boyce, DC, former teacher. Boyce died April 3 at Villa St. Michael in Emmitsburg. She was 74 years of age and had worked 54 years as a nun.

Predeceased by her parents, brother, Thomas Boyce, and sister-in-law, Josie

Boyce, Sister Mary Phyllis is survived by brothers William E. Boyce, Upper Marlboro, Md. and John A. Boyce and of Woodbridge, Va., sister-in-law Patricia Boyce of McLean, Va., and numerous nieces, nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Daughters of Charity Support Fund for the Elderly and Infirm Sisters, 333 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Mr. George Baker

Mr. George Warren Baker, 85, of Mt. View Rd., Emmitsburg, died Sunday, April 1, at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa.

Born April 5, 1921, in Franklinville, he was a son of the late Roy and Anna Koch Baker.

He was predeceased by his wife, Isabelle Helen (McSherry) Baker on June 3, 1995.

He was a member of Elias Evangeli-

cal Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg; was a 1st Lt. in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II; a member of V.F.W. Post 6658 and Francis X. Elder, American Legion Post 121, both of Emmitsburg; and a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors and the Eighth Fighter Group Association.

Surviving are three children, Connie Fisher of Emmitsburg, Sharon Yates of Houston, Texas, and George W. Baker of Altoona, Fla.; four grandchildren; a number of great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. April 4 at Skiles Funeral Home in Emmitsburg, with his pastor, the Rev. Jon Greenstone, officiating.

Mr. James Eyler

Mr. James "Jamie" William Eyler, 48, of Emmitsburg, died Saturday, April 14, 2007, at Gettysburg Hospital.

He was the husband of Janice Sharrer Eyler.

Born May 28, 1958 in Gettysburg, Pa., he was a son of Donna Eyler Miller and stepson of Henry Miller, both of Thurmont.

Jamie was a life member of the Emmitsburg Ambulance Co. #26, a member of Vigilant Hose Co. #6, Emmitsburg, and Knights of Columbus #1860, Emmitsburg.

Surviving in addition to his wife, mother and stepfather are his son, Paul Eyler and companion Sarah Rohrbaugh, Emmitsburg; daughter Amy Eyler, Emmitsburg; granddaughter Kaylee Eyler and grandson Ryan Eyler, also of Emmitsburg; a brother, Tony Rentsel, Gettysburg, Pa., and sisters Karen Stackhouse and Jessi Miller, of Thurmont.

A memorial service was conducted April 17 by the Emmitsburg Ambulance Co.

In lieu of flowers, contributions toward the care of his daughter Amy may be sent to Janice Eyler, P.O. Box 661, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.



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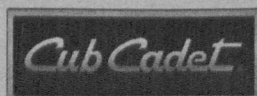
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April 6 to June 2 - Matrices de la Vida: Works by Latino Artists. Influenced by a Latino heritage, artists create work in the themes of nature, birth, growth and death. Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, Westminster. 410-857-2771.

April 7 to May 3 - Maggie McCarthy Art Show. The work of Margaret Mary "Maggie" McCarthy will be the highlighted art exhibition at the Cultural Arts Center of Frederick County, located in downtown Frederick. An opening reception will be held as part of Gallery Walk from 4-6 p.m. on opening day. For further information, call 301-662-4190 or visit www.frederickartscouncil.org.

April 19-22, 26-28 - The Three Penny Opera. The boss of London's beggars is determined to have Macheath, 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.

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.

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 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.

April 25 - Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake". 7:30 p.m. Tickets, \$38-44. The 50 member Moscow Festival Ballet, presents the play in which a beautiful princess is turned into a swan by an evil magician. For more information, call 717-337-8200.

April 27, 28 - Equinox Dance Company Annual Spring Concert. 7:30 p.m. Tickets, \$14. The company's five-year anniversary performance, entitled "Take 5" features a variety of dance styles. Cultural Arts Center of Frederick County, 15 W. Patrick Street, Frederick. Information: info@equinoxdance.org.

April 28 - Junior Ranger Program for Kids. Become a Catcotin Junior Ranger! Discuss natural and cultural, 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.

April 28 - Open Auditions for Comedy Play. 2 - 4 p.m. Open auditions for the comedy play, entitled "America's Second Black

President". Seeking a diverse cast of actors, actresses, stage coordinators, as well as light and sound technicians. Cultural Arts Center, 15 W. Patrick St., Frederick. For more information, contact Henry Pitts at 240-344-7237 or Henry_Pitts@hotmail.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.

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.

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 6 - Mexico's Los Folkloristas. 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.

May 6 - Sixteenth Annual DanceFest. 3 p.m. Tickets, \$12. Features demonstrations of various dance disciplines as well as several Frederick County dance studios and groups. Weinberg Center, 20 W. Patrick St., Frederick. For more information, call 301-662-4190.

May 11 to 13 - "The Little Mermaid". Tickets: Adults, \$7; Children and seniors, \$5. Based on the children's story, by Hans Christian Andersen, and featuring numerous local child actors. Anemone, an adventurous teenage mermaid, leaves her undersea kingdom to journey to the surface in hopes of finding her prince charming.

Along her journey, she encounters a evil sea witch who threatens to steal away her true love forever. For more information and show times, call 410-848-7272.

May 12 - Frederick Chorale Concert. 8 p.m. Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors. The Frederick Chorale joins with a professional jazz band to present their spring concert, entitled "Let the Good Times Roll". Held at Kussmaul Theater, Frederick Community College. Tickets available at the door, or may be purchased, by calling 301-662-8506. For more information on the Frederick Chorale, visit www.frederickchorale.org.



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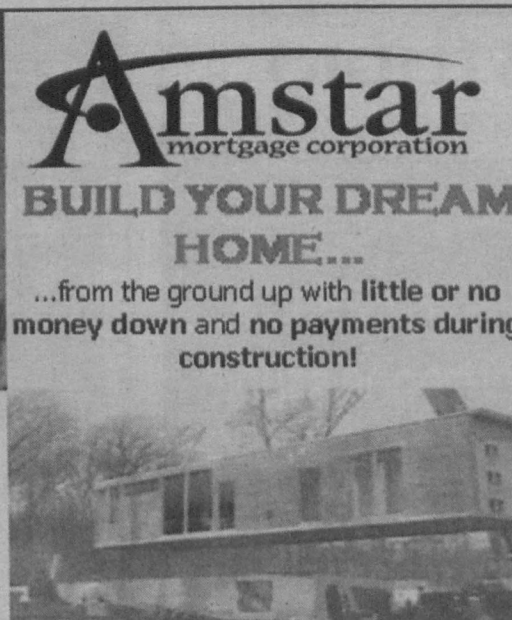
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Community

CALENDAR

April 20 - Guardian Hose BINGO. 2007 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 p.m. New games, Higher pay outs, New holder jars, King Tuts, Game Boards and new menu items available.

April 20 - YW Day. The Gettysburg YWCA celebrates the community with free food, health screenings, entertainment and activities at the YWCA in Gettysburg located at 909 Fairfield Road. 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m. For more information, call Melissa Reilly at 717-337-9170 ext. 120.

April 21 - Tom's Creek United Methodist Church. Tom's Creek Church Road (off Route 140 between Taneytown and Emmitsburg) will be having a Turkey and Oyster Supper. On Saturday, from 12-5 p.m. Featuring turkey, oysters, mashed potatoes, gravy, green

beans, sauerkraut, stuffing, peaches, cracker pudding and drinks. Adults \$13, ages 5-10 \$5, carry-outs \$14. Bake table available.

April 21 - Vera Bradley BINGO. Mother Seton School 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg, Md. 6 p.m. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. For advance purchase call 301-447-3161.

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April 21 - Men's Day Retreat at the Grotto. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The theme of the retreat is "Men for Christ in the Modern World." The retreat includes four conferences, 12 Noon Mass, Confessions and a Holy Hour. Bring a bag

lunch. Call Grotto Office to Register: 301-447-5318.

April 24 - Girl Scout Registration. 3-5 p.m. \$10 annual fee due at the time of registration. Parent or guardian must be present. Held in the Mother Seton School cafeteria. For more information, contact Susan Keane at 717-794-5014.

April 25 - Frederick County Master Gardeners: Gardening Seminar. 7-9 p.m. \$10 per person. Chris Pax presents information on gardening with native plants. Maryland Cooperative Extension Office, 330 Montevue Lane in Frederick. For a copy of the seminar brochure and registration form, visit www.agnr.umd.edu/frederick/MG, call 301-694-1595, or visit the Cooperative Extension Office.

April 27 - Golf Tournament. 9 a.m. shotgun start. \$65 p/ person or \$260/4some. Fee includes all golf fees and lunch following at Cozy Restaurant. If unable to attend, sponsorships are available starting at \$100. Maple Run Golf Course. Contact Rick Eyler at 301-271-2995 or Bruce Baust at 301-271-2591.

April 28 - Women's Day Retreat at the Grotto. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The theme of the retreat is "Women and Holiness in the Modern World". The retreat in-

cludes three conferences, 12 Noon Mass, Confessions and a Holy Hour. Bring a bag lunch. Call Grotto Office to Register: 301-447-5318.

April 28 - Woodsboro Historical Society Antique Appraisal. The Woodsboro Historical Society will hold an antique appraisal program on Saturday, from 5-7 p.m. The program will be held in the Woodsboro Historical Society Museum located in the old Post Office facility at 7 North Main Street. Professional appraisers Barry and Jean Hagen will evaluate items at a charge of \$5 per piece to benefit the Historical Society.

April 28 - Basket Bingo will be held Saturday, at the Lewistown Fire Hall. The doors open at 4 p.m.; bingo starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Food served by Lewistown Fire Dept.; a bake table will be available. Proceeds to benefit Faith UCC. For tickets or information call 301-898-9047 or 301-662-7854.

April 29 - Alley Cat Allies. Learn about Trap/Neuter/Release front the nation's experts on managing feral cat colonies. Seminar is from 1-4 p.m. at the Frederick County Humane Society at 5712 Industry Lane in Frederick. Seating is already limited; you must register to attend. Call 301-694-8300 or visit www.fchs.org.

April 29 - Sixth Annual LeVan Garden Party. Enjoy the LeVan garden, which contains 75,000 spring bulbs, and listen to the musical talents of Herb Sell. All proceeds benefit the Adams County Art Council. 3-6 p.m. Reservations are \$50 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, music, and beverages. Reservations are requested by April 24, and may be made by calling 717-334-5006 or e-mail infor@adamsarts.org.

May 2 - Frederick County Master Gardeners: Gardening Seminar. 7-9 p.m. \$10 per person. Lisha Utt will explore vegetable gardening for beginners. Maryland Cooperative Extension Office, 330 Montevue Lane in Frederick. For a copy of the seminar brochure and registration form, visit www.agnr.umd.edu/frederick/MG, call 301-694-1595, or visit the Cooperative Extension Office.

May 5 - 5th Annual Plant Exchange. 9a.m.- noon, Emmitsburg Library.

Bring your excess cuttings and plants to swap. If you don't have plants to swap, select what you want for a small donation to the Emmitsburg Library Friends. For more information, call 301-600-6329.

May 6 - Toms Creek United Methodist Church. 7 p.m. on Toms Creek Church Rd. (off Rt. 140) "Eternal Music Ministry" will present new music to a number of old Fanny Crosby Hymns, originally written in 1871. All are invited to attend this free concert. A love offering will be taken. Light refreshments to follow.

May 6 - 11th Annual Health & Safety Day for Kids. At the All-Star Events Complex in Gettysburg from 1-4 p.m. Includes entertainment, educational materials, interactive exhibitor booths, food, plus much more. Sponsored by WellSpan Health, Gettysburg Times, 1320 WGET & Allstar Events Complex with the support of Belco Community Credit Union and WPMT FOX 43. Call 717-337-4272 for more information.

May 9 - Safe & Sane Committee Meeting. 7 p.m. at CHS Media Center on 2nd floor. Volunteers are needed. Senior parents - remember this is to benefit your child - Junior parents - you'll want this experience to make next year's event even better! As always, if you are unable to volunteer, monetary donations would be graciously accepted.

May 20 - Lewiston Ruritan Chicken Bar-B-Q. U.S. 15 North & Fish Hatchery Road. 301-748-1708

May 21-22 - 55 Alive Mature Driving Course. At Gettysburg Hospital Community Room A from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Cost: \$10. Auto insurance premium discounts may be offered to graduates. Sponsored by Gettysburg Hospital and AARP. Call 800-840-5905 to register.

May 30 - Women's Check-Up Day. 4-7 p.m. in the Gettysburg Hospital Community Rooms. Cost: \$10. Take care of yourself and get screened for heart risk, osteoporosis, breast health, diabetes, nutrition, body fat, and ovarian/uterine cancer risk. Relax with a chair massage and light healthy snack. Prescription information and nicotine addiction evaluation are also available. Call 800-840-5905 to register.

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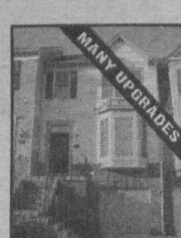
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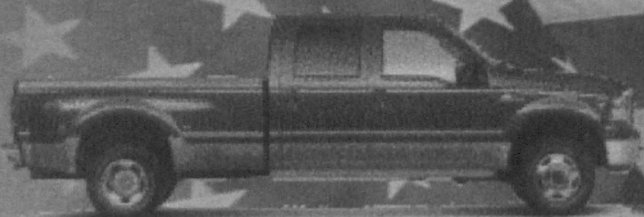
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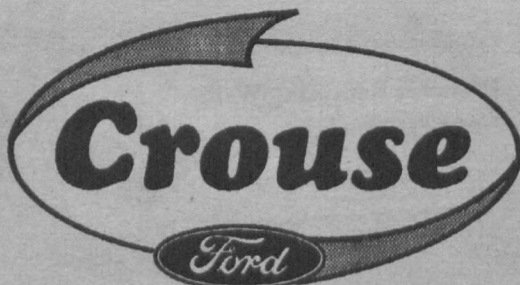


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