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## Teens can influence town policy

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EMMITSBURG, Md. - There's nothing for kids to do in Emmitsburg. It's a complaint that the mayor and town commissioners have heard from parents and teens.

Emmitsburg Mayor James Hoover doesn't feel that's the case, but he would probably be the first to admit he's not a teenager with long summer days to fill. Because of this, Hoover wants to start a youth advisory committee.

"I get told there's not enough for kids to do," Hoover said. "Well, here's their opportunity to tell the town what it is they want to do."

Hoover's efforts to get the committee started haven't met with any success so far.

"No one's asked to participate. No one's even commented on it," Hoover said.

He said if teens in town really want more options for things to do, the youth advisory committee is the forum where they can make it happen.

It is an opportunity to get the youth involved in town government," Hoover said. "They can get their two

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## **Expect increase** in electric bills this month

Phased-in rate increase starts

By JAMES RADA JR.

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EMMITSBURG, Md. - Though Allegheny Power's electric rates are locked in until the end of 2008, residents who get their electricity from Allegheny Power will still see their electric bills increase about 15 percent beginning

"Allegheny Power has already raised them on the residential customer base," said Emmitsburg Mayor James

Because of the expected dramatic increases in the electric rates that Allegheny Power expects when the price caps end at the end of 2008, the Maryland Public Service Commission approved a rate stabilization plan that allows Allegheny Power to begin phasing in the expected power increase. The first phase of the increase will show on July

"The rates may or may not increase depending on which plan the customer chooses," said Allegheny Power spokesman Allan Staggers. "We have enacted a series of rate increases that works out to about 15 percent annually for about four years."

The rate stabilization plan was approved at the end of March. The company then notified customers for two billing cycles that they could opt out of the program and accept the full electric increase at the beginning of 2009. If customers did not opt out, they were automatically enrolled in the program of phased-in increases.

Currently, the cost of electricity from Allegheny Power is \$74.15 for 1,000 kilowatt hours. When the rate caps come off, residents under the rate stabilization plan will be paying about \$106.16 for 1,000 kilowatt hours while residents who opted out of the program will be paying \$123.98 for 1,000 kilowatt hours.

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## Northern Frederick County sees minimal growth last year

By JAMES RADA JR. News Editor

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EMMITSBURG, Md. - Growth in Emmitsburg and Thurmont last year was six. Not six percent. Six people. This is according to new estimates on municipal populations that the U.S. Census Bureau released on

According to the numbers, Thurmont's population last year was 6027, up 5 people from 2005. The average growth since the 2000 census has been 1.3 percent a year.

"I think that's a little slow personally," said Thurmont Planning and Zoning Chairman John Kinnaird. He

said the commission hasn't officially taken a position on how fast the town should grow, though 2 percent annually has been discussed more than most options.

Emmitsburg has grown even slower than Thurmont. Last year, its population was 2365, one more person than in 2005. However, this follows two years where the town showed a decreasing population. Since the 2000 census, Emmitsburg's growth has averaged 0.5 percent a year or 3.3 percent over six years.

"We certainly were looking at 3 percent growth not necessarily over 6 years, though," said Emmitsburg Planning and Zoning Chairman Larry

slowest of all Frederick County municipalities since the 2000 census, though Brunswick and Rosemont showed no growth at all this past

Emmitsburg Mayor James Hoover said the town's growth is limited by a Maryland Department of the Environment consent order. "Until that's satisfied, we're going to

Emmitsburg has grown the remain below our growth projection for the next several years."

Thurmont Mayor Martin Burns expects things to slow even more for the town in the future. "Wait till the next couple years," he said. "We have no homes in the pipeline."

Recently returned from a Maryland Municipal League convention, he said that some of the discussion

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- A Word from a Town Commissioner -

## Conserve now for adequate water later

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In order to keep it adequate we all must remember to conserve where we can and be constantly prepared for any drought during the winter or summer months and any other water problem that may arise.

One of the ways my family found to help save water was in order to have an above ground pool is that we connected our sump pump to the pool. When it rains it fills our pool each spring. We then treat the water with the filtering system, and in this way we do not have to use treated Town water

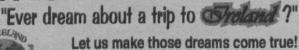
There are numerous other ways to conserve our water supply and I am going to mention a few. Taking shorter showers, don't run water when brushing your teeth, do full loads of wash when washing cloths, make sure your faucets and toilets don't leak or drip constantly, soap your car with a sponge and then rinse it with the hose, use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways, walks and patios, aerate lawns regularly and use mulch around plants to reduce evaporation, keep grass at least two inches high to shade roots and hold moisture. I am sure everyone has their own method of conserving our drinking water and helping to preserve our environment and for that I thank you.

The mayor and commissioners are currently in the process of forming an adequate public facilities ordinance, which means that the ordinance will protect our town if and when new development of residential or commercial structures want to build. This ordinance will make sure that we have adequate water, schools, roads, infrastructure, etc.

In closing, thank you for reading my comments and have a safe and fun summer.

> Joyce Rosensteel Emmitsburg Commissioner

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## Is an animal life worth more than a human's?

unfavorable and favorable coverage, of our recent town circus, I respond with this. Are these same animal activists who allegedly oppose elephant cruelty, are they also willing to stand on a street corner with placard in hand to renounce the cruelty of human life that takes place in our abortion mills daily? Are these same animal activists willing to defend our unborn? Babies whose defenseless little bodies that are ripped to shreds by a vacuum cleaner?

There is concern for saving

In my response to the baby seals and whales but where is the concern for human life? Where has our sense of prioritizing gone? It seems that the order of and for life has been arranged differently for convenience of humanity and not towards the proper order of creation.

In divine law, humanity is far more superior in the eyes of God, than an elephant, baby seal or baby whale.

Let us be ready to defend all forms of life, and not just strictly place animal life as a top priority over human life.

> Jim O'Brien Emmitsburg

## The circus is abuse of animals

I CAN NOT believe how irresponsible and lame your article is on the boycotting of the circus. For once, just ONCE, think about animals as creatures that are not here for our entertainment, but as creatures deserving of equal respect. They are not alive to perform for us and to make us happy, but to live happy lives. Already, living in capacity is insufferable, but add to that the abuse they suffer and the "stunts" they are forced to act out so we're amused, and the circus

quickly becomes a thing of the past. Who could be so close-minded and ignorant to think the circus is just some innocent pastime to take your children to? How about trying, just a little, to be good parents and teach children that slavery, whether with humans OR animals, is WRONG, as is abuse. If the circus is so much fun for children, try Cirque du Soleil. It's unimaginable that you'd let this reckless article run. I'm disgusted.

Suzanne McQuaid

## The circus was a delight

I just wanted to write and let you know how much our family enjoyed having the circus come to our town. I have been to several circuses in the city (Washington DC and Baltimore) and feel the Kelly Miller Circus was equal if not better. The things that made our visit to the circus better was not having to travel into the city for over an hour drive then hassle with

parking. Also the fact that the circus was not too large for us to enjoy everything it had to offer. By having the circus in our town, I felt it was the beginning of many lasting memories to come in raising our children in Emmitsburg.

> Jennifer Crampton **Emmitsburg**

## Thanks for Catoctin Safe and Sane

School Safe & Sane Committee would like to extend their gratitude to those businesses, individuals and families that contributed to our fundraisers, provided products and services, or volunteered at any of our events. We are blessed to have such a generous community here in Frederick County. Thanks to you this year's event was a phe-

The 2007 Catoctin High nomenal success. Over 90 percent of the graduates participated and we are happy to report that all attendees arrived the next morning..Safe and Sane!

> Thanks for ALL your help and patience!

> > Catoctin High Safe & Sane Committee



## Art show and sale will benefit the New Forest Society

ROCKY RIDGE, Md. - Eleven artists studying watercolor and pastel under the guidance of local-artist Rebecca Pearl, will exhibit their work at The Artel Studio of Elizabeth Prongas. The from July 7-15. An artists' reception will be held at the studio at 14726 Old Frederick Road in Rocky Ridge on July 8 from 2-5 p.m. The public is welcome.

Professional Artist Karen Dosch said, "This special 'Pearl Gems' exhibit offers us the wonderful opportunity to support and nurture the trees, flowers,

that so often serve as the subject matters for our paintings. In one sense, it is our way of giving back to nature what we, as artists, have taken from it."

Pearl has been teaching wa-Pearl Gems 4 exhibit will run tercolor classes in the county for over 10 years. She and husband, Jay Zeigler, established a fine collaboration between a gifted artist and a talented framer. They opened a new gallery and framing shop, the Rebecca Pearl Gallery, at 3 East Main Street, Thurmont two years ago after being in Emmitsburg since December 2002. Pearl is pleased that the fauna, waterways and wildlife 2007 class participants have been

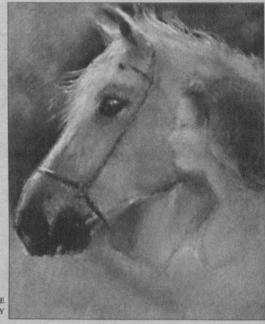
given the opportunity to exhibit their works at the Artel Studio and that they are donating partial proceeds from their sales to the society.

Founded in 2000, The New Forest Society, Inc., is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration and protection of the Upper Monocacy Watershed. The Society also funds a scholarship in environmental science with the Community Foundation of Frederick County.

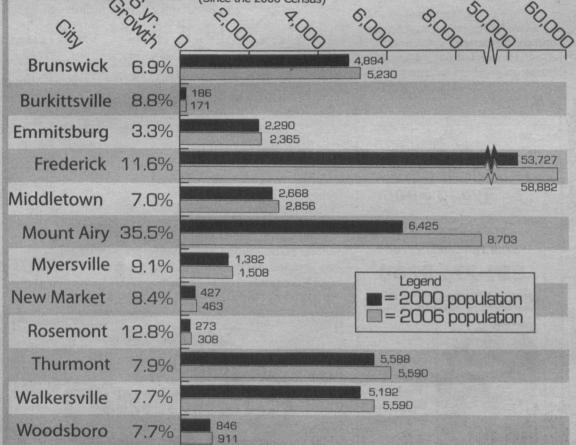
For information concerning the society, check the web site at www.thenewforestsociety.org or phone (301) 271-4459. For more information regarding the "Pearl Gems" Art Show and Sale, please call (301) 371-3571.

Morning Light is a pastel drawing by done local Rebecca artist Pearl. Pearl Gems 4 is an art show of 11 artists trained by Pearl in watercolor and pastel. Proceeds from art sales on July 7-15 benefit the New Forest Society.

-PHOTO COURTESY OF THE REBECCA PEARL GALLERY



## (Since the 2000 Census)



All County Municipalities - 12.2% Growth (pop. 82,923 - 93,029) Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau

## Census

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at the conference was about annexations and smart growth. When towns annex property and develop it at a higher density and close to population centers, it prevents

"If you build in the county, only the county benefits and you get sprawl," Burns said.

He also noted that if the State of Maryland reduces its aid to municipalities as is being talked about, that reduction of revenue will hurt Thurmont because the town is expecting less in growth-related revenues while facing higher costs, particularly in the area of rehabilitating its sewer system.

## Increase

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Staggers said that under the program, "In 2007 and 2008, you will pay a little more, but in 2009, you will pay a little less and at the end of 2010, things should level out."

The additional costs will show as a surcharge on the electric bill. The money collected will go into an interest-earning fund. Once the caps come off Allegheny Power's rates, the surcharge will then become a credit to the customers in the program to reduce their rates to lower than the market rate.

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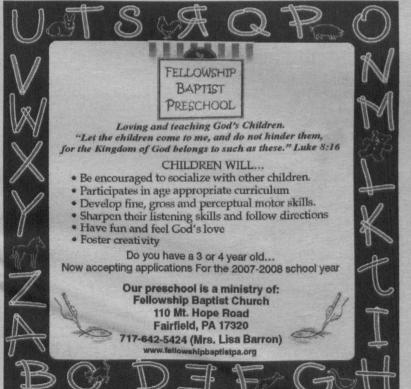
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cents in on what the town does."

Hoover is looking to gather a group of about a dozen town teens from ages 12-18. They will meet in public meetings to discuss issues they are interested in that will improve the quality of life for teens. They will also select their own chairman, vice-chairman and secretary.

Hoover said he believes that the work on committee will qualify for any volunteer hours students might need in school. He is also willing to buy the committee lunch when they

Any teen interested in participating or seeking more information should call Mayor Hoover at (301) 447-2140.





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## Emmitsburg deputies won't be using Segways

By JAMES RADA JR. News Editor

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EMMITSBURG, Md. - Since Commissioner William O'Neil is a proponent of having Emmitsburg's community deputies use Segway personal transportation, the commissioner will have to make his case to the Frederick County sheriff.

After O'Neil brought up the idea at a town meeting, Sheriff Chuck Jenkins wrote Mayor James Hoover saying, "Frankly, I do not support the use of Segways by our deputies in Town. Although Segways are used by some municipality police agencies throughout the Country, I believe they are more practical to patrol large airports, train stations, and universities."

At the town meeting on July 2, O'Neil said, "I really don't think he had full possession of the facts and information."

He pointed out that Segways can go were police cruisers can't

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PHOTO COURTESY OF WWW.SEGWAY.DE Emmitsburg Commissioner William O'Neil has been asked to make his

argument for community deputies using Segways. go and that the \$5,500 cost is eligible for Homeland Security grants. Also, many municipalities, includ-

and Washington DC, are already using Segways.

The biggest benefit, however, is that Segways encourage community policing, according to O'Neil. "When you're in a police cruiser, there's a distance, there's a wall," O'Neil said.

ing Alexandria, Va.; Gaithersburg

Resident Tim O'Donnell said he favored mountain bikes over Segways because of Emmitsburg's terrain. He also noted that mountain bikes were low maintenance and are faster than Segways.

While resident Dianne Walbrecker favors getting the community deputies out of their cars and among the residents, she said there are other ways to do that other than

buying a Segway.

Commission President Chris Staiger said that it isn't the town's responsibility to equip the deputies. That is part of what the town pays for in its contract with the county.

"I hesitate to try and force this on the sheriff's office," Staiger said.

Commissioner Joyce Rosensteel said she had spoken with the deputies and that they preferred the bikes over the Segways.

O'Neil said the sheriff should come before the commissioners and present the reasons to back up his opposition to using Seg-

Instead the commission voted to have O'Neil go try to present his facts to the sheriff and change his

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## REGIONAL NEWS

Local Frederick County chefs donated their time to prepare the kick-off meal for "Seasons of Growth" a new program at Thorpewood that targets at-risk girls.

## **Thorpewood Organization Rolls Out Creative Program to Help At-Risk Girls**

By MICHELE CUSEO Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. - Thorpewood, Inc. recently unveiled a program to help at-risk girls. Thorpewood works in partnership with the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services and local schools using specialized programs to help at-risk youth.

The details of the new program were released at the May dinner fundraiser. The program drew a huge flow of support from local businesses in the form of volunteers and donations. Local chefs from Frederick County restaurants volunteered their time. Chef Scott Blackway of Morgan's American Grill, says he agreed to volunteer after hearing of the program from his friend and patron Julie Parlaman, Thorpewood's Events Coordinator. "It was for a good cause," says Blackway, "I have kids and if they ever needed help it's nice to know there's something like

Program Director Bill Prudden, called the new program "Seasons of Growth." The program is based on the established need to help adolescent girls who are involved with the legal system. Prudden explains that for boys involved in the legal system, there are programs designed for them that are geared toward safety nets and rules that help them progress and succeed. They found that the same treatments don't work well for girls. Girls are focused on relationships in their lives and are more likely to succeed if they can find ways to master their lives while keeping their relation-

"Seasons of Growth" involves five programs in which the girls can participate in activities designed to help address issues of self -assessment, problem solving, goal setting, decision- making, drawing boundaries and cultivating healthy relationships. Thorpewood's mountain retreat setting allows the girls to participate in nature with programs that draw comparisons between the survival experienced in nature and developing survival tactics in their own lives.

One program involves young women learning to care for a horse. "They learn to care for, trust and set boundaries with this powerful animal and the results are quite astounding," according to Megan Swindro who works in Gender Responsive Services. Swindro spoke of the positive change that can be seen in the girls as they work with the horses. "These are girls who have lost all trust in everyone and when they have a chance to put value and caring into anotherparticularly such a large strong horsethey learn to value and care for themselves as well."

Prudden says that these girls have been through a lot before they come to Thorpewood. Many have been abused emotionally and physically. The staff promotes an environment of safeness and security to ensure the girls can best benefit from the program.

For more information, visit Thorpewood's web site at www.thorpewood.org.

## Ethics commissions says BOCC can voice their opinions on annexations

By James Rada Jr. News Editor jrada@thedispatch.us

FREDERICK, Md. - The Frederick County Ethics Commission ruled that it is not an ethical violation for a commissioner to take a public position on a municipal annexation or to assist citizens with a referendum on an annexation.

In March, Thurmont Mayor Martin Burns announced his intention to ask the Frederick County Ethics commission about whether County Commissioner Kai Hagen should vote as a commissioner on the Myers Farm annexation. However, he wanted to give Hagen the opportunity to make the request himself. Hagen said he had done nothing wrong and refused to make the request. In the end, Burns also backed off making the request.

Burns said, "As far as I'm concerned with this issue, I've dropped it."

Enter County Commissioner John "Lennie" Thompson, Jr., who also believed Hagen had done nothing wrong. So much so that he also upped the ante and publicly expressed his opposition to the Myers annexation. Then on May 24, he went ahead and requested that the ethics commission decide whether it was conflict of interest for a commissioner "publicly state the member's position on annexation petitions prior to the County Commissioners holding a public hearing on the matter or advocates for and offers to assist in a referendum on the annexation if it is approved prior to any presentation or hearing before the Board of Commissioners on the matter?"

Burns said he realized since March that the issue isn't an ethical one. "It's not unethical," Burns said. "It's improper from a due process perspective. He (Thompson) and I know it's ethical."

As part of the material Thompson submitted to the ethics commission, he attached a letter from Thurmont Town Attorney Lynn Board to County Attorney John Mathias requesting Mathias to look at the situation.

Thompson said, "John Mathias very, very appropriately said he does not work for the Town of Thurmont. The letter from Lynn Board and Marty was a political matter. If you have a problem with somebody would you

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ask their lawyer for legal advice?"

In an interview with The Dispatch, Mathias said he was not even sure that the commissioners deciding on whether an annexation's zoning was compatible with the county's master plan was a quasi-judicial function. This is the only type of function that preclude the commissioners from voicing their opinions.

The ethics commission agreed saying the function was a legislative function of the commissioner, which allowed them to voice their opinions.



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## REGIONAL NEWS

## Making a Difference Couple gives more than theater to kids

By Chris Patterson Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. – Beth Royer Watson and Spence Watson spend every summer making a difference in the lives of children by teaching them all aspects of theater, but that is not all.

Open to young children and teens, the Thurmont Thespians non-profit summer youth program is offered at no cost. All children who want a role on stage get one. All children learn about all aspects of theater, including how to manage the show, run lights or create the

programs and posters to advertise.

In addition, the children learn about a non-profit charity and all the profits from the summer show are contributed to the charity.

Thurmont Thespians, the dream of Beth Royer Watson, has operated since 1998. After starting at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, the shows grew out of the space, though rehearsals are still held there.

Spence Watson said the sets became too large and complicated to take down out of the sanctuary quickly if the church had to hold a funeral during production weeks. That is why the group moved to holding performances in the Thurmont American Legion in 2004.

Parents of child and teen participants agree that the Watsons and the summer youth pr ogram have had a significant impact on their community.

"It's just such a wonderful learning experience for children and teens to learn theater as well as participate in a production," said Diana Hoover of Emmitsburg. "The shows are just high quality and they do it all at no cost (to the participants)...(The Watsons) just do it out of the goodness of their heart."

Mother of six boys, Karyn Flanick of Keymar, is equally grateful for the Watsons' work with the children, particularly since their boys are home-schooled. It is not an opportunity they would otherwise have, she said.

Flanick said her boys have all had a part at least once, and she and her husband have been involved doing backstage work at times. "The fact that the whole family has been involved was a wonderful memory for us," she said.



- CHRIS PATTERSON / THE DISPATCH

Beth and Spence Watson are the driving force behind the Thurmont Thespians since its inception in 1998. The program has allowed area residents to learn all aspects of the theater while providing entertainment for the community.

"(The Watsons) are very generous with their time and their talents. I don't know that we could have given them the same opportunities if we were not connected with them. It's been great. It's built confidence and made great memories for them, too," she said.

But it's not just the parents who are grateful for the contributions the Watsons make to the community.

Sam Cofer, 17, of Thurmont, said the experience of being in shows since he was nine-years old has changed him. Cofer is currently preparing to leave for college on a

scholarship but has recently helped backstage for the group.

"I've gained a lot and my personality has changed a lot. I am more loud, more outgoing, and able to interact with others with more self confidence," Cofer said.

"And for the community, it has been a great asset to have people who are willing to give up their time. They've done this for 10 summers and, if you add it up it's thousands and thousands of hours of their time," he said. "And then they give the proceeds to a charity they choose for that year."

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## Victor Cullen Center reopens

SABILLASVILLE, Md. – The Victor Cullen Center in Sabillasville re-opened on July 2 after being closed for more than five years.

The center can house 48 teenage boys, but only six were admitted on Monday. They will stay for six to nine months in a residential treatment program. The center is expected to be at capacity by next

spring.

The center used to house more than 200 teenagers before it closed in 2002 due to abuse allegations.

The focus will now be on mental health and substance abuse programs while following a stateapproved school curriculum. The juveniles will not have committed any serious crimes. Area residents who worried about seeing escapes from the center, as in the past, have seen new security measures put in place such as a no-climb fence and cameras. However, if the boys escape an automated call system will alert residents.

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## County libraries celebrate the latest Harry Potter book

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Potter and the Deathly Hallows" for purchase at 40 percent off.

The celebration will be Friday evening, July 20 from 9 p.m. – 1 a.m. At 12:01 a.m., Borders bookstore will be on site with copies of the book for sale.

"We hope to see hundreds of Harry fans of all ages, especially in costume," Library Director Darrell Batson said. "The Harry Potter series has brought families together around the globe to read for pleasure. After the hugely successful Harry Potter book release party we had two years ago, we couldn't wait to do it all over again."

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## **EDUCATION**

## Emmitsburg Elementary holds first-ever school Race Night

By SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. – Local schools have different mascots and sponsors, but Emmitsburg Elementary School (EES) has something truly unique.

"We are," says fourth-grade teacher Missy Kearchner with a laugh, "the only school in Frederick County with its own race car!" The school celebrated that fact with an EES "Race Night" at the Trail-Way Speedway in McSherrystown, Pennsylvania on May 25, 2007.

Kearchner's husband Seth, known to the students as "Mr. Seth," is a certified mechanic at His Place, Inc. in Emmitsburg. He also drives a street stock race car, number 27, which he races every Friday from April through September. A number of Emmitsburg businesses sponsor the car and emblazoned on its rear bumper is "Emmitsburg Elementary School." He brings the car to Backto-School night in the fall and again before spring break, but the students had never seen it in a race.

The Kearchner's began planning Race Night with speedway owner

Perry Hostietter in March. The speedway staff, said Missy Kearchner, was "very excited" to have the students and their families coming for the event. The whole school was invited to participate, and more than 50 students signed up. Carleo's Pizza in Emmitsburg offered a 10-percent discount to families who came in on May 25 with their race tickets.

Best of all, as far as the kids were concerned, was the chance to ride in the pace car with Missy Kearchner. Names were drawn at random among the participants. Josh Little (fourth grade) and Allie Rippeon (first grade) rode in the "Sprint Race" car, while the sister-and- brother team of Becky and Tyler Compton were selected for the "Thunder Cars" event. All of the students were allowed to pose with Kearchner's car during intermission.

"It was a blast!" said principal Wanda Severance, who threw the green flag to start the races. Many of the school's staff attended the race, "And it was just so great seeing the kids and their families and the staff members relaxing together" at the start of the holiday weekend. Severance and the Kearchners hope Race Night will become an annual event for the EES community.



## "It was a blast!"

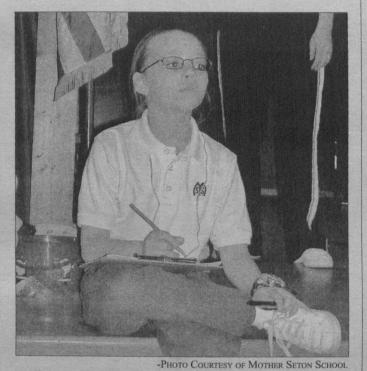
Students from Emmitsburg Elementary were able to watch the number 27 race car owned by Seth Kearchner race at the Trailway Speedway in McSherrystown. The car is sponsored by many Emmitsburg businesses and also has "Emmitsburg Elementary School" painted on the bumper.



-PHOTO COURTESY OF MISSY KEARCHNER

## Teacher

Kourtney Wells, a 5th grader at Mother Seton School, assumed the role of "PE Teacher for the Day" to support the school's student council fundraiser, "Have a Heart." Wells was required to prepare a lesson plan and then deliver it to her fellow classmates, while being supervised by physical education teacher, Danielle Kirby. Kirby was delighted with Wells' preparation for the lesson. Wells described her experience as "Awesome!"



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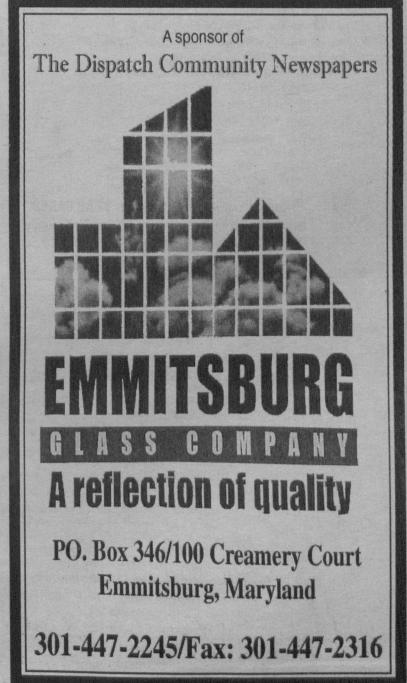
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By JAMES RADA JR. News Editor

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EMMITSBURG, Md. - Fouryear-old Matthew, six-year-old William and two-year-old Evan Carter were all smiles as they showed off their ribbons for winning the tug-of-war and pie-eating contests at Emmitsburg's 25th Annual Community Day on June

The Carter family comes up for the event every year from Montgomery County because Gary Carter's parents live in Emmitsburg.

"This is just a great community event," Carter said. "We don't have anything like this where we live."

The Carters weren't the only out-of-towners who came to Emmitsburg just because of Community Day. Sheila Warthen and her family came from Fairfield to visit her old home town.

"You don't get to really see your neighbors and talk to them until you come here," Warthen said.

The weather cooperated with the Community Day, sponsored by the Emmitsburg Lions Club, and presented the town with wonderful weather. Hundreds of people like the Carters and Warthens turned out to enjoy the games, music, parade and fireworks.

Presentations were made to the winners of three Lions Club scholarships during the evening program. Ryan Ledger received the 2007 Dr. Morningstar Award. Kristyn Bradshaw received the 2007 Community Foundation / Dr. Harry Prongas Award. Bridget Hoffman received the Robert F. Gauss Scholarship.











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Top left: Zach Topper and Steve Seidel pitch horse-shoes. Middle left: The Yellow Springs Concert Band prepares for their afternoon performance. Bottom left: Lions Club members served up 650 barbeque chicken din-ners. Top: Matthew, William, and Evan Carter show off their prize ribbons they won during the Community Day competitions. Above: One of the floats in the evening parade down South Seton Avenue.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

## Masters of their media

Emmitsburg Art Competition were announced on June 30 during the 25th Annual Emmitsburg Community Day sponsored by the Lions Club.

The entries were judged on originality, composition and theme interpretation in three divisions: K-3, 4-7, 8-12. First-place winners in each division won a \$1,000 savings bond. Second-place winners won a \$500 savings bond. Thirdplace winners received a \$200 savings bond and honorable mention award winners won a \$100 savings bond.

Division 1 (K-3) 1st - Jessica Coghlan 2nd - Kimberlee Ahlers 3rd - Melissa Karlheim Honorable Mention - Em-

The winners of the ily Kane, Jessie Weant, Josie Estep

Division 2 (4-7)

1st - Matthew Donahue

2nd - Reagan Joy

3rd - Marialison Bailey Honorable Mention - Sarah Pfefferkorn, Maddie Weigelt,

Josiah Julian

**Division 3 (8-12)** 

1st - Afton Eichelman 2nd – Joseph Crouse

3rd - Carolyn Shields

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

## The Slammers finish 12-1

The Thurmont Slammers are the 2007 Frederick County Girls Softball League and Tournament Champions, going 12-1 this season. The Slammers also won the playoff tournament, defeating Woodsboro, Clover Hill and Brunswick to win the June 10 championship at Clover Hill. Pictured (I to r) front row - Kristy Erfurdt, Olivia Mowery, Mackenzie Smith; middle row - Kayla Knott, Tiffany White, Summer Paglianete, Katelynd McManus; back row - Kelsey Hurley, Manager Brian Smith, Karina Norwood, Brooke Harig, Coach Tom Erfurdt, Coach Cate Erfurdt. The Slammers are sponsored by Bogley Chevrolet.

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## The Blazers are two-time champs and counting

The U-14 Thurmont Blazers Girls Softball Team won the 2007 Frederick County Girls Softball League and Tournament for the second year in a row. The Blazers have not lost a game in two years, going 27-0. The final playoff tournament was held June 9 at Brunswick. Thurmont received a bye before defeating Woodsboro, Linganore and Catoctin to win the championship. Pictured (I to r) front row - Danielle Isanogle, Kayte Lambert, Amanda Kline, Rachel Llewellyn, Olivia Mowery; middle row - Coach Cate Erfurdt, Jessica Clarke, Kelly Erfurdt, Kelly Sweeney, Samantha Smith, Ashley Barto; back row - Coach Tim Clarke, Coach Char-lie Lambert, Manager Brian Smith, Coach Rob Kline. The Blazers are sponsored by the Frederick Performance Center, Mountain Gate Family Restaurant and Keyser-Garver Well Drilling.



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Aug. 16 <u>Arranging a Centerpiece for your Dining Table</u>; Learn how to select flowers and arrange a basic centerpiece for the dining table. Coordinating flowers and table settings will be discussed. Time: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Sept. 8 Flower Arrangement on a Camblestick: Learn to make a unique late summer arrangement on a candlestick using flowers, berries and fruits. This arrangement can have many adaptations depending on the season of the year. Time: 9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

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Hurrah for our glorious 4th of July, and happy birthday U.S.A.! Hope you enjoyed Emmitsburg's own Community Day with its parade, concert and fireworks. Thank you, Lions Club!

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

#### **Special events**

July 4 - Center closed. July 10 - Indoor mini-carnival at the center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

July 17 & 31 - Trivia and word games

July 24 - Table talk before lunch. July 25 - Evening card party, 7 p.m. Doors open at 5:30.

#### Regular activities

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

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

Bingo: July 18.

Cards, 500, and Bridge Group: July 11 & 25.

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

Pinochle: Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

Cards & Games: Fridays at 12:30

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

Programs are held in the Community Center on South Seton Avenue. Call for lunch reservations 24 hours in advance. The Senior Center will close whenever county offices are closed. To register for special events or for information, call program coordinator Linda Umbel, (301) 600-6350.

Senior Events at the Fairfield Senior Center

The Fairfield Senior Center is alive and well and welcomes all seniors of the Greater Fairfield, Pa. area. The Center is in the Social Room at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13 E Main St, Fairfield. Questions about activities? Call Cheryl Kulkusky, the site director, at (717) 642-6523.

#### **Special Events**

July 2 - Garden Club: we will arrange fresh flowers in fruit jars. 10:30 a.m.-

July 4 - Closed for the Holiday July 12 - Out to Lunch, at T.G.I. Friday's

July 16 - Line-dancing lesson, 10:30 a.m. July 18 - Blood pressure testing, 10:30 a.m.

July 19 - Trip to the Garden Center. July 20 - Picnic! Bring a covered dish and a lawn chair. Picnic location TBD. July 26 - Strawberry Hill Nature Walk. (Rain date, Aug. 2)

July 27 - Wood-carving class with Charlie Lockwood, bird carver. Cov-

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Games and puzzles: Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., except for Special Events

Chat Time: Wednesdays, 10:30

Call for lunch reservations 48 hours in advance. The Senior Center will close whenever Adams County. offices are closed. To register for special events, call (717) 642-6523.

## LIBRARY EVENTS

July at the Emmitsburg Library

#### Storytimes

**Babies with Books** (birth-24 months with an adult) July 11, 18, 25, 31 at 10:30 a.m.

#### **Two Terrific Storytime**

(age 2) July 3, 10, 17 at 10:30 a.m.

**Pre-School Storytime** (ages 3-5) July 5, 12, 19, 26 at 10:30 a.m.

**Family Storytime** July 11, 18, 25 at 7 p.m.

#### Children's Programs

**Global Groove Storytime** (ages 6-12) Enjoy a Hawaiian luau. July 6 at 2 p.m.

#### Reading Rocks!

(ages 10-12) Read your choice of The Black Pearl by Scott O'Dell or Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George. July 9 at 2:30 p.m. Registration required.

### **Color Your World**

(ages 6-12) Tie dye fun. Bring a shirt or other item made of 50/50 polycotton blend. July 10 at 2 p.m.

#### "Did You Know?" Series

(ages 6-12) Explore the science of motion through land, sea and air. July 14 at 11 a.m. Registration required.

#### The Book Bunch

(ages 6-11) Activities about "Judy Moody Declares Independence. July 18 at 4 p.m.

#### **Candy and Cupcake**

(ages 3-6) Be entertained with stories and song.
July 21 at 11 a.m.

#### Teen Programs

**Movie Makers Club** (grades 6-12) Learing about directing, writing

and acting in movies. July 3 at 7 p.m.

### Animé Club

(grades 6-12) July 13 at 6 p.m.

### Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club

(teens and adults) July 17 at 7 p.m. "The Year's Best Science Fiction and Fantasy for Teens.'

### **Dungeons and Dragons**

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#### Adult Programs

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

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Friend of the Library Meeting July 9 at 7 p.m.

**Tuesday Evening Book Club** July 10 at 7:30 p.m.

#### Non-Fiction Book Club (adult) July 12 at 1 p.m.

Knitting Nook (teens and adults) July 19 at 4 p.m.

## Pruning-Shaping Up in the Gar-

Master gardener Phyllis Heuerman demonstrates pruning styles. July 24 at 7 p.m.

#### **Genealogy Focus Group** (teens and adults)

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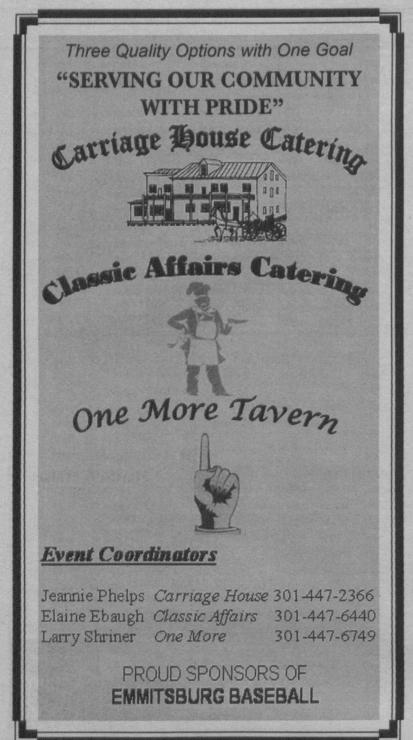
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July 7 - Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital, Candlelight at Christ Church. 8 p.m. Free event. Live Civil War era music featuring Folk and Friends, poetry, and readings from hospital diaries. Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30 Chambersburg St, Gettysburg. For information, call (717) 334-5212.

July 9, August 13 - Depression & Bipolar Disorder Support Group. 7 - 8:30 p.m. Free of charge. A mutual-help support group for in-

July 6, 7 - Catoctin Youth Sign- dividuals suffering from depression or bipolar disorder. The group meets on the second Monday of each month. For location and more information contact Paul at (301) 447-2207

> July 13 – Family Pool Party. 7 – 9 p.m. Family pool party at the Emmitsburg pool. For more information, call (240) 629-6300.

July 14- Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital, Candlelight at Christ Church. 8 p.m. Free event. Live Civil War era music featuring Folk and Friends, poetry, and readings from hospital diaries. Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30 Chambersburg St, Gettysburg. For information, call (717) 334-5212.

July 15 - Lewiston Ruritan Chicken Bar-B-Q. U.S. 15 North & Fish Hatchery Road. (301) 748-1708.

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July 21 – Peach Festival. 4 – 8 p.m. Food available; Fried chicken platters, sandwiches, peach pies, and ice cream. Games for children and live music. Graceham Moravian Church, 8231 Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont, MD. For more informa-

tion, call (301) 271-2379.

July 21 - Conscious Contact with God: Praying in the Modern World. Day retreat at the Grotto of Lourdes in Emmitsburg. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Led by Fr. Jack Lombardi.

July 21 - Mt. Tabor Church Festival. At Mt. Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge beginning at 4 p.m. Enjoy home-cooked food, games and bingo. Music by "The Bluegrass Chapel Band" begins at 7:00 p.m.

July 21, August 4 & 25 - "Saturday Express" Childbirth Education. Class held at FMH Wellness Center at FSK Mall, Frederick, Advance registration & payment required. Fee: \$110/couple. For more information, call (240) 379-6000.

July 21 - St. John's Lutheran Church of Creagerstown. 275th-Anniversary, 4:30 p.m. An oldfashioned picnic with fried chicken and homemade ice cream. Bring a covered dish and a lawn chair or a blanket. The evening begins with a skit representing the beginning of the church in 1732. Music by Ron Free. The church is located at 8619 Black's Mill Roadin Creagerstown. For any questions call Geneva Coren at (301) 898-7218.

July 22-27 - Emmitsburg Community Vacation Bible School. "Take the Plunge: Make a Splash With Jesus," sponsored by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches. Elias Lutheran Church, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Lessons, crafts, music for children age 3-grade 6. All are welcome. For more information, call (301) 447-6891.

July 23-27 - Graceham Moravian Church Vacation Bible School. "Avalanche Ranch - A Wild Ride through God's Word" 6:30 - 8:45 p.m. age 3-grade 5. 8231A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. To register call (301) 271-2379.



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June 10 to July 31 – Peter Ambush Art Exhibit. Frederick High graduate Peter Ambush shows his work at the Weinberg Center for the Arts at 20 West Patrick Street in Frederick. Through the years, Ambush has worked in various fields of art such as greeting cards, caricatures, children's books, computer graphics and portraiture. For more information, call (301) 600-2828 or visit www.weinbergcenter.org.

June 11 to August 4 – This from That: Art from Unusual Materials. An eccentric art exhibit of works made from an array of out of the ordinary media. Tevis Gallery, Carroll Arts Center. 91 W. Main St., Westminster. (410) 857-2771.

June 16 to August 11 – Summer Ranger Programs. A schedule of daily Ranger programs and battle walks that address aspects of the battle, Civil War medicine, solider life, the civilian experience and evening campfire programs among others. Gettysburg National Military Park. For more information contact Clyde Bell at (717) 334-1124.

July 3 to 24 – Introductory Watercolor Class. Award-winning area watercolor artist Ron Schloyer will teach an introductory watercolor painting class at the Adams County Arts Council's art education center, The Imagination Station. The class will be offered Tuesday evenings from 6:30–8:30 p.m. 18 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, across from the Majestic Theater. The class is open to adults. For more information, call the arts council at (717) 334-5006 or visit www.adamscountyartscouncil. org.

July 3 to 15 – Write Me a Murder. Tickets, \$27-\$35. Set at Grand Old Rocking Manor, two brothers find themselves against each another as one of them attempts to sell the family home. Plans for the perfect crime will keep you guessing! Totem Pole Playhouse, 9555 Golf Course Rd, Fayetteville. For more information, to purchase tickets or for show times, call (717) 352-2164.

July 7 – James Phelps Historical Panoramic Photography. At Gettysburg Historical Prints beginning at 9 a.m. Phelps will also demonstrate his techniques and sign copies of his work. For more information, call (717) 334-3800.

July 7 to 15 – Pearl Gems 4 Art Show and Sale. Artists studying watercolor and pastel under Rebecca Pearl will exhibit their work at Elizabeth Prongas' art studio at 14726 Old Frederick Road in Rocky Ridge. An artists' reception will be held on July 8 from 2 – 5 p.m. Benefits the New Forest Society.

July 7, 8 – 10th Annual Common Ground on the Hill Roots Music & Arts Festival. Blues, Folk, Blue-

grass, Native American, Latino, Celtic, Appalachian Oldtime Music & Dance, Black Gospel, African Drumming & Dance, World Percussion, Storytelling, Poetry, Performance Art, Juried Arts & Crafts, Ethnic Foods, a Family World Village, and more! 10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Ticket prices vary. For more information call 410-857-2771, e-mail: cground@qis.net or visit www.commongroundonthehill.org.

July 7 to 28 – Introductory Figure Drawing Class. Gettysburg artist Sarah Schaeffer Maclay will teach an introductory figure drawing class at the Adams County Arts Council's art education center, The Imagination Station. The class will be offered Saturdays from 10 a.m. – noon at 18 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, across from the Majestic Theater. The class is open to adults. For more information, call the arts council at (717) 334-5006 or visit www.adamscountyartscouncil.org.

July 7, 14, 21, 28 – Campfire Program. 9 p.m. Join a Park Ranger to discuss topics of natural history, resource management issues, park history and the National Park Service. Owens Creek Campground, Catoctin Mountain Park. For more information call (301) 668-9388.

July 7 – Blacksmith Shop Demonstration. 1 - 3 p.m. Learn how the craft of blacksmithing has evolved and the roles of a blacksmith in a community while demonstrating some of the fundamentals of the trade. Camp Round Meadow, Catoctin Mountain Park. For more information, call (301) 663-9388.

July 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 5, 12, 19, 26 – Summer Concert Series. 7 p.m. Free event. Enjoy an array of live music with friends and family. Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable canned food items to benefit the Frederick Food Band. Baker Park Bandshell, Frederick. For more information call (301) 600-2844 or visit celebratefrederick.com.

July 9, 11, 16, 18 – Introductory Pastel-Drawing Class. Learn pastel-drawing techniques at the Adams County Arts Council's art education center, The Imagination Station. The class will be offered Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at 18 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, across from the Majestic Theater. The class is open to adults. For more information, call the arts council at (717) 334-5006 or visit www.adamscountyartscouncil.org.

July 9 to 13 – "Making Masterpieces" Summer Camp. For children 5-7 at The Imagination Station, 18 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, across from the Majestic Theater. Children will learn about artworks from the past and present. They will create sculptures, drawings, and paintings

inspired by famous masterpieces. For more information, call the arts council at (717) 334-5006 or visit www.adamscountyartscouncil.org.

July 9 to 13 – "Artists NOW!" Summer Camp. For children 8-10 at The Imagination Station, 18 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, across from the Majestic Theater. Children will create artwork inspired by famous modern art icons. They will build sculptures and create drawings and paintings that challenge what we normally think of as art. For more information, call the arts council at (717) 334-5006 or visit www.adamscountyartscouncil.org.

July 10 to August 12 – Mystic Isles. Transport yourself through the mystery, magic and mystique of the British Isles through the artwork of Shawn Lockart, Jo Morrison and Gordon Wickes. Both paintings and photographic images are featured. Community Gallery, Carroll Arts Center. 91 W. Main St., Westminster. (410) 857-2771.

July 15 – Thurmont Summer Series Concert with the Rohrers-ville Band. Free concert at 6 p.m. in Thurmont Memorial Park on East Main Street. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

July 16 to 20 – "Backpack of Arti-facts" Summer Camp. For children 5-7 at The Imagination Station, 18 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, across from the Majestic Theater. Children will explore artwork from around the world, including Japan, Australia, Russia, and more. They will learn how artists from all over the world create art by making their own artwork inspired by different countries. For more information, call the arts council at (717) 334-5006 or visit www.adamscounty-artscouncil.org.

July 16 to 20 – "Thinking 3-D" Summer Camp. For children 8-10 at The Imagination Station, 18 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, across from the Majestic Theater. Children will transform their ideas into all shapes and sizes of sculpture. Creations will include flying machines, architectural designs for buildings, and wacky furniture. For more information, call the arts council at (717) 334-5006 or visit www.adamscountyartscouncil.org.

July 17 to 29 – Proposals. Tickets, \$27-\$35. The Hines family find themselves at an old summer home in the Pocono's - enjoying their mountain retreat for the last time. Set in 1953, is the story of a loving and more innocent era. Totem Pole Playhouse, 9555 Golf Course Rd, Fayetteville. For more information, to purchase tickets or for show times, call (717) 352-2164.

July 20 - Concert in the Park with Home Comfort Bluegrass Band.

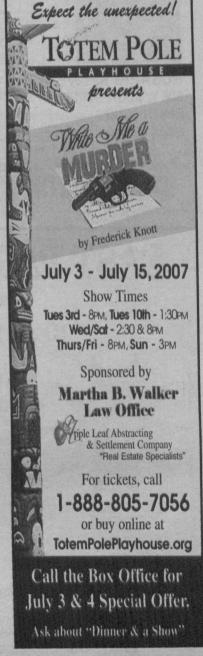
7 – 9 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Community Park Pavillion. Dancing and music for the whole family.

July 23 to 27 – "Creative Constructions" Summer Camp. At The Imagination Station, 18 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, across from the Majestic Theater. Children will explore sculpture through assembly. They will build castles, rocket ships, and other creations using a wide variety of sculptural materials, particularly found objects. For more information, call the arts council at (717) 334-5006 or visit www.adamscountyartscouncil.org.

July 23 to 27 – "Artists THEN!" Summer Camp. At The Imagination Station, 18 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, across from the Majestic Theater. Children will put a new twist on old masterpieces. They will turn Van Gogh's Starry Night into an art installation, re-create da Vinci's Mona Lisa with recycled materials, and imagine Monet's Waterlilies as performance art. For more information, call the arts council at (717) 334-5006 or visit www.adamscountyartscouncil.org.

July 23 to 27 - Frederick Regional Youth Orchestra 2007 Summer Music Camp. In conjunction with the Heritage Academy of the Music & Arts, this day camp offers an opportunity for student musicians to expand their musical training and performance. Students must have a years experience playing their instrument. Campers must provide their own instruments, supplies, transportation and lunches. Sheet music and a daily snack will be provided. Tuition is \$250 per student and \$200 for each additional child in the same family. Each FRYO family is required to meet the mandatory fundraising requirements. Peace

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## **OBITUARIES**

#### Mr. William Rickley, III

William Alexander Rickley III, 64, of Renner Road, Keymar, died Monday, June 4, 2007, at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Born October 31, 1942, in Pittsburgh, Pa., he was the son of the late William A. Rickley Jr. and Thelma Mae Powers Rickley. He was the loving husband of Patricia Ann Coughenour Rickley, his wife of 41 years.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are four children, William A. Rickley IV and wife Deborah Sue of Fredericksburg, Va., Rachael Ann Piazzola and husband Joe of Emmitsburg, Michael Emory Rickley of Keymar, Quinn Lear Rickley of Keymar and fiancée Carrie Krauser of Virginia; three grandchildren, William A. Rickley V, Mariah Ann Piazzola, Anthony Michael Piazzola; three siblings, Mark Roberts Rickley and wife Joanne of Virginia Beach, Va., Lori Mae Persichetti and husband Lenny of New Kensington, Pa., Kris Powers Fetcho and husband George of Trafford, Pa.; and four nephews and one niece. He will be missed by his beloved dog "Caesar."

Memorial contributions may be made to Running Strong for American Indian Youth, P.O. Box 670, Raton, NM 87740-

### Mr. Donald Brown Sr.

Mr. Donald Lee Brown Sr., 66, of Rocky Ridge, died Monday, June 4, 2007, at Carroll Hospital Center, after an extended illness.

Born December 27, 1940, in Washington County, he was the son of the late Allen and Hilda Eichelberger Brown. He was the

Ronnie Eyler and wife Bonnie of Rocky Ridge; a sister, Pearl Renner of Ladiesburg and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, five brothers and a great-grandson.

Contributions, to help with expenses, may be made to the family c/o Ronnie Eyler, 10002B Rocky Ridge Road, Rocky Ridge, MD 21778.

#### Mr. Earl F. Ambrose

Mr. Earl F. Ambrose, 77, of Rocky Ridge, died Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Dorothy F. Eyler Ambrose, his wife of 55 years.

Born August 22, 1929, in Deerfield, he was the son of the late Clarence and Grace Brown Ambrose.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Deborah Dorsey McCubbin and husband Charles of Thurmont; two grandsons, Christopher B. Dorsey and wife Kathryn of Westminster and Benjamin M. Dorsey and fiancée My Phan of Baltimore; a sister, Mary Grace Edwards of Westminster; two brothers, Ira Ambrose and wife Katherine of Gettysburg, Pa. and Wesley Ambrose and wife Masie of Littlestown, Pa; numerous nieces and nephews; brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles F. Jr. and Betty Eyler of Rocky Ridge, Carroll and Doris Schildt of Frederick, Richard and Gloria Eyler of Taneytown, Francis Eyler of Hanover, Pa., Richard and Josephine Dinterman of Keymar and Earl Lemmon of Silver Hill.

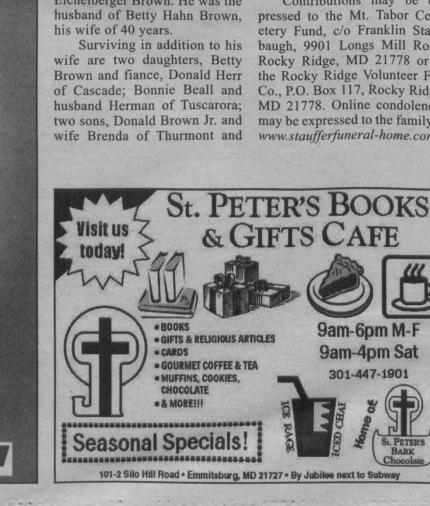
He was preceded in death by his son, Dennis Ambrose; a brother, John Paul Ambrose; his mother-in-law Oneida Eyler and sister-in-law Betty Lemmon.

Contributions may be expressed to the Mt. Tabor Cemetery Fund, c/o Franklin Stambaugh, 9901 Longs Mill Road, Rocky Ridge, MD 21778 or to the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Co., P.O. Box 117, Rocky Ridge, MD 21778. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.staufferfuneral-home.com.

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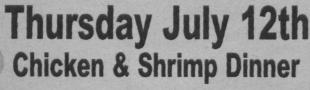
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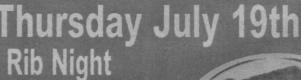
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