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## Town had 53% jump in crime in 2006

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – Serious crime in Emmitsburg increased more than 50 percent last year, according to a state report.

The *Crime in Maryland: 2006 Uniform Crime Report* is an annual report that looks at crime in Maryland at a state, county and municipal level. Serious crime is considered as murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, breaking or entering, larceny theft and motor vehicle theft.

According to the report, Emmitsburg's crime rate increased 53 percent between 2005 and 2006 or 44 incidents up from 29.

"Crime throughout the county was up 12 percent," said Frederick County Sheriff Chuck Jenkins. "Emmitsburg is not unique in that, but of course we don't like to see an increase."

The majority of the serious crime in Emmitsburg is in two areas: Breaking or entering and larceny theft. Those two crimes account for 37 of the 44 incidents in Emmitsburg.

"The main problem we had last year was breaking and enter-

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Local vet returns home from Iraq

## Working in Hussein's House

Sergeant Chris Alley managed part of Baghdad from a palace office

EMMITSBURG, Md. – March 26 was Staff Sergeant Chris Alley's day off. He wanted to catch some sun by the pool in Baghdad. What he caught instead was shrapnel.

"I heard a whistling and that isn't a good thing in Iraq!" Alley wrote in a letter to *Emmitsburg.net*. "I immediately flipped the chair over my body just in time for the impact of a 107mm rocket about 30 meters (35 yards) from my spot. The impact was a bit deafening and I saw the dirt and shrapnel hitting the pool water. It was then quiet so I got up and started running for cover about 40 meters away."

Before he had gotten too far Alley saw an injured woman bleeding from her face and body.

"I knocked her down shielding her up against a wall and checked her out, and then I went back and got my towel to apply pressure to her wound," Alley wrote.

He got a lieutenant to fetch an aid bag and he dressed the woman's wound.

"The Lieutenant and I then heard another shout for a medic and we ran off in the direction of the shout and we found a Peruvian Guard semiconscious," Alley wrote.

The guard had no obvious wounds, but he was moaning about his neck. Alley and the lieutenant put him in a neck brace.

Alley got through the attack with only a little ringing in his ears. However, he later found a piece of

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**Sergeant Chris Alley stands in front of two busts of Saddam Hussein that were mounted at four corners of his quarter-mile long palace. The busts were removed when the Americans took control of the palace. Alley worked in the palace from July 2006 to July 2007.**

**"Americans think of Baghdad and Iraq as such an awful, awful place, but I know soldiers who have served two, three, four tours. If it was so bad in Iraq, they would have gotten out."**

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## Thurmont P&Z won't recommend Myers annexation

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THURMONT, Md. – One vote can make a difference. Thurmont Planning and Zoning Commissioner Randy Cubbedge supported recommending to the Thurmont Mayor and Commissioners the annexation of the Myers Farm north of town. However, when he left the July 26 planning and zoning meeting to pick up his family at the airport, Commission Alternate Sabrina Massett became a voting member. Her vote against recommending annexation led to the 2-1-1 decision by the commission not to recommend annexation to the town commissioners.

"I think it shows it's not a cut-and-dry issue by any standard," said Tom Hudson, who is seeking to develop the Myers Farm. "If anything, I think it was a split decision last night."

The vote came after the planning and zoning commission heard public comment about the proposal to annex 210 acres into Thurmont for residential and commercial uses. Of the three dozen people in attendance, about half spoke during the public hearing.

Russ Delauter of Thurmont pointed out that town property tax rates, sewer rates, water rates and electric rates have all gone up this year. He felt a larger tax base could have minimized some of those increases. "Think about the young families, retired families and people on fixed incomes," Delauter said.

"Regardless of what we say tonight, this proposal is about money," John Brown of Thurmont said in his opposition to the proposal.

Chairman John Kinnaird said the proffers shouldn't be considered in the commission's deliberations, but many people spoke to the benefits the additional cash offers or tax revenues would bring.

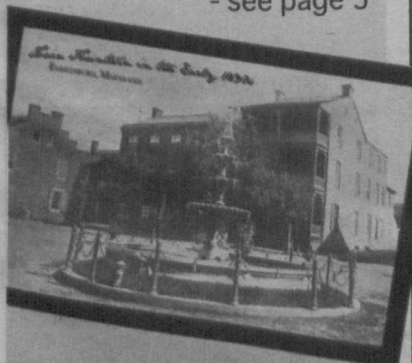
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Members of the Myers family (L-R) Gloria Adelsberger, Eugene Myers and Becky Linton sit with developer Tom Hudson (right) as they await a decision by Thurmont's Planning and Zoning Commission on whether or not to support the annexation of the Myers Farm. Planning Commission Alternate Randy Waesche complimented the family on their contributions to the community and the professional way they have conducted themselves through what is now almost a year-long process.

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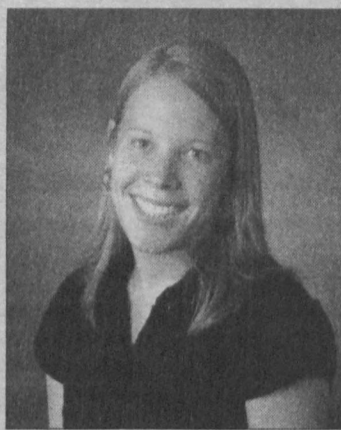
The Dispatch Community Newspapers is pleased to announce that Stephanie Long has joined the staff as a staff writer and graphic designer beginning with this issue.

Long's work should be familiar to readers through her freelance writing in both *The Thurmont Dispatch* and *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* newspapers. Among the stories she covered for the newspapers include coverage of the court case that involved residents suing the Town of Thurmont for sewage that backed up in their homes and controversy surrounding the first circus to come to Emmitsburg in 30 years.

"We know Stephanie's work and like it," said Raymond Buchheister, publisher of The Dispatch Newspapers. "She'll make a great fit with our staff and we're looking forward to seeing the stories she'll find in our communities."

Prior to coming to work for *The Dispatch*, she worked at the *Ensign* and *Liahona* magazines as an intern. Because the *Liahona's* distribution is primarily international, Long's articles have appeared in countries around the world.

She also served as an editor-in-chief for the *Scroll* weekly newspaper (circulation 14,000) Rexburg, Ida. She wrote columns and re-



**Stephanie Long joined The Dispatch staff on July 17, 2007 as a staff writer and graphic designer. Long is an award-winning designer who most recently interned for the Ensign magazine and its international companion the Liahona.**

ported on campus news for Brigham Young University-Idaho.

As for design experience, Long won fourth place in a national competition for "2006 Design of the Year Award-Newspaper Page One" from the Associated Collegiate Press.

Long is a 2007 graduate of Brigham Young University-Idaho with a bachelor's of science degree in communications with an emphasis in print journalism. She currently lives in Pennsylvania. She takes over the duties of Chad Smith who took a full-time job with the Guide Newspapers in Baltimore.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

*The Dispatch* encourages its readers to express their thoughts and opinions about issues that appear in this publication or affect the community. Letters must be exclusive to the *The Dispatch* and should be no longer than 300 words in length. They must be signed and include the writer's address and phone number for verification purposes. *The Dispatch* reserves the right to edit letters for content and space.

**Why haven't the commissioners voted on the Myers annexation?**

I've never claimed to be the sharpest knife in the drawer, so maybe someone out there can help clarify some things for me.

It seems that every time I open up a local newspaper I'm reading about what Hudson, the potential developer of the Myers farm is up to. He apparently has decided to ignore all the negative signs that have appeared from the citizens of Thurmont. Maybe he knows something the rest of us don't.

We have, since the beginning of all of this, been told by our elected officials, that their vote would be influenced by the conscience of the voters on this issue. Months ago we made it quite clear how the

vast majority of the town felt. We're now halfway through the summer, no show of hands from town officials yet.

I know folks are vacationing now, but this could and should have been taken care of back in the spring.

It's not fair to the Myers' or the people of this community to leave us twisting in the wind. Heck, it's not even fair to Mr. Hudson. He could be off digging up somebody else's property by now.

If anybody can shed some light on this, I'm in the phone book.

Paul Stottlemeyer  
Thurmont

**Lugar is the man  
with a plan**

So many lies, so much hypocrisy. Who can believe anything the politicians tell us about foreign affairs in general and the Middle East in particular?

That was my attitude when I began to listen to a speech on C-Span. I did not hear the beginning and I did not recognize the voice. I soon recognized the highest order of intelligence and good judgment as I listened intently. I agree with everything that was said

to extricate us from the Iraq situation. The speaker was Senator Richard Lugar (R) of Indiana.

His speech certainly exceeded in substance and clarity anything I ever heard in the field of foreign affairs. What a contrast to the blather of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston S. Churchill, John F. Kennedy, Richard M. Nixon, Ronald W. Reagan and Gorge W. Bush.

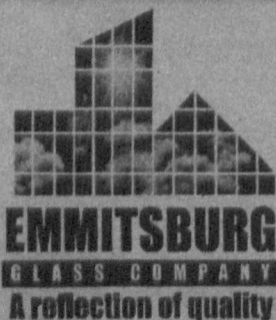
In spite of all experience to the contrary I am an optimist, and I look forward to Senator Lugar's speech being heard and needed.

Harold C. Craig  
Emmitsburg

**CORRECTION**

The article about Paul Clarke's book, *Emmitsburg, Maryland: A History of Over 200 Years* should have stated that Clarke wants shrine built in honor of Our Lady of Emmitsburg.

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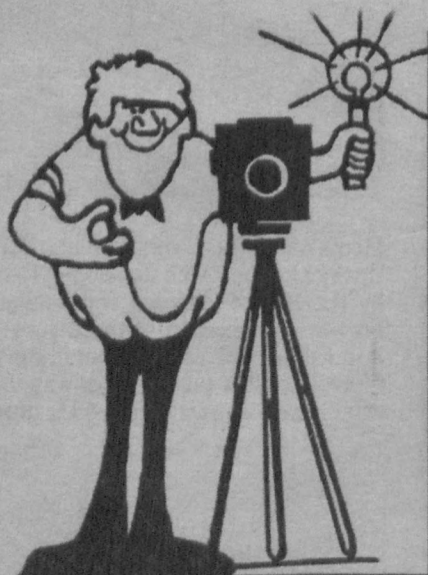


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# Iraq

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shrapnel in his sock, which he taped to his dog tags. He also received the Combat Action Badge for his actions during the attack.

Alley is now back from Iraq, spending time with his family and enjoying nothing more dangerous than wrestling with his young son, Quinn.

He served in Iraq with his Pennsylvania National Guard Unit from July 2006 to July 2007. His job was to manage 90 different properties in Baghdad's International Zone. His properties included warehouses, a hospital, 15 embassies and forward operating bases.

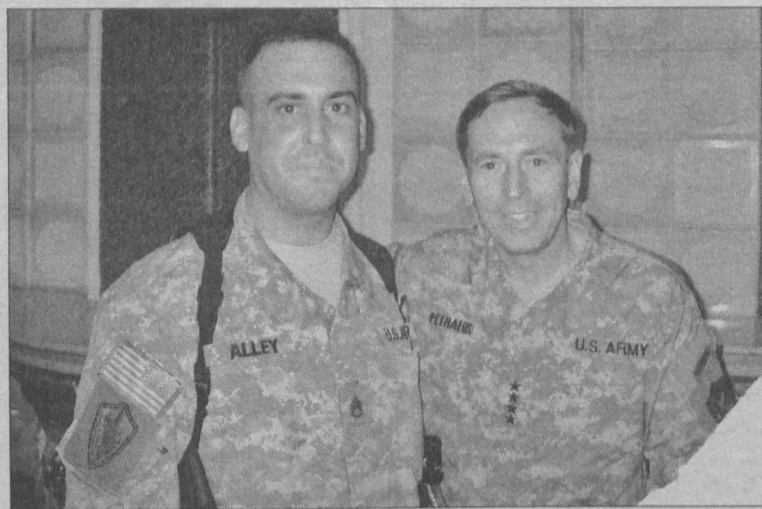
"I had to deal with representatives from Poland, Bulgaria, Japan and generals," Alley said in an interview with The Dispatch. "They were in my office on a daily basis."

Alley has served in the military for 18 years - 6 on active duty and 12 with the National Guard. In fact, he reenlisted for another six years while he was in Iraq.

While his abilities proved he was well suited for the work in Iraq. Working in Saddam Hussein's former palace, which was a quarter mile long, took a bit of getting used to for lineman for Comcast Cable.

"It was kind of surreal," he said.

Having spent a year in Iraq working with the Iraqi people, Alley has formed some opinions on what is happening. He calls it a



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**Sergeant Chris Alley dealt with foreign dignitaries and U.S. commanders as he managed 90 properties in Baghdad's "Green Zone" during his tour in Iraq. Here, he is pictured with Gen. David Petraeus, who is in charge of the U.S. forces in Iraq.**

proxy war. He said the Iranians are supporting the Shias and the Saudis and Jordanians are supporting the Sunnis.

"It's not really Sunnis vs. Shias," Alley said. "It's the insurgents from outside Iraq trying to instigate attacks. Ninety-eight percent of the Iraqis want to live just like us."

Al Qaeda knows this and so they target the infrastructure in Iraq to make the lives of the people miserable.

"Americans think of Baghdad and Iraq as such an awful, awful place, but I know soldiers who have served two, three, four tours," Alley said. "If it was so bad in Iraq, they would have gotten out."

Alley said he worked with three interpreters who risked their lives every day to come and work with him. They took different routes to and from work every day.

"They did it because they believe in the same things we believe in," Alley said.

While he respects the efforts of the Iraqi people to rebuild their country, he doesn't have much good to say about politicians and the media who paint doom-and-gloom scenarios about the situation in the country.

"For every negative thing you hear about, there's one or two good things going on that you don't hear," Alley said.

# Annexation

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The commission was supposed to make their decision based on how it fit with the 1995 town master plan.

During the July 31 town meeting, Planning Commissioner Ray Williams said that one of the reasons he supported the annexation is because, "Not to take any of the information (for the new town master plan) we've gathered in the past year and a half is silly."

The speakers at the public hearing were fairly evenly split between town residents and non-residents and those for and against the annexation.

"I don't think we can take a look at this annexation without taking a look at the woes of the town and the woes of the town are many," said Paul Nolan of Thurmont.

It became apparent as the attendees spoke, that despite a speaker's position on the proposal, most people recognized the project had many advantages and disadvantages.

"With growth comes more people with ultimately more problems," said Stacey Brown-Hobbs of Thurmont.

Brent Dugan of Thurmont told the commission, "You can't choke housing off and not expect housing prices to go up." He pointed out that the town only grew by five people last year and added, "If we were to slow it down any further, we would have to start demolishing houses."

The dominant concern among both supporters and opponents of the proposal was how traffic would be handled in and out of the development,

particularly accessing Route 15. The frequently discussed option of J-turns was proposed by most people. However, the Maryland State Highway Administration won't weigh in on what it wants to see at the site until there is an annexation.

After the meeting, Hudson said he had heard that J-turns have little support. "We need to find another way to address this," Hudson said.

Many speakers supported the idea of the urgent medical care facility as part of the commercial development and Brown-Hobbs suggested a retreat center, which many people seemed to favor.

Though Cubbedge's early departure changed the vote's outcome, the final vote did reflect the feelings of the majority of the board including non-voting alternate Randy Waesche and Kinnaird, who only votes in the event of a tie. Town Commissioner Wayne Hooper abstained from the vote so he can vote when the decision comes before town commissioners.

"It really makes no difference," Kinnaird told the town commissioners on July 31. "It's a recommendation. You're going to make the final decision."

The town commissioners don't have to follow the recommendation and a date for a public hearing before the town commission hasn't been set yet.

Mayor Martin Burns said on July 31 that the issue has drawn a lot of attention in the county. "There's been more lobbying done by county commissioners and special interest groups than any developer ever has done in this town," he said.

# Crime

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ing," said Mayor James Hoover. "We had a spurt of them there for several months with a group of repeated offenses against businesses and homes."

Jenkins agreed and added that the offenders had been caught so he believes when the 2007 numbers come out, they should show a decrease.

"I've tried to focus on making the deputies more visible," Jenkins said. "I want them in the residential areas out on the street

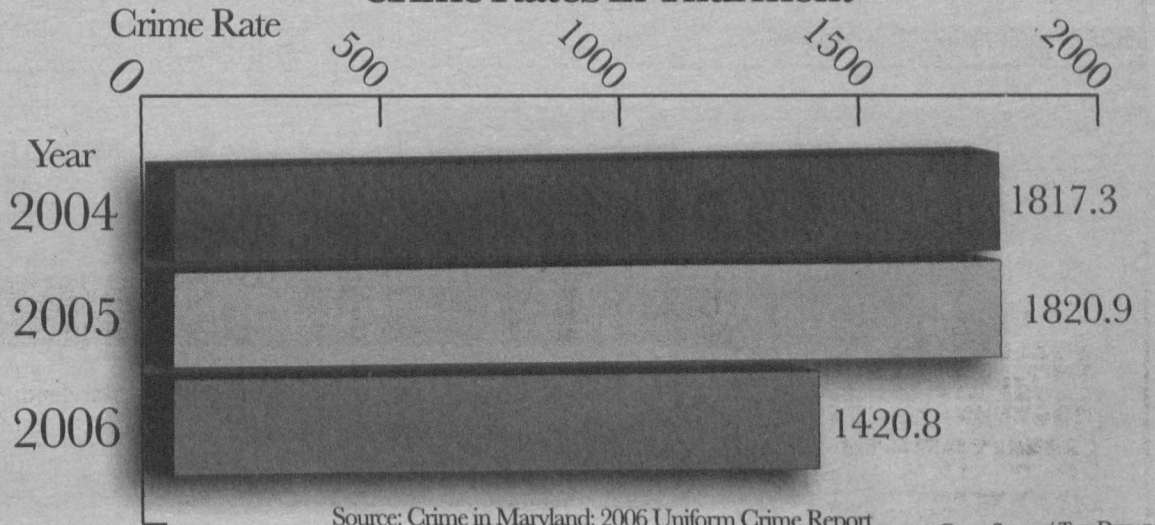
interacting with people because as that visibility increases, you're going to have less crime."

Hoover said growth in and around the town has brought more people into the area so it shouldn't be surprising if crime increases.

"I think it will go down, but I don't think it will go back down to the previous year," Hoover said.

Jenkins said that despite the large percentage increase in crime, the actual number of serious crimes in town is still low. In such a situation even an increase of one incident will have a significant increase in the percentage figures.

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## TOWN NEWS

### A birthday bash 90 years in the making

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Moselle B. Gregory has celebrated 90 birthdays in her life, but it wasn't until her most-recent birthday that she felt like she was "sitting on top of the world."

On Saturday, July 21, nearly 180 family members and friends gathered in Emmitsburg to celebrate Gregory's 90th birthday, throwing her a party even the most-jaded party-goer would be envious of. Filled with lots of food, pony rides, animals to pet, a moon bounce, comedian, live music, fun and surprises, the day was one Gregory said she would always remember.

But it wasn't merely the food and fun that left an impression on Gregory, but rather a surprise her third daughter, Angela Wenzel, had concocted.

Around 3 p.m. Wenzel walked



— ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL / THE DISPATCH

**Moselle B. Gregory (fourth from right) awaits her helicopter ride surrounded by friends and family. The ride was a surprise to Gregory at her 90th birthday party.**

up to her mom and simply said, "We're gonna take you for a ride in the go-kart." Little did Gregory know that at the end of the ride her surprise awaited — a helicopter ride.

With a smile on her face, blowing kisses and waving, Gregory was off to see Gettysburg and Emmitsburg via helicopter.

"It was a chance of a lifetime," Gregory said, following her ride. "I'd do it again."

Gregory said she had never realized before how green the area was and how many trees truly graced the countryside she has called home for so long.

The mother of 13 children, Gregory said she had her children to thank for the day and was "just so happy to see everyone."

Even though Saturday was chocked full of surprises, presents and fun, Gregory got one special delivery on her actual birthday, Tuesday, July 24, her 31st great-grandchild.

Janet Tamassia, one of Gregory's granddaughters, gave birth to a boy, Nathan Grey Tamassia, on Gregory's birthday.

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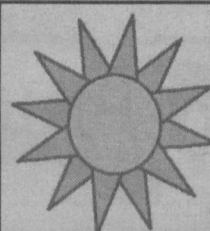
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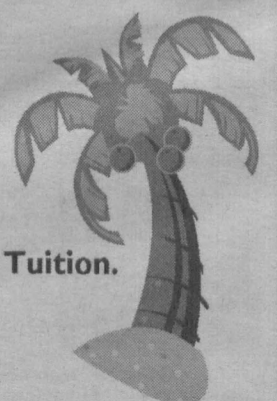
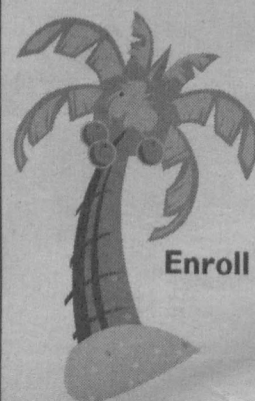
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# Dispatch introduces historical postcards

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — History can repeat itself now that The Dispatch Community Newspapers has created a new series of historical postcards showing what the Northern Frederick County area used to look like. And some postcards with newer images that will become historic.

The first postcard in the Thurmont series debuted at the Thurmont Business Expo in March to gauge community response to the concept. That postcard features an old shot of Thurmont's downtown with a description of the scene on the back.

"Though the cards can be mailed like a regular postcard, they are designed to be collectors' items because we're only going to do a limited printing of each one," said Raymond Buchheister, publisher of The Dispatch Newspapers.

Using feedback from the expo, the design was tweaked a bit and the first card in the Emmitsburg series will debut at the Mayor's Community Bar-b-que. This new postcard shows downtown Emmitsburg and the old town fountain.

Future cards in both series will reprint historic shots of people, places and events from Northern Frederick County's past. The source for the photos will come from a variety of re-

sources including local historical societies, the Library of Congress, local governments and private collections.

"The idea was to bring back these historic images and make them available to a wider audience," said Jennifer Buchheister, who is coordinating the postcard series. "If you were to try and purchase an old photo or postcard of this area, that is if you could find one, you'd easily pay \$10 or more."

Each postcard will be done in a limited printing and be numbered to show where in the series each card falls.

The historic postcards will soon be showing up in displays at local businesses in Thurmont and Emmitsburg. The cost per card is a dollar (which includes the Maryland sales tax).

You can also call (301) 447-3039 to have your name added to the list to receive updates or to purchase cards directly from The Dispatch. Older cards will be available only while supplies last.

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TOWN NEWS

Local Doctor Named Physician of the Year

By STEPHANIE LONG  
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — For Dr. Bonnie Portier, M.D., it appeared to be just another dinner with her colleagues. She thought about staying home, but decided to go, which turned out for the best. She was named the Physician of the Year at the dinner, the dinner she thought would be like all the rest.

The Maryland Association of Osteopathic Physician Board of Directors unanimously voted Portier as the Physician of the Year for her dedication and service; Dr. Portier trains medical students, performs pro bono work and is the Chief Executive Office of the Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center.

"It was a surprise," Portier said. "We were both in tears."

But what may be even more surprising than the award itself is the fact that Portier has accomplished so much in her field in such a short time. In addition to being named as Physician of the Year, Portier was awarded the Ivory Gift of a Gentle Touch award from Ivory Soap and was inducted into the Osteopathic Teachers Hall of Fame in 2006 and it wasn't even until later in her life,

after she had gotten married and had three children, that she seriously began pursuing her dream of being a doctor.

"It had been a hunger since I was 29. I love people and I love science and what better way is there to mush them together," Portier said of deciding to become a doctor.

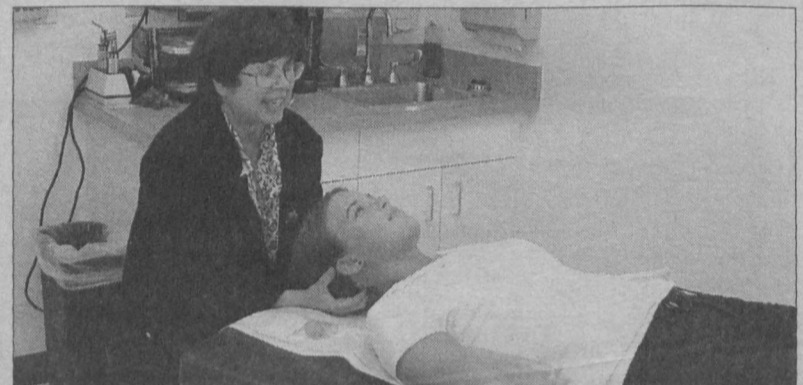
Attending 15 years of night school, taking classes here and there, Portier worked toward her goal and eventually told her husband she was ready to go to medical school and become a doctor.

"My husband was wonderful. He advised me to really think it out, but once I committed it was good, he became Mr. Mom," Portier said.

During her training, Portier had an opportunity to learn about different areas of medicine, but once she learned about osteopathic medicine, in which physicians take more of a holistic approach to medical care, she knew it was what she wanted to do.

"I have the best of both worlds," Portier said. "I see my role as a coach to get people back on track the best we can and there's more of a dialogue about being healthy."

Portier loves her job and put it simply that "medicine is wonderful" but said that she could not have done everything, or be named physician of the year, without her office staff, a supportive board of directors or a supportive community.



- ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL / THE DISPATCH

Local physician, Dr. Portier, has been named Physician of the Year by the Maryland Association of Osteopathic Physician Board of Directors.

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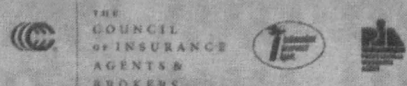
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## TOWN NEWS



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### Parking gets a little easier in downtown

By JAMES RADA JR.  
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — It's going to get a little easier and cheaper to park in Emmitsburg.

The mayor and town commissioners agreed to limit the hours for the town's 125 parking meters and to add an additional holiday for free parking.

Because the town's parking enforcement officer can't cover all of the eligible hours for metered parking, the commissioners

will make the parking meters enforceable Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mayor James Hoover asked that Emmitsburg Community Day be added to the list holidays when parking is not enforced.

"Community Day seems to be the town's Fourth of July regardless of what day it is," Hoover said.

Hoover suggested the change because of confusion during Community Day on June 30. People, believing it was a holiday, didn't pay the parking meter

and received parking tickets.

Libby Briggs, representing the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association, suggested that the town add 15-minute parking meters to town square to allow people who want to shop at the stores in downtown Emmitsburg. Currently, residents take up the spaces and feed the meters which have a 2-hour time limit.

The commissioners agreed to replace the meter at each corner furthest away from the square with a 15-minute parking meter.

### 18 holes, 3 worthy causes, 1 good time

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Play 18 holes for three good causes at the JoAnn Hance 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Golf Tournament on August 14.

"My wife passed away 10 years ago and we started this tournament in her memory," said Jim Hance.

Proceeds from the tournament benefit the UpCounty Center, Emmitsburg Lions Club and the Sister Barbara Hance Homeless Shelter in Maine. Over the years, this tournament has raised nearly \$100,000 for these non-profit causes.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the Carroll Valley Resort in Carroll Valley, Pa. Play begins at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start.

The \$85 registration includes 18 holes of golf with cart, an awards banquet with dinner and entertainment at the Carriage House and a goodie bag with prizes.

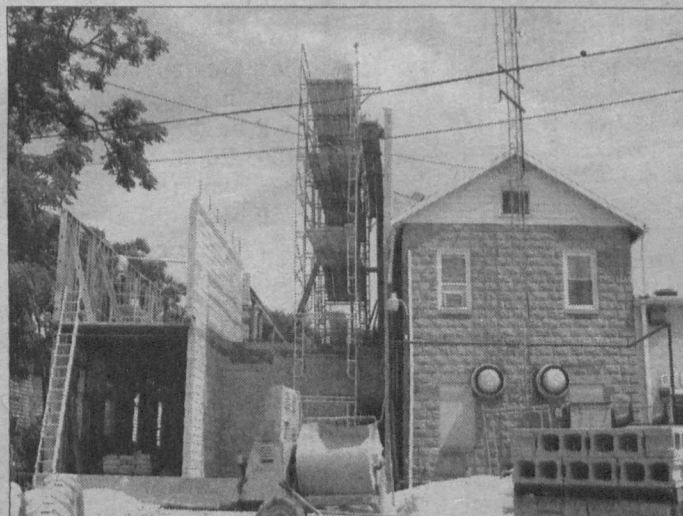
"There are so many golf tournaments out there, but we like to think of it as one of the better tournaments around," Hance said.

About 100 golfers are expected to participate. Sponsors are also still being sought.

For more information, contact Jim, Bob or Joe Hance at (301) 447-2366 for Jim or Bob and (301) 963-7778 for Joe.

- J. Rada

### It may be slow going, but it's going



- ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL / THE DISPATCH

The addition to the Vigilant Hose Company building is continuing to fill out a little more everyday. According to President Art Damuth, the building is a bit behind schedule currently, but it is expected to be complete by the end of October. At that time, the new construction should be virtually the same in appearance as the existing building.

### Habitat selects town's newest family

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Brian McKenney and his family were recently selected as the new partner family for a Habitat for Humanity house to be built in Emmitsburg.

Once the new home is built, Brian, his wife Melissa and two children will be able to move from a rented townhouse in Frederick to their own single-family home in Emmitsburg.

The McKenneys had been repeatedly turned down for a mortgage loan because the payments would have been too high.

The McKenneys are the 31<sup>st</sup> family approved by Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County and one of six this year. As part of being a partner family, the family must be willing to volunteer at least 300 hours prior to the home purchase. This includes time the family spends building their own house.

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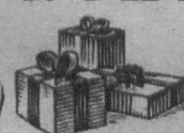
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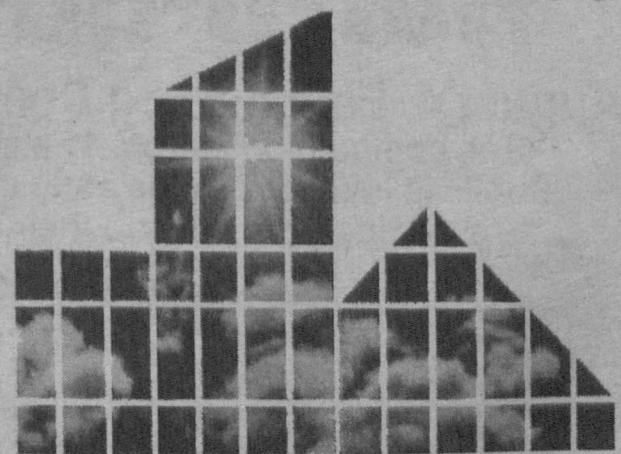
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## REGIONAL NEWS

### 51<sup>st</sup> Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show approaching

THURMONT, Md. - The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Thurmont Emmitsburg Community Show will be September 7-9 at Catoctin High School in Thurmont.

Over 2,500 farm and garden, household, quilt, livestock, machinery and commercial displays can be seen during the event. Residents of the Catoctin School area can enter exhibits to be judged. Entries can be entered on Sept. 6 from 6-9 p.m. and on Sept. 7, from 8 a.m.-noon in the new gymnasium. Ribbons and \$8,000 in prize money will be awarded. Entries must be removed on Sept. 9 between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The show opens Sept. 7 from 6-10 p.m. At 7 p.m., community civic organizations will hold a flag program in the auditorium. The highlight of the program will be the announcement of the 2007-2008 Catoctin FFA Ambassador. The Community Show will honor the 100th anniversary of the Thurmont Library and the 50th anniversary of the Emmitsburg Library. Several individuals from each library will be recognized. Immediately following the

program, baked goods will be auctioned in the auditorium.

On Saturday, the show runs 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Activities include a beef, sheep and swine fitting and showing contest, a pet show and a children's identification program conducted by the Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

Guardian Hose Company will have hands-on demonstrations Saturday and Sunday in front of the school. The Thurmont Community Ambulance will be having free blood pressure checkups on Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday evening, the Catoctin High School Band will be performing several selections in the auditorium, beginning at 7 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., the Emmitsburg Community Chorus will be singing several old and new songs, lead by Director, Peggy Burrier. There will be no admission charge.

Farm machinery will be displayed throughout the event and the famous "Cane and Abel" Brown Swiss cattle will be exhibited at the show. Pat and Norman Sampson will have on display their alpacas and emu's will be exhibited by Jim and Peggy Royer. Children can enjoy the petting zoo and pony rides.

On Sunday, September 9, the show opens at 9 a.m. Activities include a goat show, a dairy show and a decorated animal contest. The 28<sup>th</sup> annual Catoctin Mountain Horseshoe Pitching Contest will begin at 1 p.m. and the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Cross Cut Sawing Con-



- DISPATCH FILE PHOTO  
 Tyler Donnelly showed her bull Ken at the 2006 Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show. This year's beef, sheep and swine fitting and showing contest is on Saturday, Sept. 8.

test will begin at 1 p.m. Barnyard Olympics will be held in front of the school at 1:30 p.m. and a martial arts demonstration begins at 2 p.m. in the old gymnasium.

The Thurmont Library will again have books for sale in the old gymnasium. John Kinnaird will have old pictures of Thurmont and Helen Mackley will have her display of old buttons and emblems. The Community Show will also have on display old photographs and displays of past years in the old gymnasium.

The event is free, though a silver offering will be collected. The Community Show is sponsored by the Thurmont Grange, the Catoctin FFA Chapter, Catoctin FFA Alumni, Maryland Agricultural Fair Board and the Maryland State Grange.

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## REGIONAL NEWS

## County seeks to limit northern town growth

Regional plan could downzone some properties along US 15

BY JAMES RADA JR.  
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THURMONT, Md. — The Frederick County Planning and Zoning Commission is recommending zoning changes north of Thurmont that will discourage growth in that area.

During a recent meeting of the Thurmont Planning and Zoning Commission, County Planner Denis Superczynski, who also works with the town commission as the town's planner, explained to the members that the county commission was recommending that parcels of land

north of town be downzoned to agriculture. The current zoning on the parcels is highway services and had been recommended in the county plan for office research industrial.

The Thurmont planning commissioners saw the action as an attempt by the county to limit the town's northward growth. Planning Commissioner Randy Cubbedge said that the county was "putting speed bumps" in the way of the town.

"Do we let the county tell us what we're going to do or do we let the town tell us what we're going to do?" said Planning Com-

missioner Ray Williams.

Despite the intent of the new recommendations, Superczynski said that "The impact on annexation is nil. This does not forbid you from annexing that piece of property."

What it would do would be delay development on that property for five years. Tom Hudson with Hudson Land Development has proposed commercial uses on part of the Myers Farm that includes the land zoned highway

Zoning Commission chairman.

In an interview with *The Dispatch*, Superczynski said the county planning commission believes that Roddy Creek forms a natural northern boundary for the town and the members had concerns with the town's consideration of extending the boundary further north than that.

"From the county side, the land between the municipal boundary and the growth boundary they would like to see zoned with the least intensity," said Superczynski.

The downzoning recommendation is unusual in the fact that the planning commission usually waits for the municipal plan boundaries to be set before recommending county changes.

"I believe that it is an honest policy difference on what happens north of that creek," said Superczynski. "The planning commission is showing that they don't believe that that is the right place for that type of development."

Kinnaird said that he has no problem with the change if that is the desire of the property owner, otherwise, "I don't think it affects our decision process at all. I would just treat it as another comment."

**“Do we let the county tell us what we're going to do or do we let the town tell us what we're going to do?”**

Ray Williams  
Planning Commissioner

services. Because highway services are not necessarily incompatible with the commercial uses, development of that portion of the property could theoretically begin right away if the property was annexed.

By changing the zoning to agriculture, the proposed commercial use then becomes incompatible and the town would have to wait five years after the property is annexed to rezone it.

"I respect the position that the county planning and zoning plays with the county, but this is the town of Thurmont," said John Kinnaird, Thurmont Planning and

## Mt. Tabor Park's annual picnic on August 11

ROCKY RIDGE, Md. — Rocky Ridge will turn out on August 11 for their annual picnic in Mt. Tabor Park.

The picnic is an annual celebration that dates back to the 1930's. The park is a church park supported by the Mt. Tabor Lutheran and Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ congregations. Proceeds from the picnic are used to maintain the park.

"When I was a kid in the 1940s, it was a big thing because people didn't travel as much," said Rickard Dinterman with the Mt. Tabor Park board.

The Cruise In Car Show runs from noon until 5 p.m. The baby show is at 1 p.m. and Hat Creek Country will provide the evening entertainment beginning at 7 p.m. A clown will be on hand to entertain the kids and, as always, kids can enjoy the park's giant wooden sliding board.

Food will also be available at the picnic. The soup and sandwich stand opens at 11 a.m. or you can wait for the fried chicken and ham buffet that runs from 2-7 p.m. Adults are \$9, children (5-10) are \$6 and children under 5 are free.

- J. Rada

## Help keep Casey going!

THURMONT, Md. — Casey Bly thought his cancer was in remission when he graduated from Catoctin High this year. However, the day after graduation his doctor told him that the leukemia had returned and he was admitted to a Georgetown clinic.

"I'm not back into remission yet but the doctors here at Georgetown University are trying their absolute hardest to knock me back into remission as fast as they did the first time. And it does turn out that I will need another bone marrow transplant," Casey wrote in his blog.

This means another trip to North Carolina for treatment once he is back in remission and strong enough to travel. It also means more medical expenses for the Blys.

Besides having to deal with the pain of bone transplants, Casey has also had to deal with the loss of his mother, brother and sister to cancer all within the last six years. Casey was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia five months after his sister died.

The community has been

working to raise money to ensure the Blys can afford the life-saving bone marrow transplants at Duke University Hospital.

Two events are coming up to raise money:

- **Bid for Casey Auction** will be held August 18 at the Lewistown Fire Hall. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. The silent auction stops at 8:30 p.m. and the live auction starts at 8:45 p.m. Advance tickets are \$20 or \$25 at the door. Appetizers and refreshments will be provided. Tickets are available at these Thurmont locations: Hobbs Hardware, Bank of America, Farmers and Merchants Bank and Blockbuster.

- **Battle for Casey Poker Run** will be held September 22 at Battlefield Harley Davidson in Gettysburg. First Prize - \$100, Second Prize - \$75. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the riders will be back by 3 p.m. The cost is \$10 per hand. Extra cards are \$3. Entertainment will be provided by Shotgun Ride and Scarlet Angel.

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THURMONT, Md. – Hundreds of people rocked around the clock Saturday, July 28 at the 50s & 60s Day in Thurmont, taking in the view of some hot rods and indulging in sweet treats, games and cool music.

Mike Tester attended the event with his son Nick and entered Tester's 1967 Pontiac LeMans into the car show. For Tester, owning a car from the 1960s gives him a chance to really work on a car, which he

says is hard to do today because of new technology, and his 1967 Pontiac gives him something else.

"It's a feeling of satisfaction to have something so old and keep it working like new," Tester said. "It's enjoyment."

Rachel McCuller didn't bring a car; rather she brought an empty stomach. McCuller walked away from the event as a cupcake/Twinkie-eating champion, taking down her challengers in a few swift bites.

"I ate the whip cream first because it was the easiest to eat," McCuller said, explaining her technique.

McCuller said she wasn't too worried about her competition, except for one person – her brother.

"My brother likes food a lot and I thought he would win," McCuller said. Somehow McCuller managed to edge out her brother and win, earning the bragging rights until next year's event, when she'll mostly likely return to defend her title. McCuller did have a bit of advice for all of those aspiring competitive eaters.

"Don't eat before," McCuller said with a smile.

Cathy Ligsay also walked away a champion, but not for her ability to eat but rather hula-hoop.

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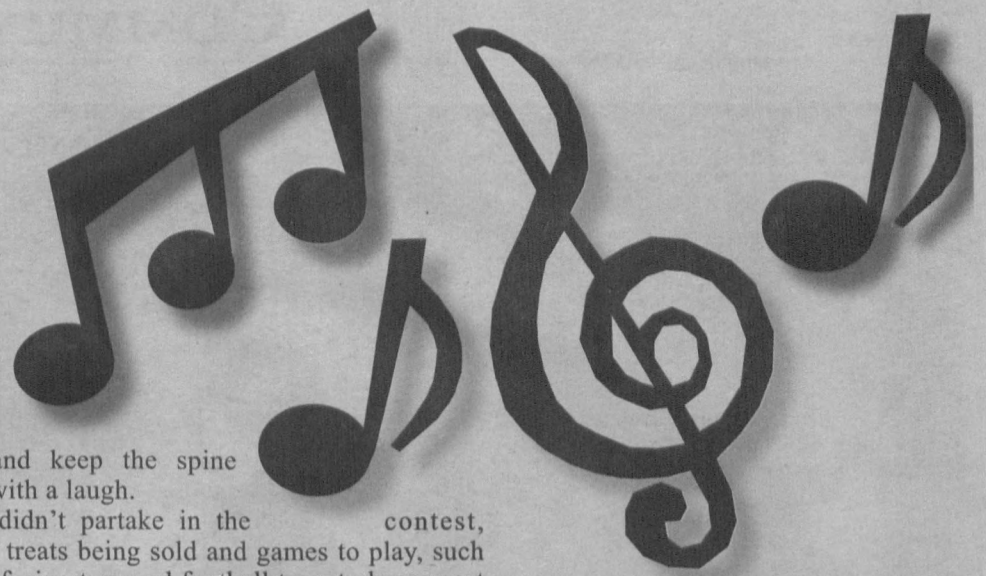
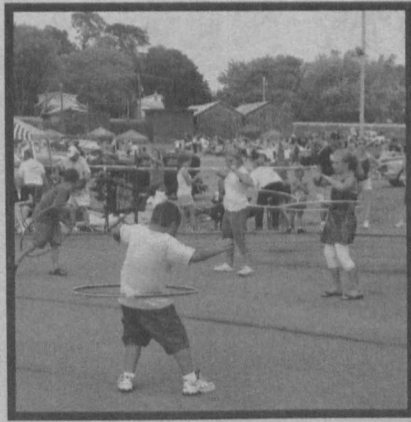
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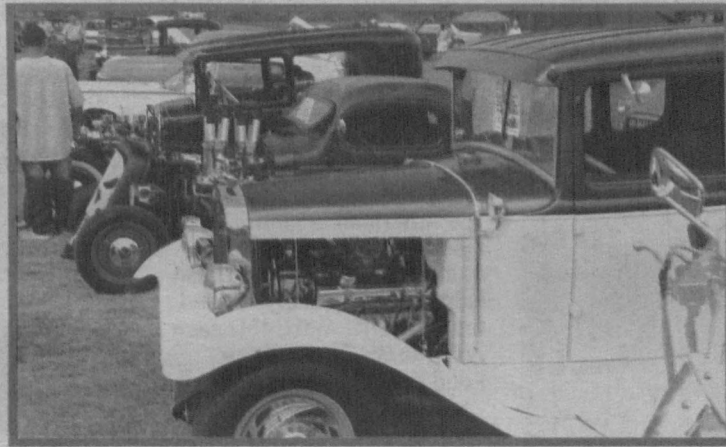


Ligsay had no plans to enter the hula-hoop contest on Saturday, but after a lot of "hollering and whooping" from her family she decided she would give it a go. Although she did not practice leading up to the event, Ligsay said she did hula-hoop when she was young and once the contest started it wasn't very hard to remember what to do.

Ligsay intends to continue hula-hooping as long as her back allows and had one piece of advice for those planning to enter any hula-hoop contest.

"Keep active and keep the spine loose," Ligsay said with a laugh.

For those that didn't partake in the contest, there were plenty of treats being sold and games to play, such as bowling, mini golf, ring toss and football toss, to keep most anyone happy. And there was even entertainment for those hankering for some good music, as Big Cam and the Lifters took the stage in the evening and treated event goers to some true rock-and-roll music.



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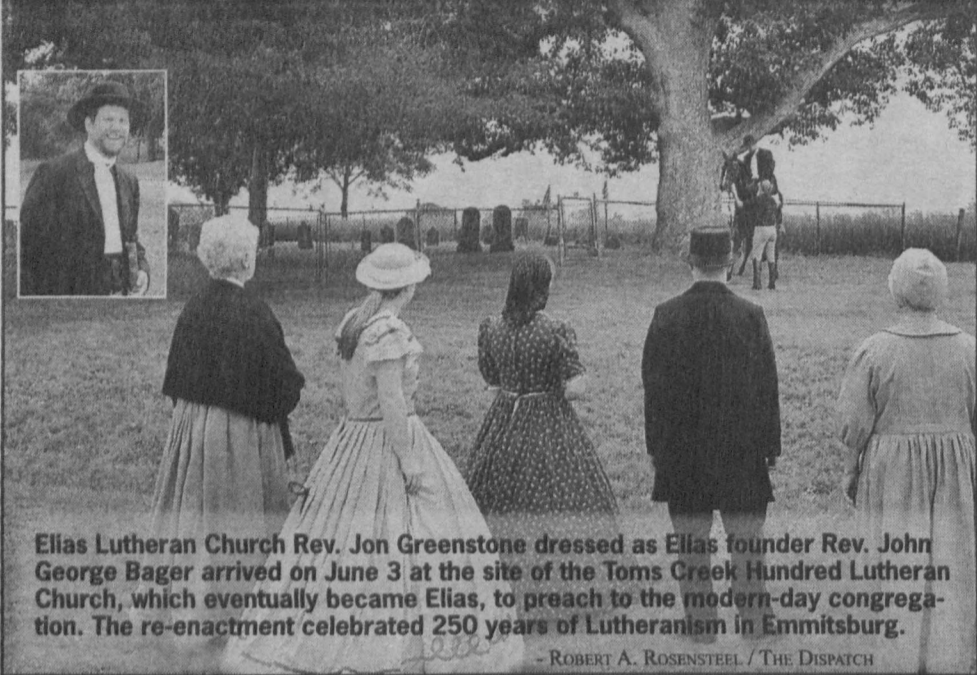
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### Rev. Bager returns after 250 years



Elias Lutheran Church Rev. Jon Greenstone dressed as Elias founder Rev. John George Bager arrived on June 3 at the site of the Toms Creek Hundred Lutheran Church, which eventually became Elias, to preach to the modern-day congregation. The re-enactment celebrated 250 years of Lutheranism in Emmitsburg.

- ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL / THE DISPATCH

### Mother Seton School walk-a-thon benefits Amanecer

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Students at Mother Seton School walked two-mile laps around the school and Provincial House grounds for their annual walk-a-thon.

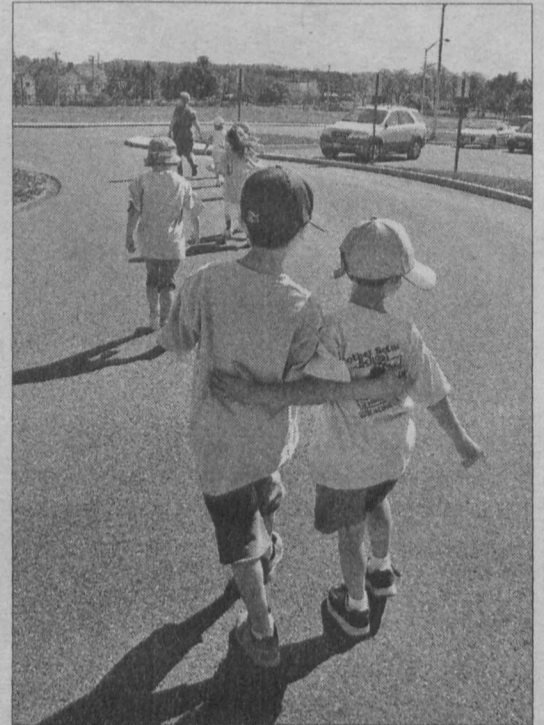
Nearly 400 walkers with teachers, assistants, parents, grandparents, other relatives and friends walked as few as one lap and as many as six laps.

Paces varied with age and ability. Some of the older students completed one lap in 35 minutes, while it took fourteen pre-kindergartners nearly 2 hours to walk the 2 mile trek.

Pre-kindergartener Elijah Disharoon said, "I think this is a good idea because we're helping poor kids get food and houses."

The walk-a-thon benefited Amanecer. Amanecer was started in 1981 by the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul to provide a home and a new beginning for the abandoned, abused and orphaned street children of Cochabamba, Bolivia.

The program is intended to promote their physical, intellectual, spiritual and social development with



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the aim of eventually reintegrating them into society with increased self-respect and the ability to improve economic conditions.

MSS teachers, Danielle Kirby and Karen O'Connor, organized the event from start to finish. They announced a profit of \$7,262.20 with cash and pledges.

### Breaking the Bank



- ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL / THE DISPATCH

The American Legion 121 Ladies Auxiliary raised \$1,350 at the 2007 Poker Pub Crawl in May. The Auxiliary divided the proceeds with \$450 each going to the Emmitsburg Food Bank, Catocin Cass Family Service Program and the ladies auxiliary. Joyce Rosensteel, Patty Adams and Patty Troxell recently used the \$450 and purchased a number of food items for the food bank and dropped them off to Phyllis Kelly at the Emmitsburg Food Bank.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### They're proud to be Americans



Mother Seton School 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students William Miller, Amanda Gebhart and Carrie Ruppert recently won awards in the "I'm Proud to be an American" essay contest. Patty Troxell, Americanism Committee Chair, from the American Legion Auxiliary, Francis X. Elder Post 121 in Emmitsburg presented awards to Mother Seton School students. Mitchell Swope, Jonathan Carroll, and Christopher Sanicola won the 6<sup>th</sup> grade awards.

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**Engagement Announcement**  
 Ms. Shelley Carr of Fairfield, PA and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Chevalier of Waynesboro, PA announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Chata Chevalier, to Barton Moore Gibbon II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barton Gibbon of Fairfield, PA.  
 Miss Chevalier is a 2005 graduate of Fairfield Area High School, and will be graduating from West Chester University in 2009. She is the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. William H. Carr of Emmitsburg, MD. Mr. Gibbon is a 2004 graduate of Fairfield Area High School and is employed as a Petty Officer Third Class for the United States Navy, stationed in Norfolk, VA. He is the grandson of Mrs. JoAnne Large and the late John H. Large, formerly of Jim Thorpe, PA, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gibbon of Jim Thorpe, PA.  
 A 2009 wedding is planned.

Melissa Rice is the daughter of Thomas and Patricia Rice of Thurmont. Melissa graduated from Catocin High School in 2001. She attended Mount St. Mary's University, graduating in 2005 with a major in Sociology/Criminal Justice. After leaving the Mount, Melissa moved to Baltimore where she graduated from UMBC with a masters degree in Applied Sociology. She will be attending University of Maryland's Graduate School of Public Health in Baltimore this fall '07. Melissa will be working toward a doctorate degree in Gerontology and simultaneously obtaining a masters degree in Epidemiology and Preventive medicine. While attending school, Melissa has also been working full time for the national Institute on Aging under the Intramural Research Training Award.  
 Melissa's family would like to congratulate her in all she has accomplished  
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 Mom, Daddy, Zachary & Jennifer

### Spicing up history

The Silver Fancy Garden Club used \$500 to plant two large gardens of Civil War-era herbs at either side of the entrance to the Maryland Visitors Center on Route 15 South. About a dozen members spent four hours planting the medicinal and culinary herbs. The beautification project was done in cooperation with the State Highway Administration who will place signs near the gardens that identify the herbs and their Civil War uses.



- JAMES RADA JR. / THE DISPATCH

### Long and Favorite win Lions Club Awards



Gene Long

The Thurmont Lions Club awarded two Melvin Jones awards for service to Lions Gene Long and non-member Kenny Favorite.

Long has spearheaded the club's rehabilitation of the Thurmont trolley trail, spending hours planning, purchasing and implementing plans to turn the trolley trail into a walking trail through Thurmont.

Favorite has stored materials

for the club in his storage barn; helped with the club's floats for the Thurmont Carnival parade; helped with the Easter egg hunts; the chef extraordinaire of the pit been sandwich sales. Since Favorite is an employee of the Maryland State Soil Conservation Department his help was tremendous in the trolley trail with design and permits.

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Ron Face, director, NETC Management, Operations, Support Services spoke to the Emmitsburg Business and Professionals Association recently about the NETC's history.

A major employer in Emmitsburg, the NETC employs 175 full time government workers, 400 full time contract workers and 1000 part time contract workers including instructors from 1 day to 2 weeks. The facility receives over 100,000 applications and has the capacity to accommodate 17,000 students per year.

Students come from all over the world and include Government officials, hospital administrators, Mayors, some private sector businesses and large construction firms. City officials include Atlanta, Dallas, Ft. Worth, New Orleans and Emmitsburg.

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**Field of dreams: Tranquility Farm hoping to fill void with new indoor ring**

BY STEPHANIE LONG  
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THURMONT, Md. – Back in 1990, Sarah Transeau founded Tranquility Farm, a non-profit organization, with the goal of helping those with disabilities find comfort and healing through therapy with horses. And for the

past 17 years that is what she has continued to do, giving back to the community and solely focusing all of her energy on the farm, but now she is looking to others to help in the cause.

Twenty-five students take lessons at Tranquility Farms and benefit from the therapeutic aspects of riding lessons, but as of now the students are only able



- STEPHANIE LONG / THE DISPATCH

Sarah Transeau, founder of Tranquility Farm, gives her niece, Kaia Transeau, a ride on Dreamer. Sarah is looking to the community for help to build an indoor arena on the farm so her students can ride year-round despite the weather.

take lessons during the warm months of the year, which leaves a void in their lives.

To ensure that her students are able to benefit from therapy year round, Transeau wants to build an indoor riding ring, which would allow students to have riding lessons at any time of the year. Transeau already has the spot picked out, her self-proclaimed "field of dreams," a large open field on the farm. But Tran-

seau has run into a major roadblock in making her dream turn into reality—money.

"A local construction company has already donated the labor, but I need the money for the arena itself," Transeau said. "It takes money and this is my biggest endeavor ever."

For the past few months, Transeau has been trying to raise money to purchase the ring, but has not succeeded and is looking for someone to fund the purchase of the ring; Transeau even plans on naming the ring after the person who will fund it.

As a non-profit organization, Tranquility Farm looks towards volunteers and sponsors to keep the farm alive and thus far has relied, and survived, on peoples goodwill since 1990, and that is what Transeau hopes will continue so that she can continue to give back to the community, even during the cold months of the year.

Those interested in donating to Tranquility Farm may call Sarah Transeau at (301) 271-3400 or visit [www.tranquility-farmequestrian.com](http://www.tranquility-farmequestrian.com).

**Powers Insurance relocates to Emmitsburg**

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- J. Rada

**Skiles Funeral Homes get new owner**

EMMITSBURG, Md. – Skiles Funeral Homes in Emmitsburg and Taneytown has a new owner. Justin Durboraw, owner of Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home in Westminster, is the new owner.

As part of the changeover that is expected to be completed by the end of the summer, the Skiles Funeral Homes will be renamed.

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**Two Terrific Storytime**  
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August 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:30 a.m.

**Pre-School Storytime**  
(ages 3-5)  
August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10:30 a.m.

**Family Storytime**  
(all ages)  
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 7 p.m.

## Children's Programs

**Global Groove Storytime**  
(ages 6-12)  
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August 3 at 3:30 p.m.

**Reading Rocks!**  
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Activities about "Runaway Ralph" by Beverly Cleary  
August 15 at 4 p.m.

## Teen Programs

**Movie Makers Club**  
(grades 6-12)  
Learning about directing, writing and acting in movies.  
August 7 at 7 p.m.

**Animé Club**  
(grades 6-12)  
August 10 at 6 p.m.

**Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club**  
(teens and adults)

August 21 at 7 p.m. "The Riddle-Master of Hed" by Patricia A. McKillip.

## Adult Programs

**Leaving a Legacy: Write About Your Life**  
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**Tuesday Evening Book Club**  
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**Knitting Nook**  
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August 16 at 4 p.m.

**Genealogy Focus Group**  
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August 23 at 7 p.m.

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

# SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Events in August

Here we are in the hot, humid days of August, hoping for rain to break the current drought. Our farmers and gardeners are really suffering. Remember that the center is air-conditioned for your comfort, so come in for some pleasant company.

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

**August 14** - Trivia and word games before lunch.

**August 21** - Meeting Day, 12:30 p.m. Blood pressure check with Nurse Steve.

**August 28** - Garden tour to Greencastle, Pa. and lunch out. Limit 10 people; first come, first serve. Transportation fee: \$3.

## 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:** August 1, 15 & 29.

**Cards, 500, and Bridge Group:** August 8 & 22.

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

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

**Cards & Games:** Fridays at 12:30 p.m.

**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.

# FAIRFIELD SENIOR EVENTS

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.

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**Exercise:** Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

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**Knitting:** Mondays, 10:30 a.m. - noon. Bring your project - beginners welcome. (Other needleworkers are welcome, too.)

**Lunch:** Monday through Friday at noon, except for Special Events.

**Card games:** your choice. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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## CALENDAR

**August 2 - Baltimore Pike Farmers' Market.** At Mulligan MacDuff, 1360 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg. Open from 2-7 p.m. every Thursday. Call (717) 337-1492 for information.

**August 3, 10 - "Where's the Instruction Manual?" Baby Care Basics Class (2 sessions)** Classes held at FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick. Advance registration and payment required. Fee: \$65/couple. For more information, call (240) 379-6000.

**August 3, 4 - Country Peddler Show.** Call (717) 656-4849 for more information

**August 1 - 4 - Annual Book Sale Bonanza.** The annual Book Sale of the Friends of the Adams County Library will be held at the Gettysburg Middle School, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. August 2 & 3 and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. August 4. Over 15,000 book and other items will be for sale.

**August 4 - The Mayor's Community Bar-b-que.** Emmitsburg Community Park Competition from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dinners \$6.50, 1/4 chicken apple sauce and potato salad, corn on the cob for sale. Moon bounce, live music 12 - 3 p.m. "Springfield Exit", door prizes, four bicycles given away, 50/50, caricature drawings.

**August 4 - "Gumption Teaches about Power"** All Natural Nutrition & Chiropractic, 1715 Waynesboro Pike, Fairfield, PA. Free show at 10 a.m.,

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**August 4 - Gettysburg Farmers' Market.** On Lincoln Square from 7 a.m. - noon. Call (717) 334-8151 for more information.

**August 4 - 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.

**August 4, 25, Sept. 15, 29 - "Saturday Express" Childbirth Education.** Class held at FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick or Frederick Memorial Hospital, 400 W. 7th St., Frederick. Fee: \$110/couple. For more information, call (240) 379-6000.

**August 5 - "Raise the Roof Revival"** 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Activities include musical performances, guest speakers, silent auction, baked goods, kid zone, lunch, prayer room, pig roast, etc. Hosted by Weller Church 101 N. Altamont Street, Thurmont. Dinner tickets on sale now. All are welcome, admission is free. Bring a lawn chair. Rain or shine. For more information, call the church office at (301) 271-2802.

**August 5 and 12, September 9 and 16 - "Sunday Run" Childbirth Education.**

(two-consecutive Sunday sessions) FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick. Advance registration and payment required. Fee: \$110/couple. For more information, call (240) 379-6000.

**August 7, 9, 14, and 16 - Adults can learn the rudiments of printmaking** at a class offered by the Adams County Arts Council's arts education center, the Imagination Station. Woodstock, New York-based artist and art educator Holly McCabe will teach the class. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Imagination Station, located at 18 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, across from the Majestic Theater. To register or for more information about McCabe's printmaking class or the other art classes offered at the Imagination Station, visit [www.adamscountyartscouncil.org](http://www.adamscountyartscouncil.org) or call the arts council at (717) 334-5006.

**August 8, 17, 25, September 5, 11, 15, 21, 27 - FMH BirthPlace Tours.** Guided tour of BirthPlace and Family Center. Frederick Memorial Hospital, 400 W. 7th St., Frederick, MD. Advance registration required. Free of charge. For more information, call (240) 379-6000.

**August 8, September 5 - New Mother Get Together.** (3-week session) New mothers and babies (ages 6 weeks-9 months) meet for fun and learning. Session begins. Class held at FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick. Advance registration and payment required. Fee: \$65/session. For more information, call (240) 379-6000.

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in the Emmitsburg Community Center. To register for this workshop, please call Doresa or Nita at Hearty House, (301) 662-8800.

**August 9 - Baltimore Pike Farmers' Market.** At Mulligan MacDuff, 1360 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg, is open from 2-7 p.m. every Thursday. Call (717) 337-1492 for information.

**August 9 - Summer Pottery Workshops with Jack Handshaw at Strawberry Hill Nature Center.** Shape works of art from raw redware clay and use natural objects to decorate your work. Each class will focus on a different project and all projects will be fired after the August 9 workshop. Cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for non members. Held from 6:30 - 8 p.m. (Note: Evening classes are coordinated with camps for ages 7 to 10). Classes suitable for ages 5 and up as well as adults. Call (717) 642-5840 or visit [www.strawberryhill.org](http://www.strawberryhill.org).

**August 10 - Karaoke.** With Ron and Brenda. Legion members and guests. Kitchens open 5:30 - 8 p.m. Thurmont American Legion.

**August 10 - Pre-Teen Pool Party at the Emmitsburg Pool.** 7-9 p.m. at the Emmitsburg pool. For more information, call (240) 629-6300.

**August 10 - Class Reunion.** The Catocin High School Class of 1983 will hold it's annual class gathering on Friday, August 10th, 2007. We will meet at the Ott House in Emmitsburg, Maryland at 7 p.m.

**August 11 - Jacobs Church Festival.** 3 p.m. thru evening. Held in the grove of the church at 495 Harbaugh Valley Road, Fairfield, PA (near Fountaindale, PA across from site R entrance) Featuring homemade chicken corn, ham and bean, and beef vegetable soup, baked ham, chicken salad and hot turkey sandwiches, steamers, hotdogs, pie, cake, potato salad, pepper slaw, kettle french fries, soda, coffee, ice tea, lemonade and Antietam Dairy ice-cream. Bring a lawn chair. Rain or shine. Entertainment at 5 p.m. "The Catocin Promise Band." Benefit of Jacobs Church.

**August 11 - Annual Big Picnic.** "Home of the Big Wooden Sliding Board" 11 a.m. until. Baby show at 1 p.m. Fried Chicken and Ham buffet 2 - 7 p.m. adults \$9; children (5-10) \$6, under 5 free. Entertainment at 7 p.m. "Hat Creek Country", Car show 12 - 5 p.m. sponsored by Mt. Tabor Park Board.

**August 11 - Paranzino Brothers Auction.** Frederick Fair Grounds, call (330) 549-3133 for more information.

**August 11 - Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church annual picnic.** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Food and drink available.

Entertainment provided by The Blue Grass Chapel Band in the picnic woods adjacent to the church on Stottlemeyer Road near Foxville.

**August 11 - Nature Discovery Streams.** 2 p.m. at the Catocin Mountain Park Visitor's Center. Join a ranger for a "fishing expedition" to discover prey and predators in the Whiskey Still Stream. We'll return the critters to the stream unharmed but you can take your new-found knowledge home with you. The program will be hands-on so wear shoes appropriate for walking on the edge of streams.

**August 11 - Peach Festival.** 1:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren, 26 Pipe Creek Road, Union Bridge. Come enjoy our famous Kettle Fried Chicken Platters, food and Peaches and Ice Cream. There will be a silent auction along with craft and yard sale vendors. There will be games, a petting zoo and music. All proceeds to benefit outreach programs and our improvements fund. Questions or directions, call Billy or Nancy Horton at (410) 775-7426. Craft and yard sale vendors are welcome and should call Clarence Maring at (410) 848-8149.

**Aug. 12 - Lewiston Ruritan Chicken Bar-B-Q.** U.S. 15 North & Fish Hatchery Road. (301) 748-1708.

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

**August 15, 22 & 19, 26 - Tri-State Thunder 2008 tryouts.** The Tri-State Thunder, a select travel softball organization based in Hagerstown, will be holding tryout for its 2008 team. Players come from West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia; coaching focuses on college preparation and recruiting. For more information contact Missy at [sluggercoach@aol.com](mailto:sluggercoach@aol.com).

**August 17 - Outside Luau.** 6 - 10 p.m. Members & guests \$5. Roast Pig, BBQ Chicken and trimmings. Cash bar and DJ. Tickets available at Thurmont American Legion.

August 17 to 19- Frederick Sports Expo. At the Frederick Fair Grounds, call (301) 748-4648 for information.

**August 18 - Live and Silent Auction.** Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Silent Auction stops at 8:30 p.m. and the live Auction starts at 8:45 p.m. Advance tickets \$20 or \$25 at the door. Appetizers and refreshments will be provided. Lewistown Fire Hall. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Denise Hurd (301) 271-0460 or [thehurds26@comcast.net](mailto:thehurds26@comcast.net).



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# Arts & Entertainment

## C A L E N D A R

**July 31 to August 12 – Driving Miss Daisy.** Tickets, \$27- \$35. When Boolie tells his mother Daisy Werthman, 72 that she can no longer drive a car and must rely upon the services of a chauffeur, she doesn't take to kindly to the new arrangement. Totem Pole Playhouse, 9555 Golf Course Rd, Fayetteville. For more information, to purchase tickets or for show times, call (717) 352-2164.

**August 3 – Concert in the Park with The Elvis Man.** 7 – 9 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Community Park Pavillion.

**August 3 to 5 – Titanic: The Musical.** The ACTS of Kindness Theatre Company will perform at the New Oxford High School. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$12 for adults. Tickets are available at the North Hanover Mall Customer Service Center, the ACAC office and on-line at [adamscountyartsCouncil.org](http://adamscountyartsCouncil.org).

**August 4 – Concert at Adams County Winery.** 1-5 p.m. at 251 Peach Tree Road, Orttanna. Free admission, rain or shine. Featuring Nightlite, a 70's, 80's, and 90's dance band. For more information, call (717) 334-3631 or visit [www.adamscountywinery.com](http://www.adamscountywinery.com).

**August 5, 12, 19, 26 – Summer Concert Series.** 7 p.m. Free event. Enjoy 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](http://celebratefrederick.com).

**August 6 to 27 – Drawing for Dummies.** Learn pastel-drawing techniques at the Adams County Arts Council's art education center, The Imagination Station. The class will be

offered Monday evenings from 6-8 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](http://www.adamscountyartsCouncil.org).

**August 6 to 27- "Drawing for Beginners."** Do you love to draw, but can draw only stick figures? Do you hide your doodles from others? Now you can learn to draw in a safe and nurturing environment in a class offered by the Adams County Arts Council's arts education center, the Imagination Station. The class, titled Drawing for Beginners, will be offered Monday evenings from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Imagination Station, located at 18 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, across from the Majestic Theater. To register or for more information the introductory drawing class, or other classes offered by the Imagination Station, call the arts council at (717) 334-5006 or visit [www.adamscountyartsCouncil.org](http://www.adamscountyartsCouncil.org).

**August 7 to 16 – Beginning Acrylic Painting Class.** Learn pastel-drawing techniques at the Adams County Arts Council's art education center, The Imagination Station. The class will be offered Tuesday and Thursday mornings 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](http://www.adamscountyartsCouncil.org).

**August 7 - 10 – Mixed Media Studio for Kids.** The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown, instructor Mike Gouker, 1 - 3 p.m., ages 8-14. For more information on fees, dates and times, call the Museum at (301) 739-5727. For the hearing impaired, call our TDD at (301) 739-5764. Registration can be made via our secure web site at

[www.wcmfa.org](http://www.wcmfa.org); registration is required for all classes.

**August 11 - August 18 – Pop Art: LOVE and a Soup Can.** The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown, instructor Chris Copley, Saturdays 1 - 3 p.m., ages 7-14. For more information on fees, dates and times, call the Museum at (301) 739-5727. For the hearing impaired, call our TDD at (301) 739-5764. Registration can be made via our secure web site at [www.wcmfa.org](http://www.wcmfa.org); registration is required for all classes.

**August 12 – Thurmont Summer Series Concert with the Harmony Cornet 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.

**August 14 - August 17 – WILD! Acrylic Workshop.** The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown, instructor Kent Roberts, 3 to 5 p.m. For more information on fees, dates and times, call the Museum at (301) 739-5727. For the hearing impaired, call our TDD at (301) 739-5764. Registration can be made via our secure web site at [www.wcmfa.org](http://www.wcmfa.org); registration is required for all classes.

**August 14 to 26 – Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming.** Tickets, \$27- \$35. Rev. Mervin Oglethorpe of Mount Pleasant Baptist has been summoned to preach in Texas. The new preacher, Dennis Sanders is set to take over Mount Pleasant the following morning. Join Oglethorpe's last service at Mount Pleasant as the Sanders family gives them a send off no one is soon to forget. Totem Pole Playhouse, 9555 Golf Course Rd, Fayetteville. For more information, to purchase tickets or for show times, call (717) 352-2164.

## Miss Daisy Drives into the Totem Pole



- TOTEM POLE PLAYHOUSE  
Mary Rausch (Miss Daisy) and Keith N. Johnson (Hoke Coleburn) take the lead in "Driving Miss Daisy," now running at the Totem Pole Playhouse through August 12.

FAYETTEVILLE, Pa. – It might seem like an odd pair, an old, mistrusting woman from the South and a black man hired to chauffeur her around town, but somehow it works. Played out in "Driving Miss Daisy," the story of Miss Daisy Werthan and Hoke Coleburn is running at the Totem Pole Playhouse thru August 12.

Following a car accident, Miss Daisy's son, Boolie, insists that Miss Daisy rely on Coleburn to get around town, forcing Miss Daisy to set aside her personal prejudices towards servants and blacks.

Miss Daisy and Coleburn's relationship slowly evolves into an unlikely friendship over a 25-year period, from 1948 to 1973.

Mary Rausch, who has performed in several other

productions at the Totem Pole, plays the lead part of Miss Daisy, with Keith N. Johnson at her side as Coleburn, who played Coleburn in 1990.

Wil Love, associate artistic director and popular regional theatre actor, takes a step off stage to direct Miss Daisy. The play is truly brought to life by James Fouchard, resident set designer, and Michael D. Domue, resident lighting designer, along with Jessica Allison, costumes, and Jenny Smith, props.

For information on the production, including performance schedules and ticket prices, stop by the box office, call (717) 352-2164 or order tickets online at [totempole-playhouse.org](http://totempole-playhouse.org).

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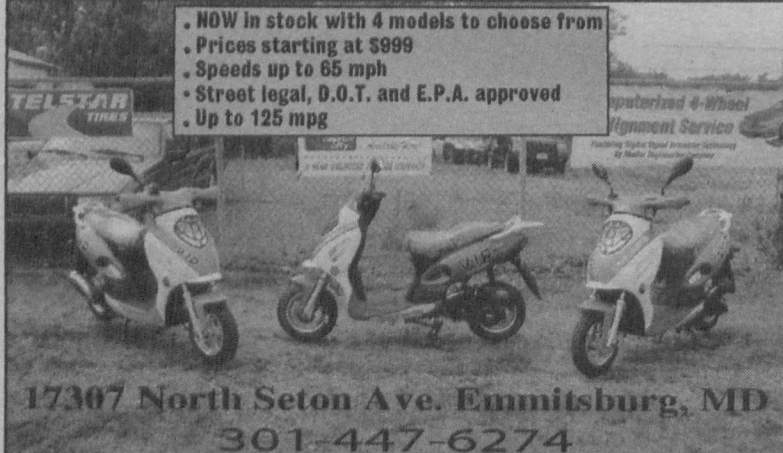
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# OBITUARIES

## Mrs. Betty Haines

Mrs. Betty Jane (Springer) Haines, 76, of West Lincoln Avenue, Emmitsburg, died July 2, at Green-Acres Nursing and Rehab Center, Gettysburg, Pa.

Born December 7, 1930, in Frederick County, she was a daughter of the late Charles E. and Martha Virginia Wetzel Springer.

Surviving are three daughters, Linda Krietz, Orrtanna, Pa., Brenda Lucas, Waynesboro, Pa., Kathy Swiger, Shinnon, W.Va.; one son, Jimmy Fox, Taneytown; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Charlotte Sullivan, Emmitsburg and Virginia May, Westminster.

She was predeceased by two sons, Philip Lee Fox and Roy Thomas Haines. She was also preceded in death by 11 brothers and sisters.

A Mass of Christian burial was held July 6 from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Vincent J. O'Malley, C.M., as the celebrant.

Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

## Mrs. Dorothy T. Hershey

Dorothy T. Hershey, 92, of Gettysburg, Pa. died Monday afternoon, July 9, 2007 at the Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village.

Born July 5, 1915 in Emmitsburg, Md. she was the daughter of the late Robert L. and Anna G. (Moser) Troxell. She was the wife of the late Lt. Col. Jacob R. Hershey, USARet.

Dorothy is survived by one son, Col. Jacob R. Hershey, II, of Birmingham, AL; one daughter, H. Melinda Bomberger, of Manchester, Pa.; five grandchildren and two great

grandchildren.

Funeral services were held July 13, 2007 at the Christ Lutheran Church 30 Chambersburg St., Gettysburg with her pastor the Rev. Stephen Herr officiating. Burial was in the Flohr's Cemetery, McKnightstown, Pa.

Family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Christ Lutheran Church or the South Mountain Audubon Society.

## Mrs. Anna May (Krietz) Little

Mrs. Anna May (Krietz) Little, 89, of South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, died Friday, July 13, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg.

Born on July 1, 1918, at St. Anthony's, she was a daughter of the late Elmer Agusta and Catherine Irene Shorb Krietz.

Anna was predeceased by her husband, Robert Francis Little.

Surviving are three children, Ronald Francis Little, Mercersburg, Pa., John W. Little, Fayetteville, Ga. and Phillip V. Little, Thurmont; 11 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by four sisters and one brother: Mary Elizabeth Knott, Catherine Irene Beard, Ella Mae Lewis, Mildred Krietz and John Krietz.

A Mass of Christian burial was July 17 from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with her pastor, the Rev. Paul Murphy, C.M. as the celebrant.

Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg. Memorials may be sent to St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 376, Emmitsburg, MD 21727-0376.



**Claude Arthur Gochenour Jr.**, 81 died June 27, 2007 at his home in Apple Valley California his residence for 20 years. He was born Nov. 3, 1925 in Thurmont, MD. son of the late Claude A. Gochenour & Ruth Smith Gochenour and his late step father William J. Myers.

Claude was a cement contractor for 30 years. He was a WWII Army veteran and holder of two Bronze stars for service in Europe. He was a great jokester, who made everyone he came in contact with laugh. He was a great cook and handy man.

Claude is survived by his wife of 20 years, Ruth Gochenour of Apple Valley; daughter Diane of Las Vegas, Nev.; son Tom of Las Vegas Nev.; son Kenny of Mexico; son Dean of Fullerton, Calif.; daughter Sue of Apple Valley; Jan of Santa Rosa; Debbie of San Jose, Calif., son Steve of Bridgefield, Del.; brothers Chester Gochenour, Sabillasville; Donald Gochenour, Thurmont; sisters Dottie A. Cowley, Linthicum, MD; Marianne Myers, Emmitsburg; step-brothers William Myers, Baltimore; Francis Myers, Fairfield, step sister Elizabeth Yingling, Emmitsburg; 13 grand children and nine great-grand children.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Leon, Harold, Charles, Merle and Gene Gochenour and step-brother Robert Myers.

Visitation and service was held at 10 a.m. Sunday at Sunset Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary in Apple Valley California.

# BIRTHS

Tina & Michael Rippeon,  
Rocky Ridge, a son, June 23

Bobbi Swain & Chuck  
Stuart, Emmitsburg, a  
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