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Judge dismisses 4 of 5 counts in Elder lawsuit

Remaining count carries no financial penalty

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — What had once been a multi-million-dollar lawsuit against the Town of Emmitsburg by a former town commissioner has been reduced to one charge that the town had inadequate procedures in its ethics ordinance, which carries no financial penalty.

Frederick County Circuit Court Judge Julie Stevenson Solt heard arguments to dismiss the various counts of a lawsuit against the town filed by former Emmitsburg Town Commission Arthur Elder on Aug. 15. In an order written Aug. 31, she dismissed four of the five counts.

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County okays funding for fire museum

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FREDERICK, Md. — During a Sept. 18 meeting, the Frederick County Board of Commissioners agreed to help the National Fire Heritage Center get established in Emmitsburg.

"The interest in the fire heritage museum has been

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VIVE LES AMERICAINS



World War II re-enactors are welcomed into Emmitsburg on Sept. 15 as they "liberated" the town just as soldiers would have during WWII. Plans are in the works to make this an annual event as re-enactors head up to the WWII weekend at the Eisenhower Farm in Gettysburg.

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The liberation of Emmitsburg

Fairfield woman experiences liberation real and staged

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Watching the "liberation" of Emmitsburg from Nazis on Sept. 15 brought back memories for Ivanka Antolin of her hometown's real liberation from the Nazi's on May 1, 1945.

"First they came with the tanks and then they came with the trucks and then the jeeps," Antolin said. "It was very much like it was here but without the tanks."

Troops from the 4th Infantry Division Military Police Platoon (recreated) liberated Emmitsburg from the Nazis on

Sept. 15. Residents lined the streets to welcome the troops in the way French villagers would have in 1944. They also presented the soldiers with French bread and wine (sparkling apple cider) while the soldiers handed out candy and gum to children. The soldiers were on their way to the Eisenhower National Historic Site's WWII weekend.

Antolin's hometown was Gorizia, Yugoslavia. She was 20 years old when Australian troops came up a river from Trieste and into Gorizia. The Germans had already retreated and abandoned the town two days earlier.

"We were hoping that the Allies would liberate Slovenia, but they didn't do anything. They stopped,"

Antolin said.

Gorizia was on the Italy-Yugoslavia border. Under the Yalta Agreement, Italy became a republic but Slovenia, as part of Yugoslavia, fell under Communist control.

"We were exhausted from the war and really looking forward to being liberated," Antolin said.

Instead what happened is that the Communists began to arrest anyone they believed had supported the partisans during the war. Antolin's sister was arrested. Her mother would eventually be arrested and serve two

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Etris and Blanchard filed to run for town commissioners

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EMMITSBURG, Md. - Denise Etris had only lived in Emmitsburg about two weeks when she attended her first town meeting.

"I thought it was great that the average citizen could talk to the commissioners and have them listen," Etris said. "I thought it was great that the average citizen could be on all these commissions and do something that makes a difference in the town."

So Etris began to participate on those committees. She serves on the board of appeals, the charter review committee, the streets committee and has served as an election judge. Though this year, she can't serve as an election judge because she is running for election.

She and incumbent Glenn Blanchard are the only two candidates registered to fill the two open seats on the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners.

Blanchard said he is running for re-election because, "I feel like we, the commissioners, accom-

plished good work as a team and I want to keep that going."

Some of the things Blanchard said that he was proud this board of commissioners accomplished was to upgrade the town's water and sewer infrastructure, install new playground equipment and

get a new traffic light at the intersection of Silo Hill Road and Main Street.

Etris said the commissioners will have some big issues in the

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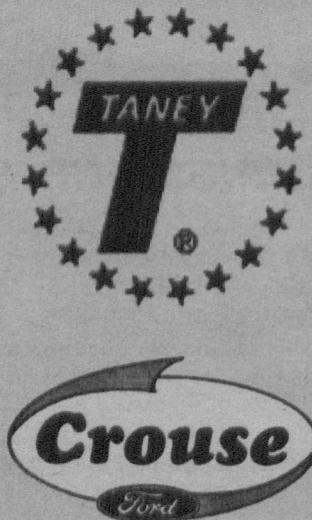
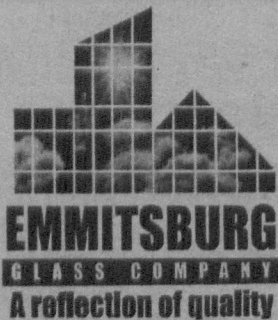


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EDITORIAL

Lives lost and lessons learned

Death is never pleasant to deal with, particularly when those who have died are young. Residents of our readership area lost two such youth this past month, Casey Bly and Scotty Harbaugh. Our condolences go out to both young men's family and friends.

However, rather than remember the tragic loss, we would rather remember what these young men taught us:

- You're never too sick to smile. Casey's and Scotty's smiles brightened many people's days.
- People are basically good. Residents of this region pulled together to raise funds for these two boys and to help out where they could.
- Never give up hope. If they never did in the face of their

diseases, why should we?

- Live life to its fullest because you never know when your last day will be.
- While the strength of your body may vanish outside of your control, the strength of spirit can never be conquered.

While some might debate whether these are true lessons or not, the truth doesn't matter in this case. What makes these lessons true is that they are worth believing in and because Casey and Scotty believed in them, our lives were enriched. We became better people as we worked and prayed that they would become better.

It is a tragedy that we have lost them both, but it will be even a greater tragedy if we forget what they taught us.

A Word from the Mayor Understanding how law changes affect the upcoming election

Previously, town elections were held in April. This year is the first year that the Emmitsburg town elections are being held in the fall and in just a few short days residents will need to cast their vote for two commissioners. In the past three years, several ordinances related to town elections have been amended. The major amendments are related to financial statements, write-in candidates and changing the date of elections. Of the three major changes, the amendment that changed the requirements related to a write-in candidate has the most potential of affecting our community.

Prior to the amendment, a write-in ballot was only counted if the person had previously registered as a write-in candidate. The amended ordinance no longer requires a person to register as a candidate if he or she wishes to be a write-in candidate. Therefore, anyone can be voted in to office without any notification or advertisement prior to the election.

Other than being the first fall election, it is also the first election

that appears to be uncontested since the ordinance was amended. We have two registered candidates for two open seats. It seems to be obvious who's going to fill those two seats but, depending on voter turnout, the obvious candidates may or may not actually receive the most votes. The amended ordinance allows for additional unknown competition which could create an unexpected outcome.

I am not saying it is fair or unfair for a person to utilize any tools or advantages that is made available to him or her; I am providing this information to encourage and remind everyone to get out and vote. Every vote does and will count.

Remember, Emmitsburg town elections will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. in the Resident Deputy Office, located at 22 East Main Street.

James Hoover
Emmitsburg Mayor

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 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.

Healing the wounds of WWII

I had the opportunity to travel to Hawaii this past summer to study the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec 7, 1941. I was part of a National Endowment for the Humanities cultural workshop sponsored by the East-West Center at the University of Hawaii. The study brought together teachers from across the U.S. and also teachers from Japan. We visited the memorials that have been dedicated to the military and civilian population that were killed on December the 7th, 1941. American and Japanese professors along with National Park service personnel led lectures. The overall theme of the workshop was history, memory, and memorial. Pearl Harbor survivors gave presentations and participants in the workshop were able to interview these individuals. The interviews were incredibly moving experiences. During one of the presentations, one of the Japanese

schoolteachers stated that her grandfather had died in WWII and started to cry. One of the Pearl Harbor survivors opened his arms and stated that he would be her grandfather. A very emotional moment and one of the many times tears were shed at the workshop. Sixty-Five years after the event, the issue of reconciliation with ones former enemy is still a major topic of discussion. More and more Japanese veterans of WWII have been coming to Pearl Harbor to pay their respects to the fallen American servicemen of WWII. In response to these visits, American Veterans have been reaching out to their Japanese counterparts of the conflict to better understand the war and its aftermath. The workshop was a valuable learning experience as a teacher and I gained from it tremendously.

Glenn Blanchard
Emmitsburg

Front page picture shouldn't have shown cigarette

I generally love your paper, but surely you could have found a better picture of Randy Hall for your front page. In this day and age of deglamorizing cigarette

smoking (esp. among youth), that was a pretty lame front-page picture, in my opinion.

Jay Graff
Fairfield

CORRECTION

In *Autumntime*, the wrong home schedule for Fairfield Area High School sports was incorrect. The correct schedule can be found at www.highschoolsports.net by entering the school's name.



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growing since May of last year," said Austin Abraham, Frederick County Management Services Division director.

The National Fire Heritage Center would house a county fire and rescue museum where the current Emmitsburg Ambulance Company bays are and a national archive of fire service documents, books and manuscripts at the back of the ambulance company building where the social hall now is.

"Logically, for a site, it makes a lot of sense," said Clarence "Chip" Jewell, chairman of the fire museum committee. "Emmitsburg is the seat of the nation's fire service." This is because of the presence of the National Fire Training Center and the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in town.

Besides requesting to be able to lease the ambulance company

building for \$1 a year when the new ambulance company building is opened, the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Museum and Preservation Society requested that the county perform some initial light maintenance work and operational funding for the building for the first two years.

The county costs would be \$16,700 for the current fiscal year and \$10,000 in the next fiscal year.

"I think it is a minimal investment to protect the history of the county fire service," said Commissioner President Jan Gardner.

One of the major changes to the building once it becomes a museum would be to add a facade on the front of the building so that it looks like an old fire hall.

While Commissioner John L. Thompson, Jr. said the cause was worthwhile, he said he couldn't support the effort.

"These kinds of things are best funded by the philanthropic

members of our community," Thompson said, adding that he would be willing to make a personal donation.

The commissioners voted 3-2 to supporting the fire museum and providing the needed funding.

Eventually the archive portion of the building will be moved to its own location since it is expected to outgrow the social hall area of the ambulance company in about five years.

"They are looking for land actually in the Emmitsburg area for an actual archive facility," Jewell said.

Jewell said the next step will be to make a presentation to the county fire association, set up membership parameters and begin fund raising. He is hoping to have the museum portion of the building open by April 2008. The archive area could open earlier.

"I'd love to see us participate in the museum season next year," Jewell said.

Liberation

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years in prison. Her father would be executed.

"The persecution at the beginning was just enormous," Antolin said.

Antolin escaped into Italy two days after her town's liberation and became a refugee who eventually ended up in Fairfield.

She remains disappointed that the Allies only liberated part of her town and that Slovenian independence did not truly happen until 1991 with the fall of the Berlin Wall.

The descendants of Harry and Annie Wantz held their annual reunion June 16, 2007 at the Carroll Valley Park, Fairfield, PA. Two remaining descendants of Harry and Annie attended the reunion this year with their children and their children's children among them: Mary Jean Houck and James Edward Wantz.

It was a warm breezy day at the Carroll Valley Pavilion & Park. Great-Grandma Edie Wantz was still pitching horseshoes and was runner-up to the champions Dave Wantz III and Bud Miller. The kids took on new activities with Stacey Wantz painting animal pottery. A 96 year-old marriage certificate of Harry & Annie Wantz was passed around for everyone to see.

36 people were able to attend the reunion. This was a significant decrease to last years 56. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year, Saturday, June 14, 2008 at the Carroll Valley Recreation Park in Fairfield, PA.

Lawsuit

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"The one [count] about the town having adequate procedures in place for the ethics board and commissioners carries zilch for a penalty," said Mayor James Hoover.

However, Elder's attorney Rosemary McDermott sees it as a step toward clearing Elder's name.

"If the town of Emmitsburg had followed the state-mandated ethics rules, Art Elder would never have had an investigation against him," McDermott said.

Elder filed suit in the circuit court against members of the town government on Nov. 23, 2005, seeking \$5.4 million in

damages he claimed resulted from the town's ethics investigation against him. The investigation determined that Elder had violated the town ethics code.

A U.S. district court judge reviewing the constitutional issues alleged in the suit in April 2006 rejected Elder's due-process-related claims, and dismissed a claim that the town should pay Elder's legal fees. However, the remaining charges were remanded back to Frederick County Circuit Court.

Solt's ruling dismisses the charges of bias, defamation, negligence and emotional distress against the town, mayor

and commissioners.

With regards to the count that the town did not have proper procedures in place for an ethics investigation, Solt wrote in her opinion, "...there exists a genuine issue of material fact with regard to whether the Emmitsburg Code of Ethics and the State Code of Ethics are similar, and the Town of Emmitsburg in its official capacity is not entitled to judgment as a matter of law or dismissal for failure to state a claim."

The court date for the remaining count has not been set yet, but it will be only attorney arguments without witnesses, according to Hoover.

Commissioners

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future that she wants to help influence. These include the Frailey property annexation, the Mountain View bypass and the northern bypass.

"People say we can't get it done, but unless we try working with Pennsylvania, we'll never know," Etris said.

Blanchard said he wants to continue improving the town's infrastructure, improving the parks and working with the Greater Emmitsburg Area Historical Society to make the town's history accessible to the residents.

Commissioner Bill O'Neil decided he would not run for reelection.

"With my health issues, I need-

ed to take stock in what I wanted," O'Neil said. "I decided I needed to spend more time with my family and focus on my work."

He said he was particularly proud of the fact that he was able to get federal money for Emmitsburg in a Senate appropriations bill that brought funds for sewer improvements to the town.

Because changes to the town charter, O'Neil or anyone else could still run for election as a write-in candidate.

O'Neil said, "I'm not entertaining thoughts of getting elected again. I'm not campaigning for it and I'm not asking anyone to write in my name."

He said it's time for him to step back from public office.

"I commend those who do seek public office because most people don't realize just how hard it is," O'Neil said.

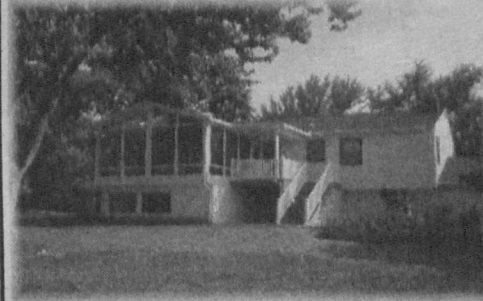
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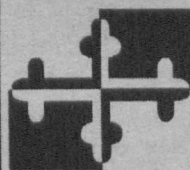
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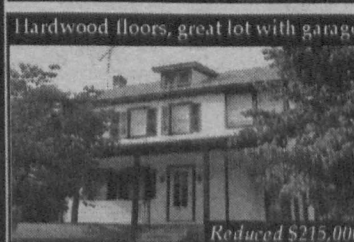
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- Schedule for Final Document Adoption

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Emmitsburg through the eyes of teens

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – Emmitsburg Mayor James Hoover has a little extra help now to make sure that the community needs are being met thanks to the newly formed Youth Advisory Committee, which met for the first time September 11.

Formed to give teenagers a voice in the community and an opportunity to learn about how town government functions, Hoover said that the committee should bring ideas, discuss them, weigh the odds and then decide what to do. Luckily, the committee was prepared to do just that.

Brandi McCarty and Kathleen Neibecker, currently the only teens on the committee, had several suggestions. Both McCarty and Neibecker want to see the teen dances in Emmitsburg changed.

"They're too strict," McCarty said.

"You can't dance the way you want," Neibecker said, adding that teens can't go to the bathroom with a friend or leave the dance when they want until a parent arrives to pick them up.

McCarty and Neibecker suggested that the dances be sponsored by someone else or moved to another location where music teenagers liked could be played

and the rules would be more lenient. The teens also suggested the age limit be raised to 14-18 years old and that ID be required to enter the dances to ensure that attendees are of age.

It was proposed that a letter be written to the sponsor of the teen dances offering suggestions and Hoover said that perhaps another dance could be started, but finding a

different sponsor to replace the current dance was not a good option.

There was also discussion about building a teen hall in Emmitsburg to give teenagers a place to hang out in their free time, although the cost of building such a hall would be a major hurdle and thus major fundraising or tax money would need to be used to fund the project Hoover noted.

Although it is unknown how exactly the committee will address their concerns, they will meet the second Monday of every month, starting next month on October 8, at 7 p.m. in the Emmitsburg Town Office. The committee is looking for a few more members to join, anyone interested may attend the next meeting or contact Mayor Hoover at (301) 447-2140.

Emmitsburg children lasso up safety tips at bike rodeo



-JAMES RADA, JR. / THE DISPATCH

Straight line control was only one of a series of bike courses that challenged young bicyclists during Emmitsburg's bike rodeo on Sept. 8. About 40 bicyclists participated in the event sponsored by the Town of Emmitsburg and the Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

BY STEPHANIE LONG
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EMMITSBURG, Md. – On Sept. 8 Emmitsburg held its first bike rodeo to the delight of over 40 children.

From 9 to 11 a.m. participants had an opportunity to complete an obstacle course aimed to teach them about bike safety. Police officers were on hand to show participants the ropes, which involved mounting and dismounting,

weaving and maneuvering and short radius turning.

"Most kids can do everything, we just teach them to do it safe," said Frederick County Sheriff's Office Corporal Tom Johann.

In Maryland, law requires all bicyclists under the age of 16 to wear a bicycle safety helmet when riding on public property, which includes roadways, trails and sidewalks, which is something Emmitsburg Mayor Jim Hoover is glad to see.

"Safety was the least of concern with bikes when I was growing up. It's a learning curve,

reality is there's more vehicles on the road nowadays; it's a little bit more challenging," Hoover said. "There is a good reason to promote the course and safety."

There is no penalty for helmet law offenders in Maryland so Mayor Hoover hopes that the rodeo will cause kids to think that wearing a helmet is "a little bit cooler."

Volunteers were on hand to give out free helmets to those who needed one and the town is hoping to hold the rodeo again next year.

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Scotty plays without pain now

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FAIRFIELD, Pa. — Scotty Harbaugh was born with the cancer that would take his life when he was only 5 years old.

But maybe because his brain tumor would always be a part of his life, Scotty learned to deal with it as only a child can. He laughed. He played. He loved.

"Scott was very energetic up until the tumor started taking control," said his mother Stephanie Harbaugh. "He loved to laugh and he would make you laugh."

Scotty was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2004, but Harbaugh said the doctors believe he was born with it. His first seizure was when he was only 11 weeks old. The tumor was like a spider web across his brain and by age 2, it covered about 50 percent of

his brain, according to Harbaugh. Scotty underwent chemotherapy treatments, but by age 4, the doctors discontinued it, admitting that the treatments were no longer helping.

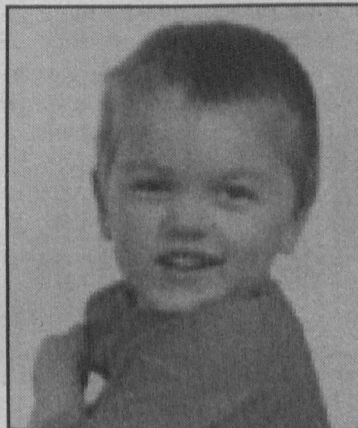
"They said that the tumor had started growing down the side of his spinal cord," Harbaugh said. "That's when they told us he only had 6 months left."

That was in February 2007. By April, Harbaugh began to notice changes in her son. He was sleeping more; so much that he was up for only an hour or two a day. He was eating less.

"For him not to eat, you know something's wrong," Harbaugh said.

Scotty's condition continued to deteriorate. On the day he died, his breathing was labored and his heart raced.

"We couldn't get him to wake up," Harbaugh said.



Scotty Harbaugh

Both Harbaugh and her husband, Shawn, realized that the end was near and sat beside Scotty in his bed. He died around 7:45 p.m. with both of his parents sitting with him.

"He could only say a few words, but he liked to play and he was very uplifting," Harbaugh said.

Polish boys experience the country through the Emmitsburg pool

BY STEPHANIE LONG
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Now that summer is winding down, many students are penning papers for English classes based around one statement: What I did during summer vacation. For two young men from Warsaw, Poland, the answer is simple.

Tom Johnson and Cezary Pierzan spent their summer in Emmitsburg, but they weren't in town just to sightsee. They were here working as lifeguards at the Emmitsburg Community Pool.

How did they start in Warsaw and end up in Emmitsburg you might ask?

Both Johnson and Pierzan are university students in Poland, both studying finance and banking, so working as a lifeguard has little to do with their future

goals. When both learned of a work abroad program that would place them in America for the summer, they both jumped at the chance.

"I want to travel all around the world," Johnson said. "It's more about visiting the states than anything."

On their time off Johnson and Pierzan were able to visit Baltimore and Washington D.C., something they both enjoyed, for the most part.

"I was disappointed with the White House," Pierzan said. "It looks so big in movies but it's not!"

Besides some minor surpris-

es, both agreed that their preconceived image of America rang true once they arrived and were not surprised by they he found, except for one thing — the food.

"Food is expensive. Healthy food is cheap in Europe," Johnson said. "It's not chemically changed and Europe doesn't sell pre-cooked food."

Despite the food, Johnson and Pierzan generally enjoyed their summer, but both agreed that they would not want to live in America for the rest of their lives.

"Without family I wouldn't like it here," Pierzan said.

Streets dedicated, turned over to town

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The town of Emmitsburg has more streets to take care of after Fox & Associates, Inc., dedicated three streets to the town.

Part of Brookfield Drive and Ramblewood Drive and all of Heatherwind Drive, in the Brookfield Subdivision were turned over to Emmitsburg at the Sept. 4 Town Meeting.

All town specifications were

completed on the roads, which prompted the dedication.

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- S. Long

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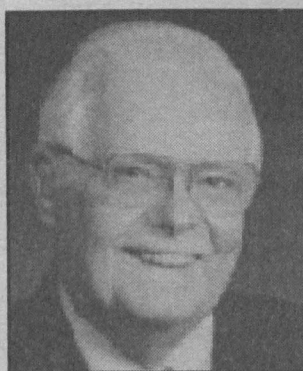
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Jack Bogle

My name is John B. Bogle (Jack) and I was in the first Navy War Training School class in April 1943 for three months. We had just finished three months at the Uni-

versity of Virginia which was a new PRE-Pre Flight School. There were some CCC Navy fellows who were ahead of us. In fact one was named Jimmy Morris (when I soloed May 13, 1943 he was one of the cadets that signed my underwear shorts. His remark was: To Bogle Record Co. "I know why." I had a record recorder that was also a transmitter and others could pick it up on their radios. (18" records at that time.) I met Jimmy aboard the USS Windham Bay CVE 92 in September 1945. He was headed for China and flew a F7F's and was in the Marines.

Father Fives was the head priest at the time. I worked some at the soda and hamburger shop

along with some nuns.

Our flight instructors flew J-3 Cubs and Cub Cruisers across the mountain from Waynesboro.

My instructor was Malloy and I named him Gunner Malloy. I also had to make an emergency landing in a field north of Emmitsburg. I was practicing spins and it conked out and I didn't bother trying to put in a dive so the prop would spin. The instructors didn't think I did a good job, but I was proud of myself in coming in high and slipping on to the field which was loaded with cattle.

Lots of good memories and my two sons attended basketball camp about 30 years ago. By the way, at the time I lived in Washington, D.C. and now live in Alexandria, Va.



10-43: For Your Information Community deputies serving Emmitsburg

Stay who you are

BY DFC JOHN BARTLETT
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. – Identity theft is one of the fastest-growing crimes in the United States affecting a new victim every 78 seconds. According to the U.S. Postal Service, there were nearly 10 million incidents of I.D. theft in the United States in 2004 that cost consumers \$5 billion. In 2005, Maryland was ranked 11th in the country for reported I.D. thefts. Identity theft victims report spending approximately 30 hours cleaning up the mess caused by someone fraudulently using their information and at an average cost to them of \$500.

Identity theft occurs when someone obtains your personal information and uses it to purchase goods or services for themselves under your identity. They may obtain your information by stealing your purse or wallet, picking through your trash for sensitive information,

posing as a company over the phone and requesting your information, stealing your mail that contains bank and credit card statements and other important mail, or hacking into your computer to look for personal records or information.

How can you tell if you are a victim of I.D. theft? If you start receiving credit cards for which you did not apply, denial of credit for no reason, receiving calls from debt collection agencies about something you did not purchase, or purchases showing up on your credit card statement, you may be a victim of identity theft.

If you suspect you are a victim of I.D. theft, you need to contact your local law enforcement agency. Once this has been reported, you can start gathering information to help clean up your identity. Law enforcement will investigate the incident of I.D. theft to help identify the person(s) responsible and charge with the appropriate crime. However, the victim will

have the responsibility in clearing up their credit. The Federal Trade Commission has a web site at www.consumer.gov/idtheft that has good information on how to help yourself. Maryland has set up a free annual credit report for its residents at www.annualcreditreport.com (1-877-322-8228) for checking your credit history. It's recommended that everyone check their credit report annually for anything that should not be there.

How can we protect ourselves from becoming a victim of this fast growing crime? Treat your mail and trash as if everyone can see it. Pick up your mail promptly and deposit your mail at the post office. Leaving your mail in the mailbox for the mailman may lead to someone taking it. If you'll be gone for a few days be sure to have your mail stopped until you return. Shred any personal information that is going in the trash. Be aware of phony scams via the phone. Don't purchase anything over the phone unless you initiate the call and you trust the company. Purchases over the internet should be done over a secure site. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. If you have a computer, update its virus protection software. Contact your internet provider and get their recommendation on what type of protection is out there. Treat your name, date of birth, Social Security number, credit/debit card numbers, and anything else that leads back to you carefully.

Let us do all we can to protect ourselves from this fast growing crime. Taking a proactive role in protecting our personal information is the key to reducing the likelihood of becoming a victim of I.D. theft.

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REGIONAL NEWS



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Getting a new set of wheels

Rob's Van was presented to Sgt. Luke Shirley on Saturday, Sept. 8 during the Army Football game against Rhode Island University at West Point, NY. Rob's Van is named in honor of 1LT Robert A. Seidel, III a 10th Mountain Division platoon leader killed in action in Iraq on May 18, 2006. Pictured from left are Raymond Torreon (General Manager of Ride-Away) in Greenbelt Md., Sandy and Bob Seidel (Rob's Parents), Sgt. Shirley and Stephen Seidel (Rob's Brother).

32nd Annual Mountainfest to be held in Sabillasville on Oct. 13 and 14

SABILLASVILLE, Md. — The 32nd Annual Mountainfest, formerly known as the Sabillasville Community Fair, will be held October 13 and 14 at Sabillasville Elementary School, located on Rt. 550, six miles north of Thurmont.

The event features vendors offering regional crafts, art, music, antiques, agricultural produce and baked goods.

Traditional country foods will

be served to include chicken corn soup, ham sandwiches, ice-cream and kettle corn. Numerous animal exhibits include dog obedience demonstrations by Blue Ridge Summit K-9 Center and live emus from Old Orchard Farm.

Sunday features the popular juried Car Show of antique, classic, street rods, trucks and sport compact models. Trophies are given in all classes.

Fair hours are 8:30 a.m. — 5 p.m.

on Saturday and 9 a.m. — 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission and parking are free.

The fair is sponsored by the Northwest Frederick County Civic Association and proceeds benefit local schools, libraries and other community interests. Vendor space is available and the cost is by donation. For vendor information or more about the fair and NWFCCA, please call (301) 241-3997.

Grammy nominee to perform in Gettysburg

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — A performance by folk singer John McCutcheon on Sept. 28 kicks off a week-long celebration of the 20th anniversary of Project Gettysburg-Leon.

McCutcheon has earned five Grammy nominations and recently released his 28th recording, "This Fire." The title comes from his understanding that politics, love and other small miracles are "all fueled by this same fire."

McCutcheon plays a dozen different traditional instruments including the hammer dulcimer. He has also produced over 20 al-

bums of other performers from traditional fiddlers to contemporary singer-songwriters.

The week-long festivities celebrate Gettysburg's relationship with its sister city Leon, Nicaragua. Other events will include art exhibits at the Majestic Theater, Schmucker Gallery, Gallery 30 and the Gettysburg College library; a 5K run on Sept. 30 and visits by Nicaraguan artists to local schools. The celebration will end with a free salsa dance on the downtown Gettysburg square on Oct. 5.

For more information, contact Janet Powers at (717) 334-3871.

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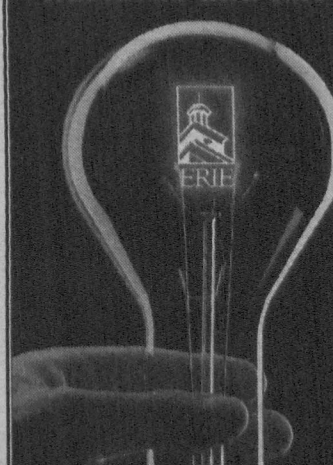
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Daughters of Charity unveil new web site:

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Daughters of Charity Emmitsburg Province has a new look at least on the Internet.

For many years, the Daughters have had a presence on the internet that reflected the simplicity of their ministries and highlighted their service to those who are poor. Now, the Daughters' web site holds the same message, but has become more interactive by sharing vocation stories, newsletters, podcasts and more.

"We want to share the story with those who are not familiar with the Daughters of Charity, especially to the youth and to those who want to learn how to serve the poor," said Lori Stewart, Director of Communications for the Daughters of Charity Emmitsburg

Province. The new web site can be found at www.thedaughtersofcharity.org.

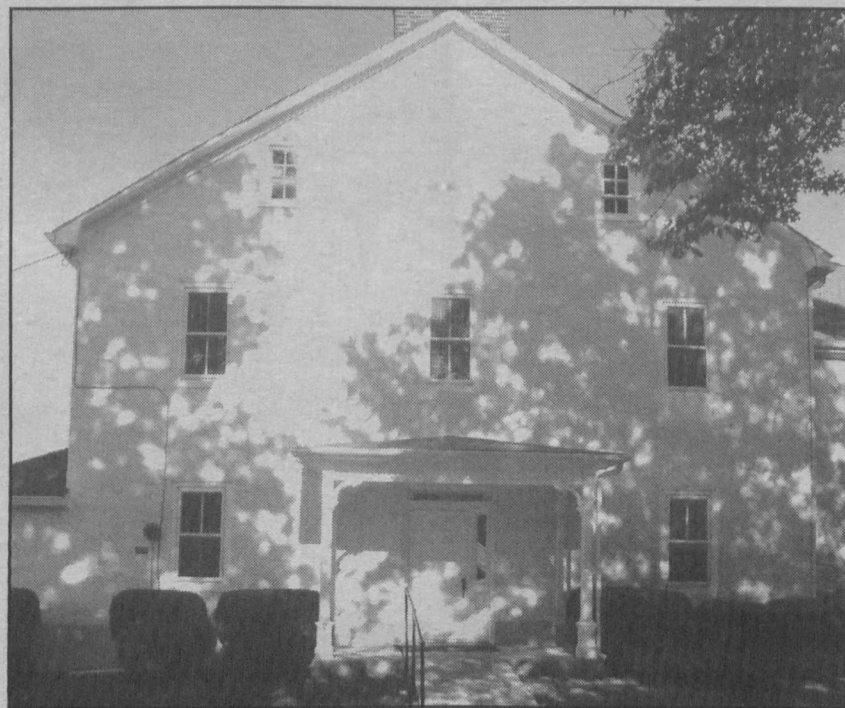
New features include:

- "Discovering God's Call" Vocations Survey
- Urgent Prayer Requests
- Weekly meditations from St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

"The site provides quick links to our other web sites: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's Shrine and the Seton Legacy of Charity 2009 Bicentennial," said Stewart.

The site will continue to be updated with tools such as online donations and printable Mass cards in the near future.

Graceham Moravian begins celebration of 250 years



— JAMES RADA, JR. / THE DISPATCH

Graceham Moravian Church is starting a year-long celebration of 250 years of Moravians in Graceham. The first event in the celebration will be a free concert at the church on Oct. 7

BY JAMES RADA JR.
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GRACEHAM, Md. — The Moravian Church dates back to 1457, but the first Moravians didn't come to America until 1722. And then more than 20 years later, they came to Frederick County.

"This will be the celebration of 250 years since the Moravians started the community of Graceham," said Pastor Jeff Gehris of the Graceham Moravian Church.

To mark the occasion, the Graceham Moravian Church is beginning a year-long celebration. The first event will be an Anniversary Lovefeast Concert featuring Brian Henkelman at

the organ. The concert is Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Graceham Moravian Church at 8231 Rocky Ridge Road in Thurmont.

Henkelman was born in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, where his parents were serving Memorial Moravian Church. He attended Moravian College, where he earned a B.A. with a concentration in music. He later attended Moravian Theological Seminary, earning a Master of Theological Studies Degree. In 1990, he earned his Master of Church music degree from Concordia University. Through the year he has served churches in a variety of denominations as organist and director of music. He is currently organist/accompanist at First United Methodist Church in Gransbury, Texas. Composition has always been of great interest to

Henkelman. He has published works for organ, keyboard and instruments, and choir with instruments.

During a particular time in the lovefeast, a group of individuals known as Dieners will serve a piece of Moravian sugar cake and a beverage to all in attendance. After everyone is served, special music will be played and everyone will eat the lovefeast together. The concert will then continue.

"We've got 10 concerts scheduled over the next year with the last one in October 2008," Gehris said.

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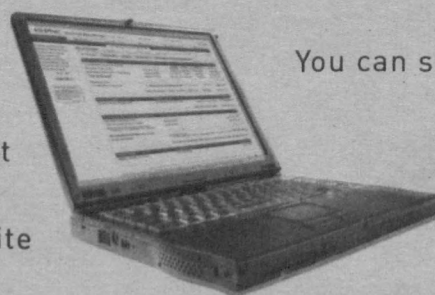
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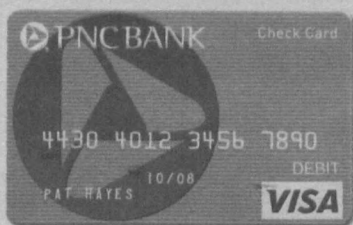
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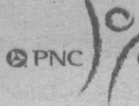
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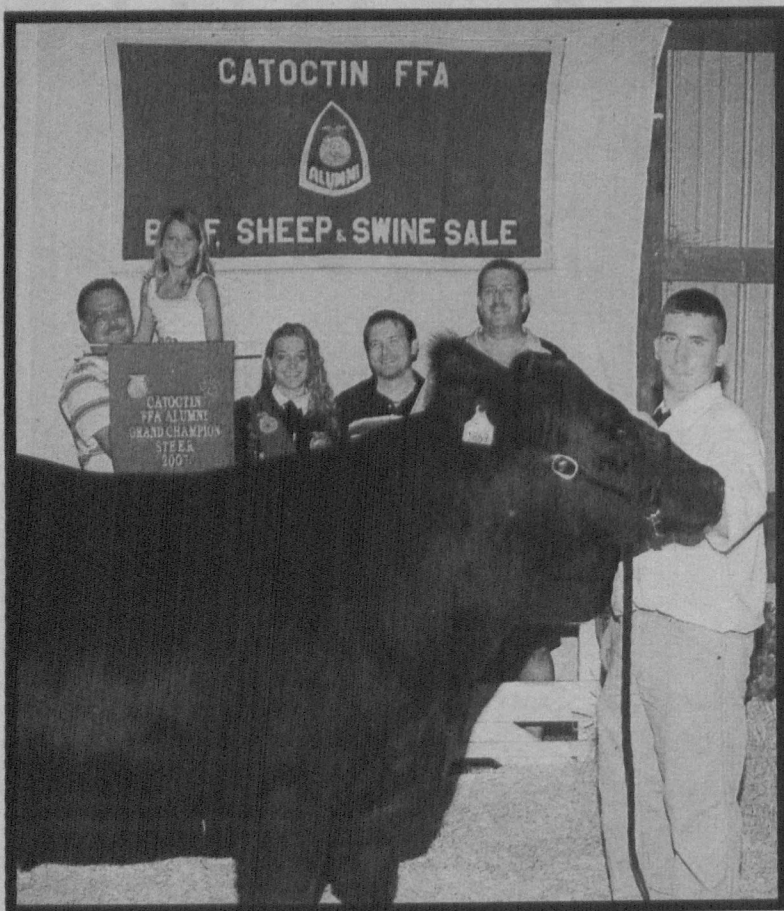
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Grand Champion Beef

Jubilee Foods purchased the champion steer for \$4/lb. Pictured are (l to r): Tim Ridenour, co-manager; Lexie Ridenour; Carrie Wivell, Catoctin FFA Ambassador; Mike Grunza, grocery manager; Rich Boyd, store manager and Zack Willard, exhibitor.

Community Show Livestock Winners

- **Grand Champion Hog** - Exhibited by Lauren Schur, purchased by Wolfe Industrial Auctions.
- **Reserve Champion Hog** - Exhibited by Dakota Bittner, purchased by HRB Enterprises.
- **Grand Champion Sheep** - Exhibited by Kayla Neff, purchased by Wolfe Industrial Auctions.
- **Reserve Champion Sheep** - Exhibited by Daniel Hobbs, purchased by Weis Markets #179.
- **Grand Champion Beef** - Exhibited by Zachary Willard, purchased by Jubilee Foods.
- **Reserve Champion Beef** - Exhibited by Taylor Clarke, purchased by Darling & Daughter Water Service.
- **Champion Hereford** - Exhibited by David Young, purchased by W. F. Delauter.
- **Reserve Champion Hereford** - Exhibited by D.J. Long, purchased by BB&T/Frederick Underwriters.
- **Champion Angus** - Exhibited by Margo Sweeney, purchased by Frederick Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
- **Reserve Champion Angus** - Exhibited by Tyler Donnelly, purchased by Eddie Whipp.
- **Champion Shorthorn** - Exhibited by Wesley Brown, purchased by Thurmont American Legion.
- **Reserve Champion Shorthorn** - Exhibited by Ashley Barto, purchased by Blue Ridge Livestock.

Livestock sales highlight the community show

BY JAMES RADA JR.
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THURMONT, Md. - The side of Catoctin High School looked like a day spa for livestock on the morning of Sept. 8. Cattle, hogs, and sheep were washed and blow dried, had their hair combed, their nails trimmed and in some cases, dressed in colorful blankets.

The pampering was all preparation for the showing of the animals for the 51st Annual Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show.

Breann Fields, 12, was showing her steer Angie that she had

raised since it was born. Her year and a half of care of the steer had all come down to showing it at the community show.

"I like showing," Breann said. "I like going to different places. I meet new friends and get to compete."

And she has been competing for three years showing animals that she has raised.

Nearby, Joseph Cox, 12, was combing tangles from the wool of his brother's sheep. The animal had already been sheared, washed and clipped.

"This is fun for me," Joseph said. "I've been raised on a farm and I like doing it."

Rodman Myers who spearheads the community show said the 2007 community show had a good turnout, though the number of animal, food and crafts exhibits were down from last year.

"Last year we set a record with 3,400 exhibits," Myers said. "This year we're down to around 3,000, which is still good."

He also pointed out that this year's show had filled all of its commercial exhibitor spaces.

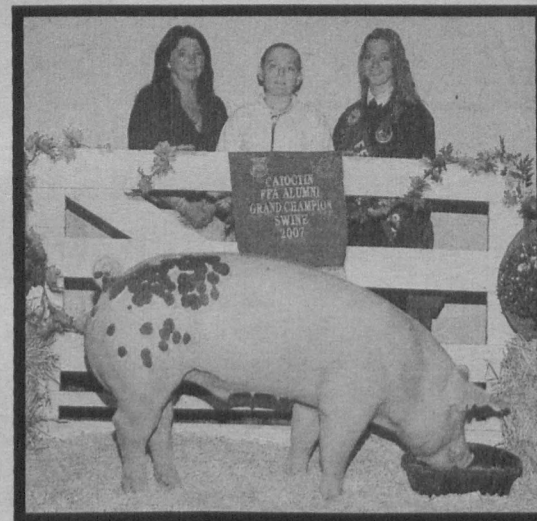
The community show has been jointly sponsored by Emmitsburg and Thurmont since 1957. It draws thousands of attendees each year and allows the communities to show off their farming roots.



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Grand Champion Sheep

Wolfe Industrial Auction purchased the champion lamb for \$3.70/lb. Pictured are (l to r): Christy Donnelly; Cathye Ruby; Randy Ruby, Ashley Ridenour, Kayla Neff, exhibitor; and Carrie Wivell, Catoctin FFA Ambassador.



- PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBERT BEVANS

Grand Champion Swine

Wolfe Industrial Auction purchased the champion swine for \$4/lb. Pictured are (l to r): Cathye Ruby, Wolfe Industrial Auctions; Lauren Schur, exhibitor; Carrie Wivell, Catoctin FFA Ambassador



- RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

Carrie Wivell was elected the 2007 FFA Ambassador during the opening ceremony of the 51st Annual Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show on Sept. 7.

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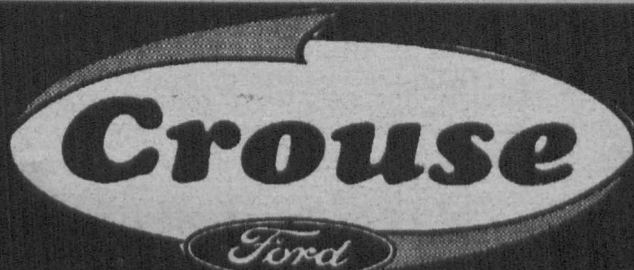


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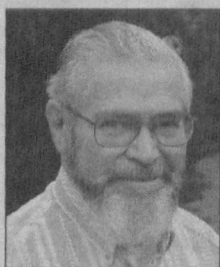
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The (retired) Ecologist

Biological clocks in the Devil's playground



BY BILL
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"An idle brain is the Devil's playground."

- Meredith Willson,
The Music Man

Lately I have begun to suspect that if Harold Hill, the ersatz professor, part-time music teacher and full-time con-man, could look inside my head, he would cite it as evidence that an idle brain is the Devil's playground. My wife, I'm sure, would agree with him; more and more often these days, my absent-mindedness is the source of trouble here in River City. Being of scientific background, I have to be open to the possibility that they are right, although I still hold out the hope that my mental playground is inhabited by mildly distracted spirits rather than devils. But sometimes when I try to unravel where the thoughts in my head come from, I'm not sure.

Case in point: walking to the post office the other day with my mind idling in neutral, I was brought back to consciousness by the clock at the Provincial House chiming the quarter-hour. I haven't been outside much this summer, and I had missed hearing it; to me, it is a pleasant sound. But that day it also served as a reminder of change and passing; clocks, at least the ones that chime, have become an anachronism. There was a time when most people didn't have watches, and the striking of the village clock served a useful purpose in ordering the activities of their days. Longer periods of time were marked by church bells, which reminded us that it was Sunday and another week had passed; they also told us when holidays arrived, tolled to announce deaths in the community and rang alarms to warn of fires or other disasters. Those times have passed; nowadays, we have the discordant beeping of cell phones and that infernal loudspeaker from Emergency Management to regulate our activities... not a good trade-off, in my opinion.

So I reached the post office in a jaundiced mood, picked up the usual collection of bills, magazines

and advertisements, and headed back toward home with the letter my wife had sent me to mail still in my shirt pocket. My mind was occupied by clocks. Taken by itself, "clock" is a funny-sounding word, so, after a mental detour to Walter Matthau's discourse in "The Sunshine Boys" on why words with the letter "k" in them are funny, I got out the dictionary. "Clock," it turns out, came from a medieval French word, "cloche," which meant "bell." That made sense for a moment, but then I recalled reading somewhere that if there was a fire in a monastery in medieval France, everyone ran to the clock, because they used water clocks in those days. Apparently the word meaning "bell" was attached to clocks before mechanical movements and striking mechanisms were invented.

This was an interesting conundrum, and I tried to discuss it with my wife, but she seemed more interested in determining why her letter was still in my pocket. So the subject was dropped, and after supper I sat out on the porch and watched chimney swifts wheeling about the sky as dusk approached, having a last snack on mosquitoes before bedtime. About that time the first bats appeared, and for a few minutes both bats and birds were engaged in chasing the same food supply. Now, swifts and bats are a classic example of what ecologists call the Competitive Exclusion Principle, which states that two species cannot occupy exactly the same niche in an ecosystem. These two species prey on similar kinds of insects, but they avoid competing by being active at different times, one by day and one by night. Watching them reminded

me that they do not need bells or alarm clocks to regulate their activities; they have their own mechanism, the biological clock, to tell them when it is time to do what needs to be done. This activated the brain's playground again, for I once did some research on biological clocks.

It had been known for centuries that plants and animals do certain activities at certain times of day, but it was not until the 1950's that biologists began seriously to believe that they could actually measure time. The term, "biological clock," had come into common use when I was in college, but it still was a controversial idea because it was very hard to prove that animals were really measuring time themselves rather than responding to some environmental signal that we humans could not detect. People with a vitalistic philosophy were writing books like *The Secret Life of Plants*, which claimed plants had auras and responded to pain if another plant was damaged nearby; on the other hand, engineering types with a mechanistic point of view thought they could solve biology's problems with electronic models like coupled-oscillator systems. It was all very confusing to a beginning graduate student, and it got worse when a famous ecologist, Lamont Cole, wrote an article called "The Biological Clock of the Unicorn," in which he criticized both sides of the argument. One of my professors assigned that article to be read, neglecting to tell us that it was meant to be satire; I spent several days trying to figure it out.

My thesis problem dealt with two species of crayfish which lived together in streams around

Emmitsburg in apparent violation of the Competitive Exclusion Principle. I thought perhaps they were like chimney swifts and bats, one active by day and the other by night, so I spent one whole summer building motion detectors and trying to see if crayfish could tell time. In the end I found that they could, but it turned out that both species were active at the same times of day. All I had done was to eliminate biological clocks as an explanation of my problem; it took two more years before I finally found the answer. But that is how science works, and it was an important lesson for me.

The Weather Channel reminds me regularly that days are getting shorter and summer will end when the equinox arrives, and each evening when I go out to sit on the porch after the evening news, it is a little darker. While I daydream on the way to the post office or on the porch swing, I see monarch butterflies drifting southward, geese flocking, and hummingbirds gorging themselves to make body fat. They do not need clock chimes or beepers or newscasts; they can tell time, and when the days reach the length that is critical for them, they will leave. They will migrate south without knowing why, or caring, for that matter; for them, instinct is safer than logical thought as a means of survival. Meanwhile, I will have to spend the winter making excuses to my wife about the problems that arise as a result of an idle brain. I think I will suggest that, with all these thoughts running through it, my brain isn't really idle; but something tells me that is an argument I am destined to lose.

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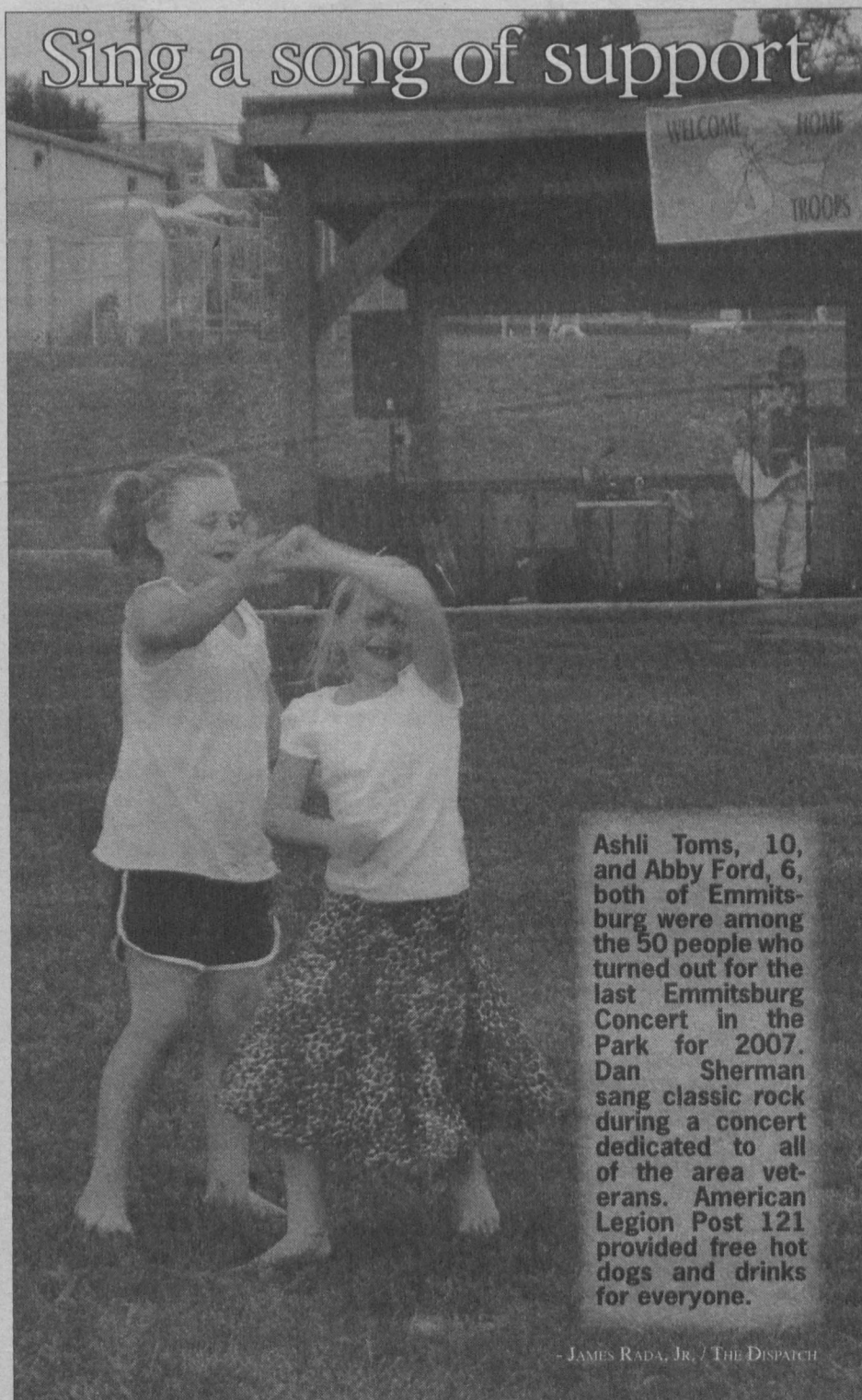
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Sing a song of support



Ashli Toms, 10, and Abby Ford, 6, both of Emmitsburg were among the 50 people who turned out for the last Emmitsburg Concert in the Park for 2007. Dan Sherman sang classic rock during a concert dedicated to all of the area veterans. American Legion Post 121 provided free hot dogs and drinks for everyone.

- JAMES RADA, JR. / THE DISPATCH

Emmitsburg fire Explorer program wins national award



- ROBERT A. ROSENSTEIN / THE DISPATCH

Patrick Golden, Exploring director of the National Capital Area Council, Learning for Life, presented Exploring Excellence Award, a national award, to the Emmitsburg Explorer post. Pictured above are (l to r): Jane Stoner, post advisor; Angela Javor, Debra Sloane; Elyssa Cool; John Javor; Arthur Damuth, president of Vigilant Hose Company; Golden; Nic Stoner; Tyler Hollinger; and Dave Stonesifer, post advisor. The Emmitsburg Explorer Post will be recruiting new members during the Oct. 11 VHC open house.

Looking for Thurmont's notable volunteers

THURMONT, Md. - Do you know someone who gives his or her time freely to improve the community? Maybe that person is Thurmont's "Volunteer of the Year."

The Thurmont Lions Club is now accepting nominations for the 2007 Volunteer of the Year. Nomination forms are available throughout town,

can be downloaded from the Thurmont Lions Club website at thurmontlionsclub.com or you can call Shirley Long at (301) 898-7004 or Susan Favorite at (301) 271-4020. Nomination forms are due back to the Thurmont Lions Club at P.O. Box 306, Thurmont, Md. 21788 -- Attn: VOTY Committee - no later than October

1st. You may also e-mail your completed form to slong95@comcast.net or skfavorite@comcast.net. Please call above telephone numbers with any questions.

John Kinnaird was Thurmont's first Volunteer of the Year named in October 2006. Who will it be this year?

Make a difference in Thurmont

THURMONT, Md. - Thurmont will hold its second Make A Difference Day on Oct. 27. Residents can join members of the Thurmont Lions Club to make a difference in Thurmont.

If you have an idea for a project that your company or organization like to do, please call Shirley Long at (301) 898-7004 or Susan Favorite at (301) 271-4020 to get on the list. Last year 15 companies and organizations worked together to make a difference in Thurmont -- and non-profits such as the Food Bank, the Clothes Closet, Guardian Hose Company, Eldercare Program, Saint Catherine's Nursing and Rehab Center benefitted from the donations of items and money.

Make A Difference Day is a nationwide program that is celebrated the fourth Saturday of October every year. Last year was the first appearance in Thurmont.

Carroll Valley Founder's Day on Sept. 23

CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH, Pa. - Carroll Valley will celebrate its 33rd birthday with a "Founder's Day" celebration on Sunday, Sept. 23.

The celebration will be 1 to 4 p.m. in the Alpine Room at Liberty Mountain Resort. A magician will entertain children. An area will be setup for young adults to create their own unique birthday gifts.

Everyone can also enjoy birthday cake.

Adults will have the opportunity to discuss Carroll Valley's future with their county commissioners, borough councilmen, borough committee members, the borough manager, and the mayor. It is hoped that this open dialogue will lead to better insight into the issues facing the Carroll Valley community.

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September 20 – Soup and Sandwich Sale to Benefit St. John's Union Church Restoration in Crea-gerstown. To place order (301) 898-7718.

September 20 – Baltimore Pike Farmers Market at Mulligan MacDuffer 1360 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg, Pa. 2 - 7 p.m. every Thursday. (717) 337-1492.

September 21 – Bus trip to historic Alexandria, Va. sponsored by the Historical Society of Frederick County. Receive a guided tour of Carlyle House. \$60 per person or \$50 for Historical Society Members, which includes motorcoach transportation, admissions and tours, and snacks on the bus. 8:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Registration forms are available at the Historical Society, 24 East Church Street, Frederick, online at www.hsfinfo.org or by calling (301) 663-1188.

September 21 to 23 – 2nd Annual Northeast Storytelling Festival at Gettysburg Village. This year's festival features four nationally known storytellers. Friday 7 - 10:30 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. and Saturday evening 7 - 9:30 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - noon. Adult weekend pass: \$75, Friday only \$45, Saturday & Sunday, \$55, Evening of Ghostly Tales: \$10, Children under 8 free. Visit www.northeaststorytellingfestival.org for the full schedule or call Chuck Tressler (717) 337-0080.

September 22 – 40th Semi-annual Gettysburg Outdoor Antique Show sponsored by the Gettysburg Retail Merchants Association featuring 150 dealers from 13 states on the main streets of the downtown business area. Rain or shine 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call Wayne Schultz (717) 334-4510.

September 22 – Fall Harvest Sale at the corner of Baltimore and High Streets. Sponsored by the Gettysburg Garden Club. For information call Barbara Brand (717) 642-9776.

September 22 – "Comfort Measures Plus" Natural pain management techniques at FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick. Advance registration and payment required. \$30 per couple. (240) 379-6000.

September 22 – Friends and Family Day at ThorpeWood. 12 - 5 p.m. Fall fundraiser to benefit our programs for at-risk youth in Frederick County and the surrounding area. \$25 per person; kids 15 years and younger \$15; 5 and under free. Rain Date September 23. Check our website for more information: www.thorpewood.org.

September 22 – Third Annual Latino Festival at Frederick Community College. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the quad between the Library Building and the Field House. Frederick County charities, non-profit organizations, government agencies, and food vendors will present information and products. Free and open to the public as a celebration of Hispanic Heritage month. For more information, contact Beverly Hendrix at (301) 624-2711 or bhendrix@frederick.edu.

September 25 to 27 – Quilter Retreat at the Barker House Bed and Breakfast in New Oxford. Come as a group. Bring your materials. Contact Elizabeth or Bob at (717) 624-9066 or www.barkerhouse.com.

September 25 – Adult, child and infant CPR at HealthFirst Enterprises. 6:30 p.m., 2 year cards. (301) 473-5670 or www.healthfirstcpr.com.

September 26 – Like to Sing? Frederick's Sweet Adeline's Clustered Spires Chorus invites you to join them at the St Thomas More Academy, 3989 Buckeystown Pike just south of the city of Frederick. This barbershop style a-capella chorus performs in the Fredrick area and is looking for new talent. Rehearsals every Wednesday at 7 p.m. If interested call (301) 644-1589.

September 26 – Emmitsburg Business & Professional Association, Inc. EBPA invites you & your family to attend a Citizens Advisory on how to GO GREEN. Green Living Forum 7 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Town Office Meeting room. Those

attending will receive free green bags (to replace plastic), light bulbs, raffles for the European style toilets and more.

September 26 – CHS Men's Soccer Team fund raiser at Roy Roger's, Thurmont. 5-8 p.m. Proceeds to benefit the team. 301-271-3593

Through September 26 – National Sheepdog Finals at the Redding Farm in Gettysburg. Sponsored by the United States Border Collie Handlers Association and the American Border Collie Association. www.sheepdogfinals2007.com.

September 27 – Baltimore Pike Farmer Market at Mulligan MacDuffer 1360 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg, Pa. 2 - 7 p.m. every Thursday. (717) 337-1492.

September 28 – Karaoke with Denny & Elaine at the American Legion, Thurmont, Md. 8:30 p.m. Kitchen open every Friday, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

September 28 – Business Outlook Seminar. Holiday Inn Ft. Detrick, 999 W. Patrick St., Frederick. 8 - 9 a.m. Secretary Thomas Perez, of the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, will speak to us at our September Business Outlook Seminar. Continental breakfast will be provided by the Holiday Inn. Free event. Registration deadline is September 25. To register call (301) 662-4164 or visit www.frederickchamber.org.

September 29 – Home Party Open House at Guardian Hose Company Activities Bldg., Thurmont, MD 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Displays by Partylite, Slumber Parties, Silpada, Longaberger and more!

September 29 – Basket Bingo at the New Windsor Fire Hall at 101 High St. New Windsor, Md. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. games begin at 7 p.m. Tickets \$12 advance. \$15 at door. Proceeds benefit the Terra Rubra Lions Club scholarship fund. Ticket information (410) 751-1673 or (443) 398-4618.

September 29 – Saint Joseph's High School Reunion at Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg, Md. Enjoy the present as we celebrate the past. 8 - 12 p.m. \$7 admission at door. BYOB-set ups available. Sponsored by the class of 1982.

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– 10:45 a.m. Ride begins: 11 a.m. sharp. Finish at Kerry and Valerie's 11322 Harney Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 3 p.m. sharp. Non-participants welcome after 3 p.m. Children under 6 free, tents/campers welcome. Entry fee \$35 p/ player, \$20 p/ non-player. ALL vehicles welcome. Questions please call Kerry & Valerie Home (301) 447-3260; work (301) 447-6600. For information on Scotty visit www.emmitsburg.net/scottysride. Rain or Shine.

September 29 – 275th Anniversary celebration of St. John's in Crea-gerstown Parish Hall, 8619 Black's Mill Road, at 7 p.m. For information call Viola Noffsinger at (301) 898-9898.

September 29 – Parzow Auctions at the Frederick Fair Grounds, for more information call (301) 977-6741.

September 29 & 30 – Frederick's Oktoberfest. For more information call (301) 663-8811.

September 29 – Gettysburg Farmers Market on Lincoln Square. 7 a.m. - Noon. For more information. Call (717) 334-8151.

September 29 & 30 – Fairfield Pippinfest held annually the last weekend in September along Main Street in Fairfield, 8 miles west of Gettysburg on PA Route 116 (fair weather only). For more information, call (717) 642-5640.

September 29 & 30 – Grape Pumpkin Fest at Ron Hedges Kitchen Cabinet Shop, 2 miles from Littlestown on Whitehall Road. Sponsored by the United Methodist Church in Littlestown this yearly event is held two weekends and features lots of free children's activities, food, entertainment, pumpkins to pick-your-own or buy.

September 29 – 8th Annual Health Fair. 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Thurmont Middle School, 408 E. Main Street, Thurmont, Md. Please use the Summit Avenue entrance. Sponsored by the Thurmont Lions Club.

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September 22 to October 13 – Young at Art. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. or 2 - 3 p.m. Ages 4-6. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown. Instructor Kathryn Lant. Registration required www.wcmfa.org; (301) 739-5727. For the hearing impaired, call our TDD at (301) 739-5764.

September 22 – Creative Writing Workshop. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Ages 8-13 at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown. Registration required www.wcmfa.org; (301) 739-5727. For the hearing impaired, call our TDD at (301) 739-5764.

September 22 – Joe Nichols at the Great Frederick Fair. 7:30 p.m. Frederick Fair Grounds, 797 E. Patrick St., Frederick. Tickets: Reserved track seats, \$35. Reserved grandstand, \$30. Event tickets include fair gate admission, but not parking. Mail order ticket sales begin May 14. To be placed on the ticket order form mailing list, send you name and address to The Great Frederick Fair, P.O. Box 604, Frederick, MD 21705, or e-mail your physical mailing address to email@thegreatfrederickfair.com.

September 25 to November 6 – Foundations in Calligraphy - The Uncial Hand. 2 - 4 p.m. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown, Instructor Christine Tischer. Registration can be made via our secure web site at www.wcmfa.org. Registration is required for all classes. (301) 739-5727. For the hearing impaired, call our TDD at (301) 739-5764.

September 29 – National Public Lands Day Recognition. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Support the public lands by joining in an exotic plant removal project. Catocin Mountain Park. For more information call (301) 663-9388.

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October 3 to 24 – Introduction to Digital Photography. Wednesdays, 4 - 6 p.m. For the individual who wants to learn the basics of digital photography, understand the camera’s software, and print better pictures. Bert Danielson, instructor. Held at the Imagination Station classroom, 18 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, to enroll or for more information call (717) 334-5006.

October 8 – National Gallery of Art bus trip. This year’s visit will feature a sculpture show of Desiderio da Settignano (1429 - 1464), the largest ever U.S. show of the works of Joseph Mallord William Turner (1775-1851), 70 oil paintings and 70 works on paper and the first comprehensive survey of Edward Hopper’s works seen outside New York in more than 25 years. \$40 non-members, \$35 Arts Council members. Reservations required. Call Don and Geri Markle at (717) 334-3328. For more information about Adams County Arts Council programs, services and membership, contact (717) 334-5006, info@adamsarts.org or visit www.adamscountyartsCouncil.org.

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October 20 – Annual Rites of Fall all day gardening work shop at the Ag and Natural Resources Center, 670 Old Harrisburg Rd., Gettysburg. “Edible Landscaping” advice on small farming and cooking with edible plants. Displays by vendors. Continental breakfast and lunch are included in the \$35 fee. Registration forms are available at the Emmitsburg Library. Info: (717) 334-6271.

October 20 – Having Fun with Landscapes. 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, instructor Allison Weaver. Ages 6-12. Registration is required for all classes. Registration can be made via our secure web site at www.wcmfa.org (301) 739-5727, for the hearing impaired, call our TDD at (301) 739-5764.

October 20 & 21 – Third Annual Fall Studio Tour. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Oct. 20; 12 - 6 p.m., Oct. 21. The Adams County Spirited Ladies will open their shops, studios and galleries to showcase artisan jewelry, stained glass, painted stemware, floral arrangements, water colors, fiber art, embroidery, and more. For more info call The Front Porch On Buford, (717) 334-0808. Maps and info about the featured artists will be at all hosting site locations, at The Front Porch On Buford, in Gettysburg or on the web at www.thefrontporchonbuford.com.

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Dolores Fixel Ray-Miller

Mrs. Dolores Fixel Ray-Miller, 80 of Blue Ridge Summit, Pa. died August 16, 2007 at the Waynesboro Hospital, Waynesboro, Pa.

Born May 21, 1927 in Berwin, Ill. she was a daughter of the late Peter and Mae Horak Fixel.

She is survived by her husband Mitchell Miller. Surviving in addition to her husband are five sons, Verne Monte, III, Kevin Claude, Curtis Keith, Dennis Brian and Christopher Hollis Ray; six grandchildren, and two brothers; Ralph and Edward Fixel.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Verne Monte Ray, Jr, May 3, 1973, two daughters, Daune Marie Wolfe and Laurel Ann Ray, and one sister, Marion Fixel Strippelman.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated August 20, from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church with the Rev. Vincent J. O'Malley as the celebrant. Interment followed in the new St. Joseph's cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Mr. Grady Edwards Jr.

Grady H. Edwards Jr., 82, of Fairfield, Pa., died August 18, 2007, at York Hospital.

Born on March 4, 1925, in St. Augustine, Fla., he was the son of the late Grady H. and Pearl (Davis) Edwards Sr. He was the husband of Marcelle L. (Klock) Edwards to whom he was married for 60 years.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Edwards is survived by two sons, Craig and Gary Edwards, one daughter, Carol Kitzmiller; eight grandchildren; and one sister, Mildred Wright.

A memorial service was held Saturday, August 25, at Monahan Funeral Home in Fairfield.

Family suggests memorial contributions in Grady's name be made to the charity of your choice.

Ms. Pamela Shriver

Ms. Pamela Sue Shriver, 44, of Four Points Bridge Road, Emmitsburg, died August 27, 2007 in Keymar.

Born May 22, 1963 in Gettysburg, Pa., she was a daughter of Nor-

man J. and Sandra J. Pittinger Shriver Jr.

Surviving in addition to her parents are a sister, Barbara Maly; a brother, David Shriver; nieces and nephews; grandparents, Utie Pittinger and Edith Shriver. She is also survived by numerous loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was predeceased by grandparents Daniel Pittinger, Norman Shriver, Sr. and Kathine Shriver.

A graveside funeral service was held August 30, from the Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Bill Warehime officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Ms. Shriver's name to: Vigilant Hose Co., P.O. Box 171, Emmitsburg, MD 21727-0171 or Catocin Sports Boosters, 14745 Sabillasville Road, Thurmont, MD 21788.

Master Scott Harbaugh

Scott Alexander Harbaugh, 5, of Skylark Trail, Fairfield, Pa., died August 29, 2007 at home.

Born May 24, 2002 in Washington County, he was a son of Shawn M. Harbaugh and Stephanie K. Leppo Harbaugh of Fairfield, Pa.

Surviving in addition to his parents is sister, Courtney; grandparents, maternal grandparents, paternal great-grandparents, maternal great-grandmother, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held September 1, from Skiles Funeral Home, 210 W. Main St., Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Robert J. Costello officiating. Interment followed in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Michael Wisner, Martin Harbaugh III, Kerry Shorb and Travis Thompson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to: Scotty's Ride, P.O. Box 129, Emmitsburg, MD 21727-0129.

Mrs. Ernestine Tyler

Ernestine May Hays Tyler, 85, of Emmitsburg, died Sunday, September 9, 2007, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg.

Born on September 7, 1922, in Lexington, Va., she was the daughter of the late Clarence Herman and Gertie Virginia Scott Hays.

She was predeceased by her husband, Homer Franklin Tyler.

Surviving are sons and daughters, Elwood Franklin, Evelyn Small, Virginia Andre, Kathleen; 21 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Tyler was predeceased by a daughter, Susan Carolyn Topper; and brothers and sisters, Clarence Herman Hays Jr., James William Hays, Helen Connors, Kathleen Lytle, Margarite Lewis, Mary Cook, Gladys Lassiter and Nancy Clements.

Funeral services were held September 13, from Myers-Duboraw Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. R. Benjamin Jones officiating. Interment followed in the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

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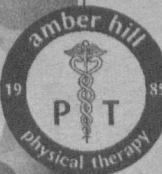
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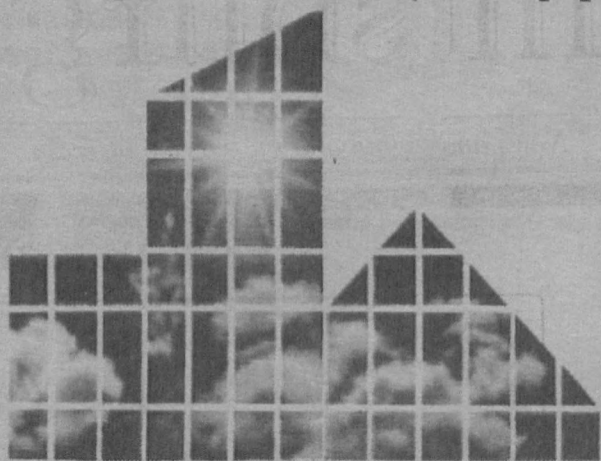
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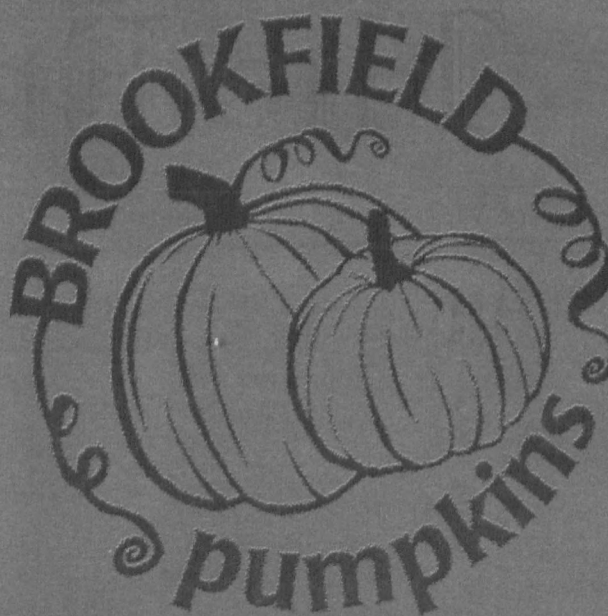
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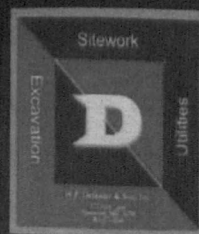
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