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>> Blanchard and Etris are new Emmitsburg commissioners

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – Emmitsburg town commissioner incumbent Glenn Blanchard and new commissioner Denise Etris were sworn in on Oct. 1 following their victories in the Sept. 25 town election.

"I'm privileged and honored that town chose to elect me to a second term," Blanchard said.

He was the top vote getter on Election Day receiving 102 of the 111 ballots cast. Etris received 98 votes. They were the only two registered candidates, though four others—including a non-resident and a sitting commissioner—each received a write-in vote.

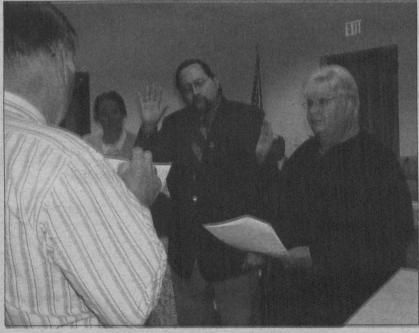
Voter turnout for the town election was 7.4 percent.

"We were pretty active early on and then we get active again after four (p.m.)," said Election Judge Sharon Hane.

One of the residents voting on Election Day was Stan Mazaleski who has run for different public offices before. "I'm surprised there's only two people running and no (election) signs," he said. "It could be a sign that there's voter apathy; people saying 'ho hum' and that's bad."

Sister Mary Bernadette Forney was another voter. She said she considers voting her civic duty and she always votes even if she doesn't follow politics closely.

Emmitsburg has 1,500 registered voters, though only 1,366 are considered active voters.



- STEPHANIE LONG / THE DISPATCH

Maryland State Delegate Paul Stull swore in the new Emmitsburg town commissioners, Glenn Blanchard and Denise Etris, during the town meeting on Oct. 1.

2007 Emmitsburg Election Results

CANDIDATE	NUMBER OF VOTES	
GLENN BLANCHARD	102	
DENISE ETRIS	98	
PAT BOYLE*	1	
TIM O'DONNELL*	1	
CLIFF SWEENEY*	1	
BO CADLE*	1	
	TOTAL VOTES CAST – 111 * Write-in candidate	

Town bans outdoor water use

EMMITSBURG, Md. – This past month was the fourth-driest September on record in Maryland, yet water consumption in Emmitsburg was at an all-time high, prompting the town of Emmitsburg to impose stiff water regulations.

After discussing the current situation of the wells, which are several feet below normal level, the commissioners unanimously decided to impose a strict ban on all outside water use.

According to David Haller, Emmitsburg town manager, terminating outdoor water use would save the town 30,000 gallons of water a day.

The ban applies to those using town water for watering lawns, washing cars, gardening, etc., and will remain in effect until further notice for all residential and commercial properties in Emmitsburg.

- S. Long

Fallen firefighters memorial services this weekend

Fire safety workers from across the country, family members and friends will gather in Emmitsburg the weekend of Oct 6-7 to honor firefighters who died in the line of duty during 2006.

The 26th annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend at the National Fire Academy will honor 87 fallen firefighters from 33 states who died in 2006, along with four firefighters who died in previous years. Two Maryland firefighters and four Pennsylvania firefighters are included on this year's roll of honor. The plaques surrounding the memorial will contain the names of more than 3,100 firefighters.

On Saturday a vigil will be held at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

At 11 a.m. Saturday, bikers will travel with po-

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Town wants to know if planning commissioner violated ethics ordinance

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – Emmitsburg Mayor Jim Hoover has asked the Emmitsburg Ethics Commission for an opinion on whether an investigation needs to be opened concerning a member of the Emmitsburg Planning and Zoning

Commission.

"The issue was brought to my attention and I'm looking

into the matter," Hoover said. "I definitely have some concerns there."

During the Sept. 19 planning and zoning workshop, consultant Chris Jakubiak made some recommendations to the commission about properties that should or shouldn't be annexed into the town based on the town's water capacity.

Some of recommendations concerned annexing properties to the southwest of town, which could potentially use up much of the available water capacity as the town serviced development on those

During the ensuing discussion, Planning Commissioner Patrick Boyle made arguments

against the recommendation.

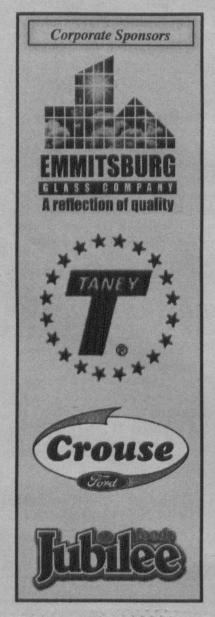
"This is personal, I mean I can't see taking [properties for annexation] off the books to satisfy Mount St. Mary's," Boyle

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EDITORIAL

Three-legged stool can't stand on only two

Editor's Note: National Newspaper Week is Oct. 7-13. David T. Thompson, executive director of the Kentucky Press Association, Frankfort wrote this editorial about the importance of what makes good open government in support of this year's theme of public notices.

My mom used to have a small, three-legged wooden stool. I don't remember the stool being used for any reason, just something to set a newspaper or magazine on for a minute.

It was small and thus not sturdy enough to hold anything of weight.

But no matter if it was strong and sturdy, the three-legged stool was no good if something happened to one of the legs. It couldn't stand on just two.

You're probably already wondering what a three-legged stool has to do with the newspaper business.

Open government is a three-legged stool.

It takes open meetings.

It takes open records.

It takes public notices.

Any of the three being absent you don't really have open government.

I would wager that the news side of newspapers thinks all of government can be "open" if just its meetings and records are kept public. And I would wager an equal amount that the advertising/business side would argue without public notices, government really can't be open.

Like the old Certs breath mint ad, "Stop. You're both right."

It takes all three. Together. If one of the three is missing, any one of the three, open government is off-balance.

Open meetings - much can go on behind closed doors and much does. The law gives public agencies the right to enter into closed meetings under certain conditions. The law limits the presence of people at those meetings and nothing can be finalized. Any final action must be done in public.

Open meetings also give the citizens the right to speak on a particular subject. Much like lobbying in some respect but the comments play an important part of a public agency's decisions on most items.

Open records - much like open meetings, most records are open. Those records can be closed to the public under certain conditions but the records are important for a variety of reasons.

Often, government records will reveal what has happened behind the scenes, with agencies trying to restrict knowledge of what has happened in certain situations. Maybe it's a financial settlement with a fired public agency employee. Maybe it's what happened in a court proceeding. Maybe it's just simple communications between agencies.

Open records are much more than that, I know, but open records are an important part of that three-legged stool.

Public notices - these probably get overlooked when compared to open meetings and open records. Newspaper editorial departments won't understand the reason for them, why government agencies should pay to have information published. Newspaper ad departments will favor this one over open meetings and open records. Those are good but with public notices certain information has to be published and that information could be very revealing.

On their own, each is important and each plays a role in open government - government of the people, for the people and by the people. True open government can only be open with the three-legged stool in perfect balance.

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.

A thank you from CASS

Recently the children in the Catoctin community schools started a new school year. This time of year many children are very excited about the upcoming year ahead. For some children in the area, starting school creates many concerns and anxieties. Many parents also face obstacles. They wonder if they will be able to provide their children with the basic school supplies requested. This can become a significant challenge.

Thanks to the donations made to CASS for the second annual school supply program, this was no longer a burden. The Emmitsburg Council of Churches, the St. Joseph's Provincial House staff and various community members embraced this program once again and the outpouring of support and kindness demonstrated has meant

so much to so many. Cash donations were also received at CASS by individuals, and these funds helped purchase additional supplies. During the month of August, parents called and came to CASS to "shop" for their children. Due to this generosity, CASS was able to provide over 100 children with needed school supplies. The children left the office with smiles on their faces knowing they were prepared for that first day of school.

CASS is grateful for the outpouring of support you have shown to children in the Catoctin community. CASS looks forward to this annual program as we work together to provide for our neighbors in need.

Debbie Wivell Catoctin CASS Coordinator

Picture of cigarette isn't the problem

This is in reference to Jay Graff's letter concerning the front page photo of Randy Hall with a cigarette in his mouth. While I fully understand where Mr. Graff is coming from with the way the world seems to be today, showing a photo of someone with a cigarette in their mouth is not going to increase the chance of another person smoking anymore then not showing someone with a cigarette will decrease the chance of a person smoking. As parents, it is our responsibility to educate our children and make them aware of the dangers of the world, however life is what it is and people regardless of age are going to do what they want to do. Smoking, drinking, drugs and alcohol, they are all a part of life and until they ban them from movies and get them off our streets, a photo of someone with a cigarette in their mouth, hand or pocket is not going to change the world. I can only hope that Mr. Graff practices what he preaches, and I have no reason to believe that he doesn't, but it is so easy to find fault with one thing while ignoring other things that are just as evil. And that is my opinion.

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said during the meeting.

However, he failed to note that he is the part owner of the Silver Fancy Farm, one of the potential properties for annexation that Jakubiak didn't recommend for annexation.

"[Jakubiak's] saying we have enough water for southwest and northeast but we don't have enough for anyplace else," Boyle added later.

If the Silver Fancy Farm is annexed into town it would be able to be developed with more homes than it could be now. The town's ethics ordinance does not allow for town officials to use the power of their office for personal gain.

Boyle said he did nothing wrong. "I know right from wrong on that subject."

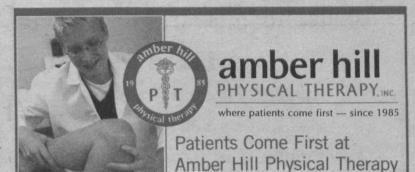
He said he recuses himself from any votes having to do with that property. During the Sept. 19 workshop, however, he said he wouldn't be able to vote on the recommendations because he didn't have enough information from Jakubiak not because he is a part owner of a property in question.

Boyle also announced at his first meeting as a commissioner that he owned property. He made a similar declaration on Sept. 24 because there was a new member on the commission, according to Boyle.

Earlier in the summer, Boyle complained when former Planning Commissioner Catherine Forrence was in a similar situation. She recommended shifting development on a parcel that abutted her mother's property away from the shared border without acknowledging the property was owned by her mother. Boyle said during the meeting that she was making the recommendation to benefit her mother.

Once the ethics commission meets, they will decide whether an investigation needs to be initiated. Hoover pointed out that he had not made an ethics complaint against Boyle because he hasn't seen the meeting in question. He is requesting an opinion because more than one person has made mention of the possible conflict to him.

"The ball's in their court now," Hoover said. "Neither the town staff nor I are going to file an official complaint."



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Thurmont Colorfest coming this weekend

THURMONT, Md. - Started 44 years ago, the Catoctin Colorfest has grown from a small group of nature walks to a weekend festival featuring hundreds of vendors and more than 100,000 visitors. This year's festival is expected to be no different, as thousands are expected to turn out for two days filled with fun, food, art and crafts.

Held on October 13 and 14,

this year's Colorfest will feature over 350 juried arts and crafts exhibitions at the Community Park on Frederick Road and the Activities Grounds on East Main Street.

As with years past, Colorfest will benefit the community, as funds raised during the two days will be given back to Thurmont. In the past, many different community projects have been funded

by Colorfest donations.

Parking will be available in several locations around town at a cost of \$5, with shuttle buses running frequently at seven different stops. The Colorfest is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. For more information about Colorfest visit www. colorfest.org.

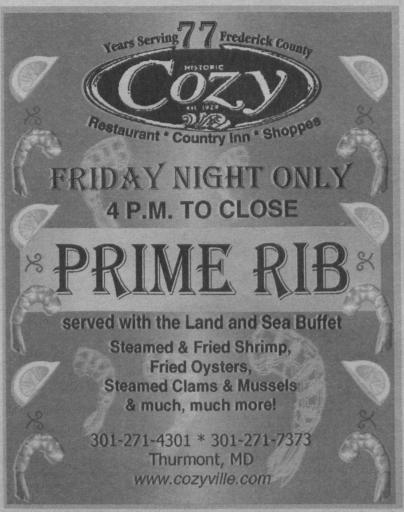
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lice escort through downtown Emmitsburg in the ninth annual Red Helmets Ride. They will ride to the Fire Academy and lay a wreath at the National Monument at noon.

Saturday evening a candlelight service at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will begin at 6:30 p.m. preceded by a musical interlude at 6 p.m.

On Sunday a 10 a.m. memorial service will be held on the National Fire Academy campus at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. An honor guard and bagpipers processional will begin the ceremony. Included will be the unveiling of the plaque listing the names of the 2006 fallen heroes and others being honored who have died in previous years.







Annual Emmitsburg Life Chain

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TOWN NEWS

Emmitsburg has water for the future but not enough

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EMMITSBURG, Md. - Emmitsburg has enough water to grow, but not enough to grow as much as area property owners might like.

During the Sept. 19, Emmitsburg Planning and Zoning Commissioner workshop, the commissioners reviewed a draft water resources management plan, a piece of the town's master plan that the commission is in the process of updating.

Chris Jakubiak of Jakubiak and Associates is writing the new plan for the commission. He told them that the draft master plan proposes development in excess of the available water resources.

"You might want to zero in on a land use plan you can serve from available supplies and supplies the town manager thinks are reasonable to be brought on line in the near future," Jakubiak said.

Using Jakubiak's estimates, which he says are optimistic, the town has 219 connections remaining and about 610 new connections it can expect when two new wells come on line. The total of 829 connections falls far short of the 1930 that could be required to meet the development demands of all the possible infill properties and properties that could be annexed into Emmitsburg.

These numbers are optimistic because Jakubiak used the Maryland number of 250 gallons of water a day per dwelling unit while the town uses 300 gallons for its actual allocation.

"There's a 20 percent buffer on every gallon of water we allocated," said Town Manager Dave Haller.

Because of the shortage between capacity and possible demand, Jakubiak said that the commission needs to make decisions on which properties to annex that won't leave the town in a water deficit. When the master plan gets updated in six years or so, if the town's water capacity has increased, then additional properties can be planned for annexation at that time

"Some of these outlying properties we don't foresee being able to service now," Haller said. "Six years from now, I may be standing here...telling you we have another 1000 taps available."

He recommended three criteria for considering properties to bring

into town: 1) Does it smooth out the town boundary? 2) Does the property bring something extra to the town? 3) Does it improve the town's commercial tax base?

One property Jakubiak recommended being annexed was the Frailey property southwest of town.

"That parcel as we've discussed before has a number of transportation benefits that can help alleviate congestion in the community and I'm not talking here again about the bypass," Jakubiak said. He was referring to general improvements to town traffic the development's road network would bring.

Another parcel on Irishtown Road he recommends for annexation because it is nearly an enclave within the town.

As for the other potential properties, Jakubiak said, "...without water and sewer my suggestion is not to show a committement to develop in those areas."

Some of this future demand could be alleviated when the town begins digging two new deep wells in the spring.

"We are starting the process and accumulating resources to bring on other water resources," Haller said. "That water is three years away."

Getting around town will be costly

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EMMITSBURG, Md. - The Emmitsburg Planning and Zoning Commission saw three options for diverting traffic from coming through downtown, but only one appears to have any potential for being funded at this point.

Chris Jakubiak with Jakubiak and Associates showed the planning commissioners the draft version of

the transportation component of town doesn't recommend any of the opmaster plan update. The plan shows a map of possible road improvements in and around town.

"Each of them are important improvements to accommodate development as it happens," Jakubiak said.

Included in the map are three options to divert traffic around downtown Emmitsburg. One is the proposed bypass to the southwest of town that uses Mountain View Road. A second is a road that would go through potential developments north of town and allow a route to Route 15 that doesn't go through Emmitsburg. Jakubiak pointed out that this is not a bypass but would probably be a collector road. The third is a northern bypass in Pennsylvania that uses Boyle Road.

Jakubiak pointed out that the plan

tion. It instead asks for a jurisdictional

As far as funding any of the options, Pennsylvania would have to agree to participate in the northern bypass project. Rocky Mackintosh, the developer for the Frailey property, has proposed to build the southern bypass.

Maryland would have to participate in the funding of the northern collector road, but Dennis Yoder with the State Highway Administration said the project isn't in the town's six-year capital improvement program for road.

"I don't even believe it's in our long-range plan," Yoder said.

The planning and zoning commission will discuss the recommendations and vote on what they will recommend to the town commissioners





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TOWN NEWS

It is easy being green

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Green living doesn't mean someone has to live in a hut without electricity and without using soap for fear of chemicals in the watershed. What it does mean is recognizing your impact on the environment and reducing the harmful effects without diminishing your standard of living.

On Sept. 26, the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association sponsored a citizen's advisory on ways to live green.

Frederick County government, which is considering adopting green standards in its building codes, is looking to expand curbside recycling to more county residents. Commissioner President Jan Gardner said the county currently recycles about one-third of its waste, but she would like to see that number

pushed up to half and then perhaps even 90 percent.

One of the ways the county hopes to do this is with solid waste franchising. Haulers would bid for waste collection rights in certain districts and as part of this, curbside recycling could be a required service. The county is also looking into allowing people to only have to separate their recyclables from non-recyclable waste rather than having to separate recyclables into various types. This is called single-stream recycling.

"We want to make it easier for people to recycle," Gardner said.

Kay Shultz, director of the Watershed Alliance, spoke to the audience about environmental issues, such as keep water run-off from damaging the streams through erosion and by allowing harmful chemicals to enter the stream.

"As we look at our homes

and our schools, we have to look and think about how can I help the rain soak in and not run off so fast," Shultz said.

Along this line, Mount St. Mary's University Professor Jeffrey Simmons recommended riparian buffers-zones of trees and shrubbery along streams.

"The trees and grasses along the streams help filter out toxics and other pollutants before they get to the water," Simmons said.

Pastor Jon Greenstone of Elias Lutheran Church talked about alternative energy systems, such as wind and solar power. Part of the power for the church comes from solar panels Greenstone has installed. He is also collecting data on wind speeds at the church to study the possibility of installing a windmill to generate additional power.

The EBPA's next citizen forum will be Oct. 24.

FCSO stats for August

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The following are some of the high-lights from the 524 calls for service the Frederick County Sheriff Office deputies received in Emmitsburg during the month of August.

- 291 Patrol checks
- 87 Traffic stops
- 5 Destruction of property calls
- 4 Juvenile complaints

- J. Rada

Hot stuff

EMMITSBURG, Md. – Mayor James Hoover picked up top honors at the Great Frederick Fair's beef barbeque contest on Sept. 22. Hoover said he was attending the fair on Saturday when he was asked to compete in the cooking contest.

"Since I had no advance notice I had to borrow cooking utensils and seasonings from the Fire Company," Hoover said. "All the other competitor had several days notice and brought there tools and 'secret' ingredients with them but I won."

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His prize for winning? A Great Frederick Fair sweatshirt.

- J. Rada

Blanchard completes commissioner training

EMMITSBURG, Md. – Emmitsburg Town Commissioner Glenn Blanchard was recently named a Fellow from the Institute of Governmental Service and Research's Academy for Excellence in Local Governance. To earn the honor, he completed a number of program hours in a variety of classes designed to improve the performance of local government officials. The Academy is a collaboration between the University of Maryland's IGSR, the Maryland Municipal League, the Maryland Association of Counties and the Local Government Insurance Trust. – J. Rada



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REGIONAL NEWS

Residents get a look at the future of the region

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THURMONT, Md. – Residents have had the opportunity during the past couple weeks to look at the draft Thurmont Region plan which lays out the plan for dealing with land and growth issues in northern Frederick County for the next 25 years.

Dozens of residents attended a Sept. 24 open house at Thurmont Middle School and more attended a similar open house in the Emmitsburg Community Center on Oct. 1. At each open house, all of the planning maps were posted and copies of the plan were available. Members of Frederick County's Planning Division were also on hand to answer questions.

"They were very helpful and patient with my questions and I didn't think they were biased at all," Sonja Howell of Graceham

The Thurmont Region, which includes Emmitsburg and Thurmont, is one of eight planning regions in Frederick County. Each region's plan is supposed to be updated once every 8-10 years. The draft Thurmont Region plan was developed after 6 months of workshops and two sets of

open houses.

Marlin Green lives east of Thurmont. He came out to the open house to see what was planned for around Graceham.

"I want to see if I'll wake up one morning and they'll be cutting down trees and putting up stores," Green said, hoping it doesn't happen.

Howell came to the meeting with her daughter, Wendy Cuddington, to look at the maps and ask questions. They like the area's rural look. While they said, they don't mind if a Wal-Mart comes, it should be designed to fit in with the rural look of the area.

"Change will happen, but we didn't want negative change. We want something positive," Cuddington said.

Thomas Cromwell has been active and outspoken in the planning meetings for both Thurmont and the region. He spent time during the open house studying the maps and comparing the 1995 versions to the recommended versions.

"I find all of this interesting just to see what the general county thinking is for the area," Cromwell said

The public hearing for the region plan with the Frederick County Planning and Zoning Commission will be Oct. 24 at Mount St. Mary's University.

A look at the draft Thurmont Region Plan

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – The Thurmont Region in Frederick County is currently in the middle of what is expected to be its fastest growth period for the next 25 years. It's growing at 2 percent a year.

According to the draft region plan that the Frederick County Planning Commission could vote on as early Oct. 24 after the public hearing at Mount St. Mary's University, the region is growing about 2 percent a year from 2000 to 2010. However, this is the peak growth decade between 1970 and 2030. By 2020-2030, the region will be growing at 1 percent a year.

The Thurmont Region Plan was last updated in 1995. It essentially covers the northern handle of Frederick County and includes Thurmont and Emmitsburg. The total area it encompasses is 77,833 acres, which is actually smaller than the region in 1995. This is because a portion of the 1995 region below Kellys Store Road in the Catoctin Furnace area is now in the Frederick Region Plan.

"The Catoctin Furnace area, however, was considered in some of the analysis pertaining to transportation and land use issues in the Thurmont Region Plan Update to avoid splintering of key discussions and resulting solutions affecting the Catoctin Furnace area and US 15 corridor," the draft plan notes.

The Thurmont Region has increased 5,872 residents or about 40 percent over the last 36 years. With that growth in population has come a shift from residing outside of town to residing in either Emmitsburg or Thurmont.

"Since 1970, approximately 90 percent of the region's population growth has occurred within these two municipal growth centers," the plan reads.

The region is expected to grow to 25,553 in 2030 or a 31 percent increase. The question will be where all these new residents will live.

"Within the two community growth areas, the current residential subdivision development pipeline is severely limited. Considering the regional average of over 100 residential permits per year since 1995, the number of available recorded lots barely supports three years of residential development. Furthermore, with few residential lots being approved in the municipalities in recent years, the supply of potential residential sites is being depleted without new lots being made available," the plan notes.

Economic development in the region is also facing new pressures.

"Although the City of Frederick continues to be a retail magnet for the Thurmont Region, newly emerging commercial centers in Taneytown, MD, Gettysburg, PA and Waynesboro, PA are beginning to offer alternative shopping desti-

nations for north County residents," according to the draft region plan.

Farming is also seeing some changes. The region now has 70 farms totaling 8,571 acres in some form of agricultural preservation.

Traffic will also continue to be a problem in the region, but not necessarily from region residents.

"Continuing residential development as well as the potential for substantially more such activity in neighboring jurisdictions north of the Mason-Dixon Line present a key challenge to both county and municipal plans in the Thurmont Region. Over 12,000 residential units were proposed in 2005 and 2006 in Adams County alone. Much of this growth potential is set to occur in Townships and Boroughs along the US 15 corridor and will likely feed already-developing traffic problems in Frederick County," according to the plan.

Compared to the 1995 plan, the community growth boundary for Thurmont is shrinking while the boundary is increasing for Emmitsburg.

Copies of the draft plan are available from the Frederick County Planning Division.

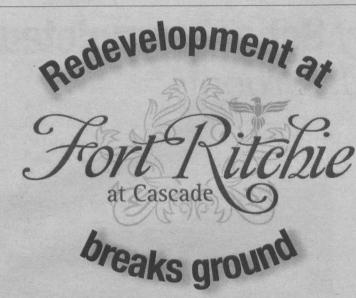
POPULATION GROWTH THURMONT PLANNING REGION

	AVG. ANNUAL POPULATION INCREASE	AVG. ANNUAL % INCREASE
1970-1980	92	0.7%
1980-1990	51	0.4%
1990-2000	224	1.5%
2000-2010	338	2.0%
2010-2020	376	1.8%
2020-2030	245	1.0%
Source: United States Census and Frederick County Division of Planning		





REGIONAL NEWS



By James Rada Jr.

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CASCADE, Md. - When Stanley Robinson got transferred from Georgia to Fort Belvoir in Virginia, he and his wife Joyce started looking for a new home.

"Everything was just so expensive there and the traffic was terrible," Stanley said.

His search expanded until he found a wonderful home on the base of the former Fort Ritchie in Cascade.

"It's a beautiful area in the moun-

tains and there's so much to do nearby," Joyce said.

Stanley doesn't even mind the 1 1/2 hour commute. "I don't mind doing it five days a week, but two days a week I'm glad I'm here," he said.

The area will become even more attractive by next summer when the new 20,820 square foot community center opens at Fort Ritchie.

"This is actually the first new construction here," said Rand Griffin with Corporate Office Development Trust. He spoke at the groundbreaking for the facility on Sept. 24.

> The entire center will cost about \$5 million and open before July 4, 2008. It is part of a planned community being

developed by COPT and the PenMar Development Corporation. The entire project is expected to create about 4,500 jobs over 20 years. COPT will be building new buildings, renovating old ones, demolishing some and improving the property's infrastructure.

The community center will show both new construction and preservation. "We are preserving the World War II wood ceiling and wood floor of the gymnasium." Griffin said. In addition, new rooms and a new exterior will make the community center an attractive place. The center will also be the first greentechnology building in Washington County.

"It is the first of what will be \$250 million we will be investing on the site,"

When finished the project will have 1.7 million square feet of commercial and retail space and 673 new residential units. The first tenant, Indus Corporation, has already occupied 5,000 square feet of space.

"This will become the home of a number of federal agencies," said Congressman Roscoe Bartlett who wants the site to be used for telecommuting.

He was joined by fellow congressman Bill Shuster who was attending his first groundbreaking outside of his Pennsylvania district. His attendance showed that the site's development will have a regional impact on the area.

Fort Ritchie closed as a military base in 1998, affecting residents in Frederick and Washington counties in Maryland and Franklin and Adams counties in Pennsylvania.

Myers Farm annexation vote expected Oct. 16

THURMONT, Md. - The last chance for the public to speak out about the proposed annexation of the Myers Farm into Thurmont will be on Oct. 16. The Thurmont Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. at the Thurmont town office and they are expected to vote on the proposal following the hearing.

Earlier this year, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted not to recommend annexation, primarily because the property is not within the town's current growth boundary. Other issues such as increased traffic, sewage capacity and affected viewsheds have been frequently mentioned.

The 210 acres sits along U.S. 15 and northwest of the Shamrock Restaurant. Hudson Land Development wants to build 350 single-family and town homes on the property along with 400,000 square feet of commercial/retail space that could include a large box store and an emergency medical

Developer Tom Hudson wants to build around 35 homes a year. The entire project would require about 15 years to be fully built out. He is also offering \$9.2 million in fees and financial incentives to the town for the annexation.

- J. Rada



- DRAWING COURTESY OF CORPORATE OFFICE PROPERTIES TRUST This artist's drawing shows what the Fort Ritchie Community Center will look like when it is complete in 2008. Ground was broken for the project on Sept. 24. The project preserves an historic gymnasium from the old Fort Ritchie and builds additional facilities onto it.



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EDUCATION

Addition to Thurmont Primary School completed

No more portable classrooms

By Susan Allen Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. — Construction of the addition to Thurmont Primary School, begun during the last school year, was completed in time for the start of classes on August 27. Principal Debra Myers welcomed approximately 450 pre-kindergarten to second grade students to a building enlarged to a total of twenty-four classrooms. It is, she says, "a beautiful school," adding that the custodial staff and teachers worked extremely hard to get everything ready in time for the first day of school.

Prior to the addition, the school was rated at capacity, but with the new addition, the school can hold more students. The school is now at about 75 percent capacity.

The addition was placed to the rear of the school, adjacent to the playground. The added space blends

seamlessly with the original building, even though Frederick County Public Schools used a different architect for the project. Senior project manager Mark Herr pointed out that the design included moving the health suite out of the office area into a larger room and renovating the office to include a conference room. A new computer lab was installed, and a courtyard created between the classroom wings. There are two new art rooms, two new music rooms, and smaller classrooms dedicated to reading, speech, and testing. An extra set of doors was added to the entrance of the building for security.

Full-day kindergarten students occupy many of the new classrooms. Myers noted that the school has had large kindergarten classes since opening in 2001. This year the kindergarten enrollment is 142 students. TPS also has two pre-kindergarten classes; one is for special-education students. With the added classroom space, enrollment at TPS is no longer restricted to Thurmont residents.





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Ms. Heather Flickinger speaks to her kindergarten class at Thurmont Primary School in one of the new classrooms at the school. The schools two new wings are now open and have alleviated the need for portable classrooms at the school.





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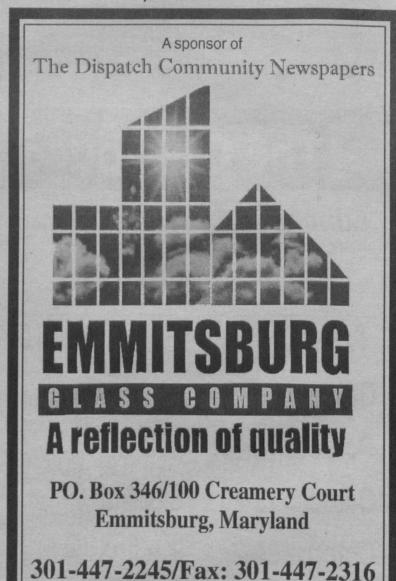
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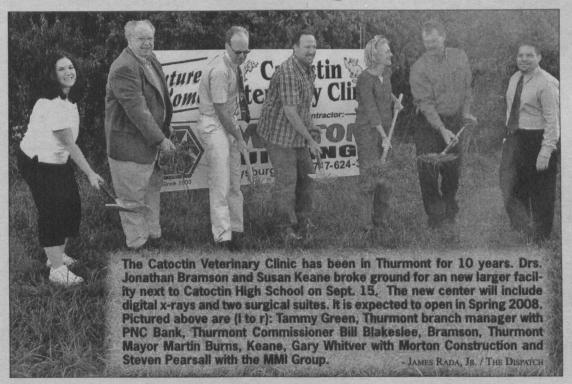
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Money to improve building facades

THURMONT, Md. - If you have a Thurmont Main Street business that could use a facelift, Thurmont First may be able to help you. Thurmont First recently received a \$50,000 grant through its Neighborhood Business Works designation to do façade improvements to businesses in the Main Street district. The money is a 50/50 match, but the property owner's half can be an in-kind donation. Any unused portion of the grant will have to be returned after one year. Interested businessowners should contact Vickie Grinder at (301) 418-8642.

Thurmont First also used a \$15,000 Community Legacy Grant it received to hire Jakubiak and Associates to write a National Historic Trust application for the town.

- J. Rada

SSI joins the structural insulated panel association

part of its commitment to providing energy efficient building materials and components, Structural Systems Inc. recently became a dealer/distributor member of SIPA, the Structural Insulated Panel Association. SSI provides structural solutions to the residential and light commercial markets through innovative products and services, with offices in Thurmont; Frederick; Culpeper, Va.; and Elkton.

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"Our membership in SIPA will help us continue to meet and exceed our customers' expectations for providing them the most energy-efficient and costeffective building solutions available," says Ed Cattoi, SSI's vice president of Business Development.

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Ease the stress away at Men's Oasis

By Stephanie Long Dispatch Staff Writer slong@thedispatch.us

THURMONT, Md. - Massages were once a luxury for the rich and famous and women. They have become a commonplace indulgence for many. And now thanks to Men's Oasis in Thurmont, more men are starting to indulge in this one-time luxury.

"It's a necessity they don't know they need," said Men's Oasis Owner Sandy Delawter, explaining that getting a massage is a way to maintain optimum

According to the Associated Bodywork & Massage Professionals, massage therapy can have far-ranging affects on one's heath,



- JAMES RADA, JR. / THE DISPATCH Men's Oasis, located in Thurmont, is now offering massages by appointment only.

as it can alleviate low-back pain and improve range of motion, improve the condition of the body's largest organ—the skin, lessen depression and anxiety, release endorphins—amino acids that work as the body's natural painkiller, relieve migraine pain and

"It's just an overall relaxing moment, it allows the body to come back into check," Delawter said.

Men's Oasis started offering massages recently in conjunction with their "top of the line" haircuts as another way for men to pamper themselves. Although it may seem like massages for men would be a tough market to sell, according to Delawter, many of her clients who have never had a massage before become hooked after one time.

"It wouldn't be something they'd normally do," Delawter explains, "but when they walk out of here it's unbelievable, they're not as tired and are more mentally alert."

Currently Men's Oasis offers chair massages, which are shorter massages done in a chair, and five different types of bed massages, each employing different massage techniques. The massages are offered by appointment only.

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Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles The Dispatch will be featuring to highlight the year-long celebration of Mount St. Mary's University's bicentennial.

Baseball's been a hit at the Mount

By JAMES RADA JR.

News Editor

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EMMITSBURG, Md. - They thought they were the best baseball team ever, but no team is truly unbeatable even if they are the best.

ers in Blue and White were virtually unbeatable," Frank Zarnowski wrote in A Century of Sports at the

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played at the Mount for a generation, the 1898 team thought they had mastered the game as they defeated other college teams, town clubs and even semi-professional teams. The team's secret weapon was Edward Kenna.

"For three seasons Kenna "From 1896-1898 the play- pitched and won virtually every game," Zarnowski wrote. "He also batted better than .500 for his college career."

Kenna would eventually go on

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professional baseball. He played for the Philadelphia Athletics in

But in 1898, "Edward Kenna, C'1898, and his teammates were so confident of their abilities that they even challenged the Washington Nationals of the National League (who later became the Senators) to a game," reported Mount Magazine.

That's when the unstoppable team was stopped in a big way on April 22, 1898. The Nationals defeated them 16-1. It was a stunning defeat, but the Mount baseball games continued and still continue to draw in the crowds.

Although the Mount is celebrating 125 years of intercollegiate baseball this year, baseball has been played at the college for at least 138 years.

"After the Civil War, interclass and interhouse baseball contests were a major recreation attraction," Zarnowski wrote. "The earliest reference to these contests dates to May of 1869 when the Stonewalls pasted the Xanthas 38-29. High scores were the order of the day since pitching rules required the hurler to place the pitch, underhanded, where the batter wanted it."

The first baseball field was developed after the Civil War about 150 yards east of Sheridan

Hall, according to Zarnowski. By 1872, the Mount began playing outside teams and in 1883 a Baseball Association was formed on campus to arrange the schedules for intercollegiate play.

Helped along by Kenna's powerhouse team, the Mount won 75-80 percent of its games in the 1800's. And winning teams attracted the

"By the end of the 19th century, baseball was the sport on campus," reported Mount Magazine. "Crowds for home games ranged from 500 to almost 1,000 fans."

Echo Field opened on April 17, 1902. However, the Mount lost its first game there to Penn State.

While the Mount launched more than a few major league careers. The most famous may have been Babe Ruth. In 1911, the Mount played a St. Mary's Industrial School for Boys. Campus legend has it that a professional baseball scout discovered George Herman "Babe" Ruth Jr. during the game. Whether or not that is true, the legendary baseball player visited the campus many times during his 22-year professional baseball

Interest in baseball waned somewhat in the 1930's and 1940's, yet the college continued to field solid teams.

In 1989, the Mount moved to NCAA Division I and became a member of the Northeast Conference.

"With the step up in competition, Mount baseball struggled until recent years," wrote Mount Magazine. "It's now enjoying resurgence."

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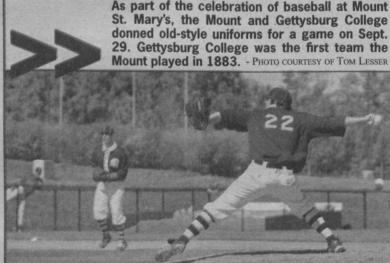
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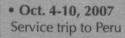
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RELIGION

Pilgrimage for the Sea Services on October 7

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Seton is considered the "Patroness of the Sea Services" because she had two sons who served in the Navy. The Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, Western Vic-

EMMITSBURG, ar of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and will honor members of the U.S. Navy, Marines. Coast Guard and Merchant Marines. The U.S. Naval Academy Catholic Midshipmen Choir will provide the music and a ceremonial guard will present the colors.

A public reception follows and servicemen and women and their families are especially welcome.

- J. Rada

Making old-fashioned apple butter

CATOCTIN FURNACE. Md. - Making apple butter is a tradition at Harriet Chapel, Catoctin Episcopal Parish where they make it the old fashioned way - in a copper kettle full of local apples boiled over a wood fire. It's a two-day process for each batch of apple butter, starting with an evening of snitting that entails peeling, coring and slicing the apples. The boiling starts on a Saturday morning at 5 a.m. and continues until about 3 p.m. when the butter is ready to be canned. The apple butter must be stirred constantly with a wooden paddle and the fire must be tended frequently to prevent burning.

Debbie Sweeney, who coordinated the event this year has been participating in the apple butter boiling for over 30 years. She remembers when this was a much bigger operation that lasted over three weekends and culminated with a boiling demonstration in the church yard. This year parish-



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Fathers and Sons: Buddy Martin and his son Colin and John Giffin with John Grey Giffin stir the apple butter as it boils.

ioners decided to move their booth to the grounds of their rectory which is just past Roy Rogers going south on Catoctin Furnace Road. In addition butter should get there early to apple butter they will be selling crafts, baked goods, ited. For more information call beverages and prints of Rebecca Pearl's painting of Harriet 4554.

Chapel. The booth will only be open from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13. Anyone interested in purchasing apple because the supply is very lim-Harriet Chapel at (301) 271-

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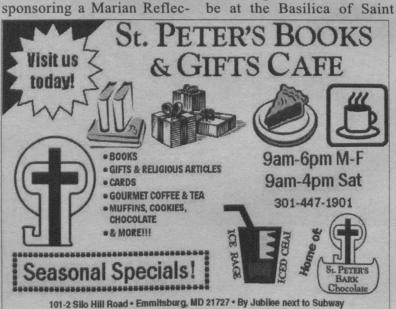


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(ages 3-5) October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 9:45

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(ages 3-5)

October 4, 11, 18, 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

(all ages)

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 7 p.m.

Children's Programs

Night Owls

(ages 6-12) An evening of games, crafts, snacks and lots of laughs.

October 1 at 4 p.m. Registration required.

"Did You Know?" Series

(ages 6-12)

Learn about reptiles and birds at the Catoctin Nature Reserve. October 6 at 11 a.m. Registration required.

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(ages 10-12)

Read your choice of a title from Lemony Snicket's Series of Unfortunate Events.

October 15 at 4 p.m. Registration required.

Game On!

(ages 9-14)

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October 19 at 2 p.m.

Fall Harvest Festival

(ages 3 and up) Games, crafts and treats. Come in costume if you want.

October 20 at 11 p.m.

Teen Programs **Movie Makers Club**

(grades 6-12) Learing about directing, writing and acting in movies. October 2 at 7 p.m.

October 1 at 1 p.m.

Animé Club

(grades 6-12) October 12 at 6 p.m.

Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club

(teens and adults)

October 16 at 7 p.m. Read "Gideon the Cutpurse" by Linda Buckley-Archer.

Adult Programs

Art Exhibit

(all ages) See art from the Francis Scott Key Center at the library. October

Leaving a Legacy: Write About Your Life

Learn to record your personal accounts of life "back when", to share with others.

Tuesday Evening Book Club (adults) October 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Non-Fiction Book Club

(adult) October 11 at 1 p.m.

Make It and Take It Craft

(adults) Make a holiday decoration. October 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Knitting Nook (teens and adults)

October 18 at 4 p.m.

Genealogy Focus Group (teens and adults)

October 25 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 in September

Autumn is officially here and we've had cool temperatures to prove it. Now it's time to put away your air conditioners, change the furnace filters, and get out some flannel sheets. Don't forget to carve your jack-o-lanterns and stock up on some treats for the kids on Halloween. Have fun!

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

October 8 - Center closed for Columbus Day

October 9, 23, & 30- Crafts for

October 16 - Meeting Day, 12:30 p.m. Blood pressure check with Nurse Steve.

October 24 - Evening Card Party 7 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

October 26 - Fall Fun and lunch out Limit 10 persons, sign up by October 19; transportation fee: \$3.

October 31 - Fall party

November 15 - Flu shots, 1-6 p.m. \$15 fee or use your Medicare

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: October 10 & 24.

Cards, 500, and Bridge Group: October 3, 17 & 31.

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.

The Fairfield Senior Center October 30 - VFW hall, welcomes all seniors of the Greater Fairfield, PA area. The Center is in the Social Room at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13 E Main St, Fairfield. Questions about activities? Call Cheryl Kulkusky, the site director, at (717) 642-6523.

Special Events

October 8 - Closed for Columbus Day

October 17 - Blood pressure checks

October 24 - Flu shots - No exercise

October 25 - Out to Lunch

October 28 - Drive-Thru fly shot clinic

Costume party, 9:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Tickets, \$6.

October 31 - Halloween Costume Party, covered dish luncheon. Costume contest!

Regular Activities

Exercise: Monday, wednesday and Fridays, 9:30 -10:30 a.m.. Dress comfortably and wear athletic

Line Dancing: Monday and Friday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Knitting: Mondays, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bring your project - beginners welcome. (Other needle-workers are welcome too.)

Lunch: Monday through Friday at 12 p.m., except for Special events already noted.

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

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

Chat Time: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



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Bradshaw wins two scholarships at once

Kristen Bradshaw, a Mount St. Mary's University student, recently received two \$1,000 scholarships during the same event. The Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association awarded her one scholarship and "Friends of the Family", a scholarship given in the name of some of Emmitsburg's firefighters, awarded her a second scholarship. Kristen was unable to attend the ceremony because she was in class, but members of her family stood in for her. Pictured above (I to r) are: Greg Reaver; Dan Reaver of Emmitsburg Glass Company; Dr. Thomas Powell, President of Mount St. Mary's University; Ann Burnside Love, Frederick County Community Foundation board member; Irene Powell, EBPA secretary; Wayne and Sheryl Bradshaw, Kristen's parents, and their younger daughter accepting the award for Kristen. Emmitsburg Glass Company's large donation to the EBPA scholarship fund initiated the funding process and enabled the scholarship award to be made.

Emmitsburg makes food bank deposit

Employees of the Town of Emmitsburg spent the last week of August raising money to buy food for the Emmitsburg Food Bank. They raised \$180 and with the help of Jubilee Foods were able to leverage that money to purchase \$350 worth of food (12 cases of canned food and 5 cases of boxed food) for the food bank. The food was delivered on Sept. 20.



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2007 Community Show Department Champions

THURMONT, Md. – Here are the winners from the 2007 Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show which was held at Catoctin High School on Sept. 7-9.

- Fresh Fruits: Frances Black (Grapes)
- Fresh Vegetables:
 Gretchen Smith (Red
 Tomatoes)
- Home Products Display: Roxanna Lambert
- Canned Fruit: Linda Franklin (Peaches)
- Canned Vegetables: John Bradshaw (Aspara-
- Jellies and Preserves: Gloriae Green (Elder-
- berry Jelly)
 Pickles: Audrey Baumgardner (Bread & Butter
- Pickles)
 Meat: Robert McAffe
- (Home-Cured Ham)

 Bread: Denise Valentine
- (Fruit & Nut Bread)
 Cake: Dawn Hobbs (Banana Cake)

- Pie: Maxine Troxell (Cherry Pie)
- Sugar-Free Baked Product: Gloriae Green (Peach Pie)
- Sewing: Shirley Greene (Women's Suit)
- Flowers and Plants: Joan Staub (Sunflower)
- Arts, Paintings & Drawings: Mary Portner (Painting on Milk Can)
- Crafts: Charlotte Dutton (Hand Crafted Duck Decov)
- Photography: Irene Powell (Colored Photo)
- Corn: Rodman Myers (Hybrid Corn)
- Small Grains & Seeds: Rodman Myers (Shelled Corn)
- Eggs: Kathy Dobson (Brown Eggs)

- Nuts: Mary S. Willhide (Black Walnuts)
- Poultry & Livestock:
 Harold Long (Female
 Breeding Rabbit &
 Offspring)
- Dairy: Jeffrey Hubbard (Brown Swiss-Intermediate Calf)
- Goats: Margaret Buckmeier (Dry Yearling)
- meier (Dry Yearling)Hay: Rodman Myers
- (Alfalfa Hay)
 Junior Department:
 Randi Willard (Sewn Quilt)
- Baked Product (Junior): Justin McAfee (Cake)
- Youth Department: Katie Despeaux (Cross Stitch)
- Baked Product (Youth): Kelsey Dorsey (Cake)

- J. Rada

Recognizing Emmitsburg Library supporters



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The Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Emmitsburg Library on September 7, 2007, honoring former library staff members and volunteers for their efforts on behalf of the library. Shown are: left to right (front) honorees Kate Warthen, Blanch "Bea" Keilholtz, Francis Smith, and Annetta Rapp, Friends of the Emmitsburg Library spokesman Susan Allen; (back) Catoctin High School agriculture teacher Diane Ogg, Community Show Vice President Bob Valentine, honoree Joan Boyle, Community Show President Rodman Myers, Director of Frederick County Public Libraries Darrell Batson, Emmitsburg Library Branch Manager Derek Gee, honorees William R. "Bo" Cadle and Jean Cadle, Emmitsburg Mayor Jim Hoover, and Catoctin High agriculture teacher Bob Beavan. Also honored were Dr. and Mrs. William Carr, who were unable to attend.



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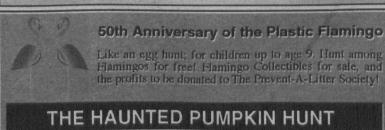


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October 5 - Catoctin Recreation 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. All animals wel-Council Intramural Basketball League Registration for grades 6 - 9 at Thurmont Middle School. 6 - 8 p.m.

October 5 - David Sedaris bestselling author, humorist and radio commentator at the Weinberg Center. (301) 600-2828, www.weinbergcenter.org.

October 6 - Dinner/Dance and Silent Auction at the Thurmont AMVETS, 26 Apples Church Rd., Thurmont. 6:30, buffet dinner at 7 p.m. Advance tickets \$15. Proceeds to benefit the Catoctin High School Class of 2008 Safe n' Sane Graduation Party. (301) 271-4212.

October 6 - Dog Classes now forming at Frederick County Humane Society, 5712D Industry Lane, Frederick. An eight week class of puppy etiquette and preschool. 1 p.m. (301) 526-6285, www.rightstartmaryland. com, rightstartmaryland@verizon.

October 6 - Annual Nearly New Sale at 4840 Fairfield Road, Fairfield, PA 17320, Elementary School Gymnasium. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Accepting only "gently used" and clean clothing. Cady Anderson (717) 642-

October 6 - Basket Bingo Taneytown Chamber of Commerce Annual Fundraising Event at Taneytown Fireman Activities Bldg. 5:30 p.m. Tickets \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. For tickets, reservations and information. (410) 756-4234.

October 6 - Blessing of the Animals at Lamb of God Church, 11213 Angleberger Rd., Lewistown, Md. come. (301) 271-4321.

October 6 - All You Can Eat buffet breakfast at Tom's Creek United Methodist Church on Tom's Creek Church Road. 6 - 11 a.m. Adults \$6, ages 5-10 \$3. Advance orders for sausage by Sept. 30. (301) 447-6384, (301) 447-2403.

October 6 - "Saturday Express" Childbirth Education at FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick or Frederick Memorial Hospital, 400 W. 7th St., Frederick. \$110 per couple. (240) 379-6000.

October 6 - Junior Golf Instruction Saturdays for four weeks, at the I-70 Golf Center. Ages 6-14, \$75. (301) 600-2936, www.Recreater.

October 6 - Spirits of the Furnace at Catoctin Furnace Historic Site off Route 806. 7 p.m. (301) 271-7574, (301) 271-3676. Rain date, October

October 6, 7, 13 & 14 - National Apple Harvest Festival at South Mountain Fairgrounds, Arendstville, Pa. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. www.applehar-

October 6 & 7 - Fall Festival at Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 North Market Street, Frederick, Md., Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. \$3. (301) 600-1650, www.rosehillmuseum.com

October 7 - "Annual Pilgrimage for the Sea Services". The public is cordially invited to a Eucharistic Celebration in Honor of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton at National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, Md. Mass at 3 p.m.

October 7 -Chicken Bar-B-Q at Lewiston Ruritan, U.S. 15 North and Fish Hatchery Road. (301) 748-

October 8 to 12 - The Salvation Army is accepting Christmas Assistance Applications. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. each day. Major Crystal Pruitt (301) 662-2311.

October 9, 16, 23, 30 - Changing Families Support Group at Up-County Family Center, 303 W. Lincoln Ave., Emmitsburg. 6 - 7 p.m. every Tuesday in October. (301) 447-2810.

October 9, 16, 23, 30 - Thurmont Food Bank at St. John's Lutheran Church, 15 N. Church St. Thurmont. Every Tuesday, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Donations/deliveries (301) 271-2802.

October 10, 24 - Department of Social Services Outreach at the Community Center, S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, provides assistance with food stamps, energy assistance, medical assistance and purchase of care. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. No appointment necessary.

October 10, 17, 24 - Clustered Spires Chorus of Frederick County invites all area women to attend its free Christmas community chorus rehearsals on Wednesday nights. Saint Thomas More Academy, 3989 Buckeystown Pike, 7 - 8 p.m. (301) 644-1589, clusteredspires@hotmail.com, www.harmonize.com/ClusteredSpires.

October 10 & 24 - Dept. of Social Services Outreach at CASS, Emmitsburg Community Center. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. No appointments. Applications and renewals for food stamps, energy assistance, medical assistance, housing assistance. Debbie Wivell, (240) 236-1770.

October 11 - Informational session for families with children with disabilities at Up-County Family Center 303 W. Lincoln Ave., Emmitsburg, 10:30 a.m. (301) 447-

October 11 - 54th Annual Fire Prevention "Open House" at Vigilant Hose Company in Emmitsburg. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Fire and life safety activities, including family and workplace safety information, fire/injury prevention displays, free literature and refreshments, and the alwayspopular fire engine rides.

October 11 - Thurmont MOM's Club for CHS feeder area. 10 a.m. at Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Rt. 77, Thurmont. Stay-at-home support, playgroups, activities. (301) 271-5415.

October 11 - The Frederick Community College Alumni Association's monthly meeting on campus in A Building, Room A201. All alumni welcome. 6 p.m. FCC Office of Institutional Advancement (301) 846-2438, alumni@frederick.edu.

October 11 - Storytime at Thorpewood; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. RSVP requested. (301) 271-2823.

October 11 to 13 - Yard and Bake Sale at Saint Anthony Shrine. Space available. 8:30 a.m. Helen Reaver (301) 447-6431, (301) 447-2367.

October 11 - Emmitsburg Company 26 Ambulance Community Blood Drive. 2 -- 8 p.m., Meeting Room, 300 South Seton Avenue. Please call Robert Dinterman at (301) 447-2465 to schedule your life-saving donation.

October 12, 19, 26 - Thurmont Food Bank at St. John's Lutheran Church, 15 N. Church St. Thurmont. Every Friday, 3:30 - 5 p.m. Donations/deliveries (301) 271-2802.

October 12 - The Basement Coffee House at Elias Lutheran Church, 100W N. Ave., Emmitsburg. Great music, fellowship, free coffee and snacks. 2nd Friday of each month.

October 13 - Family Style Dinner at Lewistown Fire Department 11101 Hessong Bridge Road, Frederick, Md. All you can eat. 12 - 5 p.m. Adults \$13; children 5 -10 \$6. Carry-out \$14. (301) 898-9988.

October 13 - Senior High Yard Sale at Graceham Moravian Church 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. 8231 A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. 9 a.m. Rain or shine.

October 13 & 14 - 32nd Annual Sabillasville Mountainfest at Sabillasville Elementary School, Rt. 550. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. Vendor space available. (301) 241-3997.

October 13 & 14 - 44th Annual Catoctin Colorfest in Thurmont; Thurmont Community Park, Guardian Hose Company Activities Grounds and Thurmont Middle School. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

October 13 & 14 - Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church of Rocky Ridge at Mt. Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge, Md. Route 77 East to Rocky Ridge, turn onto Motter Station Rd. (301) 271-

October 13, 20, 27 - Manor Ghost Tale Tours at Rose hill Manor, 1611 N. Market St. Frederick. 7 – 9 p.m. Ages 10 - adult, \$5. (301) 600-1650 or www.rosehillmuseum.com.

October 14 - Liberty Worship Center 3rd Annual Pig Roast at Carroll Valley Park. 1 p.m. Bluegrass Gospel, food, craft activities, and a Kiddie Bounce. Rain or shine.

October 16 - Clothes Closet at Thurmont United Methodist Church, Long Rd., Thurmont. Free clothing and household items for needy families. Newborn - adult. 10 a.m., 3rd Tuesday of each month.

October 17 - Internet Safety for children and Teens at Thurmont Middle School, 6-8 p.m. RSVP for dinner and daycare for over 4 years old. Call families Plus (301) 692-9002 or Debbie Wivell (240) 236-

October 18 - "Traditional" Childbirth Education at FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick or Frederick Memorial Hospital, 400 W. 7th St., Frederick. Registration and payment required. \$110. (240) 379-6000.

October 18 - National Christian College Fair at Heritage Academy at 12215 Walnut Point West from 7 -9 p.m. (301) 582-2600, naccap.org.

October 19 - Bingo at Guardian Hose Activity Building, Carnival Grounds, Thurmont. 5:30 p.m.



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October 8 - National Gallery of Art bus trip. This year's visit will feature a sculpture show, oil paintings and works on paper. \$40 non-members, \$35 Arts Council members. Reservations required. Call Don and Geri Markle at (717) 334-3328. Adams County Arts Council programs, services and membership (717) 334-5006, info@adamsarts.org or www.adamscountyartscouncil.org.

October 10 & 11 - The "World Famous" Lipizzaner Stallions at the Mount Knott Arena 7:30 p.m. Tickets on sale at the Knott Arena box office. Charge by phone, (301) 447-5700, mountathletics.com or lipizzaner.com.

Through 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. Registration required www. wcmfa.org; (301) 739-5727. For the hearing impaired (301) 739-

October 20 - Having Fun with Landscapes. 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. Ages 6-12. Registration is required for all classes. Register via our secure web site www.wcmfa.org (301) 739-5727, for the hearing impaired (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 open their shops, studios and galleries. The Front Porch On Buford, (717) 334-0808 or www.thefrontporchonbuford.com.

October 20 & 21- Oktoberfest at Schifferstadt, Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, Noon - 5 p.m. Featuring 18th Century demonstrations, beer, crafts, and music prost! Rain or shine. Adults \$3; children under 12 free. MD Route 15 at 1110 Rosemont Avenue, Frederick Maryland. (301) 663-3885 ext. 3.

Through October 23 - Introduction to Acrylic Painting. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Learn the basics and discover the versatility of water-based acrylics. Imagination Station classroom, 18 Carlisle

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Through October 23 - Beaded Amulet Bags. Tuesdays, 6:30 -8:30 p.m. Using the Native American bead-weaving technique of the peyote stitch, create a beaded amulet bag with glass seed beads and unique accent beads. Imagination Station classroom, 18 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg. To enroll call (717) 334-5006.

Through October 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. Imagination Station classroom, 18 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg. To enroll call (717) 334-5006.

October 26 to December 7 - Art for Toddlers: Creating Like the Masters. Fridays 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. or 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., ages 2-3. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown. Register via our secure web site at www. wemfa.org; registration required. (301) 739-5727. For the hearing impaired (301) 739-5764.

October 27 to November 3 - Creative Writing Workshop. Saturdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown. Register via our secure web site www.wcmfa.org; Registration required. (301) 739-5727. For the hearing impaired (301) 739-5764.

Through October 29 - Register for Leebron and Rhett's class. To register or for more information about this or other art classes offered at the Imagination Station, visit www.adamscountyartscouncil.org or call the arts council at (717) 334-5006.

On Art History. Wednesdays, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Use a variety of media to create artworks inspired by different historical periods and places. For children in grades 4 -6. Imagination Station classroom, 18 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg. To enroll call (717) 334-5006.

November 1 to December 20 Hand Building with Clay. Thursdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown. Register via our secure web site www. wcmfa.org; Registration required. (301) 739-5727. For the hearing impaired (301) 739-5764.

November 1 to December 13 -Mixed Media Studio. Thursdays 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown, instructor Mike Gouker. Register via our secure web site www.wcmfa.org; registration required. (301) 739-5727. For the hearing impaired (301) 739-

November 2 to 17 - "Devour the Snow" 8 p.m. at the Keefauver Center, 157 Lefever Street, Gettysburg, two blocks off Baltimore Street. Abe Polsky's riveting courtroom drama directed by David Deal. Ticket \$12, discounts for seniors over 60, students with identification and groups of 10 or more. Information and reservations (866) 859-5192 or www.gettysburgstage.org.

November 2 to December 14 - Young at Art. Fridays 1 - 2 p.m., ages 4-6. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown. Register via secure web site www.wcmfa.org; registration required. (301) 739-5727. For the hearing impaired (301) 739-5764.

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Rendell to get private Gettysburg art exhibition

GETTYSBURG, Pa. - Pennsylvannia Governor Edward Rendell will view the 50 works of art included in the Adams County Arts Council 4th Annual Juried Art Exhibit during a private reception at the Lincoln Train Station on Carlisle Street in Gettysburg.

The exhibition drew more than 200 entries from 71 artists. From this pool, 50 pieces were selected for display and eligible for the awards.

The Majestic Theater hosted the Governor's Awards for the Arts ceremony on Oct. 4, which attracted statewide attention from the arts community. Rendell will view the

exhibits prior to the ceremony.

"This will be great exposure for this year's exhibition — a way to have your work seen by an even broader art-interested public!" the acceptance letter told artists whose work had been accepted for the

The public opening reception for the exhibition will be held on Oct. 5, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The awards will be announced at 7

Exhibit hours are: Friday, Oct. 5: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- J. Rada



RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

"Lemons in Blue" by Raymond Buchheister will be among the 50 works of art in a Adams County Arts Council's 4th Annual Juried Art Exhibit in Gettysburg this weekend. Pennsylvania Governor Edward Rendell will be given a private showing of the art before the awards are announced.

County Museum of Fine Arts the Adams County Arts Counin Hagerstown. Register via secure web site www.wcmfa.org; registration required (301) 739-5727. For the hearing impaired (301) 739-5764.

November 5 to 26 - Gettysburg College Creative Writing. Monday evenings 6 – 8 p.m. at call (717) 334-5006.

cil's art-education center in the Imagination Station classroom, located at 18 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg. Professors Fred Leebron and Kathryn Rhett will co-teach a new class designed for beginning writers. www. adamscountyartscouncil.org or



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OBITUARIES

Gordon "Benny" Carter, Jr.

Gordon "Benny" Carter, Jr., 60, of Marrero, La., passed away September 5, 2007. Born December 9, 1946 he was the son of the late Gordon and Mildred Carter, Sr. of La.

He is survived by his wife of one year, Rebecca Green Weaver Carter formerly of Emmitsburg, a daughter, Jolene Thiel; a son, Gordon "G.F." Carter; one grand daughter, Casey Babin; and two step-daughters, Jennifer and Samantha Weaver.

Funeral services were held

September 17, at Mothe Fument will be held privately at a

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to The American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Ernestine Tyler

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

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Born September 7, 1922, neral Home, Harvey, La. Intern- in Lexington, Va., she was the daughter of the late Clarence Herman and Gertie Virginia Scott Hays.

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

She was predeceased by her husband, Homer Franklin Tyler, 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 from Myers-Duboraw Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. R. Benjamin Jones officiating. Interment followed in the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Sister Bernard Noa, DC

Sister Bernard Noa, DC died Friday, September 14, 2007 at Villa St. Michael, the province's retirement residence in Emmitsburg. She was 85 years of age and 62 years of vocation.

Margaret Elizabeth Noa was born in Pensacola (FL), one of eight children of Valentiñ and Margaret Noa.

Predeceased by her parents, three brothers and two sisters, Sister is survived by brothers,

Vincent and Hugh Noa, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was offered September 17, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg.

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

Mr. Edward Long Jr.

Edward Joseph Long Jr., 76, of Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center.

He was born January 15, 1931, in Baltimore, the son of the late Edward J. Sr. and Hilda V. Pattison Long. He was the husband of 28 years to Mary Patricia Carter Long.

He is survived by children, Marcia L. Hellman, Marlene E. Pierce, Edward J. Long III, Christopher S. Long, Dona Manry, Terry Shea, Dennis Shea, Tim Shea and Kevin Shea. He is also survived by 23 grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial was held September 22, at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Fr. Paul Murphy, C.M., as celebrant. Interment followed in the new St. Joseph's Cemetery in Emmitsburg.

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may be made to Seton Center Fuel Fund, 16840 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Ms. Mary Miller

Mary Teresa Rosensteel Miller, 77, of Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at her home. Born March 23, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Allan and Laura G. Topper Rosensteel. She was the wife of the late Donald Francis Miller Sr., who died in

She is survived by children, Herbert A. Miller, Carol Foreman, Lynn L. Orndorff, Connie M. Boyer, Dennis F. Miller, Judy A. Sweeney, Edward G. Miller, Donald F. Miller Jr., Beth A. Miller, Jackie C. Knox, John T. Miller and Joseph A. Miller; brother, Gene Rosensteel; and sisters, Pauline Lentz and Trudy Baker. She is also survived by 25 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, one greatgreat-grandson, numerous nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held September 21, at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg with Rev. Vincent O'Malley, C.M., Rev. Stephen Trzecieski, C.M. and Rev. Paul Murphy, C.M. as concelebrants. Interment followed in the new St. Joseph's Cemetery in Emmits-

Memorial contributions to St. Joseph's Church, Renovation Fund, P.O. Box 376, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, or Hospice of Frederick County, 516 Trail Avenue. Frederick, MD 21701.



Tara & John Dixon, Emmitsburg, a daughter,

Kayla West & Cody Green, Thurmont, a son, July 9

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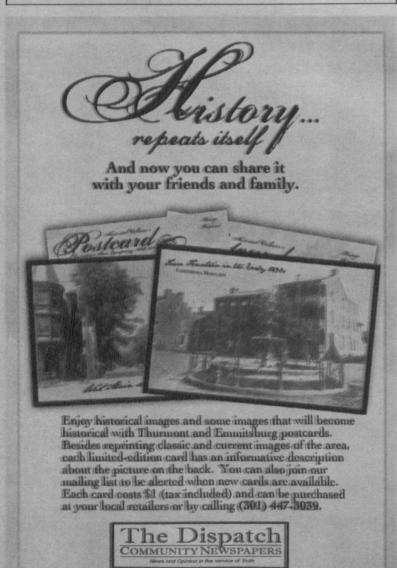
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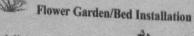
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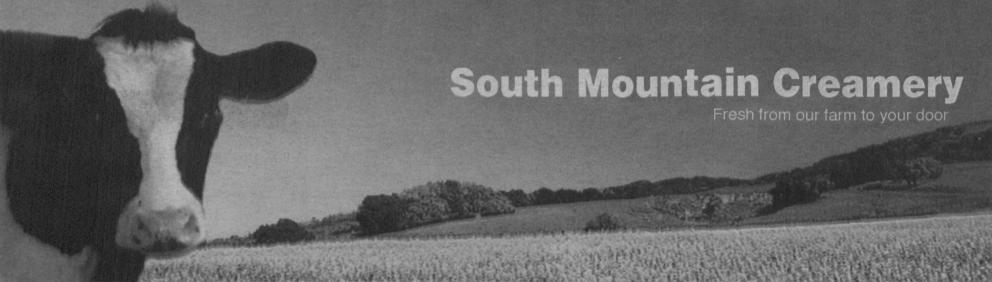
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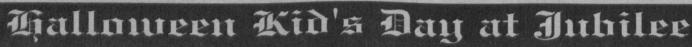
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