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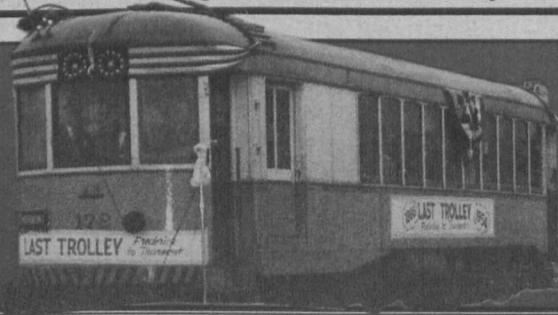
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## The Last Trolley

Clang, clang, clang went the trolley!  
Ding, ding, ding went the bell!

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## Colorfest overtakes Thurmont

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## Commissioners reject Myers annexation

BY JAMES RADA JR.

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THURMONT, Md. — The Thurmont Town Commissioners unanimously voted on Oct. 16 not to annex the 210-acre Myers Farm north of town, but the town's annexation debates are far from over.

"I'm disappointed, but I'm not really surprised," said Tom Hudson with Hudson Land, the property developer, "It's a two-year effort that didn't pan out. Now I've got to move on."

He said he has grown to like Thurmont from all the time he has spent in town and if he can assist the town in any property redevelopment, he'd

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## Let's all take charge

BY DIANNE L. WALBRECKER

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Blue recycling bins on a Friday morning sit along the back alleys and the sidewalks of Emmitsburg. As the sun rises, blue bins can be spotted here and there, but no one could claim that the town's streets are a sea of blue Friday mornings. In some areas, several houses in a row sport the bins piled high with cans, bottles, plastic and bundles with newspaper and cardboard. Then you can pass eight or ten homes in a row without a bin in sight.

An unscientific survey of the town's recycling

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## Remembering the fallen



- ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL, Sr. / THE DISPATCH

President George Bush hugs one of the family members of Edward D. Wilburn, one of 91 firefighters who were recognized during the 26th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend on Oct. 7. For more pictures and the story, see page 11.

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## I want my M(ayor) TV!

BY JAMES RADA JR.

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Mayor James Hoover wants to be Emmitsburg's Oprah Winfrey.

Hoover asked the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners for permission to broadcast a monthly 30-minute television show on the town's cable station 99. Hoover would produce the show and then replay is a few times each month.

"It would highlight a lot of different things going on around town and ... emphasize some of the town's positive nature," Hoover said.

Hoover already hosts a radio show on the Mount St. Mary's University radio station WMTB 89.9 each Sunday night at 7 p.m. The university allows Hoover to use the campus station as a public service and it allows students experience producing a radio show.

"This is another tool, another avenue to provide some

open public information and do it in a positive way," Hoover said.

The mayor was a guest multiple times on the Community Spotlight show that used to be on cable channel 10. He

has been considering hosting his own television show since he first talked about it last year to *The Dispatch*.

The town already broad-

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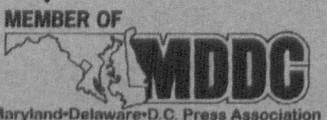
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## A Word from the Mayor Understanding how law changes affect the upcoming election

Thanks to many community volunteers and support of local businesses we had a successful list of youth and family community activities this past summer.

Over the past several years we have been working to establish a variety of community events; most of which occur on Friday evenings. This was the fifth year of providing concerts in the park. The Emmitsburg Parks and Recreation has taken on a major role in scheduling the concerts and, several of the committee members attend the concerts to assist in setup. This year, the committee also solicited the assistance of the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association. At several of the concerts members of the EBPA setup a table to sell light snacks and cold drinks. With the new band stand in Community Park, the concerts now have an official home for the future years.

This year has also been the third and most-successful year for the pool parties. Each year we have been providing four pool parties; two family parties, one teen party and one pre-teen party. The majority of the funding for pool parties comes from local businesses; Emmitsburg Glass, W. F. Delauter, Life Horse (Joe Topper), Carriage House Inn, Jubilee Foods and Emmitsburg McDonald's.

This was the second year of the town's art competition. Each year children of the greater Emmitsburg area entered their projects for a chance to win 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Each winner received a savings bond valued up to \$500.

It was the fourth and least-successful year of the Farmers Market. The loss of two major vendors discouraged many of the market's customers. Additionally this year's drought created a lack of vendors able to supply produce to a small market so we were only able to attract a total of five vendors this year. With the lack of sales, we

were not able to retain all five vendors for the entire season. We will be looking in to ways to regenerate next year's market, we are hopeful that we will attract a variety of vendors both large and small.

This is also the fourth year that the town has fully funded an afterschool program for kids in grades 3-5. After Frederick County discontinued funding of this program the town was able to keep the program operational through cash and equipment donations from Bollinger Construction and Emmitsburg Glass.

And, not to forget, this was the first year in recent history that a circus performed in Emmitsburg. To say that fun was had by children of all ages would be an understatement. This certainly was the most talked about event of the year.

The most-recent community activity was a bike rodeo. At the request of the town council, the Frederick County Sheriff's department organized a bike rodeo. Several Deputies set and assisted kids through an obstacle course to promote bicycle safety. The EBPA donated several helmets. The rodeo was a great success and hopefully it will become an annual event.

In addition to town-sponsored events, this year was the first annual Mayor's Community Chicken Bar-B-Que. The Community Chicken Bar-B-Que is not supported by the town and would not have been as successful without the support of the local businesses; The Emmitsburg Dispatch, E Plus Copy Center, Jubilee Foods, Life Horse (Joe Topper), and the EBPA. The EBPA took on the role of providing the music and over 30 door prizes from local businesses. I apologize for not listing every single business, there were so many but I appreciate each and every one of them.

James Hoover  
Emmitsburg Mayor

## CORRECTION

In the Oct. 4 issue of The Emmitsburg Dispatch, Andy Mackintosh should have been identified as the developer of the Frailey property in the story "Getting around town will be more costly."

## 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.

## A community thank you

Thanks to everyone who donated prizes for our raffle which was held in conjunction with Emmitsburg Days June 30. Thanks to all who purchased tickets. Our raffle was a great success like it has been in previous years. All the proceeds go toward our new building fund.

Donna Miller  
EVAC #26

## Boyle's words were not unethical

Judging from a Dispatch report (Oct. 4, 2007, p. 1), what Planning Commissioner Boyle said at a meeting was not unethical, unless Emmitsburg has ethical rules more stringent than those affecting the rest of humanity. What he said could not bring him "personal gain" either "directly," or "indirectly." The Ethics Commission should know the meaning of these ethically relevant terms.

Further, why should he be obliged to tell anyone what they should already know? Everyone knows Mr. Boyle wants his family property annexed. If this is news to members of our town government, they should take a short course in "What's Going On Here," maybe by reading back issues of this newspaper.

The question of any annexation itself has far more importance than what anyone says. The Town has to

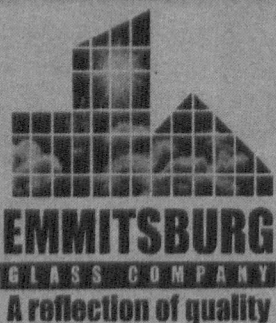
plan for annexing property wisely—if it ever does; it is not obliged to annex a single square foot. But when developers assault the Town, we should know what could justify annexation.

Town Manager Dave Haller has named three reasons to accept an annexation (same issue, p.4): "1) Does it smooth out the town boundary? [Eases infrastructure growth, street maintenance, etc.] 2) Does the property bring something extra to the town? [add to the Town's quality, not only the developer's bank account.] 3) Does it improve the town's commercial tax base?"

I suggest that we citizens memorize these, decide which is most important and which least, and be ready to speak up when some developer tries to invade.

Bill Steo  
Emmitsburg

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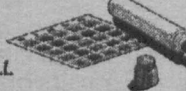
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## Recycling

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during the last collection day in September showed that neighborhoods with the greatest percentage of recycling to the least were: Frailey Road, Northgate, Pembroke Woods, East and West Lincoln, Brookfield, DePaul, North Seton, Emmet Gardens, Silo Hill, Welty and Southgate.

While there are many factors that can affect a neighborhood recycling rate, by taking advantage of recycling, residents can help lower the cost of their quarterly garbage bill. A residential garbage bill is partially based on a tipping fee, a charge billed to the town based on how much garbage is hauled to Frederick. When Emmitsburg is charged the tipping fee, it is divided by the number of households in town and added to the \$31 per quarter trash fee.

Over the last two years, the tipping fee per customer has ranged from a low of \$11.47 to

a high of \$18.31. The overall tipping fee at the Frederick County Landfill increased from \$59 per ton to \$71 per ton on July 1, so the per-household tipping fee will increase as well.

One neighborhood that should soon get a chance to "show its stuff" is Southgate. The subdivision next to the town office is being considered for addition to Frederick County's Recycling Program at a meeting of the county commissioners on Oct. 25 at 1:30 p.m. in Winchester Hall.

Lee Campbell, a resident of Mountaineers Way in Southgate, said, "My husband and I talked about it and we will definitely recycle once we have the opportunity. In fact, several other people in the neighborhood are excited about it too."

Michael Marschner, Director, Frederick County Division of Utilities and Solid Waste Management, believes that more residents will recycle once single-stream recycling is implemented in the county. This will

be possible once the new transfer station is built on Reich's Ford Road, anticipated for July 2008. The county's recycling program is also looking at other options for increasing the recycling rate, including supplying residents with 64-gallon totes instead of the blue bins now in use and decreasing the number of pickups.

"We can't keep hauling our trash out of the county. Recycling is a vital component, along with a waste-to-energy facility, and source reduction, of beginning to address that problem," Marschner said.

One important way that businesses are contributing to source reduction is the reusable canvas bags offered for a nominal fee by Jubilee and donated by the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association at its recent Green Forum. Rich Boyd, Jubilee Foods Manager, said he is pleased with how many people are using the bright orange bags. Customers like them because they stand up when packed with groceries, they are easy to fold

and store, the handles are sturdy, the bags can hold more than the white plastic bags, and customers receive a refund of 3 cents for every reusable bag in which their groceries are packed. Marschner points out that the low-grade plas-

tic used in white grocery bags is almost impossible to recycle and encourages use of canvas bags.

Libby Briggs, president of the EBPA, encourages citizens to come to Green Forum II on Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m. at the town office.

### WHAT CAN YOU RECYCLE IN TOWN?

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR BOTH CURBSIDE PROGRAM AND THE DROPOFF LOCATIONS ARE:

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- All glass bottles and jars, any color, no lids

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- Newspapers
- Phone Books
- Mixed paper (junk mail, writing paper, envelopes, catalogs, glossy inserts, paperback books, Magazines, small catalogues and boxboard)
- Corrugated cardboard-must be flattened and no larger than 2.5 feet square (no wax coated boxes)

## MTV

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casts its commissioner meetings live and then re-broadcasts them on Tuesday and Thursday.

The commissioners had questions about whether opposing views would be allowed to be aired and whether opposing candidates would need to be allowed to access if

the Hoover decides to run for re-election.

"I also don't want to get us shot in the tail by somebody saying why's he [Hoover] on there and I can't be on there," said Commission President Chris Staiger.

Hoover said his intention wasn't to venture into controversial topics, but he said he would ask for the opinion of the town's attorney John Clapp to see if there were any issues

the town would need to consider if Hoover was allowed to broadcast the show on the town's cable channel.

The commissioners plan to discuss the issue further at the Nov. 5 town meeting.

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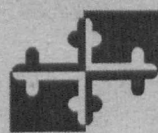
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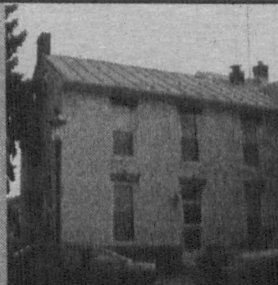


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## TOWN NEWS

## Daughters of Charity seek to expand retreat center

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — As the Daughters of Charity are seeing a shift in their membership, they are shifting how the property they own in Emmitsburg will be used in the future.

"Over time, fewer women are entering holy orders and the current use of property is likely to evolve into a retreat center, a conference center," David Thaler recently told the Emmitsburg Planning and Zoning Commission. Thaler is helping the Daughters of Charity develop a plan for the use of their land in and around town.

The Daughters want many of their parcels of land to plan for institutional uses with some of the adjoining industrial properties (owned by others) to be used for lighter industrial uses rather than heavier ones that might disrupt the tranquility of the Daughters' land.

"This is a big economic engine and I think the town should protect it," Thaler said.

Part of the development of the main campus is expected to be enlarging the campus's offerings as a retreat center, which could also include building a hotel on the campus.

"I see this growing in time as a retreat center and conference center and people are going to stay in the facility," Thaler said.

When asked if the hotel would be non-taxable, Thaler said only if the Daughters of Charity operate it. "I can't imagine in my wildest dreams it's going to be operated by the Daughters of Charity," Thaler said. "That's not their mission."

"It would be more than a glorified retreat center serving those who are spiritually poor," Stewart said. "These are holy grounds and we're trying to preserve that culture."

The Daughters of Charity already offer retreat center services that include guest rooms and meet-

ing rooms that can accommodate up to 150 people.

The Daughters of Charity are seeing their membership shrink. According to Stewart, the Daughters used to get 30-40 women hoping to become nuns in the 1960's. "Now we're lucky if we get one a year," Stewart said.

Stewart said that with the shrinking membership, the Daughters are finding the need to have fewer sisters in the administrative roles of the order and more of them out serving the community. This shift is part of what is driving the plans for the land.

"This is strictly a plan for the future," Thaler said. "There is absolutely no plan on anything in the short term. We're just thinking about what happens as the order diminishes and what should happen with the land."

The planning and zoning commission will take up the Daughters' request again during its Oct. 29 meeting.

## Annual Rosary Walk on Oct. 20

EMMITSBURG, Md. — You can follow the path that Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton once walked on her way to the Grotto of Lourdes on St. Mary's Mountain during the Annual Rosary Walk on Oct. 20.

Father Jack Lombardi, Chap-

lain of the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, will lead a Rosary Walk from the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg to the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at Mount Saint Mary's University Campus.

Those interested in participating will meet at the Seton Shrine at 10 a.m. Mass will be at noon at the Grotto.

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- J. Rada

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## Habitat to break ground in Emmitsburg

FREDERICK, Md. — Habitat for Humanity will break ground for two new homes in October, Board President Steve Schleupner has announced. The first will be on Oct. 23 on St. Joseph's Lane in Emmitsburg and the second on October 29 on Park Avenue in Brunswick. Both ceremonies will start at 6 p.m. and will include local officials, the new homeowner families, and Habitat personnel and volunteers.

Habitat has chosen the Brian McKenney family—parents and two children—for the Emmitsburg home scheduled for completion during the first quarter of 2008. Elizabeth Fritter and her son will occupy the Brunswick home after its completion during the second quarter of 2008. Both new homes will be similar in design to other Habitat homes in Adamstown, Emmitsburg, Thurmont and Walkersville.

Since 1995, Habitat has built or renovated homes for 25 partner families transforming the lives of these 27 adults and 71 children. By the end of 2008 it hopes to construct 11 more homes in Brunswick, Emmitsburg, Frederick and Middletown for approximately 40 more adults and children.



## TOWN NEWS

## Trash is costing outreach programs

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Though the Seton Center on South Seton Avenue doesn't accept donations after hours, each morning the volunteers come to work only to find the center's dumpster has received after-hour donations—dressers, shower stalls, couches, etc.

"If there are items we simply don't think can be used, we throw them in the dumpster," said Lori Stewart, director of communications for the Daughters of Charity who run the Seton Center. "The problem is other people are coming in and using the dumpster for their own garbage."

What once used to be a once a month dumpster pick-up has now turned into nearly once a week and the \$250 a month bill is now many months over \$1,000.

"The money that's going into trash collection is not going to be used to help the community," Stewart said.

The Seton Center has been serving northern Frederick County for around 25 years, is a sponsored work of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. The center's outreach services include emergency and temporary financial assistance with items such as rent, heat, utilities and prescriptions, along with referral and information services, supportive counsel-



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Bulk garbage such as these shower doors have added to the frequency the Seton Center has to have its trash dumped. This means waste disposal costs have nearly quadrupled for the center and the money that goes toward paying the bills isn't paying for the services that the Seton Center strives to provide to the community.

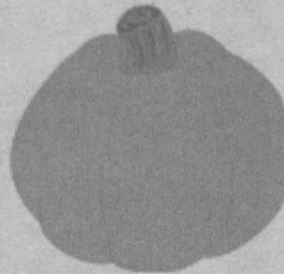
ing, advocating for the needs of the poor and a host of other services, including the only thrift shop in the area.

The center has begun taking steps to try and curb the illegal dumping. They tried blocking the driveway entrance, but people simply drove on the lawn and around the chain. Most recently, they have replaced the large, roll-off dumpsters with smaller dumpsters, but many times the bulk items are simply left next to the dumpster.

Sister Ellen Eisenberger, administrator of the Seton Center, said the next step would be to put surveillance cameras on the dumpster to catch the violators. She is hoping it won't come to that, though.

The Seton Center is asking people to dispose of their trash properly and in the proper places. This will allow the trash removal costs to go back to normal and allow more money to go back into the Seton Center's programs.

## Trick or treating in Emmitsburg



EMMITSBURG, Md. — Children in Emmitsburg can go trick or treating on Halloween Night Oct. 31 from 5 – 6 p.m. Drivers please be alert for children crossing the road during those evening hours. The annual Halloween parade will begin at 7 p.m.

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## Town Meetings

## Municipal meetings

- Planning and Zoning  
October 29, 7:30 p.m.
- Water Resources Plan
  - Daughters of Charity Land Use Request
  - Vote for Vice Chair
  - Transportation
  - Schedule for Final Document Adoption

Meetings are held at the Emmitsburg Town Office, Emmitsburg Community Center, 300A South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg. For information call (240) 629-6300 or visit [www.emmitsburgmd.gov](http://www.emmitsburgmd.gov).

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## Myers

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love to hear ideas for what he can do.

Though the commissioners said Hudson had made an attractive proposition for annexation, traffic issues and the fact that two-thirds of residents said they were against annexation in a poll Mayor Martin Burns sent out last year couldn't be overcome in the end.

"It's awful hard to ignore 66 percent of residents who responded to my poll," Burns said. "You cannot discount that. You cannot discount the election."

The Myers Farm annexation request came before the town in September 2006, though it was first reported in *The Dispatch* in March 2006. The plan called for 350 single family houses and townhouses, retail and commercial space, an emergency medical center and a community pool. Construction would have started in 2013 and been completed around 2021. In all, the town would have received \$10-\$11 million in financial incentives over the build out of the property.

"Out of the three properties for annexation this one seems to be the one that will cause the least affect on the daily lives of citizens," Thurmont resident Mary Lynch said.

She was one of 27 people who voiced their opinion on the annexation request at the Oct. 16 public hearing, which filled the commissioners' meeting room to overflowing.

**“One of these three annexations is going to happen. I guarantee it.”**

Martin Burns  
Thurmont Mayor

Susan Hilberg doesn't live in Thurmont, but she lives near the Myers Farm. "I hope that in the decision you make tonight you listen to what your constituents have said over the past year. The majority of constituents in Thurmont do not want this annexation."

The protracted debate of the Myers annexation has split the town over growth vs. no growth and resident vs. non-resident.

"Of 18 years I've been on the board this is one of the most divisive issues we've ever faced," said Commissioner Wayne Hooper. He later added, "I just hope that all the animosity that's been stirred up in all of this...we can put it aside."

He and other commissioners were critical of derogatory language against others that people had used in making their cases, the use of inaccurate information and the inconsistency of some of the arguments.

Burns warned, "I have never said your taxes are going to go down if we annex, but I guarantee they'll go up." In particular, the sewer rates will "go up in a significant, drastic way."

The Maryland Department of the Environment has told the town officials that the lack of money is not an excuse for not fixing the sewers so the town will have to move forward with a \$4.6-million sewer system rehabilitation and a \$4.5-million equalization basin.

"One of these three annexations is going to happen. I guarantee it," Burns said. He added there isn't another option for the town "unless someone bequeaths us a lot of money."



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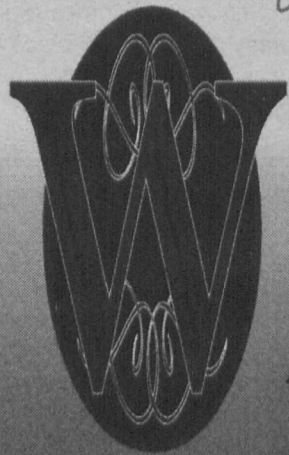
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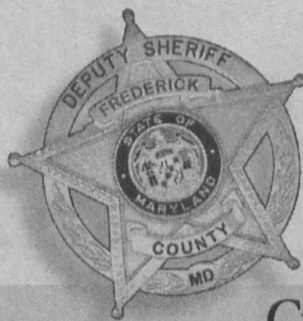
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**Crime victims can get help**

BY DFC JOHN BARTLETT  
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Have you ever been the victim of a crime? Have you ever had questions, concerns or wondered how you were going to get over or recover from an incident you were involved with? The Frederick County Sheriff's Office has a number of specialized units within the office that can assist you. The Victims Services Unit is one that was designed to help victims of crime and educate the public on everything from domestic violence to providing safety plans for your family. The Victim Services Unit is staffed with well-trained, caring individuals that are eager to help anyone who needs assistance.

The following is a list of services that are available:

- Information specific to your crime
- Support and crisis intervention counseling for victims, witnesses, and family members
- Information on where and how to obtain a civil order of protection or criminal charges
- Referrals to local, state, and national agencies based on your emotional, physical, and or financial needs
- Coordination with law enforcement and other legal per-

sonnel handling your case

- Information on safety planning
- Information on how to obtain a copy of your report and any associated fees
- Information on domestic and family violence
- Information and referrals on the grieving process
- Arrange for translation and interpretation services

The Victim Services Unit also has several programs that may assist you. The Cellular Telephone Program can give victims of crime or senior citizens free cellular phones that can be used to dial 911 in an emergency. The ADT A.W.A.R.E. Program provides a free alarm security system to a petitioner of an active Protective Order if eligible. The Victim Services Unit also provides education and awareness training to individuals, groups, and other community members interested in increasing their awareness.

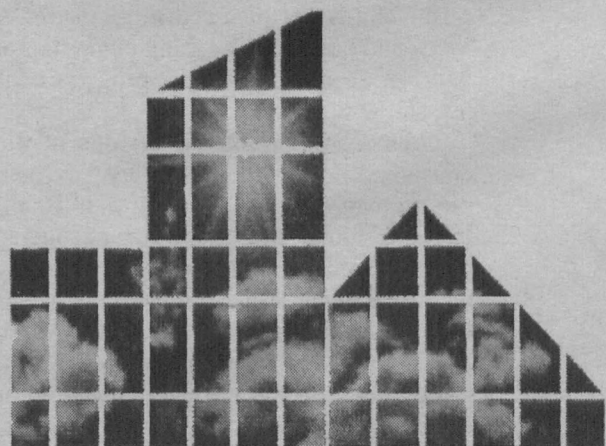
Domestic violence situations are ever present in our communities. The Victim Services Unit is trained in helping and caring for individuals who have been victimized by this behavior. The Unit can help victims of domestic violence file for criminal charges, apply for civil orders of protection or peace orders, and walk you through the process of recovery. Victims of domestic

violence are not alone. If you become involved in a domestic violence situation call the police. A Sheriff's Deputy can assist you and provide information on how to get the Victim Services Unit involved with your situation.

The Victim Services Unit can also put you in contact with other resources that are willing to help such as: Child Protective Services, Crime Victims Resource Center, Department of Juvenile Justice, Heartly House (Domestic violence/sexual violence/child abuse), Legal Aid, Social Services, and the State's Attorney's Office to name a few.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office Victim Services Unit is ready to help. So if you have questions about any of the services the Unit provides or if you could use their assistance, contact them and get them involved. You will find the caring attitude and the professionalism of the personnel of the Victim Services Unit may be all you need to get you through a tough time in life. They can be reached at the Frederick County Sheriff's Office located at 110 Airport Drive East, Frederick, or at (301) 600-1046 x2074. Don't let a phone call stop you from seeing if there is assistance for you.

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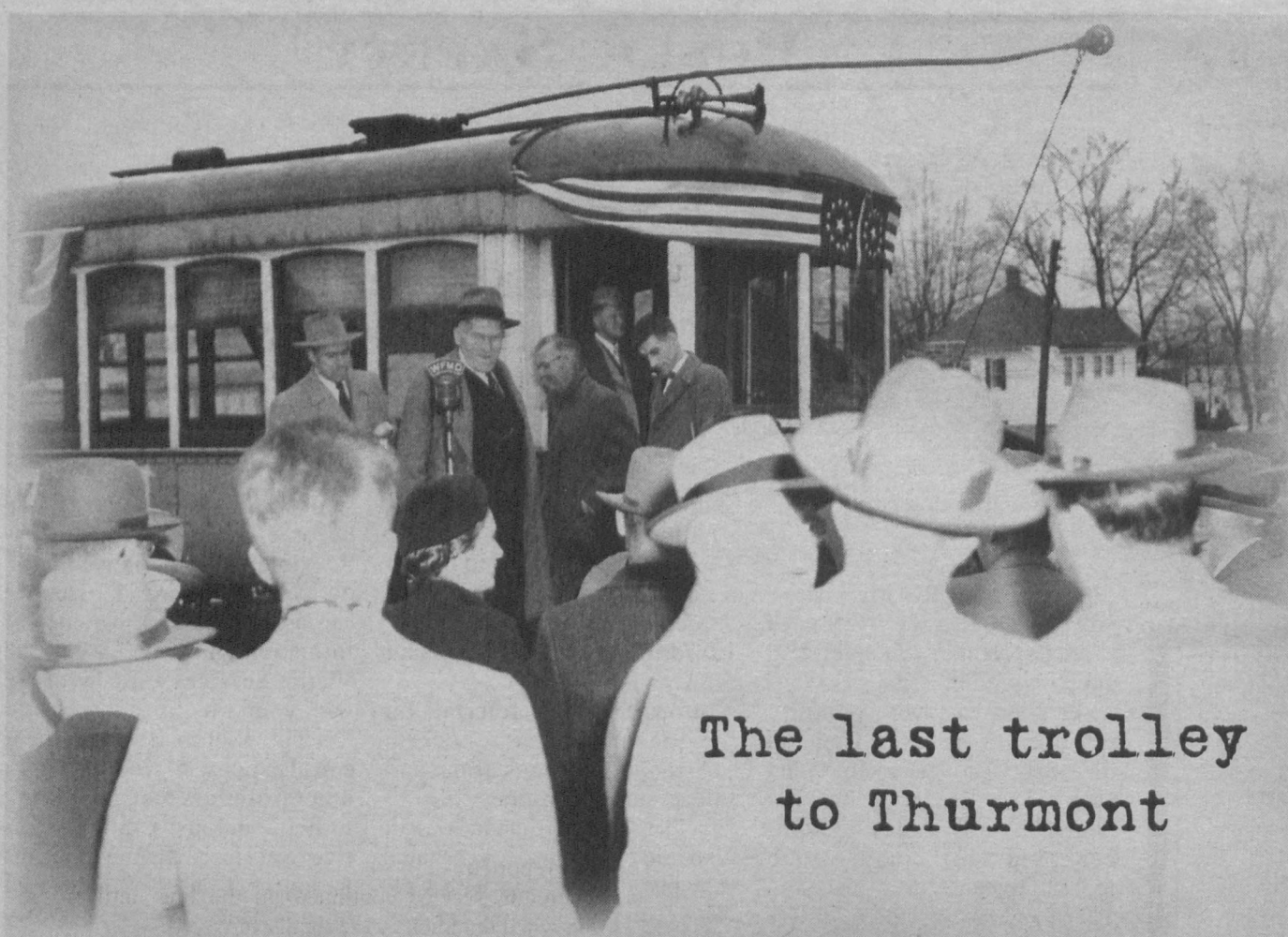


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## The last trolley to Thurmont

BY JAMES RADA JR.  
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THURMONT, Md. — At only 46 years old, the Thurmont Trolley was the last of its kind.

The popularity of automobiles and buses and the improvements in roads had evolved transportation, leaving inter-urban trolleys, like the Thurmont Trolley, a dinosaur nearing extinction.

"The last interurban passenger trolley in Maryland, the Frederick-Thurmont line, will roll into discard and the occasion can only put mist in the eye and a sentimental ache in the heart of the middle aged," Betty Sullivan wrote in *The Frederick Post* on February 20, 1954. "To them the clang, clang, clang of the trolley turns thoughts backward in a time when life still centered in the

local community and a twenty-mile journey was a venture abroad to be undertaken with forethought and definite plan."

The trolley had transported 3.8 million riders around Frederick County in 1920, but by 1940, that number was down to 500,000 riders.

"Gradually the bus and the passenger car snipped away at trolley patronage, gradually lines were discontinued, until the 17-mile stretch from Frederick to Thurmont was the only link in the state between two such urban points," Sullivan wrote. "Despite competition this trolley kept its faithful friends and some 60 commuters will use it until the final day."

The final day was February 20, 1954.

"After February 20, the Frederick-Thurmont route will be converted into a bus line for passengers and a regular railroad freight car will be substituted onto the tracks to handle freight," reported *The Hagerstown Daily Mail*.

Once the ending of service was announced, business on the trolley picked up so much that a Sunday

service was added for the first time in years.

"One of the trolleys was chartered last Sunday by the Washington Railway Historical Society. On Saturday, so many passengers showed up that a double header was required for one round trip," reported *The Hagerstown Daily Mail*.

The Thurmont Trolley began life in 1886 when the Monocacy Valley Railroad Company built a steam train line to haul iron from Catoclin Furnace to Thurmont and the Western Maryland Railroad. Two years later, the Northern Railroad Company extended the line to Frederick. In 1908, the lines became electric. Finally in 1913, the Northern Railway Company connected to the Washington County railroad lines and the Hagerstown and Frederick Railway Company was formed.

The Thurmont Trolley was unique because it operated on tracks that were of regular width for trains. Trolleys generally used narrower rails.

The two final trolleys left the car barn (the present-day office of the *Frederick News-Post*) with about 100 invited guests on a Saturday morning that was drizzling rain. Each passenger had a souvenir ticket punched in regulation fashion. Flags and bunting were hung along the route and photographers followed the progress of the trolley, shooting photographs.

"Uncounted hundreds of rolls of film were consumed during the event, by dozens of people who turned out at every hamlet along the trolley's route, and by the passengers. Some persons brought along movie cameras. One unidentified man drove from Allentown, Pa., in time to accompany the trolley to Thurmont and back, via auto. Driving along the roads that came closest to the trolley's tracks, he made an endless series of moving picture scents of the vehicle in progress, because his hobby consists of taking pictures of trolley cars," reported *The Hagerstown Daily Mail*.

Though the outside of the cars were decorated very little had changed inside them. One report noted that the leather hand straps riders could hold onto were as good as new. This was because the cars were rarely crowded enough for them to be used. "But the rest of the trolley equipment has an antiquated atmosphere."

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During the ride, the former riders recounted their stories of the trolley.

The ride to Thurmont took a little more than an hour where the passengers were greeted by a crowd of about 100 people. Thurmont Mayor Ray Weddle, Jr.; Potomac Edison President R. Paul Smith and Frederick Mayor Donald Rice made short remarks to the gathering because of the rain.

On the return trip, *The Hagerstown Daily Mail* noted, "Passengers sang 'I've Been Working on the Railroad' and 'Auld Lang Syne' and stops were made at two points—Yellow

Springs and Lewistown."

"Officially it ended at 1:30 Saturday afternoon when a hundred invited guests climbed down from Potomac Edison Co. veteran cars No. 171 and No. 172 in the East Patrick Street carbarn after completing the 34-mile round trip to Thurmont that had many of the aspects of a big parade," reported *The Frederick Post*.

When the trolleys returned, buses took the passengers to a luncheon at the Francis Scott Key Hotel. During the luncheon Smith said, "Progress eventually overtakes all of man's previous works. This is true in existence of the trolley car, as it was when it first came into being. The passing of the trolley closes, except in our memories and to those contributions to our lives both socially and economically, a great era of expansion and development."

Though the trolley service ended, its impact on the region is still felt. Because of the power demands for electric trolleys, their existence necessitated the creation of a high-capacity

power generating plant. It's this power network that grew profitable while the trolleys it powered became less profitable. The Hagerstown and Frederick Railway became the Potomac Edison Company in 1923.

"Oddly, that was the trolley's salvation. By the early 1930s, the rail network was economically obsolete and parts were abandoned by Potomac Edison, including half of the Frederick-Hagerstown 'main line.' But the big and wealthy utility seemingly could not face discarding its onetime parent entirely, and three routes survived into the late 1940s," Herbert Harwood Jr. wrote in an article for the Maryland Department of Energy about the Hagerstown and Frederick Railway.

The trolley also had a small role in the building of Interstate 70. *The Hagerstown Morning Herald* reported on February 27, 1954, that one of the Thurmont trolleys would be loaned to the Maryland State Roads Commission. "The State Roads Commission will use it for office purposes at Frederick. Work is being rushed on the completion of a new dual highway between Frederick and Baltimore, and the officials who are overseeing its completion will set up their desks and records inside the sturdily constructed trolley car," the newspaper reported.

Freight service continued on the line until 1958 when the tracks were finally removed.



The Thurmont Trolley took riders from Thurmont to Frederick and back for 46 years. When service between the towns ended, the final trip was national news. When the last trolley arrived in Thurmont on February 20, 1954, a crowd gathered at the platform to listen to the mayors of Frederick and Thurmont and the president of the Potomac Edison Company deliver a few remarks.

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### Jubilee celebrates Emmitsburg's history

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- JAMES RADA JR. / THE DISPATCH

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Walk into Jubilee Foods and you may think you've taken a step back in time. You can see the old Annan-Horner Bank above the registers. Downtown Emmitsburg from the turn of the century hangs over the produce section. Above the dairy section is a large picture of the Brookside Dairy.

About a dozen pictures of historic Emmitsburg have been turned into banners, posters and light panels have been incorporated into the most-recent redecoration of Jubilee Foods.

"We think it adds character to the store and forms a bridge with the community," said Manager Rich Boyd.

Jubilee Foods contacted Mike Hillman with the Greater Emmitsburg Area Historical Society to help select the pictures, which are from the late 1800's and early 1900's. The pictures were enlarged to make wall panels, banners that hang from the ceiling and light panels over the registers.

"Each picture I see makes me want to ask more questions," Boyd said. "This town used to have a

movie theater and a bowling alley. It has a great history."

The historical society was so pleased with the outcome of the project they held one of their recent meetings in the store.

"Because the pictures are so large, we had to change the dates on two because we saw things on the larger pictures that we didn't notice before and they were things that changed the date," Hillman said.

For instance, when a picture of the Emmitsburg Road dated 1863 was enlarged, the historical society members saw a telephone

pole in one corner of the picture. This led to them reassessing the date of the picture and changing it to the 1890's.

"They helped us to correct a misconception on our part," Hillman said.

Boyd says he has gotten a lot of compliments on the store's use of the pictures. People have enjoyed looking at them and trying to compare the places to their modern counterparts. Boyd enjoys it, too.

"I only wish we could have put up more pictures," Boyd said.

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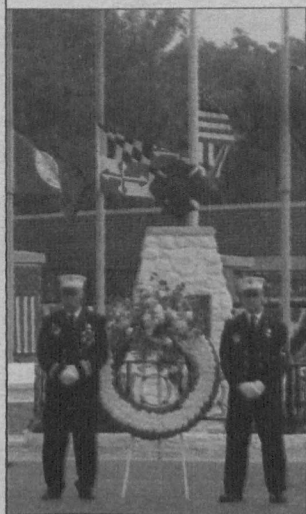
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**Top:** The new Sept. 11 Memorial "To Lift a Nation" will be dedication on Nov. 5 at the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Park. **Middle left:** Firefighters stand next to the Presidential wreath left by President George W. Bush at the Fallen Firefighters Memorial. **Middle right:** Bush speaks to the audience at the Oct. 7 memorial service. **Above:** Families of fallen firefighters are escorted to their seats through a "Wall of Blue" prior to the service. **Right:** Emmitsburg Mayor James Hoover speaks to the audience during the memorial service.



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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Hundreds of nation's firefighters and their families gathered Oct. 7 along with President George Bush to honor 91 fallen firefighters from across the country at the 26th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend.

"We are here this afternoon for the same reason," Bush said. "We're here for the friends and neighbors who risked their lives to keep us safe. And we're here for the colleagues who answered a call and did not come home. We're here for the brave moms and dads who left behind families that now need our love and our support."

Firefighters share a unique bond, Bush said, a bond that "is definitely a source of strength" and "ensures that no family will ever have to face it [tragedy] alone." That bond is also a reminder that the work of firefighters is a calling, not a job Bush continued.

"You know, it takes a special kind of person to be a firefighter. It begins with a different sense of direction," the President said. "When an area becomes too dangerous for everybody else, you take it over. When others are looking for the exits, our firefighters are looking for the way in. When the frightened occupants of a burning building are rushing down the stairwell, our firefighters are going in the opposite direction—up the stairs, and towards the flames."

For all fallen firefighters it should be said that they "are people who gave their lives in the line of duty" Bush said, rather than "lost their lives in the line of duty."

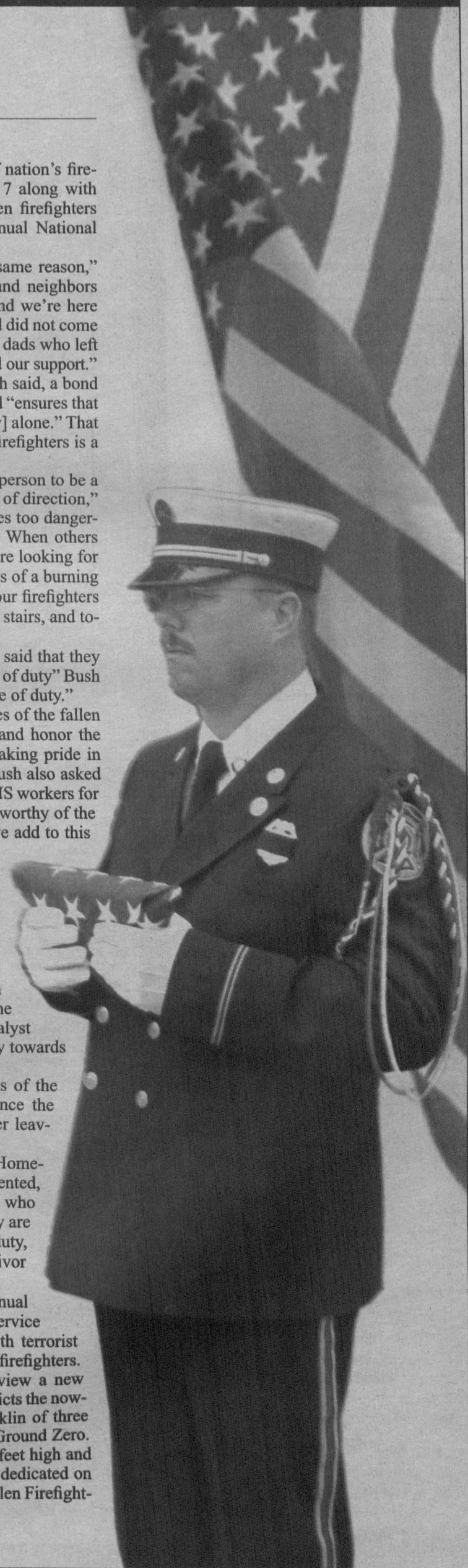
The President reminded the colleagues of the fallen that they should carry on in their work and honor the memory of those who gave their lives, taking pride in the example the fallen have set. Lastly Bush also asked all Americans to thank firefighters and EMS workers for their service and "pray that we live lives worthy of the sacrifices made by those whose names we add to this memorial today."

Those names represented 91 firefighters from over 30 different states, 87 of which died in 2006, who came from different backgrounds and spanned the age-spectrum yet had one thing in common. As the Roll of Honor was read, Bush met the loved ones of each fallen firefighter and while many shed tears, the memorial service seemed to act as a catalyst for many, another step in the long journey towards healing.

Now those 91 names join the names of the more than 3,100 firefighters honored since the memorials establishment in 1981, forever leaving a mark on history.

Bush assured those in attendance the Home-town Heroes Act would be fully implemented, which ensures that public safety officers who suffer a fatal heart attack or stroke on duty are considered to have died in the line of duty, allowing family members to collect survivor benefits.

The President last attended the Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in 2001, shortly after the September 11th terrorist attacks, which caused the deaths of 343 firefighters. Attendees of the service were able to view a new monument, "To Lift A Nation" which depicts the now-famous photo taken by Thomas E. Franklin of three firefighters raising the American flag at Ground Zero. The bronze monument, which stands 40 feet high and weighs more than 5,000 pounds, will be dedicated on November 5 at 10 a.m. at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park.



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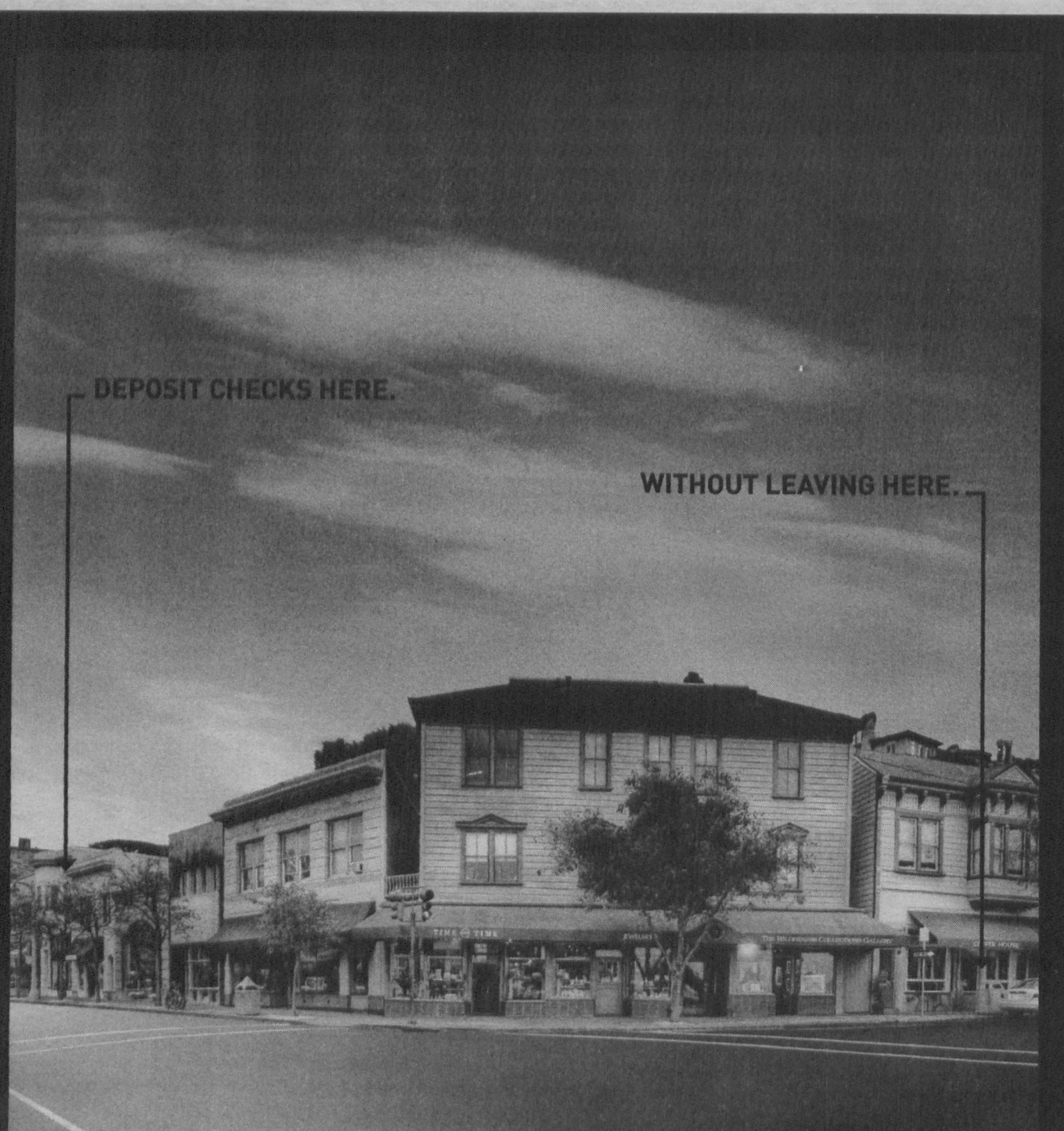
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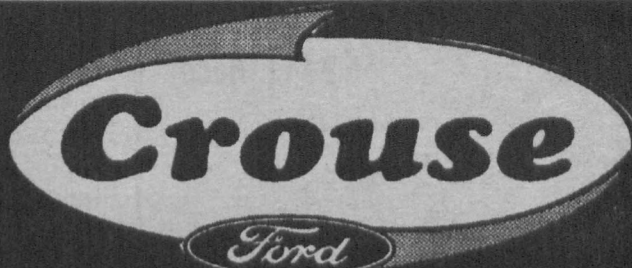


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## Remembering the Birth of an Era

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*Queen Victoria:* "Of what use is your discovery [of the connection between electricity and magnetism]?"

*Michael Faraday:* "Of what use is a newborn baby?"

I arrived at Mount St. Mary's College in the fall of 1957 with my wife, a six-month old daughter, a 10-year old Chevy, a brand new Master's degree, and a completely naïve idea of what teaching was all about. Things did not begin well that semester. I had adequate knowledge to teach Introductory Biology; the students were nearly all freshmen in the pre-medical track, and they were highly motivated, so all I had to do was present facts in an organized manner. But I had not anticipated being assigned to teach General Science. Those students ranged from

18-year old freshmen to veterans studying on the GI Bill, several of whom were older than I was. They had no interest in science; they were in the course only because it was required for graduation. Worse yet, the course was a survey of chemistry, physics, geology and meteorology, and while I knew the rudiments of chemistry, my background was progressively weaker in each of the other three areas.

The most-fundamental requirement for successful teaching is knowledge of the subject, and I quickly found myself working 12-hour days reading and studying just to keep a few pages ahead of the class. But beyond basic knowledge, teaching also involves motivation; students will not try to learn if they aren't interested. Rote memorization enforced by threat or intimidation is not really learning; it lasts only until the exams are over. So as my first month in the classroom passed, I was growing increasingly frustrated with the whole idea of teaching as a career.

All of that changed on October 4, 1957, when Sputnik was launched by the USSR. My wife rarely paid attention

to national news, but she was excited when I came home that evening; it seemed that every station on the radio was covering the story. "Sputnik" is a Russian word that means "satellite" or "co-traveler," and no one in America had ever heard of it. In fact, most Americans had never considered the possibility of man-made satellites. Every 98 minutes for the next few days, radio programs were interrupted when Sputnik passed overhead; I remember standing in the kitchen in our tiny apartment and listening to the "beep... beep... beep" as it went by. And there was no doubt that it was real; you could see it at night zooming across the sky. What most people actually saw was the booster rocket... the satellite itself was only 23 inches in diameter... but you knew it was up there, and the idea of a Russian rocket over our heads was scary. As John Lennon once said, reality leaves a lot to the imagination; and imaginations ran amok. The Cold War was on everyone's mind; many people, including senate leaders like Lyndon Johnson, predicted the Russians would be dropping bombs on us from satellites within the

year. President Eisenhower took a calmer view, but he acted swiftly to stimulate the American space program.

As for me, I was stunned... not by Sputnik itself, but by the reaction of my students. Overnight, science became the hottest topic on campus, and suddenly physics was relevant. Luckily, the forces that kept Sputnik in orbit had been discovered some 300 years earlier by Isaac Newton, and I knew about Newton's laws, so by learning a few new terms like "apogee" and "perigee" I could sound like I knew what was going on. From then on, motivating students was easy, and teaching became fun.

There were a few TV sets on campus, and we were able to see the birth of the Space Age as it happened. We saw the Vanguard rocket roar confidently as it rose to an altitude of about four feet before it changed its mind and collapsed. We saw Werner von Braun exuding Teutonic confidence as he took over the Explorer program and successfully launched the first American satellite, Explorer I, in January, 1958. And we shared a feeling of national pride when James Van Allen, who designed the instruments Explorer, made the first scientific discovery from space, a belt of magnetized particles surrounding the earth like a donut.

New discoveries came at an increasing rate, but we could keep up with them, at least for a while, and everyone was conversant with them. It was a time unique in history; in the past there had been breakthroughs in every field of knowledge, but never before had the public been so instantaneously aware of them. This was the reason President Kennedy instantly had public support when he proposed to send a man to the moon; everyone knew what was going on and believed it was possible. They had been there at the beginning.

There were a lot of inaccuracies in the public's understanding. An international group of scientists had met in 1952 and designated 1957-8 as the International Geophysical Year (IGY), for the purpose of studying sunspot activity, which would be at a peak then. The U. S. Naval Research Lab began building the Vanguard rocket in 1955; it was scheduled to

launch a satellite late in 1958 to measure the sun's heat output accurately. The Army had its own rocket program, designed for military purposes and led by the telegenic von Braun. I had attended a seminar on the IGY in my first year of graduate school, so I was aware of these programs; but they were mainly covered on the back pages of newspapers, so they were ignored by the general public. So the U. S. would have had the space program without Sputnik; it just would have seemed less glamorous, and it would have developed more slowly had it not become a race between superpowers.

So the Space Race was on. To most people, it seemed as if the mighty industrial machine that won World War II came to life again and produced our space program in a matter of months. The Russians had got a head start, but we had rolled up our sleeves and caught up with them, and now we were going to beat them. Money for science education gushed out of Congress like rivers. Ironically, much of the progress seen by the public was the result of engineering, not science. Scientists search for new knowledge about what things consist of and how they work; engineers take that knowledge and use it to solve practical problems. Most voters didn't know the difference, and in the end it didn't matter. In practice, the line between science and engineering is often blurred, and many people work in both disciplines at the same time; so science did benefit from the public euphoria. And the two fields fed off each other. Engineering technology led to new instruments like radiotelemetry devices, telescopes and computers, and when these were mounted on satellites they allowed scientists to investigate everything from ocean currents, weather patterns and deforestation to the origin of the universe.

This month is the 50th anniversary of Sputnik, and thinking back on it reminds me of Mark Twain's remark that sometimes he remembered things that didn't even happen. Those years have sped by, but by the vagaries of the aging process, I remember them more clearly than what I did last week. Not every generation has the privilege of seeing the birth of an era; and no one who lived through that time will forget it.



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# Arts & Entertainment

## C A L E N D A R

**October 19 & 20 - Smokin' Gunnz** will perform a special Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute show at The Ox and Club Rapture, 5815 York Rd., New Oxford, Pa. Tickets, \$15, or two for \$25. [www.smokinggunnz.com](http://www.smokinggunnz.com).

**October 20 - Benefit Concert** for FCC Anne-Lynn Gross Breast Cancer Resource Center at Christ Reformed United Church of Christ, 12 South Church St., Middletown, Md. Free, \$10 donation suggested. 7:30 p.m. For more information about the Breast Cancer Resource Center or the concert, call FCC Office (301) 846-2483 or [www.frederick.edu/adultservices](http://www.frederick.edu/adultservices).

**October 20 - Frederick Symphony Orchestra Concert** at JBK Theatre at Frederick Community College, Frederick, Md. "Endless Variety," will be conducted by Dr. Elisa Koehler. Adults, \$18, students and senior citizens \$10. Theater box office (301) 663-8476.

**October 20 - The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)** at the Majestic Theatre. Off Broadway hit is a madcap, whirlwind tour of Shakespeare's best. 6 p.m. (717) 337-8200, [www.gettysburgmajestic.org](http://www.gettysburgmajestic.org).

**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](http://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](http://www.thefrontporchonbuford.com).

**October 20 & 21 - Oktoberfest at Schifferstadt,** Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, Noon - 5 p.m. Featuring 18<sup>th</sup> Century demonstrations, beer, crafts, and music pros! 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 Street, Gettysburg. To enroll call (717) 334-5006.

**Through October 23 - Intermediate Acrylic Painting.** Tuesdays, 1 - 3 p.m. Continue your exploration of color mixing and usage. For the intermediate student. Imagination Station classroom, 18 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg. To enroll call (717) 334-5006.

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**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.wcmfa.org](http://www.wcmfa.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](http://www.wcmfa.org); registration required. (301) 739-5727. For the hearing impaired (301) 739-5764.

**October 29 - African Choir.** Thula Sizwe will perform at The Emmanuel United Church of Christ, 124 Broadway, Hanover, Pa. 7 p.m. This African choir is touring the U.S. performing a variety of music. Free. Tickets not required. Free-will offering. (717) 632-8281.

**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](http://www.adamscountyartsCouncil.org) or call the arts council at (717) 334-5006.

**Through October 31 - Hands-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 through 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](http://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](http://www.wcmfa.org); registration required. (301) 739-5727. For the hearing impaired (301) 739-5764.

**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](http://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](http://www.wcmfa.org); registration required. (301) 739-5727. For the hearing impaired (301) 739-5764.

**November 3 to 17 - Art 101 for Kids.** Saturdays 1 - 3 p.m., ages 7-12. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown. Register via secure web site [www.wcmfa.org](http://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 the Adams County Arts Council's art-education center in the Imagination Station classroom, located at 18

## 'Tradin' Paint' to feature black actor as God and Dale Earnhardt

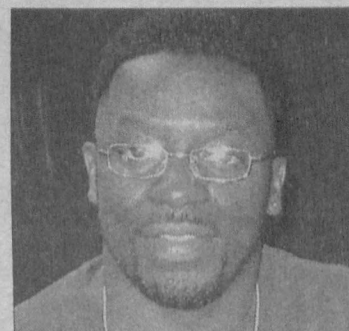
THURMONT, Md. - One week into rehearsing for "Tradin' Paint", a brand new comedy by Catherine Bush with a NASCAR theme, Thurmont Thespians Artistic Director Beth Royer Watson hit a wall and started spinning.

Casting for non-paying community theater productions is never easy, but the play Royer selected had a particularly big challenge for an all-volunteer theater in a rural area. It needed an African-American actor to play Dr. Halley Smoot, an English professor, a North Carolinian, a big fan of stock-car racing and gay. On top of all that, the actor also reenacts a daughter's missing father, the deceased stock car legend, "Dale Earnhardt" and, ultimately, "God".

A short time into rehearsals, the actor chosen to play Smoot suddenly withdrew, leaving the cast and director without the male supporting lead. Watson began a search for a new actor that ran from New York to Washington, DC.

"We were pretty desperate", she said, "to the point where my husband, Spence was approaching black men in supermarket parking lots, asking them if they would like to act."

After trying many Internet resources for contacting potential actors, she finally turned to her friend Jennifer Johnson, who works for a professional TV/film casting agency in Baltimore. Using her resources and contacts, she was finally able to find an actor willing to take on



SEAN WILLIAMS

the role and travel the distance from where he lives in York, PA. Sean Williams, who has done a number of TV and screen roles in New York, read the script and decided he couldn't resist the opportunity of playing such a multi-faceted character.

"I love the challenge of this role", he said, "Playing a role that has so many levels, so many surprises and so many opportunities to make people laugh, which is what I like doing best."

"Tradin' Paint" will be presented November 2-3 and 9-10 at 8 p.m. at the American Legion Auditorium at 8 Park Place in Thurmont. There will be two Sunday matinees, November 4 and 11 at 2 p.m. and a dinner/theater production on Saturday, Nov 10 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for the play and \$30 for the dinner/play combination. Advance reservations for both can be made by calling (301) 271-7613. Parents should be aware the show contains adult themes and language.

Carlisle Street, Gettysburg. Professors Fred Leebron and Kathryn Rhett will co-teach a new class designed for beginning writers. [www.adamscountyartsCouncil.org](http://www.adamscountyartsCouncil.org) or call (717) 334-5006.

**Through November 6 - Foundations in Calligraphy - The Uncial Hand.** 2 - 4 p.m. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown. Register via secure web site [www.wcmfa.org](http://www.wcmfa.org); registration required. (301) 739-5727. For the hearing impaired, call our TDD at (301) 739-5764.

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## CALENDAR

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**October 20 – 2nd Annual Basket Bingo** at the Harney VFW Post Pavilion 5801, Conover Road, Taneytown, MD 3:30 p.m.; games at 5 p.m. \$12 advance. \$15.00 at door. (410) 756-2613 or (717) 359-7919.

**October 20 – Memorial Walk in Memory of Lacie Ann Wivell** at Carroll Valley Park, Carroll Valley, Pa. 11 a.m.; \$10 with T-shirt included registration at 10 a.m. Lunch served after walk. Horseshoe Tournament for an additional \$5. Rick or Lisa Wivell (717) 642-6989, [lisa.wivell@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa.wivell@yahoo.com).

**October 20 – Pumpkin Hunt** like an Easter egg hunt for children to age 9; at Zora Village. Junction of Rt. 16 & 116, Pa. 1 – 2 p.m. Celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pink Flamingo.

**October 20 – Camp Eder's 28th Annual Fall festival** at Camp Eder in Fairfield. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission and parking free. (717) 642-8256, [www.campeder.org](http://www.campeder.org).

**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. Continental breakfast and lunch included in

\$35 fee. Registration forms available at Emmitsburg Library. (717) 334-6271.

**October 20 – Blue Grass Chicken Feed** at the Taneytown American Legion. 1 – 4 p.m. \$10 per person. For tickets call (410) 756-2252.

**October 20 – Road Rally** sponsored by the Land Conservancy of Adams County. Teams of driver and navigator follow route instructions through back roads of Adams County; having fun, enjoying good food and discovering treasures of the country. For more information call Bob McIlhenny at (717) 334-3205.

**October 20 & 21 – Fall Color Walks** at Hog Rock Parking area, Catocin Mountain Park, Thurmont. 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (301) 663-9388.

**October 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, [www.rosehillmuseum.com](http://www.rosehillmuseum.com).

**October 20 & 27 – Catocin Youth Wrestling Registration** at Thurmont Middle School and Eyer's Field for all games. 1st participant \$45, additional participants \$35. Bring a copy of player's birth certificate. (Returning wrestlers do not need to bring it) 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (301) 271-3958, (301) 271-1830.

**October 21 to 24 – Church Revival** at Mountain View Ministries 103 Apples Church Rd., Thurmont with Pastor Thomas. Mon. 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.,

Monday – Wednesday 7 p.m. Contact Pastor Jeff Shaw (301) 271-9088, [pastorjeffshaw@verizon.net](mailto:pastorjeffshaw@verizon.net).

**October 22 – New Coalition** forming to address transportation needs for North County: 1 p.m. at the CASS Office. Interested folks in the community who want to be a part of addressing the transportation needs of families and individuals in Emmitsburg and Thurmont are welcome to attend.

**October 22 – Red Cross Blood Drive** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 103 N. Church Street, Thurmont. 2 – 8 p.m. (301) 271-7872 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

**October 22 – Marching Band Day** in Thurmont. Catocin High School students will disband throughout Thurmont, in uniform, visiting door to door for financial support. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. For more information on supporting local high school music students visit [www.marchingcougars.com](http://www.marchingcougars.com).

**October 22 – Spaghetti Dinner** hosted by CHS Men's Soccer Team at Rocky's NY Pizza, Tiffin Dr., Thurmont. 5 – 8 p.m. Adults \$8, Children (10 and under) \$5. Contact Kim at (301) 271-3593 for advance tickets. Tickets also available at door.

**October 23 – Gettysburg Halloween Parade** in Downtown Gettysburg. 7:30 pm. Register at the Gettysburg Area Middle School. (717) 253-2049.

**October 23 – Emmitsburg Lions Club BBQ** at South Seton Avenue, near Rt. 15, across from Getty Gas Station, Emmitsburg. 11 a.m. till sold.

**October 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 24 – Clustered Spires Chorus** of Frederick County invites all area women who love to sing to attend its free Christmas community chorus rehearsals on Wednesday nights during October and November. St. Thomas More Academy, 3989 Buckeystown Pike, 7 – 8 p.m. (301) 644-1589, [clustered-spires@hotmail.com](mailto:clustered-spires@hotmail.com), [www.harmonize.com/ClusteredSpires](http://www.harmonize.com/ClusteredSpires)

**October 24 – Green Living Forum II** at Emmitsburg Town Office sponsored by EBPA. 7 p.m. This forum will provide an opportunity for citizens to bring specific questions to the panel.

**October 25 – Sabillasville Neighborhood Crime Watch** group will meet at 6 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall in Sabillasville, Md. The speaker will be Frederick County Deputy Kevin White. (301) 241-3020.

**October 26 – Campfire and Ghost Stories at Thorpewood** 7 – 9 p.m. Join us around the campfire for a cup of cider and spooky tales. Ages 8 and older. \$5. (301) 271-2823.

**October 26 – CYA Wrestling Night** at Winterbrook Farms, 13001 Creagerstown Rd., Route 550, Thurmont. 6 – 8 p.m. Please let the admission gate know that you are supporting CYA Wrestling and CYA will receive a portion of your admission. Come show your support for our organization. Remember your flashlight and boots.

**October 26 & 27 – Turkey and Oyster Supper** at Graceham Moravian Church. Friday, 3 – 7 p.m. & Saturday, 1 – 6 p.m. at the church, 8231A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. Adults \$13, children 5-10 \$7, under 5 free. (301) 271-2379.

**October 27 – Taneytown's Civil War Legacy** exhibit at the Taneytown History Museum, 24 East Baltimore

Street, Taneytown, MD. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (410) 756-4234, [www.taneytown-museum.org](http://www.taneytown-museum.org).

**October 27 – Catocin Pregnancy Center's Annual Run for Life** at Mount St. Mary's Knott Arena on Mt. St. Mary's University Ground, Emmitsburg, MD. Registration 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. Run/Walk begins 9 a.m. For more information, including pre-registration and sponsor forms call Jim Lowrie at (717) 642-0196.

**October 27 – Party of Parties** at St. Johns Lutheran Church, 15 N. Church Street, Thurmont. (beside firehouse) Eight home party consultants will be available. 1 p.m. Free lunch. Proceeds to benefit the church. (301) 271-7613.

**October 28 – Marian Reflection Day** at the Basilica of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine and Retreat Center, Emmitsburg. 1:30 – 6 p.m. An afternoon of prayer, age group presentations, scripture rosary, a family dedication and dinner with the sisters. Conducted by The Daughters of Charity. Donations appreciated. Contact Sister Mary Catherine Conway (410) 646-2074, [dcvcc@doc.org](mailto:dcvcc@doc.org).

**October 28 – Community Potluck Dinner** at Thorpewood. 4 – 8 p.m. Join us for our last Community Potluck Dinner of 2007 as we present an overview of the organization. Free. RSVP (301) 271-2823.

**October 28 – Basket Bingo** at Thurmont Activities Building, Carnival Grounds. 5:30 p.m. games at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Catocin High School March Band. [www.marchingcougars.com](http://www.marchingcougars.com).

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# People, art and food at colorfest

BY STEPHANIE LONG  
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THURMONT, Md. — Thousands of people flooded into Thurmont on Oct. 13 and 14 to attend the 44th Annual Colorfest, an event that has grown from humble beginnings to gigantic proportions.

Originally Colorfest began when a small group of people gathered together in Thurmont to enjoy a nature walk and the changing of the seasons. Over the years it has evolved into an event that draws over 100,000 visitors and hundreds of vendors.

Vendors set up shop throughout Thurmont, selling everything imaginable in the crafts to food

spectrum. Kathie Kaye was one of those vendors. Kathie sells her husband, Robert's, handicrafts, glass etchings of different scenes, which she describes as "nautical and Eastern Shore-based art." This was the first year Kathie attended Colorfest, which left her with mixed feelings.

"There's a lot of people here, but it has not been real good today," Kathie said, explaining that while some have stopped to look at her booth, not many have pulled out their wallet to purchase her husband's art. Kathie remained optimistic though, hoping that Sunday would bring more business.

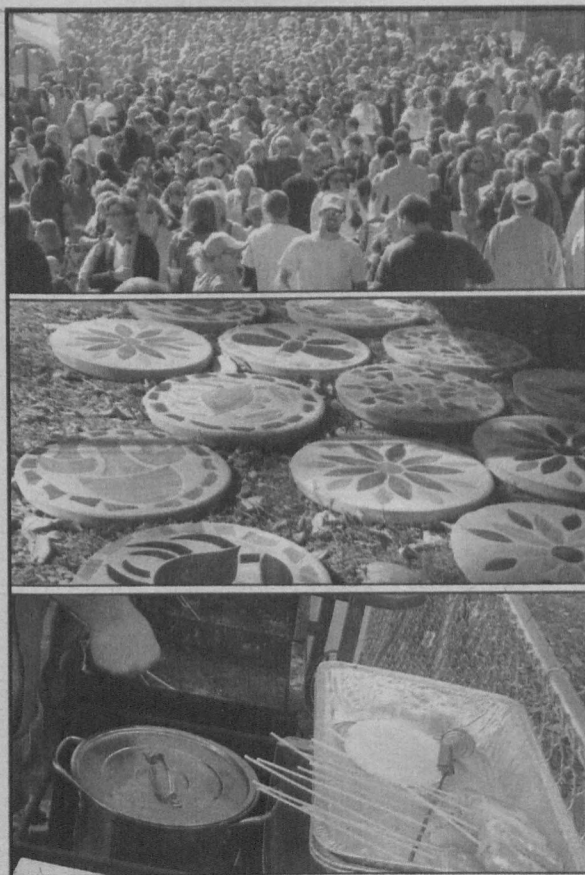
Perhaps she needed Pam Ahalt, of Thurmont, to stop by her booth. Ahalt, a.k.a. Shopping

Nanny, attends Colorfest every year with one mission in mind — to shop 'till she drops.

"I got here at 7:30 this morning and I'll stay all day. I go through the whole thing. I buy my cider to drink in the morning and I have my cart," Ahalt explains, looking at her Shopping Nanny license plate clad shopping cart full of newly purchased items.

For the past 7 or 8 years Ahalt has been attending Colorfest and purchasing items to fill her self-proclaimed country themed home and this year was no different. By 4 p.m. her basket was quite full and she had plans for even more shopping before the weekend was over.

"I'll be back tomorrow," Ahalt said with a smile.



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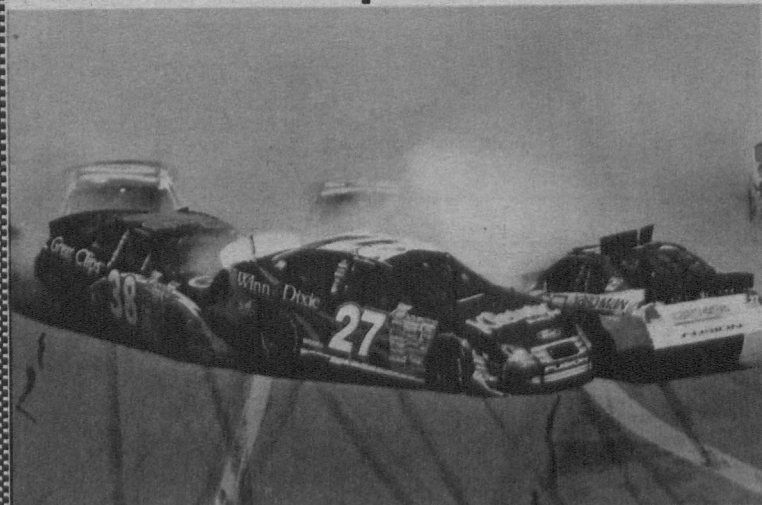
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## OBITUARIES

**Mrs. Alice Smith**

Mrs. Alice Arline Smith, 77, of Keymar, died Tuesday, September 25, 2007, at Glade Valley Nursing and Rehabilitative Center, Walkersville, after an illness of six months.

Born on March 24, 1930, in Hawbottom, Frederick County, she was the daughter of the late Roy L. and Mary Elizabeth Main Wright. She was the wife of Harry K. Smith, who predeceased her in 2004.

Surviving are daughter Debra Stevens; two grandchildren, sister Gladys

Mathews; brother John C. Wright; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by sisters, Katherine Culler and Naomi Baker; and brother, Edgar Wright. Funeral services were held Sept. 28, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Woodsboro, with the Rev. Terry Culler, officiating. Interment was held in Haugh's Cemetery, Ladiesburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Zion Haugh's Lutheran Church, c/o Betty Lind, 10038 Green Valley Road, Union Bridge, MD 21791.

**Mrs. Betty J. Barker**

Betty J. Barker, 75, Fairfield, Pa., died Sunday, September 30, 2007, at her home.

Born on March 21, 1932, in Frederick, she was the daughter of the late Cleveland R. and Ruth (Letlinger) Lawson. She was the wife of Carl S. Barker, of Fairfield, Pa.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Barker is survived by three children, Michael A. Barker, Jeffrey A. Barker, Lisa Ann Keefer; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Robert Lawson; and one sister, Peggy Kelly.

Memorial services were held Oct. 6, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Gettysburg, Pa., with Brother Don Moser officiating.

October 3, 2007, at her home.

She was born June 24, 1925, in Taneytown, the daughter of the late William McClellan and Carrie Julia Wantz Vaughn. She was the wife of the late Gerald Horning.

She is survived by her brother, Lloyd "Ike" K. Vaughn and sister, Dorothy I. Wantz, many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by six brothers and five sisters.

A graveside service was held Oct. 14, at Church of God Cemetery, Uniontown, with the Rev. Faye C. Snyder officiating.

and Doris L. Stonesifer McGlaughlin of Fairfield. He was the husband of Kathlyn M. Baker McGlaughlin, his wife of 27 years.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by daughters, Tanya E. McGlaughlin and Kimberly A. McGlaughlin; two sisters, Rebecca Jean McGlaughlin and Cathy Jo McGlaughlin.

Funeral service were held Oct. 5, at Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home, Taneytown with Rev. Gerald D. Fuss officiating. Interment followed in Emmanuel Baust U.C.C. Cemetery.

**Mr. Dale McGlaughlin**

Dale Allan McGlaughlin, age 48, of Fairfield, Pa., formerly of Keysville, died Monday, October 1, 2007 at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

He was born March 7, 1959 in Gettysburg, Pa., the son of John D.

**Mr. Frank Lawson**

Frank Ramsburg Lawson, 91, of Rocky Ridge, died Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at home. Mr. Lawson was the son of the late Charles A. and Mary Jeanette Lawson.

Mr. Lawson is survived by his wife, Angeline Lawson, married January 29, 1938.

He is also survived by five children, Lela J. Gravatt, Frances M. Grossnickle, Michael W. Lawson, Pamela Stup, and Hondo Lawson; and brother, Warren Lawson; 14 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by two children, a son, Frank R. Lawson, Jr., and a daughter, Elsie Elizabeth Thompson; two grandsons; and seven brothers, Charles, George, Earl, Perry, Harold, Roy and Lawrence Lawson.

Funeral services were held Oct. 15 at the Chapel Mausoleum of Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick, with the Rev. Colomba Gilliss officiating. Interment followed in the Garden of Devotion.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 415 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

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**Events****Memorial Walk in Memory of Lacie Ann Wivell**

October 20 at Carroll Valley Park, Carroll Valley, Pa. 11 a.m.; \$10 with T-shirt included registration at 10 a.m. Lunch served after walk. Horseshoe Tournament for an additional \$5. Rick or Lisa Wivell (717) 642-6989, [lisawivell@yahoo.com](mailto:lisawivell@yahoo.com).

**Pumpkin Hunt**

October 20, like an Easter egg hunt for children to 9; at Zora Village. Junction of Rt. 16 & 116, Pa. 1 - 2 p.m. Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Pink Flamingo.

**Camp Eder's 28th Annual Fall festival**

October 20 at Camp Eder in Fairfield. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission and parking free. (717) 642-8256, [www.campeder.org](http://www.campeder.org).

**Annual Rites of Fall**

October 20 all day gardening work shop at the Ag and Natural Resources Center, 670 Old Harrisburg Rd., Gettysburg. Breakfast and lunch included in \$35 fee. Registration forms available at Emmittsburg Library.

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

October 22 at Our

Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 103 N. Church Street, Thurmont. 2 - 8 p.m. (301) 271-7872 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

**Emmitsburg Lions Club BBQ**

October 23 at South Seton Avenue, near Rt. 15, across from Getty Gas Station, Emmittsburg. 11 a.m. till sold.

**Green Living Forum II**

October 24 at Emmittsburg Town Office Sponsored by EBPA. 7 p.m. This forum will provide an opportunity for citizens to bring specific questions to the Panel.

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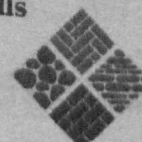
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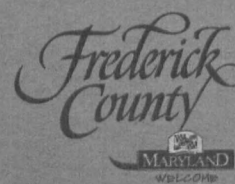


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