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Boyle did not violate ethics ordinance

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Emmitsburg Planning and Zoning Commissioner Patrick Boyle did not violate the town's ethics ordinance, according to the Emmitsburg Ethics Commission.

"I was found innocent of all rules violations whatsoever," Boyle announced during the Oct. 29 Planning and Zoning meeting.

During the Sept. 19 planning and zoning workshop, the commission was discussing which properties should be annexed into the town based, in part, on the town's water capacity. Boyle argued that some of the properties north of town should be annexed while not disclosing at that time he was part owner of one of those properties.

When some of Boyle's comments were brought to the attention of Mayor Jim Hoover, he decided he should ask the ethics commission if it needed to open an investigation.

Boyle has also pointed out that he recuses himself from any votes having to do with Silver Fancy Farm of which he is a part owner.

- J. Rada



Helen Topper hunts herself a turkey, Shannon Cool, at Emmitsburg's Halloween Parade this past Wednesday evening. Their costumes and antics won 2nd place in the "Most Original" category. The parade, which ends with treats and games, was hosted by the American Legion and Emmitsburg Ambulance Company with help from the Lion's Club. For a list of costume and float winners, see page 3.

- ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL SR. / THE DISPATCH

Emmitsburg Fire & EMS Corp looking for volunteers

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Like many today, Dianne Walbrecker leads a busy life. She runs her own business, which means her work schedule is a bit erratic and finding time to do volunteer work in the community can be a tricky task. But that has all changed for Walbrecker thanks to a new volunteer program in Emmitsburg. She uses her talents by helping out on the Vigilant Hose Company and Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, writing press releases and news stories, and volunteering her time as it fits her schedule.

This past June, the Vigilant Hose Company and Emmitsburg Ambulance Company joined forces to start the Emmitsburg Fire and EMS Corp, a volunteer program that gives people of all talents and abilities a chance to fill different roles. Now supporting the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company and Vigilant Hose Company doesn't necessarily mean you need to deal with blood or fire.

Starting after the events of September 11, 2001, fire corp units nationwide recruited people who wanted to volunteer but do not want to be involved in the operational side of things, such as fighting a fire. The volunteers can do everything from grant writing, website development, administrative work, data management, to helping to organize fundraisers.

"It's exciting to know there's an opportunity to take as much or as little time as you have and use the talents you have," Walbrecker said.

Currently the EF&EMS Corp has eight members, each using their individual talents to help, but they are still looking for more help.

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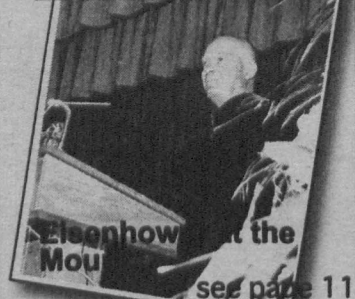
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Three families sue Thurmont for \$6 million

BY JAMES RADA JR.

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THURMONT, Md. — Three Thurmont families have filed a \$6-million lawsuit because of sewer back-ups that occurred in their homes in September 2004.

Deborah and Robert Massett, Ron and Kathy Bishop and Harold and Paula Furr filed the lawsuit on Sept. 27, three years after they claim sewer back-ups flooded their homes. "The flooding and sewage was caused by the Town of Thurmont's failure properly to design, construct and/or maintain the Town of Thurmont's storm water and sewage systems," according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit, in essence, makes the same claims as another lawsuit that is currently in appeals. However, the new lawsuit deals with sewer back-ups that occurred on Sept. 28,

2004 rather than in 2003.

"The town was just served the complaint a couple days ago," said John Coppock Jr., attorney for the plaintiffs. "It's still in its infancy."

Each couple charged the town with negligence, private nuisance, private action for public nuisance and trespass for a total of 12 counts. For each count, the plaintiffs have asked for \$500,000.

"Part of this will definitely not be covered by our insurance," said Thurmont Mayor Martin Burns. The portion not covered would be any part of the award made due to pollution.

The basis of the lawsuit is that the plaintiffs claim the town hasn't fixed its sewer system and is operating in violation of the Maryland Department of the Environment consent agreement.

"During heavy rains, the Town of Thurmont sets up a pump in a manhole in Ironmaster Court and

pumps sewage and storm water into a holding pond off of Ironmaster Court. The activity is always conducted through the evening, creates loud noise, is disruptive to the residents, and leaves the area smelling foul because of the now standing sewage behind their homes," according to the lawsuit.

Because of the backups, the plaintiffs claim "the Town of Thurmont has caused substantial damages to the Plaintiffs, including damages to Plaintiffs' residence, loss of personal property, damage from inconvenience and aggravation, mental anguish, and damages

from the expenditure of funds for investigations, repairs, corrections and maintenance," according to the lawsuit.

"I'm quite surprised that two of the previous plaintiffs who won substantial amounts in the first lawsuit filed again," Burns said.

The Bishops and Furrs are part of a group of seven families who sued the town for \$9 million and were awarded nearly \$3.5 million in May for sewer backups in the plaintiffs' homes in 2003. In post-trial motions

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Town needs to plan walking paths for future

I'm sure that I am not the first person to bring up this possibility. Just my two cents on a green path running south out of Emmitsburg. This would not cost too much money. As your South Seton road's shoulder to the left heading out of town is wide and there is a sidewalk, this should work until you get to the bridge. For now, people would have to cross the bridge with caution. Maybe a side wooden walk way could be connected for safety purposes. Next, up the hill and take the back road to Mount St. Mary's University. Make use of the university's tunnel that goes under the highway. Also make use of the road that runs the length of the university's out-

door facilities. From there, a 10-foot-wide path to the route of the old Emmitsburg Rail Road heading done to Rocky Ridge. The way I see it, a trail could be laid out even beyond Rocky Ridge to LeGore. It would appear that a trail could then parallel the existing railroad tracks all the way to the C&O Canal at Point of Rocks. From the map, it looks like all of that path would be in Frederick County.

You have a lot of potential for one great path which could lead into the 186-mile C&O Canal path which has been linked to a 100-plus-mile path to Pittsburgh.

Robert Hankey
Harrisburg

EDITORIAL

Join the Emmitsburg Fire and EMS Corp

If you read our front page article on the Emmitsburg Fire Corp, you'll know that members of the Vigilant Hose Company and the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company have done some thinking outside of the box. They've come up with an interesting way to allow the community to support the town's emergency services.

The Fire Corp allows people who may not have the ability or interest for firefighting or EMS work to use their talents in other ways to benefit the fire and ambulance companies. By doing so, it frees up time for firefighters and EMS tech-

nicians to do what they've been trained to do.

The fire corp is a program that allows the community to become more engaged with the companies, which can only lead to a better understanding of what the companies do and why they are needed.

So far, the Emmitsburg Fire Corp is still a small group of volunteers, but we encourage anyone in the area who wants to participate in the community to consider joining the fire corp. One thing for sure is that everyone has something, some talent, that can add to the service and make Emmitsburg a safer place to live.

A thank you from the newest town commissioner

I would like to thank those citizens who came out and voted for this year's election. It was not a highly contested election, yet they still made the effort and that needs to be commended. I would also like to thank Dianne Walbrecker, Sharon Hane, and David Lee. We often forget the important role our elections judges play and give them little recognition. Having been an election judge in the past, although rewarding, I know what a long day it can be and their efforts are truly appreciated.

People refer to the apathy of Emmitsburg residents but sometimes it is all too easy to get caught up in long commutes and family obligations and lose sight of the opportunities to get involved in town. Having served on the Board of Appeals and the Streets Committee, I can say from experience that it requires some effort but not so much that one

is overwhelmed. I would like to encourage people to get involved. There is nothing to be afraid of, it's not painful, and it doesn't cost a thing. It's interesting, you get to meet others and it's rewarding when something you have suggested or worked on is implemented. You can be a long time resident with a wealth of town history to share or a newcomer. All that is required is a little time and the desire to make our town the best it can be. You never know where it can lead to.

Finally, I would like to thank those who voted for me, supported me, and encouraged me to run. I feel privileged to be able to serve in a town that I have come to love so very much and promise to work to the best of my ability for the welfare of our town.

Denise Etris
Emmitsburg

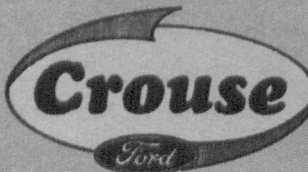
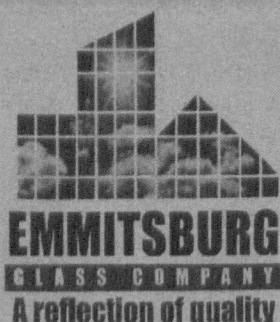
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Police seek help in fraud case



The Thurmont Police Department is asking for the public's help in identifying the two females in this store security video. They are wanted for questioning regarding the theft/fraudulent use of a credit card at the CVS Pharmacy in Thurmont, Jubilee Foods in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and the Outlet Mall in Gettysburg, Pa. Both females have short dark colored hair, and appear to be between 18-28 years old. Anyone with information should contact Officer Mark DeBord at (301) 271-0905 x222.

Emmitsburg Halloween Parade Winners

1. Most Beautiful

1st Place: Mikaila and Joseph Risser - Egyptians
2nd Place: Stephanie Freniere and Nikki Vitale - Witches
3rd Place: Erin Phelan - Asian Ensemble

2. Ugliest

1st Place: Taylor Clerk - Swamp Thing
2nd Place: Lisa Craig - The Cleaning Witch
3rd Place: Brendan Bozick - The scary guy who lost his number but still stood out as UGLY!

3. Cutest

1st Place: Logan and Cash Lewis - UPS and Helper
2nd Place: Kaylee Hall and Randy Hall, Jr. - Rock Stars
3rd Place: Christina, Charlotte, and Catherine McCambley - Dinosaurs

4. Most Original

1st Place: Leeann and Colin Manning - Hoot Owl and Tree
2nd Place: Shannon Cool and Helen Topper - Turkey and Hunter
3rd Place: Marah Williams - Roll of Film

5. Floats

1st Place: The Welch Family - Pirates
2nd Place: 8 and Under - Emmitsburg Girls Softball Team (Fall Ball)
3rd Place: Dodge May and Nick Veronie - Fire Truck

A SUMMARY OF THE CHARGES AGAINST THURMONT

Plaintiff & Charges

Amount

Deborah & Robert Massett

Negligence	\$500,000
Private nuisance	\$500,000
Private action for public nuisance	\$500,000
Trespass to land	\$500,000

Ron & Kathy Bishop

Negligence	\$500,000
Private nuisance	\$500,000
Private action for public nuisance	\$500,000
Trespass to land	\$500,000

Harold & Paul Furr

Negligence	\$500,000
Private nuisance	\$500,000
Private action for public nuisance	\$500,000
Trespass to land	\$500,000

Total

\$6,000,000

Fire Corp

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"We have a lady that is making pies for a fundraising dinner, we have two public relation writers and a grant writer," said John Hoyle, Vigilant Hose Company's Fire Corps Coordinator. "We can use almost anybody's skills."

The fire corp is hoping to garner as many volunteers as possible, especially to help with fundraisers.

"People can even build birdhouses and toys that we can raffle as part of fundraising," Hoyle said.

Anyone wary of volunteering due to time constraints shouldn't Hoyle said. "They give their time and ability as they can."

For Walbrecker, volunteering in the community is important, and having such a time and talent flexible program such as the corp gives everyone an opportunity to volunteer.

"The whole essence of a community is volunteering to do service," Walbrecker said. "We need to get off our cans and do that."

Those interested in becoming a volunteer with the Emmitsburg Fire and EMS Corp may call Hoyle at (301) 447-1045 or visit <http://firecorps.org/> for more information.

Thurmont

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in August, Judge Julie Stevenson Solt reduced the award amount by \$900,000 due to duplication in the award and Solt's ruling to municipal protections under state law that capped how much a family could be awarded.

According to Coppock, the Massetts were part of an amended complaint to the first lawsuit, which would have allowed them to be included. However, the courts rejected that amendment.

The Massetts claimed at that time actual losses around \$30,000.

The Bishops' actual damages in the first lawsuit were \$36,221 and the Furr's suffered \$17,488 in actual damages. The Bishops' award currently from the first case is \$427,221.86 and the Furr's award is currently \$373,950.29.

8.2 Million Available To Troubled Homeowners

Thurmont, MD- Affordable Home Mortgage, a local mortgage lender, has stepped forward again to address the needs of the community. With an increase in Job losses, divorce, and variable rate mortgages rapidly adjusting, many homeowners have found themselves in deep trouble with no where to turn. Daniel Strong, a spokesperson for the company, stated that through a large volume of loans and a more "human approach" to underwriting, Affordable Home Mortgage is able to make loans banks and other lending institutions would never consider. According to Mr. Strong the money should last through the end of December. If you would like more information please call Mr. Strong for a free consultation at 1-866-561-8079.

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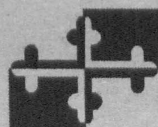
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TOWN NEWS

Mayor interviewed about Emmetsburg (and that's not a typo)

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — One version of Emmitsburg history has John McGurgan suggesting the name of the new town in honor of the Irish national hero Robert Emmet. The problem with this version is that Emmitsburg was founded in 1785 and Emmet didn't become a national hero until 1803 when the British hung him.

However, there is an American town named for Emmet and it does share some history with Emmitsburg.

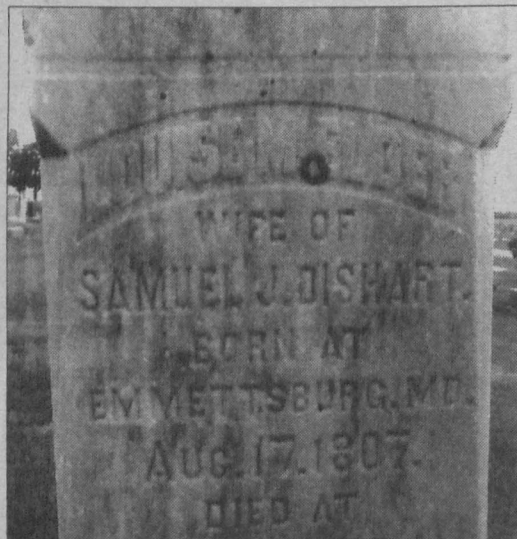
Emmitsburg, Iowa is the county seat of Palo Alto County and is a college town, home to Iowa Lakes Community College.

"We're a little under 4,000 for our population, but if you drew a 10 mile circle you might get 5,000," John Schad of Emmitsburg said during a radio interview with Emmitsburg Mayor Jim Hoover.

Schad and Hoover spoke for about half an hour on KEMB radio near Emmitsburg.

"This fellow called me from out of the blue from the radio station there," Hoover said. "They have a grave there where the person was buried in Emmitsburg, Iowa but was born in Emmitsburg,

Louise M. Elder was born in Emmitsburg, Maryland, but she died in Emmitsburg, Iowa. This connection between the two towns led to Emmitsburg Mayor Jim Hoover being interviewed on an Emmitsburg radio station.



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Maryland."

The grave is of Louise M. Elder, the wife of Samuel J. Dishart. Her grave marker says she was born in "Emmitsburg, MD." on August 12, 1807 and died in Emmitsburg, Iowa on July 4, 1876. Dishart was also born in Emmitsburg on March 3, 1806, but he died at White Lake, North Dakota.

The similar names made Schad curious enough to call Hoover and speak with him.

"We talked about our town and found out we had a lot of similarities and similar concerns," Hoover said.

They touched on growth, industry and things for teens to do in

town, among other topics.

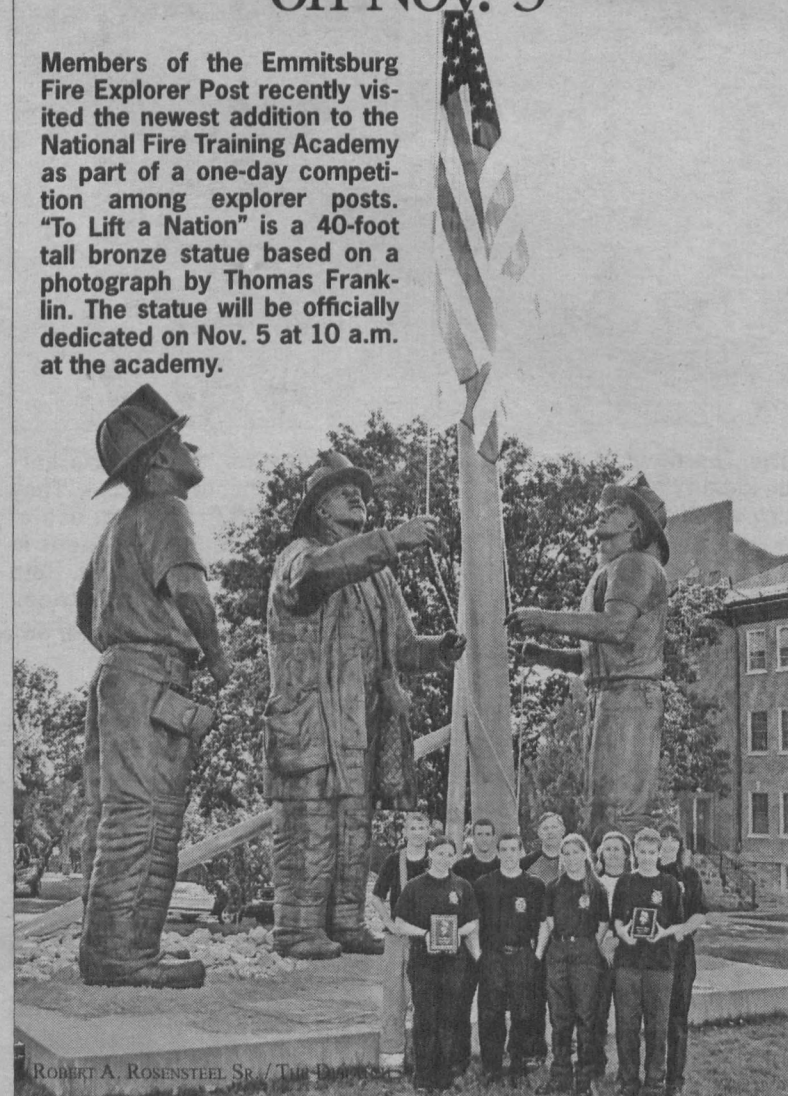
At the end of the interview, Schad said, "As different as the area is you live in compared to rural Iowa, the towns seem to have similar problems."

Though a county seat, Emmitsburg is considered rural and home to an aging population. More than one-third of the residents are Catholic.

Though it is part of Emmitsburg's folklore that the town was named for Emmet, Emmitsburg really was. Irish immigrants founded the town in the mid-1800s and named the town after Emmet. A statue of him stands in the Palo Alto County Court House Square.

Statue will be dedicated on Nov. 5

Members of the Emmitsburg Fire Explorer Post recently visited the newest addition to the National Fire Training Academy as part of a one-day competition among explorer posts. "To Lift a Nation" is a 40-foot tall bronze statue based on a photograph by Thomas Franklin. The statue will be officially dedicated on Nov. 5 at 10 a.m. at the academy.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

FCSO stats for September

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The following are highlights from the 512 calls for services Frederick County Sheriff's Office deputies received in Emmitsburg in September.

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- 53 traffic stops
- 314 patrol checks

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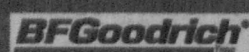
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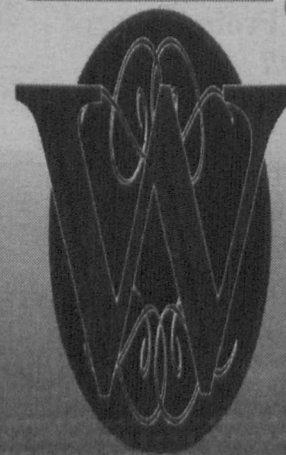
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REGIONAL NEWS

Gallery Stroll features new Pearl paintings



"Thurmont Train Station - 1914" will be one of three paintings by Rebecca Pearl debuting during Thurmont's Gallery Stroll on Nov. 2. Pearl's gallery along with other Thurmont businesses will be offering wine tasting and refreshments to visitors.

- PAINTING COURTESY OF REBECCA PEARL

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THURMONT, Md. — Rebecca Pearl has been busy this past week. Fighting off the remnants of pneumonia, she's been painting a new Thurmont scene to debut at Friday's Gallery Stroll.

"I'm working on a painting of Roddy Road Bridge with a Christmas feel to it," Pearl said.

She said there will be a lot of animals in the picture so that it looks "kind of like a little manger scene."

The unnamed painting will debut along with two other Thurmont-area paintings by Pearl — "Thurmont Train Station-1914" and

"Meeting at Loy's Station."

To paint "Thurmont Train Station-1914", Pearl mixed images of the old Western Maryland Railroad Train Station, Western Maryland Railroad locomotives and the Thurmont trolley and set them in a winter scene.

Local residents won't be surprised to find that the young boy holding the reigns of a horse in the painting is George Wireman. Wireman lent Pearl a number of photos of the old station to use for the painting. Among them Pearl found a photo of a young Wireman wearing knickers and a cap and standing in a box car with his friends so she decided to incorporate him into the photo as a way to say thanks.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of "Thurmont Train Station-1914" will go to the Guardian Hose Company toward their building fund.

"They do such a good job all year round that we wanted to help them," Pearl said.

The debut of the paintings will be part of the Thurmont Gallery Stroll on Nov. 2 from 6 - 9 p.m. Main Street businesses, such as Brown's Jewelers, Cool Beans, Hobb's Hardware and PNC Bank will be hosting a wine tasting and free entertainment will be provided by Norman Gibat and Holly Rife. The Shamrock Restaurant will also be providing free hors d'oeuvres at the Rebecca Pearl Gallery.

2007 Gettysburg's Remembrance Day / Dedication Day event schedule

November 17

Remembrance Day Parade -

Held in conjunction with the Gettysburg Address anniversary. A parade of Civil War living history groups begins at 1 p.m. Route follows Lefever St. to E. Confederate Ave., to E. Middle St., to Baltimore St., to Steinwehr Ave., ending at the entrance to the Cyclorama parking lot. For more information, call (215) 533-5392.

5th Annual Remembrance Illumination, Soldiers' National Cemetery -

The event takes place from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Soldiers' National Cemetery and at the Rupp House on Baltimore Street. Luminary candles will be placed on each Civil War grave as a testament to the sacrifices made here in 1863. In addition to the luminaria, the event includes a Civil War Color Guard, roll call at the Reynolds Statue, and playing of "Taps" every half-hour. For information, call (717) 338-1243.

Memorial Service and Grave-

side Ceremony — Honors the United States Colored Troops, in the Soldiers' National Cemetery. The service will begin after the Dedication Day Ceremony ends at the gravesite of Pvt. Charles H. Parker of Company F of the Third Regiment. Author Fergus Bordewich and Ben Hawley, a reenactor of the 54th Massachusetts, will speak about the USCT, and the Biglerville American Legion Honor Guard will be present. For more information call (717) 705-9115.

Annual Fortenbaugh Memorial Lecture -

"Lincoln and the Triumph of Politics" by Richard Norton Smith, scholar-in-residence, School of Public Policy and Department of History, George Mason University, at 8 p.m. at the Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle Street. For more information, call (717) 334-6590.

Ongoing

Visit the Historic Gettysburg Train Station that welcomed President Abraham Lincoln - Open daily from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Volunteers interpret the station's history which began in 1859. President Lincoln arrived in Gettysburg by train, likely entering the station, on November 18, 1863 to participate in the dedication ceremonies for the Soldiers' National Cemetery. The facility opened to the public in November 2006 after a \$3 million restoration. Located at 35 Carlisle Street. Free. For more information call (717) 337-8233.

November 19

144th Anniversary of the Get-

tsburg Address - An annual observation featuring a wreath-laying ceremony at the Soldiers' National Monument at 10:15 a.m., followed by the Dedication Day Ceremony with keynote speakers U. S. Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne and novelist Jeff Shaara in the Soldiers' National Cemetery (rostrum) at 10:30 a.m. The rain location is the Majestic Theater. For more information, call (717) 334-6590.

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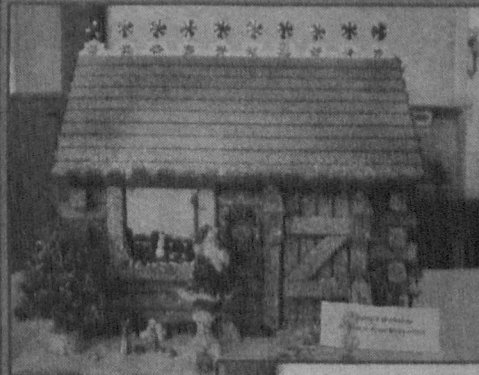
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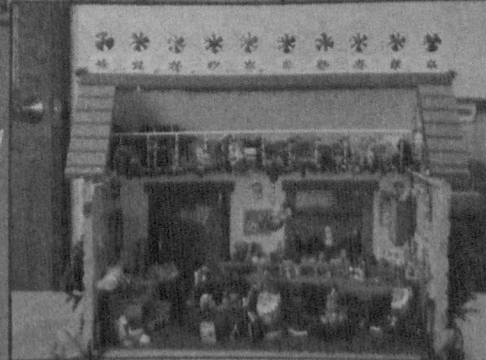
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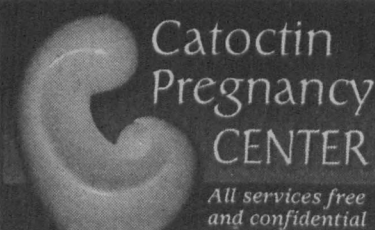
8 p.m. at Safe-n-Sane meeting. 1st prize \$500, 2nd prize \$250, 3rd prize \$175, 4th prize \$50 and 5th prize \$25. Tickets are a \$1. Contact Lisa Kidd (301) 898-0963.

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Senior Parent Meetings are held 2nd Wednesday every month at 7pm in the media center at Catoctin High School.

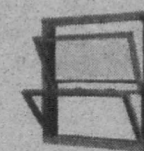


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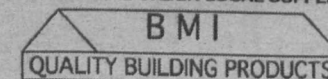


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REGIONAL NEWS

Sheriff meets with Sabillasville residents

BY STEPHANIE LONG
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SABILLASVILLE, Md. — Frederick County Sheriff Chuck Jenkins recently met with Sabillasville residents and held an open discussion to address issues that most concerned residents.

A top concern among residents was speeding, an issue that Jenkins said "is a problem in every part of the country... people are always in a rush."

Jenkins said there are six traffic units that can enforce speeding, but he encouraged residents to call the Sheriff's office, at (301) 600-1046, and inform them of where speeding is occurring so officers are made aware of problem areas and can patrol the areas when time allows.

"We can't tell you we'll enforce it but we'll put it on the selective enforcement log," Jenkins said. "We'll try to get up there and try to control speed."

Other concerns were voiced concerning recent mailbox thefts in the area, ATVs driving on roads and noise control violations and while Jenkins addressed those concerns, he assured residents that there were "no serious problems" in the area

regarding crime. He also assured residents that there have not been any problems at the Victor Cullen Center since its reopening and that he did not "foresee any problems" in the future.

Jenkins did take time to speak to the group regarding sex offenders living in the area and encouraged residents to be aware and not hesitate to report any suspicious activity to the police.

"We will charge them and take them back to jail if they don't obey [the laws]. We

"I believe in keeping in touch with the community... I want to be the people's sheriff and remain in contact."

Church Jenkins
Frederick County Sheriff

mean business," Jenkins said.

Jenkins meeting in Sabillasville was just one of several he intends on holding over the next few months in various communities across Frederick County, something he feels strongly about.

"I believe in keeping in touch with the community... I want to be the people's sheriff and remain in contact," Jenkins said. "I can listen and see if we can try to solve problems. Whatever we can do for you, don't hesitate to call us."

Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services moves to DFRS

FREDERICK, Md. — The Frederick County Commissioners are moving the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services Department to the Division of Fire and Rescue Services as a way to unify fire and rescue services in Frederick County and provide better management of resources.

The commissioners placed the department under the jurisdiction of the Division of Emergency Planning and Management in April 2007. DFRS Director Gene Mellin and DEPM Director Jack Markey recently asked the commissioners to bring the fire

and rescue providers together to unify the county's volunteer and career services.

The Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association supports the organizational change. President Micky Fyock said, "I concur with the recommendation to bring the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services Department together with the Division of Fire and Rescue Services. This move will positively enhance the service provided to the citizens of Frederick County."

Commissioners President Jan Gardner said, "The Board is

pleased to support the unification of our fire and rescue services to work together for the public safety of our citizens. We believe this move will strengthen volunteer services and improve the working relationships between career and volunteer members."

As part of their vote, the commissioners also agreed to change the name of the Division of Emergency Planning and Management to the Division of Emergency Management in order to simplify the division name and maintain compliance with state standards.

International Gift Festival in Fairfield Nov. 8-10

FAIRFIELD, Pa. — Holiday shoppers can support artisans in developing nations at the 47th International Gift Festival Nov. 8-10 at Fairfield Mennonite Church. Each year, the church is emptied of its pews and transformed into an exotic international bazaar.

Sales at last year's festival totaled more than \$100,000, but the event is not a fundraiser for the church. Proceeds go to Ten Thousand Villages, one of the world's largest fair-trade organizations, which provides fair prices, working capital and a market for more than 60,000 artisans in some 30 countries.

About \$1,800 of retail sales can support one artisan and family for a year, according to Ten Thousand Villages. Over the past 46 years, sales at Fairfield Mennonite Church's International

Gift Festival have totaled more than \$1 million, helping to provide food, education, health care and housing for thousands of individuals and families.

This year's festival will feature more than 300 oriental rugs hand-knotted by fairly paid adults in Pakistan. A wide range of sizes is included, as is a selection of first-quality rugs at 30 to 40 percent off.

Other merchandise from around the world includes jewelry, Christmas decorations, wood carvings, table linens, wall hangings, musical instruments, pottery, home décor of all types, baskets, toys, musical instruments, hand made paper products, personal accessories such as scarves, cookbooks, coffee, tea, cocoa, chocolate and more.

This year's festival will take place Thursday and Friday, Nov.

8 and 9, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A special shopping day for seniors and those with physical challenges will be Tuesday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The church is fully accessible.

Located eight miles west of Gettysburg on Pennsylvania Route 116, the church is at 201 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pa. Admission is free. Information is available at (717) 642-8936 or fmc606@pa.net.

Ten Thousand Villages is a non-profit program of the Mennonite Central Committee, a relief, service, and peace agency of the North American Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches that works with over 26 different denominations and organizations. More information is available at tenthousandvillages.com.



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REGIONAL NEWS

Frederick County Planning and Zoning Commission holds Thurmont Regional Planning public hearing

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The public recently had an opportunity to voice their opinions on the Thurmont Region Plan at a public hearing held by the Frederick County Planning Commission.

For nearly two hours, dozens of people took the opportunity to speak to the planning commissioners, Catherine Forrence, Joan M. McIntyre and Audrey L. Wolfe and address various concerns and offer suggestions.

Many of the concerns regarded proposed rezoning in the plan. Some residents took issue with property being rezoned from one land use designation to another.

Thurmont Mayor Martin Burns had similar concerns. When a rezoning occurs and changes something that has "been one way forever, it gets people worried," Burns said, cautioning the commissioners to "be very cautious" when

deciding which properties to rezone.

Others were displeased that their properties had not been rezoned and asked the board to consider their suggestions for rezoning. Ronald Wolfe, of the Sabillasville area, was one of many who offered the board suggestions for rezoning.

Wolf's property had already been rezoned from agriculture to resource conservation land use previously, but Wolf asked the board to rezone it again to low-density housing so that he could leave the land to his children when he passes away.

Another request came from the Myers family, who just over a week before the county meeting had seen their farm annexation request rejected by the Thurmont Board of Commissioners.

The Myers rejected annexation request with Thurmont called for 350 single family houses and town homes, retail and commercial space, an emergency medical center and a community pool. In light of the

rejection, the Myers asked the Frederick County Planning Commission to change the land use of the property in an apparent bid to still put the plans in motion.

"I would like the land presently zoned agriculture changed to general commercial," Eugene Myers said, also suggesting 100 acres be residential. Myers suggested that if the land were rezoned homes could be built on the property, as could businesses and possible a medical center. Myers suggested that the change would create new jobs and the opportunity for more to live in Maryland versus Pennsylvania.

There are no plans to hold another public hearing with the Frederick County Planning Commission, but anyone wishing to comment or offer suggestions on the plan may continue to do so via e-mail, mail or phone. The Frederick County Planning Commission will hold a workshop about the Thurmont Region Plan on Nov. 21 at 2 p.m. at Winchester Hall in Frederick.



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Taneytown Chamber assists family fighting ALS

TANEYTOWN, Md. — The congregation of Grace United Church of Christ; Taneytown, a member of the Taneytown Chamber of Commerce, has established a fund to assist Jay Lowenthal (Former owner of Doctor Page in Taneytown) and his family with their growing financial needs as he nears the end of his battle with ALS "Lou Gehrig's Disease".

Diagnosed in December 2006 with ALS, Lowenthal became unable to work to support his family. Having sold his small communications business a few months prior to the devastating diagnosis, Lowenthal pushed his limits to continue working. The disease quickly progressed to the point that it became impossible.

Currently, Lowenthal is communicating with an electronic speaking machine. His daily struggle centers on breathing and swallowing as the disease continues to weaken his neuro-muscular control. Lowenthal's wife, Naomi, took an unpaid leave of absence from her job at the Grace United Learning Center in early August to care for her husband and help her two children cope with the unfolding crisis of their father's impending death.

"We want to help this family in every way that we can," said Rev. Steven Ostendorf-Snell, pastor of Grace United Church of Christ, where the Learning Center is located. "Sadly, their growing financial need is be-

yond what we will be able to provide. We hope and pray that the Taneytown community will open their hearts to the Lowenthals and provide some needed financial support."

Contributions may be made out to the "Grace UCC - Lowenthal Fund" and mailed to: Grace United Church of Christ, 49 W. Baltimore Street, Taneytown, MD 21787.

"Any gift of any amount is appreciated and all of the funds collected will go to the family" said Ostendorf-Snell.

For further information on the fund, please contact the church office at (410) 756-2302. For information about ALS please visit on-line at www.alsa.org and click on the tab "About ALS".

BUSINESS

Doctor gives recipe for long life

By STEPHANIE LONG

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FAIRFIELD, Pa. — Today it seems that many have become intensely focused on their health, shunning fatty foods and exercising on a daily basis in an attempt to stay young and fit. The days of a Big Mac indulgence washed down with a chocolate milkshake are memories of the past now replaced with trans fat-free and organic foods. Luckily there is local help for those who are hoping to change their lives and become healthier.

Dr. Linda Solomon of Fairfield has written a new book, *Stop the Clock: A Recipe Book and Restoration Program for Living Agelessly*, aimed at helping anyone improve their quality of life through traditional chiropractic, clinical nutrition services and natural health solutions.

The book offers readers "straightforward and easy

to understand solutions to less than perfect health," breaking down the solutions to the basics and offering answers to basic questions about natural health.

"There's a lot of questions, a lot of Q&A in the book," Solomon said.

For more than 20 years Solomon has been working with patients on their

the natural food lifestyle and notices a difference in her health versus others her age, which may be why she believes so strongly in the effects of a good diet.

"In other food the vitamins and minerals are taken out and chemicals are put in, so it causes the body to age a lot," Solomon said. "I've been doing the natural diet for 40 years and I'm in very good health."

Although Solomon's book answers many questions about natural food and contains many sim-

ple and quick natural food recipes, she advises that anyone wishing to change their diet and improve their health consult the right people beforehand.

"They should consult someone so they can do this in a way that works and is appropriate for them," Solomon said.

Solomon will be speaking at the Fairfield Library on November 6 at 1 p.m. Those interested in purchasing a copy of Solomon's book may do so at her office.

"When you eat natural food, your body doesn't have to overwork; people are healthier."

Dr. Linda Solomon

health, employing various techniques from detox programs to weight-loss programs to improve their health. A main solution towards a healthier and longer life that Solomon uses in her practice, and discusses in the book, is the use of natural food.

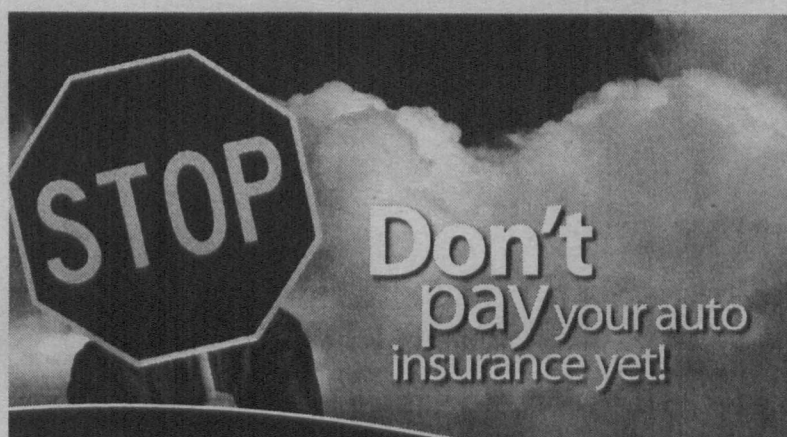
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Solomon has more than 40 years of experience as a whole-food chef. She lives

Benitez earns associate broker license

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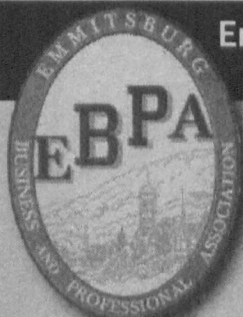
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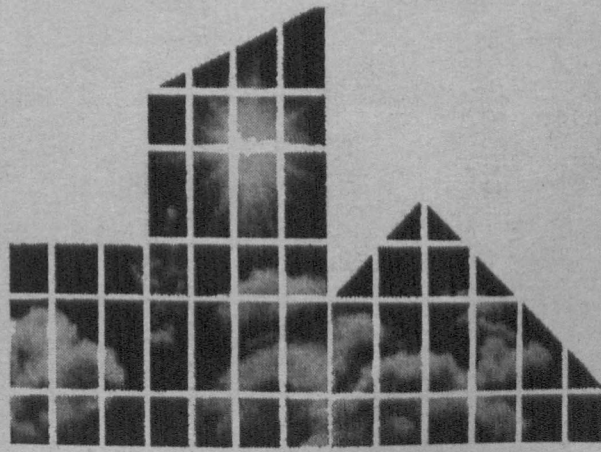
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President Eisenhower gave 1958 commencement address

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

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The 150th anniversary of Mount St. Mary's did not start out as a national event, but it ended that way when the President of the United States agreed to speak to the Class of 1958 during commencement.



When U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower agreed to give the 1958 commencement address at Mount St. Mary's, he turned the college's sesquicentennial into a national event that attracted press from all over the nation.

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MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY
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"The most memorable commencement in the century and a half old history of Mount St. Mary's College was climaxed when President Dwight D. Eisenhower was presented an honorary doctor of laws degree and delivered the commencement address to the graduates Monday morning, June 2, before a capacity crowd in Memorial Gymnasium on the college campus," the *Emmitsburg Chronicle* reported.

Following an invitation from Mount President John Sheridan, the President accepted on April 22. From that point on, the 150th anniversary celebration for the Mount became a national event.

The 1957-1958 school year began on September 12, 1957 and was low key. Newspaper reports noted the anniversary year, but unlike the multitude of events for the 2008 bicentennial or the concentration of events during the 1908 centennial celebration,

the 150 anniversary included only a few special convocations.

However, on June 2, 1958, thousands of people crowded onto campus to hear the president speak. "From the moment President and Mrs. Eisenhower walked down the center aisle in Memorial Gymnasium to take their seats facing the 110 graduates, to the closing recessional by the U.S. Marine Band, it was a spectacular worthy of the country's foremost leader and the second oldest Catholic college in the United States," reported *The Frederick News* on June 2, 1958.

Estimates put nearly 4,000 people in the gymnasium for the graduation of 110 students. Archbishop Francis P. Keough from Baltimore presided over the event. Maryland Governor Theodore McKeldin introduced the President whose speech followed that of Valedictorian Charles Hedges.

Eisenhower called Hedges' speech "the best valedictory address I have ever heard" and said if the students wanted inspiration, they would do well to heed Hedges.

The President gave an extemporaneous speech that called on the students to "wage crusade for world peace," according to *The Frederick News*. He defined the basic struggle of the age as a battle between free governments and communism.

"I think there are far more frontiers to be explored and more crusades to be waged than ever before in our history," Eisenhower said.

Eisenhower received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the Mount during the commencement.

As a side note, among all the dignitaries at the commencement was another speaker. This man was just beginning his rise to fame as the chief counsel for the U.S. Senate Labor Rackets Committee. He was at the Mount's 150th commencement to give the baccalaureate address. His name was Robert F. Kennedy. His brother would follow Eisenhower as President and he himself would be a leading presidential candidate until he was assassinated in 1968.

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Staph infections prompt action by health department, schools

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

FREDERICK, Md. — On Oct. 25, the Thurmont Primary School administration notified parents at Thurmont Primary School that a pupil there had a case of a drug-resistant staph infection that has killed students in several states this year.

Public health officials in Frederick County are confronting cases of infection by an antibiotic-resistant form of the bacterium *Staphylococcus aureus* (staph.) This so-called "superbug", methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA, does not respond to treatment with ordinary penicillin, amoxycillin, or methicillin. MRSA infections are successfully treated with other, newer antibiotics. However, spread of ordinary staph and MRSA can be prevented with good hygiene practices and common-sense measures at home and in public places such as schools and healthcare facilities.

Staph bacteria are common germs found in the noses or on the skin of 25-30 percent of people in the United States. They frequently cause skin infections which appear as pimples or boils. These infections occur when bacteria enter the body

through a break in the skin, a cut or a scrape, and most can be treated without using antibiotics. Staph can cause more serious illnesses, including pneumonia, bloodstream infections, and surgical wound infections. These complications usually appear among persons who have weakened immune systems or who have had surgeries, dialysis, or catheterization procedures.

MRSA are forms of staph that have become resistant to some antibiotics. Approximately 1 percent of the people who carry staph bacteria carry the MRSA strain.

They are spread through skin-to-skin contact or by contact with items (damp towels, razors) or surfaces (athletic equipment, shower and bathroom fixtures) with staph bacteria on them. Transmission can be prevented by:

- frequent, thorough hand washing with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizers
- cleaning and covering a wound in the skin
- not sharing personal items such towels or razors

Persons who have staph skin infections should cover the pimples or boils with clean, dry bandages.

Because the recent outbreaks in other jurisdictions appeared among students, Frederick County Public

Schools and the Frederick County Health Department have been paying particular attention to hygiene education and practices in schools.

FCPS health specialist Helen Monk has met with athletic directors and custodians about hygiene and cleaning measures to reduce chances of staph and MRSA contamination. Len Carr, supervisor of athletics, has networked with supervisors in Carroll, Howard, Montgomery, and Washington County schools to safeguard student athletes who will be traveling to those schools for regional and state sports playoffs.

"We want everything to be as safe as it can be," he said, emphasizing that volleyball, soccer, and cross-country teams travel in uniform and don't use showers in schools out of the county. Football players and students in other contact sports do change clothing in locker rooms and use the showers, but coaches and trainers are "acutely aware" of the situation and have been giving their players the most up-to-date information.

Local and national health officials stress that these infections are not new and not uncommon, and far less serious for the general population than the flu.

Trust helps Mount clean campus stream

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Mount St. Mary's University will receive a \$12,000 outreach grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Stewardship program to restore Toms Creek on campus.

The Mount St. Mary's project will consist of establishment of a rain garden and streamside shrub and tree plantings where the creek runs between Route 15 and the front entrance to the tunnel on the east side of campus. Frederick County Watershed Management Office and the Division of Public Works will administer the grant and partner the Mount and the town of Emmitsburg to improve water quality in St. Mary's Run.

Mount St. Mary's Associate Professor of Environmental Science, Jeffrey A. Simmons, PhD, said, "Buffer zones along streams are critical for protecting water quality and prevent erosion and filter runoff. We're proud to be a part of a project which will protect our streams and ultimately restore rivers like the Monocacy and Potomac leading to the Chesapeake Bay."

The Stewardship Grants program provides resources to watershed associations, citizen groups and volunteers who work to protect and preserve the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers.

For more information, please contact Jeffrey A. Simmons at (301) 447-5376.

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet



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Over 400 members of the Mother Seton School community formed a circle of peace at the start of World Day of Prayer for Peace on Sept. 21. Following the formation of the peace circle students, teachers, and parents demonstrated through art, song, prayer, and testimony their commitment to build peace. Challenged by Karolyne Myers, Art Teacher, students in grades four through eight folded 1,000 origami cranes, third graders created fifty peace symbols and first and second graders created a peace cross for the occasion. These world-wide symbols of peace will remain displayed throughout the school corridors as a visible reminder to pray and work for peace.

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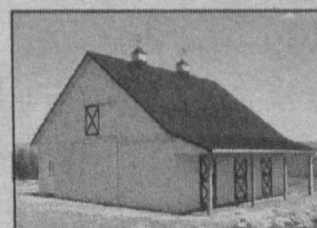
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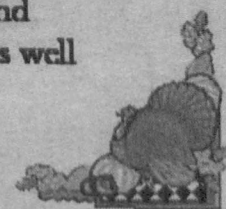
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ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Events in November

Can it be November already?! Daylight Savings Time will finally end on Nov. 4, so don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour when you go to bed on Nov. 3. Take a moment on Veterans Day to remember and thank all who have served in our nation's armed forces. Hope you and yours will have a happy Thanksgiving, with many blessings to count as you gather together on this special day that dates back to America's colonial beginnings.

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

November 12— Center closed for Veterans Day

November 6, 13, & 27 — Seasonal crafts, 12:30 p.m.

November 15 — Flu shot clinic, 1-6 p.m. \$15 fee or use your Medicare card.

November 20 — "Get-Together Day", including blood pressure check with Nurse Steve at 11 a.m.

November 21 — Turkey Bingo. Bring a prize that would go with a turkey dinner!

November 22 - 23 — Center closed for Thanksgiving.

Regular activities

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

Strength Training & Conditioning: Thursday, 10 a.m. Dress comfortably, wear athletic shoes. Participants will use small weights.

Bingo: November 7 and 21.

Cards, 500, and Bridge Group: November 14 and 28.

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.

LIBRARY EVENTS

November at the Emmitsburg Library

Storytimes

Babies with Books (birth-24 months with an adult)
November 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Two Terrific Storytime (age 2)
November 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Head Start Storytime (ages 3-5)
November 6, 13, 20 at 9:45 a.m.

Pre-School Storytime (ages 3-5)
November 1, 8, 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime (all ages)
November 7, 21, 28 at 7 p.m.

Children's Programs

Night Owls (ages 6-12)
An evening of games, crafts, snacks and lots of laughs.
November 5 at 4 p.m. Registration required.

"Did You Know?" Series (ages 6-12)
Meet local children's author Edie Hemingway. Author of *Broken Drum*, *Rebel Hart* and *Summer Shorts*.
November 6 at 11 a.m. Registration required.

The Cat's Meow (all ages)
Meet Beamer, a therapy cat.
November 8 at 7 p.m.

Drop-In Craft

(all ages)
Make a bookmark using rainbow scratch paper.
All day November 10.

National Children's Book Week (all ages)
Receive a "Book Week Punch Card" and pick a free book from the book basket.
Week of November 10.

Reading Rocks! (ages 10-12)
Read your choice of *World According to Humphrey* or *The Seven Wonders of Sassafras*.
November 19 at 4 p.m. Registration required.

Teen Programs

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

Animé Club (grades 6-12)
November 9 at 6 p.m.

Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club (teens and adults)
November 20 at 7 p.m. Read *Throne of Jade* by Naomi Novik.

Ribbon Amulet Bag (teens, adults)
Create your own beaded ribbon amulet

bag. Some handsewing experience is recommended.
November 27 at 6 p.m.

Adult Programs

Leaving a Legacy: Write About Your Life

Learn to record your personal accounts of life "back when", to share with others.
November 1 at 1 p.m.

Non-Fiction Book Club (adult)
November 8 at 1 p.m.

Tuesday Evening Book Club (adults)
November 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Listen to a Veteran's Story (all ages)
Frederick County veterans will be sharing their stories.
All day November 10.

Shop Safe and Smart for the Holidays (all ages)
Get practical guidelines for buying safe, age-appropriate toys.
November 14 at 7 p.m.

Knitting Nook (teens and adults)
November 15 at 4 p.m.

Genealogy Focus Group (teens and adults)
November 29 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.

FAIRFIELD SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Events at the Fairfield Senior Center

All seniors in greater Fairfield are invited to take part in the following events, which are held in the community room in St. John's Lutheran Church on Main Street, Fairfield.

Special Events

November 5 - Garden Club, 10:30 a.m.
November 7 - Blood pressure checks, 10:30 a.m. and Genesis Health Care speaker, Ashley Banks, talking about Depression, 10:45 a.m.
November 8 - Going out for lunch.
November 12 - Closed for Veteran's Day.

November 14 - 10:30 Important A.C.O.F.A. Town Meeting for Seniors - come and bring a friend, 10:30 a.m.

November 15 - Pizza party.

November 21 - Blood pressure checks, 10:30 a.m.

November 22-23 - Closed for Thanksgiving.

November 28 - Asera Care speaker: "Dealing with the Terminally Ill."

November 29 - Going out to lunch.

November 30 - Susan Crosby, Director of Strawberry Hill, will talk about the many activities they offer, 10:30 a.m.

December 3 - Garden Club craft.

December 6 - Go to the mall for Christmas shopping. Eat out for lunch.

Regular Events

Exercise: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., wear athletic shoes.

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

Knitting and Needlework: Monday, 10:30 a.m., bring the project you're working on.

Cards and Games: Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - noon.

Chat Time: Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. - noon.

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

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Children hunt pumpkins amongst flamingos

BY STEPHANIE LONG

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CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. — Over 100 kids gathered at Zora Village on Oct. 20 to hunt for 2,000 pumpkins hidden amongst costume-clad plastic pink flamingos.

The costumed witch herself, Mary-Elizabeth Buckham, proprietor of Zora Village, hosted the event for the seventh year, where over 100 prizes of candy, money and gift certificates were handed out.

The idea for the hunt came about after a bit of inspiration came to Buckham following Halloween.

"I wanted to bring people in so one Halloween I dressed as a witch and handed out cider to the kids," Buckham explained, "And I thought 'these kids need something to do.'"

After racking her gourd for

ideas, genius struck and the Easter egg hunt-inspired event came to life, but not without a few hang-ups.

"At first I had a terrible time getting [plastic] pumpkins, so I use

to hide actual pumpkins," Buckham said. "Now I get them from Oriental Trading."

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Donald Featherstone's plastic pink flamingo design, which

he created in 1957 for Union Products from photographs in National Geographic Magazine, hence this year's flamingo-inclusive hunt.

While Buckham hosts the event at her own expense, she did

receive some help with prizes from Zurgable Brothers Hardware, Harrington & Sons and Hoffman's Bar B Q, who donated gift certificates, and Century 21, who donated \$20 in cash.



-RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER / THE DISPATCH

Over 100 kids gathered at Zora Village on Oct. 20 to hunt for 2,000 pumpkins hidden by the costumed witch herself, Mary-Elizabeth Buckham, amongst costume-clad plastic pink flamingos.

YMCA gets donation from Wells Fargo

The Frederick County Family YMCA's youth scholarship program, Campaign for Kids, was the recipient of a \$1,000 donation on behalf of Randy Valentine, Thurmont resident and employee of Wells Fargo. For the second year in a row, Valentine was awarded one of Wells Fargo's Volunteer Service Awards for his outstanding volunteer service to the Frederick County YMCA's Sports Hall of Fame. Along with the service award, Wells Fargo donates funds to the non-profit organization chosen by the award winner. Pictured from left are Dave Markoe, Frederick County Hall of Fame Volunteer; Valentine, Volunteer Service Winner; Daria Steinhardt, President/CEO of the Frederick YMCA; Kimberly Wivell of Emmitsburg and Wells Fargo Representative; and Kim Hart, YMCA Executive Assistant.



- PHOTO COURTESY OF RANDY VALENTINE

Scouting for food

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 727 and Cub Scout Pack 727 will be leaving empty bags at Emmitsburg homes on Saturday, Nov. 3. The bags are part of the Scouting for Food Program. The scouts ask that residents fill the bags with non-perishable food items and set the bags out on Nov. 10 before 8 a.m. The scouts would collect the filled bags beginning at 8 a.m.

All the donated food goes to the Emmitsburg Food Bank. The Scouting for Food activity is a major source of food supplies for the food bank each year.

Nonperishable food items include canned fruit and vegetables, soup, tuna, canned meats, pasta and noodles, boxed macaroni and cheese, rice, potatoes, spaghetti sauce, and cereals.

This is the second years these scouts have participated in the program.

- S. Allen

Local cadet completes training

Cadet Benjamin Andrew Flanick, son of Bruce and Karyn Flanick of Keymar, Maryland, has completed cadet basic training at the U.S. Military Academy. Flanick was one of nearly 1,300 cadet candidates who concluded their training with a 12-mile road march from Camp Buckner to West Point on Aug. 13. New cadets were officially accepted into the Corp of Cadets during the Acceptance Parade on Aug. 18. Flanick graduated from home schooling in 2007. He plans to graduate from West Point in 2011 and will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.



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CALENDAR

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November 1 - All Saints Day & Eucharistic Devotions with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. 12 p.m. Mass in the Basilica, 12:45 p.m. Eucharis-

tic procession from the basilica to White House chapel. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 1 - 4 p.m. (Please note: Due to these special services, there will not be a 1:30 p.m. Mass this day.)

November 1 - Depression and Bipolar Disorder Support Group meets once a month in Emmitsburg, Md. Sponsored by the DBSA (Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance) 7 - 8:30 p.m. No charge. Call Paul (301) 447-2207.

November 2 - 2nd Annual Family Campfire Program on the grounds of the church at 7908 Apples Church in Thurmont. Eerie Civil War Ghost

Stories told by local story teller Roger Troxell. 7 p.m. Refreshments served. Free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at (301) 271-7721.

November 3 - Musical Petting Zoo at MSM Knott Auditorium 10 a.m. The Mount's Music Education class and Wind Ensemble will present a morning of music and fun for local children. Participants will learn songs, sit with the college musicians and have opportunities to try different instruments. Grades K-5. To reserve contact Barry Long (301) 447-5308 or blong@msmary.edu.

November 3 - Homemade Pot Pies for sale at St. John's Lutheran Church in Creagerstown. Homemade baked chicken or beef pot pies. (301) 898-7718.

November 3 - "The Family Circle" gospel music at St. John's Lutheran Church 8619 Blacks Mill Road, Creagerstown, MD. Free to the public. Refreshments following the service.

November 3 - Annual Holiday Craft Fair at Thurmont Carnival Grounds. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free admission. Food available. Sponsored by Guardian Hose Company.

November 3 - Turkey and Oyster Supper at Tom's Creek United Methodist Church on Tom's Creek Church Rd., off Rt. 140. 12 - 5 p.m. Adults \$13; ages 5-10, \$5; under 5 free. Carry-outs \$14.

November 3 - Turkey and Oyster Dinner served family style at Faith United Church of Christ, 9333 Opposumtown Pike, Frederick, MD. 1 - 6 p.m. adults \$12, children 6 - 12 \$6. Carry-outs \$13. (301) 695-6550.

November 3 - Annual Bazaar and Auction at Garfield United Methodist Church 3 miles north of Wolfsville on Stottlemeyer Rd. from Thurmont, take Rt. 77 west, left on Stottlemeyer Rd. 9 a.m. Auction begins at 1 p.m.

November 3 & 4 - Open House at Willow Pond Farm 145 Tract Rd., Fairfield, Pa. Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday 12 - 5 p.m. Admission is free. (717) 642-6387 or www.willowpondherbs.com.

November 4 - Basket Bingo at the Guardian Hose Company's activities building. 12:30 pm; Games at 2 p.m. \$15 advance; \$20 at the door. For tickets call Gladys (301) 471-5511 or Wanda (301) 524-3562. Proceeds will benefit the Catocin High School Class of 2008 Safe n' Sane Graduation Party.

November 5 - Gettysburg Celiac Support Meeting at Gettysburg Hospital Community Room. Learn to live gluten-free diet. For information call (717) 642-6053 or (717) 337-1557.

November 5 - Clothes Closet at Thurmont United Methodist Church, Long Rd., Thurmont. Free clothing and household items for needy families. Newborn - adult. 6 p.m. 1st Monday of each month.

November 6 - The Adams County Historical Society monthly meetings are held at Alumni Auditorium of Valentine Hall at the Lutheran Theological Seminary campus on Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg. Alumni Auditorium is handicapped-accessible. Monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge and all are welcome. (717) 334-4723, info@achs-pa.org, www.achspa.org

November 8 - Artist - Hui Chu Ying at MSM Memorial Gallery & Laughlin Auditorium. 6 p.m. Lecture, 7 p.m. Exhibit. Hui-Chu is an Associate Professor of Art at University of Akron in Ohio. She combines various print media, such as screenprint and relief techniques, to create full color, richly textured works of art.

November 8 to 10 - 47th International Gift Festival at Fairfield Mennonite Church, 201 West Main Street, Rt. 16, Fairfield, PA (717) 642-8936.

November 8 to 10 - Mistletoe Mart at Church of the Ascension, 23 N. Court St., Westminster, Md. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission. www.tourism.carr.org. (410) 848-3251.

November 9 & 10 - Pre-Christmas Sale. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sabillasville Church of God of Prophecy. All new things at half the price of others. Soup and sandwich sale and baked goods also available. Info: (301) 241-3586.

November 10 - Orchard Walk at Thorpewood. 2 - 4 p.m. Visit our American chestnut orchard Ages 10 and older. \$5. (301) 271-2823.

November 10 - Flea Market and Craft Bazaar at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 10621 Old Frederick Road, Utica. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The church will feature homemade apple dumplings, a bake sale, poinsettias, and several crafters. Proceeds will benefit the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Women's League and their many worthwhile projects. For more information, (301) 898-9945. Crafters wanted.

November 10 - Christmas Star Craft Market at Fairfield Elementary School, Fairfield, PA. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lunch and baked goods available.

November 11 - Lt. Robert Seidel, III Scholarship Fund. Mary Van Buren will be running 26.2 mile Veteran's Day Marathon in Harrisburg, PA in memory of Lt. Robert Seidel, III who was killed in action in Baghdad May of 2006. All donations can be made to "Community Foundation of Frederick" in memory of Lt. Robert Seidel.

November 11 & 25 - Boulevard Singles Dance at Boulevard & Beyond Caterers, 1011 Baltimore Blvd., Westminster. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday. 7 - 10:30 p.m. \$8. Free dance lesson 7 - 7:30 p.m. Full bar and snacks. (410) 876-6810.

November 14 - Brown Bag Concert at MSM Upper Flynn Hall. Come and enjoy a lunchtime concert while being entertained by our Mount instrumental and vocal students. 12:10 p.m. Free.

November 14 - Cash Raffle at Safe-n-Sane meeting. 8 p.m. 1st prize \$500, 2nd prize \$250, 3rd prize \$175, 4th prize \$50 and 5th prize \$25. Tickets are a \$1. Contact Lisa Kidd (301) 898-0963.

November 15 - Storytime at Thorpewood; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. RSVP requested. (301) 271-2823.



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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; registration required. (301) 739-5727. For the hearing impaired, call our TDD at (301) 739-5764.

Through 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) 739-5764.

Through 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 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. Tickets \$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.

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; 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 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg. Professors Fred Leebron and Kathryn Rhett will co-teach a new class designed for beginning writers. www.adamscountyartscouncil.org or call (717) 334-5006.

November 6 to December 18 – Exploring Watercolor Studio. Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown. Register via secure web site www.wcmfa.org; registration required. (301)

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November 7 to December 19 – Exploring Watercolor Studio. Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 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.

November 6 to December 11 – Landscapes in Acrylic. Tuesdays 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. 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.

November 10 – Flea Market and Craft Bazaar. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 10621 Old Frederick Road, Utica. The church will feature homemade apple dumplings, a bake sale, poinsettias, and several crafters. Proceeds will benefit the St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Women’s League and their many worthwhile projects. For more information, (301) 898-9945. Crafters wanted.

November 14 to December 19 – Introduction to Portraiture for All Media. Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. Register via secure web site www.wcmfa.org; registration required. (301) 739-5727. For the hearing impaired (301) 739-5764.

Through November 17 – The Village Dinner Theatre of Gettysburg. Dinner and show 7 p.m., doors open at 6:45 p.m. “Ghost Walks Are Deadly,” a new interactive murder mystery. Friday and Saturday Nights. Prices start at \$29.50 for dinner and show. www.thevillagedinnertheatre.com, (800) 570-4590 or (717) 337-0080.

November 17 & 18 – The Frederick Chorale’s 31st Feaste & Revels will be performed in The Great Hall at All Saints Episcopal Church, 106 West Church Street in downtown Frederick. Advance tickets required. \$45 per person. Call Janet (301) 662-7442, www.frederickchorale.org.

November 25 – Turkey Chase 5 km Cross Country Run. Registration at 7 a.m. Race starts at 8 a.m., Taneytown Memorial Park. \$10 on site or pre-register at www.bikereg.com. Junior open, master men/women 40, 50, 60. Run benefits the Carroll County Special Olympics. For more information call (410) 756-5164 or e-mail tlea@macp.org (rain or shine.)

November 25 – Mid Atlantic Cyclo-cross Championship. 9 a.m.

at the Taneytown Memorial Park. A USA Cycling License is required; one day licenses are available. Registration at 7 a.m. on site or pre-register www.bikereg.com. All classes can race. Kid’s Race for ages under 10 (no license required; helmets required for kid’s race). Race benefits Taneytown Parks and Rec. (410) 756-5165 or tlea@macp.org.

December 1 – Create a Holiday Ornament Workshop. 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., ages 5-12. 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.

December 2 – Annual Christmas Concert at the Basilica of the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, on Seton Ave, Emmitsburg. The Emmitsburg Community Chorus will present their annual Christmas concert at 3 p.m. Along with the choral pieces there will be solos, a trio and other special Christmas music for the season. Free will offering. For further information please contact Ellie Davis, (301) 898-9776.

December 8 – Design a Holiday Card Watercolor Workshop. 12 - 4 p.m. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. Register via secure web site www.wcmfa.org; registration required. (301) 739-5727. For the hearing impaired (301) 739-5764.

April 4 to 19 – “The Oldest Profession.” 8 p.m. at the Keefauver Center, 157 Lefever Street, Gettysburg, two blocks off Baltimore Street. A bittersweet comedy by Paula Vogel. A tale of five aging workers in “the oldest profession” face a dwindling clientele for their services, increased competition and aching joints. All weekend performances. Tickets \$12, with discounts for seniors over 60, students with identification and groups of 10 or more. www.gettysburgstage.org or reservation line (866) 859-5192.

Gettysburg Stage ready to open one-act plays

GETTYSBURG, Pa. – Gettysburg Stage’s November production is actually several productions.

“We’re offering audiences a real variety package,” said Jim Krut, the non-profit theatre company’s board president. “We’re calling it ‘One Acts and Interludes - An Unusual Night at the Theatre.’”

The Friday performances will include the one-act plays “Tangled Up in Blue” by Brad Boesen and “Impromptu” by Tad Mosel. The Saturday offerings include both of those plays, plus the one-woman portrayal “Mamie Remembers Gettysburg,” written and performed by Ruthmary McIlhenny of Gettysburg. The interludes consist of short, off-beat, humorous or whimsical segments.

Audiences who arrive at least half an hour before the curtain opens will get an additional treat. Short recorded clips from several of Gettysburg Stage’s past plays will be shown on stage.

The play “Impromptu,” performed as part of the Governor’s Arts Awards celebration at the Majestic Theater in October, follows four actors thrust onto the stage without a script. “Tangled Up in Blue” was originally directed by

Tom Rodgers and is a bittersweet look at friendship, love and dating in today’s world.

McIlhenny’s interpretation of “Mamie” shows the former First Lady as a symbol of her time. She recalls her first meeting with former President Ike Eisenhower, who she later married, the tribulations of marriage and their life together in Gettysburg. She has performed at the Eisenhower Historic Site, Harrisburg Area Community College and many other venues. This marks her first appearance with Gettysburg Stage.

The “Evening of One Acts and Interludes” runs Friday and Saturday evenings, November 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17.

The theatre is located at Keefauver Center, 157 Lefever Street in Gettysburg. Curtain is at 8 p.m., with a running time of under two hours. Ticket prices are \$12, with discounts for seniors over 60 and students with identification. Details on performance dates and times will be made available through the website www.gettysburgstage.org or by calling the toll-free information and reservation line, 1-866-859-5192.

New show rolls into Thurmont

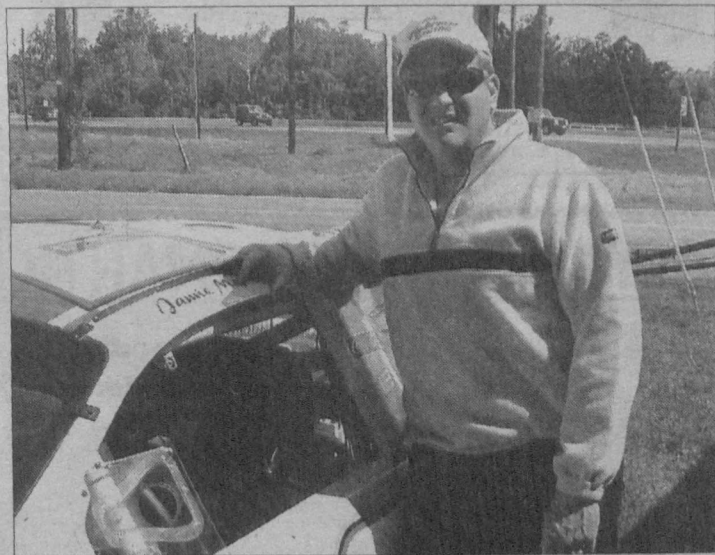


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Kevin Kneer of Fairfield, Pa. stars as Skeeter Jett, NASCAR team driver in “Tradin’ Paint”, a country folk comedy presented by The Thurmont Thespians Nov. 2-4 and 9-11 at the American Legion Auditorium, 8 Park Place in Thurmont. Call (301) 271-7613 for reservations.

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OBITUARIES

Mr. Donald Harbaugh

Donald Dale Harbaugh, age 61, of Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, Octo-

ber 9, 2007 at Hanover General Hospital. He was born October 23, 1945 in Sabillasville, the son of the late George W. and Goldie Y. Working

Harbaugh.

He is survived by children, Donna A. Kuhn, Cheri D. Hollinger, Robin C. Wheeler, and Lisa D. Rawlings; his devoted companion, Debra Edwards and her daughter, Toni R. Kline; siblings, Leon, Ed and David Harbaugh, Cindy Rohrbaugh; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

A graveside service was held Friday, Oct. 12 at Resthaven Memorial Gardens, 9501 Route 15, Frederick, with Rev. Loyal Vanderveer officiating.

Mr. Frank Lawson

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

Lawson leaves behind his wife, Angeline Lawson, whom he married January 29, 1938, children, Lela J. Gravatt, Frances M. Grossnickle, Michael W. Lawson, Pamela Stup, and Hondo Lawson; and one 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, Larry W. Thompson and Jamie D. Anderson; and seven brothers, Charles A., George E., Earl, Perry E., Harold R., Roy M. and Lawrence H. Lawson.

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

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

Mrs. Laura Whittington

Mrs. Laura Lillian Whittington, 90, of Emmitsburg, died Wednesday October 17, 2007 at Frederick Memorial Hospital. She was the husband of the late Vaun Whittington of California. She was born in 1916 in Topeka, Kansas. She was the daughter of the late Allen Hays and Glen Lillian Chick.

She is survived by four children, William Whittington, Glenda Drum, Shelley Conrad and Richard Whittington, 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband Whittington was preceded in death by her brother Barnabas Allen Hays, and granddaughter Teri Whittington.

Services and interment will be private. The family suggest that those desiring make memorial contributions to the Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center, P.O. Box 1219, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Online expressions of sympathy may be expressed to the Whittington family at www.staufferfuneral-home.com.

Mr. Richard Delaughter Jr.

Richard Theodore "Butch" Delaughter Jr., 62, of Keymar, died Thursday, October 18, 2007 at Dove Hospice House in Westminster. He was the husband of Linda Leatherman Delaughter. Born in Frederick, September 16, 1944, he was a son of the late Richard Theodore Sr. and Sallie King Delaughter.

Surviving, besides his wife, are children, Penny Aurand, Sallie Delaughter, Richard T. Delaughter III, and Kathy Delaughter; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, John Delaughter; and one sister, Sherry Taylor.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 23, from the Donald B. Thompson Funeral Home, 31 E. Main St., Middletown. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dove Hospice House, 292 Stoner Ave., Westminster, MD 21157.

Mr. Edward Conway

Mr. Edward Michael Conway, 67, of Emmitsburg, died Thursday, October 18, 2007 at the Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa. He was the husband of Patricia L. Adams Conway, whom he married October 3, 1959. Born October 4, 1940 in Rose Valley, Wallingford, Pa., he was a son of the late Joseph P. and Margaret Battle Conway.

Surviving besides his wife is a daughter, Deborah M. McGuigan, three sons, Owen J. Conway Michael L. Conway and Dennis P. Conway; twelve grandchildren, and one brother, Dick Conway.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, Oct. 20 at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, 100 North Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, with Reverend Stephen Trzeciecki as the celebrant. Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family.

The family requests that memorials be made in memory of Conway to the American Heart Association-Mid-Atlantic Affiliate, Memorials & Tributes Processing Center, PO Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058-5216.

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Jennifer & Charles Sayler, Emmitsburg, a son, Aug. 10

Jacki & Justin Snedegar, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Sept. 26

Mr. & Mrs. Michael D. Andrew, Fairfield, Pa., a daughter, Sept. 28

Sheri & Danny Whetzel, Rocky Ridge, a son, Oct. 8

Kristin Harbaugh, Fairfield, Pa., a son, Oct. 12

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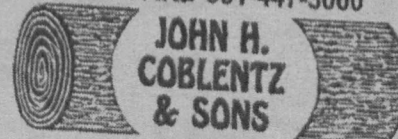
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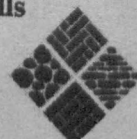
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