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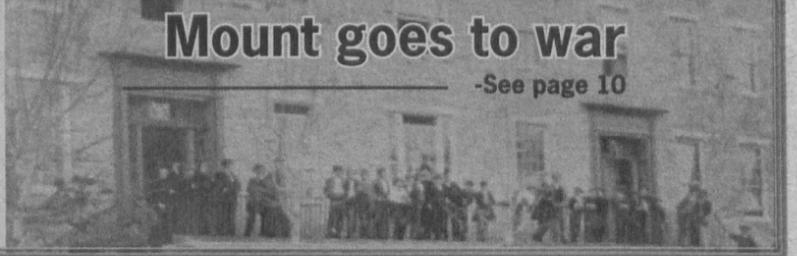
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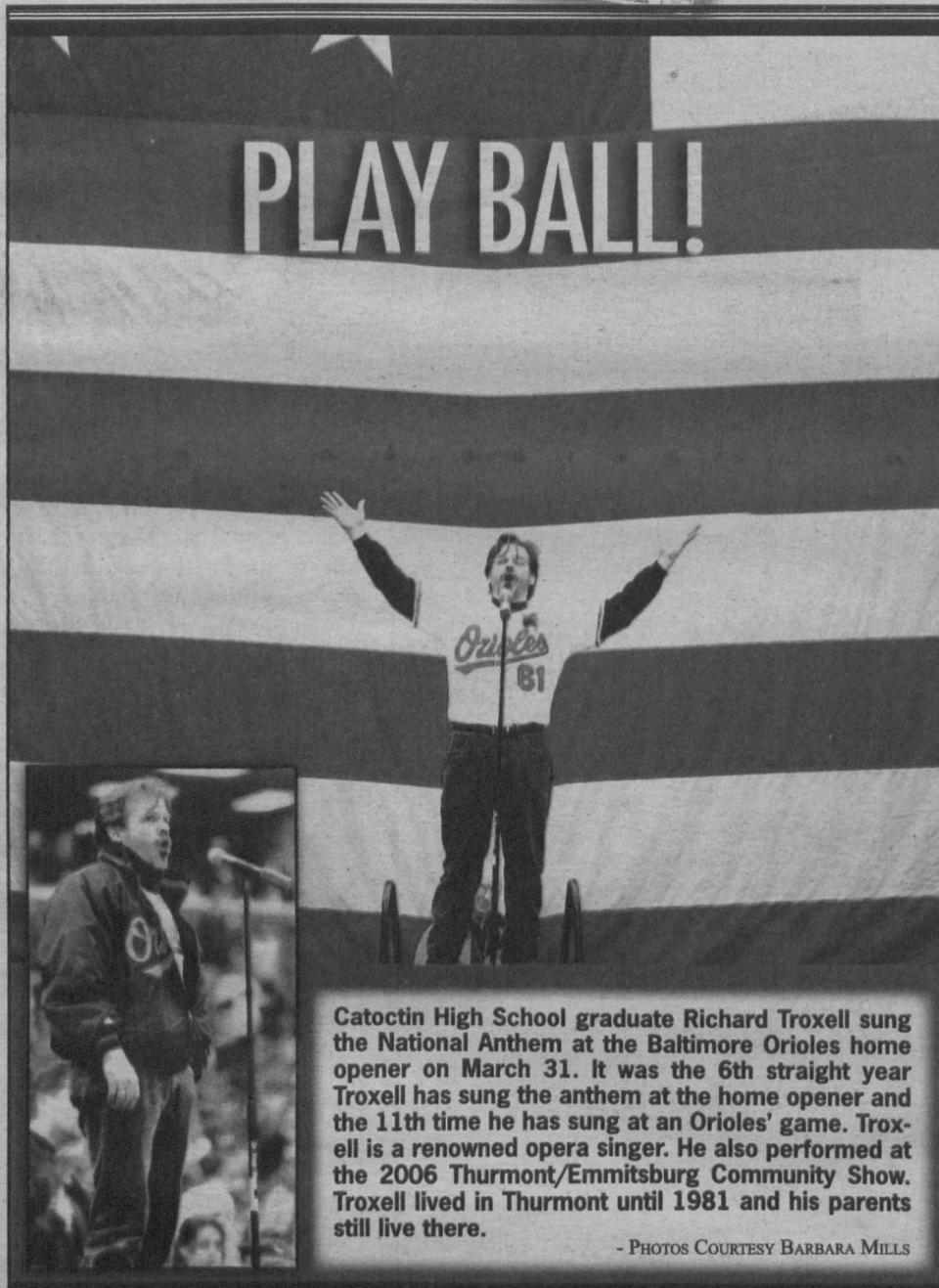
VHC will ring its historic bell

BY DIANNE WALBRECKER
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. – To coincide with the grand opening of the new museum season throughout Frederick County, Vigilant Hose Company President Frank Davis has authorized the ringing of the company's historic bell (outside on the front wall of the station) on Saturday, April 5 at 10 a.m. At the same time, two large emergency vehicles will be pulled to the front of the station's doorways so that their shiny bells can be rung. These bells will be joined by those of numerous other firehouses, civic buildings, and churches all across the county.

Much of this year's Bell and History Days' activity is centered in and around Emmitsburg. The Sunday afternoon grand finale will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. At 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 6, eight Frederick County handbell choirs with more than 100 ringers will play solo

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Catoctin High School graduate Richard Troxell sang the National Anthem at the Baltimore Orioles home opener on March 31. It was the 6th straight year Troxell has sung the anthem at the home opener and the 11th time he has sung at an Orioles' game. Troxell is a renowned opera singer. He also performed at the 2006 Thurmont/Emmitsburg Community Show. Troxell lived in Thurmont until 1981 and his parents still live there.

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SHA says roads can be planned even without funding

BY JAMES RADA JR.
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THURMONT, Md. – Though the Frederick County Commissioners believe unfunded road projects don't belong on planning documents for future road improvements, the Maryland State Highway Administration doesn't agree with them.

"If everyone adopted a mindset of 'If it's not funded, it's not on a planning document,' we wouldn't have a Highway Needs Inventory," said Dave Coyne, district engineer with the SHA. He spoke to members of Thurmont's Economic Development Commission on March 19.

The Highway Needs Inventory is the state's long-range unfunded road improvement plan. It contains many projects for Frederick County that have no funding but are needed or will be needed.

"We still need to look forward and decide where the needs will be," Coyne said.

This is the opposite of the position the county commissioners have taken, deciding to remove anything from the Thurmont Regional Plan that isn't funded, including an Emmitsburg bypass and a Thurmont Industrial Parkway.

However, gaining state funding for a project requires that it be on the county's priority list.

"It starts with your elected officials to make it a priority to make it a major project," Coyne said.

He pointed out that even if the county places a project on its priority list, it isn't guaranteed funding.

"The priority list always far exceeds the money available," Coyne said.

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"Old Glory's Journey of Remembrance" Stops at Gettysburg April 14

GETTYSBURG, Pa. – Gettysburg National Military Park, as one of 25 patriotic and historic sites participating in "Old Glory's Journey of Remembrance" to honor the service and sacrifice of America's fallen heroes, will hold a public flag-raising ceremony on April 14 at 11 a.m. at the flagpole in front of the park's new museum and visitor center, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg.

"Old Glory's Journey of Remembrance" is a nationwide flag-raising effort that began on National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day,

Dec. 7, 2007, and will culminate at the U.S. Capitol on Memorial Day, May 26. During the six-month period, that same American flag is visiting 25 national cemeteries and historic battlefields before completing its journey during the National Moment of Remembrance ceremony in Washington, DC.

The Gettysburg ceremony will include remarks by park superintendent John Latschar, Gettysburg Foundation President Robert Wilburn, participation by local veterans, music and singing by local schools, the raising of the flag and

the playing of taps.

The event is sponsored by the National Park Service and the Gettysburg Foundation, and will take place on the first day of operations at the park's newly opened museum and visitor center.

In addition to ten Veterans Administration national and state veterans' cemeteries, the flag will be flown at battlefields and historic sites such as Independence Hall, Appomattox Court House, and Fort

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McCain not offering straight talk

President George W. Bush aided and abetted by a compliant Republican Congress is the most financially irresponsible president in the history of the nation. Look at the astronomical national debt. Consider the sinking value of the dollar. Remember the U.S. Treasury is bleeding billions of dollars every month in Iraq.

Knowing this, and in spite of President Clinton's budget surplus, Senator McCain has had the gall to accuse the Democrats of being "tax and spend Democrats". What a bold, old, hypocrite Senator McCain is! Straight Talk Express? Bah-Humbug.

Harold C. Craig
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EDITORIAL

Leave the bypass and parkway alone

During the 2006 elections, some sitting and then-candidate county commissioners criticized then commissioners Mike Cady and John Lovell for not listening to county planning staff in decisions involving the New Market Region Plan. This became one of the justifications the current board used scrapping the region plan and starting over.

Now some of those same commissioners have not only disregarded the recommendations of their planning staff for elements of the Thurmont Region Plan, but they have even flown in the face of how the state operates in similar situations.

The county commissioners voted not to leave a future Emmitsburg bypass and Thurmont parkway on the county planning maps because the projects aren't funded and aren't likely to get funded before the region plan is updated.

While that's true, region plans aren't capital improvement programs. They are future plans for the region. Both municipalities are looking for a way to divert some of the traffic out of their downtowns and see these new roads as a

promising option.

County planning staff told the commissioners that planning symbols for things like schools, interchanges and roads were useful in...well, planning for the future of the region, which is what the plan is supposed to do.

Now the state has weighed in somewhat on unfunded projects. District Engineer Dave Coyne told a group of Thurmont citizens, "If everyone adopted a mindset of 'If it's not funded, it's not on a planning document,' we wouldn't have a Highway Needs Inventory." The Highway Needs Inventory is a long-range list of unfunded state road needs (Think region plan). Funded state road needs are in the six-year Consolidated Transportation Plan (Think capital improvement plan).

Leave the projects on the maps, Commissioners! You're not being asked to fund the roads. You're being asked to plan for them in a planning document. If it's good enough for state highways, the county planning commission, the county planning departments and the municipalities, why isn't it good enough for you?

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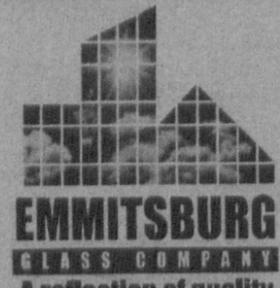
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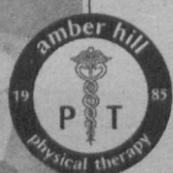


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Thurmont doesn't want fire tax increase

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THURMONT, Md. — The Thurmont Town Commissioners have weighed in on the idea of a single fire tax rate for Frederick County and they think it's a bad idea for Thurmont.

The county has urban and suburban fire tax districts. Residents in urban districts pay 12.8 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. Residents in suburban districts pay 8 cents and use mostly volunteer staff.

The county commissioners are considering merging the two districts into one and creating a single fire tax rate that would start at 11 cents per \$100 of assessed value in July and increase to 12 cents in July 2009. The request came about because five more suburban-district companies have asked to become urban. If all of the companies were moved to the urban district, more than 80 percent of the county would be in an urban district.

"So 80 percent get a tax break, but my residents are going to get an increase to pay for that [tax break]," Mayor Martin Burns said during the town meeting on March 24. "The 20 percent should be praised for the amount of money they've saved the county."

He said a single fire tax district might be more acceptable if the money stayed in town to help Guardian Hose Company and the Thurmont Ambulance Company. However, he noted that that isn't the reason for the change.

"It's not going to come back to Thurmont. It's going to go right out to the 80 percent that can't get the volunteers," Burns said.

Mickey Fyock, president of the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, said that getting adequate staffing for the ambulance companies is the priority.

Burns said that one municipality is already considering forming its own fire department and that maybe Thurmont should consider doing the same.

"I guarantee you that we could do it a lot cheaper than 4 cents," Burns said. "We can do it a lot cheaper and we could control the costs a lot better than I think the county could."

Commissioner Bob Lookingbill said the problem is that the companies aren't being forced to rely on their own resources. If the company can't get the volunteers it needs, it just asks the county to supply paid personnel, which guarantees that the company won't ever be a volunteer company again. He compared it to a person who continues to sit in a wheelchair even when he should be trying to walk. Eventually, he won't be able to walk.

Guardian Hose Fire Chief Chris Kinnaird said he felt as if his company was being "punished" by being able to get volunteers because Thurmont would still be expected to turn out volunteers while paying the same tax as areas that don't have to get volunteers or do fundraising.

The public hearing about the fire tax will be in Winchester Hall in Frederick on April 22 at 7 p.m.

Pack 218 encourages recycling

BLUE RIDGE SUMMIT, Pa. — Cub Scout Pack 218 and Boy Scout Troop 18 are looking for newspapers and aluminum cans. If you have either, bring them to the trailer located at Blue Ridge Mountain Fire and Rescue Squad, 13063 Monterey Lane in Blue Ridge Summit, Pa. Items can be dropped off any time. Members of the pack and troop are from Frederick County and Washington County, Md. and Franklin County, Pa.

The scouts will also be

picking up litter and debris this spring from roadsides and fields in the region. They are encouraging neighbors and friends to join in this effort in recognition of Earth Day on April 22.

The scouts meet weekly at Hawley Memorial Presbyterian Church in Blue Ridge Summit and are a part of the Mason-Dixon Council, BSA of Hagerstown, MD. For more information, please contact Chad Atkinson, Committee Chairman, at (717) 794-5511.



Taneytown hosts John Taylor art exhibition

TANEYTOWN, Md. — When the Taneytown History Museum reopened on March 8, visitors were able to browse an exhibition of art by John Taylor. He was on hand to present his works to the public and for autographs. His work will be for sale at the museum during the weeks of exhibition now through the fall for those who are interested.

Taylor is best known for his wildlife illustrations commissioned by National Geograph-

ic Society and the National Wildlife Federation. He has also designed Maryland's first deer and trout stamps and was selected as the artist for the first State Waterfowl Stamp in 1974.

The Taneytown History Museum is open Fridays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays 1 - 4 p.m. Tours are available by appointment. The Taneytown History Museum is located at 24 E. Baltimore Street, Taneytown. Admission is free.

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Adams County Arts Council's Recyclable Art Contest

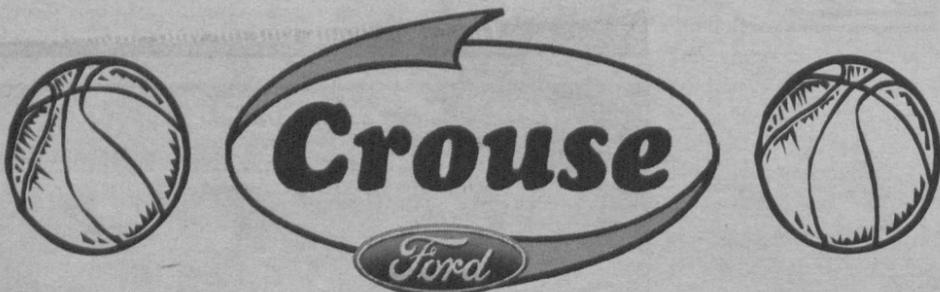
GETTYSBURG, Pa. — Adams County students can turn trash into treasure in the Adams County Arts Council's 11th annual Recyclable Art Contest. The show will be Saturday, April 19, at the Agricultural Center, Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg. Public viewing of entries is 11:30 a.m., with winners announced at noon and refreshments following. The contest, coordinated by Ann Walsh, is open to all Adams County schools, homeschoolers, scout troops and other student organizations grades K-12.

Participants receive a certificate of achievement. Art will be judged on how the recycled items are incorporated into the project to transform them into art; how the work reflects the ideas of using recycled materials to produce a work that "stands out"; and how the materials are pulled together to create a neat, clearly formed piece of art.

For entry information, please contact the council at (717) 334-5006, aa@adamsarts.org or visit www.adamsarts.org.

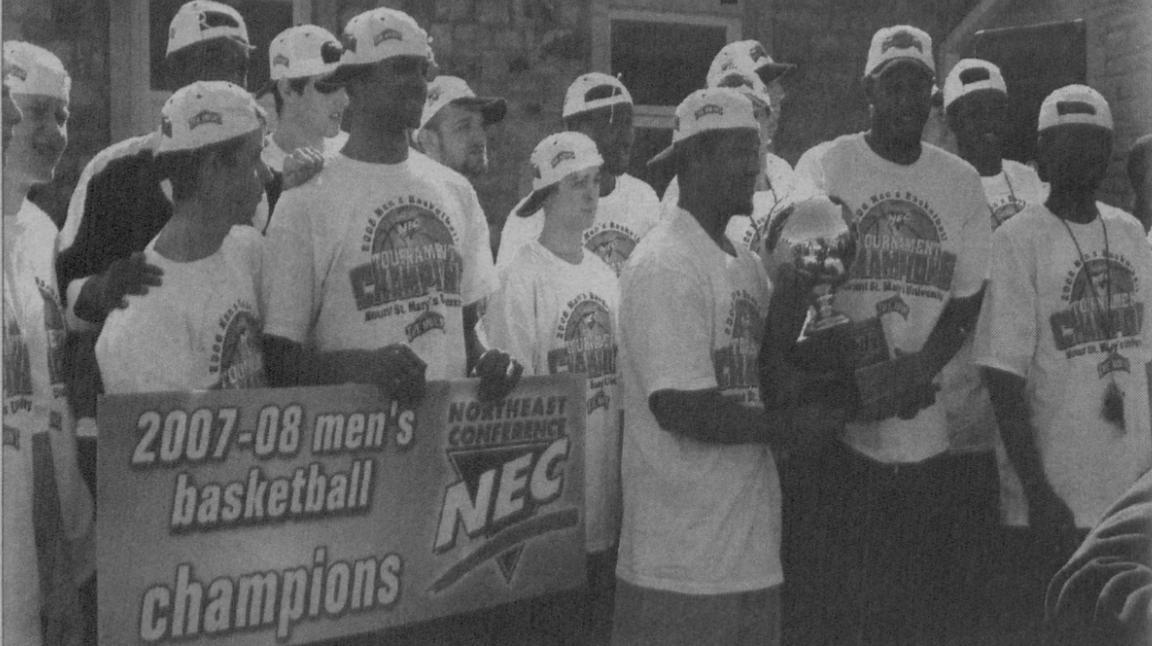
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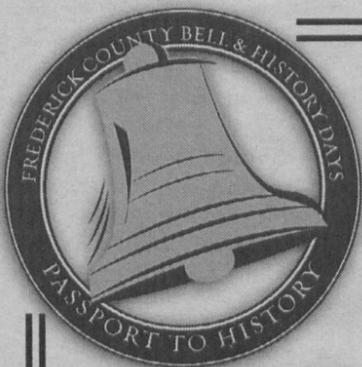
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and mass-ring musical selections. The one-hour concert is free of charge and all members of the public are invited.

Additionally, the future home of the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Museum and its companion, the Na-

tional Fire Heritage Center, will be open to all interested visitors at their future location in the former Emmitsburg Ambulance Company building at 302 South Seton Avenue. The building is one of the scheduled stops on the Bell and History Days' "Trolley Tour," a free way to get around Emmitsburg. On display at the stop will

be 1700s vintage equipment, including the Independent Hose Company's beautifully restored antique hose carriage along with a majestic antique hand pumper once operated by the United Fire Company. The hand pumper was only recently returned to the county after having been in New England for decades.



Bell and History Days
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Sunday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Emmitsburg Trolley Stops

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2. Mount St. Mary's University, Founders Plaza
3. National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park
4. National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
5. Emmitsburg Branch Library and Frederick County Fire and Rescue Museum (Trolleys run on a 30-minute loop)

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One of the reasons for this funding disparity is that the state is concentrating more money on preserving its existing road infrastructure rather than building new roads.

The projects that do get funding are put on the Consolidated

Transportation Plan, a six-year capital plan that can be found on the Internet at www.marylandroads.com.

John Concannon with SHA also noted that U.S. Route 15 hadn't been studied north of Biggs Ford Road for additional interchanges. Because of that, there are no plans presently to close the at-grade access points on the highway.

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McHenry. The journey is being or-

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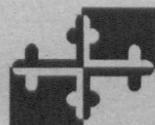
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April 7, 7:30 p.m.

Town Meeting
April 21, 7:30 p.m.

Water Committee
April 16, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission
April 28, 7:30 p.m.

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Emmitsburg to end water committee?

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – If a town committee is powerless to make decisions, is it of any use? An Emmitsburg town commissioner is asking just that question about the town's water committee.

According to Emmitsburg's town code, the water committee is responsible for creating "special rules necessary and appropriate for the governance of Emmitsburg's water supply, to make recommendations to the town council regarding water conservation efforts, particularly in times of drought, and to seek alter-

native methods to fund critical water infrastructure projects which promote a safe and efficient water supply."

"In discussing the Water Committee with Gary [Pozzouli], we both feel the necessity of having a Water Committee is obsolete since MDE totally controls us," Commissioner Joyce Rosensteel wrote in an e-mail to her fellow commissioners, Mayor James Hoover and Town Manager Dave Haller. Rosensteel is the commissioner liaison to the water committee.

She believes that the Maryland Department of the Environment is making the decisions about what wells will be accepted, what the town can

do with its water supply, etc. She is asking for the commissioners to discuss the issue and decide whether the water committee has outlived its usefulness and should be ended.

"I'm open for discussion about the rationale as to why we should abolish it, but I do not believe that MDE is controlling us," Hoover said.

He said the committee was designed to suggest ways of conservation and reserve water but it may need to be revamped given that it is nearly six years old.

The committee meets quarterly on alternating months with committees for streets and parks and recreation.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Board of appeals approves home barbershop

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The Emmitsburg Board of

Appeals recently approved a barbershop in a residential area of town. Wayne Warthen of Federal Avenue wants to convert part of his basement into a single-chair barbershop.

Home-based businesses,

such as a barbershop, dentist office or attorney, are allowed by special exception. The board voted 2-0 to approve the special exception.

- J. Rada

Town accepts historic painting

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on March 3 to accept the donation of a portrait of William Cole Emmit to the town. Emmit was the son of Emmitsburg's founder, William Emmit. Mad-

eline and Raymond Fisher of Pennsylvania offered the painting to the Greater Emmitsburg Area Historical Society, who directed the couple to the town commissioners.

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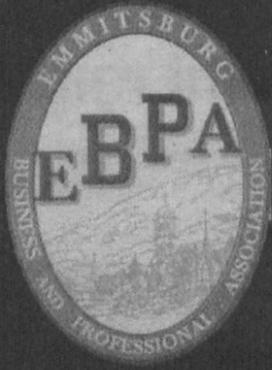


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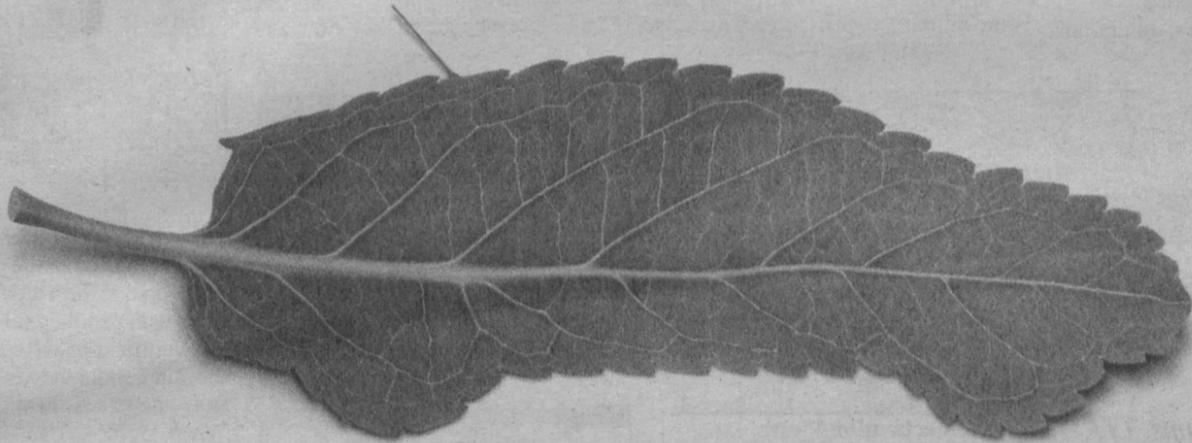
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EDUCATION

Turning Green: Mount St. Mary's taking steps to reduce and reuse

BY STEPHANIE LONG
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — In a time when "going green" is becoming a popular catch phrase and way of life, Mount St. Mary's University is doing its part, taking on several new initiatives and continuing its on-going effort to reduce its carbon footprint, reduce and reuse.

"A lot of different things are

going on," said Jeffrey Simmons, Associate Professor of Environmental Science at the Mount.

Since 2005 the Mount has had a recycling program, recycling aluminum, cardboard, paper and plastic, but this year marks a new policy that dictates that recycled products should be bought and used whenever possible. For example, products made of recycled materials have been used in new construction and renovations, which include carpet

and ceiling tiles.

Energy Star products have also begun to replace older, less-efficient items across campus. Large, gas-guzzling vehicles have been replaced with new, more fuel-efficient models and campus work trucks have been replaced with smaller vehicles.

The Mount's attempt to go green has also been incorporated into the construction of buildings on campus. More-efficient lighting, low-flow toi-



>> Bicentennial Hall

- JAMES RADA JR. / THE DISPATCH

lets and more-efficient steam lines have been used in the new dorm, Bicentennial Hall, which has also been fitted with geo-thermal technology. In the warmer months of the year, when the air conditioner is used, pumps store the excess heat in the ground. When the colder months come, the pumps work in reverse and tap into the heat source in the ground and use it to heat the building.

"Energy is not wasted and we don't have to buy fuel," Simmons said. "Really it [fuel] is taken out the ground."

President Thomas H. Pow-

ell has also committed to take the Mount to the next level and truly go green, signing a petition along with 400 other college presidents and vowing to move towards zero carbon emissions as a long-term goal.

The university has plans to continue to go green across campus, which include plans to plant more trees, conserve water and improve energy consumption on campus.

"Our long-term plan is to use the land wisely, reduce our waste and over 50 years make the university much more sustainable," Simmons said.

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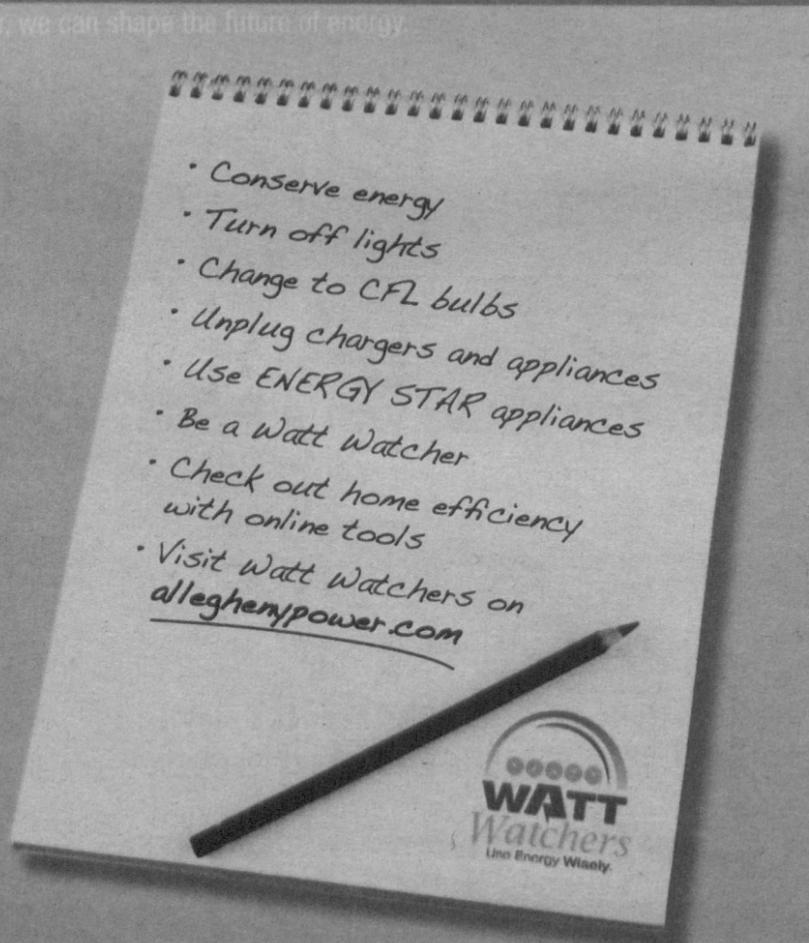


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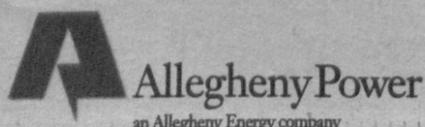
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SPORTS

Mountaineers loss in NCAA tourney brings winning season to an end

BY STEPHANIE LONG
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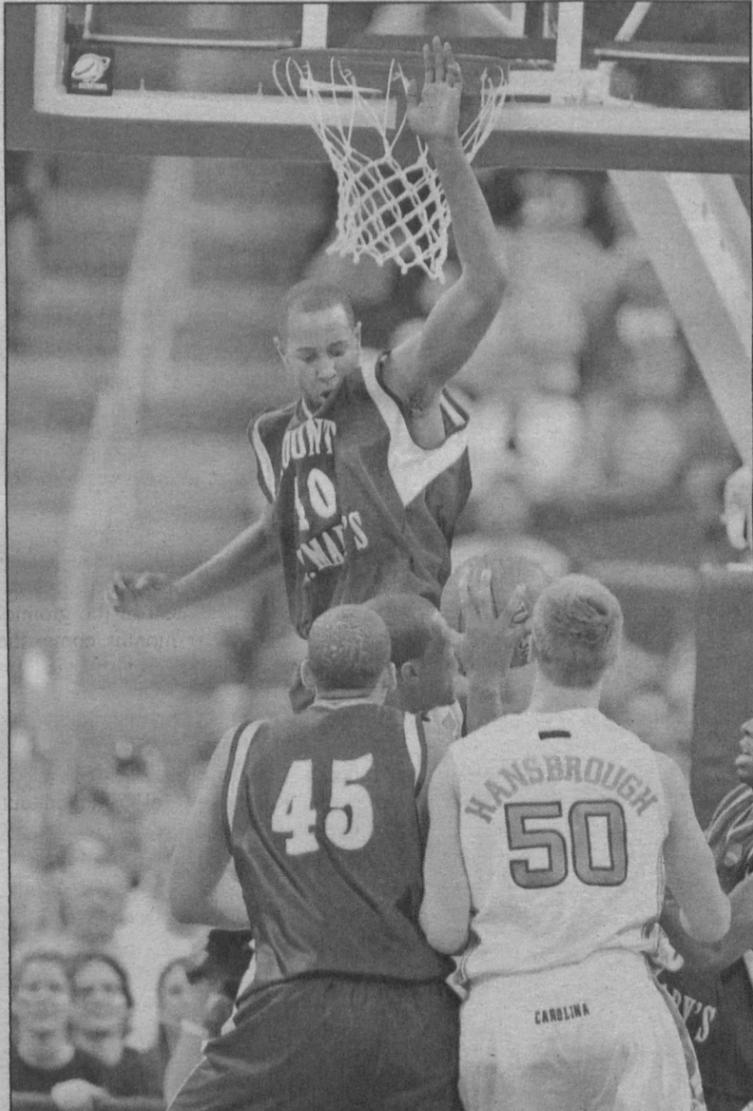
EMMITSBURG, Md. — The dreams and hopes of the Mount St. Mary's Men's Basketball Team were dashed in the first round of the NCAA Division I Tournament after going head-to-head against the No. 1 ranked team in the nation.

For the first time in history, Mount St. Mary's went up against a No. 1 ranked team, North Carolina, and ended up drowning in Carolina Blue in a 113 to 74 defeat.

Early in the game the Mount held its own, but toward the end of the first half, North Carolina took the lead and continued well into the second half, scoring 54 points in the second half and running away with the victory, ending the Mount's six-game winning streak.

The Mountaineer's Chris Vann scored 16 points and Jeremy Goode added 15 points to the board while Jean Cajou scored 13 and Kelly Beidler put up 10 points.

It was only the third appearance for the Mountaineers at the NCAA Division I Tournament, who, overall, had a landmark season, walking away with a 19-15 season, their second-best since switching to Division I in 1988-1989. The Mountaineers also won the Northeast Conference Championship on March 12.



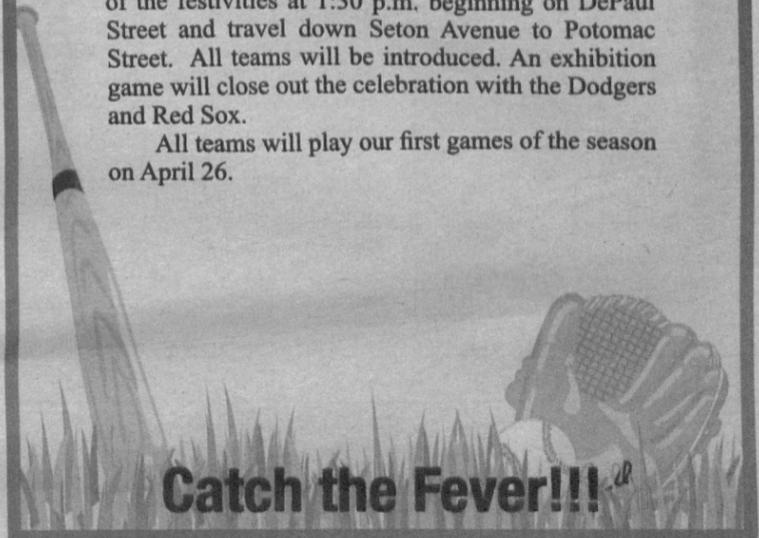
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Tar Heels Deon Thomson takes the ball to the net, with The Mount's Sam Atupen going up to attempt a block, drawing a foul in the defeat against No. 1 ranked Tar Heels, Friday, March 21, 2008 at the RBC Center in Raleigh, N.C.

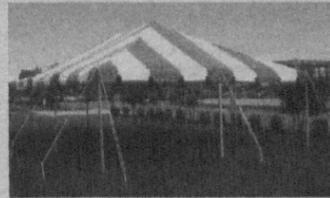
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Mount St. Mary's at war

BY JAMES RADA JR.
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — In the years leading up to the Civil War, Mount St. Mary's enjoyed prosperity. The college celebrated its golden anniversary in 1858 and student enrollment was around 200 young men.

"The Mount was thriving, as was most of the South thriving before the Civil War," Father Michael Roach, instructor of church history at the Mount, said on the DVD *Mount St. Mary's University: The Spirit Continues...*

This changed with the outbreak of war in 1860, the school began to lose students and faculty

who were sympathetic to the southern cause. Those that stayed the college had to support because funds from the students' parents could not make it north. Expenses increased while income fell off. In the 1859-1860 school year, Mount St. Mary's had 173 students, not including the seminarians. Two years later, the enrollment had fallen to 67 students, its lowest number in 50 years.

Mount President John McCaffrey was known for his Confederate sympathies and refused to let the U.S. flag fly. "When Lincoln was shot, Federal orders were issued 'for every house to display some sign of mourning. An officer visited the college, but there was no sign visible,' until Dr. McCaffrey produced 'a small piece of crape' on a door which had been opened back so that it would not be visible until disclosed," according to the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*.

McCaffrey may have represented both the prevailing sentiment of the campus and the county. Steve Whitman, associate professor of history at the Mount, said on the DVD

Mount St. Mary's University: The Spirit Continues..., "McCaffrey eventually, and some of his professors, were monitored, observed, by President Lincoln's loyalty police. These were men appointed all over the country to keep an eye on folks who might be or were suspected of being Confederate sympathizers."

It should not be surprising that the prevailing sympathies on campus were predominantly southern since more than half of the students before the war had been from the South.

Though Confederate in his sympathies, McCaffrey was not hostile to the Union. A Pennsylvania officer wrote, "Two miles from Emmitsburg we passed Mount Saint Mary's and taking advantage of a moment's halt a party of three or four rode up to the main entrance... We were cordially received by the president and with characteristic hospitality a collation was in preparation for us."

After the battle of Antietam in September 1862, six of the seven seniors remaining in the school slipped away to visit the battlefield.

When they returned three days later, McCaffrey expelled them. However, within a month, he changed his mind and reinstated them.

In the spring of 1863, Mount student Maurice Burn was arrested by Union soldiers for sedition. Burn, who was from Louisiana, had written his father and expressed his southern sympathies. Burn was jailed when he refused to sign an oath of loyalty to the Union. McCaffrey wrote Lincoln pleading Burn's case and the youth was released to McCaffrey's custody.

That year, the college also held an early graduation in order to get the students away from the area. A troop build up had been seen and it was thought that the students would be safer with their families. The battle turned out to be Gettysburg.

In all, three students were killed during the war, according to *Mount St. Mary's University: The Spirit Continues...* One of those young men was Maurice Burn who had been arrested and paroled for sedition. Those young men were buried at the college cemetery on the mountain.



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

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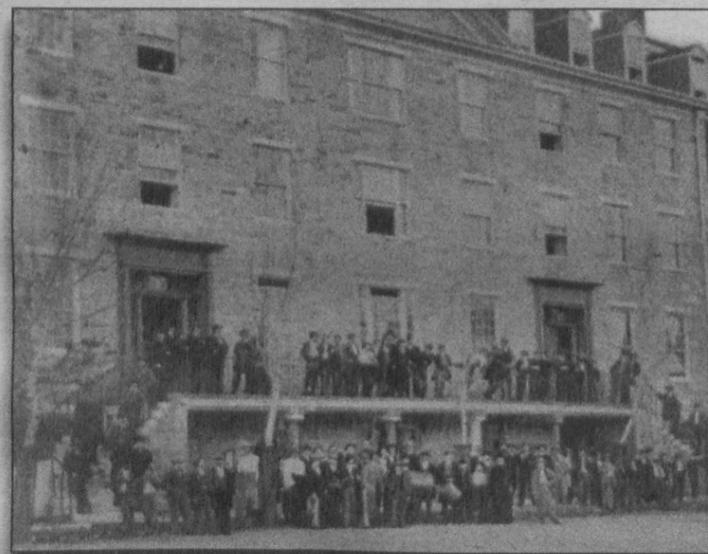


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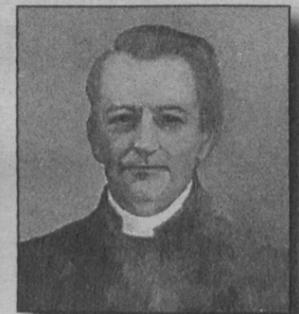
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Community CALENDAR

April 3 – From Quill to Keyboards at Emmitsburg Public Library, 300 S. Seton Ave. 6 p.m. Free performance by the Maryland Ensemble Theatre. Founding Mothers: the Women Who Raised Our Nation and living lives of contemporary women of the world.

April 3 – Bicentennial Academic Symposium at Mount St. Mary's University Marion Burk Knott Auditorium. Patricia Hampl, Regents Professor at University of Minnesota is an acclaimed memoirist and essayist. Tell Me True: Memoir as Spiritual History. 7 p.m.

April 4 to 6 – Revival Services at The Catoctin United Methodist Church 7009 Kelly Store Rd., Thurmont. Fri. and Sat., 7 p.m. Sunday service 10:45 a.m. Refreshments offered after the services. For information call (301) 271-7217.

April 5 – Bingo at the Thurmont Firemen's Activity Building. 4 p.m., bingo at 6 p.m. advanced tickets \$15, at door \$20. (301) 696-0527.

April 5 – Turkey and Oyster Supper at Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, Tom's Creek Church Rd. off Rt. 140 between Taneytown and Emmitsburg. 12 – 5 p.m. Adults \$13, children 5 - 10 \$5, under 5 free. Carry-outs \$14. Purchase group tickets together, seating by ticket number. (301) 447-2403.

April 5 – Oyster, Country Ham & Turkey Dinner served Family Style at Faith United Church of Christ, 9333 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick. 1 – 6 p.m. Adults \$13, children 6 – 12 \$6. Carry-outs available \$14. For more information call (301) 695-6550.

April 5 – Basket Bingo at the Thurmont Fireman's Activities building. 4 p.m., games at 6 p.m. Advance tickets \$15, at door \$20. For information call (301) 696-0527.

April 6 – 250th Celebration of Serving God and Community at Graceham Moravian Church, 8231 Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. 3 p.m. "Moravian Celebration Concert".

April 6 – Basket and Vera Bradley Bingo at Thurmont Fireman's Activity Building to benefit CHS Safe-n-Sane 2008. 12:30 p.m. Games begin at 2 p.m. Advanced tickets \$15, at the door \$20. For tickets call Gladys Hemler (301) 447-2043, (301) 471-5511 or Wanda Routzahn (301) 524-3562 or visit www.catoctinsafeand-sane.com/fundraisingevents.

April 6 – Community Potluck Dinner at ThorpeWood. 4 – 8 p.m. Children of all ages welcome with adult guardian. (301) 271-2823.

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April 9 – Outreach in Emmitsburg at CASS office, Emmitsburg Community Center, 300 S. Seton Ave. for help with the following programs. Applications and Re-certifications accepted. DSS Programs 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (301) 600-2450; Energy Assistance, Food Stamps, Medical Assistance, Purchase of Care, Housing Assistance. FCAA Programs 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Call Valerie Nozzi at (301) 600-1506 or (240) 409-9152; Health Care Programs, Homeless Services, Outreach and Transportation, Housing Counseling, Case Management, Weatherization & Housing, Rehabilitation Services.

April 11 – Basket Bingo at Taneytown Activities Building on Memorial Drive, Taneytown. 5:30, games at 7 p.m. \$12 advance, \$15 at the door. Refreshments available. For tickets call Michelle Vaughn (410) 756-2898 or Joan Rodkey (410) 756-2043.

April 11 – Night Froggin' at ThorpeWood. 7 – 9 p.m. Children of all ages with adult guardian. \$20 per person. Experience the wonder of spring's evening chorus! Dress for wet, muddy conditions, and bring your own flashlight. Registration required. (301) 271-2823.

April 12 – Turkey, Country Ham and Oyster Dinner at Lewistown Dist. Vol. Fire Dept., 11101 Hessong Bridge Rd. All-you-can-eat. Adults \$13.50, children 5 – 10 \$6.50, children 4 and under free. Carry-outs available \$14.50. (301) 898-9988. Next dinner May 3.

April 12 – Teen Dance at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company. 7 – 10 p.m., ages 11 – 17. \$5 cover charge. Parents required to drop off and pick up teens at side glass door. For more information call Marylou (301) 447-2073.

April 12 – Hands Afire Ministry will present "How God Speaks Today" at the Evangelical Bible Church, 1469 Albert Staub Rd., Thurmont. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Come explore how everyday people from different walks of life share their experiences of how God speaks to them today. For reservations or more information call (301) 271-5073 or (301) 271-1917.

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April 13 to 16 – Spring Celebration at Mountain View Ministries Church of God, 103 Apples Church Road, Thurmont. Services on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Mon. thru Wed. at 7 p.m. Guest speaker, Pastor Robert Fletcher. All are welcome. Contact Rev. Shaw for information (301) 271-9088 or PastorJeffShaw@Verizon.net.

April 16 – Storytime at Thorpe Wood! 10 - 11:30 a.m. Who Gets Born in Our Woods? 2-5 year olds. \$5 per child. A morning of stories, crafts and hands-on activities Learn about animal moms and babies and make an egg craft to take home. Registration required. (301) 271-2823.

April 17 – A Night with the Stars at Catoctin High School Auxiliary Gym. Planetarium show by Cosmic Adventures. 6 – 7:30 p.m.

April 19 – Gun Raffle at Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Co. Activities Complex. 4 p.m. dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets \$20. For more information call (301) 898-5100 or visit www.woodsborovfc.org.

April 19 – Benefit Dance for American Cancer Society Relay for Life at Thurmont AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post 7, 26 Apples Church Rd., 9 p.m. – 1 a.m. "The Mark Ramsburg Band" Classic 50s - 90s Music. Tickets \$15 donation. 21 or older. Tickets available at AMVETS. For more info call Betty (240) 315-3714 or Lisa (301) 271-2295.

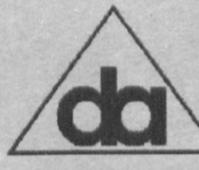
April 19 – Indoor Yard Sale at the Thurmont Guardian Hose Co., 21 N. Church St. 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. reserved tables \$10. For more information call (301) 271-4064.

April 19 – Shrimp Feed at Thurmont Ambulance Co. 27 N. Church St., Thurmont. Doors open at 5:30, dinner 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$15. (301) 271-2391 or (301) 748-5359.

April 19 – Spring Festival at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Sabillasville, Md. 9 a.m. Soup, sandwiches, and baked goods. Eat in or carry-out.

April 20 – Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball Parade. Opening Day Celebration. Parade will start on DePaul St. at 1:30 p.m. Hope to see you there! Catch the fever!!

April 20 – All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Breakfast at Greenmount Fire Company, 3095 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, Pa. 5 miles south of Gettysburg on Business Route 15. 7 – 11 a.m. Adults: \$6, children 6 – 10 \$3, under 6 free.



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April 5 – Stage Door Dinner held in conjunction with the Gettysburg High School production of "Anything Goes" will be held at the Gettysburg High School to benefit Gettysburg Area Dollars for Scholars. Dinner begins at 5 pm. For tickets contact a board member or (717) 337-3620.

April 5 – Capitol Steps at the Majestic Theater at 3 and 8 p.m. A fundraising event presented by the Gettysburg Rotary Club. Political satire at its funniest. For ticket information call (717) 337-8200 or visit www.gettysburgmajestic.org.

April 5 – Remembering Mary Jemison event will be held 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church, 1095 Church Rd., Orrtanna. Sponsored by Biglerville Historical Society, exhibits, lectures, performers, vendors and food sales reflecting Mary Jemison's three cultures (Irish, Colonial and Native American) will be featured here

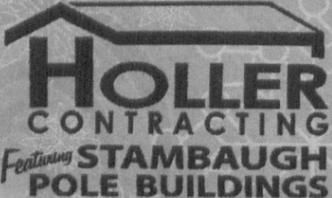
and at the Buchanan Valley Fire Co Community Hall. For more information on Mary Jemison visit www.gettysburghistories.com or www.gettysburg.com/maryjemison.

April 6 – The Vincent-Ayres concert, "A World of Song" Directed by Rev. Dr. David W. Shaum at Incarnation United Church of Christ, 124 W. Main St., Emmitsburg. Benefiting Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County's Emmitsburg building projects. 3 p.m. Special numbers by the Incarnation Church choir. (301) 447-6891.

April 10 to 12 – Two By Two presented by FCC Performing Arts Center, JBK Theater on campus. 8 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets must be purchased at the door. Adults \$10, students and senior citizens \$7.

April 18 & 19 – Have You Scene It? Presented by Fairfield High School. Fri., 8:05 p.m. Sat. 2:05 and 8:05 p.m. Movie trivia begins 25 minutes before each show. Adults \$8, students and seniors \$6. For information or tickets call (717) 642-5945 or e-mail fairfieldmusicaltickets@gmail.com.

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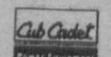


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ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

LIBRARY EVENTS

April at the Emmitsburg Library

Storytimes

Head Start Storytime

(ages 3-5)
April 8, 15, 22, 29 at 9:45 a.m.

Babies with Books

(birth-24 months with an adult)
April 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Children's Programs

Reading Rocks! (ages 10-12)

Read your choice of *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame or *Mrs. Frisby and the rats of NIMH* by
April 14 at 4 p.m. Registration required.

"Did You Know?" Series

(ages 6-12)
Observe National Kite Month by making a kite and competing in a high-flying competition.
April 19 at 11 a.m.

The Book Bunch (ages 6-11)
Read and discuss *Weird Stories from the Lonesome Café* by Judy Cox. April 23 at 4 p.m.

Teen Programs

DIY Poetry Magnets (grades 6-12)
Create a personalize
April 6 at 4 p.m.

Animé Club (grades 6-12)
April 11 at 6 p.m.

Night Owls Club (ages 9-12)
Enjoy card games, board games, DDR and pizza. April 25 at 5 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. April 7 at 1:30 p.m.

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

Non-Fiction Book Club (adult)
April 10 at 1 p.m.

Friends of Library Board Meeting (adult)
April 14 at 7 p.m.

National Library Week Celebration (all ages)
Join us at your leisure to create some festive decorations to beautify our branch.
April 15-19, all day.

Knitting Nook (teens and adults)
April 17 at 4 p.m.

Genealogy Focus Group (teens and adults)
April 24 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: (301) 600-6329.

SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Events in April

No foolin'-- it's April already! There are green buds on the forsythia and lilac bushes and the days are getting warmer. Spring is bringing both leaf and flower. But remember the old poem about April showers and keep your umbrella handy and a sweater too, for chilly mornings.

The seniors encourage all eligible persons (50 years and older) to join them for regular program activities and special events. We're calling on men 55 and older to get our pool league started again. Our lunch program is open to those 60 and older. The center is lovely and the "natives" are friendly! Check us out!

Special events

April 15 - Speaker: Judy Hallman, Seniors and Law Enforcement Together, on "Hoarding," 12:30 p.m.

April 18 - Center closed (staff training in Frederick.)
April 23 - Evening card party. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Fee \$2.

Regular activities

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

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

Bingo: April 9 & 23.

Cards, 500, and Bridge Group: April 2, 16 & 30.

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

Pinochle: Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

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

Shopping at Jubilee Foods: Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

Programs are held in the Community Center on South Seton Avenue. Call for lunch reservations 24 hours in advance. The Senior Center will close whenever county offices are closed. To register for special events or for information, call program coordinator Linda Umbel, (301) 600-6350.

FAIRFIELD SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Events at the Fairfield Senior Center

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 at 13 W. Main Street, Fairfield. Questions and reservations? Call Cheryl Kulkusky, site director, at (717) 642-6523.

Special Events:

April 2 - Video Exchange; tired of watching the same old movies? Bring in your DVDs or VHS tapes to exchange. Blood Pressure checks, 10:30 a.m.

April 7 - Garden Club Crafts, 10:30 a.m.

April 16 - Blood pressure checks, 10:30 a.m.

April 17 - Out to lunch at the Mayflower Chinese Restaurant, Gettysburg, 11 a.m.

April 23 - "Building a Good Heart", Asera Care speaker, 10:30 a.m.

April 24 - "Lets Talk Food" with Eleanor Pella: "Live Longer and Feel Better"

Regular Events:

Monday, Wednesday and Fri-

day: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Exercise. Wear athletic shoes.

Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Beginning Exercise

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

Monday 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Needlework of all kinds; bring the project that you're working on.

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Sister Raymond Newell, DC
January 15, 1930 – March 14, 2008

Sister Raymond Newell died suddenly on Friday, March 14, 2008 at Bethany Community, St. Joseph's Provincial House, Emmitsburg. She was 78 years of age and 58 years of vocation.

A native of Baltimore, the former Mary Evelyn Newell was one of ten children born to Ray George and Bessie Ruth Newell.

Sister Newell is survived by brothers Jerry Newell of West Virginia, Lawrence W. Newell of Glen Burnie, sisters Shirley Sears of Catonsville and Laverne Hand of Boynton Beach, FL, numerous nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews, great-grand nieces and nephews and cousins.

A Mass of Christian burial was offered at 11 a.m., Tue., March 18, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, for Sister Raymond Newell, DC.

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

Mildred I. Dutrow
January 3, 1915 – March 25, 2008

Mrs. Mildred I. (Millie) Dutrow, 93, of Ocala, FL, and former long-time resident of Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at Estelle's Hospice House in Ocala.

Born January 3, 1915, she was the daughter of the late William F. Sanders and Ida V. Sites Sanders. Mrs. Dutrow was employed for 35 years at Boyle's Store in Emmitsburg as a clerk. A member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Emmitsburg, Mrs. Dutrow was a member of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mrs. Dutrow is survived by a sister, Marie Beall of Frederick. Additionally, she is survived by a son, Richard Dutrow, and wife Paula, of Fairfield, Pa.; daughter Shirley Myers and husband Bill, of Spring Grove, Pa.; and daughter Diane Paugh, and husband Mark, of Ocala, Fla. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by a sister, Mary Bouey, and a brother, John Sanders.

The family received friends Sun. March 30, 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at the Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home, 210 West Main Street, Emmitsburg,

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where the rosary was recited at 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian burial was held at 10:30 a.m., Mon., March 31 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Michael J. Kennedy, C.M. as celebrant. Burial followed in the New St. Joseph's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mrs. Dutrow's honor to Hospice of Marion County, 3231 SW 34th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34474.

DEATH NOTICES

Ms. Betty Louise (McDonnell) Ridge, of Emmitsburg, died Saturday, March 22, 2008.

Mr. Paul M. Carter Sr., of Emmitsburg, died Monday, March 17, 2008.

The family received friends Sun., March 23, 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at the Stauffer Funeral Home, 104 E. Main St., Thurmont, where a vigil for Mr. Carter was held at 7:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. Mon., March 24, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Stephen P. Trzeciecki officiating. Burial followed in the New St. Joseph's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Outreach Program, 47 DePaul St., Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

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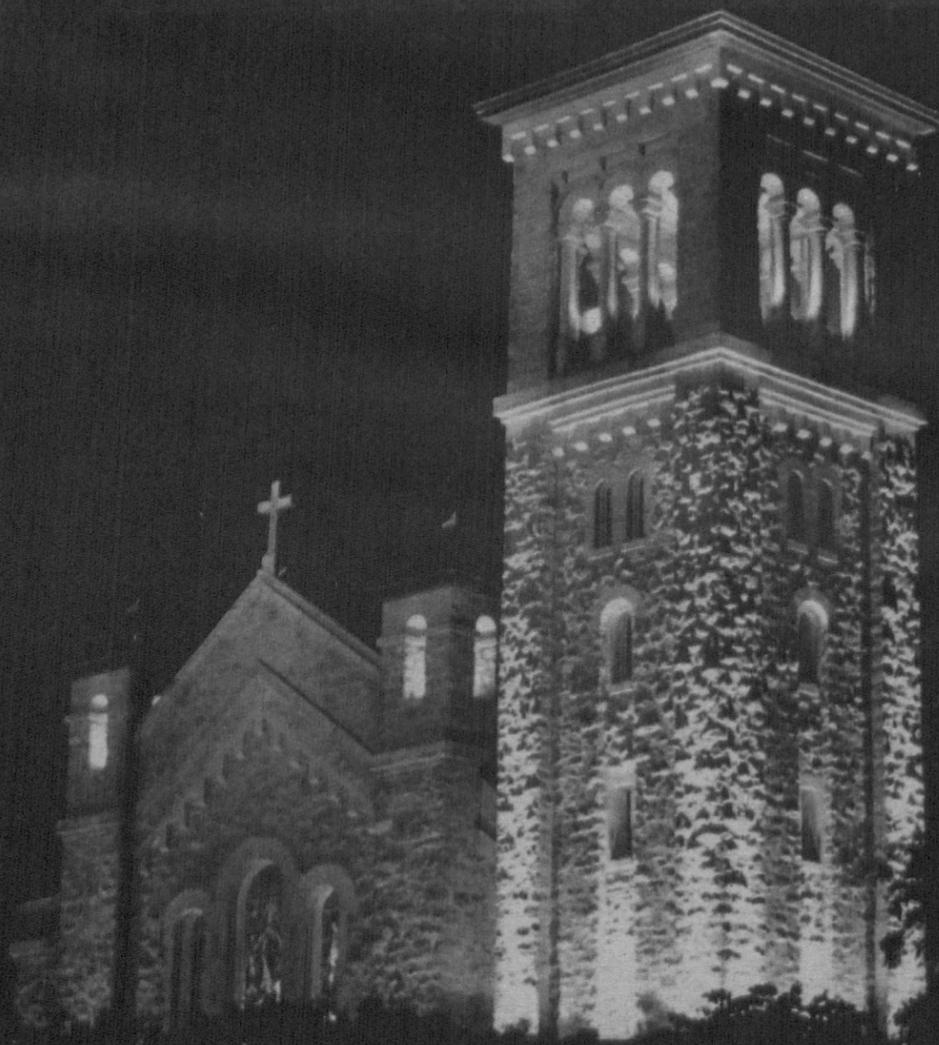
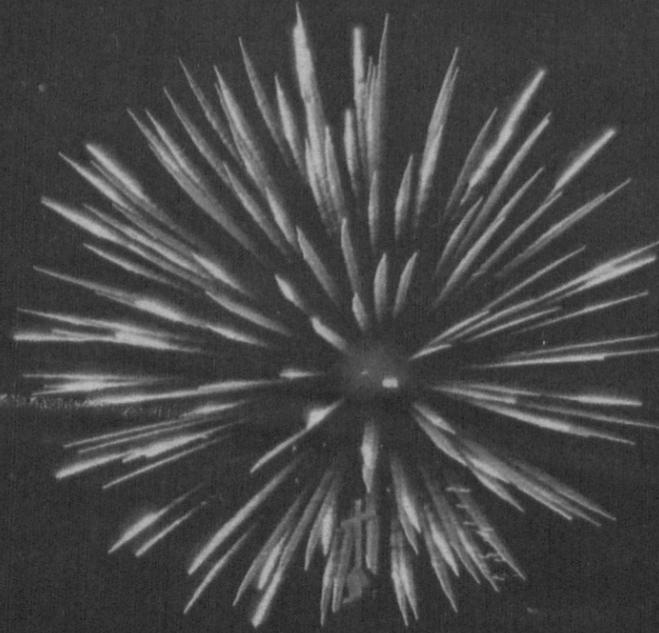
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We hope you find this guide useful as you make your autumn plans in the Mason-Dixon area, and welcome your comments. We thank the advertisers who have joined us this time around, and look forward to our next regional guide, SUMMERTIME, due out in June.

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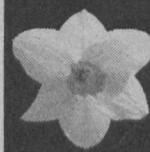


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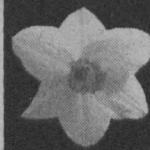
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"A stop on The Journey Through Hallowed Ground"

Historic Emmitsburg missed by many

BY JAMES RADA, JR.

Editor's Note: This is the seventh in a series of features on sites in the Mason-Dixon Region along "The Journey Through Hallowed Ground," the 175-mile area along the U.S. Route 15 corridor that reaches from Gettysburg, Pa. to Charlottesville, Va.

Thousands of cars pass through Emmitsburg daily. Their drivers are intent on getting to work or getting home and never realize that they are passing through centuries of architecture styles in the Emmitsburg Historic District.

"The Emmitsburg Historic District is significant because it reflects the growth and development of this northern Frederick County market center. Furthermore, the buildings which line its streets reflect small town interpretations of most of the major styles which characterized American architecture in the 18th and 19th centuries and the pre-World War II period of the 20th century. Most of the town remains architecturally intact with some buildings remaining from the initial development of the town in 1785," according to The Journey Through Hallowed Ground web site.

The first known use of the name "Emmitsburg" appears in an August 12, 1785 deed, where Samuel Emmit conveyed 35 acres to his son William, "wherein the lots of a new town of Emmitsburg are laid out."

One of the earliest printed versions of the founding of Emmitsburg appeared in a November 1880 series in *The Emmitsburg Chronicle*: "In the year 1786 the male inhabitants of the village and vicinity assembled at Hockinsmith's tavern, one and a half miles from town, now the home place of Mr. David S. Gillelan, to deliberate concerning a change of name. Hon. John McGurgan being called to preside, proposed to change the name from 'Poplar Fields' to 'Emmitsburg' after Wm. Emmit, Esq., one of the largest land holders in the District. All present

threw up their hats, clapped their hands and hurrahed for Emmitsburg. The company had quite a merry time; drank the health of the newly baptized town and returned home full of sanguine expectations of the rapid growth of their infant settlement."

The Greater Emmitsburg Area Historical Society believes that a meeting to name the town, not rename it, took place on March 5, 1785 and resulted in an agreement between the town lot purchasers and Samuel and William Emmit. The original town lots were sold for two pounds and 10 shillings provided the buyer built a house on the lot within two years.

Richard Jennings, a merchant, built the town's first house, which was a one-story

[see **JTHG** on page 5 for more]



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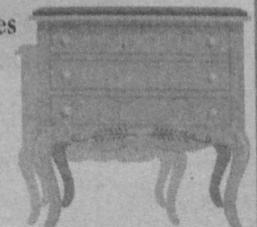
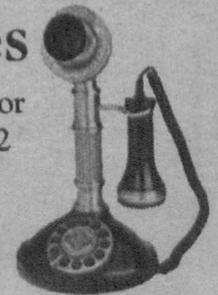
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Catoctin Mountain Growers: Green and growing near Detour

By SUSAN ALLEN

If you travel southeast of Emmitsburg, following Sixes Bridge Road across the Monocacy River toward Detour, you will definitely notice Catoctin Mountain Growers. A gleaming expanse of glass walls encloses this wholesale greenhouse operation. Owner Bob Van Wingerden opened it in 1986 with only one greenhouse. As recently as 11 years ago, there were three. The business has expanded rapidly since then, with another building, manufactured in Holland, being added now which will provide Van Wingerden with 12 acres of total greenhouse space. He also has three acres of outdoor growing space, and many undeveloped acres for future growth.

Catoctin Mountain Growers produces flowering plants for three seasons: spring bedding plants, pansies and hardy mums for the fall, and poinsettias for winter sale. Some varieties are generated from seed on

site. Others, poinsettias for example, are brought to Detour from Guatemala, Kenya, and Mexico as unrooted cuttings. They raise these plants for Wal-Mart and Sam's Club, which comprise 70 percent of their business. Their products are also marketed through grocery stores and BJ's, and they do some custom growing for other greenhouses. Most of the plants ship to stores in Maryland; some go into Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, New Jersey, and even Long Island, New York.

Manager Henry Thorpe says the spring season, which runs from mid-February to the end of April, is their busiest. They augment their usual fulltime workforce of 25-30 with 15 additional workers. The 40-hour work week is expanded as well. The company also employs 12-15 seasonal truck drivers.

The operation uses an amazing array of specialized computer-

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Other technologies they employ are both state-of-the-art and ecologically sound. An extended drought in the mid-1990's strained their water capacity. The pond which captures rainwater was nearly dry, says Thorpe, and they could not be sure of the state of their

well. When the drought ended they enlarged the pond to three acres, but didn't stop there. A 100,000-gallon tank was installed beneath new additions, which have holes in a "flood floor." The flood floor allows flower pots to be watered from below as well as from overhead booms. The excess water drains into the storage tank and is recycled.

The buildings are heated through hot water pipes in the floors. Last year the company added a boiler which burns "yellow grease" (animal fat) to heat the water. It is now the primary heat source, backed up with heating oil and propane boilers.

Catoctin Mountain Growers maintains a small retail business, conducted on a walk-in basis on Saturdays. A trip to 8051 Sixes Bridge Road might give you a glimpse of the scale and scope of their enterprise, and also put you in a springtime frame of mind.



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Southern Adams County, Pa.

- Adams County Courthouse (a historic structure in Gettysburg)
- David Wills House (site of the final edits of "The Gettysburg Address")
- Dobbins House (Civil War hospital and Underground Railroad stop)
- Eisenhower National Historic Site (President Eisenhower's weekend retreat)
- Gettysburg College (Civil War field hospital and command post)
- Gettysburg National Military Park (Civil War battlefield)
- Lincoln Cemetery (burial site of Gettysburg's African-American citizens and Civil War veterans)
- Lincoln Railroad Station (Civil War railroad station)
- Lutheran Theological Seminary (Lutheran seminary)
- Sachs Covered Bridge (covered bridge near Gettysburg)
- Soldiers National Cemetery (site of Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address")

Northern Frederick County, Md.

- Catoctin Furnace (standing remains of Catoctin Furnace Stack #2)
 - Emmitsburg Historic District (largely intact antebellum neighborhood)
 - Fourpoints Bridge (1876 steel bridge)
 - Graceham Moravian Church and Parsonage (18th century church)
 - Loy's Station Covered Bridge (covered bridge near Thurmont)
 - Mother Seton Shrine and St. Joseph's College (shrine to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton)
- For more information, visit www.hallowedground.org.

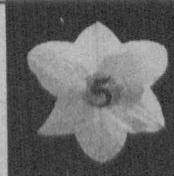
log house and he later built the town's first brick house. The Hughes brothers built their homes on the northwest corner of the town square in 1786. They then went on to build the Eagle Hotel. Richard Baird built the third brick house in town and it became the Presbyterian parsonage.

James Hughes built the town's second brick house on the northeast corner of the town square. "This venerated mansion was the cradle of the Catholic church in Emmitsburg. It contained a room where the Catholics assembled to assist at the Divine Service," reported *The Emmitsburg Chronicle*.

Many of these original buildings were lost in the Great Emmitsburg Fire on June

15, 1863. By the time the flames sputtered out, twenty-eight houses and nine businesses were damaged or destroyed. Three of the four corners of the town square were black with fire and all four of the four blocks to the east of the square were fire damaged. Other reports put the number of damaged buildings at 50 and half of the town destroyed. In actuality, probably about a quarter of the town burned, based on a population of slightly less than 1,000.

It's many of the houses and businesses that were rebuilt from the ashes that have formed Emmitsburg's present day character and made it part of The Journey Through Hallowed Ground.



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Local dinner theatres offer entertainment for adults and families

BY SUSAN ALLEN



Dinner theatres, which combine restaurants and staged plays, first appeared in the 1960's and had their heyday in the 1970's. They offer audiences new works and old favorites, and often give children their first experience of live theatrical performance. Some of the shows even permit and rely on the audience to participate and interact with the actors.

Way Off Broadway, located at 5 Willowdale Drive in Frederick, offers "something for ev-

erybody" with both an evening dinner theatre and a children's luncheon theatre. The one-hour children's shows are written specifically for Way Off Broadway, and the actors in the play also serve, in character, as waiters. The dinner theatre plays are professional productions, says managing director Justin Kiska, and require a year to a year-and-a-half of planning to get performance rights, set royalties, and select cast members. "We try to balance our productions and of-

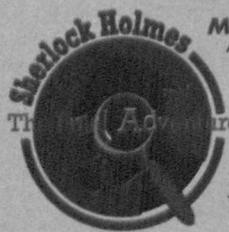
fer a wide variety [of shows] that we know the audiences will like," Kiska said.

Thurmont's non-profit amateur community theatre, **Thurmont Thespians**, was founded in 1998 by Beth Royer Watson. Its primary mission is to provide opportunities for children and teens to participate in theatre productions at no cost. 2008 marks the 11th year the Thespians have performed children's and adult-oriented plays for local audiences. Their shows are performed at the

Thurmont American Legion auditorium. This location allows the group to offer one performance of their adult plays per run, the second Saturday night's show, as a dinner theatre. Reservations are required by Tuesday of that week. The children's theatre shows do not include a dinner theatre option.

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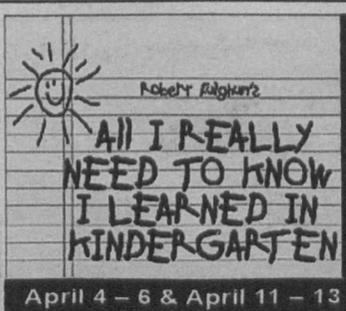
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How war led to a holiday for mothers

By THERESA BUCHHEIT



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The seeds for Mothers Day were sown as mothers sent their sons off to fight in the Civil War.



Anna Jarvis wrote to officials asking for an official declaration of Mothers Day, which was designated as the second Sunday in May.

We are coming up on that time of year when we celebrate mom and motherhood. But how did Mother's Day get started?

Mother's Day is celebrated in 46 different countries and is celebrated by millions of people to thank their mom for her hard work and caring. The origin of Mother's Day goes back to ancient Greek and Roman time.

The celebration in America is new and not even 100 years old. Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis pioneered the celebration of Mother's Day in the United States. Julia Ward Howe pushed for Mother's Day to try to bring peace to the United States during the Civil War. Julia Ward Howe urged mothers to rise up against the Civil War in her Mother's Day Proc-

lamation and initiated the Mother's Peace Day observance on the second Sunday in June. Anna Jarvis worked for Mother's Day to honor her dead mother's wishes that all mothers be honored for their love and contributions made by them.

By 1911, Mother's Day was celebrated in most of the states in the Union. Anna Jarvis and others wrote to officials asking for the official declaration of Mother's Day. Their work paid and on May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution that designated the second Sunday in May, Mother's Day. Because of her work, Anna Jarvis is called the mother of Mother's Day. Americans now celebrate Mother's Day by giving cards, flowers, and gifts to their moms.



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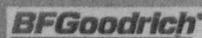
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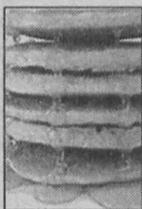
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My name is Nathaniel Usilton. I'm a senior at Catocin High School. I am holding a Charity Golf Tournament for my Graduation Project. The proceeds will go to the *Tay-Sachs Foundation*. Tay-Sachs is a disease that kills children before the age of six.

Registration forms are available at *Mason Dixon Oil Company*, Emmitsburg, MD. Mon. - Sat. open to close.

Starting Mother's Day off on the right foot

Every year on Mother's Day, children and dads "quietly" sneak into the kitchen to make mom breakfast in bed. But sometimes fathers have the problem of making edible food while delegating jobs to the kids. To help dad out, here are some delicious recipes that everyone can help with.



• **Chocolate Chip Pancakes** (www.cooks.com): This delicious recipe for chocolate chip pancakes is sure to be a favorite with moms, kids, and dads. Make a batch of your favorite pancake batter. For every cup of dry pancake mix, you will use 1/4 cup chocolate chips. Mix the batter. Stir in the chips. Lightly grease and heat the griddle or skillet. Pour a little less than 2 tablespoons of batter for each pancake. When bubbles appear all over the uncooked side of the pancake, it's time to turn it over. Cook the second side until light brown.



• **Yogurt Parfait** (www.allrecipes.com) This yummy parfait is great for breakfast, lunch or desert. This parfait looks great and tastes great. In a large glass, layer 1 cup yogurt, 1/2 cup granola and 4 blackberries. Repeat layers.

• **Easy French Toast** (www.allrecipes.com): This French toast is very easy to make and is ready in 15 minutes for a delicious addition to your breakfast. Beat together an egg, 3/4 cup of milk, 1tbsp. cinnamon, 1 tsp. vanilla and 1 pinch salt. Heat a lightly oiled skillet or griddle over medium heat. Soak 2 bread slices in egg mixture for 20 second on each side, or until thoroughly coated. Cook bread until both sides are lightly browned and crisp. Serve hot.

• **Shake-'Em Up Scrambled Eggs** (homepages.rootsweb.com/~homespun/mdrecipes.html): These eggs are very good and the kids will have a lot of fun making these eggs for mom. Wash, then chop into 1/2-inch pieces and put in the clean jar 1 medium tomato. Add 4 large eggs, 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese, 1/4 tsp. salt and a dash of pepper. Cover the jar tightly and shake well. Melt in a skillet over medium heat, then tilt skillet so inside of skillet is coated with 1 tbsp. margarine or butter. Pour the egg mixture into skillet and cook without stirring. Turn eggs in the bottom of the pan to get firm. Cook 5-8 minutes or until eggs are slightly firm but not



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Through April 5 – Lend Me a Tenor at Way Off Broadway, Frederick. Chaos reigns offstage and on in this Tony Award-winning comedy. The Cleveland Opera Company has hired the world-famous tenor Tito Morelli to open their season with a performance of Verdi's Otello. Shortly before the curtain goes up, Tito is discovered passed out cold from taking too many tranquilizers. The company manager scrambles

to make sure the show, as always, goes on. But who will perform? Will the audience notice? This proven crowd-pleasing farce fills the theatre with mistaken identities, romantic intrigue, a cascade of slamming doors, and enough laughter to have you "singing" its praises. (301) 662-6600, www.wayoffbroadway.com.

Through April 5 – Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Way Off Broadway's Children's Theaters delightful story of the little girl with the golden curls returns to the Children's Theatre to open the 2008 Season. While camping in the woods, Goldilocks pays a visit to the cottage of the Three Bears. But in WOB's story, Goldilocks isn't the Bears' only visitor - a number of traveling salesmen try to peddle all kinds of products to the good-natured Bears in this fun family musical. (301) 662-6600, www.wayoffbroadway.com.

\$10 advance, \$12 door. Sat., 7 p.m. \$10 advance, \$12 door. Sun., 2 p.m. \$10 advance, \$12 door. Reservations required for Friday Dinner. Reservations and tickets, contact the Activity Office (717) 749-3151 ext. 2201, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

April 4 to 6 – Meet Me at the Lightner, a participatory murder mystery for 9-16 persons. Four meals plus entertainment. This mystery can be scheduled for a group any weekend by contacting the Lightner Farmhouse B&B at (717) 337-9508. www.lightnerfarmhouse.com.

April 4 to 6 – All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten – the Musical performed by the Thurmont Thespians. Fri. and Sat. shows at 8 p.m., Sun. matinees at 2 p.m. Shows are in the Thurmont American Legion Auditorium at 2 Park Lane. Call (301) 271-7613 to reserve your tickets.

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. www.gettysburgstage.org, (866) 859-5192.

April 4 to 6 – "Any Wednesday" based on Muriel Resnik's Broadway play at Quincy Village, Quincy, PA. Every Wednesday, John Cleves takes a hiatus from his family and business to visit his mistress who has taken up residence in the company's executive suite. The comedy begins when John's new secretary accidentally sends a young male client and Mrs. Cleves to the executive suite. Fri., 5 p.m. Dinner Theater Tickets \$25, \$23 Seniors 65 (buffet dinner, tax, tip, show). Show only 7 p.m.

April 4 to 30 – Vanities presented by Get Theatre in the Village Theatre of Gettysburg. For ticket information call (800) 570-4590 ext 2 or (717) 337-0080 or visit www.thevillagedinnertheatre.com.

April 5 – Chatham Baroque presented by the Gettysburg Community Concert Association at the Riegle Auditorium of



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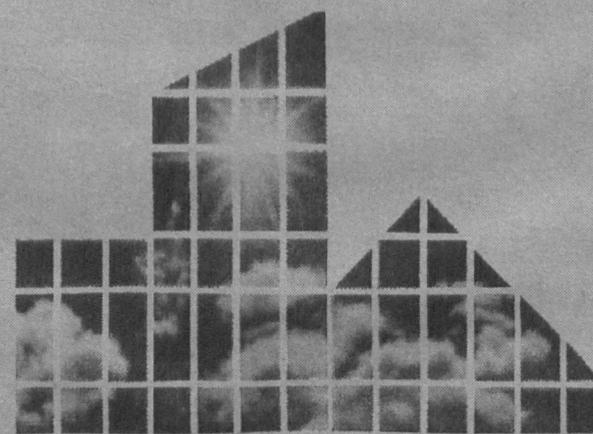
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tured here and at the Buchanan Valley Fire Co Community Hall. For more information on Mary Jemison visit www.gettysburghistories.com or www.gettysburg.com/maryjemison.

April 10 to 12 – Two By Two at the FCC Performing Arts center is Performing Richard Roger's Two By Two in JBK theater on campus. 8 p.m. doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets must be purchased at the door.

April 11 to 13 – All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten – the Musical performed by the Thurmont Thespians. Fri. and Sat. shows at 8 p.m., Sun. matinees at 2 p.m. Sat. dinner theater at 6:30 p.m. for \$30. Shows are in the Thurmont American Legion Auditorium at 2 Park Lane. Call (301) 271-7613 to reserve your tickets.

April 18 to June 29 – The Sound of Music at Way Off Broadway, Frederick. The final collaboration between Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein was destined to become the world's most beloved musical and this summer, the von Trapp family returns to WOB. In this heartwarming story, when a postulant proves too high-spirited for the religious life, she is dispatched to serve as governess for the seven children of a widowed naval Captain. Her growing

rapport with the youngsters, coupled with her generosity of spirit, gradually captures the heart of the stern Captain, leading to one of the most inspirational and endearing musical theatre endings of all time. (301) 662-6600, www.wayoffbroadway.com.

April 26 – June 28 Sleeping Beauty at Way Off Broadway, Childrens Theater, Frederick. This classic musical tale tells the story of the Princess who is enchanted by an evil fairy so that on her 16th birthday she pricks her finger on a spindle and falls into a deep sleep. Three good fairies join to become one hilarious fairy to help watch over Sleeping Beauty and help the Prince rescue her. The audience helps to make the years pass and the evil fairy's spell is broken at the end. (301) 662-6600, www.wayoffbroadway.com.

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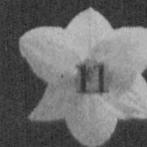


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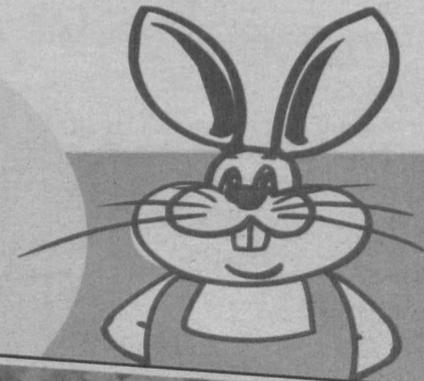
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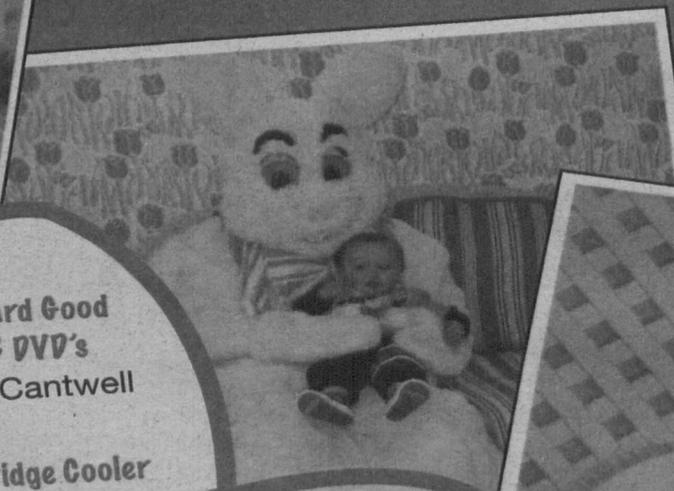
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