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## Phelan to be inducted into college basketball hall of fame



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Jim Phelan announces his retirement as head coach of Mount St. Mary's basketball team at a press conference in 2003 after 49 years of coaching the team. The talk of Phelan being in the hall of fame came up for the first time that afternoon.

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — It was April 1—April Fool's Day—when Jim Phelan got a phone call telling him he was going to be inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame.

"I thought somebody out there

was playing games with me," Phelan said.

However, the caller said he was Jim Haney, president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, and the caller ID showed the phone call was from Kansas City, Mo. where the organization's headquarters is located. It turns out that although Phelan didn't know he had been nominated, and certainly

hadn't lobbied for acceptance, he is going to be part of the third group inducted into the hall of fame.

Phelan became one of college basketball's all-time winners with a record of 830 wins and 524 losses over the course of 49 basketball seasons. The man known for wearing bow ties coached in a total of 1,354 games, all as head coach at Mount St. Mary's University.

The Philadelphia native and former basketball star at LaSalle ranks fourth all-time in career wins behind Bob Knight, Dean Smith and Adolph Rupp. The two-time national coach of the year led his team to the NCAA College Division championship in 1962 and guided the Mount in 19 seasons with at least 20 wins. After moving to Division I, his teams earned NCAA Tournament berths in 1995 and 1999 as well as the National Invitation Tournament in 1996.

"It's a pleasant surprise and

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## Town, the Mount and Sheriff begin party crack downs

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Emmitsburg has three community deputies and at any given time, as many as two of them may patrol the streets. However, on Friday night, April 11, six deputies were on the streets of Emmitsburg.

The saturation patrol is the first visible result of a community meeting held at the Sleep Inn with representatives from Emmitsburg, Mount St. Mary's University and the Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

On the evening of April 11, deputies made 12 vehicle stops, issued five tobacco citations, one underage drinking citation and arrested one female juvenile for stealing liquor from a town business.

"The deputies were hampered slightly by rain and thundershowers," said Cpl. Jennifer Bailey with the sheriff's office.

Because the saturation patrol was funded through a Proactive and Aggressive Community Enforcement Grant, Bailey said she expects future patrols in the Emmitsburg area and around the county as complaints warrant them.

Complaints that warranted attention from the sheriff's office have been coming into the town office for the past year and a half, according to Town Manager Dave Haller.

"Most of the complaints fielded here have been about young people and it has intensified a bit over that time," Haller said.

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## Evidence found of Emmitsburg's centennial celebration

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Emmitsburg was founded twice.

That might be the conclusion someone 100 or even 50 years from now might reach when looking back on the town's history. Emmitsburg had a grand bicentennial celebration in 1957, but its centennial celebration was not 100 years before that in 1857, but only 71 years earlier in 1886, according to evidence discovered by *The Dispatch*.

Mike Hillman of the Greater Emmitsburg Area Historical Society has led the charge for years that Emmitsburg's proper founding date was 1785. However, while he could show evidence that the town wasn't founded in 1757, he couldn't show that the town had ever celebrated any

other date.

"I've always been troubled, in spite of the fact that we had all the facts, that I couldn't come across any reference to a centennial celebration," Hillman said. "Finding this has sealed my case."

The lack of evidence to the contrary led to a contentious battle in town that ended with the Emmitsburg town commissioners removing the founding date of 1757 from its seal in 2006 and using instead its 1825 incorporation date.

The first piece of evidence was discovered in the files of the *Catoctin Clarion*. The Nov. 3, 1880 *Catoctin Clarion* notes "Emmitsburg will celebrate its centennial in 1886." Then by checking 1886 editions of the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*, advertisements and articles were found about the town's cen-

tennial, which was part of the town's annual Fourth of July celebration. The June 19, 1886 *Emmitsburg Chronicle* noted, "Every citizen of this village should take an interested part in the demonstration, and by concert of action make it a united Centennial one."

"I was always looking at 1885 because that's 100 years from when the deeds were dated," Hillman said. "I never researched 1886 for a centennial, but that's probably when the first house was built."

Though the *Emmitsburg*

*Chronicle* also used a 1786 date for the founding of Emmitsburg, language used in a November 1880 series made it sound as if the town's founding fathers were only changing the name of the town, not creating a new one. 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.

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# The future of 'Our Town'... and the business of the Dispatch

In January 2008, The Dispatch Newspapers started a supplement publication for both papers called *Our Town*. It was our way to allow more community voices to write about the things that interested them. It didn't have to be news. It could be fun, different, and a way to publicize life in the community.

Readers loved it. At the Thurmont Business Expo, many people told us that not only do they look forward to, and read *Our Town*, but they have been saving them.

Unfortunately, businesses have not yet embraced the publication as a means of advertising, as they have the newspapers. We are unable to produce this month's edition of *Our Town* because it is cost prohibitive. So while *Our Town* is not dead (we continue to search for ways to make

it affordable), it is on hiatus until we can find such a way. If your business would like to sponsor *Our Town* or you are interested in advertising, please contact us.

One of our strong beliefs here at *The Dispatch* is that every person, no matter what their economic status, has the right to be informed. That is why we continue to keep the publications free to all readers. Advertising revenue pays for this service.

*The Dispatch* continues to be a strong voice in north Frederick County, Md., and south Adams County, Pa., and many rely on it for its local news and community features. The business of producing these products is a financial challenge month to month. Internet advertising is taking more control of

the market and printing and mailing costs continue to rise because of increasing energy costs. Some months the business breaks even financially; other months it doesn't.

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As advertising continues to grow, so will we. And, our readers will benefit from this growth. As we grow, readers will receive more pages of news, information, sports, and features, as well as special publications like *Our Town*.

We strive here at *The Dispatch* to provide the best products possible. We are always monitoring other publications and looking for ways to

present things better. In this current issue we have made some style changes as part of this effort.

But we can only thrive if you patronize our advertisers and let them know that you appreciate *The Dispatch* and their efforts to keep it in print.

As always, we welcome your comments or thoughts. Our office is located on the 3rd floor at 9 East Main St. in Emmitsburg and is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call us at (301) 447 3039 or stop by. Our full time staff is here, working for you and our community. We take this job very seriously and appreciate your entrusting us with providing your community news.

- Raymond Buchheister  
Publisher

## A Word from the Mayor

### Anyone interested in helping Emmitsburg?

The town of Emmitsburg is in need of committee members to fill vacancies on several committees and boards. The Park and Recreation, Street and Transportation and Water committees all have multiple vacancies. Each committee can meet as often as the committee agrees but, they are required to meet just four times a year. The planning and zoning and the board of appeals both have vacancies for an alternate member. The board of appeals only meets as needed. The planning and zoning commission requires the greatest commitment of all committees and boards, these members are required to meet monthly. The planning commission and board of appeals both have state authority with final approving authority. The committees (parks and recreation, water and streets) have no state or final approving authority

but make recommendations to the Emmitsburg Town Council.

In 1996 I was appointed to the than newly founded streets and transportation committee. It is there where I found how much passion I have for Emmitsburg. Admittedly, I was not happy with every decision the committee made, but I was satisfied to be a part of the discussion, sometimes we had to agree to disagree as committee members. In addition to serving on the streets and transportation committee, I also served on the board of appeals and the planning and zoning commissions before I was appointed to the town council.

I know there are a lot of residents who are just as passionate about Emmitsburg as I am. Since I commute to Baltimore for work everyday, I know how difficult it can be to give any spare time you may

have, but I am just asking for eight to ten hours of your time per year as a committee member. Planning commission requires three to six hours per month.

In my last column (March 2008) I talk about training and the possibility of providing an orientation for committee members to help them better understand their roles and responsibilities. As a follow up to my thought process, I recently began meeting with some committee members to get their feedback. I am looking for ways to make becoming a committee member more pleasurable and relaxing than it currently is. Currently there is no training or formal guidance in becoming a committee member but, I am willing to meet with anyone who is a committee member or anyone that would like more information about becoming a committee member to

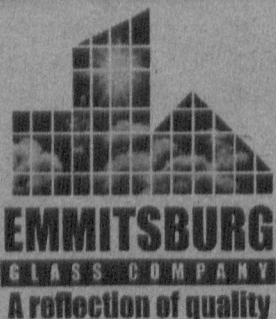
answer any question you may have.

There are very few requirements to become a committee member. The parks and recreation, water and streets committee each have a two-year term. The planning and zoning and the board of appeals each have a five-year term. There are no term limits on any of the town committees. Each committee member, except the alternates, is appointed by the mayor with the consent of the town council. Alternate members are appointed by the town council. At the end of a term you must be reappointed to continue on the committee.

I hope that you will consider becoming a committee member. I am looking for as many volunteers as possible to fill each committee.

-James Hoover  
Emmitsburg Mayor

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## Human remains found in Emmistburg identified

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Over a year ago Pedro Rodriguez and his four children were found deceased in their home in Frederick; his wife, Deysi Benitez, was missing and has not been seen or heard of since. Since then the case has been treated as a missing person case.

Then on February 29, 2008, human remains were found in a shallow grave in Emmitsburg, leading some to speculate that the remains were that of the missing Benitez. A joint press conference held on April 3 confirmed the speculation when it was announced that the remains were, in fact, those of Benitez.

According to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the cause of death was probably asphyxia, according to a press release; the manner of death, homicide. Working together, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office and Frederick Police Department said that the "facts are pointing towards a domestic homicide," according to the press release. Although the Benitez missing person case has closed, a homicide investigation has now been opened.

Benitez's body was found in a wooded area near the intersection of Saint Anthony's Road by a Realtor who was conducting a prop-

erty survey. A 911 call was placed by the relator and an investigation of the site began soon after.

Initially all that was known of the found remains were that they had been there for about a year, the height, race, weight, approximate age and hair color, which fit the description of Benitez. Given the information known at the time the Sheriff's Office and Frederick Police Department began working together to close the case.

A complete autopsy and DNA test were then completed, which confirmed that the remains were that of Benitez.

## Mount "flasher" arrested

EMMITSBURG, Md. — A Thurmont man was arrested on Tuesday, April 15 for exposing himself to two women at Mount St. Mary's University.

Frederick County Sheriff's Deputy Nathan Rector arrested Christopher J. Cole, 28, of Thurmont and charged him with indecent exposure. Cole was charged on a criminal summons.

On April 2, Cole was driving in his vehicle and allegedly

approached two women who were jogging at the Mount. Cole asked the women if he could be photographed with them, and when he exited his vehicle, he was naked.

The incident was reported to campus security a short time later. On April 5, Cole was again observed on the campus, though this time, with his clothes on. Mount Saint Mary's Security located him and contacted the

Sheriff's Office for further investigation.

- J. Rada

## Founded

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The first known use of the name "Emmitsburg" appears in an Aug. 12, 1785 deed, five months after the meeting and decision to create a town, where Samuel conveyed 35 acres to his son William, "wherein the lots of a new town of Emmitsburg are laid out."

Hillman said that many of the documents that could have helped end the controversy long ago were lost in the 1863 fire that burned much of the town.

"This is the closest thing to having the letter of agreement (signed by the original residents)," Hillman said. "Hopefully, it will allow us to start using a founding date rather than skirting the issue."

## Patrol

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For rental homes that seem to be the site of frequent parties, Haller sent letters to the property owners letting them know that town ordinances do not allow for residents to be a constant disturbance.

"If the problem is ongoing, we will verify it and issue a fine the next time it happens," Haller said.

The meeting at the Sleep Inn earlier in April was a way to bring residents together with three enforcement agencies in town to hear residents' problems and then find ways the agencies could work

together to solve them.

"The intent is to keep it at a staff level with the three organizations working together," said Mayor James Hoover.

One such cooperative approach, Hoover said, is that anytime the police are called about a party, on their way to the party, the deputies call the Mount security office. Mount security will also go to the site with a student roster to see who is at the party and whether the parties are underage.

Haller said a follow-up meeting with residents would probably be held in June to get a feel for how well the enforcement agencies are responding to residents' concerns.

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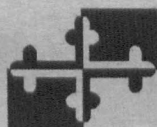
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## St. Catherine's volunteers to be honored April 30

EMMITSBURG, Md. - St. Catherine's Nursing Center will hold its Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Presidential Awards Ceremony on April 30 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Carriage House. Those who volunteered at St. Catherine's Nursing Center in 2007 will be honored.

St. Catherine's volunteers read, visit, sing, pray and feed residents. They also help pass out drinks and meals. They transport residents to and from activities within the center. Our volunteers help with decorating during the holidays. They bring pets to visit the residents and offer special talents and hobbies to our folks.

"Saint Catherine's Nursing Center is extremely proud to join the President of the United States in recognizing

the volunteers who consistently take the time to make a difference in the lives of others," said Louis Vogel III, administrator/CEO of Saint Catherine's Nursing Center. "Volunteers strengthen America and inspire others to get involved. We are proud to honor our volunteers who are answering the call with this award."

The President's Volunteer Service Award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, created by President George W. Bush to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers make to our nation.

To learn more contact Mary Grist, our Director of Volunteer Programs, at (301) 447-7000 or e-mail [mgrist@scncah.org](mailto:mgrist@scncah.org).

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Narcotics arrest

EMMITSBURG, Md. - A Frederick County Sheriff's Office deputy arrested an Emmitsburg man on drug charges on Monday, April 7.

At 11:49 p.m. Dfc. Amanda Remines stopped a speeding vehicle on Route 15 at Angleberger Rd. Subsequently, a Sheriff's Office K-9 unit responded to assist. The K-9 unit conducted a scan of the vehicle and alerted to the odor of a narcotic. In a search of the vehicle, 29.6 grams of suspected marijuana, 2.6 grams of suspected cocaine, and 1.3 grams of suspected OxyContin were found.

The contraband was seized as evidence and placed on property with the Sheriff's Office. Remines arrested Paul J. Costabile, 22, of Emmitsburg and had him transported to the Frederick County Adult Detention Center's Central Booking Unit for processing.

Costabile was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of OxyContin and possession of marijuana.

- J. Rada

### Willow Rill to get riparian buffer

EMMITSBURG, Md. - Frederick County and the Potomac Conservancy obtained a grant to plant trees and shrubs along Willow Rill to form a riparian buffer.

Mother Seton School will be the first to have the greenery planted along its border on April 12.

About 70 trees and 124 shrubs will be planted along Willow Rill on the Emmitsburg Elementary School property on April 19. This planting required the Emmitsburg Commissioners to grant a waiver to allow the project. They will also be changing the town ordinance to allow for such projects in the future.

A planting in Emmitsburg Community Park has been put on hold because of storm water and land use concerns.

- J. Rada

clothes) at the next Green Living Forum on Wednesday, April 23, beginning at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association, the forum will be held in the Emmitsburg Town Office, 300 South Seton Avenue.

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## Emmitsburg employees get a 2.7 COLA

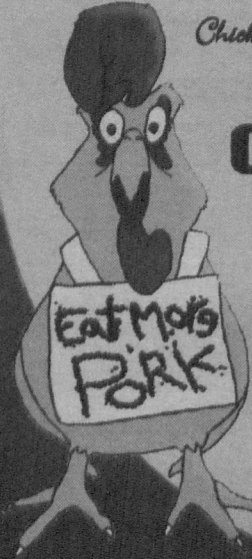
EMMITSBURG, Md. - The Emmitsburg Town Commissioners voted unanimously during the April 7 town meeting to give town employees a 2.7 percent cost-of-living pay increase. Discussion on how much the increase should be ranged from 2.5 to 3.5 percent. The pay raise goes to all employees in addition to any individual step increases they might be due. The raise will cost the town around \$21,600 and it will go in effect July 1.

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### Phelan

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I'm honored to be a part of such a distinguished group," Phelan said of the announcement.

Phelan and six others will be inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame on Nov. 23. The ceremony will be held at the College Basketball Experience and Sprint Center in Kansas City, Mo. The other inductees are former Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson, CBS

commentator Billy Packer, ESPN commentator Dick Vitale, former Utah star Arnie Ferrin, former Kansas great Danny Manning and former Auburn star Charles Barkley.

For Phelan, it will be his 10<sup>th</sup> induction into a hall of fame. His name is also part of athletic and alumni halls of fame for Maryland; Pennsylvania; Frederick County; Washington County; Delaware County, Pa.; Mount St. Mary's; LaSalle High School; LaSalle College and St. Monica's School.

According to Mount

Director of Communications Linda Sherman, the Mount will also hold its own ceremony to honor Phelan's induction closer to the actual event.

"What a year for Mount basketball!" said Mount President, Thomas H. Powell in a written statement. "We can't begin to express how grateful we are to Coach Phelan's dedication and love for the Mount. His hard work and appreciation for the sport remain the backbone of what is still a championship basketball program today."

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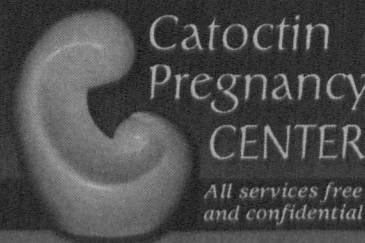
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## South Korea president makes first visit to U.S., stays at Camp David

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

THURMONT, Md. — U.S. President George W. Bush will host South Korea President Lee Myung-bak at Camp David Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19.

This is Myung-bak's first trip foreign trip and first face-to-face meeting with Bush since he took office in February. The goal of the talks is to affirm the alliance between the two countries, according to statements by South Korea Prime Minister Han Seung-soo.

Though U.S. relations with South Korea's two previous liberal administrations have been tense at times, Myung-bak is considered pro-American and conservative.

The weekend event is generating major press coverage by the Korean press. Korean press, federal officials, and Korean counterparts have booked numerous hotel rooms in the surrounding area. The Cozy Inn is a

popular stay for dignitaries and press visiting Camp David and General Manager Vickie Grinder confirmed that all the inn's rooms are booked this weekend.

Expected topics of the talks include North Korea, the free trade agreement between the two countries and the South Korean ban on imported U.S. beef.

In anticipation of the talks, the United States Secret Service has requested that Park Central Road between the Visitor Center and Camp Greentop in Catoctin Moun-

tain Park be closed from 8:30 a.m. Friday through 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. Reservations for Misty Mount, Poplar Grove, Camp Greentop and Camp Round Meadow will be honored.

For hikers, the trails to Blue Ridge Summit Overlook and Hog Rock will not be open during this weekend.

Catoctin Mountain Park gets visited by about 700,000 each year and generates about 27 million in the local economy according to Park Superintendent Mel Poole.

## Emmitsburg man killed in single car accident

BEARTOWN, Pa. — An Emmitsburg man was killed in a single car accident on Monday, April 14 near Waynesboro.

Fred Tressler, 58, of Fairfield, Pa. was driving a 1994 Subaru east on Buchanan Trail East around 3:10 p.m. after they left a construction zone where a new sewer line was being installed. For unknown reasons, the car went off the right side of the road and struck an embankment.

The car became airborne, traveled across a driveway and

struck a second embankment. It then went up in the air again and rolled to the left, coming to rest on its top on the right shoulder of the road, according to Washington Township Police.

Tressler was taken to Waynesboro Hospital and then life flighted to York Hospital. The car's passenger, Clair Cullison, 70, of Emmitsburg, was pronounced dead at the scene by Franklin County Coroner Jeffrey Conner.

- J. Rada

## Furmont Day on April 19

THURMONT, Md. — This year, cats will get equal time with dogs at Furmont Day at the Thurmont Carnival Grounds on April 19.

Cats can participate in Furmont Day activities beginning at 10 a.m. Awards will be given to the cats with the shortest and longest whiskers, shortest and longest tails, most stripes and the fattest cat. Owners can also show off their cats talents in the stupid cat tricks competition.

At 11 a.m., it's the dogs' turn to show off. Awards will be given for the biggest and smallest dogs, the howlingest dog, best costume and the dog that looks most like its owner. Dogs can also compete in doggie musical chairs, a treat (cake) walk, stupid dog tricks and pet parade.

The Blue Ridge Kennel Club will hold an obedience training demonstration and Frederick County Sheriff's Office Deputy Jeff Eyler will conduct a K-9 demonstration.

Visitors can also visit displays of the Catoctin Veterinary Clinic, Northern Dog, Bark Busters, the Frederick County Animal Shelter, Pets for Pets and Frederick County Humane Society. The Thurmont Bar and Grill will be serving Skippy Dogs at the event.

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BUSINESS

## National Fallen Firefighters hires marketing communications firm

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation has hired Karen Millar of Syn-copated Concepts LLC in New Oxford, Pa. to work with the staff at the foundation to develop educational and marketing materials to promote the programs and services of the foundation.

The foundation is a non-profit corporation that provides a variety of resources to survivors of fallen firefighters and fire service personnel. Foundation

funds provide scholarships for children and spouses of fallen firefighters, grief counseling and emotional support for the families of fallen firefighters, training for senior fire officers through the "Taking Care of Our Own" program, and fire safety education programs to reduce line-of-duty deaths through such as "Every One Goes Home."

For more information about the foundation, visit [www.firehero.org](http://www.firehero.org).

## Spacecrafters are experts at saving space

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THURMONT, Md. — You're late for work. You can't find a matching pair of shoes or your briefcase, let alone a tie that matches your shirt. Finally you leave your house, only 20 minutes late wearing two different color socks. Had you been more organized, you may have left on time and not felt self-conscious about your feet for the rest of the day. But there's hope for you yet, right in Thurmont at Spacecrafters, a one-stop-organizational-shop.

Since 1982 Spacecrafters has been serving the region, catering to the needs of people seeking a bit of organization in their lives. From the early days when closet organization was a main focus, to now, when an entire home's organization is a main concern, Spacecrafters has been custom fitting homes with personalized, functional organization systems.

"Most of the time on calls we go to the home, look, measure and talk to the homeowner to find out what they want and need," said Bill Eyer, president of Spacecrafters. "We help you pick out the products and give you a product that fits your needs."

A design is then made up and the products are ordered and can be installed in the home within a week. Many customers never even visit the Thurmont office to pick out their products, which can save a lot of time.

But for those customers who want a hands-on buying experience, the newly opened showroom in Thurmont offers a first-hand look at what they're buying.

"Before we had a showroom you couldn't feel and touch things, which gives them a more realistic experience of size, shape and colors, which is very important," Eyer said.

At one time organizational products might have included simple closet organizational systems, which may have included tie racks, shoe holders and clothes rods. Now organizational



Spacecrafters redesigned showrooms highlight the many ways that Spacecrafters designers can save space in bedrooms (top), kitchens, workshops and hobby areas (bottom). Spacecrafters is at 31 Apples Church Rd. in Thurmont. Their phone number is (301) 663-1134 or visit them on the internet at [www.spacecrafters.biz](http://www.spacecrafters.biz).

systems exist that are geared toward certain activities, such as arts and crafts.

"Back then a closet system was like a brand new car, people didn't trust it," Eyer said. "Now people are familiar with it. People are now recognizing the fact that all things are available."

In a time when "Weekend Warriors" are overhauling their homes,

one can purchase home organizational systems at their local hardware store, but it's not the same as having Spacecrafters do the job for you, Eyer said.

"We have very-well trained people that know what works and doesn't work," Eyer said. "We go and offer professional design and installation. If you don't have a good design, it may not work well."

While some may think that enlisting the help of Spacecrafters may be a costly experience, Eyer said they work with budgets of all sizes.

"We talk about the budget and what they can do with the budget," Eyer said. "We try to give the best value and we're out to satisfy the client."

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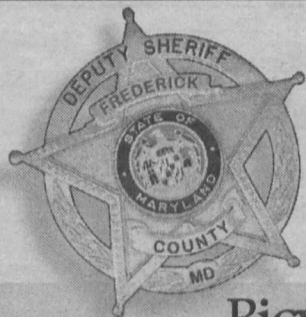
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### Bicycle safety and riding rules

BY DFC JOHN BARTLETT  
Contributing Writer

Spring is here and summer is just a few months away. The weather is warming and it is time to get the bikes out of the garage.

A bicycle is considered a vehicle and must obey the same traffic laws such as, stopping at red lights, stop signs, etc. Across the United States, 622 people were killed and 48,000 injured, while riding bicycles in 2002. In Maryland, the costs associated with bicycle related crashes in 2002, exceeded \$128 million dollars. The highest percentage of these crashes occurred between May and September. Here are the "10 Smart Routes to Bicycle Safety".

1. **Wear a helmet.** Never ride a bicycle without a helmet. The helmet should comply with NHTSA or the CPSC, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

2. **Bike maintenance.** Inspect the bike and make sure it is in good working order.

3. **Brake checks.** Make sure the brakes are working properly and use them to maintain safe speeds when riding.

4. **Be seen.** Wear clothes that make you more visible. Using reflective strips or decals can help vehicles see you better.

5. **Avoid night riding.** Maryland

laws require a lamp on the front and a red reflector on the rear of bicycles when riding when visibility is decreased. It is always better to avoid riding during the hours of darkness.

6. **Stay alert.** Watch out for things on the road or wherever you ride. Potholes, cracks, railroad tracks, wet leaves, loose gravel, and drainage grates can all be dangerous to a bike rider. Before going around an object, look around first to make sure it is safe.

7. **Go with the flow.** Ride on the right side of the roadway or path. Riding against traffic puts you in a place motorists don't expect you.

8. **Be aware of traffic.** Over 70 percent of vehicle-bike crashes occur at driveways or intersections. Before entering any street, check for vehicles. Even though you have a right to be on the road, vehicles have blind spots, and the driver is in an enclosed structure and may not see or hear you.

9. **Know the rules of the road.** Parents should talk to their children about the rules they have to obey when driving their vehicles and relate them to bicycle riding on the road for the kids. Parents can be held responsible if they "authorize or knowingly permit" a minor or ward to violate the laws of the road.

10. **Secure wheels.** Some bikes come with quick release wheels. Make sure they are firmly closed

and tightened. Consult the Owner's Manual for proper wheel alignment.

These are a few basic suggestions to keep in mind while enjoying bike riding. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has a good web site at [www.NHTSA.gov](http://www.NHTSA.gov). It has helmet fitting tips, brochures on safe riding and other interesting bicycle safety information. The web site [www.bicycle-safe.com](http://www.bicycle-safe.com) has a "How to Not Get Hit by Cars" section that shows 10 diagrams of different riding scenarios and what to do in them. This would be great for parents to go over with kids who ride on the roadways. This site also has a fun riding game/test designed for children. It puts them through several riding scenes and asks them to make the right decision.

The Sheriff's Office is putting together a Bike Rodeo in Emmitsburg on May 17. It will be held at the Community Center on South Seton Avenue, and is designed to show children safe riding techniques. There will be more information about it, as it gets closer to the event date. Last year's Bike Rodeo was a first for Emmitsburg and was a success, with approximately 30 children attending.

The Emmitsburg community deputies will soon be out on Bike Patrol and look forward to seeing fellow riders out there. Remember to always think safety when riding!

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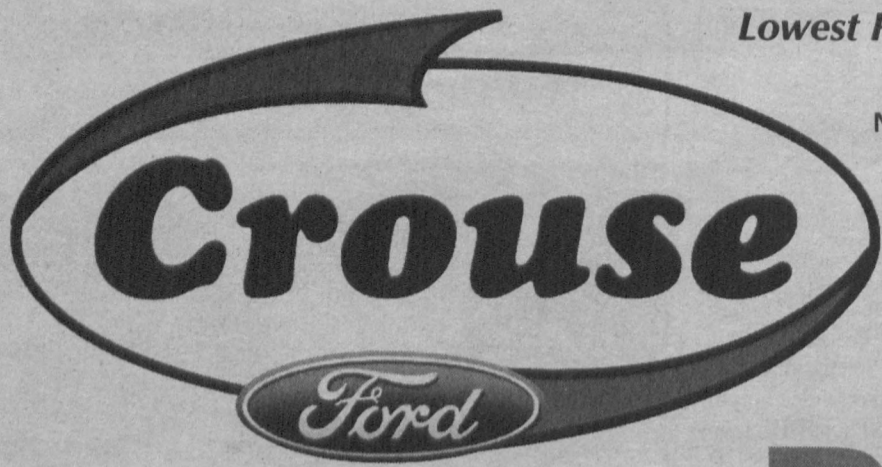
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# Thurmont Middle Schoolers are state champs

THURMONT, Md. – The Thurmont Middle School Science Olympiad team of 15 students became the state champions at the Maryland Science Olympiad on Saturday, April 5. Using their school initials, TMS, the students call their team the Total Masters of Science and look forward to representing Maryland in the national tournament next month in Washington, DC.

For nearly 25 years, the Science Olympiad has pursued its mission to promote and improve student interest in science and to improve the quality of K-12 science education throughout the nation. It's a mission that is certainly working for the champions at Thurmont Middle,

who are especially thrilled about this victory as it's the school's first year in the competition.

On the team are 8th graders Megan Coblentz, Lexi Daniels, Abbey Drescher, Abby Ewing, Caroline Grosweiler, Ashley Robichaud, Chris Vaughn and Julio Valcarcel; 7th graders Kati Fox, Kristen Hoffman, Morgan Smith and Nick Wotring; and 6th graders Courtney Scott, Sam Swanson and Tori Valcarcel. Assistant coaches are Brook Green, Susan Mize and Von Mosser.

According to the Science Olympiad's web site, www.soinc.org, teamwork is a required skill in most scientific careers today, and much like a football or soccer

team, competitive science teams prepare throughout the year for tournaments. The competition consists of a series of 23 team events in each division. Each year, a portion of the events are rotated to reflect the ever-changing nature of genetics, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, astronomy, mechanical engineering and technology. Combining events from all disciplines encourages a wide cross-section of students to get involved, says the web site, adding that with more than 5,000 middle and high schools participating each year plus coaches, teachers, parents and expert judges, the Olympiad reaches more than two million people each year.

# Last day of School announced

FREDERICK, Md. – The official last school day this year for students who attend Frederick County public schools, except Linganore High, is Friday, June 13. On that day, FCPS will dismiss students 2 hours early to permit teachers the work session that was postponed in February due to inclement weather.

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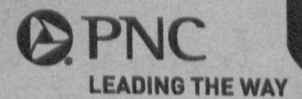
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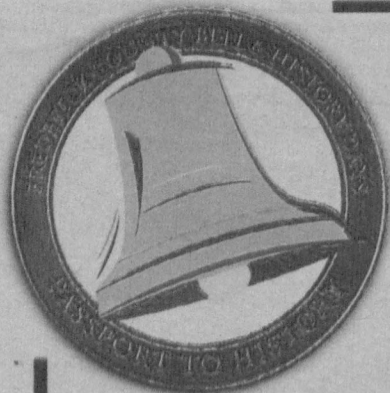
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# Bells ring in the 2008 museum season

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — April 5 at 9:59 a.m. was a typical Saturday morning in Emmitsburg. Traffic was light through town. It was fairly quiet and many of the businesses still weren't open for the day. At 10 a.m. ... Clang! Bong! Ring! Clang! Bong! Ring!

Bells throughout Frederick County rang to mark the beginning of the 2008 museum season. If you listened closely enough between all of the metallic tones, you could have heard a sound that hadn't been heard in Emmitsburg for 55 years...the ringing of the old Vigilant Hose Company fire bell.

Dan Meyers, dressed in an 1860's fire uniform, pulled on the bell rope out front of the fire company.

Betty Ann Boder and her husband stood there listening. Her father had been a former chief of VHC and she remembered when the bell used to ring. She had come downtown to hear it once again.

This year's Bell and History Day activities give special focus to Emmitsburg and the Catoctin Furnace Community, where landmark anniversaries are commemorated, including the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mount St. Mary's University and the approaching bicentennial of the arrival of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in 1809. Other sites in Emmitsburg included the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, National Fallen Firefighters Memorial, Emmitsburg Branch Library and

the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Museum.

Clarence "Chip" Jewell has been organizing the effort for the fire and rescue museum. He was at the former Emmitsburg Ambulance Company with a couple of pieces that will eventually be in the museum, including an elegant hand-drawn hose carriage used by the United Hose Company in Frederick at the turn of the century.

Bob and Rose Laudani and their sons turned out early to visit the sites. "We wanted to see the fire academy," Bob Laudani said. "That's usually not opened up."

At Catoctin Furnace, sites included one of the old Catoctin iron furnaces, Harriet Chapel, Catoctin Mountain Park and the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club's Olive Green Cabin.

Volunteers at Harriet Chapel dressed in period costume and cooked up cakes, breads and cookies for visitors.

"We've used old recipes from 1830-1850," said Rev. Sally Joyner-Giffin.

Marjorie Hurd lives in Braddock Heights, but she used to live in Kansas. She would drive Route 15 when visiting the area and remembered the small furnace worker homes that she could see from the highway. She took the opportunity of Bell and History Days to come to the area to see the inside of the houses that were open for touring.

The weekend's events ended with a handbell concert of 100 handbell ringers at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton on Sunday evening.



(Above left) Elias Lutheran Church, (Above middle) St. Joseph's Catholic Church and (Above right) Incarnation Church of Christ. (Left) Visitors enjoy the free trolley ride through Emmitsburg during Bell and History Days.



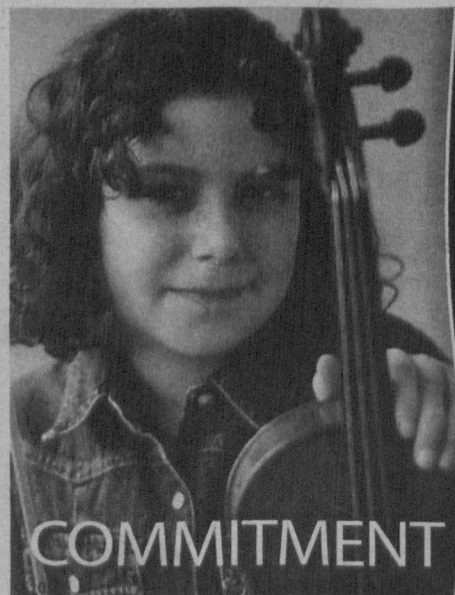
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(Left) Dan Meyers rings the Vigilant Hose Company fire bell for the first time in 55 years. (Above) Irene Powell, facing the riders, imparts some history of Mount St. Mary's University, which her husband is president of.

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# Emmitsburg baseball is just around the corner



BY ANNE REAVER  
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Spring means anticipating our country's most beloved national pastime. No, it's not the Majors. It's small-town baseball, specifically Emmitsburg Baseball.

Baseball has been a beloved tradition and a big part of life in Emmitsburg for over 50 years, connecting young and old alike with warm, vivid memories of playing, coaching and cheering on our favorites. The Emmitsburg Lions Club organized the town's first baseball league. The year was 1955 and it yielded 56 players and four teams: the Cardinals, Giants, Red Sox, and Yankees.

Today, the Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball League is over 280 players strong (boys and girls ranging from ages 4 through 18) and has grown to 23 teams and tee-ball, minor league,

major league, senior league, and girls' softball divisions. For many local youth, Emmitsburg Baseball is their catapult into the world of organized sports. It is their first experience with team play, effectively helping to boost self-esteem and to teach life lessons of cooperation, self-discipline, and fair play—all while having fun.

With the assistance of the community and local businesses, Emmitsburg Baseball has significantly contributed to improving area recreational facilities over the past 53 years. The league has helped turn one large field into three distinct ball fields, purchased an electronic scoreboard, installed dugouts and bleachers for every field, and constructed a concession stand, press box, and batting cage.

Improvements in the teams' accomplishments have been just as significant. In 1985, the Emmitsburg All-Stars won the

District 2 Little League Championship and, in 1999, the girls' softball team celebrated winning the Maryland Junior League District 2 Championships. The major league boys responded with consecutive Mason-Dixon Pony League season/play-off championship titles. In the bronco division (youth 12 and under), the Dodgers won in 2005 and the Red Sox won in 2006. Last year brought two more championships to Emmitsburg with the Red Sox taking the title again for their division, and the Giants snagging the 2007 Mason-Dixon Pony League title for the mustang division (youth 10 and under).

This year, in keeping with its plan to focus on town spirit and community involvement, the Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball League is launching its 2008 season in a big way. Opening day festivities will commence on Sunday, April 20, at 1:30 p.m. with a town parade featuring our baseball and softball teams and local businesses and organizations. The parade will begin at DePaul Street and proceed down Seton Avenue to Potomac Street ending at Memorial Park. After opening ceremonies and team introductions, the celebration will conclude with an exhibition game between the Dodgers and the Red Sox. Mayor James

Hoover will preside as Grand Marshal over the celebration and will throw out the first pitch.

Small-town baseball is definitely alive and well in Emmitsburg. So, turn off the major league game, and take a stroll over to one of the town parks—the Community Park to see the senior league play or Memorial Park for all other teams. There are many games played throughout the week, with Saturdays a baseball lover's treat—offering up a busy and exciting day of morning and afternoon games.

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Emmitsburg's baseball season opens on April 20. At the top of the page is the parade of teams from 2007 opening day. Above, first Guy McGlaughlin Award for service is presented last year. Right, Bun Wivell throws out the first pitch of the season.

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SPORTS

# Ceth Parker brings home gold and silver

BY TINA DELAUTER  
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. — Catoc-tin High School senior Ceth Parker brought home a state championship title in track and field (class 1A) this season.

The state meet was held Feb. 18 at the Prince George's County Sports and Learning Complex in Landover. Ceth finished first place in the 1,600-meter race with a time of 4:35. He also placed second in the 3,200-meter race with a time of 10:03, just one second shy of the win.

CHS coach Paul DuBois said, "Ceth nearly doubled (his state championship) at 3,200 meters, but timed his kick a bit too late. ... Rarely a coach will have an athlete who combines God-given talent with a desire to win. Ceth exudes these gifts."

Ultimately, it was Ceth's perseverance that brought him through trials that would have stopped most athletes. After running a fast 4:38 mile as a 10th-grader, Ceth suffered a broken bone in his foot. A misdiagnosed

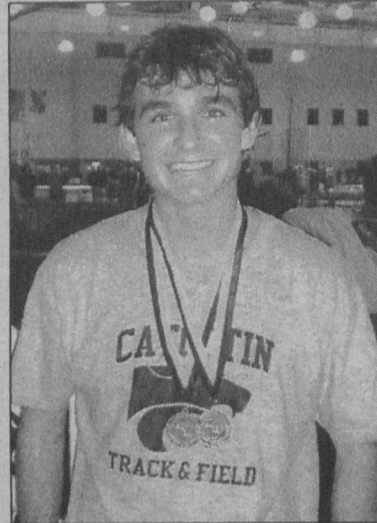
injury resulted in losing over a year of vital aerobic foundation building. Many hours were spent alone, training in a pool, and eventually back on the road. Those grueling workouts paid off.

"It has not been easy for him, but he has developed into a very strong distance runner," said Coach Inga Olsen. "He is very disciplined, and has a great attitude and work ethic. There has never been a practice where Ceth complained or questioned the workouts I had him do."

Ceth became regional champion during his junior year in the two-mile run and placed second in the mile at the 1A South Regional track meet. From that point on, Ceth began to gain confidence and was determined to stay healthy.

During the summer of 2007, he committed himself to getting in a good aerobic base. His training mainly consisted of long runs, circuits, and hills at first, and later focused on sprints (lots of 400's, 300's and 200's).

"He trained very well, and it



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showed at the cross country meets in the fall," said coach Olsen. He placed second at MVALS and Frederick County championship, and fourth at regional and state competitions. This earned him all-area honors.

"We salute Ceth for a job well done," said coach DuBois, "I am proud to be a small part of his legacy. For Ceth, the sky is the limit!"

## MORE FROM THE TRACK

BY PAUL DUBOIS  
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. — On Feb. 18, Catoc-tin High School sent eight athletes to the Maryland State Track Meet at the Prince Georges County Sports and Learning Center.

Ceth Parker led the way in the boys 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs. He earned a gold medal in the 1,600, and silver medal in the 3,200.

Catoc-tin's (4 x 200 meter) relay team also qualified. The team

consisted of seniors John Wolf and David Little, and juniors Jake Fields, Ryan Thompson, and Kyle Russell. Although they didn't place in the finals, their efforts are noteworthy and it is surely a preview for faster times during outdoor track season which is now underway.

Jake Fields, a talented and versatile athlete, in addition to his sprinting talent, came back and took fifth place in the state for the shot put. This was remarkable since he just began throwing the shot this year. This young bull has a prom-

ising future in track, football, and lacrosse. Which will it be, Jake?

Catoc-tin was well represented on the girls side with two qualifiers; freshman Shaleigh Saylor, and soph-sensation Leah Stone. While neither made the finals, they both gave strong efforts. Shaleigh ran one of the top times in the 55-meter dash for Frederick County. Leah ran well in the 55-meter high hurdles and should be a top contender for the outdoor track season.

This was the largest group of state qualifiers for Catoc-tin High in the last eight years.

## LOCAL SCOREBOARD

### High School Sport Scores

#### BASEBALL VARSITY

Mar. 22 — Urbana 8, Catoc-tin 1  
Adam Cordell had a double for the Cougars.

Mar. 24 — Catoc-tin 15, Walkersville 5  
Kyle Sanders had two doubles and one triple, Dan Miller had 3 RBI's, and Adam Cordell and R.J. Smith each had an RBI for Catoc-tin.

Mar. 26 — South Hagerstown 8, Catoc-tin 5  
Justin Ridenour and Kyle Beard each had 2 hits for the Cougars, and Adam Cordell and Justin Albright each had a double.

Mar. 28 — Century 4, Catoc-tin 3  
Justin Albright had 3 hits with 2 doubles for the Cougars, Mitch Althoff had 2 hits, and Kyle Sanders had a double.

#### BASEBALL JUNIOR VARSITY

Mar. 25 — Catoc-tin 10, Frederick 9  
R.J. Smith went 3 for 4 with 2 doubles and a triple. Nick Krstanovic went 3 for 4 with a double. Zack Krietz went 2 for 3 with a double. Brent Heinzl and Tanner Ausherman each had a hit. R.J. Smith pitched 5 innings

giving up 8 runs on 7 hits. Ben Tylicki pitched 1 inning giving up 1 run on 1 hit. Tanner Ausherman pitched 1 inning giving up 0 runs on 0 hits.

Mar. 29 — Catoc-tin 6, Brunswick 5  
Zack Krietz went 2 for 4 with a triple. Nick Krstanovic went 2 for 3 with a double. Ben Tylicki, Tony Kirsh, Landon Routzahn, and Brent Heinzl also had hits. Landon Routzahn pitched 5 innings giving up 5 runs on 4 hits. Tanner Ausherman pitched 1 inning giving up 0 runs on 0 hits. Catoc-tin was down 5-2 in the last inning, but came back to win 6-5.

Mar. 29 — Catoc-tin 12, Brunswick 1  
Zack Krietz went 3 for 4 with a double. Landon Routzahn went 3 for 3 with a triple. Ben Tylicki went 2 for 3. Tony Kirsh, Nick Krstanovic, and Graham Lindahl each had hits. Tanner Ausherman pitched 5 innings giving up 1 run on 2 hits.

#### BOYS BASKETBALL VARSITY

Mar. 1 — Catoc-tin 66, Clear Spring 60  
Matty Thompson led the Cougars with 23 points, and Justin Albright had 17 points.

Mar. 4 — Poolesville 53, Catoc-tin 39  
Matty Thompson led the Cougars with 12 points, followed by Justin Albright with 11.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL VARSITY

Feb. 15 — Boonsboro 53, Catoc-tin 51  
Katelyn Keilholtz led the Cougars with 18 points, followed by Tara Stackhouse with 13, and Brittany Chmelik with 9.

Feb. 29 — Catoc-tin 47, Smithsburg 39  
Brittany Chmelik led the Cougars with 13 points, and Hannah Metheny had 11 points.

Mar. 3 — Poolesville 53, Catoc-tin 23  
Tara Stackhouse had 8 points for Catoc-tin.



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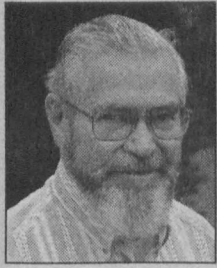
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The (retired) Ecologist

# Of Rain, and Frogs, and the Lack Thereof



By BILL MEREDITH

Dispatch Columnist

"Time's fun when you're having flies."

...Kermit the Frog

For reasons that defy logic, I am fascinated by lists of things and have always been a compulsive record-keeper. Many of these records are related to hobbies like birdwatching and gardening...dates of the first house wrens, or the last killing frost...but most are explainable only as habits left over from a career spent studying ecology. Among these arcania is a list of dates when I heard the first spring peepers. This year it was March 27, nearly three weeks later than usual.

Spring peepers, unlike children; are usually heard but not seen. They are miniature frogs, an inch or so long, light tan in color with a brown X-shaped pattern on their back. They are in the tree-frog family, and have tiny suction cups on the ends of their toes which enable them to climb up vertical surfaces. Like all frogs at this latitude, they burrow into the mud and hibernate all winter; they usually emerge in the first week of March if it isn't too cold. The males wake up in an amorous mood, and immediately begin singing to attract mates. For such small creatures, they are remarkably noisy; you can hear them from distances of several hundred yards. However, when you get close to them they go quiet, so you rarely see them unless you are willing to sit quietly in a cold, wet place until they start singing again. When we were kids we used to catch them and

put them in gallon lard buckets; after a while they would begin singing and the bucket would act as a megaphone, making them sound even louder.

I was worried about the peepers this spring because of last year's drought. Our average annual rainfall in Emmitsburg is a bit over 45 inches, but last year we only received about 28 inches. There were periods in March, July and September when we went several weeks without rain. Contrary to Kermit's ingenious Spoonerism, those times were not fun; the dry spring meant poor breeding success, the dry summer was not good growing conditions for the young, and the dry fall required them to enter hibernation early with meager fat reserves to live on. This spring there seem to be fewer of them singing than usual.

My education about frogs began early in childhood. My Uncle Fay, who loved to tease us, had a goldfish pond in his yard, and there were always frogs around it. He told me I would get warts if I touched a frog, so if I wanted to catch one I should put salt on its tail and then I could pick it up with a stick. This puzzled me greatly because none of the frogs seemed to have tails; he let me take the salt shaker out to the pond in case I might see one, but I never could get close enough. When I got to school I learned that frogs and toads were amphibians and that they

went through a tadpole stage during which, for a short time, they had both legs and tails; but by that time I knew they didn't cause warts. We raised some in an aquarium, but the teacher wouldn't let us test the salt technique for catching them.

In times of normal rainfall the ground is quite wet in our back yard, so in years past we were treated to a symphony of frog songs...or a cacophony, depending on your taste in such music. Also, there is a pond in the field off to the southwest, and when we first moved here it was a splendid habitat for frogs and toads. I identified at least six species of frogs and toads there, in addition to the peepers. I recall one evening in the late '60s when the bullfrogs were especially loud and I walked to the pond to see them. The pond was full of lily pads; every pad seemed to have a frog on it, and they were all croaking at the top of their voices. The songs, of course, were not just a matter of good fellowship; it was the peak of the mating season, and you could almost see an aura of testosterone rising from the pond. A frog's brain is limited in the best of circumstances, and in conditions like that they sometimes lose track of what is going on around them. I saw one hapless bullfrog Romeo continuing to sing lustily while being swallowed, rear end first, by one of his larger rivals. It was an image that

still comes back to me when I hear someone say he has a frog in his throat.

No one seems to know when or why the pond was made; my guess is that it was dug with horse-drawn plows and scoops sometime in the 1800s. The oldest local residents say it has always been there; some still remember skating on it in the winter, cutting ice from it to store in icehouses for summer use, and swimming or playing in it during the summer months. And some still tell tales of gigging for bullfrogs that originally may have been based on real experiences but have been embellished by countless re-tellings in barber shops and bars until they would be worthy rivals of Mark Twain's "Jumping Frog" story. But, like so many once-rich habitats, the pond isn't what it used to be. Since about 1970 the farmers who rent the surrounding fields have been using heavier doses of fertilizer and pesticides, and these chemicals wash into the pond with each rain. The worst episode occurred one summer in the mid-70s when a helicopter was used to spray some kind of herbicide on the field. All of the vegetation in the pond was killed, and there were no frogs for the next couple of

years. Eventually a few frogs and toads moved in from other areas, and some of the vegetation was re-established from seeds blown on the wind or carried by waterfowl; but populations have never returned to their former levels. Springtime around the pond is a lot more silent than it used to be.

The pond and its inhabitants are a microcosm of the world. Populations of amphibians of all kinds are decreasing everywhere. There are 19 species of frogs and toads in Maryland; 11 of them occur in Frederick County. Three of them are officially listed as endangered species, but in fact all of them are endangered. Their habitats are being destroyed on a large scale by development and agricultural practices. Even ordinary homeowners must take some responsibility; frogs and toads do not respond well to lawnmowers. And the stresses of toxic pesticides are compounded by our increasingly unstable weather patterns; in the 167 years that records have been kept, we have received less than 30 inches of rain only four times, and two of them have been in this decade. The last songs of the spring peepers may be a warning to us all.

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## Pastor Wade Martin accepts new appointment

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Pastor Wade Martin of Trinity United Methodist Church has accepted a new appointment to Montgomery United Methodist Church in Damascus, Md., effective July 1.

Martin has served at Trinity for the past seven years. During his time there, the church has become a full-ministry church moving from a part-time pastorate to a full-time station charge. Emphasis has been focused on ministries that support individuals, families, the community, and the world. Current ministries include a weekly blended worship celebration and Thursday evening prayer and healing service. There is a weekly Bible study and Sunday school, which has been expanded to include additional classes. Vacation Bible school, children's carnival, parents' night out, movie nights and game nights have also been added to support the children and their families.

Trinity has expanded its ministry reach to include partnering with Emmitsburg Elementary School to provide an after-school mentoring and homework support program; and has provided leadership and financial support for the new Hispanic United Methodist Church in Frederick. In addition, members of Trinity have engaged in mission opportunities to the Gulf Coast, West Virginia, Oklahoma, and several countries overseas. The children are currently working this year toward buying an "Ark" of animals through Heifer International to support the needs of families in third-world countries.



PASTOR MARTIN

Additionally, Trinity continues to be active locally in the Emmitsburg Council of Churches, the local food bank, crop walk, and Seton Center outreach. As needs arise special seminars are offered and most recently, Trinity has expanded its pastoral ministry to include a part-time pastoral care and counseling position. Trinity has become known as a teaching church for seminarians having supported two United Methodist seminarians over the past two years.

Other ministry efforts include the appointment of a Parish Nurse, "Nothing but Nets" (providing mosquito nets to families in Africa to protect them against malaria), disaster relief, special United Methodist Church appeals and Church World Service projects. The ministry has grown across the world through the Trinity Web site.

## Scouts compete in first aid meet



Scouts from Troop 727 in Emmitsburg competed in the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Frederick County First Aid Meet on March 15. About 150 scouts comprising 29 patrols took part in the competition. The scouts treated injuries in 10 simulated emergency scenarios ranging from cuts, broken bones, choking and allergic reactions to neck and back injuries, snake bites, dehydration, electrocution and severe bleeding. The judges were members of local fire and EMS companies, Maryland State Police officers, Frederick County Sheriff's Office deputies and medics from Walter Reed Hospital. Troop 727 Flaming Arrows placed 6<sup>th</sup> and another unnamed patrol from Troop 727 placed 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Rocky Ridge girls raise winning heifers

ROCKY RIDGE, Md. — Jessica and Taylor Clarke of Rocky Ridge came home from the 2008 Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic Regional Preview Junior Angus Show as winners. The MAJAC Show is sponsored by the American Angus Association and the Northern Virginia Junior Angus Association. It is one of six regional junior Angus

shows the national organization sponsors each year for its more than 10,500 active junior Angus members in the United States.

At the show on Mar. 8-9, Junior Angus exhibitors led with 229 entries.

Windy Ridge Winnie 07, owned by Jessica Clarke, won bred-and-owned reserve senior heifer calf champion

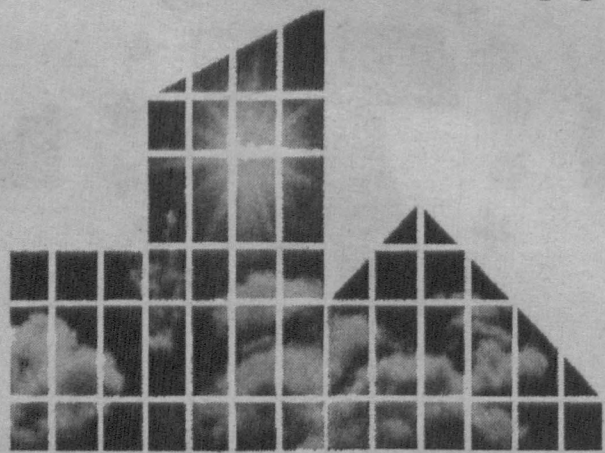
among 54 shown.

Windy Ridge Lily, owned by Taylor Clarke, won early junior champion heifer among 103 shown.

Windy Ridge Earl, owned by Taylor Clarke, won intermediate champion bred-and-owned steer among seven shown.

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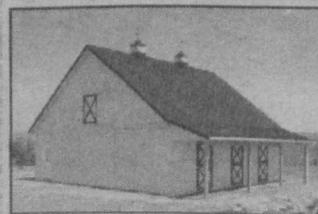
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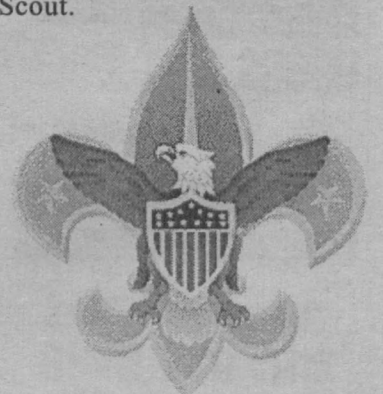


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## Boy Scouts receive awards

FREDERICK, Md. — The Thurmont Boy Scouts Troop 270 held their court of honor March 27. Scoutmaster Col. Billy Noland earned his woodbadge award. This is the highest achievement in scouting. Also, Angela Staffone received her Etz Chaim Religious award. She is the only female in the district to earn this award. The troop also recognized Bobby Stanley for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.



OBITUARIES / BIRTHS



**Ms. Debora Ann Sanders**  
July 2, 1951 - April 1, 2008

Debora Ann Sanders, age 56, of Emmitsburg, died suddenly on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at her home.

Born July 2, 1951 in Gettysburg, Pa., she was the daughter of Marianne Gochenour Myers of Emmitsburg, and the late John Clifton Dick and step-daughter of the late Richard H. Myers. She was the previous spouse of Richard T. Sanders of Woodsboro, Md.

Debora worked for a total of 18 years service with the State of Maryland, first with the Victor Cullen Institution in Blue Ridge Summit, Pa., and then with the Western Maryland Hospital Center in Hagerstown as a physical therapy assistant. She received her accounting certificate from the Abby Business Institute in Frederick, Md. She loved working outside, art, candle making, and spending time with her family, especially sleepovers with her mom, daughters, and grandchildren. She loved watching movies, reading, traveling, BBQ's, collecting things and camping. She enjoyed watching her favorite sports, the Orioles, NASCAR, and was an avid Steelers Fan. Debora will be sadly missed by her pet dog, "Tia".

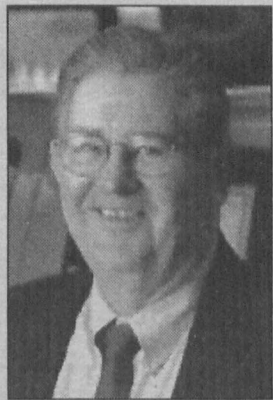
Surviving in addition to her mother, are daughters and spouses, Katrina M. and Mitchell, Jr. Gardner, and Tonya R. Sanders and fiancée William Houck both of Fairfield, Pa.; brother and spouse, Robert Allen and Judy Dick of Colorado Springs, Colorado; grandchildren, Kayla R. Wolfe of Woodsboro, Adryane N. Wivell, Wayne E. Wivell, Jr., Courtney R., Cody R., and Coltan A. Houck, all of Fairfield, Pa.; nephews, Donald C. Dick of Kansas, Robert A. Dick of Colorado. Also surviving are several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family received friends on Fri., from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home, 210 W. Main Street, Emmitsburg. Rosary Prayers were recited at 8 p.m. at the funeral home. A graveside service and inurnment was held Sat. April 5 at 10 a.m. at New St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Emmitsburg with the Rev. Stephen P. Trzeciecki, C.M. officiating.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to be made in her name to either, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 47 DePaul St., P.O. Box 376, Emmitsburg, MD 21727 or to the

American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.myers-durborawfh.com](http://www.myers-durborawfh.com).



**Mr. George Baumgardner Crouse**  
March 14, 1940 - April 2, 2008

Mr. George Baumgardner Crouse, 68, of Taneytown, died suddenly Wednesday, April 2, 2008 in Romney, W.Va. Born March 14, 1940 in Hanover, Pa., he was the son of the late George Washington Crouse and Helen Pauline Baumgardner Crouse. He was the husband of Sandra Remsburg Crouse, his wife of 45 years.

Mr. Crouse was a 1958 graduate of Taneytown High School and a 1963 graduate of the University of Maryland where he was a pitcher on the college baseball team. He was vice-president of Crouse Ford Sales, Taneytown. George was a member of Grace United Church of Christ, Taneytown, where he was chairman of the Trust Budget Committee and formerly served on the church consistory. He served in the Maryland National Guard; coached Little League football, baseball and basketball; was a member and past president of Forest and Stream Club; member and past president of the Taneytown Chamber of Commerce; a life member of the Taneytown Rod and Gun Club; member of Monocacy Lodge, AF & AM of Taneytown; a board member of the Community Foundation of Carroll County; board member of the former Taneytown Bank and was a founding member of the Taneytown History Museum (which will be closed this weekend in his memory). He loved golf, hunting, spending time in the West Virginia mountains and with his grandchildren.

In addition to his wife he is survived by sons, Michael S. Crouse and wife Kathy M. of Keymar; David E. Crouse and wife Michele S. of Taneytown; five grandchildren, Kelsey, Kyle and Justin Crouse and Tyler and Meghan Crouse; a brother, Kenneth D. Crouse and wife Doris of Taneytown; mother-in-law, Lucille Remsburg of Taneytown; sister in-law, Carol Parker of Bradenton, Fla.; and five nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held Sunday, April 6, at Grace United Church of Christ, 49 W. Baltimore St., Taneytown, with Rev. Steven Ostendorf-Snell, his pastor, officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the

Community Foundation of Carroll County/Taneytown History Museum, c/o Audrey Cimino, 255 Clifton Blvd, Suite 203, Westminster, MD 21157. Expressions of sympathy may be expressed to the family at [www.hartzlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralhome.com).



**Mrs. Rachel V. Wantz**  
September 3, 1927 - April 7, 2008

Rachel Virginia Wantz, age 80 of Emmitsburg, died Monday April 7, 2008 at Northhampton Manor in Frederick. She was born September 3, 1927 in Emmitsburg the daughter of the late Charles L. Sr. and Georgina S. Ridge Wantz. She was one quarter Cherokee Indian. She was a member of Church of God in Frederick and in her early years was a member of Elias Evangelical Lutheran in Emmitsburg. She was a member of the 700 Club. She worked at St. Joseph's College, Cambridge Rubber in Taneytown and Emmitsburg Shoe Company for 20 years. She also worked for Fairfield Shoe, Arendtsville Shoe, Gettysburg Shoe and Goodwill in Thurmont. She was a caregiver for Social Services in Frederick and volunteered at Cook Mountain Manor Treatment Center in Emmitsburg. She was a member of the Emmitsburg American Legion Post #121.

She loved horses, animals and Maryland crabs. She was a conservationist and enjoyed walks in the mountains.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, John R. and Pam M. Eckenrode of St. Cloud, Fla.; granddaughter, Amanda Hess Yates and husband Jeffrey of St. Cloud, Fla.

She was predeceased by brothers Charles Wantz, Jr. and

Wilbur Ridge.

A funeral service was held Friday, April 11 at 11 a.m. at Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home, 210 W. Main Street, Emmitsburg with Rev. Jon Greenstone officiating. Interment will be in Elias Lutheran Cemetery.

The family received friends Thursday 7 - 9 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

If desired contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Frederick County, 5712-D Industry Lane, Frederick, Md. 21704.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.myersdurborawfh.com](http://www.myersdurborawfh.com).

isle, Pa., with Panakyda Services at 6:30 p.m.

Burial services were held at 10 a.m. Wed., with Rev. Rodion Laskowsky officiating. Interment followed in the Pillars of Orthodox Church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pillars of Orthodox Church.

Arrangements were made by Hollinger Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 501 N. Baltimore Ave., Mount Holly Springs, Pa.

BIRTHS

Crystal and Kris Willard, Thurmont, a son, April 2.

Nicole Ramsburg and Terry Teryar, Thurmont, a daughter, March 27

Jennifer and Brian Mullenex, Sabillasville, a son, March 27.

DEATH NOTICES

**Mr. Isaac Lonnie Edward Shepherd** of Emmitsburg, died Monday, April 7, 2008.

The family received friends 7 - 9 p.m., Tues. April 8, at the Pillars of Orthodox Church, 350 W. Old York Road, Carl-

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# Community Calendar

## EVENTS

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

**April 19 – Indoor Yard Sale.** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thurmont Guardian Hose Co., 21 N. Church St. Reserved tables \$10. Information: (301) 271-4064.

**April 19 – Spring Festival.** 9 a.m. St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Sabillasville. Soup, sandwiches, baked goods. Eat in or carryout.

**April 19 – Adams County SPCA Loyalty Walk.** 9 a.m. to noon. Registration 8:30 a.m. Gettysburg Middle School off Baltimore St. 3-mile walk through the battlefield in memory of Sally, the dog mascot of the 11<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. For pledge packs, call (717) 334-8876 ext. 29. All proceeds benefit Adams County SPCA. Details: [www.adamscountyspca.org](http://www.adamscountyspca.org). (Rain date April 20)

**April 19 – Benefit Dance for American Cancer Society Relay for Life.** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thurmont AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post 7, 26 Apples Church Rd. "The Mark Ramsburg Band," classic 50s - 90s music. Tickets \$15 donation, age 21 or older. Tickets available at AMVETS. Information: (240) 315-3714 or (301) 271-2295.

**April 19 – Gun Raffle.** 4 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Co. Activities Complex. Tickets \$20. Information: (301) 898-5100 or visit [www.woodsborovfc.org](http://www.woodsborovfc.org).

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

**April 19 – Vera Bradley Bingo.** Doors open at 6 p.m.; bingo begins at 7. Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. Tick-

ets for 20 games - \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Information or to purchase tickets: (301) 447-3161.

**April 20 – Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball Parade.** 1:30 p.m. Parade will start on Seton Avenue. Opening Day Celebration!

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

**April 20 – Basket Bingo.** Noon, games at 2 p.m. Woodsboro American Legion. Refreshments. Advance tickets \$15, at the door \$20. Sponsored by Woodsboro Lutheran Church. Tickets and information: (301) 271-3309.

**April 23 – 1, 2, 3, Magic: Effective Discipline.** 6-8 p.m. Sabillasville Elementary School, 16210-B Sabillasville Rd. Dr. Phelan's magic model for effective discipline presented by EES counselor Sarah Fawley. Free dinner, childcare available for over age 4. Reservations required for both: call Families Plus (301) 694-9002 or Debbie Wivell, CASS coordinator (240) 236-1770.

**April 23 – Outreach in Emmitsburg.** CASS office, Emmitsburg Community Center, 300 S. Seton Ave. Applications and re-certifications accepted. Help with DSS programs, 9 a.m. to noon, call (301) 600-2450: Energy Assistance, Food Stamps, Medical Assistance, Purchase of Care, Housing Assistance. Help with FCAA programs 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., call Valerie Nozzi (301) 600-1506 or (240) 409-9152: Health Care Programs, Homeless Services, Outreach and Transportation, Housing Counseling, Case Management, Weatherization & Housing, Reha-

bilitation Services.

**April 24 – Seniors Lunch.** 11:30 a.m. Pot luck. St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Sabillasville. (301) 241-3287.

**April 24 – Parent Power: Building Strong Sibling and Peer Relationships.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. Childcare available for those pre-registered. Sponsored by MSS and the Mental Health Association of Frederick County. Registration: [www.mothersetonschool.org](http://www.mothersetonschool.org) or call (301) 447-3165.

**April 25 – In God's Hands Coffeehouse.** 7-10 p.m. Weller United Methodist Church, Thurmont. Two bands – "Lost N Found," [www.xianz.com/lostinfound](http://www.xianz.com/lostinfound) and "No Cease," [www.myspace.com/nocease](http://www.myspace.com/nocease). Free admission and refreshments. Information: [ighcoffee.com](http://ighcoffee.com).

**April 25 – CHS 2008 Safe-N-Sane Golf Tournament.** Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Maple Run Golf Course, Thurmont. \$70 per person, \$280 per foursome; includes all golf fees and lunch at Cozy. Hole sponsorship: \$100; cart sponsorship: \$25. Sponsors needed. Call Terry Eyler (301) 788-4458 or (301) 271-5620.

**April 26 – Warm-up Show.** 10 a.m. Thurmont Riding Club, 14981 Roddy Rd. Halter, pleasure, games. Information: [www.geocities.com/thurmontridingclub](http://www.geocities.com/thurmontridingclub).

**April 26 – Children's Festival.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Baker Park in Frederick. Activities for children 2-8. Live performances and food. Information: (301) 662-4549.

**April 26 – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Open House.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Co. Fire Hall, 3 South Third St. Activities, education, summer fire tips, firehouse and apparatus tours. Meet volunteers. Information: (301) 898-5100 or [www.woodsborovfc.org](http://www.woodsborovfc.org).

**April 26 – Fish Fry.** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bell Hill Farm, 1½ miles north

of Thurmont on the west side of U.S. Rt. 15. Carry out only. Proceeds benefit Thurmont Lions Club community and vision-related projects.

**April 26 – Steak and Shrimp Feed.** 5 p.m. Guardian Hose Co. activities building. Tickets: \$20. Reservations: (301) 271-7117 or (301) 271-4064.

**April 26 – Longaberger and Vera Bradley Bingo.** 4:30 p.m., bingo at 6 p.m. Lewistown Fire Hall. Advance tickets \$15, at the door \$20. Tickets and information: (301) 898-9047 or (301) 662-7854.

**April 26 – 2008 Big Sweep.** Help clean up Frederick County roadsides while earning money for a nonprofit organization. Registration and fundraising information: call Elizabeth (301) 663-5214, e-mail [ElizabethC@VolunteerFrederick.org](mailto:ElizabethC@VolunteerFrederick.org), or visit [www.theBIGSweep.org](http://www.theBIGSweep.org).

**April 26 & 27 – Farm Museum Family Festival.** Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Frederick County Farm Museum Association at Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 N. Market St., Frederick. Saturday morning tractor pull, exhibits, hayrides, animals, food, music. Sunday kiddy pedal tractor pull. 24-hour program information: (301) 600-1650 or visit [www.rosehillmuseum.com](http://www.rosehillmuseum.com).

**April 26 – Catoctin FFA Bedding Plant Sales.** 9 a.m. to noon. CHS Greenhouse. Plants can also be purchased during the school day. Call Ms. Ogg or Mr. Beaven (240) 236-8192 or (240) 236-8115.

**April 27 – "Sunday Sprint" Childbirth Education.** FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick. Advance registration and payment required: \$110 per couple. Information: (240) 379-6000.

**April 28 – Red Cross Blood Drive.** 2-8 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 103 N. Church Street, Thurmont. Information or appointment scheduling: (301) 271-7872. Walk-ins welcome.

**April 29 – Senior Summit.** 8 a.m. to noon. Frederick County Health Dep't., 350 Montevue Lane, Entrance C. Free event focuses on personal safety, dangers of door-to-door solicitations, scam and con artists, telemarketers and crimes targeting seniors. Sponsored by Frederick County Sheriff's Office and Frederick SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together). Information: (301) 600-3909.

**April 30 – Health and Fitness Fair.** 10 a.m. Frederick Senior Center, 1440 Taney Avenue, Frederick. Information and demonstrations on various health topics for seniors and their caregivers. To order a boxed lunch: (301) 600-1605.

**May 10 – Catoctin Cancer Walk.** 9 a.m. Catoctin High School. Deadline for business/private donations: April 18. Participant cost: \$5, collected at the walk. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. E-mail: [rblack9471@aol.com](mailto:rblack9471@aol.com).

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CONCERTS

**April 19 – Spring Concert.** 8 p.m. Frederick Church of the Brethren, 201 Fairview Avenue, Frederick. Free and open to the public. Information: (301) 473-4140 or [www.fryo.org](http://www.fryo.org).

**April 20 – Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music.** 3 p.m. Frederick Community College JBK Theater. Violin, cello, viola, and piano by Beethoven and Dvorak. Admission \$20. Students \$5. FCC students and staff free with FCC identification card. Information: call Jan Holly (301) 846-2608.

**May 3 – Westminster Ringers.** 7:30 p.m. Graceham Moravian Church,

8231 A Rocky Ridge Rd. Thurmont. A multi-sensory program under the direction of Larry Henning, celebrating familiar sacred songs, secular favorites and original bell compositions. Information: (301) 865-9183.

EVENTS

**April 27 – Spring Art Auction.** 2 p.m. Weinberg Center for the Arts, The auction will feature the donated works of Helen Smith and other noted Frederick artists. Free admission. Benefits the Weinberg Center.

**April 28 – Frederick Regional Youth Orchestra Auditions.** Frederick Church of the Brethren, 201 Fairview Avenue, Frederick. Elementary thru high school (pub-

lic, private or home-school) with one-year experience welcome. \$10 non-refundable audition fee for new members. To schedule an audition, call (301) 865-4722, [www.fryo.org](http://www.fryo.org).

STAGE

**To April 30 – “Vanities.”** Village Dinner Theatre of Gettysburg, 241 Steinwehr Ave., Gettysburg. Jack Heifner’s comedy about the friendship among three small town women coming of age in the 1960s and ‘70s. Information: (800) 570-4590 ext 2 or (717) 337-0080 or visit [www.thevillagedinnertheatre.com](http://www.thevillagedinnertheatre.com).

**April 18 – “Freedom Train.”** 7 p.m. The Weinberg Center for the

Arts, 20 West Patrick Street, Frederick. This 60-minute musical for audiences age 8 and older, based on the life of Harriet Tubman, is the story of self-sacrifice, dedication and survival, laced with warmth and a sense of humor that celebrates the human spirit. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$7 seniors and students, \$5 children. Visit the Center box office, call (301)-600-2828, or order online from [www.weinbergcenter.org](http://www.weinbergcenter.org).

**April 18 & 19 – Have You Scene IT?** Friday, 8:05 p.m., Saturday 2:05 p.m. and 8:05 p.m., Fairfield High School Auditorium. Movie trivia begins 25 minutes before each show. Adults \$8, students/seniors \$6. Information or tickets: (717) 642-5945 or e-mail [fairfieldmusicaltickets@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldmusicaltickets@gmail.com).

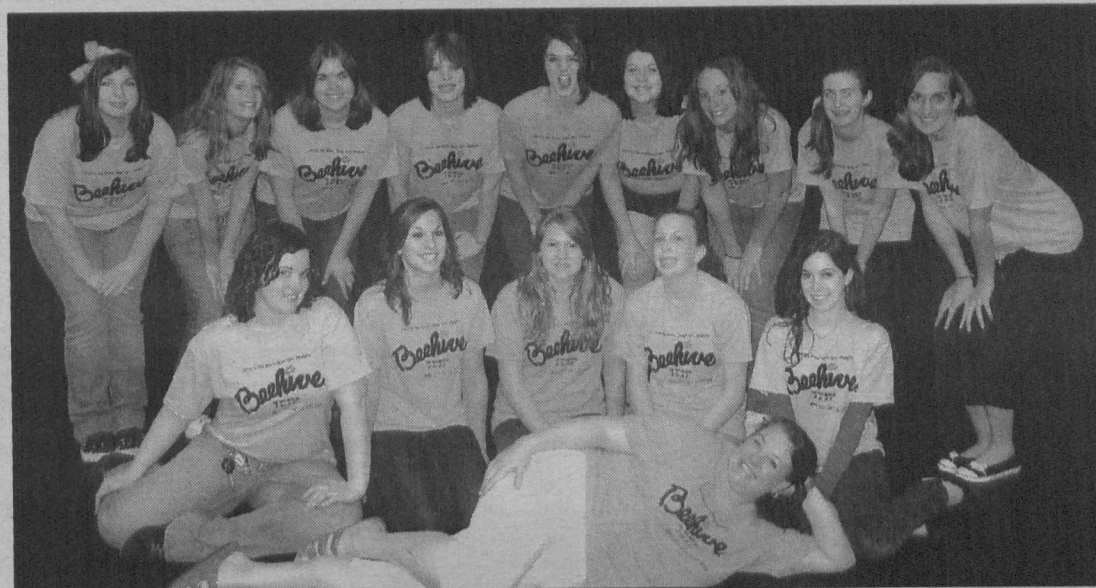
**April 18 to June 29 – “The Sound of Music.”** Way Off Broadway, 5 Willowdale Drive, Frederick. The final collaboration between Richard

Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein was destined to become the world’s most beloved musical and this summer, the von Trapp family returns to WOB. (301) 662-6600, [www.wayoffbroadway.com](http://www.wayoffbroadway.com).

**April 25 to 27 – “Beehive.”** Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. Music of the 60s. Presented by The Catoctin High School Drama Department. Students \$6, adults \$8. Information: Karen Stitely, CHS Drama Department (240) 236-8100.

**April 26 to June 28 – “Sleeping Beauty.”** Way Off Broadway, Children’s Theater, 5 Willowdale Drive, Frederick. This classic musical tale tells the story of the Princess who is enchanted by an evil fairy, pricks her finger on a spindle, falling into a deep sleep, only to be rescued years later by the Prince, with a bit of magical help. (301) 662-6600, [www.wayoffbroadway.com](http://www.wayoffbroadway.com).

## ‘Bee’ there for *Beehive*



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The Catoctin High School Drama Department, presents *Beehive*, a musical that takes you through the music of the 60’s. Shows are April 25-27. For more information or tickets, call Karen Stitely of the CHS Drama Department at (240) 236-8100. Pictured are: (top row) Stage Manager Ronnie Packe, Elaine Schray, Lauren Kelly, Shayna Beard, Rachel Stouter, Allie Trevorow, Kristen Williams, Jacqueline Dorsey, Jenna Hoffman, (bottom row) Sara Hayes, Karen Crum, Mackenzie Freeze, Taylor Rice, Nora Grider, (front) Director Karen Stitely, (not pictured) Mackenzie Jacks, Kaylee Myers, Kelsey Wivell, Musical Director Matthew Curran and Student Director Cody Gilliam.

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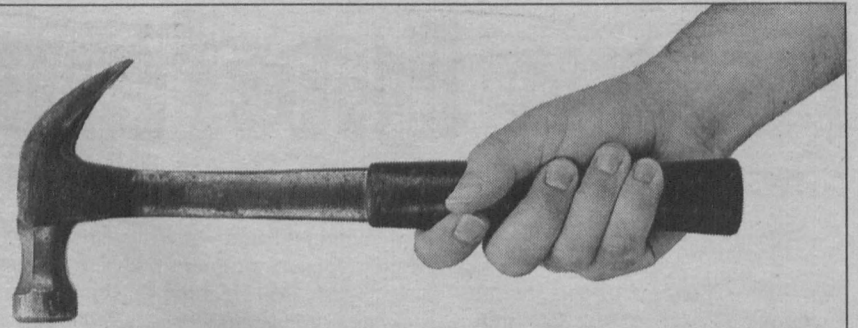


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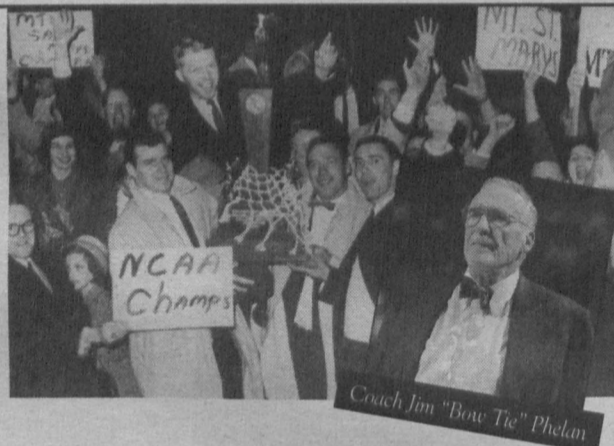
Gloria J. Balsley, administrative assistant in the Communications Department at Mount St. Mary's University, received the university's eleventh annual Sisters of St. Francis Award.

She was recognized for her service to the Mount and her church community as well as her selfless devotion to students, staff and faculty. "Gloria's commitment to the well being of others," says Mount President Thomas H. Powell, is "a living testament to the Mount's four pillars of faith, discovery, leadership and community."

The award was presented during a April 10 ceremony in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception on the Mount campus.

The Sisters of St. Francis Award is named in honor of the sisters who served at the Mount in the late 19th century. The award, established in 1997, is presented each year by the Council on Campus Ministry and is granted to a Mount employee who best exemplifies the school's mission both at work and in the community.

L. to r.: David Rehm, vice president for academic affairs; Prof. Tim Wolfe; Gloria Balsley; Prof. Byron Stay, Fr. Jim Donohue and President Thomas H. Powell



### COACH PHELAN MAKES HALL OF FAME

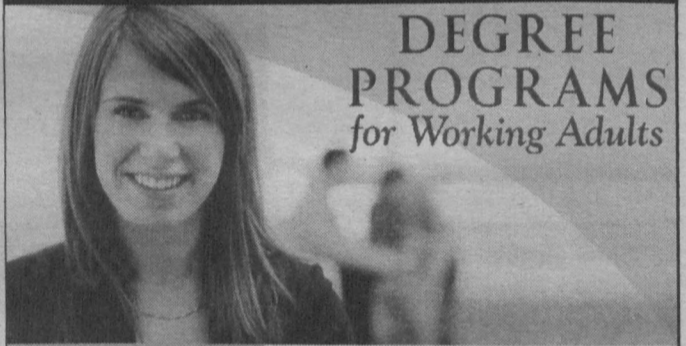
Legendary Mount St. Mary's University men's basketball coach Jim Phelan will be inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame on Sunday, November 23, 2008. The announcement was made by the National Association of Basketball Coaches Foundation.

"It is an honor to be selected for induction. It's a great feeling to be in such a distinguished group of gentlemen. They have all achieved so much in the realm of basketball and are all so worthwhile," says Coach Phelan, adding, "I had a wonderful 49 years at the Mount with a great opportunity to contribute with a lot of fine players."

Coach Phelan became one of basketball's all-time winners with a record of 830 wins and 524 losses over the course of 49 basketball seasons. The man with the bow tie coached in a total of 1,354 games all as Head Coach at the Mount.

The ceremony will be held at the College Basketball Experience (CBE) and Sprint Center in Kansas City, Mo.

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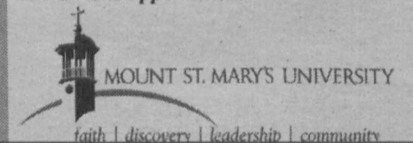
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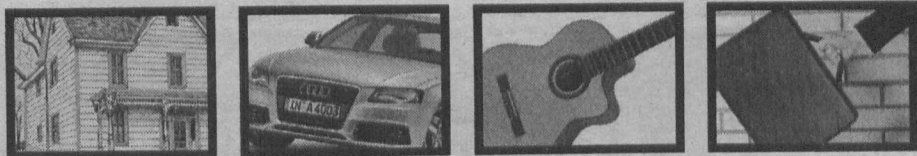
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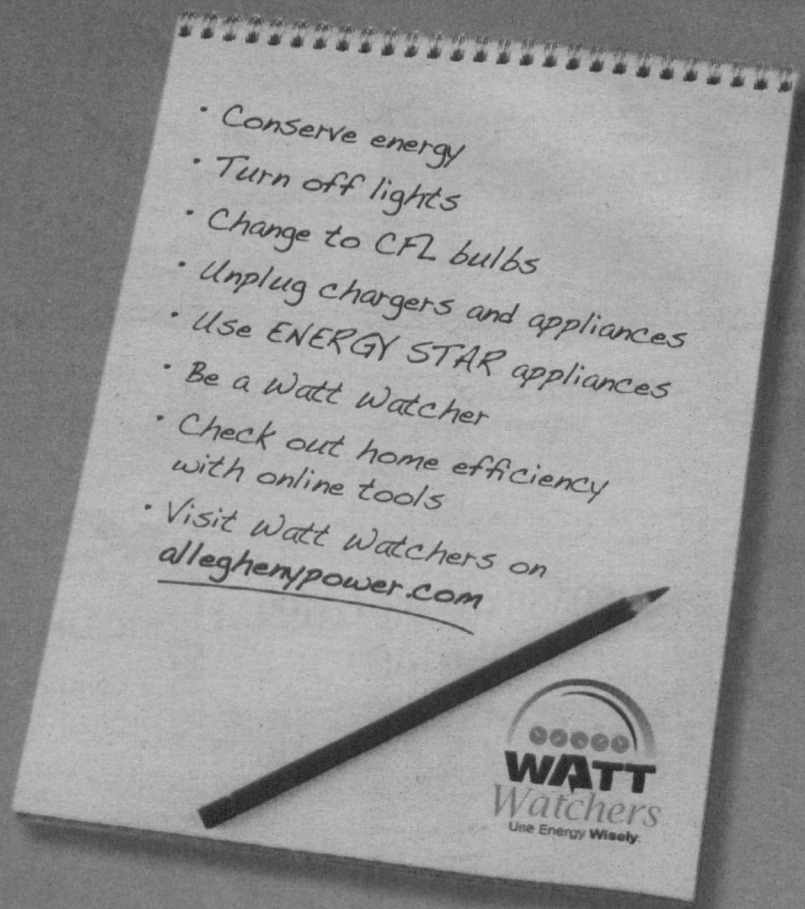
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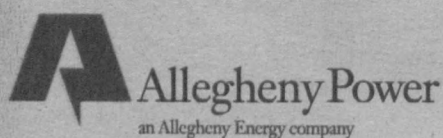
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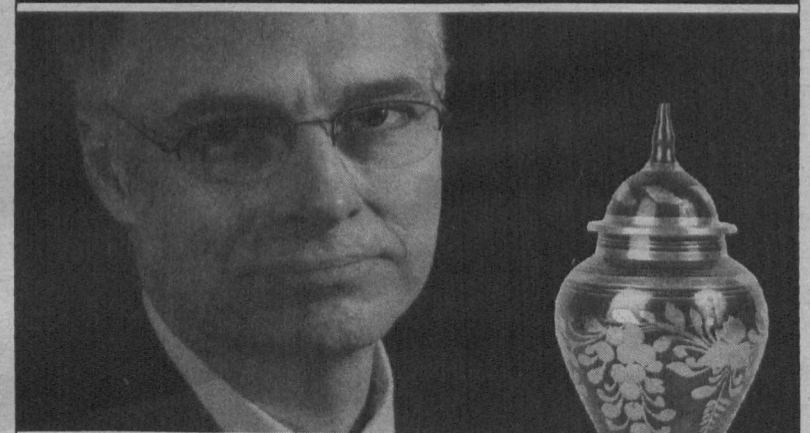
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