

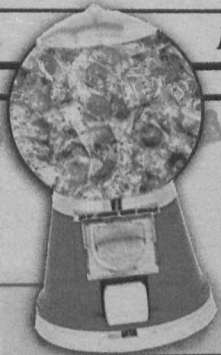
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Emmitsburg trains its jr. deputies

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – “Do you have any bombs?” asked 11-year-old Marissa Wiles.

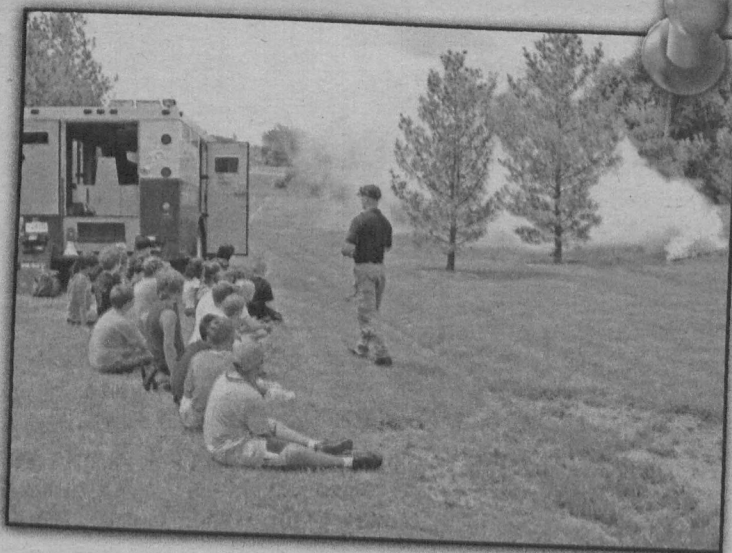
No, Marissa wasn’t a would-be terrorist. She was just the opposite. She was training to be a Jr. Frederick County Sheriff’s Deputy at the Jr. Deputy Academy in Emmitsburg on June 30.

Marissa was one of more than 100 children who attended the academy which ran during the morning and early afternoon. The children work through stations that give them a close-up look at police vehicles, K-9 units, SWAT operations, the science behind crime scene investigations and more.

Though the deputy demonstrating SWAT operations didn’t have a bomb, he did detonate a smoke grenade that sent a cloud of colored smoke into the air.

“My mom wanted me to come and it sounded like fun,” Marissa said of why she came to the academy.

“You can learn from this and it will help you be safe in your lifetime,” said Kurstin Metz, 11, who found the “Stranger Danger” talk helpful.



- ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL SR. / THE DISPATCH

A Frederick County sheriff's deputy sets off a smoke grenade to show youngsters part of a SWAT team's tactical operations during the sheriff's office Jr. Deputy Program in Emmitsburg on June 30.

At the conclusion of the program, each child received a bag that included a t-shirt, certificate of completion, coloring book and other items.

“We hope we can teach them a little about police work, that police are their friends and about safety,” said Cpl. Michael Grunwell with the sheriff’s office.

He said if they hold another academy next year, they would try to make it different so kids will still

be interested.

As it was, the kids had fun. David Shields, 10, had the chance to get outfitted in SWAT gear. He said the gear was heavy but his father is in the army so he’s worn similar gear before.

Angie Welty brought her son to the program after reading about it in the newspaper. “I think it’s good teaching material. I think they hear a lot that can be really useful to them,” she said.

Hoover and Staiger to run again for public office

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – Both incumbents in this year’s Emmitsburg town elections have filed to run for re-election. Mayor James Hoover and Board President Chris Staiger hope their work for the town has garnered them enough trust and respect among residents to continue serving for another three years.

“I enjoy doing this,” Hoover said. “I want to continue doing it. I think the town has come a long way in improving its infrastructure, a lot of improvements in community programs. I want to see us continue to provide more training to staff and officials to make us as professional a group as we can be.”

Staiger said of the mayor. “I think he does an excellent job. He provides a lot of leadership and he enjoys it. I’m glad he’s choosing to run again.”

Hoover said he held off announcing his intentions to run again because he wanted to see who would be running for commissioner. So far, that person is Staiger.

“I think Chris Staiger does a very good job as board president,” Hoover said. “I think he does a good job as commissioner. Period. He says what he thinks.”

Staiger said the biggest challenge to his running again was finding a way to balance his family life with the demands of being a commission-

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Car hits Antique Mall, knocks hole in corner

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – The Antique Mall in Emmitsburg has a new, albeit unwanted, entrance on the northwest corner of the building since a car hit it on June 23.

“A lady came flying down Chesapeake Avenue, knocked down the speed limit sign and accelerated across the parking lot and hit the corner of the

building,” reported Mall Manager Debbie Burrier.

According to the Frederick County Sheriff’s Office accident report, Lucille Nielson, 79, of Emmitsburg, was driving westbound on Lincoln Avenue. As she approached the four-way stop at Chesapeake Avenue, she failed to stop and instead turned left onto Chesapeake Avenue. Her 2001 Buick Century struck a speed limit sign on the right side of the road, then crossed over

the northbound lane of Chesapeake Avenue, drove through the parking lot of the Antique Mall and collided with the building.

Inside the building, the collision punctured the wall

and knocked shelves and items from the walls of a booth. Burrier said she heard the collision and ran toward the sound. She saw items strewn across the floor.

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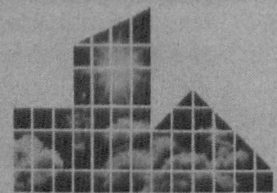


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Guest Commentary

Don't you just "shutter" at the thought?

Sometimes you wince and just have to wince again. When I first heard that Main Street Sweets had on its own volition commissioned the ever so gross infraction of putting "Cookies", "Sweets" and other such incriminating words on its shutters, I could only gasp. I was left with no other course of action than to go and see this for myself. Immediately I drove to the crime site. The light-colored building was easy to find; on the corner and adorned with complementary contrasting maroon shutters.

For a moment, a brief moment, my attention, shifted from the imbalance of the signage-burdened intersection that seemed to be more "a sag" with each passing day. The once attractive Euclidean grid of the intersection had now taken on a more Lobachevskian look to it. Come on, surely we can squeeze another sign in the intersection to assist us. And to think, all those pictures of the fountain and buildings with big signs from days gone by. Yes, I am beginning to more firmly grasp what C.S. Lewis had noted that he could not understand evolution, but could grasp de-evolution.

Once there, granted that my eyesight is less than perfect, I could not see the purportedly salacious words. Slowing down, to the thunder of activated horns, balanced by the patient counsel of my wife, I was able to detect, yes, some, yes, gold scribbling on the shutters! I mean to see it you almost have to press your nose against the shutters. We're talking about a real mush. However, like 99.9 percent of the foot traffic and car traffic I missed what I had been told was the more-odious lettering on the second-floor

shutters.

This, of course, had to be brought to the attention of the town and dutifully they had to give a citation. To my untrained eye, I could not see anything let alone a violation of the sign ordinance. But what do I know? Signage, and I mean tons of, is good in the intersection but not good on buildings. Emmitsburg is now designed to get through and quickly.

Well, this much I do know: for a business to survive it needs signage and signage can come in lettering, forms, building design, landscaping and colors.

What's next to this discerning eye that caught this clear violation? Scurrying now for a Vance Packard treatise of the sixties and a copy of Goethe's *Theory of Colours*, sublimation could be, once again, on the loose. What if those letters I couldn't see, were in some perverse way influencing me to have Mocha Latté, or some new landscaping at the Mount was drawing me to take a course there? It could be everywhere.

Thankfully the building design and red roof of the McDonalds and the clock tower of the Sleep Inn are not signage.

What's next should Jubilee cover up its mural? We have got to stop this before someone does something else that looks really good at the expense of more traffic signage. I agree, I am firmly on board, get 'em before someone starts biting.

Don Briggs
Emmitsburg

Thanks God for America, July 4th

On July 4th America will be celebrating her 232nd birthday! This is without a doubt a blessing from God.

Our Founding Fathers acknowledged God and their dependence upon His principles to establish this great country. It was noted by one of the signers of the Declaration that America's Declaration of Independence was copied from Theologian and Political Philosopher, John Locke's *Treatise on Government*. In this short *Treatise* of 400 pages, the Bible was referenced over 1500 times for the correct operation of civil government.

It was obvious that our Founding Fathers took Jesus' words to heart: "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house upon the rock." (Matthew 7:24) Jesus went on to say

that the storms came but the house stood because it was built upon the rock.

We've seen the outworking of this powerful truth in our nation. America is the longest constitutional republic in the world. Many governments in other nations have come and gone. But we've "stood" and enjoyed the blessing of God.

President John Adams' observations for America and her future, made over 200 years ago are so profound and relevant for us a nation today: "It must be felt that there is no national security but in the nation's humble acknowledged dependence upon God and His overruling providence."

In the historical spirit of gratitude to God Almighty, Happy Birthday America!

Janice Airey
Taneytown

Sign ordinance proving restrictive

I've held my mouth shut long enough. I've just read the article in *The Dispatch* about the shutters at the Main Street Sweets, and think this is about the most useless waste of the town's resources that I've seen yet. Having so many people weighing in on and spending time on a bit of writing on a window shutter is a waste of this small town personnel's time and energy. Come on, give me a break!

Let a business advertise! Use some common sense...something that most government agencies have very little of. I think Emmitsburg WANTS businesses to succeed here. If a business is to succeed it MUST have a way to advertise. The more a town restrains and controls small details of businesses, the less attractive it becomes to those who may be

thinking about coming here. Consequently, the town receives less revenue, and the community has to spend gas money to drive to other places for similar services.

If the sign ordinance is so restrictive that business can't promote themselves creatively and drives them somewhere else, then change the ordinance.

As a business owner, I'm thankful that I don't have a "storefront" to maintain here...and as my business develops and grows, I'll have to think long and hard before I open up a storefront or office here in Emmitsburg.

I say use common sense and let Main Street Sweets alone!

Conrad Weaver
Emmitsburg

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Dispatch encourages its readers to express their thoughts and opinions about issues that appear in this publication or affect the community. Letters must be exclusive to the *The Dispatch* and should be no longer than 300 words in length. They must be signed and include the writer's address and phone number for verification purposes. *The Dispatch* reserves the right to edit letters for content and space.

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"Most thankfully there were no customers in the booth," Burrier said.

Nielson was taken to Gettysburg Hospital where she was treated and released.

"All I know is that I hit the corner of the building," Nielson said. She added that the last thing she remembered was turning left onto Chesapeake Avenue.

No charges will be filed against Nielson.



-STEPHANIE LONG/ THE DISPATCH AND MARK MAAS
Lucille Nielson's car after it hit the corner of the Antique Mall (above) and the damage as seen from inside the mall (left).

Carriage House Inn closed until July 15

EMMITSBURG, Md. - The fire at the Carriage House Inn is still causing problems for the local restaurant. Though the May 25 fire was small and quickly put out by a sprinkler system, the water and smoke damages continue to add up. Now the restaurant will be closed until Tuesday, July 15 while the wa-

ter-damaged floor in the main dining room is replaced. However, all private parties previously scheduled will be accommodated. Owner Bob Hance said he is appreciative of the patience and support of his friends and customers during this recovery phase.

- J. Rada

Let your trash help the Boy Scouts

EMMITSBURG, Md. - On the first Sunday of each month, beginning July 6, 8 a.m. to noon, the Boy Scouts from troop 727 will collect newspaper (no glossy paper) and aluminum for recycling in front of St. Joseph's Rectory on DePaul Street in Emmitsburg. The scouts will even unload your car for you.

All you have to do is drive up. Not only will you be helping the scouts, you'll be helping the environment. All proceeds will be used to fulfill the mission of the Boy Scouts; to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Upcounty becomes county agency

BY STEPHANIE LONG
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EMMITSBURG, Md. - A local agency is transitioning to a county agency, adding to the list of Frederick County services.

Up-County Family Support Center, a local non-profit aid agency that serves Northern Frederick County, will officially become a county agency in January 2009. The Frederick County Commissioners set aside \$78,500 in the fiscal year 2009 county budget to fund the agency.

The change comes on the heels of a nationwide economic change and Up-County's loss of its current sponsor, Catholic Charities.

"They have been a great sponsor, but they couldn't fund us," said Liza Frye, director of Up-County.

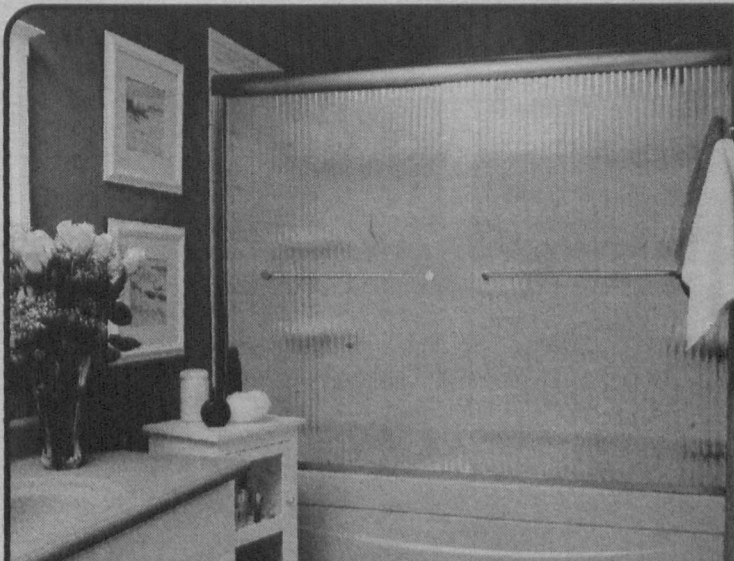
All of Up-County's employees will stay on when the change occurs,

Frye said, and will become county employees.

Although other aid agencies exist in Frederick County, Up-County's mission will not change, Frye said, and they will continue to serve Northern Frederick County and "the community in the same way."

Although Frederick County intends to fund the agency \$78,500, Frye said future "upgrades" to the budget will be needed.

The town of Emmitsburg may step in to help Up-County meet some of its budget needs. An annual restricted use donation of \$24,000 may be given to Up-County from the town that could be used for programs or equipment, but no operating costs.



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er. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two sons born to them during Staiger's first term on the board.

"We think we can make it work. I'm glad because there are still a lot of things I haven't been able to do yet because we've been bogged down with the comp plan," Staiger said.

Staiger is completing his first three-year term as a town commissioner and Hoover is completing his second three-year term as mayor.

The town election will be on Sept. 30 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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TOWN NEWS

Mount student dies in his sleep

EMMITSBURG, Md. — An 18-year-old Mount Saint Mary University student recently died in his sleep, a week after surviving a serious car accident.

Joseph Michael Karcz had returned home to Clifton, N.J., for the summer to work with his father when he was involved in a serious car accident. While the accident left him without serious injuries, Karcz died several days later, on June 19, in his sleep.

A funeral was held for Karcz on June 23, which was attended by the Mount's entire rugby team, of which Karcz was a member, and President

and Mrs. Thomas H. Powell.

"The sad news about this young man has, and will continue to affect our community. He will genuinely be missed by us all," President Powell said in a statement. "During this time of loss, we are again reminded by our Catholic faith, how precious life is and how important it is to cherish the time that we have together with our family, friends, and colleagues."

Karcz had just completed his freshman year at the Mount, majoring in political science and had plans to become a lawyer and politician.

- S. Long



JOSEPH MICHAEL KARCZ

Dental Program helped 30 patients in its first year

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Seton Center's DePaul Dental Program, recently celebrated its first anniversary. More than 30 low-income adults with no dental insurance qualified for this program and received dental care during the first year of operation. The Seton Center is a non-profit agency that provides services for people in need, primarily in northern Frederick County.

"The dentists and oral surgeons who have served our clients have been wonderful to work with and we have received many favorable comments from the people we've sent to them," said Sister Ellen Eisenberger, administrator of the Seton Center.

The health professionals provide their services at a discount and work closely with the Seton Center to follow up on their patients. "As we enter our second year of this pro-

gram, all of the dentists expressed their desire to continue to work with us," said Eisenberger.

Seton Center has received several grants this year from the Frederick County Commissioners, the Community Foundation of Frederick, and the Raskob Foundation to provide these dental services. Additionally, the Seton Center has received several donations from friends, individuals and businesses, who recognize this pressing need.

"It is amazing to talk to people who have severe dental problems and who often are in constant pain, unable to eat, and suffering from overall health problems because of a lack of dental care. This program gives them relief from pain, better overall health, greater self-confidence, and in some instances, better job opportunities," Eisenberger said.

The program's goal for 2008 is to help at least 40 persons needing dental treatment.

The Seton Center, which has been serving northern Frederick County for approximately 27 years, is a sponsored work of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. The Seton Center's traditional Outreach Services include emergency and temporary financial assistance with items such as rent, heat, utilities and prescriptions, plus referral and information services, supportive counseling, and a host of other services, including the only thrift shop in the area.

For more information on the Seton Center's dental and other programs, call Sister Eisenberger at (301) 447-6102 from 9 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or by e-mail at setoncenterinc@doc.org.

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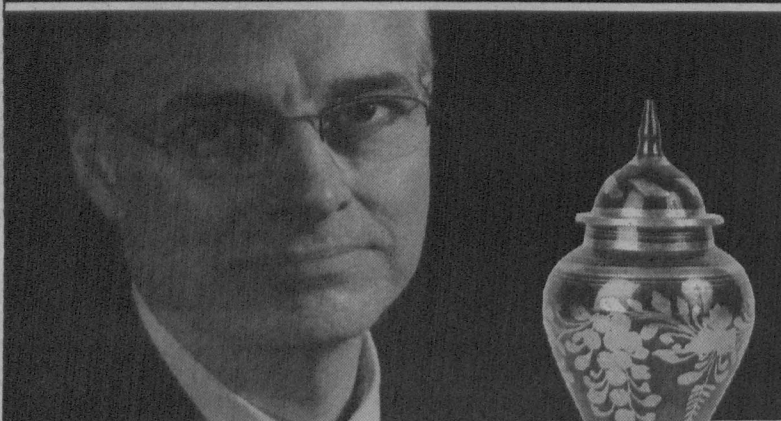
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REGIONAL NEWS

Myers Family creates scholarship

THURMONT, Md. — Rodman and Jean Myers have created The C. Rodman Myers and M. Jean Ogle Myers Fund at The Community Foundation of Frederick County to provide grants to educational, therapeutic, and/or agricultural-based organizations such as The Frederick County 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program and The Maryland FFA Foundation.

"We are happy to be able to continue giving back to the community and are glad that agricultural organizations will be helped," the Myers said.

The Myers met at the Creagerstown 4-H Club more than 50 years ago and married in 1955. They have been farmers all their lives.

The couple has been very active in agricultural-related organizations and community groups. A member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Mrs. Myers

is also the director of St. John's Christian preschool. Both were awarded outstanding Young Farmers by the Maryland Jaycees in 1968, and Master Farmers by *Pennsylvania Farmers Magazine* in 1978. They have been active members for over 50 years of Thurmont, Frederick County, Maryland State, and National Grange. The Myers were instrumental in organizing the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show, Catoclin FFA and Catoclin FFA Alumni in 1957 to develop an outstanding farm show for youth and adults in the Catoclin area schools.

Along with their children, Patty, Cheryl, Robert, and Andrea, the Myers family was the first of three farm families inducted into the Maryland Agriculture Hall of Fame in 1991. Mr. Myers served 42 years as director of Thurmont Cooperative and has been a life-

time member of Catoclin FFA Alumni and Maryland 4-H All Star. He is also a member of Frederick County Tax Appeals Board.

"Family farming is essential to everything we do," said Rodman Myers, reflecting on his more than half-century of service to improving lives through farming. "I cannot imagine a better way of helping others than through farming and service to our community."

Secure, online donations may be made to The C. Rodman and M. Jean Ogle Myers Fund at www.cffredco.org/funds. Make checks payable to The Community Foundation of Frederick County with the Fund's name in the check's memo line. Mail check to 312 East Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701. All donations are tax-exempt to the fullest extent of the law.

Eisenhower Academy explores culture and crises

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — The 11th Annual Eisenhower Academy: A Summer History Institute will be held July 6-11, at Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Sponsored by Eisenhower National Historic Site, Gettysburg College, Mount St. Mary's University, and The Dwight D. Eisenhower Society, the Academy will focus on the Eisenhower presidency, including the policies, events, crises, and the life-style of 1950's America.

Lectures and discussion throughout the week will cover new scholarship on the foreign and domestic policy of the Eisenhower administration. Topics include the Cold War, civil rights, 1950s economics and popular culture. Field trips include a visit to the Eisenhower National Historic Site and a

walking tour of Eisenhower's Gettysburg. Participants will have the opportunity to interview Eisenhower friends and family members, and use primary source documents, film, video footage, and the internet as research tools.

Two Pennsylvania professional education credits (60 ACT 48 hours) are available for attending the Academy. Three graduate credits are also offered through Mount Saint Mary's University for an additional fee. Teachers, graduate students, and those who simply wish to learn more about Eisenhower and 1950s America are invited to attend.

For the academy agenda or more information, call (717) 338-9114 ext. 10 or e-mail john_joyce@nps.gov.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lincoln author signing books at Wyndham

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — Jim Percoco will be signing his latest book, *Summers with Lincoln: Looking for the Man in the Monuments*, at the Wyndham Gettysburg on July 4 from 5 – 7 p.m.

Percoco is a nationally recognized and award-winning high school history teacher. He also serves as an education consultant and a member of the

Advisory Board for the Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

In *Summers with Lincoln*, Percoco sets off to see what he might learn about the many Lincoln monuments that dot our landscape, in the middle of busy city squares and hidden on quiet streets.

Gabor Boritt, Director, Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College, said of the book,

"Percoco's *Summers with Lincoln* will amaze book readers and inspire teachers."

Books will be available for purchase. The Wyndham Gettysburg is located in the Gateway Gettysburg campus at the intersection of Route 15 and Route 30 in Gettysburg at 95 Presidential Circle. For more information, visit www.wyndhamgettysburg.com.

Riding Program needs volunteers

THURMONT, Md. — The Frederick 4H Therapeutic Riding Program is seeking volunteers to assist students with disabilities. The volunteers are needed to lead horses and sidewalk students during riding classes and are also needed as barn assistants.

The Frederick 4H Therapeutic Riding Program is a nonprofit,

providing riding classes to children and adults with disabilities, who live in Frederick County. Summer classes begin July 12. Fall volunteer training is scheduled for September 6.

If interested in volunteering or you want more information, please call (301) 898-3587 or visit at www.fc4htrp.org.

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WAYNESBORO, Pa. — Area children are invited to discover why "Old Friends Are Worth Saving" in a program scheduled at Renfrew Park in Waynesboro on Tuesday, July 15, from 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.

Through exploration of the 1800s Royer farmstead (now Renfrew Museum & Park), participants will discover a new awareness of old buildings, learn to listen to their

stories and understand the importance of preserving them.

"This full-day program combines fun with educational activities," said Nora Slick, coordinator of summer programming at Renfrew Institute. Hands-on experiences include an opportunity to try the "people-powered tools" of the 1800s and to assemble a log building.

The program is for chil-

dren completing grades 3-8. Registration is limited to 12 participants, and the registration deadline is July 9. The cost is \$35 each for Renfrew Institute members and \$40 each for non-members.

For more information or to register, call Renfrew Institute at (717) 762-0373. The rain date is Wednesday, July 16.

Carroll Valley celebrates the 4th of July Something for everyone to enjoy

CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. — The preparations are done and now it's time for Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Liberty and Hamiltonban to celebrate the Fourth of July at the Carroll Valley Commons on Friday July 4.

Activities include exhibits and entertainment for all ages; from sports and games to craft making, a pie-baking contest and classic car show. It's a fun day for all, beginning at 10 a.m. and ending with a dazzling fireworks show from the top of Liberty Mountain at dusk.

Sports activities include a softball tournament, golf putting competition, horseshoe tournament, volleyball tournament and, new this year, a Climbing Wall, sponsored by Strawberry Hill Nature Center.

Children will enjoy these activi-

ties: Giant Slide, Moon Bounce, Ultimate T-ball, rubber ducky and sack races, hula hoop contests, bubble gum contests and make-and-take crafts. Young and old can enjoy a scenic hayride.

The pie-baking contest begins at noon, with judging taking place at 12:30 p.m. After judging, pies will be sliced and available for sale to the public.

Be sure to check out the display of life-saving equipment from Fairfield Fire/EMS and Fountaindale Volunteer Fire Department. And don't miss the Classic Car Show, the Civil War Era Fashion Show and Bingo.

Music for the day's festivities includes Eminence, a local band, the band Feet First and strolling minstrel Donnie Leaman.

Evening events begin at 5 p.m. with music and include a live animal show featuring "Mr. Eddy" Ruebin of Strawberry Hill and Nature Center, a patriotic sing-along, a holiday observance ceremony that includes "Meaning of the Flag," a chaplain's blessing, singing of the "The Star-Spangled Banner," sung by Katie Myers, the Pledge of Allegiance and the Call to the Colors, followed by a retreat ceremony. The day will top off with the fireworks display.

Visitors will find several food vendors available. Except for food, bingo, souvenirs and a charge for the Climbing Wall, all events and activities are free. Rain date is Saturday, July 5. For a complete schedule or for more information, visit www.carrollvalley.org.

Fairfield Area High student helps Strawberry Hill open Butterfly Garden

FAIRFIELD, Pa. — Fairfield Area High school sophomore Rebekah Harbough worked with Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve Manager Yvonne Werzinsky to plan and plant a new butterfly garden as part of her senior project at Fairfield Area High School.

"I talked to Yvonne and she mentioned that they had cleared the

butterfly garden back in September but hadn't gotten a chance to plant anything, so I decided that I would do that," Harbough said, who will help maintain the garden, research additional plants, do outreach on the project, and recruit volunteers for upkeep.

Volunteers planted the garden with some 60 native plants known to provide food for butterflies and their caterpillar larvae on the site of a 19th Century bank barn. Some of the plants include chokeberry, goldenrod, winterberry holly, bee balm, and coneflower. In addition to helping butterflies, these native plants are beneficial to gardeners as well, since

they typically grow well in unimproved soil and need little water.

Werzinsky notes that interested gardeners are invited to come by to see the garden and learn more about native plants. She adds that volunteers are also welcome to help with the butterfly garden or other projects at Strawberry Hill. Interested volunteers should call her at (717) 642-5840.

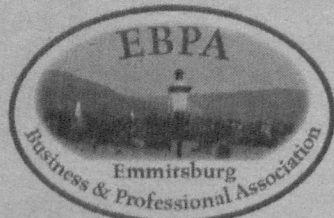
Strawberry Hill's butterfly garden is supported by funding from Adams Electric Cooperative and Columbia Gas. To learn more about Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve, visit www.strawberryhill.org.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Volunteers needed for Museum and Visitor Center

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — The National Park Service is looking for additional visitor guides this summer and fall. The National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center is expected to increase attendance at the park and new volunteers will be needed to handle the demand.

Work stations for volunteers at the new facility include: Outdoor Plaza Ambassador, Resource Room Attendant, and Gallery Guide. Anyone who may be interested in these new volunteer opportunities can read more about the job of a Visitor Services volunteer and how to apply by going to the website at www.nps.gov/gett and clicking on the "Support Your Park" link.



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Editor's Note: This is the tenth 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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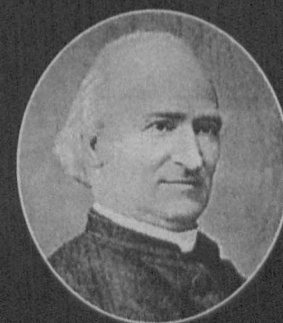
EMMITSBURG, Md. — Mount St. Mary's College had been accumulating debt over the years. First, because of the 1824 fire that nearly burned down the campus and then because of the loss of students during the Civil War. Few students sympathetic to the Southern cause chose to stay in a Northern school. Those who stayed, the college had to support because funds from the students' parents could not make it north. Expenses increased while income fell off.

Father John McCloskey died at the end of 1881, which brought about changes the college barely survived.

"Searching out causes of the crash which followed Father John's death, and the shadow of whose coming doubtless killed him, the Chronicler finds that he had to deal with a big debt from the outset of his career as treasurer, away back in 1841," wrote Mary E. Meline and Edward F. X. McSweeney in *The Story of the Mountain: Mount Saint Mary's College and Seminary*.

Father William Hill came to the Mount in January 1881 and, in his role as treasurer, found that the college's debt was greater than thought with nothing in the treasury. Enrollment at the college

When the Mount nearly shut down for good



When Mount St. Mary's fell on hard times after the death of President John McCloskey (above, bottom right), the school declared bankruptcy and James McSherry (above, top right) was appointed the receiver.

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had been 164 students in 1877 and was down to 127 by 1881 with a corresponding income of about \$38,000. The college's liabilities were estimated at between \$165,000 to \$200,000.

Hill saw no choice other than to throw the college into liquidation. Judge Lynch of the Circuit Court for Frederick County appointed James McSherry the receiver for the college in February 1881. "The result now reached has long been anticipated in this community, as certain to come sooner or later, yet it came upon us as a surprise, almost a shock, and was met with a feeling of deep regret on every side," reported *The Emmitsburg Chronicle*.

Students were unsure of how to feel. Some were ashamed that the college was bankrupt. Others worried that their own assets might be seized to pay the college's debt. Just about everyone assumed the college was going to close after the Class of 1881 graduated. The sale of the buildings and land was expected to happen in the summer or fall of 1881.

Hill left the college in March so as not to impede McSherry's work. His tenure was controversial among residents

and students.

"A large portion of the community censures severely the course pursued by the Rev. Wm. J. Hill, in so hastily placing the Institution in the hands of a Receiver," one critic wrote in the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*.

However, Thomas Fitzgerald, vice president of the college, "and the seminarians agreed to stay and thus saved the Mountain, for it would in all probability have come to grief if they had left, for the boys would have followed them," wrote Meline and McSweeney.

Fitzgerald worked to keep morale up among students and staff through the difficult time. The college made pleas to its alumni to collect the money to pay its debts and get out of receivership. "A proposition has already been made through the *Freeman's Journal* of New York, by a responsible gentleman to be one of two hundred persons to contribute

\$1,000 each, to reinstate and reconstruct the interest which is so deeply grounded in the affections of the hosts who hail the college as their *Alma Mater*," reported the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*.

McSherry began to sell off some personal effects at the college. The *Emmitsburg Chronicle* noted in April that more than \$7,100 was raised doing this.

When the college's assets without closure were calculated in June, it was determined that

35 cents on the dollar could be repaid to creditors. The creditors agreed to this amount. The alternative would have been to sell off the entire college and close it. This would have netted the creditors even less than 35 cents on the dollar.

The college was declared out of receivership on March 6, 1882.

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CANDYLAND

Little bits of heaven

25 years of Gateway Market and Candyland

BY ELIZABETH M. PIAZZA
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. — Remember the days when little bits of heaven came in small packages with names like Mary Janes, Bit-O-Honey and Tootsie Roll Pops? Remember how running down to the corner store to buy ice cream and penny candy was the best part of the day?

Fortunately for the residents of Thurmont, Gateway Market and Candyland is the corner store that still sells these little bits of heaven. Celebrating its 25th anniversary, Gateway Market is a general store, liquor store and candy haven all in one. Tucked alongside Rt. 15 in Thurmont, visitors are first greeted by the red-and-white striped awnings along the storefront. Once inside, visitors are greeted by at least one member of the Bollinger/Doll family who have been running the market since its beginning.

In 1983, Sterling and Linda Bollinger built the market as a means to sell the produce that was grown on their orchard on Kelbaugh Road. Inspired by the family's annual vacation to West Virginia, where they would stop at Hilltop Fruit Market and buy bagged candy, Sterling decided to sell candy as well. Gateway Market quickly transformed into Gateway Market and Candyland.

The market continues to sell produce in addition to many other items. Jams and jellies line the shelves and custom gift baskets are available. The market sells dried fruits, nuts and mixes for soups and bread.

Gateway Market and Candyland exemplifies a family run business. The Bollingers worked as a family on the orchard and that tradition carried over to the market. Each of the Bollinger's nine children and now 13 grandchildren has, at some point, all worked at the market. The newest addition, three-and-half-year-old Jameson (named after the whiskey) is next in line for a job.

"Everyone sort of moves on and

through the years, everyone has come to work here," said Maggie Doll, Bollinger's second-eldest child. "Need a job? Call Aunt Maggie."

Maggie and her husband John purchased the market from Sterling Bollinger in 1996, although she has been managing it since 1985.

Doll admits that it can be hard to work to live together and work together. Each family member makes a pact not to bring work home or bring home to work.

The market has undergone some additions since its inception. The liquor store was added in 1992 after the space opened up and a liquor license became available. Doll also decided to add ice cream, an idea that Sterling wasn't keen on.

"I like to let Dad think he's in charge," said Doll. "I do talk to him about everything that is going on here."

Sterling makes a habit of coming to the market every morning and afternoon. Doll, herself, often works seven days a week and averages 10-12 hour days.

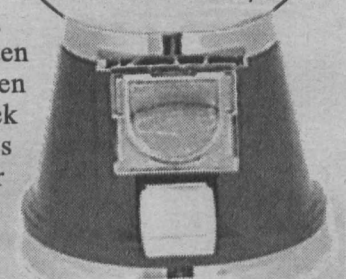
"I love it," Doll said. "It's the only thing I've done for 22 years. Everyday is something different. I love people." Maggie and John do take at least one vacation each year to get away.

"I tell her she can call but she can't go back to fix it," said John Doll.

For the past 25 years, Gateway Market has been a regular pit stop for tourists traveling along Rt. 15 as well as for local residents. The Harne fam-

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• Noah Harne, 9



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The Bollinger Family has owned and operated Gateway Market and Candyland since 1983.

ily of Thurmont often comes to the market for their ice cream fix.

"It's awesome," said Noah Harne, 9. "They have the best snow cones ever."

This is the Harne's second visit of the week. "We love to come here almost every-day after school to get a snow cone," said Jen Harne, Noah's mother. "Maggie and John are both so friendly."

Maggie remembers when Christie Brinkley and her husband, Billy Joel, stopped in. "Being the country bumpkin that I am, I didn't even know who it was. I just remember thinking, 'Why is that beautiful woman with him?'" A delivery man told Maggie who the couple was.

As a Thurmont native, Doll makes sure the market stays active in the community. The market hosted its third annual ice cream dipping for charity event this past May, which raised \$876 for a local food bank. The same event raised \$1700 during its first year for the American Heart Association and \$1000 for a local boy suffering from leukemia the second year. Each Christmas, the market buys Christmas trees for the Rocky Ridge 4-H club, which then sells them. The 4-H club keeps the profits, which

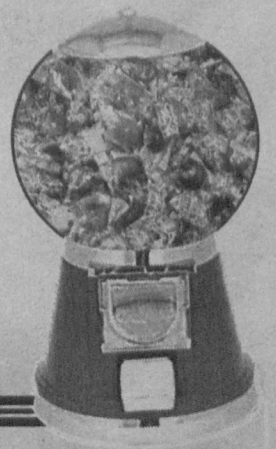
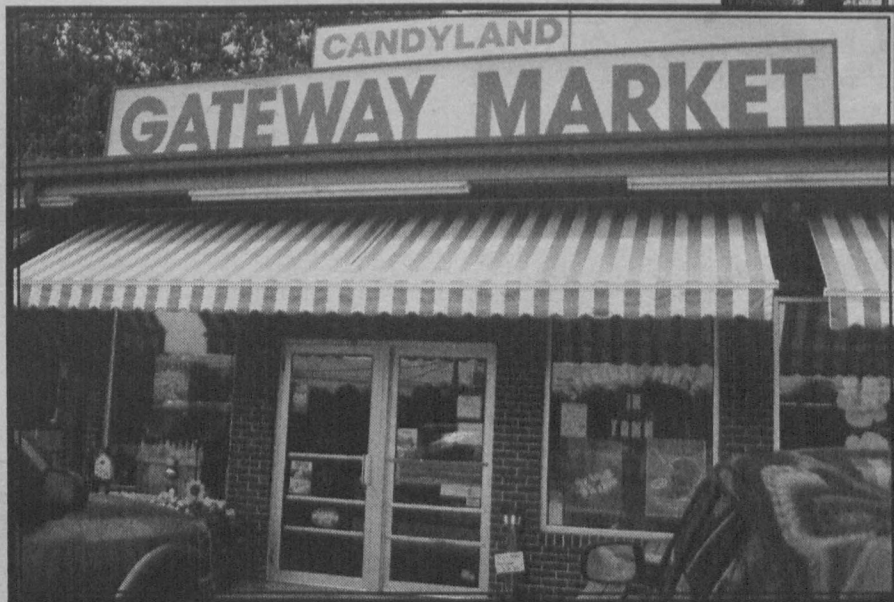
range from \$1500 to \$1800.

Although candy is no longer a penny, Gateway Market continues to be a place where friends and family gather and enjoy the sweeter things in life. The market will be celebrating its 25th anniversary on July 13 from 1 – 5 p.m. with 25-cent hot dogs, sodas, ice cream and snow cones. There will be balloon art, face painting and a magician. From 5 – 6 p.m., a Blue Grass Gospel Band will entertain customers. Gateway Market is located at Rt. 15 and Franklinville Rd, Thurmont. Call (301) 271-2322 for more information.



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Grand opening of the Gateway Market and Candyland in Thurmont in 1983 (above) and the market today (left).



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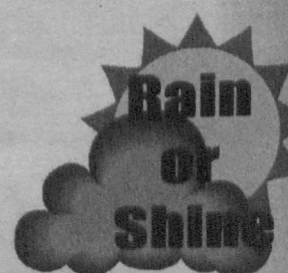
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A Safari adventure in Maryland

BY STEPHANIE LONG

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THURMONT, Md. — There's something new at the Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo, a new adventure waiting just for you.

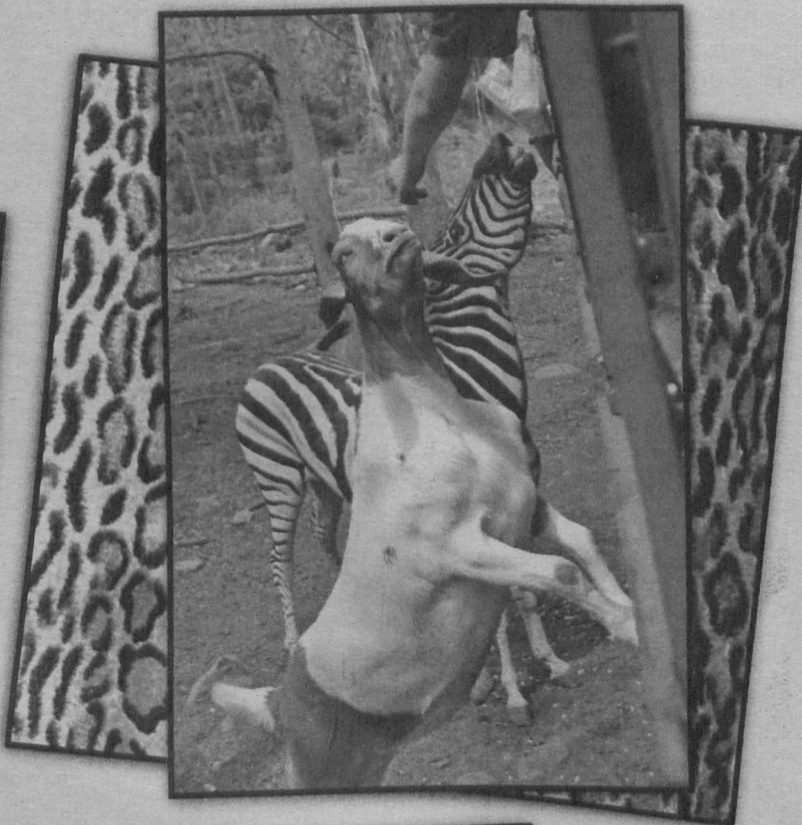
Spread over 25 acres, the new Global Wildlife Safari Ride takes riders on an hour-long adventure, putting them up close and personal with dozens of animals.

"It is our biggest expansion ever and our most impressive to most people," said Callan Hahn, designer of the new area, on www.cwpzoo.com.

Compared to other zoos, the safari ride is unique and the only ride of its kind in the Mid-Atlantic region. What sets the ride apart

from others of its kind is the mode of transportation- an army surplus troop carrier called a deuce and a half, which adds to the Jurassic Park-esque feeling of the ride. Before leaving the gate, riders are given a bag of popcorn to feed the animals they meet along the way.

Although the animals hail from six different continents, they are not typical zoo fare. At the start of the fun, yet bumpy, excursion, riders encounter the North American Bison, which used to freely roam the plains of Western America. The next stop brings a visit with Sultan, a white camel, and his herd of European fallow deer, Eurasian wild sheep and emus. Through the next gate awaits Fluffy, the 1200-pound Tibetan yak and his girlfriend, Matilda, a Scottish highland cow.



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Adventurers on Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo's new safari ride prepare for the tour (top). Along the way, they meet Sultan, a white camel (above left); zebras; goats (above) and Eurasian wild sheep (next page).

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The trusty safari guide, Matthew Wood, said the ride provides an element of realism one cannot get through the steel bars of a zoo exhibit.

"We are in a cage," Matt explained. "We can see them [the animals] in a natural environment, that adds a lot; it's different."

For Nolan Griffith, a safari animal wran-

gler, the unique aspect of the ride is the ability to experience wildlife up close.

"It's a new experience for people," Griffith said. "Not many people get to feed a wild animal in real life."

For Trey Harrison, 7, of Buford, S.C., the safari was an experience of a lifetime.

"I thought it was really cool, really

cool!," Harrison said, adding that his favorite part was feeding Sultan.

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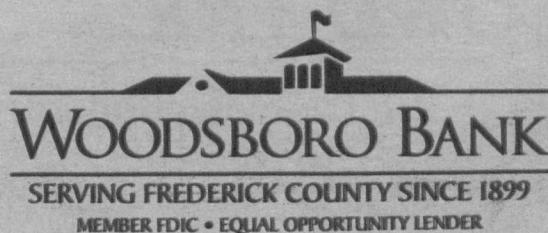
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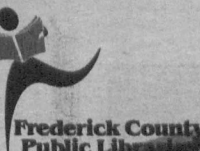
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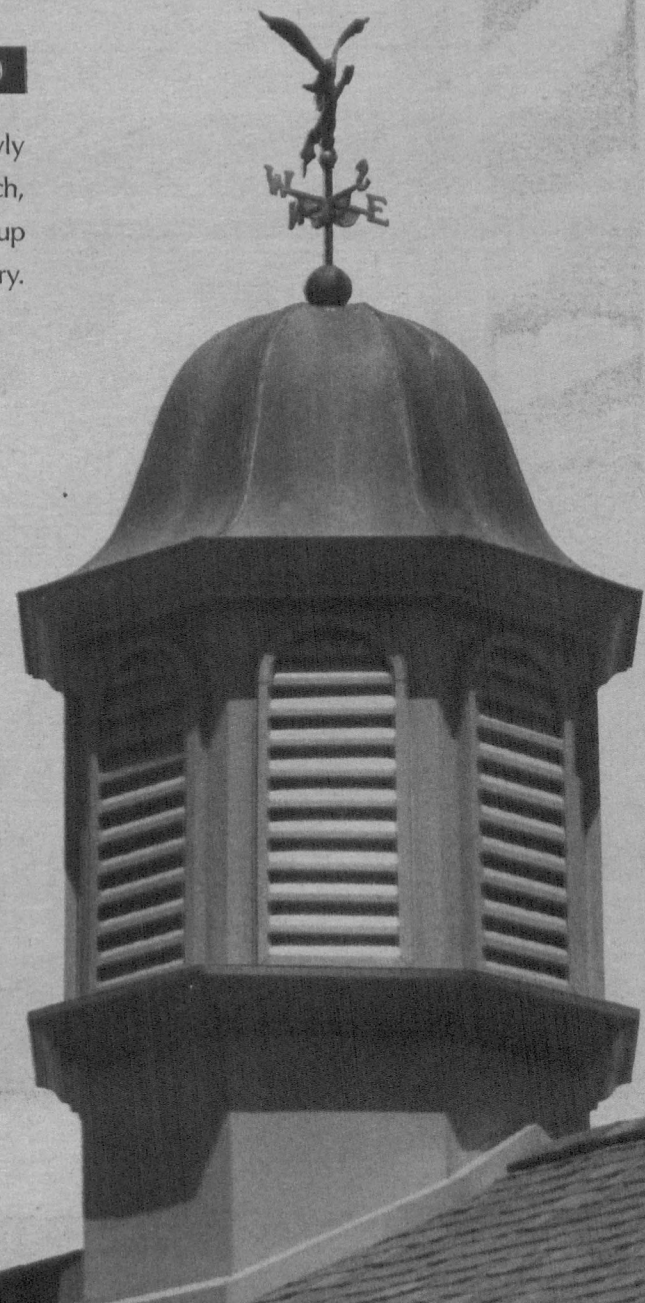


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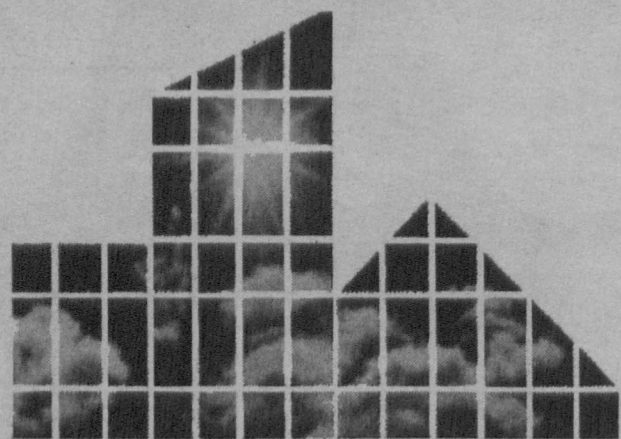
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EDUCATION

Carrie Wivell leads Maryland Future Farmers of America

Catoctin grad's term as state FFA president will run until June 2009

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Carrie Wivell of Emmitsburg will continue her work with Future Farmers of America beyond her June graduation from Catoctin High School serving as president of the Maryland FFA. Although other local students have held statewide office, she is the first chosen as president. She was elected in April, an event which capped four years of leadership in the local chapter. It also began a whirlwind of travel, seminars, conferences, banquets and other activities that come with the position.

Robert Beavan, agricultural science teacher at Catoctin, lauds Wivell as "an extremely personable individual, and a hard worker...always willing to bring her animals in for petting zoos and other events" with children at the primary and elementary schools. This year, while serving as chapter president, she also chaired the department's Partners in Active Learning Support program. PALS is a national FFA project in which agriculture students work with younger students who are at risk of not completing their education. Wivell is interested in a career as a child psychologist, hoping to work with young and abused children. She would use her animals—"I could never give up my animals," she declares—as one means of reaching and helping children. She is already enrolled at Frederick Community College, and plans to complete her first two years



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Maryland State FFA President Carrie Wivell (right) in one of her many official functions. Here, she served as emcee at the Thurmont Heritage Day King and Queen competition.

of college there and then transfer to West Virginia University.

Attending college locally will give Wivell the flexibility she needs to visit FFA chapters throughout Maryland and attend summer Career Development camps. She will also attend the states FFA presidents' conference in Washington, D.C. and have the opportunity to meet President George W. Bush. Before going to the Maryland State Fair in Timonium (Aug. 22-Sept. 1), she will take a "time-out" from FFA to go on a 10-day mission trip to Germany through her church, Glade United Church of Christ in Walkersville. Her fall schedule includes regional leadership conferences and the national FFA conference in Indianapolis in October. The next state conference will be held

in June 2009 when "Baltimore will be filled with blue and gold jackets!"

Carrie's parents, Phil and Shelly Wivell, "can't believe how she does it all." She also was president of the Monocacy Achievers 4-H Club this year, a group she joined when she was eight years old. She received numerous scholarships at the CHS senior awards event in June, and was awarded scholarships from the Catoctin FFA Alumni and the Robert Troxell Memorial Scholarship at the FFA banquet in May.

The Wivell family has been involved in local agriculture for generations. Her grandfather Joseph Wivell, Sr. and his sons are still active farmers in the Stony Branch area east of Emmitsburg.



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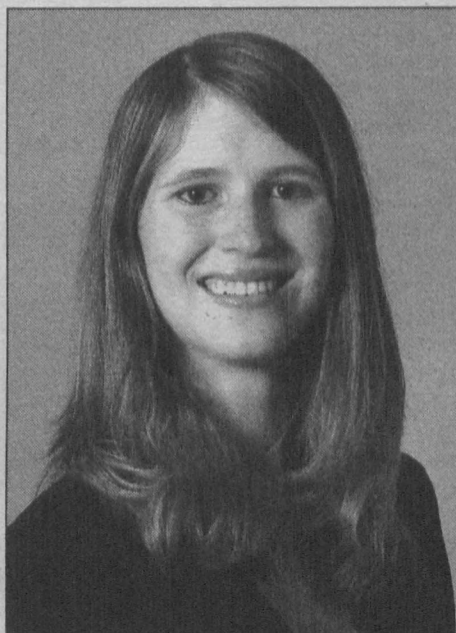
Taylor Zickefoose selected as student member of board of education

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. — July 1, 2008 marked Taylor Zickefoose's first official day as the student member of Frederick County's Board of Education, although she has been "shadowing" outgoing student member Neha Kapoor of Frederick High School for a month. The Frederick Association of Student Councils selected the rising Catocin High senior in May from among five finalists for the non-voting board position.

As a junior, Zickefoose attended student government meetings at Catocin and also at the county and state levels. She is a member of the mock trial team, an activity she hopes to continue "if my schedule allows." That schedule is a full one. She will be serving as student government vice-president, taking two college-level classes that are offered at Catocin through Frederick Community College as part of her course load, while juggling college visits and applications and continuing to play soccer and other sports. In June she and three other Catocin students attended the American Legion's Girls' State convention held at Frostburg State University.

The student BOE member usually serves on just the curriculum and nutrition committees. Zickefoose says, "I want to look at everything!" She was very ex-



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TAYLOR ZICKEFOOSE

cited to attend the board meeting where the operating budget for 2008-09 was approved. She will attend several conferences throughout the year, giving her the opportunity to meet and share ideas with her peers in other Maryland counties. One of her primary goals is to "encourage more students, especially the younger students, to become involved in SGA," and more schools to participate in FCASC.

Zickefoose traces her interest in government and politics to her participation in the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leader-

ship seminar she attended at Mount St. Mary's University following her sophomore year. HOBY participants are selected for their potential leadership, communications, and decision-making skills, plus commitment to community service. That experience, plus mock trial, helped her learn how "to think on my feet."

She is the daughter of Doug and Stacey Zickefoose of Thurmont. The family, which includes sister Kendall, who is entering ninth grade, moved to the community when Taylor was in fourth grade.

2008 Local Senior Scholarships

THURMONT, Md. — Here's a list of the local scholarship winners from the Catocin High School Class of 2008:

- Catocin High PTSA: Lane Routzahn, Stephanie Eyler, Margaret Hashemzadeh
- Emmitsburg Elementary PTA: Olivia Frech
- Thurmont Elementary/Primary PTA: Tara Stackhouse
- Sabillasville Elementary PTA: Candace Rissler
- Thurmont Middle School PTA: Ceth Parker, Laura Thompson
- Apples United Church of Christ: Karen Delauter, Dusty Kidd
- Cozy Restaurant and Inn: Gabriel Cristobal-Hernandez
- Catocin High Athletic Boosters Club: Tara Stackhouse, Dusty Kidd
- Catocin Youth Association Football/Cheerleading: D. J. Doyle
- Catocin Football Alumni: Dusty Kidd, D. J. Doyle
- Richard Tomlinson Memorial (Foreign Language): Devan Fogle
- Catocin Medical Center Fund: Ashley Coleman
- Martha Murphy Virts Nursing Fund: Ashley Coleman
- George Wesley Gilbert Memorial Fund: Ashley Coleman
- James and Melinda Lautenberger Fund: Ashley Coleman
- 1LT Robert A. Seidel III Memorial Fund: Erin Hogan
- Brady West Memorial Fund: Dusty Kidd, Kassondra Topper
- Charles Thomas and Mary Ellen Main Fund: Mary Robinson
- Mary Ann Moschel Memorial: Mary Robinson
- George E. Randall Memorial Fund: Bradley Thomas, Carrie Wivell
- Emmitsburg Area Fund: Carrie Wivell
- Tribute to a Friend: Carrie Wivell
- Raven's Nest of Frederick: Dusty Kidd
- Emmitsburg Lions Club George Morningstar Memorial: Elyssa Cool
- Emmitsburg Lions Club Robert Gauss Memorial: Mary Robinson
- Masonic Charities of Maryland: Karen Delauter
- Acacia Masonic Lodge: Karen Delauter
- Thurmont American Legion: Ceth Parker, Stephanie Eyler
- Thurmont American Legion Auxiliary: Taylor Myers, Dusty Kidd
- NW Frederick County Civic Association: Ceth Parker
- Frederick Community College Allen and Gherri Routzahn Business Scholarship: Candace Rissler
- Thurmont Lions Club: Erin Hogan, Kaitlyn Smith, Laura Thompson
- Thurmont High School Alumni Association: Stephanie Eyler, Deidre Beard
- Emmitsburg High School Alumni Association: Katherine Shields
- William G. Baker Scholarship: Devan Fogle
- Laura Sherald Scholarship: Laura Thompson
- Catocin Colorfest Scholarships: Hilliary Benjamin, Karen Delauter, Erin Hogan
- Catocin Colorfest Anniversary Awards: Rebecca Abel, Stephanie Eyler, Devan Fogle, Margaret Hashemzadeh, Kaitlyn Hays, Jennifer Lipscomb, Jessica Lipscomb, Chelsey Miller, Rachel Murray, Daniel Miller, Ryan Murrell, Ceth Parker, Joel Portier, Candace Rissler, Katherine Shields, Kaitlyn Smith, Tara Stackhouse, Laura Thompson, Philip Tylicki
- Frederick Women's Civic Club: Stephanie Eyler
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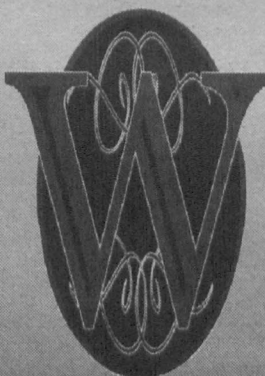
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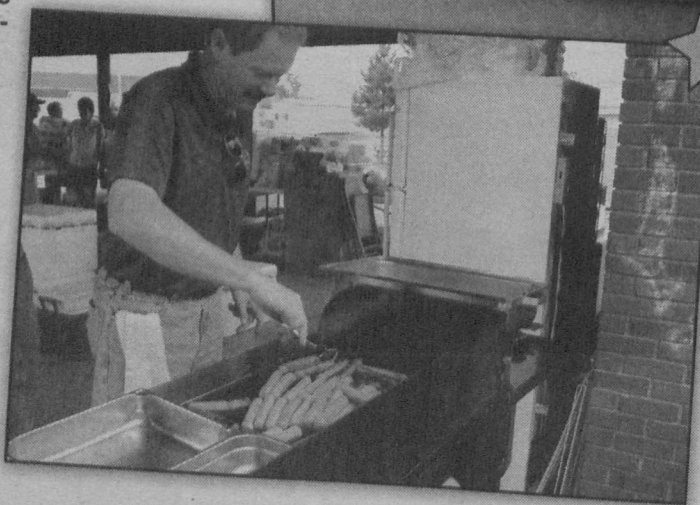
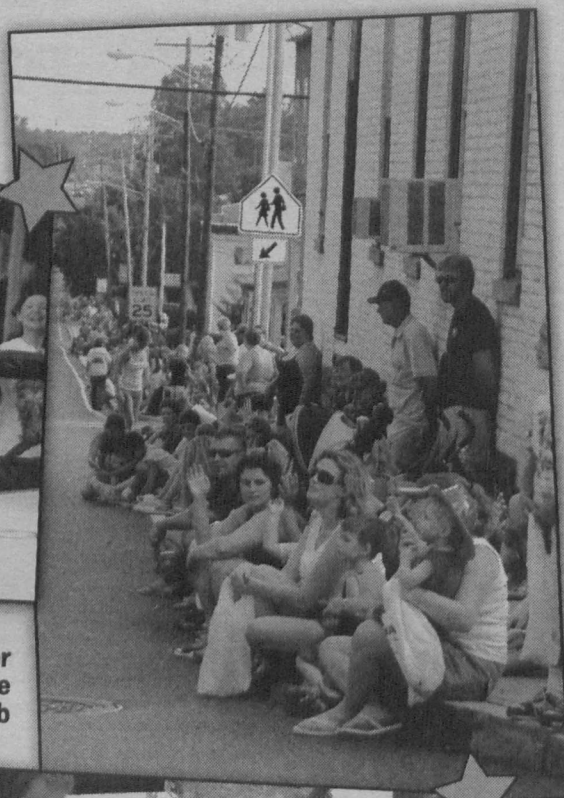
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Children race in the sack race during the 26th Annual Emmitsburg Community Day (above). Attendees chase after a greased piglet that escaped from the ring during the greased pig competition (left).



Father Vincent O'Malley, Emmitsburg Mayor James Hoover and Mount President Thomas Powell (above). Residents line South Seton Avenue for the Community Day parade (right). Bob Hance of the Carriage House Inn does the cooking for the Lions Club during Community Day (below).



EMMITSBURG, Md. — As far as is known, only one attendee of the 26th Annual Community Day didn't enjoy it. When the piglet in the greased-pig contest saw his opportunity, he pushed his way under the fencing of the temporary pen and made a beeline for Lincoln Avenue.

He was stopped by the crowd of people who chased after him with one gentleman finally catching him by falling on the smaller pig.

Once the piglet was back in the pen, the youngsters chased after the piglet trying to touch its greased hide. David Toddles, 8, of Richmond, Va., won the contest for his age group.

"We've never done that before in Virginia," David said, "I lost all my breath (chasing the pig)."

David was one of the hundred of people who turned out in Emmitsburg's Community Park to enjoy the contests, music, food and fireworks on June 28. It was the Lion's Club 26th Annual Emmitsburg Community Day.

"I like to come because I get to see a lot of people I don't get to see the rest of the year," Mary Topper said.

Dave Shields noted, "The different location seems to be working out well."

In the past, Community Day has been in Community Park next to the Emmitsburg Community Center. This year, the event was on the opposite side of the park near the new town bandstand.

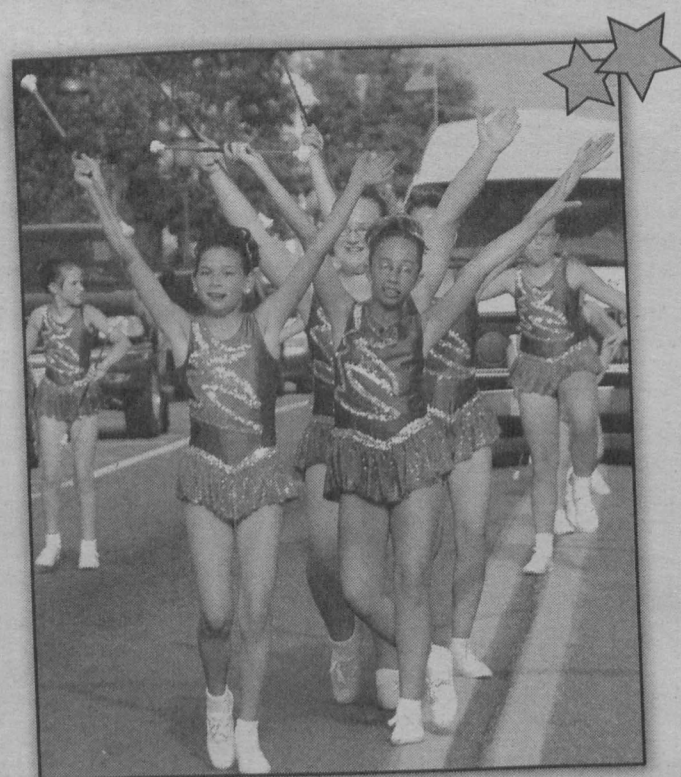
Under the pavilion, the Lions Club served up food, including chicken dinners.

"We usually sell at least 600 chicken dinners and that doesn't include hot dogs and hamburgers," said Dianne Walbrecker, an Emmitsburg Lions Club member.

Commissioner Denise Etris was volunteering to raise money for the Lions Club.

"People come and it looks real easy to do," Etris said. "Some of these guys work really, really hard to make it look miraculously like its easy."

If you would like to make a contribution, please mail it to Emmitsburg Lions Club, P.O. Box 1182, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Mark your donation for the Community Day fund.



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Members of the Catocin-Aires perform in the Community Day parade.

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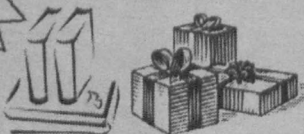


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July 10, 17, 24, 31 at 10:30 a.m.

Two Terrific Storytime (age 2)
July 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10:30 a.m.

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

Family Storytime (all ages)
July 9, 16, 23, 30 at 7 p.m.

Children's Programs

Lunch Bunch Book Club
(ages 8-12)
Bring a bag lunch as you become an amateur entomologist at the library.
July 10 at noon.

Wildlife Adventures (all ages)
A dynamic hands-on educational adventure using live animals.
July 12 at 11 a.m.

American Girl Book Club
(ages 6-11)
Enjoy tea time or a craft featuring a different American Girl each month.
July 16 at 4 p.m.

A.R.T. (ages 3-6)
Storytime with a coordinating art project.
July 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Bugs! Up, Down and All Around (all ages)
Dr. Mike Turell gives you an inside look at the world of bugs.
July 22 at 7 p.m.

Bugs Through Time (ages 8-12)
Bring a bag lunch as you learn more about bugs.
July 24 at 12 p.m.

Maisy Mouse Visits the Library (all ages)
Get your picture with and talk to Maisy Mouse.
July 26 at 11 a.m.

Teen Programs

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

Movie Makers Club
(grades 6-12)
July 15 at 7 p.m.

Henna Body Art (teens)
Transform yourself with temporary body art. July 19 at 2 p.m.

Adult Programs

Leaving a Legacy (adults)
Write your life stories.
July 7 at 1:30 p.m.

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

Knitting Circle (teens and adults)
July 17 at 4 p.m.

Genealogy Focus Group (teens and adults)
July 31 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 July

Hurrah for our glorious Fourth of July, and Happy Birthday U.S.A.! We hope everyone enjoys their seasonal barbecues and fireworks. If you are traveling during this busiest summer vacation month, plan ahead so you can stop often just to walk around a bit to keep your joints flexible and circulation moving. Don't forget that when you are at home and the days get too hot, our center is open and air-conditioned. Keep cool, come in and shoot some pool!

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

July 15 – Speaker: Whitney Baker on "Your Medicines," 12:30 p.m.

July 23 – Evening card party (500), 7 p.m. Fee.

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: July 16 & 30.

Cards, 500, and Bridge Group: July 9 & 23.

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

Pinochle: Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

Cards (canasta) & 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, Pa. Questions and reservations? Call Cheryl Kulkusky, site director, at (717) 642-6523.

Special Events

July 4 – Closed for the holiday.

July 7 – Video Exchange. Tired of watching the same old movies? Bring in your DVDs or VHS tapes to exchange.

July 9 – Hanover Hall speaker "Blood Pressure", and snacks, 10:30 a.m.

July 16 – Blood Pressure Check 10 a.m.; **Pancake Brunch** 10:30 a.m.

July 23 – Asera Care "Decrease Stress."

July 31 – Out to Lunch, 11 a.m.

Regular Events

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

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

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

Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Beginning Exercise (easier and slower movements)

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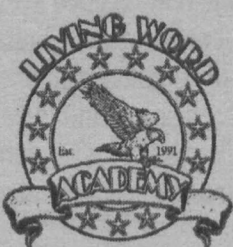
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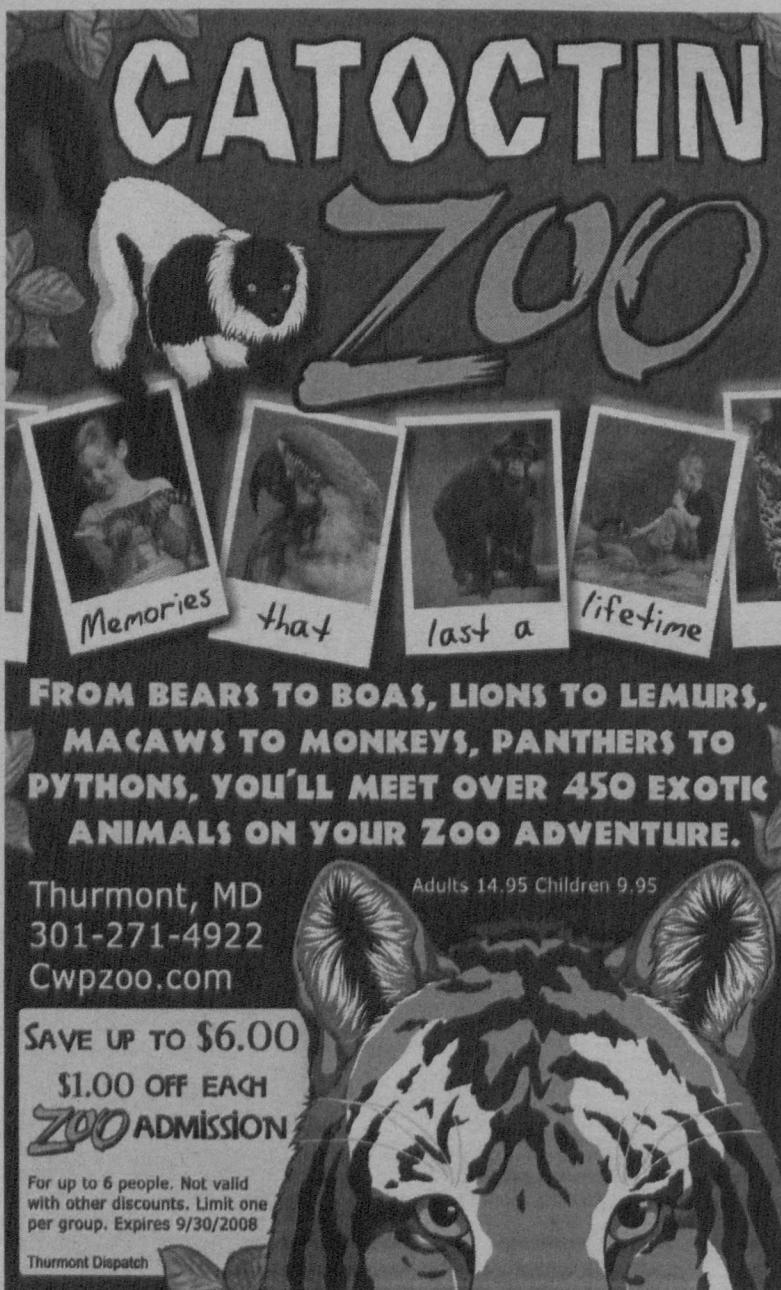
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DEATH NOTICES

Raymond "Butch" F. Harbaugh, Jr., of Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, June 10, 2008.

The family received friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Mon., June 16 at the Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home, 210 W. Main St., Emmitsburg and from 10 a.m. June 17 until the time of service at the church. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. June 17 at St. John's United Church of Christ, 16923 Sabillasville Rd. (Rt. 550) in Sabillasville,

with his pastor the Rev. Janet I. Comings officiating. Private inurnment will be held at a later date in the Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to help the family with final expenses c/o: Laura Eiker, P.O. Box 220, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.myersdurborawfh.com.

Arrangements were made by Myers Durboraw Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Annabelle Mackley, of

Keymar, died Saturday, June 14, 2008.

The family received friends from 2 - 4 p.m. and 6 - 8 p.m. Monday, June 16. Mrs. Mackley was removed to Mount Tabor Lutheran Church, 10043 Longs Mill Road, Rocky Ridge, Tuesday, June 17, where she laid in repose from 10 - 11 a.m. at which time services began with her pastor the Rev. James Russell officiating. Interment followed in Mount Tabor Cemetery, Rocky Ridge.

Online condolences may be made to www.daileyfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements were made by Robert E. Dailey & Son Funeral Homes, P.A., Thurmont.

Mr. Brian Douglas Free, of Keymar died Thursday, June 19, 2008.

The family received friends Sun., June 22 from 3 - 5 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. On Monday, June 23, Mr. Free, was removed to the Monocacy Congregation Church of the Brethren, 13517 Motter Station Road, Rocky Ridge, where he laid in repose from 10 - 11 a.m. at which time services began with the Rev. David Collins and the Rev. Donald Stine officiating. Interment followed in Church of the Brethren Cemetery, Rocky Ridge.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations may be made in memory of Mr. Free to the Robert E. Dailey & Son Funeral Homes, P.A., 615 E. Main St., Thurmont, MD 21788.

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Through late October – Gettysburg Farmers Market. 7 a.m. to noon every Saturday. Lincoln Square.

July 4 – Thurmont Lions Club Super Summertime Sandwich Series. Bell Hill Farm, 1.5 miles north of Thurmont. Information: www.thurmontlionsclub.com.

July 4 – July Fourth Pie Baking Contest. Carroll Valley Borough Pavilion. For an entry form, call Bill/Mary Devlin at (717) 642-9260 or e-mail devlinw1@aol.com for contest rules and entry form. Pie judging at 12:30 p.m. at the pavilion. After judging all pies will be sliced and sold to profit the July 4th celebration.

July 7-12 – Thurmont Carnival. Guardian Hose Carnival grounds. Presale ride tickets are \$10 for 14 tickets. Available at the Thurmont branches of Bank of America, PNC Bank and Woodsboro Bank. Also available on July 5 and 6 at the carnival grounds from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

July 10 – “Traditional” Childbirth Education - (4-consecutive week series) Frederick Memorial Hospital, 400 W. 7th St., Frederick. Advance registration & payment required: \$110/couple. Information: (240) 379-6000.

July 10, 17, 24 – Pottery Workshops. 4-5:30 p.m. Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve, 1537 Mount Hope Road, 3 miles outside Fairfield. For children ages 5 and up as well as adults. Class fee, including clay and firing: \$15 for members, \$20 for nonmembers. Information and registration: (717) 642-5840.

July 11, 15 & 27 – FMH Birth-Place Tours – Frederick Memorial Hospital. Guided tour of BirthPlace & Family Center. Advance registration required. Free. Information: (240) 379-6000.

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July 12-13 – 4th Annual Civil War Encampment. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rose Hill Manor

July 12 – Yard, Bake and Food Sale. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. Joseph’s Church Parish Hall, De-

Paul Street, Emmitsburg. Sponsored by The Ladies Sodality of St. Joseph’s Church. To donate items for the sale, contact Pat at (301) 447-6343 after 6 p.m., or drop them off at the hall Thursday, July 10, and Friday, July 11 from 6 to 8:00 p.m.

July 12 – BBQ Chicken and Smoked Pork loin Dinner. 10 a.m. Greenmount Fire Company, Fire hall, 3095 Emmitsburg Road, 5 miles south of Gettysburg, PA. Baked goods available. Carryouts available. ½ chicken dinners \$7, ¼ chicken dinners \$5, Pork loin dinners \$7, Pork loin sandwiches \$4.

July 12 – “Small Wonder” Sibling Class. (Ages 3-5) Frederick Memorial Hospital, 400 W. 7th St., Frederick. Advance registration & payment required: \$35/child. Information: (240) 379-6000.

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July 13 – Outdoor Service. St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Sabillasville. (301) 241-3287.

July 13 – Spaghetti Dinner. 3-6 p.m. St. Mary’s Church, 256 Tract Road, Fairfield. Dinner, \$6, children 6-12 \$3, under 6 free. Information: (717) 642-8815.

July 13, 20 – “Sunday Run” Childbirth Education. Attend two consecutive Sunday sessions. FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick. Advance registration & payment required: \$110/couple. Information: (240) 379-6000.

July 13 – Country Style Breakfast Buffet. 7 a.m. to noon. St. Joseph’s Catholic Church Social Hall, 44 Frederick St., Taneytown. Adults \$6, children 7-10, \$3.50, 6 and under free. Early bird special, 7 to 8 a.m. Adults \$5, children 7-10, \$3. All you can eat. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph Taneytown Council 11631.

July 15, 22, 29 – U-13 Maryland Predators Baseball Club Tryouts for 2008 fall and/or 2009 spring season. 6 p.m. Behind Lewis-town Elementary School, 11119 Hessong Bridge Road, Thurmont. Information or to register for tryouts: call Tim Wiles at (240) 620-6477 or Patrice Wiles at (301) 693-7444.

July 17 – Bingo. Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, 17701 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. Every Monday and Friday night. Doors open 5:30 p.m., Bingo

starts 7 p.m. Thursday afternoon doors open 12:30 p.m. Bingo starts 1:30 p.m.

July 19 – “Tours for Twos.” For two-year-old siblings. Frederick Memorial Hospital. Advance registration & payment required: \$20/child. Information: (240) 379-6000.

July 19 – “Comfort Measures Plus.” Natural pain management techniques. Frederick Memorial Hospital. Advance registration & payment required: \$30/couple. Information: (240) 379-6000.

July 19 – Festival. 4 p.m. Mt. Tabor Church of Rocky Ridge, Mt. Tabor Park. Food, bingo, music by “Blue Grass Chapel Band” at 7 p.m.

July 19 – Peach Festival. 4-8 p.m. Graceham Moravian Church 8231 Rocky Ridge Rd. Thurmont. Dinner, sandwiches, peach pies, ice cream. Games, and live music. Information: (301) 271-2379.

July 19 and 20 – World Youth Day. Saturday 2 p.m. to Sunday at 11 a.m. St. Anthony Shrine, St. Anthony Rd. Emmitsburg. Music, teaching, group prayer, Eucharistic adoration, Holy Mass, fellowship and campfires. Open to all high school freshmen and those who are graduating from high school this year. Register with the youth minister at a Catholic church. Hosted by OLMC/St. Anthony Shrine and St. Joseph Catholic Youth Ministry. Information: contact Roberta Alvarez at ralvarez@archbalt.org or call (301) 447-2326 ext 26.

July 24 – Food Bank Drop. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 103 N. Church St., Thurmont. Everyone is eligible; no need to bring documentation.

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July 12 – Concert on the Lawn featuring “The Blue Grass Chapel Band.” 6 p.m. St. Johns Lutheran Church, 8619 Blacks Mill Road, Creagerstown. Free food and drinks. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket. Information: (301) 898-7218.

July 24 – 26 – Bobby Horton in “Songs & Stories of the Civil War.” 8 p.m. Majestic, 25 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg. Dressed as a 19th century performer and using period musical instruments, Horton explores stories of both the North and South through music. Tickets: (717) 337-8200 or www.gettysburg-majestic.org.

July 25 – Outdoor Concert. 7 p.m. In God’s Hands Coffeehouse. Hosted at Weller United Methodist Church, Thurmont. Featured band, Covenant. Information: www.ighcoffee.com.

EXHIBITS

Through November – Backcountry Dutch: German Heritage and Decorative Arts in Frederick County. The exhibition explores the influence of 18th and 19th century German immigrants on the culture of Frederick County. Preview on Friday

June 6 from 7-9 p.m. Outdoor beer garden, German music and book signing by Margaret Denton, author of “Frederick County German Heritage.” Opening event is free. Information: (301) 663-1188.

Through July 20 – Regional Juried Exhibit. The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, 40 S. Carroll St., Frederick. Annual juried exhibit open to artists within a 75-mile radius of Frederick, working in any media. Cash prizes will be awarded for excellence. Reception, June 14 3-5 p.m. Information: (301) 698-0656.

EVENTS

July 6-11 and 13-18 – Traditions Week. McDaniel College, Westminster. Music, workshops, drama, visual arts. Information: (410) 857-2771 or www.com-mongroundonthehill.org.

July 12 & 13 – “Green to our Roots.” Common Ground on the Hill. Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. with dance, 9-11:30 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Carroll County Farm Museum. Music, dance, juried art, crafts and food for all ages. Reserve tickets: (410) 857-2771.

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Through July 13 “The Underpants.” Steve Martin’s adaptation of a play by Carl Sternheim. Totem Pole Playhouse. Comedian/actor Steve Martin applies his ‘wild and crazy’ comic genius to this farce with hilarious results. Information & performance times, 1-888-805-7056 or (717) 352-2164. Post show discussion Saturday evening, July 5.

Through Aug. 16 – “Ghost Hunts are Deadly” and “The Booty of Gettysburg.” The Village Dinner Theatre of Gettysburg, 241 Steinwehr Avenue, Gettysburg. Enjoy an interactive murder mystery. Spend the evening with a paranormal investigator and her young medium protégé. Tickets: \$37 and \$40. 1-800-570-4590.

July 15 to 27 – “Bell, Book and Candle,” by John Van Druten. Totem Pole Playhouse. Romantic comedy where a heroine casts a spell over the object of her affection, and must still overcome obstacles before romance has its way. Information & performance times, 1-888-805-7056 or (717) 352-2164. Post show discussion, Wednesday evening, July 23.

July 17-20 and 24-27 – “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.” Thurmont Thespians Summer Theatre Workshop performance by area teens. Ticket reservations: (301) 271-7613.

July 29 through Aug. 10 – “Oatmeal & Kisses” by Murray Schisgal. Totem Pole Playhouse. Romantic comedy targeting diet, nutrition and modern exercise fitness programs. Information & performance times, 1-888-805-7056 or (717) 352-2164. Post show discussion, Thursday evening, Aug. 7.

Professional opera star mentors local teen performers

THURMONT, Md. – Professional lyric tenor and international opera singer Richard Troxell, originally from Thurmont, stopped by to visit a rehearsal to give the young cast of the upcoming Thurmont Thespians production of “Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” some words of encouragement. Troxell is a 1981 Catocin High School graduate.

Since his nephew Ben Mathis is playing the lead in the musical, Troxell volunteered to share with Ben’s fellow cast members his reflections on beginning a career in the performing arts. He was accompanied on this visit with his two young sons, Wilder and Shane.

Troxell spoke at length with the young actors and their production staff. His message was that a career in the performing arts is an attainable goal for anyone if they really prepare for it and believe in themselves. His path to the professional concert and opera stage began at Catocin at 17 with small roles in “Little Mary Sunshine”, “Arsenic And Old Lace” and finally the co-lead in “Sugar” his senior year. In that show, he undertook the challenging role of a man pretending to act and sing like a woman.

“After getting over the embarrassment of cross-dressing in front of my classmates in that final spring musical and getting that first standing ovation, I

felt I’d found what I wanted to do,” Troxell said.

He urged the youngsters to think about their voice as an instrument to practice and develop carefully. Too much straining too early can damage vocal cords permanently and can limit your ability to sing as you grow older. He also suggested that they study languages, music, dramatic literature and especially dance movement. (Troxell’s wife Lisa is a dancer/choreographer.)

“Dance is especially important for young men because today’s professional companies expect their members to do far more than just stand in place and sing.” Modern opera productions often demand that singers also perform intricate stage movement with grace. Troxell’s role as the young “Lieutenant Pinkerton” in Martin Scorsese’s 1995 movie of Puccini’s “Madame Butterfly” was the first big break in his professional career and he thought his dance training helped him win that opportunity.

Troxell plans to return to Thurmont for the opening night of “Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”, Thursday, July 17 at the American Legion Auditorium at 7:30PM to watch his nephew follow in his footsteps.

Other show days are July 18-20 and July 24-27. For reservations call (301) 271-7613.

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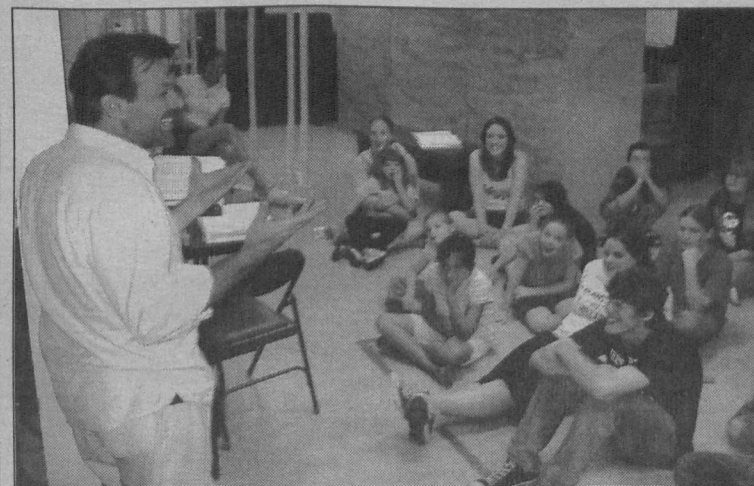


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International opera singer Richard Troxell, a former resident of Thurmont, returned to town to talk to the young performers in the upcoming Thurmont Thespians’ production, “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.”



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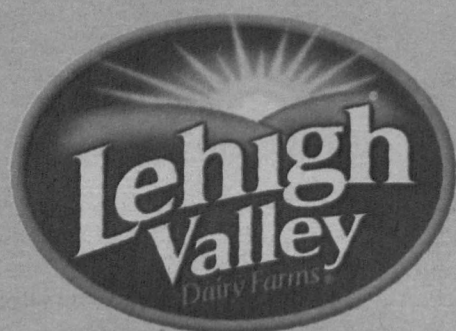
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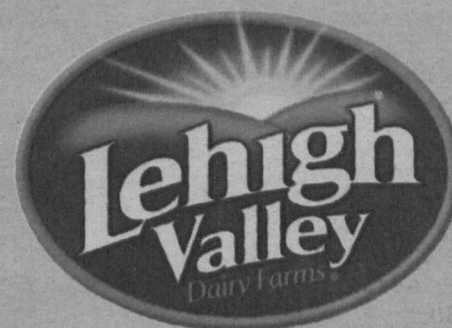
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