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Community Show celebrates its 52nd year



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The 52nd Annual Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show was held at Catoclin High School in Thurmont on Sept. 5-7. The show featured the talents of local citizens in agriculture, baking, art, sewing and other areas. For the full story and additional pictures, see pages 10-11.

Increasing number of residents having water shut off

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – When the most-recent quarterly water bills went out two weeks ago, more than 40 people hadn't paid and 21 wound up having their water shut off.

"Three to four of them are still turned off because those people just walked away from their houses," said Emmitsburg Town Manager Dave Haller.

To put the shut offs in context, Mayor James Hoover said that a year ago, the town would have less than five shut offs each quarter.

"We're seeing a substantial increase in shut offs, which makes it more obvious that it's a sign of a declining economy," Hoover said.

Residents receive three notices before their water is shut off. By that point, the account is 60 days overdue.

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Emergency drill to be held Sept. 28

EMMITSBURG, Md. – On Sept. 28, a chemical spill at the Emmitsburg pool will bring in emergency services agencies from all over Frederick County to deal with the tragedy. Of course, it's not a real chemical spill that will happen. The mock catastrophe will be used to test the abilities of local emergency response personnel.

Spearheaded by the Frederick County Local Emergency Planning Committee, the drill will take place at the town swimming pool and center around

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Local family moves into Habitat for Humanity home

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EMMITSBURG, Md. – Brian and Melissa McKenney and their two young sons, Dominic and Hayden, got a new home on Sept. 14, courtesy of Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County. The home on St. Joseph's Lane was Habitat's third home in Emmitsburg.

Last year the McKenneys were living in West Virginia. Brian was working full time but his long commute and subsequent high gas bills stressed the family's

finances.

"It was breaking us," Brian said. Soon, the McKenneys were faced with the potential of having no home to live in. They applied for various mortgage loans, but were unsuccessful in acquiring one, and did not know where to turn. That's when Melissa suggested applying to the Habitat program, despite Brian's concerns that they would "never be approved" to participate.

After a few mix ups with the application process, the McKenneys were notified that they had passed the initial portion of the

selection process and would then go through a series of interviews. Several interviews later, the McKenneys received the news that they had been selected as a "partner family."

But the process was far from over. The family was required to

make a \$500 down payment on the home and contribute 500 hours of "sweat equity" toward the building of the house. But not surprising to those who know the McKenneys, they completed their 500 hours be-

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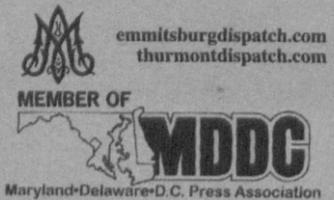
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A Word from the Mayor The challenges facing our community

Although you may not see campaign signs posted around town, the Emmitsburg town election is less than two weeks away. The Town of Emmitsburg holds an election every year for two elected officials. This year the election is for mayor and one commissioner.

I was not successful in my first election. In 1998, I was involved in an election that had five candidates competing for two seats. In that 1998 election I received the third highest votes. What most people don't know is that our current town manager, Dave Haller received the second highest votes and beat me in that election. Soon after Mr. Haller was elected he applied for and was successful in being awarded the position of Town Manager. Since Mr. Haller accepted his new position, he resigned from the position of town commissioner. With a vacancy on the board, the mayor and board of commissioners appointed me as Mr. Haller's replacement. Because I was appointed, I was required to run for election in the next regular town election. In 1999 there was an election for two commissioners but only myself and one other sitting commissioner competed for the two seats; the election was uncontested.

Again this year I'm in an uncontested election. I hope an uncontested election represents a community that is satisfied with the administration of the town. I enjoy being mayor and I appreciate the confidence and the support that I receive from the residents. I know becoming an elected official (at any level) is not for everyone. I decided to get involved in town government after joining several town committees and attending town meetings for two years. By joining committees and attending town meetings I learned about issues concerning the town and I also learned a lot about our town government.

Over the past 10 years the town has grown a little but the issues have not changed. Emmitsburg is very similar to many other communities in Maryland and across the country. We need to continue to upgrade our infrastructure,

provide community programs and entertainment, and provide public safety. Providing these services and many others are very challenging and often take years to accomplish. Fortunately over the past several years the town has been able to budget extra money for programs and upgrades. However, over the next few years I'm not sure if the town will be able to budget addition funds at the same level as we have in the past. Due to the budget shortfalls at the state level, the town received less POS grant money for parks improvements this year. Recently we got information that the States highway user funds will be reduced. As I said in several town meetings, the overall economy and the state budget is in critical condition. Although the town may be receiving less revenue from the state, the town's general fund is financially secure. The town's sewer and water enterprise funds are showing some possible shortfalls that will need to be addressed in the near future. The enterprise funds are being carefully monitored by staff. If necessary we will provide a staff report with recommendations on how to overcome possible shortfalls. Right now our goal is to balance a happy medium so that no additional burden is put on the residents but at the same time we are not willing to allow the system to not be maintained in a state of good repair.

Over the next three years, I plan to continue providing the same service to the community and implementing some new internal policies and programs. As an individual, I like change and I like trying new things. I respect and rely on the town staff to provide me technical advice so that I can make good decision. As always, in any position not everyone will agree with every decisions and sometimes decisions are made by picking the lesser of two evils. I believe the best business decisions are made by those who are open minded and value input from others.

Jim Hoover
Emmitsburg Mayor

Priests continue to cause confusion

Catholics, Protestants and others may still be puzzled about the Catholic Church's teachings concerning the visionary claims of Dr. Gianna Talone-Sullivan. For one thing, there are no such teachings, contrary to what persons quoted recently in this newspaper have said.

There is a decree by a single archbishop, Cardinal W. Keeler, not by the Catholic Church, and it was about something that he cannot speak dogmatically. Also, it was quite clear. It was an order that no devotions relating to the visionary be held on archdiocesan property. Catholics are morally obliged to observe this order.

The decree included the Cardinal's ground for the decree, "the apparitions (claimed by Dr. Talone-Sullivan) are not supernatural." This was not a dogmatic teaching. So, as theological research shows conclusively, no one is morally obliged to believe - or disbelieve - this opinion about the apparitions. (For copy of research email: billsteo@verizon.net)

The Church teaches it cannot

require anyone to believe Bernadette of Lourdes saw Mary, or disbelieve Gianna of Emmitsburg saw Mary. Their private revelations came too late -- after the last Apostle died.

Cardinal Keeler did not need to say more. But pastors and priests did. It is their failure to explain, or their giving even false explanations that, I think, continue to cause confusion.

There is only one basic question: Is Dr. Gianna Talone-Sullivan credible? The writings of some who say "no," are rife with too many errors to list, especially how to interpret prophecy, which Bible students should know.

Scientists have proven Gianna sane. She gets no sort of profit from her claims; the charitable organization she runs is a non-profit. Fame? she gets insults. Most importantly, her presence at devotions in St. Joseph's Church was accompanied by countless spiritual gifts which could not be the devil's work. She lies?

Bill Steo
Emmitsburg

Archdiocese needs to offer clarity

On Sept. 4, the Archdiocese of Baltimore issued a statement re-affirming the Church's position that the alleged visions of Gianna Sullivan were not supernatural in origin and that it was regrettable that any confusion remains for Catholics in the archdiocese who need only read the 2003 decree to understand the Church's position.

The struggle for clarity remains as many attempt to flush out the truth about the Lady of Emmitsburg. Some seek inspiration on what they believe is a hoax. Others ask where the Catholics are hiding out and what do they truly believe.

I have asked Archbishop O'Brien to what extent we as Catholics should continue/discontinue dealing with the rumors and gossip regarding the visionary situation. He has responded that he sees "no sound reason for further study of the matter" and has assured me that it is his duty to "prevent inaccurate statements from being disseminated in any way that would cause confusion among the faithful." I now await a response from the arch-

diocese regarding the observation I have made that "local divisions within the parish and community have worsened. ERGO: "The archdiocese statement is not clear."

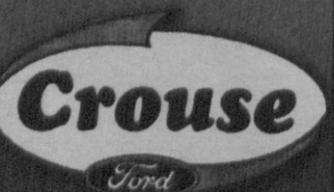
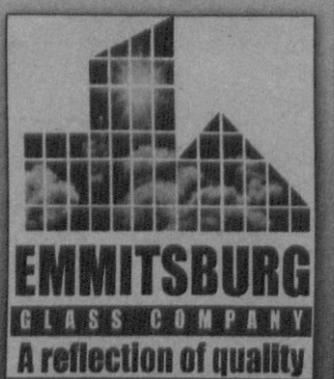
As a lay parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church, I raise the question as to whether or not a fuller picture is needed and warranted regarding the Marian apparition situation.

It is time for all - church, clergy, religious, laity - to join together to get full clarity of what has taken place and what is to follow.

Russell Shaw's article in the June 19, 2008 *Catholic Review* provides much food for thought:

- There is too much secrecy in the church.
- Too many decisions get made behind closed doors.
- When church authorities are unwilling to give information, then rumor is unloosed.
- Rumor is not the bearer of truth, but carries half-truths.

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TOWN NEWS

Emmitsburg denies builders request for surcharge waiver

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — A request by a local builder who asked the Town of Emmitsburg to waive water and sewer surcharges was unanimously voted down at the Sept. 15 town council meeting.

John McConnell with Ryan Homes, which is the builder of the Brookfield development, presented the council with a packet of statistics that illustrated what McConnell called a weak market, represented by declining home sales and a drop in property values that is "not likely to end for some time."

McConnell said Ryan Homes has been directly affected by the market and was asking the council to waive the \$7,000 sewer and \$7,000 water surcharges for the next 12 months for the company in hopes that the waiver would lower home prices and help the company.

According to McConnell's presentation, Emmitsburg's permits and fees currently cost \$41,496 dollars per home, whereas in Frederick the costs

are \$29,081 and between \$7,905 to \$10,857 in Waynesboro. McConnell said the \$41,496 price tag on fees is hurting Ryan Homes and although the company has reduced prices dramatically in order to sell homes, they still are not to a low enough to be competitive and bring sales back up.

"In order to get the price down to jump sales, we're asking for the surcharge to be waived to get us down there," McConnell said. If the town waived the \$14,000 in fees, it would bring the costs to \$27,496, a much more competitive number, McConnell said.

All of the council members and Mayor James Hoover said they understood and sympathized the plight of Ryan Homes and everyone else who is currently financial struggling, but they agreed that the surcharges, although high to some, are necessary for a vital reason — to cover the costs of on-going sewer upgrades.

The town is currently working to repair problems with the system in town and will continue to do so, at a cost of millions of dollars. In 2004, the \$7,000 sewer surcharge was approved and in 2006 the \$7,000 water

surcharge was approved to help offset those costs.

"If we don't charge now then the town will bear the burden eventually," Staiger said. "If we're not to make these surcharges that would be a hole we couldn't fill."

Hoover shared similar sentiments.

"Without the surcharge, the work still needs to get done," Hoover said. "They're all good guys, but surcharges are the right thing to do for the town."

Commissioner Clifford Sweeney said as an elected official it was his duty to do what was best for the town, despite how hard it may be to do.

"It's very difficult to sit up here and not help you," Sweeney said. "Our forefathers put the system in and didn't maintain it. I'm sorry... I don't want to hurt your development but I have to do what's best for the town, that's why I was put here."

In the end the commissioners, thought all unanimously understanding of Ryan Homes' plight, unanimously voted to deny the request for the water and sewer surcharge to be waived.

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"If you get your water turned off, you still owe the bill, but then you'll owe \$100 to disconnect/reconnect the water," Haller said.

Hoover said that the town is willing to work with residents, but they need to contact the town before their water is shut off.

"The trick is people need to be proactive and have a good history, then we can give them a little leeway," Haller said.

One of the reasons the numbers have been climbing is that town staff was giving too many people too much leeway in pay-

ing their bills and delinquent accounts were beginning to become an issue with town work crews.

Haller said he has been stricter in who gets leeway. For instance, he said there are 40 residents in town who are consistently on the delinquent list and to whom he won't give any leeway.

While the rising number of shut offs is disturbing, Haller said he believes it will go down somewhat. Hoover is not so certain.

"I don't see anything's going to change in the near future," Hoover said. "I'm concerned this problem is going to be with us for a while."

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Emmitsburg purchases land in town watershed

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Emmitsburg Town Council unanimously approved the purchase of 10 acres additional acres for the town's watershed at the Sept. 14 meeting. Program Open Space money will fund the purchase.

Since 1999 the town has had \$167,000 dollars of POS money to use, and it was feared

that if the town did not purchase land with the money soon, the town would lose the money. Town Manager Dave Haller had been searching for land for several years and when he came across the 10 acres, which cost \$160,000, he asked the town to approve its purchase.

Haller said the price was "very fair" and the "land has

special value to the Town of Emmitsburg as it has recently been developed and improved with a well and has an approved septic area" and will add wealth to the public water system.

The purchase will add to the towns watershed, which currently stands at 306 acres.

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Habitat

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fore the project even began, through volunteerism with other approved charities, and continued to work tirelessly on the home.

Now, standing on the back porch of their new home, the McKenneys were at a loss as to how to express their feelings on being new homeowners.

"There is no way to express it," Brian said. "No one else would give us a chance and Habitat did."

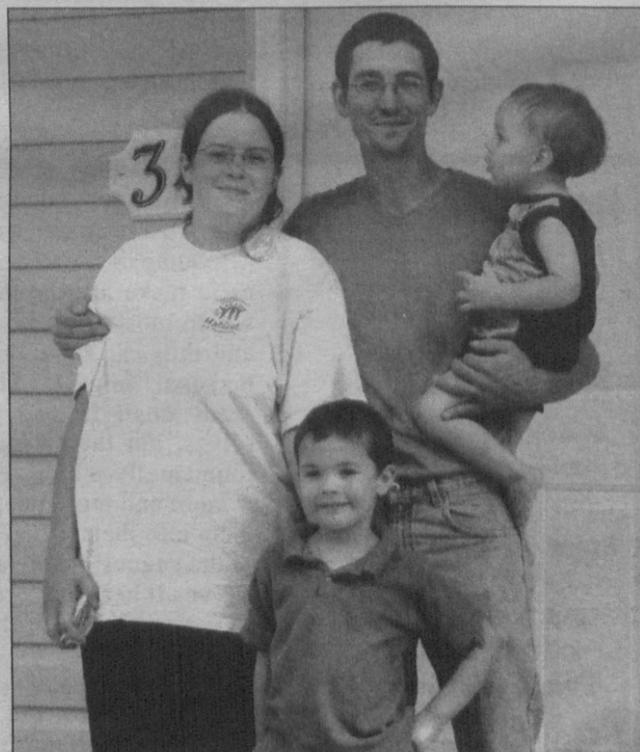
Melissa shared similar thoughts, calling the home and Habitat's mission truly "breathtaking."

"This house means freedom, safety and security," Melissa said. "This house is for my boys."

And while Melissa and Brian put so much into their home, they said they know it would not have been possible at all without the help of friends, family and the community.

"People are real, they want to help you, they want to be there for you," Melissa said. "The volunteers are the heart of Habitat."

"It goes beyond thank you," Brian said. "It's not our house, it's all your alls. The door's always open."



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The McKenneys — Melissa, Brian, Hayden and Dominic (in front) — stand on the porch of their new home in Emmitsburg, courtesy of Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County.

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Drill

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a mock chemical spill. The drill will give emergency personnel valuable training and education.

"The purpose of the drill is to test hazardous materials plans and emergency response personnel. Exercises that simulate emergency situations can help improve preparedness on several levels," said Kathy Forrest, with the Department of Emergency Preparedness, Frederick County. "Drills help to educate staff and responders on disaster plans and procedures, understand their role in an emergency, reveal gaps in resources, uncover planning weaknesses and prompt improvements."

The drill is expected to take place from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and will "include a medical response with volunteers who will pretend to be victims of the accident," Forrest said. The Town of Emmitsburg, law enforcement, fire and emergency teams, state and local officials, other governmental agencies and private sector partners are expected to participate in the drill.

For more information on how to prepare for an emergency or what to do if an emergency arises, visit www.co.frederick.md.us/emergency for information.

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In memory of those who died on 9-11



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Members of the Vigilant Hose Company and the Ladies Auxiliary ring the old fire bell atop the fire hall on September 11, 2008 in honor of those firefighters and the other Americans who died as result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

Small steps to a big, green lifestyle

BY ANN SANDERS
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — So many of us lead very busy lives that can be daunting for those of us who want to live a green lifestyle. We tend to do what is easiest in the interest of freeing up more time for, well, *more* activities. But the Earth-friendly changes we choose to make need not consume more time in the long run. They may at first, since we have to stop what we are doing and consciously change a behavior. But once those behaviors be-

come habit, they will meld effortlessly into our routine.

Now here's the strategy: choose one old eco-ugly habit to change and focus only and entirely on the new Earth-friendly habit you want to adopt (see sidebar for suggestions). It may take days, weeks, or more. Once your new habit is ingrained, it is likely to stay that way. Then, move on to the next change. In small steps and through the gradual integration of new behaviors, you will see the redirection toward a greener lifestyle. It's not difficult and needn't be a source of stress or aggravation in your life. If anything, it should feel good to know you are contributing to a healthier world.

Some of the easiest changes to make are the things that we do most often in our lives, and thus can have the biggest personal impact. They may seem small in and of themselves, but their benefit environmentally is huge, especially if more and more people adopt them into their lifestyles. Most of the suggestions listed below we've all heard before, but it's an easy pick list for the simple first step.

- Take cloth (or even paper) bags to the grocery store and use them instead of plastic.

- Use a ceramic coffee mug at work instead of a polystyrene one. Consider bringing in

your own utensils, rather than using disposable plastic ones (or just wash and reuse them).

- Buy in bulk and cook in bulk.

- When buying products in plastic containers, look for the number 1 or 2 in the recycle triangle on the bottom so you know they are recyclable. Sometimes numbers 5 and 6 are accepted by recycling centers as well.

- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or soaping up in the shower.

- Make a call to get off mailing lists that send unsolicited offers, flyers, and CDs.

- Refill a water bottle rather than buying new. With all of the concerns over chemicals leaching out of plastics, a better choice might be to keep your water in a stainless steel mug or tumbler with a lid.

- Buy local and/or organic when possible (check out the farmer's markets in Thurmont and Emmitsburg).

- Replace your incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lights (the initial cost is higher, but the savings pay you back in the long run)...and, of course, turn off lights when you're not using them.

If you feel like you're ready to take on bigger challenges, the Internet and your local library are full of resources that offer suggestions.



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Carroll Valley approves cell tower ordinance, sets public hearing

CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. — At the Sept. 9 Carroll Valley Borough Council meeting, the borough council revised ordinances in regards to building a cell tower in town to avoid a threatened lawsuit.

Just over a month ago, the Carroll Valley Borough Council was poised to hold a public hearing about the cell tower ordinance. Just hours before the hearing was to begin, various individuals raised concerns that led to the canceling of the hearing. At the Sept. 9 council meeting those concerns were ad-

ressed and another public hearing was set.

Most of the concerns initially raised centered on minor ordinance issues and required only small revisions. A group of concerned citizens, led by Bruce Rowland, asked the council to revise the ordinance to prohibit a cell tower from being built on zoned woodland conservation land.

The council also discussed changing the special exception regulation on cell tower to conditional use, which would allow the council to make approvals and re-

jections without having to hold a zoning board hearing.

It was agreed by the council to protect woodland conservation land from cell tower development, to change the regulation to special exception and to change the ordinance so it would comply with countywide regulations. A public hearing on the cell tower is to be held Oct. 14 at 7 p.m., along with the regularly held borough council meeting.

- S. Long

Carroll Valley hosts local art exhibit

CARROLL VALLEY, Pa. — Local artwork produced by artists from Carroll Valley and Fairfield will be on display Sept. 19 and 20 at the Carroll Valley Commons Pavillion on Route 116.

The art exhibit will begin on Friday, Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20. A wine and cheese reception will be held Friday evening.

Artist Ron Shloyer will judge the competition. The first-place artist will receive \$100, second place will receive \$50 and third place will receive \$25. For visitors, it is a chance to buy original artwork at reasonable prices.

This is the third year for the art exhibit.

Entries were accepted until Sept. 17. You must be a member of the Carroll Valley Citizens Association or a resident of Fairfield or Carroll Valley. You must also be 16 or older. The art must be two-dimensional, original art or hand-pulled prints. For complete guidelines, e-mail billfos@comcast.net.

New riding program helps war veterans

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THURMONT, Md. - Tranquility Farm's mission statement and ultimate purpose is to "establish and administer programs that bring together rescued equines and persons suffering from physical, mental or emotional injury." Thus far, the farm has been successful in helping people with autism, bipolar disorder, post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other ailments, but the next goal is to help soldiers coming back from war and their families.

"We are not only offering therapeutic riding for the vets but also volunteering for them and their families," said Sarah Transeau, the founder and president of Tranquility Farm. The program runs for sev-

eral weeks and also includes group counseling sessions. "The interaction with the horses make it a much more relaxed setting instead of sitting in a [doctor's] office. It lowers blood pressure, promotes mental health, and makes your well-being better; it helps the whole system."

Transeau started the program about a month ago and although no families are involved yet, she has high hopes.

"There are so many vets coming back with PTSD and other ailments. Right now we are just trying to get the families interested in the program," Transeau said. The program is open to all veterans of war from any branch of the military.

The new program adds to Transeau's goal of helping people and animals, which she's wanted to do since she was a little girl.

"I enjoy what I do and I feel

blessed," she said.

The farm is a nonprofit organization and relies on volunteers and donations. There are about 20 volunteers, 12 clients and 9 horses and though the farm focuses on the rescued horses, Transeau has saved other animals that add to the beauty of the farm and the therapeutic programs including a donkey, two cows, cats and several guard dogs. Transeau wants to make special mention of the inspiration and mascot to the farm, Elmo the wonderhorse, who was with her since she was a little girl and helped a lot of people on the farm before, dying at the age of 38.

For more information on the veteran program or other programs offered by Tranquility Farm, or to donate or volunteer, visit their website at www.tranquilityfarmequestrian.com or call (301) 271-3400.

Fort Ritchie Community Center

CASCADE, Md. — The Fort Ritchie Community Center will celebrate its grand opening and dedication on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

The dedication ceremony will be at noon and include Sen. Ben Cardin and Congressman Roscoe Bartlett.

In addition, there will be activities for everyone from young to old. These include a Maryland Hoop shooting contest to benefit Five Star Foundation, a drawing for a Five Star

basketball camp scholarship, basketball performer Spencer "Spinny" Johnson and daffodil bulb planting activity for children hosted by Blue Ridge Garden Club.

Live entertainment will be provided by Pete Best and Peterbuilt.

Bring your historical photos to the celebration to become part of "Fort Ritchie's Proud Past" display. Staff will scan and copy to become part of the display.

The new Community Center will offer a variety of recreational activities to residents of Washington, Frederick, Adams and Franklin Counties. Activities include basketball, a fitness center, computer room, crafts room, meeting rooms and multi-sport room.

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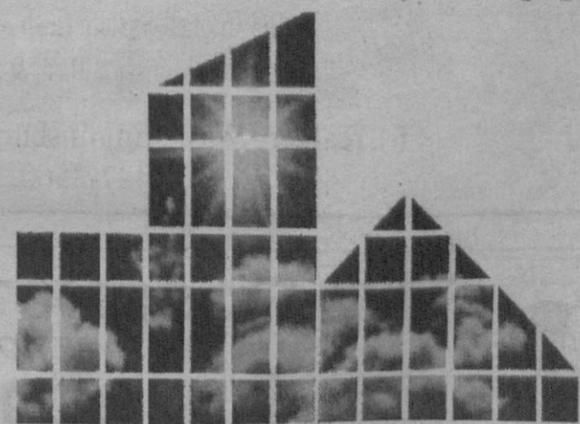
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The Leos roar in Thurmont Middle School

By JAMES RADA JR.
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THURMONT, Md. — Eighteen teens and pre-teens signed a charter on September 11, that created the first Leo Club in Thurmont Middle School. Their names will be carved into a permanent plaque that will hang in the school.

"You're here because we think this organization will help you with leadership, serving the community and organizing," said faculty advisor Candace Desonier.

Many of the charter members were "rolled over" from the school's now-defunct service-learning club. Working along with the

Thurmont Lions Club, the Thurmont Leo Club will set out to find new ways to serve the community.

"These lions are your support group. They're here for you," said Lion George Bolling, who will serve as the club's advisor.

Since the first Leo Club was founded in 1957, there are now 5500 clubs in 130 countries. The Leo Club motto is: Leadership, Experience, Opportunity.

"This is an experience that will stay with you forever and help guide you to being responsible adults," said Robin Keeny, president of the Thurmont Lions Club.

Bolling pointed out that the Leo Club is not just a

Jr. Lions Club. It is its own organization that will do its own fundraising, have its own meetings and control its own finances.

The first project for the Leo Club will be to put together and manage a food drive in conjunction with the school's Language Arts Department.

New Leo President Celina Harris, an eighth grader, said she has high hopes for the club. "We have a lot more members and will hopefully last a lot longer (than the service-learning club)," Celina said.

Leo Treasurer Audrey Lindahl said, "I think we'll have a lot more opportunities and have a lot more fun."

Thurmont woman in trouble again

THURMONT, Md. — A Thurmont woman who made national headlines for letting three children ride in the trunk of her car in 2005 is facing legal problems involving children once again.

Lenora A. Lucas, 40, is accused of buying vodka for a 13-year-old girl, who then became intoxicated.

The charges against Lucas stem from a May 9 incident when Thurmont Police Officer Scott Koenig broke up a drinking party in a wooded lot on East Main Street in Thurmont. Koenig found a girl and three boys in a building under construction on the lot. A 13-year-old girl appeared intoxicated and a preliminary breath test showed her blood-alcohol content to be 0.251. She was so intoxicated that Koenig called for an ambulance to take her to Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Further investigation revealed, the juveniles had contacted Lucas and requested she purchase alcohol for them. They gave her money and she bought the alcohol. She did not drink with them, though.

On September 10, Lucas was

charged with reckless endangerment, furnishing alcohol to a minor, furnishing alcohol to a person under 21 years of age and obtaining alcohol for a person under 21 years of age. The combined maximum penalty for these charges is seven years in prison and/or an \$8,000 fine.

Lucas had to complete community service in 2006 as a result of allowing three children, one of which was not hers, to ride in the trunk of her car during a hot summer day. She said it was an attempt to appear "cool" to her children's friends. She was charged with reckless endangerment and was given a year probation in addition to the community service.

There was a report of a sexual assault having occurred between one of the male minors and the female minor. Upon further investigation and consultation with the State's Attorney Office, it was determined that not enough evidence existed to support any charges related to a sexual assault.

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Heritage festival features Montral musicians

GETTYSBURG, Pa. - French Canadian music will be a first for this year's 17th Annual Adams County Heritage Festival, scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 21 from noon till 5 p.m. at the Gettysburg recreation park on Long Lane. "Reveillons," a quartet based in Montreal, will introduce the lively fiddle, dance and vocal music of Quebec beginning at 1:15 p.m. the band, whose name means "Wake Up!" will offer reels, jigs, french songs, step dancing and dances using a wide range of instruments.

Other acts will highlight Irish, Mexican, Appalachian and Carribean music and dance.

The children's area this year will feature two different petroglyph activities for children of different ages. Face painting, friendship flags, kite-making, and friendship bracelets are other hands on activities available for youngsters. Older youth will enjoy

skateboard and bike demos in the Alternative Sports Park, and everyone will delight in goats and other animals slated to appear at the event.

Ethnic food, always a highlight of the festival, will include cuisine from Thailand, Mexico, Africa and the Caribbean, complementing American fare such as bean soup, bar-b-q and burgers. Craft demonstrations, including basketry, pottery, quilting, chair weaving, dyeing, and instrument making will be available all afternoon, as well as handouts and information from a host of non-profit organizations.

All events and parking are free at the Heritage Festival. This annual event is funded by grants from donors and sponsored by the Interfaith Center for Peace and Justice. For more information, call (717) 334-0752 or check out the ICPJ website: www.icpj-gettysburg.org/festival.htm.



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'Faith Journey' leads local photographer to new home

BY STEPHANIE LONG
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TANEYTOWN, Md. — When Michele Jones, owner and photographer of Fine Portraits by Michele, found her business expanding faster than the building could handle, she began looking for another place to call home for her family and business, embarking on what she calls a "faith journey."

"We had a very strong faith and stepped on that faith," Jones said, "We thought 'if the Lord wants us to do it, we'll try.'"

Jones and her husband began looking for a new place during a time when the housing market was not in the best shape, and their search turned into a "waiting game." Jones' faith was tested. But then, at the beginning of 2008, things turned around and God stepped in, Jones said.

A restored barn became available, which was large enough to house her family and the growing business, which would allow Jones to be with

her family and be a "stay at work mom," and was located in Taneytown, a must for the Jones who grew up in the town.

Other pieces fell into place for Jones. "Interest rates fell and we had nothing to sell," Jones said. The Jones' leased their home at the time.

"We truly feel blessed that it was taken care of for us," Jones said. "God has taken care of us."

By July 4, Jones and her family were moved into their new home and her business reopened July 7. Most of the business is housed on the first floor of the barn, except a studio and dressing area on the second floor, and the family resides on the second floor. Since then, Jones has been working non-stop to accommodate all of her clients.

Jones specializes in senior portraits, which comprises a large portion of her clientele. She also takes family portraits and hopes to move into children portraits as well, which is an area she sees a need for.

Jones is an experienced



Michele Jones, of Fine Portraits by Michele in Taneytown, photographs a senior for her senior portrait in her new home and working space; a restored barn. Jones specializes in senior portraits and has owned her own studio for 12 years.

- STEPHANIE LONG / THE DISPATCH

photographer, with 22 years of experience in the industry, and 12 years of owning her own studio. Yet, after so long, she still has a passion for what she does and whom she works with.

"I love what I do. This isn't a job, I get up and have fun ev-

ery single day," Jones said. "My passion is people, photography is just my talent. I have a desire for everyone to feel that they're wonderful and beautiful and that's very important to me."

Those interested in Fine Portraits by Michele may call (410) 756-4551 for more information.

A high-class dog house



- PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN KINNAIRD

Catocin Veterinary Center held its grand opening with a ribbon cutting and open house on Sept. 6. The new animal hospital is at 4 Paws Place next to Catocin High School. The new building includes four exam rooms including one for dogs only and one for cats only. The center also has digital x-raying, two surgical suites, central oxygen and an oxygen cage, an isolation room for animals with infectious diseases, dentistry scaling, a grooming room and a room for medical boarding. From left to right: Thurmont Commissioner Wayne Hooper, Commissioner Bob Lookingbill, future vet Ryan, Commissioner Glen Muth, Mayor Marty Burns, Dr. Jonathan Bramson, Dr. Susan P. Keane, Jane and Andrew.

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EDUCATION

Teen takes on silent epidemic

BY JACKIE NICHOLS
Contributing Writer

FAIRFIELD, Pa. — Fairfield Area High School student Lyndsey Poulson is working to raise public awareness about child abuse. Lyndsey has taken on the cause after volunteering for a Race Against Abuse of Children Everywhere event. The RAACE Foundation uses motorsports as a springboard to reach hundreds of thousands of people with their message of prevention over the past 4 years.

"The mother of one of my good friends volunteered with The RAACE Foundation and she got me involved with it. I volunteered last year and when it came time to decide on a project, I thought of The RAACE Foundation. It's a great organization and I hope my project will help them educate more people about how horrible child sexual abuse is," said Lyndsey.

In Pennsylvania, it is required that each graduating senior complete a project that demonstrates their ability to problem-solve, research and evaluate information, understand the information and effectively communicate that understanding.

For her project, Lyndsey decided to organize a silent auction with all proceeds going to The RAACE Foundation's RAACE to Raise \$2 Million fundraising campaign. She has been working hard, with guidance from The RAACE Foundation, putting in the long hours of work coordinating such an endeavor requires. Lyndsey points out though, that she's had lots of help from her school — letting her have auction items delivered to the school and allowing her to use the gym for the auction free of charge — and her parents.

"So much money goes toward healing after the abuse has already happened. We want to stop the abuse before it starts. As far as RAACE is concerned, until every child is safe, our race has no finish line. It is dedicated volunteers like Lyndsey who will help us win this race," said RAACE Foundation Founder Ken Smith.

Lyndsey started her hard work over the summer, sending out letters to celebrities, sports teams and players, local restaurants and popular TV shows, asking for items that could be auctioned off to benefit The RAACE Foundation. So far, she has received over 100 items including: a Ryan Sheckler, X Games standout, poster

and autographed letter; a signed poster from NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson; a Peyton Manning signed photo; a book signed by Michael Jordan; golf pin flags from Mark O'Meara and Raymond Floyd and Washington Capitals signed 8x10 photos. Lyndsey's favorite donation so far is the autographed 8x10 photo she received from comedian Dane Cook.

"The letters with the donations all said what a great, creative idea they thought this was. Many of them said how eager they were to help and how they hoped my project was a big success," Lyndsey shared.

If you would like to come out and support The RAACE Foundation, the silent auction will be held at the Fairfield Area High School gym on Sunday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. Fairfield High School is located at 4840 Fairfield Road, Fairfield.

If you have something you would like to donate to Lyndsey's auction, send it to: Lyndsey Poulson — The RAACE Foundation — Volunteer, 4840 Fairfield Road, Fairfield, PA 17320.

For more information on The RAACE Foundation, please visit www.raace.org or call 1-800-755-KIDS.

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Honoring the Mount community



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Members of the Mount St. Mary's Community were honored with a special award at the 52nd Annual Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show on Sept. 5. The awards were part of the show's ceremony honoring the Mount's bicentennial. Mount President Thomas Powell presented each of the honorees their award during the ceremony. From left to right: Art and Lisa Elder, Judy May, Maria Topper, Phil and Millie Valentine, Stacey Brown-Hobbs and Edward Little (middle). There are 164 active and retired Mount employees who live in the Thurmont and Emmitsburg areas. Collectively, they have 2,214 years of service to Mount St. Mary's University.

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- Boys Varsity Football vs. Bermudian Springs High School at 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 20

- Boys Varsity Football vs. Bermudian Springs High School

Sept. 22

- Boys Junior High Soccer vs. Central York High School at 4 p.m.
- Girls Junior High Field Hockey vs. Littlestown Senior High School at 4:15 p.m.
- Boys Junior High JV Soccer vs. Central York High School at 5 p.m.

Sept. 23

- Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. Biglerville MS/ HS at 4:15 p.m.
- Boys Junior Varsity Soccer vs. Hanover High School at 5:30 p.m.
- Girls Junior Varsity Field Hockey vs. Biglerville MS/ HS at 5:30 p.m.
- Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball vs. Littlestown Senior High School at 6 p.m.
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- Hanover High School at 7 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Littlestown Senior High School at 7 p.m.

Sept. 24

- Boys Junior High Soccer vs. Dover Area High School at 4 p.m.
- Girls Junior High Field Hockey vs. Biglerville MS/ HS at 4:15 p.m.
- Boys Junior High JV Soccer vs. Dover Area High School at 5 p.m.

Sept. 25

- Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. Delone Catholic High School at 4:15 p.m.
- Girls Junior Varsity Field Hockey vs. Delone Catholic High School at 5:30 p.m.
- Boys Junior Varsity Soccer vs. Bermudian Springs High School at 5:30 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Bermudian Springs High School at 7 p.m.

Sept. 27

- Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Waynesboro Area at 1 p.m.
- Boys Junior Varsity Soccer vs. Waynesboro Area at 2:30 p.m.

Sept. 29

- Boys Junior Varsity Soccer vs. Christian School Of York at 5:30 p.m.
- Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball vs. York Suburban High School at 6 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Christian School of York at 7 p.m.
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Oct. 4

- Boys Junior High Soccer vs. Big Spring at 4 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. Kennard Dale High School at 4:15 p.m.
- Boys Junior High JV Soccer vs. Big Spring at 5 p.m.
- Girls Junior Varsity Field Hockey vs. Kennard Dale High School at 5:30 p.m.

UPCOMING HOME GAMES AT CATOCTIN HIGH

Sept. 18

- Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. Tuscarora High School at 4 p.m.
- Girls Junior Varsity Soccer vs. Walkersville High School at 5 p.m.
- Girls Junior Varsity Field Hockey vs. Tuscarora High School at 5:30 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Walkersville High School at 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 24

- Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball vs. North Carroll High School at 6 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. North Carroll High School at 7 p.m.

Sept. 25

- Coed Varsity Golf vs. Smiths-

burg High School at 4 p.m.

Sept. 26

- Boys Varsity Football vs. South Carroll High School at 7 p.m.

Sept. 29

- Girls Junior Varsity Soccer vs. Williamsport High School at 3:30 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. Urbana High School at 4 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Williamsport High School at 5 p.m.
- Girls Junior Varsity Field Hockey vs. Urbana High School at 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 1

- Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball vs. South Carroll High

School at 6 p.m.

- Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. South Carroll High School at 7 p.m.

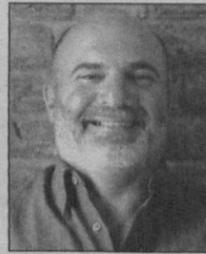
Oct. 2

- Coed Varsity Golf vs. Brunswick High School at 4 p.m.
- Girls Junior Varsity Soccer vs. Smithsburg High School at 5 p.m.
- Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball vs. Clear Spring High School at 6 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Smithsburg High School at 6:30 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Clear Spring High School at 7 p.m.

Oct. 3

- Boys Varsity Football vs. Liberty High School at 7 p.m.

Outside the Game Burned Out



By A.J. Russo

Dispatch Columnist

I started my trip around the world with high expectations of

experiencing global connection and peace. "A journey of harmony," I think I remember my travel agent(s) saying. They assured me that everything would be smooth sailing (so to speak) once all the visas and arrangements were complete. Little did I know...

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know, "you've got to be crazy," you're mumbling. I suppose I figured if I could make it up the slopes, it would be all down hill from there. However, I was surprised at the cold reception I got from the Tibetans. I sensed they thought of my climb as some sort of a sign of aggression. I suppose, given recent clashes in the

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Community Show celebrates its 52nd year

By ANGELA STANZIONE
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THURMONT, Md. — For 51 years the Emmitsburg and Thurmont Community Show has been showcasing the local agriculture, craftsmanship and homemaking skills of the combined community. This year marked its 52nd and it didn't disappoint.

"It's like a homecoming for the community," said Rodman Myers, president of the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show committee.

The show opened its doors at Catoctin High School on Friday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m., featuring different nonprofit organizations, including the United Way and Stars for Hope. The show also featured different pieces of artwork and crafts done by members of the community including paintings and child art. Vegetables were showcased and baked goods sold including the annual cake auction, a highlight of the night, bringing in \$8,600.

The opening ceremony started at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. It began with the 33rd annual flag procession featuring members of different groups throughout the community including the Lion's Club, police agencies, Guardian Hose Company and Boy Scouts.

"I want to say thank you to everyone. We are very fortunate to pull this all together. Community pride is very important," said Myers. Myers and the committee also decided that the show would honor Mount St. Mary's University in its bicentennial year at the ceremony.

"For years the Mount has been a beacon of academic excellence. Our university is not its grounds; it's the people," said Mount St. Mary's President Thomas Powell. Powell also honored eight different

members of the university's community.

According to Myers, Powell was "impressed with the show" and is thinking of starting an FFA scholarship at the Mount.

The opening ceremony also marked the announcement of the 2008-2009 Catoctin FFA ambassador. This year the judges decided there were two members of the chapter to recognize with the honor: seniors in high school Tyler Yoak and Katie Burke.

"They are two very deserving and hardworking individuals. We'll miss them when they leave," said Diane Ogg, an advisor to the chapter and a horticulture teacher at the high school.

"I'm really excited and happy to be a role model," said Burke, who has been a member of the FFA program for three years.

"I've been involved in farming all my life and wanted to further my knowledge in different areas," said Yoak, who has been in the program for four years. "It's really good that they chose two of us. It takes the pressure off."

"We'll be able to work as a team and show what the FFA and agriculture are all about," said Burke.

Though the ceremony marks the opening, perhaps the main event of the show is the used book sale sponsored by the Thurmont Library. Paperback books sold for 50 cents each, hardbacks a dollar each and on Sunday between 1 and 3 p.m., customers were able to fill a bag with any type of book for a dollar.

"A lot of people like to get here early for the library books. It's definitely a big drawing of the community," said Myers.

"I usually come on Sundays and the book sale is definitely part of the reason," said Elaine Hoke, a member of the Thurmont community who has been



Left: Competitors show their pigs on Sunday, Sept. 7, at the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show. Below: Patrons of the show enjoy artwork submitted by members of the community.



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coming to the show for years.

Another aspect to the show that makes it so popular is the tight-knit, small community feel.

"I think it's wonderful to support the community," said Hoke. "I just love the

event and seeing people I know, it reminds me of our small town feel. It's really enjoyable."

"Some people say it's dry, but people come from one year to the next. Maybe some people in the community don't

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Left Top: 5 members of Catoctin High School's FFA were in the running for Chapter Ambassador for 2008-2009. Katie Burke (second from left) and Tyler Yoak (right) were chosen as co-ambassadors for 2008 during the opening ceremony on Sept. 5. Above: A martial arts demonstration was held on Sunday, Sept. 7 at the show. Left Bottom: The 52nd Annual Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show began with a community flag ceremony featuring a parade of flags from a variety of service organizations in Thurmont and Emmitsburg.



<p>Haunted Pumpkin Hunt (to age 9 - showers or shine) Oct. 18, 1 - 2 p.m. Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital (previously at Zora Village) 717-642-5135</p>	<p>2nd Annual Fright Night (for adults) Saturday, October 25 Emmitsburg Vet Hospital details = 301-447-6237</p>
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come, but it's amazing, once they do they get the fever like I got," said Myers.

Though the event was rained out on Saturday, it continued strong the next day with the beef, sheep and swine sale being held for the first time on a Sunday. The animal judging and karate show were also held on Sunday.

Altogether there were expected to be

3,000 exhibits entered in the show, which is close to its highest ever according to Myers. The show was sponsored by Thurmont Grange, the FFA and Catoctin FFA alumni. Two hundred unpaid volunteers helped keep it running.

"It's a total community effort," said Myers. "It's a lot of work, but there are a lot of good people to work with."



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Horse around for a good cause

THURMONT, Md. – The Frederick County 4H Therapeutic Riding Program is looking for volunteers to assist students who have disabilities.

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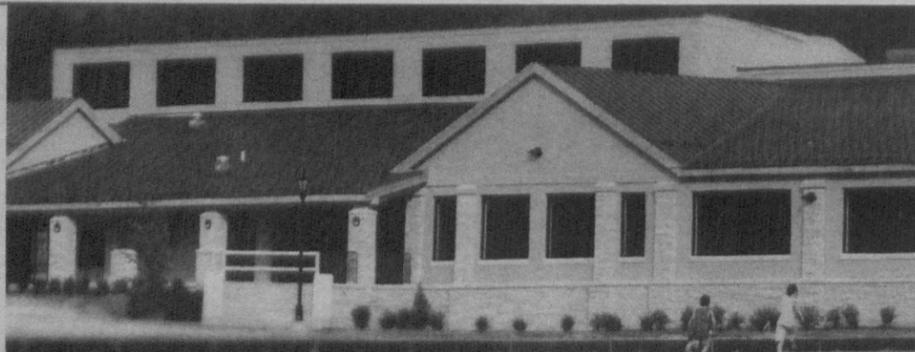
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If interested in volunteering or for more information: Please call (301) 898-3587 or visit us at www.fc4htrp.org.

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- Pickles** (Sliced Beet Pickles): Regina Kline
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- Flowers and Plants** (Side Table Arrangement): Roxanna Lambert
- Arts, Paintings & Drawings** (Noah's Art Trunk): Mary Portner
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- Photography** (Digital Color Photo - Animal): Kenneth Trout
- Corn** (Hybrid Corn): Brian Glass
- Small Grains & Seeds** (Shelled Corn), James Kaas
- Eggs** (Brown Eggs): David Cox
- Nuts** (English Walnuts): Karen Willard
- Poultry & Livestock** (Farm Exhibit - 1 Rooster, 1 Hen): Charlotte Dutton
- Hay** (Mixed Hay): Charles Wiles
- Junior Department** (Sewn Item - Poncho): Laura Dutton
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Pilgrimage for the Sea services on Oct. 5

EMMITSBURG, Md. – Members of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Merchant Marine, and the public will come together on Sunday, Oct. 5, to honor Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, "Patroness of the Sea Services". The Annual Pilgrimage for the Sea Services is hosted by the Daughters of Charity, and supported by a committee of retired Naval Officers and their spouses, chaired by Admiral James D. Watkins, USN (Ret).

The principal celebrant and homilist for the Mass will be The Most Reverend Timothy Paul Broglio, J.C.D., newly appointed Archbishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A. The Naval Academy Catholic Midshipmen Choir from Annapolis, Maryland will provide the music for the liturgy. Presentation of the Colors will be by the Ceremonial Guard, Military District Washington, D.C.

The Mass begins at 3:00 p.m. in the Basilica at the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, 333 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland. The Seton Shrine will be open between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for tours.

For more information, call the Seton Shrine office at (301) 447-6606 or e-mail office@setonshrine.org.

Support the food bank and American Legion

THURMONT, Md. – The Sons of American Legion Jr. at the Edwin C. Creeger Jr. Thurmont American Legion Post are sponsoring a food drive for the Thurmont Food Bank. Member Michael White is conducting the drive. If you are interested in helping and are in any way tied with the Legion, feel free to stop by and show your support to the town, and the younger age group making a positive difference.

Showing off their wheels



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Dozens of classic cars rolled into Community Park for the Emmitsburg Jr. Explorers on Sunday, Sept. 7. Proceeds from the event benefited the Jr. Explorer Post 6, which is sponsored by the Vigilant Hose Company. The explorers hope to turn the show into an annual event.



The Emmitsburg Lions Club acknowledges the generosity of the many neighbors, businesses, and local organizations who have contributed to our fireworks fund, for their continual support of an exhilarating and now traditional event that highlights our annual celebration of Community Day. To all we extend a sincere "Thank you!"

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Preparation is already underway for next year's Community Day and fireworks show, scheduled June 27, 2009. Please consider a donation to this community event: Community Day Fireworks • Emmitsburg Lions Club • P.O. Box 1182 • Emmitsburg, MD 21727-1182



The (retired) Ecologist

Of goatsuckers, and the legend of chuck-will's-widow



BY BILL MEREDITH
Dispatch Columnist

*"There are moments when you are in a state of grace."
...Francesco Clemente*

In last month's article I quoted a definition of an ecologist in which the word "divagation" was used, and noted that the word was not in the dictionary. The other day I received a note from a friend who has given me helpful comments on other occasions, telling me that the reason I didn't find it in the dictionary was that it was

misspelled in the book where I found it. The correct spelling is "divagation." I was glad to know this, because the correct spelling makes it obvious that the word is derived from the same root as "vagrant," i.e., one who wanders or strays, and also because my mind has been doing it again.

It was the last week of August, and we had just arrived at the beach in North Carolina to spend a short vacation with our son and his family. After driving all day, sitting on the porch at dusk with a sea breeze blowing and the sound of surf in the background made me feel as if I had wandered into one of those states of grace that the artist, Francesco Clemente, says he feels when a painting is going well. I was listening idly to the calls of seagulls when I heard what sounded like a nighthawk... a scratchy, nasal "beennkkk," similar to the sound made by holding a knife blade flat on the edge of a tabletop and twanging the handle with your finger. No other bird sounds like that, and I was surprised to hear it because while nighthawks are common inland, they usually don't come right up to the edge of the sea. The sound was repeated, but it didn't seem quite right, and after a few minutes I realized that it wasn't a nighthawk at all; it was a buzzer attached to a kite someone was flying on the beach. That should have been the end of it, but instead my mind wandered off on a divagation that led from nighthawks to related birds, and then to memories of my grandfather.

Nighthawks and their rela-

tives are not really hawks; they belong to an odd family of birds called "goatsuckers." They get their family name because they have huge mouths which they use to catch moths and other insects on the wing at night, much as swallows feed in the daytime. As recently as the 19th Century, country folk believed the purpose of these enormous mouths was to suck milk from goats and other livestock... why else would a bird need a mouth that big?... and in every community there were people who would swear convincingly that they had seen goatsuckers in action.

Three species of goatsuckers live in the eastern U. S. The first species, the nighthawk, is fairly common; they nest on flat roofs in cities, and you can usually see them in Baltimore, catching insects around the lights of the Camden Yards stadium when the Orioles have home games. They migrate through this area in the fall, and you might see large flocks of them flying south any time from now until mid-October.

The second species, the Whip-poor-will, used to be common around Emmitsburg; when we lived on the college campus in the 1950s I often heard them calling in the forest on the mountain. As more building has occurred in local forests they have become rare here, but I still hear them around my son's home in Garrett County. I heard them as a child in West Virginia, and my grandfather told me the story of how they used to steal milk when he was a boy. In those days grandfathers were called "Pappy," and Pappy Meredith was a

storyteller of prodigious ability. I'm sure he didn't believe the story himself... there were plenty of more logical reasons why a cow might come home with an empty udder, such as a neighbor's calf getting into the field, or wandering vagrants stealing milk (there were real Gypsies in Marion County in those days)... but Whip-poor-wills made too good a story to pass up.

The third species, Chuck-will's-widow, is found in forests from the mountains to the coast. You can recognize it when you hear it because it pronounces its name... a four-syllable call with the two middle syllables loudest. I actually saw one on Assateague Island several years ago. Naturally enough, it came to mind as I sat on the porch that evening listening to the roar of the surf and the kite twanging in the wind. And that is where Pappy reappeared. He probably never heard of Chuck-will's-widow, but if he had, he immediately would have assumed she had once been married to someone called Chuck-Will, who is no longer with us. At that point, the story literally took on a life of its own; Pappy told me the story, and all I had to do was get a piece of paper and write it down.

What ever happened to old Chuck-Will?

I've not seen him lately up there on the hill,

*Where along about dusk he often would come,
a-singing and cussing as he wandered home.*

Chuck-Will wasn't liked

much by most of the folks.

*Behind his back, kids would make sarcastic jokes,
And everyone watched him, for when he came by*

Before a day passed, some-one's goat would go dry.

This afternoon I chanced to meet with his wife...

A woman who's led a hard, unhappy life...

"How've you been?" I asked, in my most neighborly voice;

"Porely," she answered, "I aint got much choice."

"And how's old Will?" I asked, trying to cheer.

"E's daid," she replied, "since late last year."

"Why, 'pon my soul!" said I, for I hadn't heard...

no rumors or gossip... nary a word!

"What happened?" "Stummick gripes, I guess;

I knowed they was sumpin' there, sommer's, amiss

When 'e got all hooched over 'n' staggered about.

'E claimed that 'e jest had a tetch o' the gout,

But I tole 'im 'e never would last out the year

When 'e stopped drinkin' goat's milk and went onto beer.

So now I'm left here, alone an' all bitter,

To live out my days as Chuck-Will's widder."

In the interest of journalistic accuracy, I must confess that Pappy didn't actually tell that story. But he would have, if he'd a' really been there.

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DEATH NOTICES

Frank T. Lowe, of Fairfield, Pa. died Thursday, September 4, 2008.

The family received friends on Sept. 7 at the funeral home from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the services. Funeral services were held on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 2 p.m. at the Monahan Funeral Home in Fairfield, with the Rev. Christopher Frye officiating. Interment with full military honors followed in the Fairfield Union Cemetery.

Mr. John Tankard Matthews, of Keymar, died Tuesday, September 2, 2008.

The family received friends from 2 - 4 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at the funeral home; where Carroll Manor Fire Department held a memorial service at 8 p.m. A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 5, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 404 S. Main St., Woodsboro, with the Rev. Jerry Cline, pastor of Libertytown United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment followed in Locust Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Carroll Manor Fire Co., P.O. Box 7, Adamstown, MD 21710, or New Midway Fire Co., P.O. Box 67, New Midway, MD 21775.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at www.hartzlerfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Hartzler Funeral Home, Woodsboro.

Mr. Ralph Ohler, of Emmitsburg, died Wednesday, August 27, 2008.

The family received friends from 10 a.m. until the time of service Saturday at the Church. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, 100 North Ave., Emmitsburg with his pastor, the Rev. Ronald Fearer, officiating. Interment followed in the Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, c/o Bonnie Hahn, P.O. Box 465, 100 North Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Online condolences may be made to the family at myers-durborawfh.com.

Arrangements were made by the Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

BIRTHS

Lisa and David Rawlings, Carroll Valley, Pa., a son, Aug. 24.

Nicole and Kevin Raymond, Emmitsburg, a daughter Sept. 4.

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country, the scheduling of my trip was ... well, let's just say, untimely. I wondered if I would ever make it to the top.

Then, in the next leg of my journey, I was forced to change my itinerary. I wanted to stop first in Taiwan, but was told that we had to pass right by because we would be entering a "renegade province". Wasn't sure what that meant, but since it sounded ominous, I didn't argue.

Pyongyang wasn't even on my original route. After all, North Korea's known more for military posturing than peace. But my agents said that they had done lots of business there in the past, and that probably meant more bang for my KPW (North Korean currency).

Before I knew it, though, the trip settled down and, without much incident, my travels allowed me pleasant visits with the Aussies, Thai, Indians, and Africans.

Then I reached the Pacific shore of the US.

Sunny San Francisco seemed like it would be a perfect stop—beautiful beaches, historic landscape, and one heck of a long bridge. But, when I crossed the Golden Gate, I was deluged by screams of loud protesters. They seemed to be yelling at me, but of course that didn't make sense. I was but a lonely tourist. So I left the land of the free, feeling a little like a political prisoner.

I crossed the Atlantic and visited London, Paris, St Petersburg, Athens and Istanbul before I stumbled again—this

time in Kazakhstan. I traveled through barren country where an oil pipeline was being laid. "Why am I here?" I asked my agents. Apparently the organization had big ties to the energy firms. I left thinking what a "crude" trick they had played on me.

After 130 days and 8500 miles, I arrived at my final destination. Exhausted, I looked to the sky, but couldn't see the sun through the fog (or was that smog). Because I'm a torch, I wondered why I hadn't burned out along the way.



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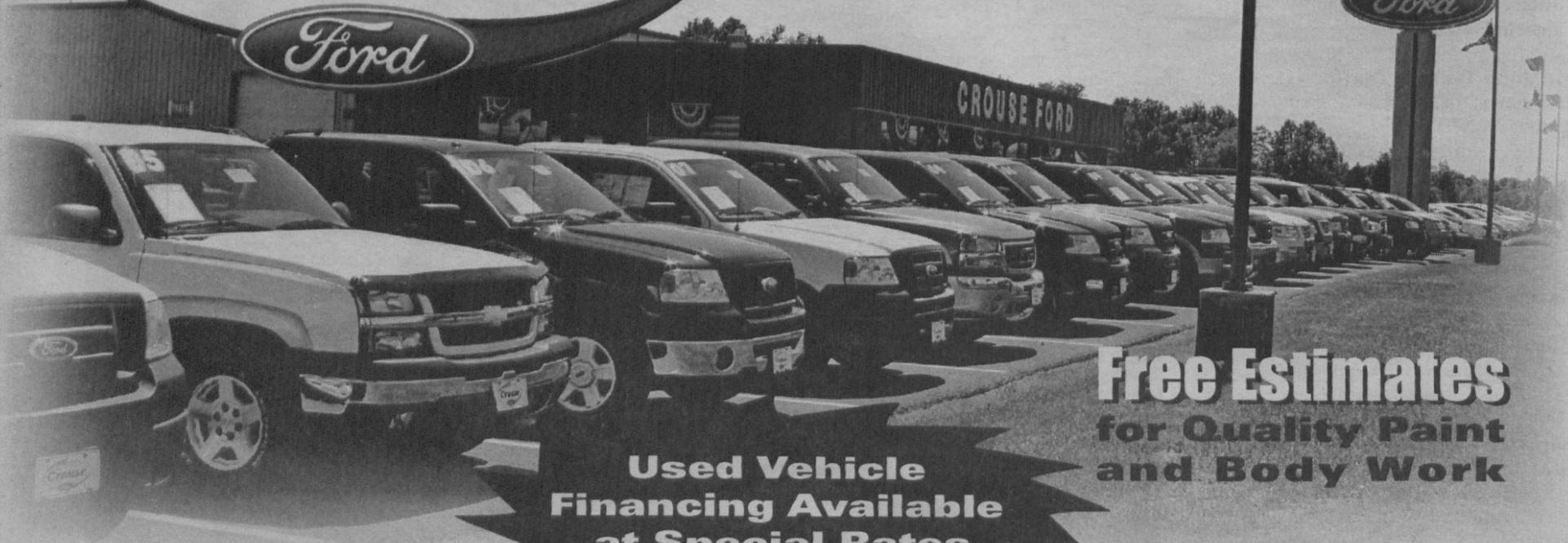
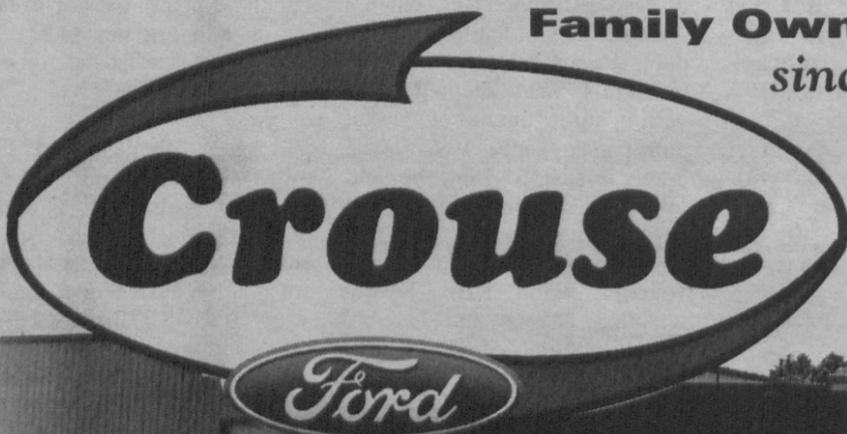
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EVENTS

Sept. 19 - Basket Bingo. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., bingo at 7. Thurmont Activities Building. Benefits CHS wrestling program. Advance tickets \$15, at the door \$20. Tickets: (301) 271-2026, (301) 271-1830.

Sept. 19 - Basket/Money Bingo. VFW Post Pavilion, Harney, Md. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., bingo at 7. Sponsored by the Monocacy Valley Memorial VFW Post 6918 Ladies Auxiliary. Advance tickets, \$10; at the door \$12. Tickets: (443) 375-7217, (410) 756-6866.

Sept. 19 & 20 - Get Rid of your Clutter! 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tom's Creek Church property, Rt. 140 across from Four Points Rd. and Tom's Creek Church Rd. Yard sale and flea market. To reserve space: (301) 447-2082, (301) 447-6564.

Sept. 19 and 26 - Playtime Fridays. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children's Museum of Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 North Market St. Frederick. \$3 per child. Adults free with child. Information: (301) 600-1650, www.rosehillmuseum.com.

Sept. 20 - The Maryland Wine Festival@ Asthma Ride. 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Agriculture Center, 700 Agriculture Center Dr., Westminster. A fully supported ride of 8-mile, 31-mile or 62.5-mile routes for all abilities through the rolling hills of Carroll County. American Lung Association of Maryland/Shea Ritrievi (410) 560-2120 ext. 235.

Sept. 20 - The Emmitsburg Lions Community Car Wash. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Behind the Carriage House Inn, 200 South Seton Ave. To benefit the Emmitsburg Lions scholarship. Donations appreciated.

Sept. 20 - Fall Festival and Book Sale. Emmitsburg Library, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Games, crafts, scarecrow stuffing, face painting, cake walk, door prizes. Bag of Books Sale, \$1/bag. Activities for all ages. Information: (240) 629-6329.

Sept. 20 - FMH BirthPlace Tours, BirthPlace and Family Center. Frederick Memorial Hospital, 400 W. 7th St., Frederick. Advance registration required. Free. Information: (240) 379-6000.

Sept. 20 - St. Joseph's High School Alumni Reunion Dance. 8 p.m. to midnight. Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg.

Sept. 21 - All you can eat Country Breakfast 7 to 11 a.m., Taneytown Rod & Gun Club, 12380 Shoemaker Rd. Taneytown. Adults \$7, children 8-12 \$5, under 8 free. Information: (410) 756-2138.

Sept. 21 - All-you-can-eat Buffet Breakfast. 7 to 11 a.m. Greenmount Fire Company, 3095 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, Pa. 5 miles south

of Gettysburg on Business Route 15. Adults \$7, Children 6 to 10 \$4, under 6 free.

Sept. 21 - Annual Church Picnic. 4:30 p.m. Iron Springs Brethren in Christ, Iron Springs, Fairfield, Pa. 4:30 p.m. Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages provided. Please bring a covered dish. Music at 5:30 p.m., Bill and Vera Primrose. Information: (717) 642-5492.

Sept. 22 - "Pinwheels for Peace." 9:15 a.m. Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. World Peace Day observance. All are invited to join the school community. Information: (301) 447-3165, www.mothersetonschool.org.

Sept. 22 - American Red Cross Blood Drive. 1 to 7 p.m. Fellowship Baptist Church, 110 Mount Hope Road, Fairfield. Information: (717) 642-6767, www.fellowshipbaptistpa.org.

Sept. 22 - Emmitsburg Area Historical Society. 7 p.m. Community Center.

Sept. 24 - Catoctin CASS assistance. 9 a.m. to noon. Catoctin Area CASS office, Emmitsburg Community Center, 300 S. Seton Ave. Get help with DSS and FCAA programs. Applications and re-certifications accepted for health care programs, energy assistance, homeless services, food stamps, outreach and transportation, medical assistance, housing counseling & purchase of care, case management, housing assistance, weatherization & housing rehabilitation services. No appointment necessary. DSS information: (301) 600-2450; FCAA information, Todd Johnson: (301) 600-1506.

Sept. 24 - Early Childhood Dyslexia Awareness Workshop. 2 to 5 p.m. Sponsored by The Margaret Byrd Rawson Institute. Friendship School, 1545 Progress Way, Eldersburg, Md. For teachers and parents. Focusing on early interventions, reading research, early identification of learning differences and phonemic awareness. \$55. Registration form www.mbri.org, click Institute Training or call Diane (410) 552-6880.

Sept. 27 - Old fashioned Fun Show #4. 9 a.m. Thurmont Riding Club, 14981 Roddy Rd, Thurmont. English, western, gaming. Information: www.geocities.com/thurmontridingclub.

Sept. 27 - Scotty's Ride. Registration begins at 9 a.m. ride begins at 11 a.m. Motorcycle poker run to raise money to help families with seriously ill children. In honor of Scotty Harbaugh 2002 - 2007. Information: <http://emmitsburg.net/scottysride/index.htm>.

Sept. 27 - Catoctin Pregnancy Center's 3rd Annual Run for Life in Memory of Father Darin Didier. 1 mile FunRun/Walk begins at 9 a.m.; 5K Run/Walk begins at 9:30

a.m. Mount Saint Mary's University, Emmitsburg. Registration: before 9/14 - \$20, after 9/14 - \$25. Benefits the Pregnancy Center. Registration forms: e-mail slstotler@juno.com. Information or to volunteer: (717) 642-0196.

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Sept. 27 - Gun Dinner. Doors open at 3 p.m. Event 4 to 8 p.m. Emmitsburg Ambulance Building, 17701 Creamery Rd. Tickets \$25, \$10 per guest. Meal and beverage included. Benefits EVAC. Information: (301) 748-6894.

Sept. 27 - Filled Basket Bingo. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games at 7. Woodsboro Fire Co. Complex, 10307 Coppermine Rd., Woodsboro, Md. \$20 in advance. \$25 at the door. Information: (301) 845-8406.

Sept. 27 - Vera Bradley Bingo. Doors open at 6 p.m., bingo begins at 7. Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. Food and drink available. Advance tickets: (301) 447-3161.

Sept. 27 & 28 - Fairfield Pippinfest. Saturday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Main Street Fairfield, 8 miles west of Gettysburg on Route 116. Old-time country street festival featuring arts and crafts, apple products, live country music, antiques, vintage cars and food. Free admission. Information: (717) 642-5640.

Sept. 28 - The James M. Eyer, Jr. Memorial Fund Basket Bingo. Doors open at 11 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m. Lewistown Fire Hall, Lewistown. Tickets: \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. Food provided by Lewistown fire hall. Tickets: (301) 271-5379.

Sept. 28 - Emmitsburg Lions Chicken Barbeque. Chicken dinners, available 11 a.m. across from Getty's Gas Station on South Seton Avenue near Route 15 in Emmitsburg. Help support Emmitsburg Lions Club. Advance orders with home delivery to 21727 zip code: Write Dianne Walbrecker at getwrite@aol.com name, address, phone, and number of dinners before Sept. 27, or call (301) 447-6962.



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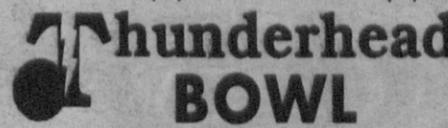
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Sept. 20 - Adams County Heritage Festival. A celebration of ethnic music, food, and crafts showcasing the multiculturalism of Adams County. Begins at noon. Gettysburg Area Recreation Park, 545 Long Lane. Information: (717) 334-8943.

Sept. 20 - Magician Brian Brushwood. 9 p.m. Mount St. Mary's University, Knott Auditorium. Admission \$5.

Sept. 20 and 21 - World War II Weekend. Eisenhower Historic Site, 97 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg, Pa. Living history recreation of both Allied and German army camps, complete with original World War II vehicles.

Sept. 20 - Adams County Heritage Festival. Noon. Ethnic music, food, and crafts reflecting the multicultural atmosphere of Adams County. Gettysburg Area Recreation Park, 545 Long Lane, Gettysburg. Information: (717) 334-8943.

Sept. 23 through 26 - American Kitefliers Association Convention & Grand National Competition. Boyds Bear Country, 75 Cunningham Road, Gettysburg.

Oct. 4 - Rive Gauche: "Un Voyage Extraordinaire" Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, 40 South Carroll St.,

Frederick, MD. More than 60 contributed works by Frederick County area artists will be showcased in this month-long exhibit and silent auction in support of the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, F&M and Kline Galleries. Opening reception Oct., 11, 3-5 p.m. Open daily, Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. Free. Handicap accessible. For information: (301) 698-0656, www.delaplaine.org.

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Through Nov. 8 - "Thoroughly Modern Millie." The Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre, Frederick, Md. Taking place in New York City in 1922, Millie tells the story of Millie Dillmount, who just moved to the city in search of a new life in a New York full of intrigue and jazz. It's a time when women were entering the workforce and the rules of love and social behavior were changing forever. Friday and Saturday evening and matinees on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of each month. Friday tickets \$42, Saturday tickets \$44, and Sunday matinee \$40. Information: (301) 662-6600, www.wayoffbroadway.com.

Through Nov. 9 - "Jack and the Beanstalk." Way Off Broadway, 5 Willowdale Drive, Frederick. Jack's musical adventure with a jolly, songwriting giant and his temperamental wife, along with a singing harp and talking hen that lays golden eggs. (301) 662-6600, www.wayoffbroadway.com.

Sept. 20 to Nov. 8 - "Lucy Rose: Here's the Thing About Me". Saturdays at 2 p.m. The Maryland Ensemble Theatre, 31 W. Patrick Street, Frederick. The Fun Company's Children Theatre's quirky, original musical. Lucy Rose is an unforgettable

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Sept. 20 and 21 - "Almost, Maine" by playwright John Cariani, at Gettysburg Stage, Keefauver Center, 157 Lefever St., Gettysburg. Director Pamela Hurlbert says, "The play is about the adventure of love. We share moments in nine couples' lives as they discover the highs and lows of love, their awakenings, regrets, disappointments and joys." The episodes take place in various Maine settings, where the Northern Lights add their own glow to the mood and production. Tickets \$12 (\$10 for seniors and youth). Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sunday matinees 2 p.m. Information: 1-866-859-5192, gettysburgstage@hotmail.com or www.gettysburgstage.com.

Nov. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23 - "Little Egypt." Gettysburg Stage, Keefauver Center, 157 Lefever St., Gettysburg. A tale of lusty love and hustlers, romance and discovery. Information: 1-866-859-5192, gettysburgstage@hotmail.com or www.gettysburgstage.com.

FILM

Sept. 21 - "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull." Mount St. Mary's University Laughlin Auditorium, Emmitsburg. 2 p.m. No charge. Bring a canned food donation.

Sept. 27 - Premiere of "Route 30." 8 p.m. Majestic Theatre, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. Independent film shot in and around Franklin and Adams County. Proceeds to benefit Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor and Totem Pole Playhouse, Inc. Information and tickets: www.route30movie.com.

Lucy Rose: Here's the Thing About Me at the Maryland Ensemble Theatre

FREDERICK, Md. - The Fun Company kicks off their 2008-2009 Children Theatre series with the quirky original musical *Lucy Rose: Here's the Thing About Me* at The Maryland Ensemble Theatre in Frederick. Lucy Rose is an unforgettable, one-of-a-kind girl with spark, spunk and one great pair of cowgirl boots!

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Lucy Rose: Here's the Thing About Me also includes music by local artist,

Meryl Cullom. Cullom last wrote the song and lyrics for The Fun Company's original musical *Cinderella*.

Lucy Rose: The Thing About Me performances will be every Saturday at 2 p.m. from Sept. 20 - Nov. 8 at The Maryland Ensemble Theatre, 31 W. Patrick Street in Frederick. All tickets are \$12. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.marylandensemble.org or call (301) 694-4744.

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Oct. 2 - Blessing of the Animals. 1:15 p.m. Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. All are invited. Information: (301) 447-3165.

Oct. 2 - Depression or Bipolar Disorder Support Group. 7 p.m. Sponsored by the DBSA (Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance), a mutual-help support group meeting in Emmitsburg. Information: (301) 447-2207.

Oct. 2, 8, 16 & 23 - Church History in a Nutshell. 7 to 8 p.m. St. Joseph Church Parish hall, Emmitsburg. Presented by Fr. Vincent O'Malley C.M. All are invited. Cost \$20 for non-members of

St. Joseph Church. To register e-mail rrocal@comcast.net or call (301) 447-2326 ext.19 no later than Sept. 30.

Oct. 2 through 4 - Yard and Bake Sale. 8:30 a.m. St. Anthony

Shrine, Emmitsburg. Space available. One day \$15, two days \$25, three days \$30. Food and baked goods available. Information: (301) 447-6431, (301) 447-2367.

Oct. 3 - Angels Above Golf Tournament. Mountain View Golf Club, Fairfield, Pa. Proceeds benefit Mother Seton School Scholarship Fund established in memory of Jack & Shirley Little. \$85 registration includes lunch at 11:30, golf and golf cart with a 1 p.m. tee time. Dinner follows. Sponsorships available. Information: Tony Little (301) 644-2671, e-mail LittleMoore@LittleMoore.com.

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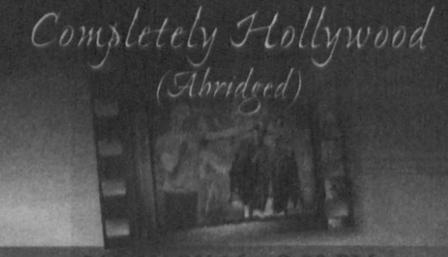
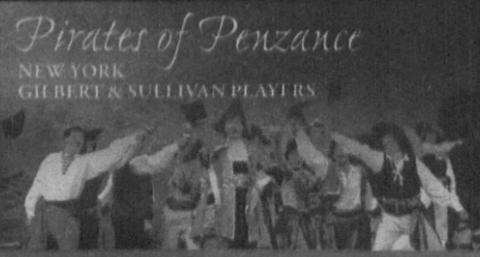
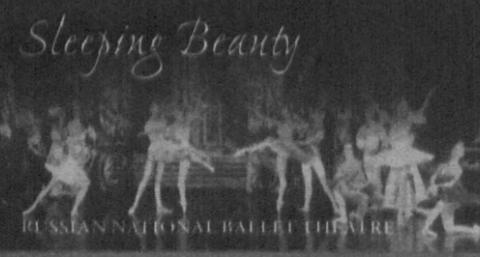
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