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**TOWN NEWS**

Accident disrupts Emmitsburg communications on Halloween

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Many people in town already knew there was a problem in town on Halloween Day, but when the town's early warning system sounded and then broadcast throughout the town that an emergency required residents to stay off the phones, everyone knew about it.

A boom truck from Coblenz Logging brought down power, cable and phone lines on Friday, Oct. 31. The incident caused Emmitsburg to lose phone service for about 10 hours.

While on Hemler and St. Anthony roads, the truck pulled out without realizing its boom was up. The boom knocked down power and cable lines, hit a major phone line and disrupted all phone service in Emmitsburg, according to Chief Chris Stahley of the Vigilant Hose Company. Land lines were not able to call numbers outside of the 447 jurisdiction, including 911.

Cell phones and Internet were also disrupted.

According to Stahley, 911 was immediately notified about the problem. Verizon and Allegheny Power were also called out to fix the lines. To help keep residents informed, the problem was broadcast on the town's cable station and the announcement was made on the early warning system.

The fire department and ambulance company were completely staffed so the community could call them or go directly to the departments for help. According to Stahley, extra Frederick County sheriff's deputies were also sent to help patrol the town in case anything out of the ordinary happened.

"Thank God no emergencies happened. But the phone company worked as fast as they could to fix the situation," said Stahley. "These types of situations are always tough, but we did all we could and I don't think we could have done anything differently."

TOWN NEWS

Emmitsburg looking for new pool contractor for next year

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Following problems with this past year's pool contractor, the Town of Emmitsburg has decided to find another pool contractor to staff the town's public pool next year.

Emmitsburg Mayor Jim Hoover said the problem lies with the contractor that was hired last year and management issues that arose during the year.

The contractor, U.S. Aquatics, is a company that specializes in contracting with pools for

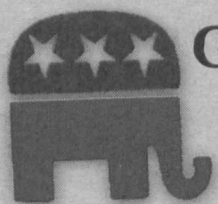
management and has 75 years of experience. It is a "turn-key solution" for pools, according to the company's web site, www.usaquatics.net. But Hoover sees things differently.

"We're not happy with the service we got, we felt they could have done a better job," Hoover said. "The issues are all related to management and oversight of staff."

Hoover said problems occurred due to understaffing at the pool, which the U.S. Aquatics was contracted to handle.

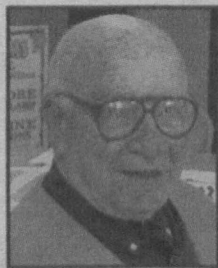
"In most cases we were

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GOING HEAD-TO-HEAD

Local residents weigh in on the election



"I'm delighted Obama was elected. But I am disappointed Bartlett was re-elected because he doesn't do anything for Emmitsburg."

★ Harold Craig ★
Emmitsburg



"I'm very happy with the outcome. I'm an Obama supporter. It's the change we need."

★ Donna Oliver ★
Emmitsburg



"I'm anxious to see what it's going to turn out to be. I'm anxious to see how many things he follows through with."

★ Sheila Pittinger ★
Emmitsburg

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Harriet Chapel celebrates 175 years

Episcopal church dedicated to furnace has been around since 1828 in memory of the furnace owner's deceased wife

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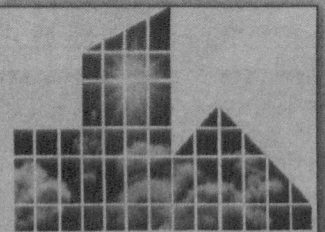
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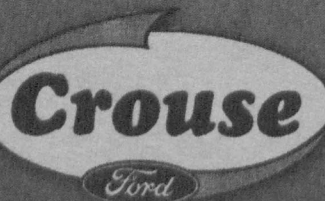


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EYE ON EMMITSBURG

Mount professor calls for a return to core business values

What ethics courses could teach Wall Street and homeowners

Like all of us these days, I react to each morning's turbulent economic news from Wall Street and from the halls of Congress with a mixture of disbelief, anxiety, confusion, and distrust. How can this be happening? What went wrong? Who is to blame?

Well there is plenty of blame to go around: greedy mortgage lenders and bankers, CEOs walking away from the mess with outrageous severance packages, partisan politicians putting their own approval ratings above the public good, and government regulators who seem to have been asleep at the switch. And — to be honest with ourselves — don't we have to include also greedy borrowers who gobbled up mortgages they couldn't begin to afford and even a few who falsified their applications? And what about those in our midst who cheered as the financial markets and the banks were deregulated?

Forget about the blame. What can we learn — or relearn — as we move forward to put the pieces back together, however long that will take? What we should remind ourselves of is that our free market economic system and our democratic form of government do not work well unless they are infused with a strong sense of values. They will inevitably break down without an understanding and appreciation of moral behavior. Old fashioned virtues like trust, integrity, and a generosity of spirit are absolutely essential to offset the greed and egoism that lie within us all. We must — as individuals and as corporations — find the necessary balance be-

tween economics and ethics.

I spent 30 years of my life as a corporate executive, and so I know in my bones how essential profits are to individual companies and, more broadly, to our economic system. Let me make this clear; there is an important difference between achieving satisfactory profits and striving to maximize profits at the expense of all else. Managers must understand that in addition to keeping our shareholders happy there are many other stakeholders out there to whom we have some responsibility as well: our employees, our customers, the communities which support us, and so on.

Unrestrained self-interest leads to greed and to the excesses and collapses we read about in the morning headlines and see on our television screens. But in moderation self-interest is beneficial to the extent it leads to entrepreneurial activity, to the investment in new opportunities, to the creation of new jobs, to the formation of new wealth.

It is this emphasis on values — the balance between economics and ethics — that is at the very core of the business programs offered at Mount St. Mary's. Indeed it is at the heart of our entire University's mission statement as we begin our third century of excellence in education.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A special thank-you from CASS

Now that school has been in session for a couple of months, it's important to look back and recognize those in the community who helped make that first day of school even more memorable for many area children.

Thanks to the generosity of so many community members through the organization of the local church congregations in both Thurmont and Emmitsburg, many supplies were donated to the annual CASS Community School Supply Program. The Daughters of Charity/Provincial House, Thurmont Lion's Club, and many individuals also contributed to this project. The weeks leading up to the first day of school, parents and children came to CASS and "shopped" for the supplies they needed. Volun-

teers from Harriet Chapel helped parents and children select their items and fill their backpacks. The children were all smiles as they proudly left the CASS office with their filled backpack on their back.

This year Catocin CASS was able to help 145 children with their school supplies thanks to the support by the community. This represents a 27-percent increase from last year, which we attribute to these difficult economic times.

I along with the many parents who came to CASS for help are grateful for the outpouring of support shown to children in the Catocin community.

Debbie Wivell
Catocin CASS Coordinator

Our Lady of Emmitsburg will never leave us

Who is this Hillman, the self-proclaimed historian who admits without shame that he's a non-practicing Catholic and is now quoted as if he's an expert on visionaries? The Oct. 16 *Dispatch* article, "Our Lady of Emmitsburg Silenced," quotes his unjustified conclusion that Dr. Gianna Talone-Sullivan will continue to report messages in another diocese contrary to the directive of Archbishop O'Brien. He said this because The Foundation of the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary moved to Fairfield, Pa. (a move which shows respect for the Archdiocese of Baltimore) Dr. Talone-Sullivan does not belong to it. It is in fact an independent organization that hosted the meetings where hundreds of people came to pray and hear Our Lady of Emmitsburg's deeply spiritual

messages. The Archbishop says promoting these messages is "a disservice to the Church and creates further confusion" but doesn't tell us how. On the contrary, the messages help us to know our God better and give us a more fervent devotion to Him. Is that a disservice to the Church? Hillman is the one guilty of causing confusion by saying, "She appears to be setting herself up to continue." That is an inflammatory statement. Dr. Talone-Sullivan has obeyed every directive from the Archdiocese. Our Lady of Emmitsburg said she will never leave us and she won't as has been evidenced by centuries of spiritual gifts to our beautiful town. Satan will always try to destroy it in one way or another.

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Emmitsburg Halloween Parade winners

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Here are the winners from the Emmitsburg Halloween Parade that was held on Oct. 31.

Most Beautiful

1st Place - Morgan Ridenour
2nd Place - Elizabeth Shlockey
3rd Place - Madison Working

Most Original

1st Place - Marah Williams
2nd Place - Morgan Glass
3rd Place - Peter Wright

Scariest

1st Place - Ericka Ridenour
2nd Place - Wantz Family
3rd Place - Chris Sanchez

Floats

1st Place - John and Brensin Compton
2nd Place - Donaldson Family
3rd Place - Cody and Colan Droneburg

Cutest

1st Place - Kai Ridenour
2nd Place - Annabell Anderson
3rd Place - Kayle and Randy Hall

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Brensin Compton and his father, John, won first place for floats in the Emmitsburg Halloween Parade. Brensin was a worm and his father was a fisherman.

TOWN NEWS

Seeking relief in a worsening market Town council lowers fees to help developers mull over changing water rates

By STEPHANIE LONG
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The cost of building a new home in Emmitsburg is going to get a bit cheaper, \$5,000 cheaper to be exact, following a decision by the Emmitsburg Town Council to change several of the tap, impact, surcharge and associated fees.

Seeking relief in a worsening housing market

Over a month ago, facing a worsening housing market, builders with Ryan Homes, the developers of Brookfield, approached the Emmitsburg Town Council and asked for some relief, specifically that the town waive water and sewer taps on new homes for a period of time. If the fees were waived, the base price of a home would be significantly reduced, by thousands of dollars, and thereby might make it easier to sell, the developers argued.

Although the commissioners agreed that they were sympathetic to the needs of Ryan Homes, they said it would not be possible to totally waive the fees, as it is a commodity the town possesses and must sell to help cover water and sewer infrastructure repairs. But the board did agree to discuss the issue and return at the next meeting with a possible solution.

Then, at the Oct. 20 town meet-

ing, a group of concerned citizens and builders with Ryan Homes approached the board with a plan that would enable the town to waive the fees yet still cover infrastructure costs. The plan focused on illuminating the new tap fees and leveling and charging for water by the gallon. After discussing the issue for two hours, the board decided to have Town Manager Dave Haller review the information and present viable options at the next town meeting, on Nov. 3.

What options are available

After reviewing the numbers, and discussing the issue, essentially doing a "reality check" of how the town takes in revenue, as Commission President Chris Staiger said, Haller presented the board with several suggestions. Haller suggested changing the new tap, impact, surcharge and associated fee list and water and sewer usage rate list.

Currently sewer taps cost \$4,000; under the new plan they would be \$8,000. Impact fee are \$3,200; under the new plan they would be \$1,200. The water surcharge is \$7,000; under the new plan it would be \$3,500. The sewer surcharge is \$7,000; under the new plan it would be \$3,500. The cost of water taps, permit and meter would remain the same under the new plan. These changes would save a homebuilder \$5,000.

"The upshot is the existing charges are reduced by 20 percent in

total burden," said Haller, "but that's placed a new hole that's added to the system."

To fill the hole, Haller suggested making changes to the sewer usage rate list. Under the current plan, there are different costs for "In Town" and "Out of Town" classifications. The new plan would eliminate the differentiation and raise utility rates for those who consume more than 20,000 gallons.

Deciding what action to take

The board unanimously decided to take action on making the necessary changes to the tap, impact, surcharge and associated fee list, giving Haller permission to draft new text amendments for the five affected fees.

"I think personally it's a great compromise," said Commissioner Denise Etris.

Commissioner Glenn Blanchard agreed.

"We're making an attempt to be fair with Ryan Homes," said Blanchard. "I think we're doing what we can."

The board decided not to change the sewer usage rates, but take time to review the suggestions before making a decision.

"It's easy to give away money, but this is the hard part," Staiger said, acknowledging how quickly the board voted to lower the fees, but how they were hesitant to raise sewer rates.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mount, Emmitsburg renew water contract

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Mount St. Mary's University and the Town of Emmitsburg came to an agreement at the town's Oct. 20 meeting to extend their water contract.

Essentially the contract states that the town of Emmitsburg may

use water from the Mount, up to 100,000 gallons a day, when needed in emergency situations, at a cost. The new contract has a few revisions from the old one, but "the conditions are almost identical to the current contract," said Dave Haller, town manager.

A unanimous vote from the town council approved the extending of the towns' current water contract with the Mount for 20 more years, through 2040.

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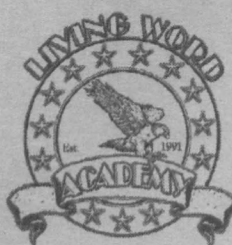
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short staffed, more times than not," Hoover said.

Town officials met with the company several times during the year and saw "some improvement" but not enough, and the decision was made to withhold some of the payment the town owed U.S. Aquatics.

Hoover did say that "some thought highly of the operation while others thought the opposite." He also acknowledged that given Emmitsburg's relatively distant location in regards to other pools, staffing the pool could be harder for the company to handle in Emmitsburg versus Frederick, where there are several public pools and a larger staff pool from which to pull.

Currently the town is working with the company to resolve the issue, but no agreements have been made, which has left the town with a void to fill next year in regards to a pool contractor.

This could be an issue, Hoover said, as there may not be many other contractors to hire. The issue between the town and U.S. Aquatics could be resolved, which Hoover hopes for, but even then he isn't sure the town would hire the company again.

"Right now, as things are unsettled, absolutely no, we wouldn't," Hoover said. "But when things get settled you never know. They'd have to be more responsible."

Either way, the town has plans to seek bids for another contractor for next year.

The forgotten histories of the additions to Emmitsburg: Wilson's Fancy

BY MICHAEL HILLMAN
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — Since its founding in March 1785, Emmitsburg has grown from a tiny hamlet roughly about the size of the community park, to a bustling bedroom community of over 2,500 hundred souls. Its geographical size, once measured in double digits, now encompass 659 acres.

Samuel and William Emmit's original town, now makes up less than one tenth of Emmitsburg as we know it today, which begs the question - what's the history of the other 90 percent of Emmitsburg? Who owned it? What names did the land go by before they surrendered their individual identities and became part of the Emmitsburg we all know today?

In less than 18 months, Emmitsburg will celebrate its 225th birthday. In recognition of this event, over the coming year, the Greater Emmitsburg Area Historical Society will explore the forgotten history of the parcels of land that once bore the names of Shields Addition to Emmitsburg, Popular Ridge, Silver Fancy, Alexander's Prospect, Wilson's Fancy, and Fort Henry that one by one joined Emmit's town.

Whenever I'm asked to provide a short history of Emmitsburg, I always start with the following: "By most accounts, Robert and Elizabeth Wilson were the first family to settle in what is now the incorporated boundaries of present-day Emmitsburg. Sometime prior to 1733, they emigrated to the area, choosing for

their homestead land that lay in a gently sloping valley on both sides of Flat Run, which today is known as the Emmitsburg communities of Emmit Gardens and Silo Hill. They called their homestead: Wilson's Fancy.

It would be 52 more years before the Emmits laid out their town just west of Wilson's Fancy. By then the Wilsons had long since disappeared from the area. But given that the Wilson's were unquestionably the first European settlers with the incorporated boundaries of present-day Emmitsburg, we feel it fitting to begin our history with them and their homestead.

The first settlers

Some years before the founding of Emmitsburg, in one of the ironies one can only appreciate through the hindsight history provides us, two religious sects, Catholics and Presbyterians, settled in close-nit communities in the area. Back in their old countries, the two groups were engaged in bitter persecution and bloodshed. But in this valley, the two groups, each brought to the area for their own reasons, lived in peace and harmony, having found common cause in the daily battle to survive on this then remote edge of the frontier.

The Catholics, who settled to the south of present-day Emmitsburg, the Presbyterians settled on land which now comprises present-day Emmitsburg.

The Wilsons were the Presbyterian family to settle in the Flat Run area

of eastern Emmitsburg. The soil was rich from years of seasonal flooding, and with Flat Run providing a reliable source of clean fresh water year round, the Wilsons had all any frontier family could ever hope for. Being alone in the woods, the Wilsons never felt the need to acquire a deed for their land, which they called Wilson's Fancy. Things began to change however in 1742, when the neighborhood began to get "crowded." In 1751, several years after Roberts death, his wife, Elizabeth, sold Wilson's Fancy to William Porter.

John Douthet arrived in the Flat Run area of Emmitsburg in 1742. Unfortunately, we know little about Douthet other than he settled just north of Robert Wilson on 50 acres of land he called Douthet's Chance. Eight years later, in 1750, Douthet sold his land to Alexander McKeen and moved onto parts unknown. Alexander McKeen is best remembered for donating the land upon which the first Presbyterian church in the Emmitsburg area was built.

After acquiring Wilson's Fancy in 1751, over the next 13 years, while William Emmit was still learning to walk, William Porter added to his land holding by claiming vacant untitled tracks adjoining it until it had grown in size to over 287 acres - six times the size of the future fledgling town of Emmitsburg. In 1867 William Porter transferred the title to his land to his nieces and nephew, and soon after that, the name Fort Henry entered the Emmitsburg Historical Lexicon.



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Antique cars rescued from fire

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — An electrical malfunction at a car-restoration business caused \$500,000 in damage, though firefighters were able to save the classic vehicles in the business.

Fifteen Fire and rescue companies were alerted of a barn fire at 2:22 p.m. on Oct. 27. When the first units arrived on the scene at 15212

Sixes Bridge Road, they found heavy smoke coming from the auto repair shop there. William Kuhn owns Classic Restoration Shop, the 45-foot-by-100-foot business.

Units from Frederick, Carroll and Adams counties arrived on the scene bringing 70 emergency personnel to the scene. They brought the fire under control within an hour.

Once the fire was extinguished, firefighters helped remove 11 antique

cars from the shop. None of the cars were damaged in the fire, though three firefighters were treated and released for minor injuries.

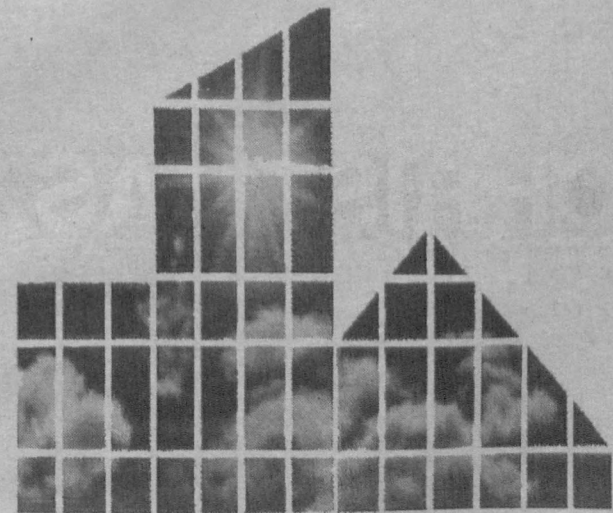
Investigators from the Frederick County Fire Marshals Office determined the fire to be accidentally started when a wall-mounted electrical box with an electrical switch and outlet malfunctioned. Damage was estimated at \$300,000 for the building and \$200,000 for the contents.



Firefighters help rescue antique cars from a fire at the Classic Restoration Shop on Oct. 27. Though the fire caused \$500,000 in damages, 11 classic vehicles were rescued.

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THURMONT, Md. — A house fire on Catoctin Furnace Road in Thurmont has left two men dead and \$60,000 worth of damages.

Shortly after 3:20 a.m. on Oct. 31, the Frederick County Emergency Communications Center received a 911 call from a passerby who saw smoke and fire coming from a house located at 12841B Catoctin Furnace Road. The home, owned by Arthur Dale Kemp, was rented to Eric Forrest and Erik Sanger.

Fire and rescue units arrived on the scene at 3:30 a.m. and confirmed a large amount of fire coming from the one-story single family home. Around 50 to 60 fire and emergency medical personnel responded to the incident first but then additional units, including a tanker task force, were later requested to assist with water, according to Michael P. Dmuchowski, spokesman for Frederick County Fire and Rescue. Aside from the fatalities, there were no other injuries. No smoke detectors for the home have been found.

According to Frederick County Sheriff's Office Capt. Tim Clarke, the bodies were taken to the state Medical Examiner's Office for autopsies. The bodies found in the house are presumed to be Forrest and Sanger, but they have not yet been officially



— ROBERT A. ROSENSTEEL SR. / THE DISPATCH

Two people were killed in an early morning fire at 12841B Catoctin Furnace Road on Oct. 31. The dead people are believed to be Eric Forest and Erik Sanger, though the bodies have not been positively identified.

identified. The Frederick County State's Attorney's office is assisting in the investigation should the deaths be classified as homicides, according to State's Attorney Charlie Smith.

Investigators from the Frederick County Fire Marshal's Office, the Maryland State Fire Marshal's

Office, and the Frederick County Sheriff's Office are investigating the fire and deaths. Dmuchowski said he did not know when the results would be forthcoming, nor how long the investigation into the cause of the fire would continue.

— A. Stanzione

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hundreds attend funeral for fallen Frederick Police officer

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Oct. 29, for a fallen Frederick City Police officer. Family, friends and fellow police officers gathered at Holy Family Catholic Community in Middletown to remember Richard Mark Bremer for his dedication to his job and his family.

"Mark had a calling since he was a young man. He fulfilled that dream by coming to the Frederick Police Department, and we were very

thankful to have him," said Lieutenant Clark Pennington, who was Bremer's patrol commander for a time. "And we're very thankful for the time we had with Mark, and we're thankful to his family for the dedication they had to the Frederick Police Department and the Frederick Community."

Because of his devotion to duty, Police Chief Kim Dine said Bremer's badge number of 153 will be retired, and no

one else will wear it. Fighting back some tears, Dine said his goodbye to Officer Bremer. "Mark, I salute you. God bless you; God bless the Bremer family; God bless us all."

Bremer's flag-draped casket was loaded into a hearse following the service, and began its final ride to Resthaven Memorial Gardens, where he was laid to rest.

— Courtesy of WFMD/WFRE

Memorial Garden planned in memory of Bowders

WAYNESBORO, Pa. — In 2007, Amanda K. Bowders was killed in a sledding accident. To honor her life, a memorial garden, the Amanda K. Bowders Memorial Garden, is being built.

At only 19, Bowders was a devoted community volunteer and life-long Girl Scout who was set to receive her God Award, the highest honor a Girl Scout may receive. The garden will be built on

the grounds of the Blue Ridge Mountain Fire and Ambulance Company, in Blue Ridge Summit, Pa. Set in a natural setting with trees, patio and a gazebo, it is the hope that the garden will become a memorial to Bowders and a place where the community can visit for quiet meditation and solace.

Construction on the garden has already begun and completion is expected to end by the Spring 2009. Estimated costs for the garden are \$15,000 and funding is still needed. Personalized Patio Pavers may be purchased to help fund the building of the garden or monetary donations will be accepted. Those interested in purchasing a paver or making a donation may do so by contacting Lynn Ford at (717) 794-2770.

— S. Long

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police Department cracks down on illegal Colorfest parking

THURMONT, Md. — The Thurmont Police Department has decided to crack down on illegal Colorfest parking. According to Police Chief Greg Eyler, festival visitors will no longer be permitted to park on Route 15 ramps or illegally throughout the town. The department

has been "getting heat" from mostly out-of-towners for the recent crack down during this year's Colorfest, according to Eyler. He explained that though parking regulations in previous years weren't as strongly enforced, it was always illegal and the police officers "aren't

taking it lightly anymore." The main concern for the department is safety for drivers and festival visitors. Raising the price of parking violation tickets during Colorfest weekend is also being considered.

—A. Stanzione

New web site helps visitors experience the Civil War

FREDERICK, Md. — Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area has launched a new web site to help visitors plan their trips to the area and experience the significant sites, towns and battlefields.

The web site is divided into different sections to explore the Civil War story. The "On the Home Front" section explores the region from the border-state experience and features Frederick, Hagerstown and Westminster as his-

torically significant cities. The cities are also mentioned for their shopping districts, dining, cultural events, museums and heritage sites. Another section, "In the Heat of Battle," shows visitors hallowed ground and landscapes where there were conflicts. These areas include South Mountain, Antietam and Monocacy. "Beyond the Battlefield" includes sites like the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, different cemeteries and hospital centers to show

the story of the dying and how local residents cared for the wounded soldiers.

HCWHA is located in Carroll, Frederick and Washington counties in Maryland. The new web site was financed in part by state funds from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority. To find out more about visiting the HCWHA or to request a travel packet, email info@heartofthecivilwar.org, call (800) 999-3613 or visit www.HeartOfTheCivilWar.org.

Church will hold Annual International Gift Festival

FAIRFIELD, Pa. — The annual International Gift Festival will be held at the Fairfield Mennonite Church on Nov. 6-8.

The event will feature its annual Oriental Rug Event with over 300 hand-knotted rugs. The rugs come from the Main Rug Gallery at Ten Thousand Villages in Ephrata, Pennsylvania. The festival also features items from over

35 countries around the world including gift items, home decor, personal accessories, Christmas decorations, pottery and onyx.

The public is encouraged to bring representations of their rooms and decor to help match rugs and other items, such as swatches of materials and upholstery, paint chips or pillows. It is also encouraged to measure the room or area in

which the rug will be placed.

The Rug Event will be 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Fairfield Mennonite Church is located at 201 West Main St. For more information on the rugs visit www.rugs.tenthousandvillages.com. For more information of the event contact the church at (717) 642-8936 or email at fmc606@pa.net.

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Local man transforms Internet business into local store

BY STEPHANIE LONG
Dispatch Staff Writer
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THURMONT, Md. — Joel

Weiss's business has come 180 degrees away from its origins as an antique store. Weiss opened English Garden Antiques in 1999; however, for the last five years

Weiss and his family have been selling an array of electronics via the Internet. When his business expanded to the point of needing additional space, the Weisses decided to open up shop in their hometown, Thurmont.

EGA Inc. (which now stands for Electronic Gaming and Accessories) is much like his online shop, specializing in selling various electronic devices. Weiss runs the business with his wife, Sandie, and daughter, Amy Foster. In the store, the Weisses stock everything from MP3 players to Samsung TVs to Wii gaming consoles and accessories, which are a hot ticket

item, Weiss said.

Although Thurmont may not be considered a sprawling city, Weiss said his electronic shop has filled a void in Thurmont and three months into the shops opening, he's seeing quite a bit of traffic.

"Customers don't have to drive to Frederick to get electronics anymore," Weiss said, explaining that most people in the area trek to Frederick to larger stores for electronics and at times come home empty handed after the long drive.

"We have a mix of electronics all in one nice compact store," Weiss said. "And we're willing to do special orders. We can get any-

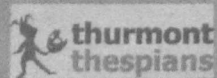
thing within 48 hours."

Weiss said one customer in particular was unable to find a Wii anywhere, but Weiss was able to find one for the customer.

"The customer said, 'Thank goodness you have them,'" Weiss said.

Weiss said he's willing to look around for what a customer wants and generally can get them what they're looking for.

The shop is open from 10 to 5 Monday to Friday and is located at 202 East Main Street, Suite B. For more information call (301) 271-9878.



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Fairfield dentist celebrates 20 years in people's mouths

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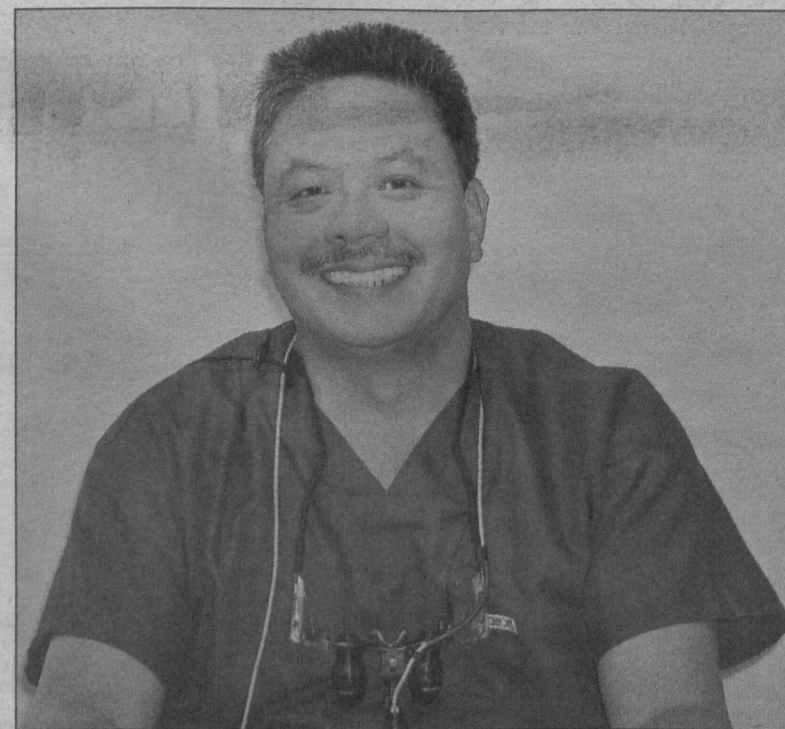
"It's been a very wonderful 20 years. I want to thank my family for all of their support and I feel honored and flattered to be accepted by the community," said Enriquez.

Enriquez began his journey at the University of Maryland College Park where he graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree in microbiology. He then went on to get his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Maryland Dental School. Both of Enriquez's parents were dentists and though they wanted him to be a physician, he followed in their footsteps.

"It was just something that was always implanted in my mind," said Enriquez. "I have a passion for it and after 20 years I'm still enjoying it."

Enriquez's office offers a variety of different procedures from preventative to comprehensive care. They also do cosmetic work and bring in specialists in severe cases. Currently there are around 1900 patients ranging in ages from two to 100 years old from both Emmitsburg and Fairfield.

"The dental work is very good," said James McDannell who has been going to the office for 15 years. "Dr. Enriquez is very professional and



— ANGELA STANZIONE / THE DISPATCH

Dr. Edgardo Enriquez has been a dentist in his office on Steelman Street in Fairfield for the past 20 years.

considerate of your pain level, he uses very gentle methods. He's an all around good guy."

Though there are other dentists available in the area, Enriquez believes his office brings something unique to the community.

"We all offer basically the same services, but I feel the service here is

superior and there's uniqueness to it. We are all friendly yet professional and we treat everyone like family," he said.

Enriquez's office is located on Steelman Street in Fairfield. For more information you can visit their website at www.fairfielddentalstation.com or call at (717) 642-8168.

Harriet Chapel celebrates 175 years

BY JAMES RADA JR.
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CATOCTIN FURNACE, Md. — For nearly a century the lives of the Harriet Chapel and Catoctin Furnaces were intertwined, not so surprising since they stand across the street from one another.

The iron-smelting operation provided for the temporal needs of the area residents while Harriet Chapel took care of the spiritual needs. The Catoctin furnaces smelted the iron that helped build America. They used heat to purify the metal and make it stronger. Harriet Chapel used scripture to strengthen the soul.

However, although the furnace fires died out in the 1920's, Harriet Chapel has continued through its hard times and grown. On Oct. 26, Harriet Chapel celebrated its 175th anniversary with a special service presided over by Right Rev. John Rabb, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Maryland. He

was assisted by Rev. Jeff Gehris, pastor of Graceham Moravian Church; Rev. Thomas Momberg, rector of the All Saints Episcopal Church and Rev. Sally Joyner-Giffin, rector of Harriet Chapel.

Rabb spoke not only of the chapel's history but of its future as it continues to synthesize the values of various denominations, keeping only the valuable ones.

"This synthesis of various traditions is a gift Harriet Chapel has had," Rabb said.

The chapel was built in 1828. It was named for Catoctin Furnace owner John Brien's wife, Harriet, who died in childbirth. During its first years, it was served by a Moravian minister from Graceham. It was consecrated on October 25, 1833 and served as a mission church to All Saints Episcopal Church in Frederick. Then in the 1920's as the Catoctin Furnace's operations were closing down, Harriet Chapel became its own parish.

Clem Gardner has attended the church all his life. He was born in the Auburn Mansion where the Briens had lived and is related to them. He has seen the parish change over the years from the removal of the pot-belly stove that used to heat the church to the construction of the parish house, which Clem helped build.

Clem's wife, Harriet, remembers how crowded the church used to be for its Christmas services. "Lots of people would be here and it would be full," she said. "They'd even come from Frederick and everything was lit by candlelight."

Due to its closeness to Camp David, Harriet Chapel has also hosted some U.S. Presidents, including Lyndon Johnson, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter.

Perhaps, Rabb said it best at the conclusion of his sermon when he said, "Happy anniversary, Harriet Chapel. May God continue the good work that has really just begun here."



— JAMES RADA JR. / THE DISPATCH

Rev. Sally Joyner-Giffin hugs a parishioner in front of the Harriet Chapel in Catoctin Furnace. Harriet Chapel celebrated its 175th anniversary on Oct. 26 with a special service that included clergy from across the state and from other denominations.

Daughters of Charity prep for bicentennial

BY STEPHANIE LONG
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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The Daughters of Charity in Emmitsburg is gearing up for its 2009 bicentennial celebration and, in an effort to keep the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners and residents apprised of their plans, updated the board at its Oct. 20 meeting.

Sister Vincentia with The Daughters of Charity said that the bicentennial will start on January 4, 2009, to commemorate the day Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton died, and run throughout the year, just as Mount St. Mary's Bicentennial did.

"Ours will be a bit more simple but certainly a very good bicentennial, fun," said Sr. Vincentia.

Although the celebration will extend through the year, a three-day celebration will kick off July 31. The three-day event will begin with an opening ceremony, which will include an entrance procession, prayer service, keynote speaker and show-

ing of movie that documents the founding of the Daughters of Charity.

The celebration will culminate on Aug. 2 with the dedication of the new Seton Legacy Garden and also a reenactment of Seton's journey from Baltimore to Emmitsburg. Hundreds of people are expected to participate in the procession, which will start at the Grotto of Lourdes at Mount St. Mary's University and finish at the Legacy Garden.

Sr. Vincentia did ask the board of commissioners to close the South Seton Avenue for two hours so the procession could walk down the road safely; no decision was made on the closing of the road.

Hundreds of visitors are expected to flood Emmitsburg for the three-day celebration, Sr. Vincentia said, which she hopes will bring business to the town. Catholic Churches throughout the country and all local churches have been asked to participate in the celebration by simultaneously ringing their bells at noon for one minute, marking Seton's arrival in Emmitsburg.



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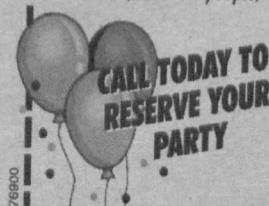
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THURMONT, Md. - On Nov. 8 Safe and Sane will be hosting a Dinner Dance and Silent Auction at the Thurmont AMVETS Post #7. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and tickets include a full dinner buffet and DJ until midnight. For tickets or to

donate items for the Silent Auction, contact Tina Delauter at (301) 271-3078.

The committee would like to thank Advanced Development Services, Inc. for their sponsorship of the recent golf tournament. Anyone interested

in helping the committee is welcome to attend the next meeting on Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at the CHS Media Center or by contacting Co-Chair, Ed Schildt at (301) 271-2026. Please visit the web site at www.catoctinsafeandsane.com.

Catoctin FFA selling Florida citrus

THURMONT, Md. - The Catoctin FFA is holding its annual Florida Citrus Sale until Nov. 21.

A full box of navel oranges is \$23, a half box is \$14, a quarter box is \$10; for red grapefruit a full box is \$23, half box \$14, quarter box \$10; tangelos full box \$23, half box \$14, quarter box \$10; juice oranges, full box

\$23, half box \$14, quarter box \$10. A half box of tangerines is also available for \$19 each. A "Premium Variety Pack" of 8 navel oranges, 6 red grapefruit, 4 d'anjou pears and 4 red delicious apples is \$19. A citrus trio of navel oranges, red grapefruit and tangelos is \$19 per box. An apple/orange quarter case is \$16. A mixed box of four types of cit-

rus is \$24 and a half mixed box is \$15.

Fruit will be available for pick-up on Dec. 8 from the Catoctin High School agriculture shop from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call the agriculture department at (240) 236-8117 to place your order. Orders should be made by Nov. 21. Late orders will be taken on a first come basis.

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Plantings bulbs for "Character Counts Week"

THURMONT, Md. - Pre-kindergarten students of Thurmont Primary School Teacher Suzanne Norwood enjoyed planting flower bulbs on Oct. 21 in observance of "Character Counts Week." Students in each grade, pre-kindergarten through second, planted a different color bulb highlighting the colors each day of the week that represented a different pillar of character including trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.



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Marques Miller, left, watches as Autumn Little waters the flower bulb they've just planted in the court yard at Thurmont Primary School in observance of "Character Counts Week," with help from Guidance Counselor Kathy Nichols who coordinated the activity.

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November 18, 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Head Start Storytime (ages 3-5)

November 18, 25 at 9:45 a.m.

Pre-School Storytime (ages 3-5)

November 6, 13, 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime (all ages)

November 12, 19 at 7 a.m.

Children's Programs

Pet Power (ages 6 and up)

Come meet some furry friends, learn tips on proper pet care and adoption procedures.
November 8 at 11 a.m.

Home Sweet Home (ages 3-5)

Celebrate Gingerbread House Day with stories, songs and a special edible craft. Registration required.
November 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Ye Olde Gingerbread House (ages 6-11)

Celebrate Gingerbread House

Day by building and decorating your own gingerbread house. Registration required.
November 15 at 1 p.m.

Dragons and Droids (ages 8-12)

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November 17 at 4 p.m.

American Girl Book Club (ages 6-11)

Join us for snacks and a craft featuring a different American Girl each month.
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Teen Programs

Animé Club (grades 6-12)

At the Thurmont Regional Library.
November 11 at 6 p.m.

Adult Programs

Tuesday Evening Book Club (adults)

November 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Knitting Circle (teens and adults)

November 20 at 4 p.m.

Programs, unless otherwise noted, are held at the Emmitsburg Library on South Seton Avenue. Registration or information: (301) 600-6329.

Senior Events

Senior Events in November

We've been blown into a new month by the north wind and the frost is truly "on the pumpkin." Everyone enjoyed that extra hour of sleep last weekend and the end of political ads. We wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving with your families and friends. Remember it's never too cool to 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

Nov. 11 - The center will be closed for Veterans' Day.

Nov. 24 - Flu shot clinic through the county Health Dept., 1-6 p.m.

Nov. 18 & 25 - Card game ("Thirteen") after lunch.

Nov. 27-28 - The center will be closed for Thanksgiving.

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: Nov. 5 & 19.

Cards, 500, and Bridge Group: Nov. 12 & 26.

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

Pinocle: 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

The Fairfield Senior Center welcomes all seniors of the Greater Fairfield, Pa. area. The center is now at the Fairfield Fire Hall, 106 Steelman St, Fairfield. Questions about activities? Call Cheryl Kulkusky, the site director, at (717) 642-6170.

Special Events

Nov. 11 - Closed for Veterans Day.

Nov. 13 - Lunch at the Moose, Gettys-

burg, 11 a.m. \$2. Sign up by Nov. 4.

Nov. 18 - Senior Center Study Group, 10 a.m.

Nov. 20 - Thanksgiving Feast with Fellowship Baptist pre-schoolers, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Nov. 26 - "One More Bite" Asera Care speaker.

Nov. 27 & 28 - Closed for Thanksgiving.


Regular Activities

Exercise: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Lunch: Mondays through Fridays, Noon. Except for Special Events already noted.


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OBITUARIES / BIRTHS

OBITUARY

Joyce M. Howell, 79, of Severn, Md. died Monday, October 13, 2008 at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen Cranston, and her two grandsons, Joel Jr. and Matthew from Emmitsburg.

A memorial service is to be determined at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

Arrangements were made by the J. L. Davis Funeral Home, Smithsburg.

DEATH NOTICES

Mrs. Betty Flohr, of Rocky Ridge, died Friday, October 17, 2008.

The family received friends at Hartzler Funeral Home, 404 S. Main St., Woodsboro, Sun., Oct. 19 from 6-8 p.m. Funeral services were held 10 a.m. Mon., Oct. 20 with the Rev. James Russell, officiating. Interment followed in Union Cemetery, Keysville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Frederick County, P.O. Box 1799, Frederick, MD 21701.

Arrangements were made by Hartzler Funeral Home, Woodsboro.

Mrs. Mary Wastler, a resident of St. Catherine's Nursing Center and formerly of Thurmont died Wednesday, October 22, 2008.

The family received friends from 7-9 p.m. Sun., Oct. 26 at the Robert E. Dailey & Son Funeral Homes, P.A., 615 East Main

Street, Thurmont. Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Mon., Oct. 27 at the funeral home with the Reverend Ernest Thayil, Catocin United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment followed in Blue Ridge Cemetery, Thurmont.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in memory of Mrs. Wastler to Deerfield United Methodist Church, c/o Betty Calimer, 16225 Sabillasville Road, Sabillasville, MD 21780.

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

Mr. Daniel Gerrie Sr., of Sabillasville, died Friday, October 24, 2008.

Services and interment will be private.

Arrangements are by the Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

BIRTHS

Tara and Dustin Nusbaum, Keymar, a son, Oct. 8.

Rhonda and Wesley Redmond, Keymar, a daughter, Oct. 10.

Mr. and Mrs. David A. Zentz Jr., Emmitsburg, a son, Oct. 13.

Rev. and Mrs. Alan Hill, Emmitsburg, a son, Oct. 17.

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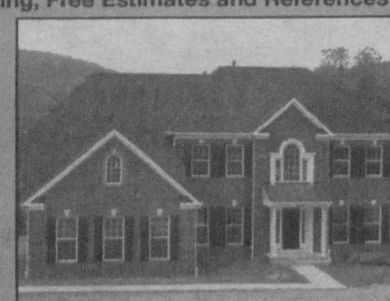
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Through Dec. 13 – Christmas Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Agriculture Center, 700 Agriculture Center Dr., Westminster. Music, crafts, fine arts, gourmet foods, fresh greens, wreaths, eggs, nuts, baked goods, jams & jellies. Information: (410) 848-7748.

Nov. 6 – Support Group for Depression or Bipolar disorder. A mutual-help support group, Emmitsburg. Free. Information: (301) 447-2207.

Nov. 6-8 – Mistletoe Mart. Thursday & Friday 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Church of the Ascension, 23 N. Court St., Westminster. Juried arts and crafts, pottery, stained glass, textiles, woodcrafts, jewelry and gifts. Door prizes, café, silent auction and country store. Information: (410) 848-3251.

Nov. 6-8 – 48th International Gift Festival. 9 a.m. Fairfield Mennonite Church, Fairfield, Pa. Handcrafted gifts and home decor from thirty third world countries. Jewelry, toys, musical instruments, holiday decorations, and hand-knotted Oriental rugs from Ten Thousand Villages Information: (717) 642-8936

Nov. 7, 11 & 15 – FMH Birth-Place Tours, BirthPlace and Family Center, Frederick Memorial Hospital, 400 W. 7th St., Frederick. Advance registration required. Free. Information: (240) 379-6000.

Nov 7 & 8 – Country Butchering. Pick up orders 8-11 a.m. Wolfsville Ruritan Community Park, Brandenburg Hollow Road. Route 70 to Exit 42 to MD 17N. 7 miles to Wolfsville, right on Stottlemeyer Road, left on Brandenburg Hollow Rd. Pork products. Proceeds benefit community activities and park maintenance. Call in orders by Oct. 27. Bob (301) 293-1109 or Geraldine (301) 293-2926.

Nov. 7 & 14 – “Where’s the Instruction Manual?” FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick. Baby care basics class. Advance registration and payment required: \$65 per couple. Information: (240) 379-6000.

Nov. 8, 15, 16 & 23 – Orienteering classes. 1 p.m. Catocin Mountain Park Visitor Center, 6602 Foxville Rd., Thurmont. Indoor slide program followed by a short outdoor course. Maps and compasses provided for the day. Reservations required: (301) 663-9388.

Nov. 8 – Scouting for Food 2008. Beginning at 9 a.m. Boy Scouts of America, Troop 727, Emmitsburg, is conducting its annual food drive. Bags were distributed Nov. 1. Donations will go to the

Emmitsburg Food Bank.

Nov 8 – Scouting for Food 2008. Beginning at 9 a.m. Boy Scouts of America, Troop 270, Thurmont, is conducting its annual food drive. Bags were distributed Nov. 1. Donations will go to the Thurmont Food Bank.

Nov. 8 – Random House Book Fair. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Carroll Community College, 1601 Washington Rd. (Rt. 32), Westminster. Guest authors, book signings, discounted book sales, exhibitors and children’s activities. Information: Diane Thompson (410) 386-8168.

Nov. 8 – “Small Wonder” Sibling Class (Ages 6-9) Frederick Memorial Hospital, 400 W. 7th St., Frederick. Advance registration and payment required: \$35. Information: (240) 379-6000.

Nov. 8 – Christmas Star Craft Market. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Fairfield Elementary School, Route 116, just past Ski Liberty.

Nov. 8 – Seminar: Thunder on the Mountain and the Retreat from Gettysburg. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Blue Ridge Summit Fire Department. Learn about the Pennsylvania Campaign and why it is important to preserve various sites along the retreat from Gettysburg. Register by Oct. 10, \$45 per person, \$60 at the door. Sponsored by the One Mountain Foundation. Information: www.onemountain-foundation.org or www.emmitsburg.net/montereypass.

Nov. 8 – Mother Seton School Annual Gala. 7 p.m.-midnight. The Lodge at Blue Ridge Summit. \$60 per person. All proceeds benefit Mother Seton School. Tickets: Tara Wivell (301) 447-6842.

Nov. 9 – Country Style Breakfast Buffet (All you can eat). 7 a.m.-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. Sponsored by KOC, St. Joseph Taneytown Council 11631.

Nov. 9 – All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast. 7:30 a.m.-noon. St. Joseph’s Church Parish Hall, Emmitsburg. Adults \$6, children 5-12 \$3, under 5 free. Information: (717) 337-3671.

Nov. 9 – Second Annual Brady West Memorial Walk. Registration begins at 1 p.m., walk begins at 2. Thurmont Community Park. Registration donation of \$10, or any amount, appreciated. Walk three laps around the Nature Trail at your own pace. Benefits the Brady West Scholarship Fund at

CHS, held by The Community Foundation of Frederick County. Information: Tammy Harrington (301) 447-3644.

Nov. 9 – Rabies/Microchip Clinic. 1-3:30 p.m. FCHS, 217 W. Patrick St., Frederick. Rabies shots \$, Microchips \$25. All animals must be leashed or in crates. Information: (301) 694-8300, www.fchs.org.

Nov. 9 – Cash (JackPot) Bingo. Doors open 11:30 a.m. Early bird games 12:45 p.m. Regular bingo 1-4 p.m. Sponsored by Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball, Inc. at Vigilant Hose Company, Emmitsburg. \$25. Food and drink available for purchase. Information: Stacy Wantz (301) 447-6850, Sandy Umbel (301) 447-3712 or (240) 285-6695.

Nov. 9 – Christmas Basket & Cash Bingo. Doors open at 12:30, bingo starts at 2 p.m. Thurmont AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post 7, 26 Apples Church Rd. Food available. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. Tickets required for all seats. Benefits Auxiliary Scholarship Program. Tickets: Mary (301) 271-4148 or Betty (240) 315-3714.

Nov. 9 – Veterans Day Observation. 2 p.m. VFW Monocacy Valley Memorial Post 6918, Harnet, Md. Guest speakers, vintage military vehicles and equipment on display. WWII Veterans of the Last Man Club, Korean War Veteran, Robert Mount. Songs by Iris Rogers and Tom Nichols. Light dinner. Reservations: (410) 756-6866 or (410) 756-5444.

Nov. 9 – 3rd Annual “Hands of a Child” Christmas card project and pizza party. 2-4 p.m. Incarnation United Church of Christ, 124 West Main Street, Emmitsburg. Second grade and up. Cards will be placed in food baskets given to needy families by the Lions Club and Seton Center at Christmas. Information: (301) 447-6891.

Nov. 9 – Lot Holders Meeting. 2 p.m. Rocky Ridge Mt. Tabor Church Cemetery at the Mt. Tabor Church. Information: (301) 447-6422.

Nov. 10 – Pizza Pirates. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Catocin Rec. Center, Thurmont Middle School, 408 East Main St., Thurmont. Fun pirate stories, crafts and pizza. Costumes optional. Ages 3-5. \$13. Registration: (301) 600-2936 or www.recreator.com.

Nov. 11 – Basketball Skills. 6-6:45 p.m., ages 5-6; 7-7:45 p.m. ages 7-8. Emmitsburg Community Center, 300 South Seton Ave. Emmitsburg. Learn the fundamentals

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Nov. 11 – Young Einsteins, Discovering Science. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Catocin Rec. Center, Thurmont Middle School, 408 East Main St., Thurmont. Three weeks of activities. Dress appropriately. Ages 6-9, \$27. Registration: (301) 600-2936 or www.recreator.com.

Nov. 12 – “The Election is Over: The Challenges Ahead,” a lecture by Robert Muehlenkamp, Wilson Visiting Fellow. 7 p.m. Knott Auditorium, Mount St. Mary’s University. Free. Open to the public. Information: (301) 447-5333.

Nov. 13-23– A Greater Gift Holiday Overstock Sale. Monday-Saturday 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving Day. Blue Ridge Building, Brethren Service Center, 500 Main St., New Windsor. 60 percent off craft items from artisans in over 35 countries. Information: Linda Kjeldgaard (410) 635-8711.

Nov. 13 – Full Moon Walk. 5:30-7 p.m. Strawberry Hill Nature Center, 1537 Mt. Hope Rd., Fairfield, Pa. Information: (717) 642-5840.

Nov. 13 – Acrylic ‘Still-Life’ Painting. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Emmitsburg Community Center, 300 South Seton Ave. Emmitsburg. Learn techniques: painting, brush handling, texture and color theory. Materials provided. One-day program. 16 and older. \$25. Registration: (301) 600-2936 or www.recreator.com.

Nov. 13 – Owl Walk. 6:30 p.m. Renfrew Park, Waynesboro, Pa. Naturalist-led walk along hiking trails. Participants will learn about owls and how to call them. The walk may last up to an hour. Families and children. Free. Registration required; limited to 50. Registration: (717) 762-0373 or e-mail renfrewinst@innernet.net.

Nov. 15 – 26th Annual Christmas in the Valley. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pleasant Valley Fire Hall, 2030 S. Pleasant Valley Rd., Westminster. Train garden, crafts, baked goods and lunch. Information: Kim Thomas (410) 857-5260.

Nov. 14 – Italian Buffet Night. 5-7:30 p.m. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Hall, Thurmont. All-you-can-eat pasta, sauces, pizza, salad, drinks and dessert. Adults \$10, children 4-12 \$3, 3 and under free. Information: (301) 271-4439.

Nov. 14 – Basket Bingo. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Games begin at 7. Taneytown Activities Building, Memorial Dr., Taneytown. Advance tickets \$12, at the door \$15. Refreshments available. Sponsored by Grace United Church of Christ. Information: (410) 756-2898 or (410) 756-2043.

Nov. 14 – Little Princesses. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Catocin Rec. Center, Thurmont Middle School, 408 East Main Street Thurmont. Crafts, games and explore life in a castle. Princess attire optional. Ages 3-5. \$10. Registration: (301) 600-2936 or www.recreator.com.

Nov. 15 – Fall Pancake Breakfast. 6-11 a.m. Taneytown Fire Dept. Carnival Grounds, Memorial Drive. All-you-can-eat. Adults \$6, children 6-12 \$3, under 6 free. Information: (410) 751-1120.

Nov. 15 – “Saturday Express” Childbirth Education. Frederick Memorial Hospital, 400 W. 7th St., Frederick. \$110 per couple. Information: (240) 379-6000.

Nov. 15 – “Comfort Measures Plus” FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick. Natural pain management techniques. Advance registration and payment required: \$30 per couple. Information: (240) 379-6000.

Nov. 15 – “Tours for Twos” FMH BirthPlace, Frederick Memorial Hospital, 400 West 7th Street, Frederick. For two-year-old siblings. Advance registration and payment required. \$20. Information: (240) 379-6000.

Nov. 15 – Swiss Rifle Match. 12:30 p.m. Thurmont Conservation and Sportsman’s Club.

Nov. 15 – 9th Annual Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser. 5-8 p.m. Woodsboro Fire Activity Center, Coppermine Road, Woodsboro. Sponsored by Frederick County 4H Therapeutic Riding Program. Dinner donated by Carrabas. Advance tickets: \$8; at the door \$10. Silent auction and live auction will continue until 8:30 p.m. Information: (301) 898-3587 or visit www.fc4htwp.org.

Nov. 15 – An Elegant Evening Up-County. 6-10 p.m. Benefit dinner and silent auction at Jo-Ann’s ballroom, The Carriage House. Tickets: \$50 per person. (301) 447-2366, (717) 642-6137.

Nov. 16 – Public Country Breakfast. 7-11 a.m. Taneytown Rod and Gun Club, 12380 Shoemaker Rd. Taneytown. Adults \$7, children 8-12 \$5, under 8 free. Information: (410) 756-2138.

Nov. 16 – Bingo Bash. Doors open at noon. Games at 2 p.m. Emmitsburg Ambulance Building, 17701 Creamery Rd. Advance ticket sales only to reserve seats. \$50 advance, \$60 at door. Includes meal and 20 games paying \$500 each. Benefits EVAC. Information: (301) 447-2073 or (717) 642-9335.

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Nov. 16 - **Choral service honoring 100th anniversary of St. John's Lutheran Church.** 3:30 p.m. Choral groups from Thurmont United Methodist, Apples United Church of Christ, Harriet Chapel and others. Potluck dinner after the service. Bring a covered dish and/or a dessert. Near the intersection of Blacks Mill Road and Old Frederick Road or Route 550, four miles outside Thurmont.

EVENTS

Nov. 8 - **An Evening of Fine Wine.** 7 p.m. FCC Campus Field House. Frederick. Faculty, students, alumni, and the community are invited to participate in this inaugural event, to savor distinctive wines, good food and special friends. Proceeds will fund student scholarships. Information: (301) 846-2438 or e-mail foundation@frederick.edu, kjohnson@frederick.edu.

Nov. 15 - **Pierced Tin Workshop.** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Visitors Center, Renfrew Park, Waynesboro, Pa. Ages 15 and older; limited to 10 participants. Cost: \$25 for Renfrew Institute members, \$30 for non-members. Additional materials fee. Pre-registration required: (717) 762-0373 by

Wednesday, Nov. 12.

STAGE

Nov. 7 - **Amy Sedaris.** 8 p.m. Weinberg Center for the Arts. 20 West Patrick St., Frederick. Live, on-stage interview with actress, author and comedienne, co-creator and star of Comedy Central's "Strangers With Candy" and author of the New York Times bestseller "I Like You: Hospitality Under the Influence" (and sister of author & humorist David Sedaris). Cooking and/or craft demo, audience Q&A and book signing. (Subject to change.) Tickets: \$20-\$27. Information: (301) 600-2828, www.amyse-darisrocks.com.

Nov. 7-8, 14-15, 8 & 16 - **"Almost, Maine."** Nov. 7-8, 14-25 at 8 p.m. Nov. 8 and 16 at 3 p.m. Thurmont Thespians' production of a new romantic comedy by John Cariani directed by Spence Watson. American Legion Auditorium, 8 Park Place (off Water Street adjacent to Post Office) in Thurmont. Saturday Nov. 15 (dinner at 6:30 p.m., show at 8 p.m.) tickets: \$30. All other performances include free desserts or snacks and refreshments: tickets, \$15. Reservations: (301) 271-7613

Through Nov. 8 - **"Thoroughly Modern Millie."** Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre, Frederick. Taking place in New York City in 1922, Millie tells the story of Millie Dillmount, who just moved to the city in search

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Nov. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23 - **"Little Egypt."** Gettysburg Stage, Keefeauver 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.

Thespians present Off-Broadway play

THURMONT, Md. - The Thurmont Thespians are presenting a new off-Broadway play called *Almost, Maine* on Nov. 7 to 9 and Nov. 14 to 16 at the American Legion Auditorium.

The play features a series of 10-minute scenes, where couples fall in and out of love in unlikely pairs. Spence Watson directs the play written by Tony-award winning actor John Cariani. The characters come from Cariani's memories of growing up in Presque Isle, Maine, a town almost the size of Thurmont.

Area actors will portray all 18 characters in nine loosely connected stories taking place on a Friday night in mid-January. The play features Thurmont natives Luke Greffen and Scott Ortiz, Megan Blascovich, Bill Collins of Thurmont, Joan Crooks of Westminster, Lori White and Justin Hockley of Gettysburg, Paul Smaldone of Emmitsburg, Christine Miller of Frederick and Jerry Miranda of Hagerstown.

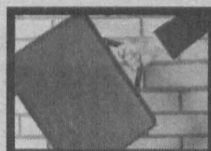
The Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m. and the Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. There will be one dinner theater performance featuring shrimp and fried chicken entrees with a full course meal and cash bar on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. Make early reservations for the dinner theater and all other performances by calling Mrs. Urian at



Paul Smaldone (left) of Emmitsburg and Christine Grable (right) of Frederick try to exchange all the love they've given each other over the course of their 11-year courtship in a scene from the Thurmont Thespians' romantic comedy, *Almost, Maine*.

(301) 271-7613. All tickets except for the Nov. 15 dinner theater include free desserts or snacks and refreshments during in-

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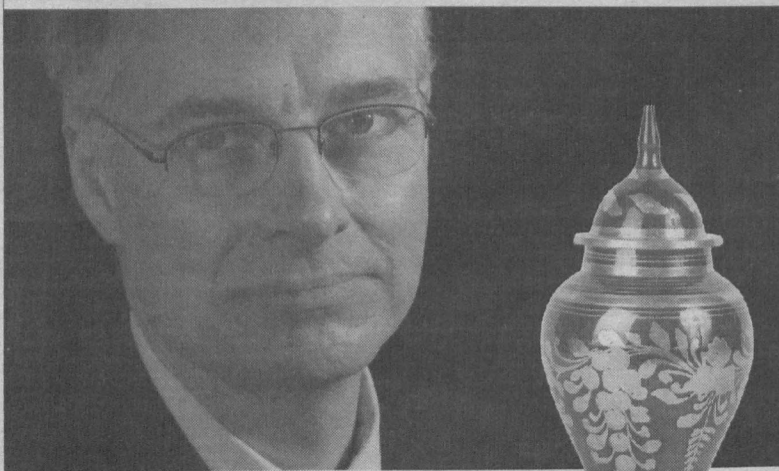
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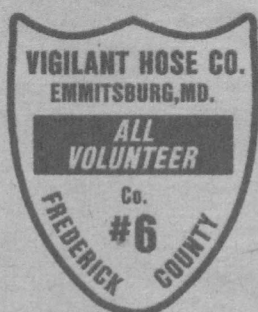
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