

Thumbs up and thumbs down for Saturday, July 3, 2004

UP Many people had a part in planning the 141st anniversary of Corbit's Charge. The battle in Westminster, while short, had an effect on the outcome of the battle of Gettysburg. J.E.B. Stuart was the eyes and ears for the Confederate army, and while he was in Westminster and then Hanover the battle started without him and his men.

UP Common Ground has become a welcome yearly event in the community. It consists of two weeks of "Traditions Weeks," workshops taking place at McDaniel College, and concludes in a two-day American Music and Arts Festival at the Carroll County Farm Museum. Common Ground exists as a way to bring artists and people of all types together to share their skills and their cultural diversity, and to then find what the different races, genders, ethnicity and cultural backgrounds have in common.

UP The Carroll County Public Library is getting a new bookmobile. Library officials have been requesting a new bookmobile in their capital projects budget for nearly 10 years. A new bookmobile will cost \$96,820. The bookmobile travels to child-care centers, after-school programs and retirement communities five days a week. It is an important contact for those not near established libraries.

UP The sister city program between Westminster and Paide, Estonia helps strengthen world ties between communities. The mayor of Paide, Indrek Kivimae, is in the midst of his first trip to the United States. The 12-day visit includes a trip to a Baltimore Orioles game, Ocean City, the regular tourist stops and this weekend the Fourth of July.

UP Liberty Street Rods Car Show last weekend was a big success. The show, in its 15th year, was held at Winfield's fire company grounds Sunday. More than 300 vehicles entered the competition, sponsored by Liberty Street Rods, in Marriottsville.

UP Police officer Hugh Engle, while off duty, helped foil a bank robbery in Eldersburg Thursday. The Baltimore County officer's quick action prompted the would-be robber to leave the bank quickly. Engle chased the man down and had a bystander call police. That person and two others have since been arrested.