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Incinerator project moves forward

Authority to work with leaders to draft contract for shared waste-to-energy facility plans

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The Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority will work with Carroll and Frederick county leaders to draft a contract outlining how a shared waste-to-energy facility will be owned and operated by the two governments. The Carroll County Board

of Commissioners voted 2-1 Thursday to pursue a proposal to share a 1,500-tons-per-day incinerator with Frederick County. The facility is slated to be in Frederick County but a specific location has not been chosen.

Vivian Laxton, county spokeswoman, said county staff called Frederick County staff Thursday to report the

decision. Laxton said that neither board has officially approved building an incinerator, only to move on to the next step of securing a more exact price.

Robin Davidov, executive director of the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority, said the authority will seek final and best offers from the two firms that

submitted bids for the facility. At the same time, the authority will help Carroll and Frederick leaders draft a contract of how the facility would be owned and operated between the parties involved. The contracts will take several months to prepare, she said.

Once the contracts are written, the county boards

will have to vote again to approve the contracts before moving forward, Davidov said.

The commissioners had listened to presentations and discussions on solid waste for months leading up to Thursday's decision. Commissioner Dean Minnich said he made up his mind on the issue this week

after reading a few last-minute pieces written by county residents. Minnich said the two most influential pieces were representing opposite opinions, but that in the end, he decided an incinerator is the best option the county can choose at this time.

"Just about everybody acknowledges that both sides have valid points, and that's

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Look, but don't taste

Decorators use Styrofoam to create lavish cakes for annual competition

BY **BRANDON OLAND**
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MOUNT AIRY — Robin Estes made her cake, but she can't eat it, too.

The cake Estes created, covered with green icing, purple flowers and a tiny brown park bench, looked suitable for sale in a bakery and appropriate for a lavish party.

Just one problem: Beneath the detailed decorations was a rectangular piece of Styrofoam.

This cake was meant to be displayed, not eaten.

Estes' creation will be part of the Mid-Atlantic Cake Show & Wedding Cake Competition at Carroll County Agriculture Center's Danele Shipley Memorial Arena this weekend. Cake decorators from children to adults, from novice to professional will fill the arena with their unique designs.

Depending on the expertise of the creator, the designs can take weeks, or even months, to complete. Estes used dentistry tools to help craft intricate designs atop her cake, which will be one of 270 entrants expected in the

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Robin Estes creates a custom-decorated cake in her South Carroll home. Estes will compete in the Mid-Atlantic Cake Show & Wedding Cake Competition this weekend at the Danele Shipley Memorial Arena at the Carroll County Agriculture Center in Westminster.

Papal visit

Crowd packs into park for peek at pope

Carroll residents take part in open-air Mass at stadium

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON — Pope Benedict XVI prayed with tearful victims of clergy sex abuse in a chapel Thursday, an extraordinary gesture from a pontiff who has made atoning for the great shame of the U.S. church the cornerstone of his first papal trip to America.

Benedict's third day in the U.S. began with a packed open-air Mass celebrated in 10 languages at a baseball stadium, and it included a speech to Roman Catholic college and university presidents.

Nick Wagman, a University of Maryland, College Park, student from Westminster, sang in one of the choirs at the Mass, which was held at Nationals Park.

His chorus was made up of 250 singers from the Archdiocese of Washington. Wagman said he found out about the group from a priest at the university's Catholic Student Center.

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Spouse of theft suspect charged

Baltimore couple accused of running credit scam together

BY **RYAN MARSHALL**
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The husband of a Baltimore woman who allegedly schemed to steal people's identities is facing more than 120 counts of his own in connection with the case.

Charles Keys, 55, faces 121 counts, including 83 of identity theft through fraud, according to court records. His wife, Ericka Keys, was charged earlier this month in connection with the scheme.

Charles Keys had his bail set at \$125,000 at a bail review Thursday in Carroll County Circuit Court.

Keys and his wife ran a scam to use stolen credit card information to buy expensive items including Swarovski crystal, Global Positioning System units, jewelry, purses, shoes, clothing and other



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Media center launches workshop on county oral history program

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The Community Media Center is offering Carroll County residents the chance to tell their stories about the county, its people and how the county has affected their lives.

"We're looking for oral histories for anyone in Carroll County or about Carroll County," said Tony Hooper, operations manager at the Westminster center.

On Saturday, the CMC will host

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Operations manager at the Community Media Center

a workshop where those interested can come to learn how to record an interview or be interviewed. The nonprofit is embark-

ing on a project to collect as many stories from as many people as it can in the county.

"We've always had a desire that

Carroll County's history gets told on a local level," Hooper said.

The project, titled "Carroll County Remembers," has already started and is centered on people willing to talk to the CMC about their personal histories and their memories of time spent in Carroll.

After the workshop, the CMC is still planning to accept new people and recording their stories.

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IF YOU GO

What: "Carroll County Remembers" workshop

When: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday

Where: The Community Media Center, 1301 Washington Road, Westminster

Information: RSVP by calling 410-386-4415 or visit www.cmcmd.tv



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