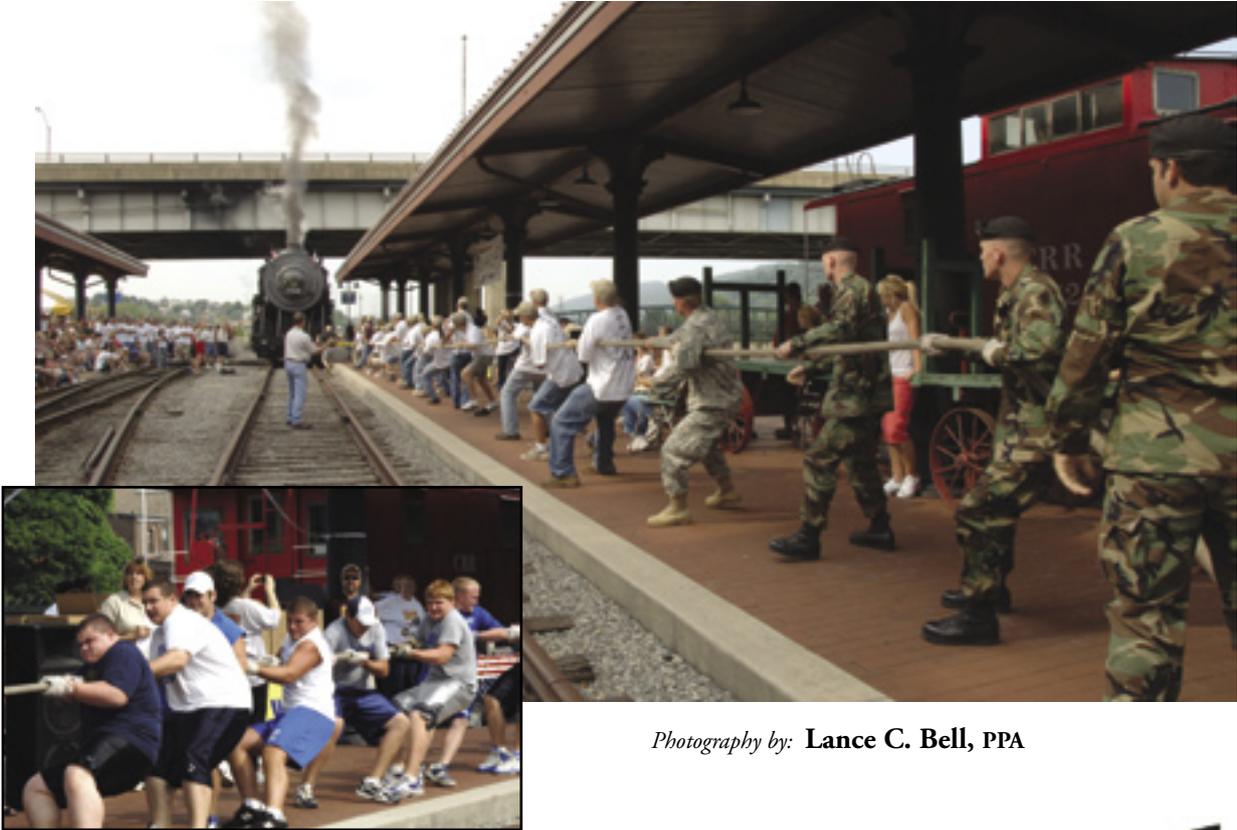


7TH ANNUAL WESTERN MARYLAND TRAIN PULL



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Top photo: One of the 2006 teams gets ready for the signal to start pulling. Inset: Allegany High School's football team won first place in 2006 (this photo shows part of the 20 member team). The distance pulled is a short twelve feet, but for an engine that weighs 250 tons, that's a long distance to pull.

The annual Western Maryland Train Pull benefits the athletes of Allegany County Special Olympics by providing help with expenses for travel and equipment, to allow them to participate in Special Olympic events in other areas. The pull is held during Allegany County's CanalFest/RailFest weekend and features the steam engine "Mountain Thunder." The contest involves a twenty-member team pulling the steam engine a distance of twelve feet in the fastest time. It's fun for all and admission is free, so join in and enter a team or pick your favorite team to cheer on.

The Train Pull is sponsored by the Allegany County Sheriff's Office and was the brain child of Sheriff David Goad. David Goad and the Sheriff's Office, along with the Allegany County Special Olympics Committee, have been the driving force behind this fun, fund raising activity since its beginning in 2001. Organizations and individuals interested in participating, entering a team, or sponsoring



opportunities should contact Jim Bone of the Allegany County Sheriff Office at 301-268-2319. The Train Pull this year is scheduled for **July 7, 2007**, at the Western Maryland Railway Station, located at Canal Place in Cumberland, Maryland. While you enjoy the Train Pull event, you may also want to visit a variety of activities and events held in conjunction with CanalFest/RailFest that will also be held that weekend in July.

