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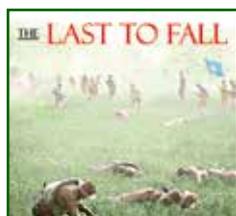
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Thurmont Food Bank Opens its New Location

James Rada, Jr.

The Thurmont Food Bank did what it does best at the grand opening of its new home on March 7...it fed people.

Food trays of hot and cold foods were spread throughout the Thurmont's former Town Office, as dozens of people crowded the building to see how it had changed now that it is home to the Thurmont Food Bank.

The biggest change is in the office area that once held the cubicles of Thurmont Town staff. The room is now lined with freezers, refrigerators, and deep shelves. Pastor Sally Joyner-Giffin, who manages the food bank for the Thurmont Ministerium, estimated that there is now about fifty percent more storage space.

"The nice thing with having more freezer space is that I can buy ahead when things go on sale, say turkeys, or when it's hunting season and there's deer meat offered," said Joyner-Giffin.

The new freezers were purchased with a grant that former Thurmont Chief Administrative Officer Bill



Photo by James Rada, Jr.

Pastor Sally Joyner-Giffin gives the Town of Thurmont officials their first year's rent of \$1.00 for the old town office building. Pictured from left are Commissioner Wayner Hooper, Commissioner Marty Burns, Bill Blakeslee, Pastor Salley Joyner-Giffin, Mayor John Kinnaird, and Carol Robertson with Colorfest, Inc.

Many of the people attending the grand opening were volunteers who help fill the orders and serve the food bank clients. Joe Bailey has been helping out at the Thurmont Food Bank for four years.

"I'm passing it forward," Bailey said. "I want to give back to the people in the community, because helping others is what God tells us we should be doing."

St. John's

Lutheran Church had been the previous home for the food bank, but after several years there, it outgrew the space. The new location for the Thurmont Food Bank is at 10 Frederick Road. Although the Thurmont Public Works Department still uses the back offices in the building, all of the front offices, including the commissioners' former meeting room, is part of the food bank.

Hours at the new location are now: Tuesday, 5:00-7:30 p.m.; and Friday, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off any time; please place them in the shopping cart in the entryway of the food bank. Both perishable and non-perishable foods can be delivered during food bank hours or on Tuesday mornings from 11:00 a.m.-noon. Please check to be sure all items are not spoiled or expired before donating them.

The food bank is always looking for volunteers to help out. If you would like to help, you can call the food bank at 240-288-1865 or visit www.thurmontfoodbank.com.

Blakeslee helped the food bank staff obtain.

The Thurmont Food Bank is currently serving about 310 families, comprised of about 1,200 people, in the Thurmont area.

"This new location gives us the ability to serve more, should we have to," Joyner-Giffin said.

As the ribbon was cut, officially opening the new food bank, Joyner-Giffin gave Mayor John Kinnaird a dollar bill, representing the food bank's first year's rent to the Town of Thurmont. Carol Robertson, President of Colorfest, Inc., also gave Joyner-Giffin a check for \$500 to help pay the utilities on the building for a couple months.



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Dear Reader:

With any luck, by the time you all are reading this issue, the weather will be warming up and we will have said goodbye to winter. I took my bike into the shop the other day for its spring tune-up, and I'm aching to get out and do some riding on the back roads and enjoy the area's beauty.

I'd like to say congratulations to the Thurmont Food Bank on their new location. There's plenty of room, and apparently lots of volunteers to help families in the Thurmont area. As one person told me, "Hopefully, they won't ever have to grow again."

The Thurmont Business Expo originally scheduled in March was canceled due to inclement weather. It has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2015. At one point earlier this year, it was announced that the Expo wouldn't run this year. However, some people in the community realized that not only is it a fun annual event, but that it is also an economic development tool that introduces the community to the myriad of local businesses right in their own backyards.

So, read on and enjoy the mix of our regular columns, featuring new business, local history, arts and entertainment, and town hall goings on. It's your most-complete snapshot of the Catoctin region for April.

We continue to try and pack the pages with stories that won't leave you finishing reading the paper and feeling depressed or discouraged.

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—James Rada, Jr., *Contributing Editor*

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town hall reports

by James Rada, Jr.

Emmitsburg March 2015

Deputy Warns of Fraud

A Frederick County Sheriff's deputy alerted the Emmitsburg Mayor and Commissioners that a lot of fraud schemes are circulating through the county right now. He recommended that if citizens receive a questionable call or mail that they can contact the sheriff's office to see if it is legitimate or not.

MD 140 Bridge Project Ongoing

The MD 140 bridge project will go out for bid this fall. The project is expected to take around 18 months to complete and two-way traffic will be maintained as long as possible.

For more information about the Town of Emmitsburg, log onto www.emmitsburgmd.gov or call 301-600-6300.

Thurmont March 2015

Mayor and Commissioners Worried about New Highway Signage

Thurmont officials are among the many local officials concerned about a new state program that will be replacing the familiar highways services and attraction signs along state highways with more-generic signage.

The Tourist Area and Corridor sign program will replace the familiar brown historic and recreational area signs with generic signs such as "Thurmont attractions," instead of signs that list specific attractions, gas stations, hotels, and restaurants.

"When you get off the state highway and closer to the site, then there would be signs with the specific names of the historic place or winery or golf course," Mayor John Kinnaird said.

It has been a topic of discussion among the commissioners, but they have little to say in the matter. They are encouraging businesses that will be impacted by the change in signage to write to their state representatives and the governor.

The program has been implemented in ten counties over the past few years, and it has now reached Frederick County.

Not only are Thurmont's commissioners upset that this program will harm local businesses, it is not saving the state any money. It is, in fact, a very expensive program, being implemented at a time when the state has a deficit.

Hiring an Administrative Aide

The Thurmont Mayor and Board of Commissioners approved the creating of a part-time administrative aide position in the

town office. The main duty of the new employee will be to catch up and maintain the town meeting minutes.

Currently, the town meeting minutes are more than six months behind, and minutes from the board of zoning appeals and planning and zoning commission are more than a year behind. The 16-hour-a-week position will cost the town roughly \$11,500 in salary and retirement benefits.

New Appointment to Thurmont Planning and Zoning Commission

Barrett Irons of Thurmont was unanimously appointed to the Thurmont Planning and Zoning Commission as an alternate member. His appointment was made during the town meeting on February 17.

View the Town of Thurmont's website at www.thurmont.com or call the town office at 301-271-7313 for more information.

New Thurmont Main Street Website Launches

ThurmontMainStreet.com will be launching in April and will include a business directory.

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Where Am I? Photo Contest

For the "Where Am I?" Photo Contest, take a look at the photo to the right and tell us where it was taken. It is somewhere in or around our Northern Frederick County Area, which is defined as Rocky Ridge to Cascade and Lewistown to Emmitsburg, Foxville to Creagerstown, and everywhere around and in-between.

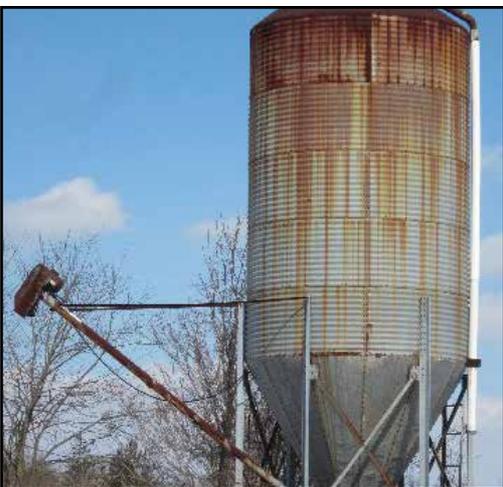


Photo by Irene Matthews

Last month's "Where Am I?" photo showed the railroad crossing at the intersection of Foxville Deerfield Road and Route 550 at Sabillasville.

The winner of the "Where Am I?" game is John Kempisty.

Hidden Object Game

Last month's Hidden Object was a black frying pan with the words *The Catoctin Banner* in blue. It was located on page 26 in the Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Association advertisement. The winner of the Hidden Object game is Daniel Wivell. If the winner has not been contacted, please contact us to claim your prize.

Find how many bunnies are hidden in this month's issue! The bunny is pink and white, holding a sign that reads "You found me!". Let us know how many you found and on what pages you found them, and you could be a winner!

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Test Your Word Power

(Answers on page 39)

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| <p>1. Gaffe [gaf] (n.)
a) Outcome; result
b) Social blunder; tactless remark
c) Newcomer; stranger</p> <p>2. Appease [uh-pee-z] (v.)
a) Hinder; frustrate
b) Throw loosely; disperse
c) Bring to a state of peace; pacify</p> <p>3. Debase [dih-beys] (v.)
a) Examine critically; analyze
b) Progressive decline; decay
c) Reduce in quality or value; degrade</p> | <p>4. Haughty [haw-tee] (adj.)
a) Scornfully arrogant; snobbish
b) Gleeful; elated
c) Defective; inadequate</p> <p>5. Vex [veks] (v.)
a) Perplex; bewilder
b) Irritate; annoy; provoke
c) Entertain; amuse</p> <p>6. Wanton [won-tn] (adj.)
a) Immoral; unnecessarily cruel
b) Educated; refined
c) Awkward; heavy-handed</p> |
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7. Which word above would work best in this sentence?
The large raise that he gave himself _____ his motives for running for charity.

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Answer on page 38

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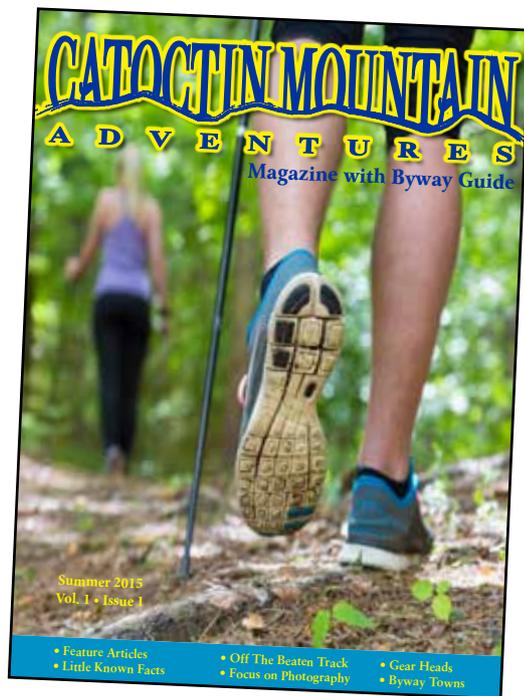
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All are invited to place an event listing in the calendar, from big concerts to local church dinners. Event listings are \$25.00 each. For more information, call 301-524-9275. Visit their website at www.catoctinmountainadventures.com.



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Vigilant Hose Company's Seafood Bonanza

The Vigilant Hose Company is holding their annual Seafood Bonanza on April 2-3, 2015, from 11:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m., at the fire hall. Baked goods available, too. View their advertisement on page 11 for more information.

FRCC 2015 Bass Fishing Series

Fort Ritchie Community Center (FRCC) is holding a 2015 Bass Fishing Series, sponsored by Cobblestone Hotel & Suites, on April 11 and May 24, with the championship on June 20 (event winners qualify for championship; must be 18 years of age or older). The cost per event is \$15.00 for youth, and \$35.00 for adults. View their advertisement on page 25 for more information.

Cut and Dip Fundraiser

Come to the Cut and Dip Fundraiser on Saturday, May 3, 2015, at Gateway Candyland & Liquors in Thurmont. Cut a minimum of eight inches of your hair and donate to Children With Hair Loss (CWHL). Haircuts will be done from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Dipping ice cream proceeds will be donated to Frederick Dialysis Center. In memory of Sterling Bollinger and Bud Sweeney. Event being held from noon until closing. View their advertisement on page 33 for more information.

Guardian Hose Company Yard Sale

The Guardian Hose Company is sponsoring a yard sale on May 30, 2015, at the Thurmont carnival grounds on 123 East Main Street in Thurmont. Spaces are \$5.00 each. View their advertisement on page 30 for more information.

Emmitsburg Masons Tyrian Lodge's Open House

Masons Tyrian Lodge, located at 303 East Main Street in Emmitsburg, is holding an Open House on Saturday, April 11, 2015, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. All are welcome. View their advertisement on page 30 for more information.

Thurmont Business Expo Rescheduled

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AROUND town

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Safe Disposal of Medication

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal on Saturday, April 18, 2015, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at Harry Grove Stadium in Frederick, Maryland. View their advertisement on page 27 for more information.

Annual Ladies Day

Join Catoctin Church of Christ for their Annual Ladies Day on Saturday, April 25, 2015, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Janet Dill. Registration and light breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. View their advertisement on page 35 for more information.

Baltimore Work Camp Bingo

Bingo will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015, at Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m., with games starting at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30.00 in advance and \$35.00 at the door. Ticket price includes an all inclusive 9 pack and a free spaghetti dinner. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help support high school youth from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Anthony Shrine, and St. Joseph parishes to attend the camp, a weeklong service trip where they repair the homes of those in need. View their advertisement on page 14 for more information.

Cash Bingo at Lewistown Fire Hall

The Thurmont Middle School PTA is holding a Cash Bingo on April 26, 2015, at the Lewistown Fire Hall. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., with games beginning at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$30 at the door. Come out to support Thurmont Middle School students! View their advertisement on page 3 for more information.

Guardian Hose Company's Flower Sale & Chicken BBQ

Don't miss the Guardian Hose Company's Flower Sale and Chicken BBQ event on May 8, from 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., and May 9, from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. View their advertisement on page 5 for more information.

Emmitsburg Lions Club Chicken BBQ and Yard Sale

The Emmitsburg Lions Club is holding a Chicken BBQ and Yard Sale on Saturday, May 2, 2015. Chicken BBQ sale will begin at 11:00 a.m., and run until they are sold out. The yard sale will start at 6:00 a.m.; yard sale spaces are available. View their advertisement on page 11 for more information.

Fun Festival

Don't miss the Fun Festival at Victory Tabernacle, located at 6710 Kelly Store Road in Thurmont, on May 30, 2015, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Event features games, crafts, face painting, live music, clowns, and much more! View their advertisement on page 31 for more information.

Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Events

The Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Association in Fairfield is hosting many events in April, including a breakfast with the Easter bunny, a meat shoot, cash bingo, and much more! View their advertisement on page 22 for more information.

Turkey & Oyster Supper at Tom's Creek United Methodist Church

Tom's Creek United Methodist Church (UMC) will hold a Turkey & Oyster Supper on Saturday, April 11, 2015, from 12:00-6:00 p.m. A bake and craft table will also be available to purchase baked goods and craft items. The church is located at 10926 Simmons Road in Emmitsburg. View their advertisement on page 8 for more information and to see what's on the menu.

Acacia Masonic Lodge Open House

Acacia Lodge No. 155 A.F.& A.M., located at 12 East Main Street in Thurmont, will host an Open House on Saturday April 11, 2015, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The public will have an opportunity to discover the history of Freemasonry and tour the 100-plus year old Lodge building. Stop by and find out more about their Lodge and Freemasonry, and what they do for our community. Thurmont Masonic Lodge is also announcing their annual Mary & Robert Remsberg Memorial Scholarship Award for all graduating high school seniors within the Catoctin High School district. View their advertisement on page 20 for more information.

Thurmont Lions Club Sandwich Sales

Thurmont Lions Club has five upcoming Sandwich Sale events, the first being held on April 25, 2015, featuring pit beef, pit pork, pit turkey, and pit ham sandwiches. All events are held from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. or until they are sold out. View their advertisement on page 24 for dates of events.

Rocky Ridge Fire Company's Cash Bingo

On Sunday, May 3, 2015, Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company will hold a Cash Bingo, featuring regular games, special games, door prizes, and more. View their advertisement on page 14 for more information.

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BUSINESS news

Thurmont's Anytime Fitness Newly Remodeled and Expanded

by Joseph Kirchner

Spring has sprung, and, for most of us, that means it's time to shake off the winter blues and get in shape. Have you put on a few extra pounds? If your response is yes, then joining a quality gym might be the answer for you. Fortunately, Anytime Fitness in Thurmont has everything you need and all you could ask for in a gym membership.

First, Anytime Fitness (the world's largest 24-hour gym chain) offers the benefit of Anywhere Club Access. With this benefit, you can visit thousands of Anytime Fitness centers for the price of a standard gym membership. Traveling? With almost 2,000 gyms nationwide, you are likely to find an Anytime Fitness gym close by.

Dale Collis, a happy Anytime Fitness member said, "You can go almost anywhere in the country and you will find two or three Anytime Fitness gyms there." He exercises primarily right here in Thurmont, but has used his Anywhere Club Access in Waycross, Georgia; Jacksonville, Florida; and Las Vegas, Nevada; among others.

Have you ever joined a gym with very limited hours that did not fit your schedule? At Anytime Fitness, you will enjoy the convenience of a 24-hour gym, a benefit which fits your very busy lifestyle. Simply use your private security-access key twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year, at any Anytime Fitness location. So, now you can't use the all-too-handy excuse that "the gym is not open!"

Without top-notch equipment, even the benefits mentioned above would hardly matter. At Anytime Fitness, you will find amazing



(left)

Pictured from left are Bette Troxell, Chet Tippen (trainer), George Puvel (owner), Jason Blough (manager), and Melissa Borns (trainer).



(right)

Melissa Borns is shown in the newly remodeled and expanded club exercise room, featuring group exercise classes, which are included in the membership price.

Photos by Deb Spalding

amenities, including the best fitness equipment available. If cardio is your main emphasis, you're in business; Anytime boasts treadmills, elliptical machines, a Concept 2 Rower, Espresso stationary bikes (the very best available), and a stair climber (coming soon). If strength training is your goal, you will find everything you want: free weights (with three full stations of Power-rack systems), a Smith machine, dumbbells from 2-100 pounds, kettle bells, TRX bands, weighted balls, and a full 16-station circuit of top-of-the-line Nautilus equipment.

George Puvel (club owner) gave this writer a comprehensive tour of the beautifully remodeled gym and

proudly asserted, "We are excited to offer a new group exercise room as a part of our recent expansion." Now Anytime Fitness offers free, unlimited classes—a wonderful benefit! Without additional cost, you can take Pilates, yoga, abs and interval classes, as well as the ever-popular Zumba classes. Moreover, tanning is available, and you will have access to single-use bathrooms with private showers.

Perhaps you require a little instruction or motivation to keep you on track. No problem here, because Anytime has certified, experienced personal trainers to guide you in reaching your fitness goals. The area's best trainers are

invested in your health and make it a point to treat you individually. Moreover, at Anytime Fitness the atmosphere is friendly and supportive—you will definitely enjoy working out here!

The following is a quick review of Anytime Fitness: Anywhere Club Access, 24-hour access, the very best cardio and strength equipment, free unlimited classes, tanning, private bath, the area's best trainers, a congenial atmosphere, a beautifully remodeled club, and a really supportive environment. Truly everything you could ask for in a gym. Also consider that the Thurmont location ranks in the top one-and-a-half percent of all Anytime Fitness locations (based on corporate evaluations), and the membership is quite affordable. What are you waiting for? Call or visit Anytime Fitness, and they will be happy to give you a tour of their wonderful facility. Ask about the free seven-day pass. Now you have no more excuses not to get in the best shape of your life!

Anytime Fitness is located at 130 Frederick Road in Thurmont. Their staffed hours are Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. For more information or for a tour, call 301-271-0077. Also, check them out on Facebook.

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The Furnace Bar and Grill Now Open for Dining

Deb Spalding

A new restaurant opened on March 8, 2015, in Catoctin Furnace near Thurmont. It's called The Furnace Bar and Grill, and is located in the former Dale's Place Bar. The Furnace is visible from Route 15, but you won't notice any difference from the former business until you walk inside.

There, the memory of Dale's Place ends abruptly when faced with the fact that the interior of the building has been completely renovated. Where a pool table and dividing walls once existed, a new open and airy floor plan welcomes diners. The floors, the bathrooms, the dining room, the bar, and the kitchen have been stripped and replaced with upscale accents.

The renovated interior is a nice surprise, but it is exceeded by the taste of the food. It's worth your time to try this new dining opportunity. Bring the family!

Sandy Copenhaver stopped in to pick up her to-go order during her lunch break at Renovations and said, "I'm excited to have a new place to eat!"

Greg Martinez, General Manager, is delighted to be part of this new venture. He's worked with owner Ron Chen, who also owns Liberty Road Seafood near Libertytown, for two years, growing from a part-time cook at Liberty Road to full-time management. When Dale's Place came available about a year ago, Chen and Martinez dug into the new project and followed it through as it morphed into the exceptional presentation that now welcomes diners.

Furnace Sauce, the signature sauce at The Furnace Bar and Grill, is Martinez's baby. He's been working on the recipe for six years. He takes great pride in this "kick it" sauce and his dough. He gives credit to co-workers and to Sue Whitmer who have helped with several recipes on the menu like beer cheese, BLT flatbread, and stuffed jalapenos. The Furnace Cheeseburger is hand-padded and fresh. The salads are really good. All menu items feature good sized portions with reasonable prices.



Photo by Deb Spalding

The Furnace staff pictured from left are Lauren Silverman, Bev Wyke, Greg Martinez, and Bryan Holland.

The Furnace presents a pub food menu. The Furnace Dog is a foot-long hot dog stuffed with pickled jalapeno, cheddar cheese, wrapped in bacon then fried. The order is accompanied with a side of Furnace Fries. Martinez said, "If you're looking to kick back, enjoy a game and have a beer, this is perfect."

Parties are welcome. Dining groups over ten people should call to make a reservation. There are several television screens and artwork of local landmarks on the walls. "We do everything we can to make sure everyone is comfortable and has a good time," Martinez added. This summer, an outdoor deck will be open to diners, and entertainment will be scheduled on some weekends.

Martinez is reaching out to local organizations in order to spread the word about the new restaurant and to show their support of the local community.

Visit The Furnace on Facebook or in person at 12841 Catoctin Furnace Road, Thurmont. Call 240-288-8942 for more information. Hours are Sundays to Thursdays 11:00 a.m. to midnight, and Fridays and Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Red's Tavern Under New Management

Visit Red's new "Team Tavern" in Emmitsburg. They would like to give a special thanks to former managers, Tina and Danny. The Tavern will miss you both!



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Pictured from left are: (top row) Raeann Wagerman, Sandy Miller, Bryant Hoffman, Raina and Randy Roser, Erin Valentine, and Tyler Hollinger (manager); (bottom row) Justin Forsythe and Bob "Reds" Hance.

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COMMUNITY news

Tyrian Masonic Lodge

On Thursday, March 12, 2015, Tyrian Lodge #205 Emmitsburg presented its annual "Bears on Patrol" program. This year's stuffed animals and Junior Fire Chief hats were presented to Vigilant Hose Fire Company, Frederick County Sheriff's Department, and Lewiston Fire Company.

These bears are to be given to children encountered in cases of domestic violence, fires, accidents, and other traumatic instances. Accepting the bears for the agencies was Tim Clarke from the Frederick County Sheriff's Department.

Courtesy Photo



Pictured from left are Ron Hedges, Austin Fogle, Ron Cool, Kevin Poole, Tim Clarke, Ernie Gelwicks, and Dave Tallant.

Community Residential Shred Event

On Saturday, April 25, 2015, there will be a Community Residential Shred Event at the Thurmont Police Department, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by Thurmont Police Department and Thurmont Police Commission, and benefits the Thurmont Food Bank. Shredding is free when you bring a non-perishable food item with each box (five box limit).

The following are shred "do's and don'ts": Shred Do's are office paper, paper clips, staples, rubber bands, folders, hanging folders, labels; Shred Don'ts are newspapers and magazines, three-ring binders, heavy plastics, cardboard, heavy metal, heavy carbon, trash, x-rays, floppy disks, CDs.

This event is not limited to only Thurmont residents. People from surrounding areas are welcome to attend. Services provided by All Shred Mobile Document Destruction.

Dance 4 a Cure Zumbathon Fundraiser

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Light the Night Team, Barkers 4 Blood Cancer held it's 4th Annual Dance 4 a Cure Zumbathon on Saturday, February 28, 2015, at the Vigilant Hose Company. The Zumbathon was a big success again this year.

They want to thank teammates, Morgan Dempsey, Kelly Reid, Tracie Lee, Sue Bucklin Reid, and Tracy L. Boylan; Zumba instructors Megan Courtney, Sandi Cox, April Maust Durutty, Melissa Love Borns, and Katie Joyce; the D.J. for the day, Andrea Poffinberger; volunteer friends: Megan Courtney, Angie Forrest, McKenzie Forrest, Mary Dewees, Gail and Alex Hayes, Peggy Dewees, Alexis Cool, Morgan Cool, Eric Dempsey, Shannon Cool, and Andrea Poffinberger. Special thanks to the Vigilant Hose Co. for providing the dance floor.

They appreciate all of the participants and local and regional businesses who donated raffle items. For more information, look at their fundraising page at <http://pages.lightthenight.org/md/westmd15/barkers4bloodcancer>. To see pictures of the event, please visit www.facebook.com/Barkers4BloodCancer.

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EBPA Business Spotlight on Sleep Inn & Suites

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Sarah Horn, general manager of the Sleep Inn & Suites in Emmitsburg said, "There's usually something going on in the area, so we stay conveniently busy year-round and are often sold out on weekends." Natasha Thomas, sales coordinator, invites locals to think of Sleep Inn when relatives or friends are visiting from out of town. They have seventy-nine beautifully decorated guest rooms, with refrigerators, twelve spacious suites, one fireplace suite, and three relaxing whirlpool suites. Hotel amenities include an indoor heated pool, complimentary breakfast, an on-site fitness center, free wireless internet, and a smoke-free facility. Call 301-447-0044 for more information.

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Pictured left to right are Bob Hance, Carriage House Inn; Allen Knott, Emmitsburg Glass; Chris O'Hanian, Infinity Global Travel; Sarah Horn, Sleep Inn General Manager; Bob Rosensteel, Friend of the Family Photography; and Natasha Thomas, Sleep Inn Sales Coordinator. Not pictured are Sue Cipperly, Town of Emmitsburg; and Deb Spalding, E Plus Copy Center & Promotions.

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Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library Seek Your Help

The Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library recently kicked off a campaign to raise funds for a permanent storage shed to be built near the library. Their goal is to raise \$7,000 to have a shed built by September 1, and delivered to the site. They have already raised \$2,500 of that amount.

Please consider donating to help meet the goal. The shed will be a 12 x 28 vinyl A-frame and conveniently located close to the library. The Friends would like to thank the Town of Thurmont for providing the site for the shed.

The annual library book sale is the little sale that grew and grew. The library has hosted it every year at the Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show since the early 1980s. At that time, a small side-room was provided for the sale, and it proved to be a big hit. Since then, the sale has grown into a large event held in the old gym. Many people look forward to shopping there every year. The sale is the main source of income for the Friends, who work to support and enable the Thurmont Library to offer a higher quality of programs and services than would be otherwise possible. For example, the Friends underwrite "Music On the Deck" every summer, as well as contribute significantly to Summer Reading activities.

At the former branch on Water Street, all books were stored in the large upstairs attic, but that is no longer available. At our new library, while larger, it has no extra storage area for the many boxes of books so generously donated by the community. Throughout the past few years, businesses such as Space Crafters, Discount Fabrics, and the Elower Studio of Dance have kindly provided storage space. At this time, the Thurmont Methodist Church is providing temporary storage assistance until the shed is completed.

Please consider giving a donation. All checks should be made payable to Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library, and can be dropped off at the library. You can also email the Friends at FriendsofTRL@gmail.com or call our president Ann F. Miller at 301 898 9033 if you have questions or suggestions.

The Friends would like to invite all local citizens to consider becoming a Friend to help support the many community activities held at our beautiful public library.



Courtesy Photo

The Friends of the Thurmont Library Used Book Sale is a popular venture at the Community Show!

Powell's Work as Outgoing President of Mount St. Mary's University Recognized

Emmitsburg Mayor Don Briggs and the Emmitsburg Commissioners recognized Thomas Powell's work as the outgoing president of Mount St. Mary's University. Powell was given a key to town, letter of recognition, and pictures of some of the projects the university worked on with the town, all mounted and framed.



Courtesy Photo

Pictured from left are Roger A. Wilson, Director, Government Affairs & Public Policy (County Executive's Office); Thomas Powell, outgoing Mount St. Mary's University President; and Emmitsburg Mayor Don Briggs.

Mackenzie's Light April Meeting

Mackenzie's Light, a bereavement and drug awareness support group, will meet Monday, April 27, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at the Thurmont Regional Library, located at 76 E. Moser Road in Thurmont. Anyone impacted by family drug abuse or loss of a loved one is welcome.

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- The owner of at least one dairy animal in a 4-H or FFA project; and/or enrolled in a dairy-related project for at least two years, including dairy foods, dairy judging and/or dairy leasing programs (NOT dairy goats and dairy steers).
- Be 16 years old or turn 16 during 2015, and must not reach her 22nd birthday by December 31, 2015.
- Candidate may not hold a farm queen or dairy breed queen title that would cross over for more than three months. The dairy princess is also expected to attend the Dairy Princess Seminar in Pennsylvania, which will be held July 7-10, 2015.

A completed resume, two recipes with dairy ingredients, a professional picture (jpeg.), and letter of interest is due to Johanna Allen, 5185 St. Marks Road, Jefferson, Maryland 21755 or via email at mjkrallen@comcast.net, by April 27, 2015.

The committee is also looking for Dairy Maids to represent Frederick County, Maryland. The Dairy Maid program prepares future princesses and provides promotional opportunities for younger dairy enthusiasts. Eligible young ladies turning 13 years old during 2015, through age 16, may become a dairy maid. For more information, call Johanna Allen at 301-834-5358 or e-mail Johanna with a letter of interest at mjkrallen@comcast.net.

The contest will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, 2015, at the Woodsboro Fire Hall, located at 2 South Third Street in Woodsboro, Maryland.

The Dairy Princess chosen will represent Frederick County at the Maryland State Dairy Princess Contest on July 14-15, 2015, at the FSK Holiday Inn in Frederick, Maryland.

Congratulations

Karen Coats named the Outstanding University Researcher for 2014 at Illinois State University



Illinois State University Professor of English Karen Coats has been named the Outstanding University Researcher for 2014. The award was presented on Founders Day on Thursday, February 19.

This award recognizes faculty members who are acknowledged for their research nationally or internationally, their quality of scholarly work, and their contributions to their profession/discipline.

Coats, who joined the Department of English in 1998, explores theory in children's and young adult literature. Along with many journal articles and book chapters, she is the author of the textbook Children's Literature and the Developing Reader, as well as Looking Glass and Neverlands: Lacan, Desire and Subjectivity in Children's Literature, and is working on two further textbooks. Coats is also the co-editor of several works, including the Handbook of Research on Children's and Young Adult Literature. She has been invited to present her work throughout the United States and Europe.

Kara Keeling, president of the Children's Literature Association, asserts that Coats "is one of the most recognized and outstanding scholars in the field of children's literature criticism, and her work has helped shape the field as well as importantly shaped our understanding of children's literature itself." Department of English Chair Chris DeSantis added, "Professor Coats is one of the reasons why Illinois State University is increasingly on the international map of great institutions of higher education."

Karen is a graduate of Catoctin High School. She is the daughter of Joe and Dawn Moser of Thurmont. Karen lives in Normal, Illinois, with her husband Will, and their two daughters, Emily and Blair.

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In Loving Memory



Mary Ellen Fraley Lawyer

March 10, 1918 - March 9, 2015



Mrs. Mary Ellen Fraley Lawyer, lifelong Thurmont resident, died Monday, March 9, 2015, at Frederick Memorial Hospital, just one day prior to her 97th birthday. She was the wife of the late Strafford Hunter Lawyer, who predeceased her on August 6, 1992.

Born March 10, 1918, in Catoctin Furnace, she was the daughter of Plummer and Martha Black Fraley.

Mary graduated with honors from Thurmont High school in 1934. She had a strong faith, reading her bible daily, and was an active member of the Church of the Brethren in Thurmont, rarely missing a service.

She was an involved partner in Strafford's various ventures, handling all aspects of the businesses. Most of her years were spent actively farming. Anyone who knew Mary can attest to the fact that she had an exceptional work ethic and was extremely independent and determined.

She passed along that strong work ethic to her six children, encouraging them to be active in school and the community. To share her love of music, she gave them the opportunity to sing and play instruments (it really was a requirement).

Mary was a lifelong Orioles baseball fan, an avid reader, and loved to travel. She was in awe of the vastness and beauty of the earth and universe. Her extensive travel in later years brought an even deeper appreciation for the beauty of nature and diversity of different cultures.

She had a smile for everyone and her infectious joy and sense of humor will be missed.

Survived by daughters, Mary Ellen Bittner and husband, Richard; Joan Strafford Spalding and husband, Donald; son, Strafford Hunter Lawyer and wife, Patti; daughter, Barbara Lawyer Briggs and husband, Milton; and son David Milton Lawyer and wife, Candy. All of her children reside in Thurmont, within a few miles of the home farm. Also survived by grandchildren, Ellen Williams and husband, Terry; David Bittner and wife Jennifer; Thaddeus Bittner and wife, Melissa; Lisa Campbell and husband, Todd; Mark Spalding and wife, Deb; Chad Lawyer and wife, Jodi; Monica Crone and husband, Mike; Kathleen Joyner; Jennifer and Mary Lawyer; Brent Lawyer and wife, Renee; Heather and Mitchell Lawyer; Taylor Huffman and husband, Brandon; and Hunter Lawyer; fifteen great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Naomi Long and husband, Raymond of Thurmont; Sylvia Keller and husband, Donald of Middletown; and Judy Evans and husband, Larry of Glen Burnie; two brothers, Carroll Fraley and wife, Celia; and Plummer T. Fraley and wife, Nancy, both of Thurmont; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brothers, Robert Fraley and Victor Fraley; and her son, Jan Hunter Lawyer.

The family received friends at Stauffer Funeral Home, 104 East Main Street in Thurmont, on Saturday, March 21, 2015, from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., after which a celebration of Mary's life followed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to The Church of the Brethren, 14 N. Altamont Avenue, Thurmont, Maryland 21788; or Hospice of Frederick County, PO Box 1799, Frederick, Maryland 21702.

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**Charles Neurath
Wright III**

1960 - 2015



Charles N. Wright III (Chuck) passed away with his family by his side on March 6, 2015.

Son of Charles N. Wright Jr. and the late Mildred V. (nee Seals) Wright of Naples, Florida, formerly of Collingswood, New Jersey. Loving brother of Beryl (Brian) Venables of Port Orange, Florida; Suzanne (Jim) Warner of Oaklyn, New Jersey; Barbara (Mark) Napier of Cinnaminson, New Jersey, and brother John (Leann) Wright of Emmitsburg, Maryland. Uncle to Blair, Robyn and Craig Venables, Andrew and Julie Warner, Adrian Rowan, Sean and Dara Napier, and Peter and Alexandra Wright. Fondly remembered by his good friends at CALECO.

Born July 19, 1960, Graduate of Collingswood High School (1978). Proudly served in the US Navy (1979 -1985), rising to Electricians Mate 3rd Class. Served aboard the USS Dale (CG-19), including cruises to the eastern Med and the Indian Ocean. He was employed by CALECO of West Chester, Pennsylvania, for 28 years as a Service Technician and member of IBEW local 1158.

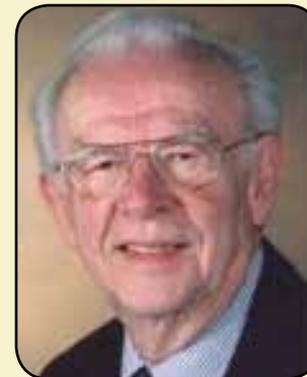
Achieved Life Scout in BSA Troop 59 of Collingswood. Also, a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow, recognized for his unselfish service to others.

Friends and relatives are invited to Chuck's Life Celebration at Oaklyn Baptist Church, 29 E. Bettewood Ave, Oaklyn, New Jersey, for a 1:30 p.m. service on April 26. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Boy Scouts of America, 4468 S. Main Rd, Millville, NJ 08332, in memory of Charles N. Wright III and will benefit Pine Hill Scout Reservation.

To share your fondest memories of Chuck, please visit www.SnoverGivnish.com.

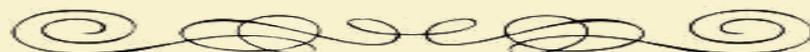
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In Loving Memory



Donald Grayson Weddle

1926 - 2015



Donald Grayson Weddle, 88, lifelong resident of Thurmont, passed away on February 23 at Frederick Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his loving wife, Pat, of 62 years.

Born November 16, 1926, he was the son of Curtis Ray and Beulah Troxell Weddle. Don graduated from Thurmont High, Class of 1943. At 17, he enlisted in the Navy and served on a destroyer escort during WWII. After serving in the Navy, he joined the U.S. Postal Service, where he worked until retiring from the Thurmont Post Office in 1985.

Don was a dedicated, lifelong member of Apples United Church of Christ in Thurmont. He was also a life member of Guardian Hose Company, American Legion Post 168, a charter member of AMVETS Post 7, and a volunteer driver for the Thurmont Senior Center. He was one of the founding members of the Thurmont Ambulance Co., using the Creager hearse at that time.

In addition to his wife, Don is survived by son David Weddle and wife Dawn; daughter Wendy Cassidy and husband Tom; grandchildren Kelly Sweet (Mike), Jennifer Weddle (Jake Bivens), Matthew Weddle, Alex Cassidy (fiancé Jessica), and Jessica Quill (David); great-grandchildren Adelyn, Karoline, and Emily Sweet, Alaina Quill, and Eli Rose. He was predeceased by great-grandson Charlie Quill.

He is also survived by brother Jerry Weddle (Linda), sister-in-law Pat Fogle Weddle, brother-in-law Bill Dellinger, many special nieces and nephews, and dear friend Susan Smith.

Don was predeceased by siblings Reggie, C. Ray, and James Weddle, Shirley Wellinghurst, Peggy Dellinger, and Barbara Freeze.

The family received friends at Stauffer Funeral Home, 104 East Main Street in Thurmont on Saturday, March 7, 2015, after which a celebration of Don's life followed at noon. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to Apples UCC (P.O. Box 266, Thurmont, MD 21788) or Hospice of Frederick County (P.O. Box 1799; Frederick, MD 21702).

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Guardian Hose Company Holds Annual Awards Banquet

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On March 7, 2015, members of Guardian Hose Company joined together to celebrate their accomplishments of 2014 during their annual banquet. Invocation was provided by Chaplin Rev. James Hamrick, followed by a home-cooked meal served by GT's catering. Family and friends mingled until Wayne Stackhouse drew all attention to the podium, where he introduced special guests from other organizations who aided the company throughout the year.

Floral tributes were presented during the memorial service, in memory of Linda Duble, Franklin Keeney, and James Spalding, who all passed in 2014. The entire room bowed their heads while the Chaplin said a pray for the families who lost a loved one.

After the memorial service took place, Chief Chris Kinnaird shared the chief's report with the audience. Kinnaird started off thanking everyone for their attendance, and for all of their support throughout the year.

"Our company volunteers 364 days of the year; this is our only night off. A huge thanks to Smithsburg and Walkersville Fire Companies for filling in."

Kinnaird explained that it had been a very busy year. Guardian Hose Company ran 544 more calls than in 2013. Members partook in 528 hours of training, including Fire 1 and 2 classes. It was estimated that Guardian saved an approximate 1.8 million dollars in damage. On the average, eight volunteers respond to a call.

Kinnaird was proud to announce that this year every firefighter will be provided with a "Bail Out Kit," which includes a 30-foot rope, carabineer, and escape hook. This will enable the firefighter to safely exit from a second-story window. Other expenses incurred included new tools, upgrades, and maintenance to the company's apparatuses.

"It is better to be over prepared then under," stated Kinnaird. "That's a part of our job. We ride around in big tool boxes!" joked Kinnaird.

Guardian runs on three well-prepared engines, but could soon drop down to two apparatuses. The next big expense they foresee will be replacing one of the apparatuses, in roughly two to three years, which will cost approximately \$500,000. Another change the fire company foresees will be overnight crews who will stay at the fire house, awaiting any calls that may



Administrative Officers

Pictured from left are: (back row) Pam Fraley, Brian Donovan, Jody Miller, Steve Yingling, and Joe Ohler; (front row) Wayne Stackhouse, Donald Stitley, Terry Frushour, Lori Brown, Tisha Miller, and Russell Schantz.

come in during late hours. This will quicken response time to a call.

Top responders were recognized by Assistant Chief Carroll Brown. This year's top responders were: Dave Sanders—145 calls; Steve Strickhouser—184 calls; Christopher Kinnaird II—202 calls; Chad Brown—246 calls; and Brian Donovan—278 calls. Top five drivers included Steve Yingling, Larry Duble, Mike Duble, Wayne Stackhouse, and Terry Frushour.

Service Awards were presented to Charity Wivell; Cody Wivell; Christopher Kinnaird, II and Chad Brown for five years of service. Ten years of service awards were presented to Matthew Black and James Kilby. Twenty years of service awards were presented to Robert Dailey, Jr.; Blaine Schildt, Sr.; and Christopher Kinnaird. Thirty five years of service awards were presented to Ray Brown; Donald Dougherty, Jr.; and Larry Duble. Life membership awards were given to Troy Angell and Lori Brown.

Wayne turned the microphone over to Robert Jacobs to swear in the

2015 Administrative and Operational Officers: President—Wayne Stackhouse; President Emeritus—Donald Stitley; Vice President—Terry Frushour; Secretary—Lori Brown; Assistant Secretary—Tisha Miller; Treasurer—Russell Schantz; Assistant Treasurer—Pam Fraley; Trustees: Brian Donovan, Jody Miller, Steve Yingling, Joe Ohler and Steve Strickhouser. Operational officers include: Chief—Chris Kinnaird; Assistant Chief—Carroll Brown; Captian—Blaine Schildt; Lieutenants—Sean Donovan, Will Gue, and Chaplin Rev. James Hamrick.

Wayne Stackhouse closed the evening with, "May you take a part of your company's operation, big or small—it takes us all. Our company's success will be measured by your efforts. All of your efforts are always appreciated."



(above) Wayne Stackhouse presents Lori Brown with Life Membership Award.



(left) Operational Officers
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"Remembering Randy"

June 30, 2013 - Randall William Grimes, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., Pharm D

Randall William Grimes is my beloved husband of 25 years. His story is an interesting one, as he earned a PhD in Physiology from the University of Maryland as well as a Pharm D. Randy grew up in Oregon, Ohio, and graduated from Toledo University in 1980. He then earned a master's degree from Michigan State University in 1984. Randy came to Baltimore to do research with Nina Channing, a niece of the Kellogg Family!

I met Randy in Baltimore. Many of the doctors and nurses went to the Campus Inn for after work drinks. He was 29, and I was 36. We had a strong chemistry from the beginning. We dated for almost seven months and then he moved in with me and my two children, Kelly and Jesse. They were nine and six at the time. In December 1989, we got married at the Towson Courthouse and began our life together as husband and wife. I left my job at Johns Hopkins in the newborn nursery and postpartum floor, to move to Pennsylvania. Randy got a job as a post-doctoral fellow at the Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, Pennsylvania. We sold my home of ten years and moved everyone to Pennsylvania.

After three years there, I decided to move the family once more to a location closer to my school where I was earning an MBA. The school was Mount St. Mary's College, and I earned the degree in 1995. Randy was accepted into the Pharm D program at the University of Maryland in 1994, and we were now, once again, residents of Maryland. Randy graduated with honors from the program and began his career as a pharmacist.

He began working at CVS and then switched to Pharmacia, neither of which he liked. Then, one day he got a call from the manager of Waynesboro Hospital, and his life forever changed. He accepted a position there and loved the job. He worked hard and earned his pharmacotherapy certification and was able to produce documents for the doctors, as he researched articles and findings regarding Coumadin and other therapies.

Randy worked diligently for ten years until November 12, 2009, when he came home and could not remember how he got home. His boss said she was very worried about Randy, as he could not function at work...he simply forgot what to do next. I took him to the Gettysburg Hospital's Emergency department, and the CAT scan revealed a huge frontal lobe tumor. Randy was air evacuated via helicopter to the Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Now and forever, our lives were changed. Over the past three and a half years, Randy has received chemo and radiation therapies for Central Nervous System and Ocular lymphoma. His cancer is somewhat rare.

Recently, Randy had bilateral pneumonia and spent three weeks in three different hospitals for treatment and physical therapy, as he cannot walk very well anymore. He uses a walker and mostly a wheelchair now. He said "I would not ever wish this on Kelly or Jesse."

I feel sad for my Randy; but, I am a Christian and I believe God has a plan for us. My church congregation is a strong support, as well as my children and grandchildren. We adore Randy and praise every new move he makes.

We went to a Marina on the Chesapeake Bay and watched the sailboats come in. He loves boating and the water. Randy has always dreamed of having a home on the water. Therefore, we take advantage of the Bay view, often. We are truly blessed to have each other and the kids. We paid off our home and continue to take lots of pictures of the family during our frequent together times.

I write this story, because I want others to know how precious my husband is. He is a Toledo boy who loves Tony Packo's hot dogs and Chili and the Toledo Mudhens! He is a Midwesterner who wound up in Maryland, where I happened to be living. He is still with me, although he died peacefully on August 11, 2013; I talk to him every day. I just miss touching him and holding his hand. My dear, precious Randy is gone and rests in heaven and watches over me now. Until we meet again, he is, and will be, forever mine!

— Thank you for the opportunity to write his story,
Belle Grimes

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

From the Loudon Family

Our family would like to extend our most sincere thanks to the entire Thurmont and surrounding communities, Thurmont Ambulance Company, and Thurmont Police Department, who have all reached out to us with prayers, comfort, and compassion.

As we grieve the loss of Jacob, the incredible love and support we have received has amazed us. To everyone who has offered us meals, prayers, donations, and gentle words of kindness, we thank you. It gives us great comfort to know that we are surrounded by such caring, selfless people.

— With heartfelt gratitude,
Brian, Toni, Nathan, and Shannon Loudon

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Out in the hallway, Kallan Lathan (7th grade), Kariana Strickhouser (7th grade), and Sophia DeGennaro (6th grade) have built two devices designed to use air pressure to launch ping-pong balls at precise distances.

Down in the gymnasium, Isaac Dodson (6th grade) tests his balsawood airplanes to see which design stays in the air the longest.

These students are all members of Thurmont Middle School's Science Olympiad Team. The seventeen students pair off in small teams to train in some of the twenty-three Science Olympiad events. Each student competes in three or four events, and the team as a whole has a team to compete in each event.

"Science Olympiad is a hands-on K-12 program to teach students

STEM—science, technology, engineering, and math," said Jilicia Johnson, one of the team's advisors and a Thurmont Middle School science teacher.

"They get to experience science outside of classroom, and some of them go beyond what they are learning in the classroom."

Johnson is assisted by fellow teacher, Susan Mize; Jesse Rose, a retired engineer; and Melissa Carter, a Fort Detrick scientist.

Mikaila said she joined the team last year because, "You get to go more in-depth with science and things."

Photo by James Rada, Jr.



Thurmont Middle School's Science Olympiad Team members, Alyssa Malasky and Joey Risser, build a rocket that is powered by water.

Her younger brother, Joey, is also a member of the team.

"He wanted to join mostly because I convinced him that it was fun," Mikaila said.

She and Joey even compete together in an event called Write It, Do It. One team member goes into a room and writes instructions for building what he or she sees. The

instructions are then given to the other team member to see if he or she can follow directions to build the original device.

Another event is a lot like participating in an episode of *CSI*. Sydney Hafler (7th grade) competes

in Crime Busters. In this event, she is given a crime scenario, along with evidence that is a combination of liquids, powders, and fibers. She then has to test the materials to identify them and use them to determine who committed the crime.

"For instance, if a powder at the crime is baking powder, then the person is probably a cook rather than a drywaller," Hafler said.

The team placed fifth out of seventeen teams at the Frederick Invitational in February. The school also placed in fifteen of the twenty-three events. Regionals are held at the University of Maryland in late March; if the team qualifies, it will go on to the state competition at Johns Hopkins University.

"Thurmont Middle School had a team that won the states in 2008, and went on to compete in the nationals at George Washington University," Johnson said.

Although the students love the thrill of the competition, they are also enjoying the journey to get ready for competition as they test designs and ideas, evaluate what happens, and adjust their designs and ideas and search of the winning entry.

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SCHOOL news

TMS Leo Club's Coat and Blanket Drive

Leo Keera Irons, TMS Leo Public Relations Officer

The Thurmont Middle School (TMS) Leo Club sponsored a coat and blanket drive during the month of January. It was a huge success! Their objective was to help individuals—young and old—who do not have the basic resources needed to keep warm and healthy during the cold weather. With the support of the Thurmont community, the Leo members collected 237 items that included blankets, coats, scarves, hats, and gloves. The TMS Leo Club's school advisors, Ms. Stecyk and Mr. Hand, along with the front office staff, put boxes outside their doors for the donations.

In addition to the school-wide support, the Leo Club received support from the JerMae Estates community and Weller Church. Pastor Bob Kells at Weller Church challenged the congregation to make a tower of blankets taller than him! What a success! The collected items were delivered to the homeless in Frederick County,



Courtesy Photo

Thurmont Middle School Leo Club sponsored a coat and blanket drive in January, collecting 237 items to be donated to those in need.

the Rescue Mission, and the like. The Leo Club would like to extend a huge "thank you" to the JerMae Estates Community, Weller Church, Thurmont Lions Club, students, parents, teachers, and friends for their dedicated support of this heart-warming project. They would also like to thank Lion Joyce Anthony, TLC TMS advisor, for picking up the items, storing them at her house, and delivering them to their destinations along with the help of Lion Gayle DiSalvo, TLC TMS advisor.

EHS Alumni Association Offers Scholarships

Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in May by the Emmitsburg High School (EHS) Association. Any Catoctin High School senior or graduate who is enrolled in an institution of higher learning is eligible if he/she resides in the Emmitsburg School District. Applications may be obtained in the guidance department at Catoctin High School. All applications must be received by May 1, 2015.

CHS Leo's Collect Jeans for Homeless Teens

Catoctin High School (CHS) Leo Club's "Teens For Jeans" drive ended on January 22, 2015, after collecting 260 jeans for teens experiencing homelessness in our area. They would like to send out a big "Thank You" to all contributors: Thurmont Lions Club (over 42 jeans), Lion Advisor Wendy Candela's workplace (approximately 60-plus jeans), and all the Catoctin High School students and staff for the remaining jeans!

Catoctin High School is also entered in hopes of winning a \$5,000 school grant. In addition to the school grant, the school that collects the most jeans will win a private school concert by pop band The Vamps and Aeropostale T-shirts for the entire school.

Over a million young people experience homelessness in the United States every year and one of the most requested items that young people in homeless shelters ask for is a pair of jeans. In the past seven years, young people across the country have collected over 4.3 million pairs of jeans through Teens for Jeans, a clothing drive organized in partnership with DoSomething.org and Aeropostale.

The CHS Leo Club's donation of 260 jeans were delivered to the Aeropostale store at Francis Scott Key mall; they will be boxing and distributing them to Frederick county area homeless shelters and organizations for teens and young adults.



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Pictured from left are Thurmont Lion Advisor Wendy Candela, Leo's Marah Williams and Lizzy Darr, CHS Faculty Advisor Ms. Herrmann, Leo Alex Bolinger, and CHS Faculty Advisor Ms. Eckenrode.

Thurmont Middle School PTA Scholarships

The Thurmont Middle School (TMS) PTA will be awarding two scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to two qualifying candidates.

Applicants must be seniors graduating from Catoctin High School this year, and must have attended Thurmont Middle School for at least one year. The deadline to apply is April 30, 2015. Please obtain an application from Mr. Zimmerman in the counselor's office at Catoctin High School.

Thurmont's Acacia Masonic Lodge Announce Annual Scholarship

Thurmont's Acacia Lodge #155 is offering one scholarship worth up to \$4,000. Scholarship funds would be distributed at \$1,000 per year, for up to four years of continued education with passing grades from an accredited college or university. This scholarship is available to all graduating high school seniors from a Maryland State accredited public, private, and/or home-school program, who reside within the Catoctin High School district boundaries as per the Frederick County Public School district map. Since 1995, Thurmont Masons have awarded over \$70,000 worth of scholarships supporting area students.

Applications will be judged upon the following criteria in order of importance: participation and leadership roles in community and/or school activities; content of a personal resume; academic record and/or special achievements; need for financial assistance; evaluation by school official and/or mentor; organization, appearance, and completeness of the application.

Scholarship application forms are available at the Catoctin High School Guidance Office and the Thurmont Public Library. Interested students must complete an application and return it to the location where it was obtained on or before April 30, 2015.

The successful applicant and their family will be invited to Acacia Lodge's annual Strawberry Festival in June for the presentation of the Scholarship.

Questions regarding the application should be directed to Acacia Masonic Lodge #155, attn: Scholarship Committee via the Lodge website at <http://www.thurmontmasons.com>.

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Congrats, CHS Thespians

On February 18, 2015, the Catoctin High School (CHS) Cougar Thespians performed sections of *MacBeth* at the Folger Student Shakespeare Festival.

Colleen Slotwinski won "Best Characterization" for her portrayal of the First Witch, and Cameron Hallock won

"Best Actor" of the day for his *MacBeth*. Taylor Garner, Victoria Hoke, and Dan Miller were also recognized and awarded for their acting work.



Courtesy Photo of Cougar Thespians

CHS Students Receive Medals at 2015 SkillsUSA Regional Contest

Congratulations to the following Catoctin High School (CHS) students who received medals in the February 2015 SkillsUSA Regional (Western) Contest: Basic Health Care—Jessica Bryant (First Place); Broadcast News—Eric Myers (Second Place); Broadcast News—Sophia Eureka (Second Place); Broadcast News—Georges Friedli (Second Place); Broadcast News—Kiley Warner (Third Place); Carpentry—Austin Hahn (First Place); Collision Repair—Brienne Selders (Second Place); Collision Repair—Austin Conley (Third Place); Electrical Construction Wiring—Kyle Davis (Third Place); Esthetics—Emily Smallwood (Second Place); Nurse Assisting—Amber Smith (Second Place); Screenprinting—Rebecca Compton (Third Place).

OKLAHOMA! at Catoctin High School

Catoctin High School (CHS) will proudly present its spring musical, *Oklahoma!* on April 16-18, 2015.

Catoctin High's production will star senior Randy Stull as Curly, junior Veronica Smaldone as Laurey, Daniel Miller as Will Parker, and Katelyn Claxton as Ado Annie. Other featured roles are brought to life by the talents of Maddie Wahler (Aunt Eller), Colton Bennett (Carnes), Cameron Hallock (Jud Fry), Sean Miller (Ali Hakim), and Meredith Wilson (Dream Laurey).

The ensemble is completed with Emily Smallwood, Briana Grimes, Mariam Harper, Robbie Doyle, Whitney Grim, Carley Flora, Victoria Hoke, Jessica Late, Justin Cissel, Anthony Robertson, Tyler McNally, Casey Ecker, Chris Reed, Amanda Smallwood, Madi Smallwood, Alexi Baumgardner, Lauren Wotring, Christian Ford, Cole Payne, and Maybelin Cruz,

The play is directed and choreographed by CHS Drama teacher Karen Richardson Stitely, and is under the music direction of CHS Chorus and Band teacher, Ben Zamostny. Maddie Adams is lighting technician, and Jenna Seiss is sound technician.

The show will run April 16, 17, and 18 at 7:00 p.m. There is a 2:00 p.m. matinee showing on April 18 as well.

Please email Karen.stitely@fcps.org to reserve tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door. The cost of tickets are \$8.00 for students \$8 and \$10.00 for adults.



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Mother Seton School Announces Recipient of FOCE Excellence in Teaching Award

Being a teacher is something Sister Ann Claire Rhoads, D.C., has wanted since her youth, and for the past thirty-six years, she has accomplished that and more. As an educator, administrator, mentor, and colleague, she has touched the lives of those around her in many positive ways, encouraging students to fulfill their potential

and challenging them to strive even higher. For that reason, she was chosen to receive this year's Friends of Catholic Education (FOCE) Excellence in Teaching Award for Mother Seton School (MSS).

Sr. Ann Claire is a native of Baltimore, and one of eight children born to Arthur and Claire Rhoads. Her sister, Jean, is also a Daughter of Charity. Sr. Ann Claire attended Seton High School and then Catholic University of America, where she received a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She went on to receive a Master's degree from the University of Dayton, with an emphasis in gifted and talented education. In 2006, she earned a certificate in Technology from Goucher College and, in 2008, participated as a fellow in the Maryland Writing Project at Towson State. Throughout her career in education, she has served at schools in the Washington-Baltimore area, as well as in Greensboro and Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Richmond, Virginia. She currently teaches the Middle School at MSS.

Integrating technology with classroom curriculum is one of the ways in which Sr. Ann Claire engages and challenges her students, and provides them with opportunities to think outside the box and use what interests them to demonstrate their mastery of certain subjects. In one class, for example, a student did a demonstration on how to use computer programming scripts as a part of his oral presentation for a language arts project.

"Sister Ann Claire is such an enthusiastic and creative teacher," says Sister Brenda Monahan, D.C., principal at Mother Seton School. "She has the gift of being able to balance the challenges of working with students of diverse learning styles and abilities."

Sr. Ann Claire's teaching style extends beyond the classroom as well. She is skilled at helping students to become independent as they prepare for high school, and offers a listening ear and compassionate heart to students when they are struggling. She is committed to infusing Catholic Social Teaching principles in the curriculum and sponsors an after-school club that provides opportunities for students to serve the poor in our local community, the Vincentian Marian Youth. The chapter at Mother Seton School is one of only four such chapters of the international organization in the United States.

"I appreciate all the gifts God has given me," said Sr. Ann Claire. "Teaching at Mother Seton School has been a joy, and the students, faculty, and staff genuinely lives the mission of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton."



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Carolyn Pugh, Executive Director of the Friends of Catholic Education (FOCE), stands with Sister Brenda Monahan, D.C.; Principal at Mother Seton School, Sister Ann Claire Rhoads, D.C.; and Carol Hinds, President of the Board of Directors of FOCE.

2015 CHS Safe and Sane News

The Catoctin High School's (CHS) Committee for a Safe and Sane Graduation would like to thank everyone who has supported us in any way with our fundraising efforts this year. We have only a few events remaining and ask for your continued support.

Cornhole Tournament

On Saturday, April 11, 2015, we are holding our first-ever Safe and Sane Cornhole Tournament at the Thurmont American Legion – Pavilion Area. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the tournament will start at 10:00 a.m. We are in need of players and sponsors for this event. The cost is \$30.00 per player and \$15.00 per spectator, which includes lunch, snacks, and drinks. There are several sponsor packages that include high quality, custom cornhole boards. Cash prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place teams. Registration and sponsorship forms can be found on our website at www.catoctinsafeandsane.com/Cornhole%20flier.pdf. Please contact Cheryl Phelan for more information at bochph@aol.com or 301-524-3106.

Benefit Golf Tournament

The CHS Safe and Sane Graduation committee will be hosting a benefit golf tournament on May 2, 2015, at the Links of Gettysburg, located at 601 Mason Dixon Road in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The tournament is a four-person scramble with a shot-gun start at 1:00 p.m.

Tournament sponsors and players are needed to help support a safe graduation for the class of 2015. The tournament cost is \$90.00 per player and includes greens fees and cart, three mulligans and one power ball, one raffle ticket, a gift bag, banquet with refreshments, refreshments on the course, and cash prizes.

Golfers have a chance to win cash prizes for the top teams and games, such as closest to the pin, longest drive, pot 'o gold, putting contest, and a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize. A number of prizes will be raffled off during the banquet.

Sponsorship opportunities include numerous hole and cart sponsorships, as well as banquet sponsor and beverage sponsorship opportunities. The committee is also seeking an event sponsor, which includes a complimentary foursome, one hole sponsorship, and two cart sponsorship.

For more information on how to sign up to play or sponsor this event, contact Tina Ridenour at 240-346-7662 and/or tinaridenour@gmail.com or Lori Zentz at 301-788-0990 and/or lorizentz@gmail.com.

Raffle Tickets for Steamed Crabs

The CHS Safe and Sane committee is currently selling raffle tickets for steamed crabs, courtesy of Trout's Supreme Seafood. The tickets are \$5.00 a chance, and ten lucky winners will receive a bushel of crabs! Please contact Shannon

Wetzel to get your tickets at shanypany328@yahoo.com or 301-748-7068. Winners will be drawn on Saturday, May 16, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., during the Vigilant Hose Company's Annual Spring Fling.

Baccalaureate Save the Date

Baccalaureate is on Sunday, May 31, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., at Toms Creek United Methodist Church in Emmitsburg.

More information to follow.

Parents of 2015 graduates: The committee is starting to work on the Memory Room for the Safe & Sane night event. They are asking all parents to submit three to four photos of their graduate for inclusion in a slideshow. We would like every senior to be represented. Please send photos to Carie Stafford at ontheedge4life@gmail.com or via USPS: 115 East Hammaker Street, Thurmont 21788. Photos must be received by May 1, 2015. If you would like to make a "brag" poster of your senior for display in the Memory Room, please submit to front office no later than June 1. Please contact Carie Stafford for questions on the Memory Room at ontheedge4life@gmail.com or 240-258-8208.

For a full listing of their events and to receive current information, please "like" them on Facebook – Catoctin High Safe and Sane



Lauri Harley, manager of the Ott House Pub, presents check to Cheryl Phelan, CHS Safe & Sane chairperson, for the Safe and Sane fundraiser, held at the Ott House on February 28, 2015. The Ott House generously donated proceeds in the amount of \$2,395.

2015, or visit their website at www.catoctinsafeandsane.com.

Their next planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the CHS Media Center. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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- 5th - Easter Sunday CLOSED
- 11th - Meat Shoot - Call 717-398-7492. 8:30-10:00am registration
- 11th - Lake Opens 6:00am
- 11th - Chicken BBQ 11am until it's gone.
- 12th - Cash Bingo \$25.00, Doors open at 11:30am, EB at 12:45 and Bingo starts at 1:00pm
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National FFA Week

John Kempisty, Catoctin FFA Reporter

During the week of February 22-28, 2015, FFA chapters across the nation celebrated National FFA Week. The Catoctin FFA Chapter celebrated every day of the week, hosting events for members and alumni.

On Sunday, the Catoctin FFA chapter ate brunch, along with chapter Alumni, at the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant. After brunch, the chapter sold emblems and popcorn at the Tractor Supply Co. store in Walkersville. On Monday, the chapter gave back to the community, making blankets to donate to the Emmitsburg Women's Center. On Tuesday, the chapter made and served homemade ice cream in appreciation to the hard-working staff of Catoctin High School. On Wednesday, the

members wore their camo to school. On Friday, the members, along with alumni, had fun dancing and playing games at a game night. On Saturday, members went skating at Cosmic skate and had dinner out in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

On Tuesday, March 3, students from all over Frederick County traveled to Walkersville High School for the regional Creed Speaking, Extemporeaneous Speaking, and Agriculture Mechanics competitions. Members from Catoctin competing in the Creed Competition were Mackenzie Hendrickson, Tiffany Lenhart, Stephanie Moreland, and Kaitlynn Neff. The creed involves new members in ninth grade, giving a speech called the Creed, and answering questions from the

judges. Catoctin members competing in the Extemporeaneous Speaking competition were Hannah Barth, May Cruz, and Ashley Grimes. In the Extemporeaneous Speech competition, members were given an agricultural-related topic, and had thirty minutes to prepare a speech about the topic. The members were then judged on the quality and duration of their speech. Members on the Catoctin Agriculture Mechanics team were Dusty Hahn, Johnny Kempisty, Rob Reaver, Daniel Wolf; individually competing were Zach Milbourne and Jimmy Kempisty. The Agriculture Mechanics competition involved members demonstrating their

proficiency in small engine knowledge and repair, welding, electrical systems, electric motors, and other agricultural technical systems.

Of the teams and individuals who competed at the Region 2 judging, those who placed were: Creed Speaking—Mackenzie Hendrickson; Extemporeaneous Speaking—May Cruz; and Agriculture Mechanics—the Catoctin Agriculture Mechanics team, which placed first.

These members will move to compete on the state level at the 85th Maryland State FFA Convention this coming June. Also, the state Agriculture Mechanics competition will be held in April at College Park.



(left)
Creed Speaking

Pictured from left are Stephanie Moreland, Kaitlynn Neff, Tiffany Lenhart, Mackenzie Hendrickson, and Mrs. Poffenberger.



(right)

Extemporeaneous Speaking

Pictured from left are Ashley Grimes, May Cruz, Hannah Barth, and Mrs. Poffenberger.



Ag. Mechanics

Pictured from left are Coach Jason Green, Zach Milbourne, John Kempisty, Dusty Hahn, Jimmy Kempisty, Daniel Wolf, and Rob Reaver.

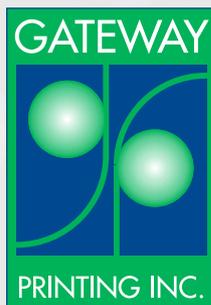
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TMS Band Performs to Celebrate Youth Arts Month

The Thurmont Middle School band, directed by Deborah Schultzaberger, performed at the Thurmont Regional Library in early March to celebrate Youth Arts Month. In addition to the concert, the library hosted a month-long teen visual arts exhibition, featuring the art of Thurmont Middle School and Catoctin High School. This youth event is coordinated annually by Library Associate Clare Bush.

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SPORTS news

Mid Maryland JV Girls Team Wins Championship

The Mid Maryland JV girls basketball team won their league and tournament championships. They finished with a 19-0 record and an undefeated season. Team members include Madison Tobery, Chayne Barnhart, Allie Thomson, Kallan Latham, Courtney Eyer, Rachel Fox, Hailey Crawford, Jaida Snider, Phoenix Staub, Madison Flohr, Alana Harris, and Lily Smith. Coaches were Jason Smith, Scott Thomson, and Chris Barnhart.

Courtesy Photo



The Mid Maryland JV girls team finished their successful season undefeated, and moved on to win their league and tournament championships.

First Annual Easter Classic 4-on-4 Men's Basketball Tournament

The first annual Easter Classic 4-on-4 Men's Basketball Tournament will take place on April 4, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. at Catoctin High School (CHS) in the gymnasium.

The individual entry fee is \$35.00 per person. All are welcome: CHS alumni, Thurmont community, and friends.

Contact Tom Mills to register at 240-236-8149 or email at Thomas.mills@fcps.org. For more information, visit www.97dpatterson.wix.com/easter-classic.

Division 1 - 6th Grade Catoctin Boys Basketball Team

The Division 1 – 6th grade Catoctin Boys Basketball team played in the 2nd Annual Max Exposure Winter Championship on February 8, 2015, in Martinsburg, West Virginia. The team won their division championship game in overtime.

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Pictured are: (back row) Coach Sarah Palmer and Conner Kock; (front row) Bryson Caballero, Ayden Shadle, Mason Albright, Bryant Palmer, Dylan Click, Ethan Burdette, and Garrett Mayhew. Not pictured: Coach Gary Albright and Dustin Isonogle.

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Answer: Jumping rope is one of the easiest ways to improve your foot speed, which is important in basketball. The sport requires you to be light on your feet and have the agility and quickness to move in multiple directions and the simple act of jumping rope can significantly improve your footwork. Jump rope for a few minutes as part of your strength training warm-up or before your basketball practices and games. Over time, work your way up to eight to ten minutes of continuous jumping rope, two or three days a week as part of your workout. Keep in mind that improving your agility is not only good for basketball, but it's good for life. The ability to regain your balance in everyday activities will keep you safe for years to come.

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Answer: Chewing gum could be potentially dangerous while working out for a variety of reasons. There is a chance that you could choke on the gum if you are performing any type of vigorous exercise. With vigorous exercise, you will need to shift your breathing from the nose to the mouth. Breathing through your mouth provides a greater oxygen intake, which helps you work out longer, but having gum in your mouth might make it difficult to breathe without the gum falling out. Dehydration is also a possibility when chewing gum. Many people will chew gum to prevent their mouths from drying out; however, chewing gum uses water to create saliva, which causes the body to become dehydrated. Drinking plenty of water during exercise is a more effective way to stay hydrated.

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by Jeane Angleberger, Shaklee Associate for a Healthier Life

I believe it takes a constant interest to stay informed about the latest health news. Research is a necessity if you want to stay up-to-date with the most recent changes in the health industry. There are many websites providing health-related subjects. Besides online sites, yours truly has a few favorite printed publications.

Environmental Nutrition is a newsletter of food, nutrition and health. It is published monthly by subscription. The writers are health professionals. The research is accurate, and without any marketing by food companies. It contains approximately eight pages of interesting health subjects. Subscription information can be found at www.environmentalnutrition.com/cs.

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These newsletters always offer health news for those healthy minds. Both provide healthy guidance by what's best to eat and what's not. Another reason why yours truly subscribes to them both!

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Mineral Bob's Great Outdoors

by Bob Warden

GOBBLE, GOBBLE, GOBBLE

No, its not an article on Thanksgiving or Thanksgiving football games. I wanted to write something for the upcoming 2015 spring turkey season. I figured what better way then to visit with and write about a local Frederick County custom turkey call making company. I bet not many of you knew there was a company that makes and ships custom made turkey calls all over the United States (Idaho, California, Wyoming, and Ohio, to name a few) right here in Frederick County.

I sat down with Bruce Chaney and Dave Hohman of L.J.W. (Let Jakes Walk) Custom Calls at their Thurmont location for a couple of hours of turkey hunting stories and turkey call business stories.

The business was established after many years of hunting, a passion for turkey calling, turkey hunting, and a chance encounter with another call maker named Marlin D. Watkins from Ohio, who after hearing their plight, suggested they start their own custom turkey call business. So with his urging and guidance, L.J.W. was established in 1999. Since then, many others have helped with advice and guidance, such as call makers, Dale Rohm and Scott Basehore, and woodworker, Tom Geasey.

Dave and Bruce were both working full-time jobs at the time L.J.W. was started; but in 2003, Bruce retired from Verizon with over thirty-five years of service, and Dave retired in 2008 from Maryland Department of Natural Resources with almost thirty-two years of service. They both started hunting small game and developing a love for the outdoors at an early age: Bruce at twelve, and Dave at eleven. They have hunted turkeys in thirteen states, and this year hope to hunt them in Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland, South Dakota, New York, Maine, and possibly Ohio. Both give many hours of volunteer time to help promote turkey hunting to young (and older) hunters by doing seminars at National Wild Turkey Federation Jakes (6-16 years old) events at Remington Farms, Mayberry Game Protection Association, Woodmont Rod and Gun Club, and American Legion Youth Camp West Mar.

Bruce and Dave are sponsor members of NWTf and are active in

the Monocacy Valley Chapter. Bruce was president of the chapter for three years, and served eleven years on the Maryland State Chapter Board of Directors. Dave was past treasurer of Monocacy Valley chapter and past treasurer of the Maryland State Chapter. As you can see, both have devoted a big part of their lives to the wild turkey and turkey hunting, and enjoy passing on their knowledge and expertise to other turkey hunters. Also, in the past three years, their calls have placed nationally in two different categories: one-sided and double-sided short box calls in the hunting division. This means they placed in the top six call makers in the country in each division. Now that's a BIG deal, folks! Pretty impressive credentials, to say the least...but back to the calls they make. The calls they make are double- and single-sided short box calls with a Neil Cost design. The bodies of the calls are made from poplar wood, and

the bases and lids are Bubinga wood from Africa. Remember, these are custom made calls and each is cut, finished, and tuned by hand. They actually go out and collect the wood themselves for the bodies, have it milled down, then they dry it (which takes a very long time), before it can be made into a L.J.W custom turkey call.

Now, I really wanted to give you a few turkey hunting tips before I run out of space for this article, so I asked Bruce and Dave for their advice.

So, here it is in no particular order: (1) Leave your turkey calls at home during pre-season scouting— DON'T educate the birds. If you must, use a crow call sparingly to locate birds after they come off the roost; (2) Beginners start with slate, box, or push pull calls (practice, practice, practice at home, and drive everyone in the house crazy); (3) Don't over call; (4) Have patience. Know your area and the lay of the land; it will help you to know which way they may come and how far away they are; (5) Remember that you are asking a gobble to do something that is not natural. You are reversing nature. In nature, the hens go to the gobble, and we, as hunters, are trying to get the gobble to come to the hens; and (6) Most of all: Know Your Target!



Photo by Bob Warden

Pictured from left are Bruce Chaney and Dave Hohman.

Be sure of your target and beyond it. During the spring season, you need to IDENTIFY your target. It has to be a bearded bird, so you need to see its beard!

If you are interested in contacting L.J.W., you may call Bruce Chaney at 301-606-2056 or Dave Hohman at 240-446-8129. They may also be emailed at ljwcustomcalls@verizon.net.

Remember, these are custom handmade calls and, as of right now, there is a one- to two-year wait. The average cost is \$150. But, believe you me, they are well worth it and sound *Grrreat...* (sorry, I couldn't help myself; that's from my Frosted Flakes eating days).

In closing, I wish you good luck in your turkey hunting, and please hunt safely and hunt ethically!

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Catoctin Mountain Park Draws Artists Who Want to be Inspired

James Rada, Jr.

Imagine staying in a historic cabin in Catoctin Mountain Park for weeks to walk the trails, watch the wildlife, and be inspired to create.

For the past four years, Catoctin Mountain Park and the Catoctin Forest Alliance have offered artists, sculptors, poets, and writers a chance to get away from the familiar and be inspired by the natural through the Artist-In-Residence Program.

"The artist comes and produces a work that has to be about nature," said Elizabeth Prongas, committee chairperson for the Artist-In-Residence Program. "They also have to be willing to meet with children and the public at least once to give a workshop or demonstration."

The program is open to both professional and amateur artists. Each year, four are selected to come and stay at a cabin in Misty Mount or a campground site. The artist coordinates with a park ranger when his or her public meetings are going to be and then the artist is left to be inspired by the park, to paint, draw, sculpt, or write.

"After the residence ends, the artist donates a piece to the Catoctin Forest Alliance," Prongas said. "After two years, we can sell it as a fundraiser to support the program."

Invitations to apply for the resident program are sent all over the country, and applications have been received from around the world.

"Making a decision among them is a lot of work, but we somehow muddle through," Prongas said.

Recently, the Cunningham Falls Visitors Center opened a display area where you can go and see some of the best of the many pieces of art donated to the Catoctin Forest Alliance. Prongas said that she also hopes to display some of the pieces at the Thurmont Regional Library in the future.

The artists coming to Catoctin Mountain Park are: Lisa Kyle, landscape painter (May 3-16); Laura Brady, painter (May 17-30); Anneliese Vobis, sculptor (August 2-15); Linda Johnston, nature artist and journalist (September 6-19).

Watch the Catoctin Mountain Park web page (www.nps.gov/cato/index.htm) for information on when the artists will be holding public workshops.

Calling All Young Artists for Emmitsburg Lions Art Contest

Entries are now being received for the Lions Emmitsburg Community Heritage Day Art Contest. The contests theme this year is: "The Heart of the Civil War in Emmitsburg." The contest is open to all Frederick County school-age children in divisions: Division 1—1st-4th grades (ages 6-9); Division 2—5th-8th grades (ages 10-13); Division 3—9th-12th grades (ages 14-18).

Monetary bonds for first, second, and third places will be awarded in each division. The awards are a \$500 savings bond, \$100 savings bond, and \$50 savings bond respectively. The application submission deadline is 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2015. Judging for the contest and the prizes will be awarded at the Emmitsburg Community Heritage Day festival in the Emmitsburg Community Park on Saturday, June 27, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Contest rules and the application submission form is available at www.EmmitsburgEvents.com.

For more information, contact eburgheritagedays@gmail.com or 301-447-6467. Inquiries made by mail should be addressed to the Emmitsburg Lions Club, P.O. Box 1182, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.



H. Erin Aylor, one of the resident artists at Catoctin Mountain Park, is shown carving a totem.

Courtesy Photo

Son Dogs

by Katherine Fishburn

a dormant bush bursts into robin-song
 a towering elm flashes cardinal red
 bluebirds flock the lawn
 a lone stag departs over
 the fence with
 a bright splash of white
 overhead crows chase off a rough-legged hawk
 rabbits & squirrels hold their ground
 perhaps St. Francis is nearby
 but the only breath is my own
 the only brown
 bare branches & drifts of
 dried leaves
 not one halo but two—dogs made of ice
 crouching low in the sky
 on either side of the sun
 a moment of grace
 in a difficult winter

Spring

by Don Short

To get up in the morning
 And hear songbirds sing
 The weather is lovely
 The season is spring

The last snow has melted
 The sky is so blue
 The grass has turned greener
 There are flowers anew

With winter behind us
 We'll now see the sun
 And somewhere in nature
 A new life has begun

There's a wonderful feeling
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 For this we've been waiting
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Local Authors Tell a Little-Known Story About Gettysburg in New Book

Richard D. L. Fulton and James Rada, Jr. will be holding a book signing at St. Philomena's on the Emmitsburg Square in April.

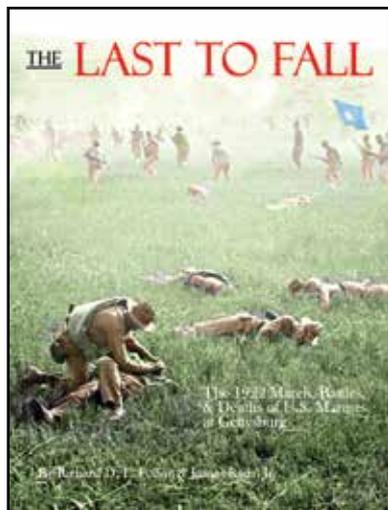
When were the last U.S. Marines killed in the line of duty on the Gettysburg battlefield? If you said 1863, you'd be wrong.

The year was 1922. Two marine aviators crashed their bi-plane on the battlefield during military maneuvers that summer and died in the accident.

Their story is part of a new book by Richard D. L. Fulton and *The Catoctin Banner's* Contributing Editor James Rada, Jr. called *The Last to Fall: The 1922 March, Battles, & Deaths of U.S. Marines at Gettysburg*.

"This is a story that Rick, with the encouragement of his wife, Cathe, and I have been wanting to write individually for years," Rada said. "We finally combined our efforts and put together something that neither of us could have done alone."

The 176-page book is 8.5 inches by 11 inches and contains more than 155 photographs depicting the march from Quantico to Gettysburg and the simulated battles on the actual Gettysburg battlefield.



"The march involved a quarter of the corps at the time," Fulton said. "It was part PR stunt, but it was also an actual training maneuver for the marines."

As part of the march, the marines stayed two separate nights (going to and coming from Gettysburg) on Hooker Lewis's farm just north of Thurmont. They showed visitors around their camp, visited Emmitsburg and Thurmont, showed movies in camp, and played a baseball game against the Emmitsburg team.

"On their way to Gettysburg, they marched into Emmitsburg and were greeted by Civil War veterans who were still living in town," Fulton said.

While on the Gettysburg battlefield, many of the marines were willing to hike back into Emmitsburg to enjoy the hospitality there, rather than go into Gettysburg, which was much closer.

The Last to Fall also contains pictures of the marines in Emmitsburg and Thurmont.

"It's surprising how few people know about this event nowadays," Rada said. "It involved a large body of marines marching through Washington and Maryland and got a lot of national coverage at the time."

Rada, Fulton, and Cathe, who served as a research assistant, searched through hundreds of documents and photographs, looking for the details of the march and battles, but the book was meant to tell a story. For that, they went hunting through lots of newspapers in order to piece together the stories of the marines on the march and the people they met along the way.

"What's really fun is that the marines re-enacted Pickett's Charge both historically and with then-modern military equipment," Rada said.

The event was also marred by tragedy when something happened to one of the bi-planes and it crashed into the battlefield, killing the two marines flying it. The pilot, Capt. George Hamilton, was a hero of World War I.

President Warren G. Harding and his wife, along with a number of military personnel, politicians, and representatives of foreign governments, stayed in camp on July 1 and 2 with the marines and

witnessed some of the maneuvers.

Richard D. L. Fulton is an award-winning writer, who has worked for many of the local newspapers. He lives in Gettysburg with his wife, Cathe, who was also a big help in tracking down photos of the 1922 march. *The Last to Fall* is Fulton's first book.

James Rada, Jr. is an award-winning writer, who *Midwest Book Review* called "a writer of considerable and deftly expressed storytelling talent." *Small Press Bookwatch* listed Rada's *Saving Shallmar: Christmas Spirit in a Coal Town* as "highly recommended." He is the author of five historical fiction novels and seven non-fiction history books, including *No North, No South...: The Grand Reunion at the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and Battlefield Angels: The Daughters of Charity Work as Civil War Nurses*.

The Last to Fall: The 1922 March, Battles, & Deaths of U.S. Marines at Gettysburg retails for \$24.95 and is available at local bookstores and online retailers.

Fulton and Rada will be signing books at St. Philomena's on the Emmitsburg Square on Saturday, May 2, 2015, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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You Asked For It

by Valerie Nusbaum

In last month's column, I asked you to send me your questions and I promised I'd do my best to answer them. You held up your end of the bargain, so here goes. Several of you sent in questions asking for my help, but you asked to remain anonymous. I can't say that I blame you. I completely understand that you wouldn't want your friends and family to know that you're desperate enough to come to me for advice.

I've selected some questions about relationships and love, at least the ones that could be printed in a family-friendly publication.

Dear Valerie:

The lady in my life has told me that she doesn't want anything for Valentine's Day. She told me the same thing at Christmas, and I gave her what she asked for. She didn't speak to me for two whole weeks. Should I get her a gift this time, or should I honor her request?

—Signed, Not Bill Blakeslee

Dear Not Bill:

The fact that you even have to ask that question tells me that gifts are the least of your problems. At the very least, buy her flowers and chocolates, but after your gaffe at Christmas you'd be wise to spring for jewelry—the good stuff. Commit this to memory: When a woman tells a man that she doesn't want a gift, SHE DOESN'T MEAN IT. It's a test. Do not fail the test a second time. No man gets a third chance.

—Good luck, Valerie

Dear Valerie:

I was wondering if you and Randy argue a lot. My husband and I do, and sometimes I worry that we're abnormal.

—Signed, Combative in Crisis

Dear Combative:

Don't worry. You and your husband are not abnormal at all (unless you bite his head off for

saying "Good morning"). It's healthy to air your differences. I'm always suspicious of a couple who profess that they never argue.

Randy and I agree on most of the major life issues, but we bicker about the small stuff all the time. His driving makes me crazy and my worrying and nagging gets on his nerves. Mostly, I worry and nag him about his driving.

Just remember to treat your spouse with respect, and remind him to do the same for you. If you need to yell at him for leaving the seat up, go ahead and do it. Or better yet, get even.

—Hang in there, Valerie

Dear Mrs. Nusbaum:

How can I get my man to lose a few pounds without hurting his feelings?

—Signed, Too Big For His Britches

Dear T.B.:

You said that he needs to lose a "few" pounds, so I'm assuming that he isn't going to be taking up sumo wrestling any time soon. Also, you didn't mention if your man is having health issues that could be due to his weight. I'd suggest that you have him see his doctor for a check-up. That may involve tricking him into going, but it's necessary. If your guy has health issues, the doctor may take care of the diet issue for you.

If the doctor gives your man a clean bill of health, then it's up to you. Get rid of all the junk food and sweets. Cook healthy meals, and suggest that the two of you take walks together or invest in a treadmill. If he's doing the cooking, you might want to get more involved so that you know what you're both eating. I'm a firm believer that anyone who likes

to eat should also know how to prepare food.

On the other hand, if your guy is quick to tell you when you gain a few pounds or you look less than perfect, ignore my previous advice. Call him "Porky" and tell him his super model days are over.

—Whatever works, Valerie

I am compelled to remind you all that following my advice could be hazardous to your health and your relationships. I am neither qualified nor certified to counsel you. I'm simply offering my opinion, which could change at any time. I'm menopausal. If my advice doesn't work, I really don't want to hear about it.

Some of you also sent in general questions, and I'd like to address a couple of those as well.

Shirley Greene asked me if Randy and I share the same middle name. Yes, Shirley, we do, and we both dislike it. Randy has forbidden me from using that name in print, but I can tell you that he's named after a blue grass song.

Jamie (no last name) wrote me the following: "I was driving past your house the other day, and I noticed Randy standing on your porch roof. Why was he doing that? Do you think it was really a good idea?"

Several answers come to mind, Jamie: (1) He was being punished for not buying me something; (2) He was hiding from me; (3) He goes up there to think.

The truth is that he was washing the outsides of the windows. I'm pleased to report that the only casualty that day was the bottle of window cleaner. Yes, I am a lucky woman. I married a man who does windows.

I'll answer the rest of your questions another time. My thanks to all of you who helped out with this month's column.

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by Jim Houck, Jr.

My Thank You and Explanation to All My Family, Friends, and Faithful Readers of my Catoctin Banner Column

Thank you one and all for taking the time to read my column, which is dedicated to the Veterans in our local neighborhood communities and across this great land of ours. I am aware that quite a few of you know that I have been in the hospital, and I thank all of you for your prayers, as I greatly believe that the good Lord answered them and that is why I am able to write this today.

I had not been feeling well for quite some time, and was struggling from day to day just to keep myself moving. I was tired all of the time and found it hard to get my breath. I also had a hard time concentrating on things that used to be routine chores. I knew something was just not right, but I was putting in long days and long weeks, so I blamed it on that. I did a god job of fooling my wife, because I didn't want her worrying about me, as she is not in good health. Well, I fought for as long as I could and, finally, when the severe headaches and sweats were at the worst, I asked her to call the doctor and make an appointment for me. She made the call and I had an appointment the following day.

I arrived at the doctor's office at 9:30 a.m. and signed in, after driving the ten or so miles from my home with chest pain. The nurse came out to the waiting room and escorted me back to one of the examination rooms and started checking my vitals. My blood oxygen was at the bottom

line; she said I had to get it back up, so I did some deep breathing, trying to get it to whatever level it should be. She took an electrocardiogram and it showed some inconsistency, so she called the doctor in. The doctor read the vitals and the printouts and said I needed to get to the Gettysburg Hospital emergency room. I wasn't buying it, because I just wanted something to make me feel better so I could go home; I had too much to do. The doctor kept talking to me until I finally agreed to let Joan, my wife, drive me to the emergency room. I arrived and everything was already set up, so they brought me a wheelchair and wheeled me to a room. I got undressed, of course—if I would have had to sneeze, I would have had to undress. More vitals were taken and another electrocardiogram was done; blood was drawn after an IV was inserted in my hand. I laid there for what seemed like forever, and then the cardiologist came in and said the test showed irregular, and that they were admitting me for a stress test the following day.

That night, I was restless and, of course, the nurses were in and out all night taking my vitals and blood for testing. I could have nothing to eat or drink after midnight. Around 7:00 a.m., the cardiologist came in and explained that I could not do the treadmill and that they would inject radioactive medicine in my



Jim Houck, Jr.

bloodstream to make my heart race. I was to have a set of pictures taken of my heart, and I had to lay flat on my back with my hands over my head. Then I would be taken to the waiting room for one hour, and then be taken to the stress test room and have the medicine injected into my blood while an electrocardiogram was taken. After, I was taken back to my room and given two slices of toast to wait another hour to be taken to have more pictures, the same as before. They came in and said the first set of pictures before the stress looked pretty good. Then came the news from the second set of pictures; I was told I had to be transported by ambulance to York Hospital to have a cath done, because I had blockage. They didn't know how many or exactly where, but it was one of my main arteries. So, they loaded me into an ambulance that rode like a log wagon and hauled me to York Hospital. They took me to a room they had ready for me and started taking vitals and blood and everything I was getting so used to.

The next morning I was taken to the cath lab and prepped for the procedure. They took me in

and transferred me to a big table with huge monitors above it and positioned me for the procedure. They said that I would soon be going to sleep and they were right, the lights went out. When I awoke on the table, I was amazed at how well I could breathe; and for going through the procedure, I thought "Wow, I feel peppy." I was taken to the recovery room and had to wait until my blood was right to clot before they could remove the plug in my artery and put pressure on the cut to start the clotting procedure. When the nurses were done, I was taken back to my room for the rest of my recovery. The cardiologist came in and said I was very lucky to have gotten there when I did, because my right side main artery was 99 percent blocked, and they put some kind of special stent in.

The doctor came in when he was discharging me and looked me in the eyes and said, "If you don't take your medicine as directed and don't stay on your diet, the next time I see you, it won't be for a stent or a heart attack, it will be me saying goodbye." That scared me, and I think I will listen to what he said for the rest of my life.

I want to thank the staff at Gettysburg Hospital and York Hospital for all the professional service and all the kindness and gentleness they gave me for my entire stay.

I am so thankful for my professional internist, Dr. Ronald Krablin, who saved my life by having the skills to know I needed help and for talking me into following through.

I am planning to have a very good column next month and will be ready to hit the ground running.

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It is finally here: spring and daffodils. Easter is just days away, one of the holiest days of the year. Most of you don't associate the American Legion with anything holy, but did you know that we start and finish all of our meetings and functions with a prayer?

This month, we will be doing some "sprucing up" around here. There are a variety of things that need to be done each spring. If anyone has a few spare hours, give me a call.

On the April 28, 2015, we are having another fishing trip on the Bay. The boat we are taking out only takes six, so it filled up before I put out a sign-up sheet. If anyone is interested in a fun day on the Bay, let me know, and we'll see if we can't schedule a boat that can accommodate all who want to go.

We have another month of fine entertainment in our party room: DJ Jake, DJ Jimmy James, Big Al, and Ralph Gann. Something special, 5.5 MEN: a group comprised of five adults and a young man, who has yet to reach double digits on the drums. They will be here on April 11, 2015, from 8:00-midnight, playing your favorite country and classic rock music. This will be open to anyone who wants to attend.

Our kitchen is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 5:00-8:00 p.m., and on Sunday afternoons.

If anyone has any suggestions on how we may improve our Legion home, please let me know.

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Vietnam Marine Veteran Memorial Rededication Ceremony

Veterans and other dignitaries from Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania will convene at the new Monterey Pass Battlefield Park Civil War museum in Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania, at noon, on April 18, 2015, to remember the town's local son, fallen Vietnam Marine, Cpl. Joseph H. Brubaker, Jr. A flag raising ceremony, monument rededication, and wreath laying is planned. Brubaker was killed in February 1969, while serving as a crew chief on board a helicopter that was shot down near Danang.

Several speakers are slated to honor Brubaker and Veterans of war, past and present. Carlton Crenshaw of Chantilly, Virginia, former captain, USMC (Vietnam), and one of the founders of the national "Honor Our Heroes" campaign, is featured guest speaker. Crenshaw received two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam. He was a friend of Cpl. Brubaker's pilot. Crenshaw is also a board member of the Civil War Trust.

Retired Col. Thomas V. Cantwell of Sabillasville, an Army Veteran of Afghanistan and Iraq, will serve as master of ceremonies. Cantwell's family was instrumental in maintaining the Brubaker property and its holdings in the interest of historic preservation.

The Gettysburg Chapter of the Marine Corps League will provide an Honor Guard to dedicate the flag pole and conduct a flag raising ceremony. Marines currently serving with Bravo Company 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance BTN, located at Ft. Detrick, are attending with an exhibit of arms and equipment.

The ceremony site is located on the property that was once Cpl. Brubaker's boyhood home. A plaque, originally on a stone monument erected by his parents after his combat death, will be rededicated to its new location on the front of the Monterey Pass Battlefield Park museum building, located at 14325 Buchanan Trail East, Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania.

Check the Community Calendar
Reference the Community Calendar on page 39 to find events of interest.



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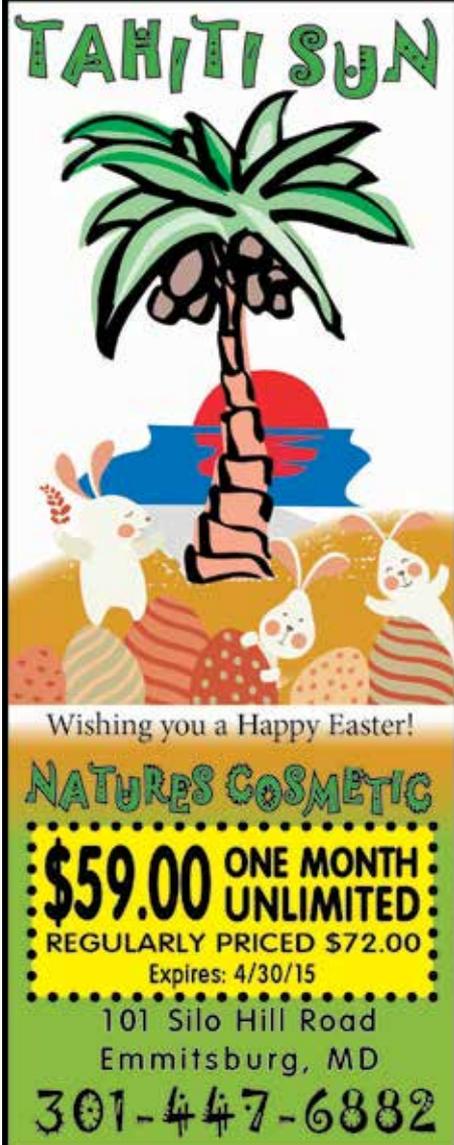
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Spring Fling

Buck Reed
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Ah...spring! There are many things to look forward to with the changing of the season, not the least of which is a farewell to all this cold weather and snow. Of course we will be experiencing more than a bit of rain in the coming days (we hope, anyway), but at least we will not have to shovel it. And the rain coupled with the warmer weather and sunshine will bring us that wonderful spring produce that makes its way into the markets this time of year only to disappear all too soon. The only lesson to be gleaned from this is to enjoy it while you can.

The first thing to look forward to is the green vegetables. Although spinach, broccoli rabe, and bok choy are, for the most part, available all year long, they are at their best this time of year. These vegetables are uplifting for the spirit—as well as the body—and can be a wonderful addition to your meal as a side dish, or can be easily incorporated into any dish. Salads and slaws are an obvious choice; think about adding them into a soup or stir-fry. Even better, sauté any of these vegetables and serve them with your eggs for a quick breakfast or brunch.

Rhubarb is another vegetable we see in abundance this time of year. I say vegetable, because botanically speaking, it is such, but like the tomato, it had its classification changed to a fruit by a New York court for taxation purposes. My grandmother told me when I was younger that you have to cook rhubarb before you eat it or it could kill you. Maybe the thought that it

might kill me made it more desirable to me, and so it became one of the vegetables I looked forward to every year. An easy use is in a pie—strawberry is probably your first choice, but apple works extremely well, also. You can also use it to make a chutney or relish to serve on grilled pork or chicken.

If onions had a monarchy, then ramps would be their king. This wild onion looks like a leek and has a unique garlic flavor. Once cleaned, ramps have to be boiled before they are used in a recipe. They can then be used anywhere onions are called for, but I like to make a compound butter with them. Wrapped tightly and stored in the freezer, you can enjoy them long after they are gone from the store.

And, finally, my favorite spring vegetable has to be baby artichokes. You have to really look out for these; maybe even talk to your produce manager regarding when they expect to see them in. I would love to give you a bunch of ideas for this vegetable, but the only way I eat them is roasted. Just trim them up, cut them in half, and place them in a pan just large enough to hold them. Cover about a third of the way with water and a squeeze of lemon or a splash of wine and roast in a hot oven until tender. Serve warm with aioli.

I know you may find it difficult to find some of these items, but they are well worth the effort of not only looking for them, but also talking to your produce manager about them.

If you need any more ideas or a recipe, please feel free to contact me at RguyintheKitchen@aol.com.

Tickling Our Tastebuds

by Denise Valentine



It seems that the sun has finally chased away the snow. I believe that spring may actually be here, not only by the calendar, but by the weather itself. With Easter just around the corner, I was trying to find a recipe that would make a great side dish to your meal. I think it is really nice to have a fruit of some kind with your Easter meal, and the following recipe should provide a delicious addition to your menu.

It is Spring Fruit Salad, and comes from one of my all-time favorite cookbooks, published by the Lewistown Mt. View 4-H Club. The recipe was submitted by Peggy Long. Peggy was the Club leader for over fifty years.

My husband and my daughters were fortunate to spend their 4-H careers with Peggy, and the many other wonderful volunteers. Whenever we would have a club picnic, you could count on Peggy to bring a scrumptious dish to share. Those pot-luck picnics are just the greatest. So much good food that you just start asking for the recipes! I hope you enjoy it, and Happy Easter.



Spring Fruit Salad

Ingredients

- 1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges, drained
- 1 cup of sour cream
- 1 cup flaked coconut, toasted
- 2 tbsp. chopped walnuts
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1 tbsp. brown sugar
- 1 can (8 oz.) pineapple tidbits, drained
- Fresh mint (optional)

Directions

In a bowl, combine the first five ingredients; mix well. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Just before serving, sprinkle with walnuts and brown sugar.

Garnish with mint if desired. Yield: 6-8 servings.



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On The Wild Side

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The Inevitability of Change

While everyone else is sleeping in on this beautiful early spring morning, I am standing outside listening to the ecstatic songs and calls of birds. I know I am the privileged one, the lucky one, for I get to hear those songs and to see the sun rise on this gorgeous day. I also witnessed the honking of a flock of geese, heading north mind you, not south, while feeling the warmth of the sun on my face.

“No snow in sight!” announced the reporter on my radio yesterday, and a thrill had gone right up my spine! Finally, the change I have been waiting for is beginning.

This has not been an easy winter for anyone. Last fall, I sensed it was going to be a hard one, and so I was dragged kicking and screaming into the cold weather months. Of course, I had no choice but to adjust, as I am entrenched here in the mountains (sort of like reporters who are entrenched in war zones). Flying to Bermuda was not an option, so there was nothing to do but accept the changes in the temperature and the radical moods of the weather patterns. If you got to go to Florida, all I can say is, “Lucky you!”. However, here is a contradiction that you may find peculiar: I wouldn’t want to live without all these amazing seasonal changes. Once a Maryland girl, always a Maryland girl, complaints and all!

The Ecclesiastic philosopher of the Old Testament lived around 900 B.C., a time when writing one’s

thoughts down was beginning to become all the rage. He did not use the word “change,” but that was what he was thinking. I have been thinking a lot about change, too, and its inevitability; and so I am writing about it now in 2015. The “Preacher” as we call this mystery man, was a good bit more grim about life in his book than I am (it is not really a great read). Perhaps if he knew what scientists have revealed to us in this day and age about the nature of life, his mind might have been more at ease. We now know that changes are occurring at every second of our lives, as well as the life of our planet, not to mention the universe. In fact, with no change, there would be no life, at least not as we know it. Without change, much like the changes of chords and keys in music, there would be no creativity and very little of interest or beauty.

Chord changes in music, though hard to learn for some people, come easily to me. However, some changes in life’s circumstances have come very hard. There have been times in my life when I could not sing a love song if you paid me. Loss of love relationships can nearly kill a person. I call this bad change. As well, the unexpected death or disappearance of a loved one can leave a hole in one’s heart that may not easily be recovered from, if ever. Ambiguous loss (such as not knowing if your son or brother who went off to war is dead or alive (popularly called

“missing in action”) can be a tragedy that may be impossible to transcend, and creates a wrenching change for loved ones. Even a divorce can create similar feelings of loss and change, that only time can heal. Unexpected calamities such as fires and floods, auto accidents, twisters, tsunamis, earthquakes, war, and illness also create difficult circumstances that inevitably require heroic adaptation and tons of faith.

A couple of years ago, a fire destroyed my little house and many precious items. This was a most unwelcome change, to say the least. A time of mourning ensued and my recovery has taken a while, as many of my plans were shattered, as well as my peace of mind. However, due to that setback, among others, I have become a more empathetic person. I see now that we are all bound together by a single thread, that thread being change, and there is no avoiding it. It takes perspective to attain wisdom, and after so many changes in my life, I must admit, I am still not wise. So who is? Your spouse? Your minister? A teacher? Your best friend? Count yourself lucky if you have at least one such person in your life; for no matter how hard the adjustment, there is usually at least one person who cares

enough to help see you through with their love and understanding.

If my death (the ultimate change) is inevitable, which it is, then I will again be dragged kicking and screaming ‘til then; none of that mellowing into end of life antiquity for me! As philosophical as I try to be about all the changes—good, bad, and difficult—my plan is to drink deeply from that Fountain of Youth, and, springtime is the best time of year to do just that. Nature is “the gentlest mother” said Emily Dickinson, and, I agree, since my problems tend to melt away as soon as I walk out the door into the wonderful wildness of the little mountain valley I call home. Today, the birds are going crazy trilling their tunes for mates. In time, babies will be hatching, warmer breezes will be blowing, Easter eggs will be hunted by our next generations, and resurrection feelings will come as naturally as the crocus and daffodils emerging from the once frozen soil. I can handle spring changes. They are great changes!

So, thank God winter is over! Let us now all join in singing a lusty chorus of “Alleluias” for the wonder, and inevitability, of change (and don’t forget the chord changes that create those heavenly harmonies)!

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—The Catoctin Banner staff

looking back – 1939

by James Rada, Jr.



Emmitsburg Gets Three Burgesses in Four Months

Emmitsburg once went through three burgesses in the span of four months in 1939.

It began when Burgess Michael J. Thompson died unexpectedly on May 31. He had gone out walking through Emmitsburg, including stopping at the Hotel Slagle, before heading home. He had only been home a few minutes when the heart attack struck and he died about 12:20 p.m.

“Mr. Thompson had been in ill health for the last two years, and the attack this morning was third he has suffered within the last year,” *The Frederick Post* reported.

He was only sixty-one years old. He had been born in Waterbury, Connecticut, in 1877. He loved playing sports, but, in 1893, while playing football for Suffield Academy against Taft School, he broke his right leg. He healed, but then broke it again the following spring while sliding into second base during a baseball game.

His playing days were over.

When he attended Holy Cross, he organized the school's first football team and coached it in 1896, while he was still only a freshman. The following year, he refereed his first game between Boston College and Brown.

He soon became a regular referee for college games.

“His most famous game was the Harvard-Carlisle Indians contest in 1903, when he allowed the ‘hidden-ball’ play. Jimmy Johnson, the Indian quarterback, in a close formation, slipped the ball under the jersey of Dillon, a husky tackle, who lumbered unmolested down the field and across the goal line,” *The Frederick Post* reported.

He came to Mount St. Mary's College in 1911, and served as a coach and referee for twenty-three years before retiring.

He was also a former publisher of the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*.

Two days before Thompson was buried, John B. Elder became the burgess, since he was the head of the town council. Like Thompson, he was also a publisher of the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*.

With Elder's move to burgess, Council Member Charles Harner became the head of the town council.

Harner and Elder were the only two members of the town's governing body at this time. Usually, there was a burgess and three members of the town council. However, the third seat on the council had gone unfilled in the last election. Thompson had been planning on

appointing a person to fill the seat, but he had died before it could be done.

One August 21, *The Gettysburg Times* reported that “Emmitsburg now has its third burgess since the May election as municipal affairs underwent a second unexpected change, occasioned by the sudden resignation last Friday of Guy S. Nunenbaker, retired engineer.”

Elder had unexpectedly resigned from his position as burgess at the beginning of the month. Luckily, Thornton Rogers had been appointed to town council before Elder's resignation, so Harney wasn't left as the sole member of town government.

Richard Zacharias became the new burgess and served out Thompson's unexpired term.

This wasn't the first or last time that Emmitsburg would have trouble finding people to serve in Emmitsburg's government. Many of its elections lacked contested races and, once, no one even filed to run for the office of burgess.

“A light vote is anticipated inasmuch as apathy of local citizens to run for office was prevalent during the past week when no one filed his intentions to run for the office of Burgess,” the *Emmitsburg Chronicle* reported in 1955 just before the election.

The newspaper speculated that most people probably thought that incumbent mayor Thornton Rodgers would run again, but he, too, chose not to seek re-election. When no one had filed for burgess in the election, Rodgers allowed himself to become a write-in candidate.

He was re-elected with 91 votes (out of 438 registered voters) of residents who wrote in his name.

James Edward Houck was elected burgess in 1961, but even then, people referred to the position as mayor. He won the election by only four votes over the incumbent Mayor Clarence Frailey.

Houck wrote in an article for the Greater Emmitsburg Area Historical Society about his time in office, “Being elected Burgess of Emmitsburg in the early 1960s was quite an eye-opening experience for me. The regular duties that you expect to do and the things you want to accomplish are only a small portion of the job.”

Additional charter changes in 1974 made official the change from a burgess to a mayor.

In 2006, the number of commissioners on the board was increased from four members to five. Changes were also made to keep the mayor from voting on issues since he also has veto power.

Emmitsburg Senior News

by Susan Allen

We'll begin April with a new theme for our walking group: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday we'll take a “Walk in the Park” at 9:00 a.m. It will be a great way to watch for signs of spring as they appear throughout the month. The two Friday trips planned will also get us outside to enjoy the warming weather. On Friday, April 10, we'll ride to the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore to talk with the animals, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$30.00 per person. The Cylburn Arboretum & Aquaponics Project is our destination on Friday, April 24, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$30.00 per person. Registration is required for both trips; check with Linda for the closing date.

Other special events for April include a shopping trip to FSK Mall on Monday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m. Bingo on April 15 arrives with an April Fools reference, as everyone should bring a crazy gag gift! Our nighttime 500 card parties resume this month on Wednesday, April 22. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and games begin at 7:00 p.m. Thursdays are filled with extra options for activities: Wii at 11:00 a.m.; billiards after lunch, in addition to the usual

strength training at 10:00 a.m.; and cards, games, and puzzles in the afternoon. Time for more cards, games, and puzzles on Fridays, too. So mark your calendars and plan to get out from under those wintertime blues and blahs, as you join the seniors for some April fun. And Happy Easter, everyone!

Regular Activities: Art Class (Mondays), 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Bowling (Mondays), 12:15 p.m.; Bingo (April 15); Bridge and 500 (April 8 and 22), 12:30 p.m.; Strength Training (Tuesdays and Thursdays), 10:00 a.m.; Pinochle (Thursdays), 12:30 p.m.; Canasta (Fridays), 12:30 p.m.; Cards and Games (April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30), 12:30 p.m. You can join us for any or all of these activities at any time.

The senior citizens encourage everyone fifty years of age and older to join their activities at the Emmitsburg Community Center. Persons sixty and over are eligible for the hot lunch program.

For information on the lunch program and all other activities or for any questions, please contact the coordinator, Linda Umbel, at 301-600-6350, or send an email to Lumbel@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

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senior moments

by Pam Robbins

Happy spring, Thurmont Senior Center! We are ready for warm temperatures, spring flowers, and the Easter Bunny!

We had a lot of fun events that took place in March at the Center. Jason and Melissa from Anytime Fitness gave us a presentation regarding the importance of exercise for folks of all ages. They offer a 20 percent discount to Seniors. They also offer a Zumba Gold class for senior citizens. It's a low-impact version of Zumba, designed specifically for us! Who doesn't love moving to music. We've asked if they would consider coming to the Center once or twice a month and provide the Zumba Gold class to us, and they said sure; we'll keep you posted when the first session is offered. I can't wait!

We had a St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17 at our Pot Luck. Folks enjoyed wearing their green. Folks brought lots of delicious dishes and desserts for sharing. Mountain Gate provided corned beef with cabbage and potatoes.

The Thurmont Historical Society hosted a Genealogy event on Tuesday, March 24. In case you missed it, we've started having our 50/50 Bingo the first and third Wednesdays of the month. We've had great participation. We love playing bingo! I don't know about you, but I love it when I can say that five letter word "BINGO." Come join us and bring your friends. The cost is \$5.00 for a three-card sheet or \$10.00 for a six-card sheet, which includes twenty regular games. Winnings are based on how many participants we have for the day. We have a winner take all for our last game, which costs \$1.00 per three-card sheet. Our bingo is open to the public and fun for all ages. We provide free coffee, iced tea and snacks. We have soda and bottled water for sale. Be sure to put it on your calendars! 50/50 Bingo 1st and 3rd Wednesday's starting at 1:00 p.m. Great way to spend an afternoon!

Now for our upcoming events in April. On Wednesday, April 1st at 11:00, Senior Benefits located in Thurmont, will be speaking to us regarding Medicare. County Executive, Jan Gardner will be visiting the Senior Center at 2:00, Wednesday, April 2nd. Hope you can stop by and meet with Jan. We will be having a dance on Saturday April 4th, 5:00 – 8:00 pm. JR Country Band will be entertaining and providing us with some great dancing music! The cost is \$10.00 a person or \$15.00 a couple. Food and drink will be available for purchase. Come on down and have

a boot scootin' good time! Speaking of dancing, we have a lot of interest for line dancing. If you or someone you know is interested in teaching us a few steps, please contact the Center. Dancing is great exercise!

On April 9, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., we will be having a Beading Class! I'm very excited to learn how to make a pair of earrings or maybe even a bracelet! Learning a new craft is always very exciting to me. There are so many benefits of having a hobby. Hobbies offer an opportunity to take a break, but a break with a purpose. If you're like me, you might like to feel productive while you're engaging in an activity and a hobby gives you that. You are doing something while still having fun. Hobbies are great ways to take a break from your busy life while still having a sense of purpose. When you're doing something you love, something you don't have to do for any other reason other than the fact that you love it, you feel a rush of excitement and joy. Hobbies break up routines and challenge you in new positive ways. The great thing about picking up a new hobby is that it provides an excellent outlet for challenging yourself without the negative stress that comes from a work-related challenge. The new challenge can also open your mind to new ways of seeing the world. Hobbies unite you with others. Even if you engage in a solo activity, like illustrating, you're exposing yourself to a new world of people, people who find the same thing enjoyable that you do. Hobbies provide an outlet for stress. Adding another activity to your to-do list might seem like a way to create more stress, but I've found that engaging in a new hobby actually provides a great outlet for releasing stress. And when you really get in the flow, all of your worries and stresses seem to fade away. If you have a specific hobby that you would like to share with us, please contact the Center. We would love to have you here teaching us something new!

On Wednesday, April 22, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., David Wingate, a lawyer who specializes in elder care will be speaking on miscellaneous information for seniors and necessary legal documents.

On Tuesday, April 28, at 10:30 a.m., Nurse Steve, from the Department of Aging, will be doing vitals until noon. At 12:30 p.m., he will be providing a talk on "What drives an autoimmune disease."

On Wednesday, April 29, at noon, we will be having a General Meeting

Photos by Irene Matthews



(left)
Bingo is held the first and third Wednesday of each month, starting at 1:00 p.m.

(below)
Gerri Bowers (left) and Dottie Bradshaw celebrated their March birthdays at Thurmont Senior Center.



and Pot Luck lunch. There will be a sign up sheet at the Center. The Center will be providing fried chicken. You can stop by the Center, call or email us to let us know if you will be attending, if you will be bringing a dish to share or pay a \$5.00 fee to help offset the purchase of food for the Pot Luck.

We are still working on our Facebook page and website for the Senior Center. Creating a website is a new skill for us to learn. We're very excited to get our website up and going. This will give us the ability to share a calendar of events, monthly lunch menus and announcements to our community.

We are always looking for grants to assist us with our lunch program as well as other expenses such as transportation for the center. If you know of any grants or can assist with the processes, please contact us. We are always looking for volunteers who have expertise with these types of processes.

Just a reminder, a hot daily lunch is served at the Center. The food is prepared by Mountain Gate Restaurant here in Thurmont. We will be trying something new by serving pizza twice a month. Watch for it on the monthly menu. We have wonderful volunteers who pick up the lunch, deliver to homebound folks and serve the lunches at the Center. The cost of the lunch is \$5.00. We ask that you contact the Center the day before, so we have a count of how many lunches to order.

If there are any activities or services you'd like to see come to the Thurmont Senior Center, please provide us with your suggestions. We're always looking for new ideas and suggestions. This is your Senior Center and we want to meet your needs as much as possible. We need your help either by volunteering, participation at our fundraisers or financial donations to make this the best Senior Center for the community. We are operating as an independent non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization so our funds are limited. The Senior Center is available for ages 55 and above. We want to express our

sincere thanks to those who are already supporting our programs.

For a current listing of events and monthly lunch menu, you can stop by the Senior Center and pick up our calendar or send a request via email to thurmontseniorcenter@zoho.com. Our events are now listed on the Community Calendar in *The Catoctin Banner*. The Center's phone number is 301-271-7911.



Calendar of Events

Check the **Community Calendar** on page 39 to view events of interest, including bingos, breakfasts, dinners, programs, benefits, and much more.

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by Linda Frydl, Library Associate, Thurmont Regional Library/Emmitsburg Branch Library, lfrydl@frederickcountymd.gov, 301-600-7212

STEM Curiosity Academy: Children entering Kindergarten in fall 2015 are invited to apply for the library's very own STEM Curiosity Academy. These 10-day programs, designed by Professor Marisel Torres-Crespo, director of the Onica Prall Development Laboratory School at Hood College, will engage children in science-themed activities, such as racing balloon rockets, learning about circuits, building structures, making flubber, and much more. Applications will be accepted until each session is full, or until five days before the academy is set to begin. Applying does not guarantee acceptance to participate in the program. Children must be able to attend all 10 sessions, and be entering Kindergarten in fall 2015, to participate. Apply online through the FCPL.org website, or this direct link: <http://bit.ly/18henb7>. The Academy will be held at the Thurmont Regional Library on April 20-24 and April 27-May 1, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Frederick History with American Girl Dolls (ages 6-11): Bring your favorite doll and discover the role women played in history. Monday, April 6, 11:00-11:30 a.m. Register online at www.fcpl.org or call 301-600-7212.

STEM Extravaganza (for elementary school ages with an adult): Your kids are going to LOVE this fun and educational event. It's Science/Tech/Engineering/Math in the Round with the team from Walkersville High's Science Honor Society. Saturday, April 11, 1:00-2:00pm. Register online at fcpl.org, or call 301-600-7212.

Spring Bingo: Fun for the entire family. Thursday, April 16, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Little House Adventures (ages 3-5): An afternoon adventure with Laura and Almanzo from *The Little House* books. Friday, April 17, 11:00-11:30 a.m. Register online at www.fcpl.org or call 301-600-7212.

Sunshine and Raindrops Saturday Storytime (ages 2-5 with adult): Storytime program to celebrate all things spring. Hear stories, sing songs, and share in the fun. April 18, 11:00 a.m. Register online at www.fcpl.org or call 301-600-7212.

Symphony Storytime: This sensory-enriched story experience is designed to introduce children to classical music through picture books. Storytelling is brought to life through Frederick Symphony Orchestra member performances. This

Symphony Storytime will embrace Frederick Reads' 2015 theme of Wonder: Escape the Ordinary and will feature picture books that fuel a child's capacity to dream and wonder. The program is free and for all ages, but is geared toward children, ages 2-6. Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m.

Teens and Tweens Create Poetry Collage (ages 12-18): April is National Poetry Month. Create a collage of your original or favorite poems using discarded magazines. We will decoupage and frame them so you can decorate your room. Thursday, April 16, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Register online at www.fcpl.org or call 301-600-7212.

Crafting with Friends – Adult Crafting Series: Join friends and neighbors on Thursday evenings in April at the Thurmont Regional Library to work on crafts you enjoy with other crafty people. Free through the Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library. 6:00-7:30 p.m. No need to sign up, just drop in and bring your own project and supplies. Work on your projects, share and trade ideas and supplies with other crafters, and plan for future crafting events. Schedule through April: Fiber Arts (Knit, Crochet, Needle Felt)—April 2; Scrapbooking, Card making and Stamping—April 9; Jewelry and Bead Making—April 16; Quilting—April 23.

Community Toy Swap (Rescheduled from February): Doing some spring cleaning? Drop in during our community toy swap and freshen up your toys without spending a dime. Bring a new or gently used toy and swap it for another. Any leftover toy donations will be donated to Goodwill. Advance drop-offs are being accepted now! Guidelines: Children must be accompanied by an adult. Games and puzzles must include all pieces. Anything cloth (i.e. stuffed animals, etc) must be laundered before bringing in. Sunday, April 19, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

In Other News: The Thurmont Branch recently replaced the existing Lock-A-Shelf system used to check out DVDs with the Bibliotheca SmartDispenser. The Bibliotheca kiosks will allow you to easily browse DVDs on the shelf and to check out using only your library card number. (No PIN required.) We hope this new system will streamline the DVD check out process and make finding, browsing, and checking out DVDs easier and faster for patrons.

classifieds

Wanted

WANTED: Full- or Part-time life guard at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg. Must be 16 or older. We pay for classes. Start time around May 1st. Call Jim 443-974-3454.

WANTED: Any unwanted lawn mowers, tillers, snow blowers or yard items. Will pick up FREE! Call 301-271-4266.

WANTED: Antiques & Collectibles like crocks, jugs, postcards, photographs, advertising items, old signs, toys, trains (pre-1965), vintage jewelry (sterling & gold), antique furniture, guns, pottery, old holiday decorations, political items, hunting/fishing items, artwork, old dolls, etc. Will buy one item, collection, or entire estate. 301-514-2631.

DONATE YOUR CAR: All proceeds benefit the Catoctin Pregnancy Center. 301-447-3391.

For Sale

Sat. Apr. 25 at 10 a.m.—seasoned lumber, misc. items and tools, 158 N. Carroll St., Thurmont. Call 301-418-1760.

Bernina 730 Sewing Machine that embroiders, quilts, and has lots of extras and cabinet. \$3,000. Call 301-271-7960.

Selling a used PING i15 Left handed 5 wood, 18.5 degrees, TFC 700 stiff shaft, with a fairly new grip just added along with a head cover. Very good condition! \$70/OBO 301-788-5944 or 301-788-6417.

Used Saddles for sale. Western Style – 14 to sell! Call Jim 443-974-3454.

Notices

How Would You Like To FEEL 25 Years YOUNGER and LIVE 25 Years LONGER? Go to www.Shaklee.net/JCE now! Read how VIVIX Cellular Anti-Aging Tonic is a REVOLUTIONARY BREAKTHROUGH in the fight against cellular aging. All natural. Order yours TODAY! Contact Jeanne at 301-305-1466.

Services

FREE PICK UP: Appliances working or not working. Also, old mowers, tillers, etc. Anything metal. 240-674-7788.

Critter Care by Greta. Full Service care for all domestic and farm animals. Call for a quote. Prices based on individual needs. Call Greta at 240-367-0035.

Day Care – Thurmont area now has two openings for ages 2 and up. Call Joann 301-271-2180.

New licensed daycare provider in Emmitsburg. Currently filling openings for full/part time and before/after school care. Please call Stephanie at 240-409-0097 for more information. License #200043.

Vocal Coaching: performing vocalist now offers vocal coaching in Thurmont area. Experienced in all musical styles. All ages welcomed. Call Patty at 301-271-0860 or email: greatunitymusic@gmail.com.

Bookkeeping / QuickBooks services provided. Very reasonable rates; excellent references. If interested, please call 301-676-0657.

Rick Hurley & Son Small Engine Repair Service. Call 301-271-2117 or 240-285-2494 (leave message).

PIANO LESSONS: Experienced professional musician and certified public school teacher. All ages; Adults welcome. Located in Thurmont. Call or text Beth at 240-529-8108 or email bethkeys88@gmail.com.

Guitar, Bass, Banjo Lessons. All Levels, All Ages, All Styles. Over 20 Years of experience with degree in Guitar Performance. Convenient location near Thurmont. Call or Text 301-514-0115.

BUSINESS FOR SALE: Shipping/Packaging Business; Business and all the equipment. In operation since 2012. \$5,000. Located in Thurmont. Call 301-271-2403.

For Rent

OCEAN CITY, MD RENTALS: 32nd Street Bayside efficiency, sleeps 4, no pets, 2 blocks to beach, 3-night minimum. \$125 per night, tax included. 301-447-2923.

MOON BOUNCE FOR RENT: \$100.00 per day. 240-674-3856.

Help Wanted

PART-TIME KITCHEN HELP: Grill cook with experience. Apply within. Palms Restaurant, 20 W. Main street, Emmitsburg.

Farm Workers: Planting, cultivating & harvesting crop, 39 hrs./wk. 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$11.29/hr. Overtime +1/2 after 60 hrs. 7 temp jobs. March to mid-Dec. Landmark Landscaping guarantees to offer worker work for at least three-quarters of the workdays of the contract period. Transportation & Subsistence expenses to worksite provided upon completion of 50% Work Contract. Housing provided for those living a long distance from permanent residence. Tools provided at no cost. Three month exp. required on a fruit or veg. farm. Call farm 301-898-5255 between 9 a.m.-noon for appt. or apply for job at local State Workforce Agency using job listing #367152, telephone #301-600-2255.

Yard Sale

Clothing Rummage Sale, Victory Tabernacle Church, Benefit Youth Sunday School. April 25, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Corner of Rt.# 806 and Kelly Store Road, Thurmont. 240-288-8007 or 240-409-3767.

Personal

Gentleman 5'9", 165 lbs., interested in meeting a single lady, 60s to mid 70s, for companionship, dinner, fun things, and some travel! We can go meet for coffee. 301-898-7818 (Carroll). Give me a call!

Answer to Movie Trivia

Quote derives from the 1942 romantic drama, *Casablanca*. The film was directed by Michael Curtiz, and based on Murray Burnett and Joan Alison's unproduced stage play *Everybody Comes to Rick's*. The film starred Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman.

march

- 28..... Family-style Turkey and Oyster Dinner, Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. 1-6 p.m. \$18/adults; \$9/ages 6-10. Carryout \$19.
- 28..... Community Egg Hunt (for ages 0-12), Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church Community Center, 14814 Foxville Deerfield Rd., Sabillasville, MD. 11 a.m.
- 28..... Mother Seton Bingo, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. Doors open 5:30 p.m. \$20/in advance; \$25/at door. Prizes from Vera Bradley, Coach & Thirty-One.
- 28..... Cruise in Memory of Jacob Loudon. Meet at Catoctin High School parking lot, Thurmont. 11 a.m.; depart noon. 717-398-6276.
- 29..... Spring Bazaar, Woodsboro American Legion, 101 W. Elizabeth St., Woodsboro, MD. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Benefits Woodsboro American Legion 282 Auxiliary Community Service Program. 301-473-0723.
- 29..... *Meshuggah-Nuns: The Ecumenical Nonsense*, presented by Thurmont Thespians, Thurmont American Legion, 8 Park Ln., Thurmont. 2 p.m. \$15/person. 301-271-7613.
- 29..... Holy Week Service (March 29-April 1), Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. 7 p.m.
- 29..... Easter Egg Hunt, Gateway Candyland, Rt. 15 & N. Franklinville Rd., Thurmont. Ages 10 & under. 1 p.m. Weather permitting.
- 29..... "Journey to the Cross" Passion Play, Deerfield UM Church, 16405 Foxville Deerfield Rd., Sabillasville, MD. 7:30 p.m.

april

- 1..... Holy Week Service with Bells of Grace Handbell Choir, Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. Guest flutist, Denise Slusser. 7 p.m. All are welcome.
- 1..... Senior Benefits Discuss Medicare, Thurmont Senior Center, 806 East Main St., Thurmont. 11 a.m.
- 1..... 50/50 Bingo, Thurmont Senior Center, 806 East Main St., Thurmont. 1 p.m. Open to the public and is for all ages.
- 2..... Thurmont Business Expo, Catoctin H.S., Sabillasville Rd., Thurmont. 6-8:30 p.m.
- 2..... Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. 7 p.m. All are welcome.
- 2..... Crafting with Friends: Adult Crafting Series, Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. Fiber Arts (knit, crochet, needle felt). 6-7:30 p.m. Bring own project & supplies.
- 2..... Meet & Visit with County Executive Jan Gardner, Thurmont Senior Center, 806 East Main St., Thurmont. 2 p.m.
- 2..... Mother Seton School Easter Prayer Service, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 11 a.m. Prayer & reflection on Holy Thursday before Easter holiday. 301-447-3161; www.mothersetonschool.org.
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- 2..... Holy Week Service with Holy Communion and Bells of Grace Handbell Choir, Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. 7 p.m. All are welcome. 301-271-2379.
- 2..... Holy Thursday, Weller UMC, 101 N. Altamont Ave., Thurmont. 7 p.m. 301-271-2802.
- 2,3... Vigilant Hose Co. Seafood Bonanza, Fire Hall, 25 E Main St., Emmitsburg. 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Bake sale. 301-447-2728.
- 3..... Good Friday Service, Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd.,

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- Thurmont. 7 p.m. All are welcome. 301-271-2379.
- 3..... Good Friday Tennebrae Service with Hosanna Voice Choir, Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. 7 p.m. All are welcome.
- 3..... Good Friday, Lewistown UMC, 11032 Hessong Bridge Rd., Lewistown, MD. Open for prayer 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 301-898-7888.
- 3..... "Journey to the Cross" Passion Play, Deerfield UM Church, 16405 Foxville Deerfield Rd., Sabillasville, MD. 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- 4..... Country Dance, Thurmont Senior Center, 806 East Main St., Thurmont. 5-8 p.m. Music by JR Country Band. \$10/person; \$15/couple. 301-271-7911.
- 4..... Indoor Yard Sale, Lewistown Fire Hall, 11101 Hessong Bridge Rd., Thurmont. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Rent table \$10/each. Food available. 240-674-4688.
- 4..... First Annual Easter Classic 4-on-4 Men's Basketball Tournament, CHS gymnasium, Thurmont. 8 a.m. \$35/person. All welcome. Tom Mills 240-236-8149 or Thomas.mills@fcps.org. www.97dpatterson.wix.com/easter-classic.
- 4..... WCFS Senior Class of 2015 Spring Car Wash Fundraiser, Walkersville Christian Family Schools parking lot, 16827 Sabillasville Rd., Sabillasville, MD. 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Compact cars: \$5; SUVs: \$7; Trucks: \$10.
- 4..... Easter Egg Hunt, Weller UMC, 101 N. Altamont Ave., Thurmont. 11 a.m. 301-271-2802.
- 5..... Easter Sunrise Service, 6:15 a.m.; Traditional Moravian Lovefeast Service, 7 a.m.; Easter Celebration Worship with nursery, a special message for children, and Little Church, 10:30 a.m. Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. All welcome.
- 5..... Easter Sunday, Weller UMC, 101 N. Altamont Ave., Thurmont. Sunrise service 6:30 a.m.; traditional 8:30 a.m.; contemporary 11 a.m. 301-271-2802.
- 5..... Trinity United Church of Christ, 101 E. Main St., Thurmont. New Trinity UCC Hand Bell. 11 a.m. Special music for month of April Sunday service. 201-271-2305.
- 5..... Sunrise Service & Breakfast, Lewistown UMC, 11032 Hessong Bridge Rd., Lewistown, MD. 6 a.m. Release of doves following service. 301-898-7888.
- 6..... "Served with Grace" Free Community Meal (first Monday each month), Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. 5:30-7 p.m. All welcome.
- 6..... Frederick History w/American Girl Dolls (ages 6-11), Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. Bring your doll. 11-11:30 a.m. Register: fcpl.org or 301-600-7212.
- 8..... Rockin' It Country Style, Benefit Dance for Stacey Combs, Eyley's Stables, 141 Emmitsburg Rd., Thurmont. 6-11 p.m. \$30/person (dinner & beer/wine included). Tickets: Jeff 240-529-2257; Tammy 240-674-3869.
- 9..... Bead Class for Seniors, Thurmont Senior Center, 806 East Main St., Thurmont. 1-3 p.m. Free.
- 9..... Crafting with Friends: Adult Crafting Series: Scrapbooking, Card Making & Stamping, Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. 6-7:30 p.m. Bring own project & supplies.
- 10.... CANA (Christian Adults Nurturing Another) sponsoring Spring Celebration w/dinner & activities (open to all single adults, age 30 and above), Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. 6:30 p.m. 301-271-2379.
- 11.... Oyster, Turkey and Country Ham Dinner (served buffet style), Faith United Church of Christ, 9333 Opposumtown Pike, Frederick, MD. Noon-5:30 p.m. \$17/adults; \$8/ages 6-12; Free/ages under 6. \$18/Carryout. 301-271-7573.
- 11.... WorkCamp Bingo, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. \$30/in advance; \$35/at door. Includes All-Inclusive 9 Pack & free spaghetti dinner (5-6:30 p.m. only). John Dowling 301-271-4439; Patty Goff 301-271-4555; SAS/OLMC Parish Office 301-447-2367. Benefits Saint Anthony Shrine, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and St. Joseph Parishes youth to attend WorkCamp.
- 11.... Open House, Acacia Lodge No. 155, 12 East Main St., Thurmont. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 11.... Turkey and Oyster Supper, Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, 10926 Simmons Rd., Emmitsburg. 12-6 p.m. \$18/adults; \$9/ages 5-10; Free/ages under 5. \$19/Carryout. Bake and craft table. Dottie 301-447-2403; church office 301-447-3171.
- 11.... Open House, Masons Tyrian Lodge, 303 E. Main St., Emmitsburg. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All welcome. Ernest Gelwicks 301-447-2923.
- 11.... Fort Ritchie Comm. Center Bass Fishing Series, Cascade, MD. \$15/youth; \$35/adult. 301-241-5085.
- 12.... Cash Bingo, Governor Thomas Johnson High School Safe & Sane, Lewistown Fire Hall, 11101 Hessong Bridge Rd., Frederick, MD. Doors open 12:30 p.m.; bingo starts 2 p.m. \$25/in advance; \$30/at door. 301-788-2427.
- 14.... Mother Seton School Take-a-Tour Tuesday, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. & 4:30-6:30 p.m. Denise Vaught 301-447-3161; dvaught@mothersetonschool.org.
- 15.... 50/50 Bingo, Thurmont Senior Center, 806 East Main St., Thurmont. 1 p.m. Open to public. For all ages.
- 16.... Spring Bingo, Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. Bring entire family. 6:30-7:15 p.m.
- 16.... Crafting with Friends: Adult Crafting Series: Jewelry and Bead Making, Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. 6-7:30 p.m. Bring own project & supplies.
- 16.... Teens and Tweens Create Poetry Collage (ages 12-18), Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. 5-6 p.m. Register: fcpl.org or 301-600-7212.
- 16-18...Catoctin High School Presents *Oklahoma!*, Catoctin High School, Thurmont. 7 p.m. (Matinee: Apr. 18 at 2 p.m.) \$8/students; \$10/adults. Tickets: karen.stitely@fcps.org or at door.
- 17.... "Catoctin Voices" Evening of Poetry, Third Friday's at Holy Grounds Café, Emmitsburg. 7 p.m. Open mike and guest poet each month.
- 17.... Little House Adventures (ages 3-5), Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. Laura and Almanzo from *The Little House* books. 11-11:30 a.m. Register: fcpl.org or 301-600-7212.
- 18.... Vietnam Marine Veteran Memorial Rededication Ceremony, Monterey Pass Battlefield Park Civil War Museum, Blue Ridge Summit, PA. Noon.
- 18.... Sunshine and Raindrops Storytime (ages 2-5 w/adult), Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. 11 a.m. Register: fcpl.org or 301-600-7212.
- 18.... Turn in Unused or Expired Medication for Safe Disposal, Harry Grove Stadium, Frederick, MD. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 19.... Community Toy Swap (rescheduled from February), Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. Bring new or gently used toy/swap for another. 1-4 p.m. 301-600-7212.
- 19.... Southern Gospel Concert "Day Star," Deerfield UM Church, 16405 Foxville Deerfield Rd., Sabillasville, MD. 10:15 a.m. Everyone welcome. 301-241-3158.

- 19.... Quartermania, Woodsboro Fire Co. Complex, 10307 Coppermine Rd., Woodsboro, MD. \$5/in advance; \$8/at door. Benefits Woodsboro Ladies Aux. Mary Murphy 301-401-2824; Ruth Martin 301-845-8406.
- 20.... STEM Curiosity Academy, Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. 10-week program. Children entering kindergarten in fall 2015. Register: fcpl.org. 1-3 p.m.
- 20.... Red Cross Blood Drive, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 103 N. Church St., Thurmont. 2-7:30 p.m. Terry 301-271-7872 to schedule app. Walk-ins welcome.
- 21.... Mother Seton School Young Authors Night, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 7-8 p.m. Literary works by MSS students. 301-447-3161; www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 21.... Symphony Storytime, Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. Free & for all ages. 6:30 p.m. 301-600-7212.
- 22.... Talk by David Wingate (lawyer specializing in elder care), Thurmont Senior Center, 806 East Main St., Thurmont. 1-3 p.m.
- 23.... Crafting with Friends: Adult Crafting Series: Quilting, Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. 6-7:30 p.m. Bring own project & supplies.
- 25.... Annual Ladies Day, Catoctin Church of Christ, 140 N. Carroll St., Thurmont. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 301-271-2069.
- 25.... Community Residential Shred Event, Thurmont Police Department, 800 E. Main St., Thurmont. 8 a.m.-noon. Sponsored by Thurmont Police Dept. & Thurmont Police Commission. Benefits Thurmont Food Bank. Free when you bring non-perishable food item with each box (5 box limit). Not limited to only Thurmont residents. All welcome.
- 25.... Cash Bingo, Faith United Church of Christ, Lewistown Fire Hall, 11101 Hessong Bridge Rd., Frederick, MD. Doors open 4:30 p.m.; bingo starts 6 p.m. \$20/in advance; \$25/at door. 301-271-7573; 301-788-2427.
- 25.... Craig's Mower & Marine Service Open House, 14736 Mud College Rd., Thurmont. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 25.... Thurmont Lions Club Sandwich Sale, north of Thurmont on west side of Rt. 15. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (or until sold out).
- 25.... Turkey Potpie Dinner, Woodsboro Lutheran Church, 101 S. Main St., Woodsboro, MD. Noon-5 p.m. \$12/adults; \$6/ages 6-10. \$13/Carryout. Quarts \$6. Country ham sandwiches \$4. Potpie quarts & sandwiches: 301-217-3309 by April 22.
- 25.... Spaghetti Dinner, St. John UCC Parish Hall, 16923 Sabillasville Rd., Sabillasville, MD. 4-7 p.m. \$10/adults; \$5/ages 5-12; Free/ages 5 & under.
- 26.... Easter Cantata, Weller UMC, 101 N. Altamont Ave., Thurmont. 10 a.m. 301-271-2802.
- 26.... Cash Bingo, Lewistown Fire Hall, 11101 Hessong Bridge Rd., Frederick, MD. Doors open 12:30 p.m.; games 2 p.m. \$25/in advance; \$30/at door. Sponsored by TMS PTA. Missy 301-730-8482.
- 27.... Antique Road Show, Thurmont Grange. 7 p.m. Information: 301-471-5158.
- 27.... Mackenzie's Light Bereavement & Drug Awareness Support Group, Thurmont Regional Library, 76 E. Moser Rd., Thurmont. 6:30 p.m. 301-524-8064 or Facebook.
- 28.... Vitals Taken & Talk by Nurse Steve, Thurmont Senior Center, 806 East Main St., Thurmont. 10:30 a.m.
- 29.... Pot Luck Lunch and General Meeting, Thurmont Senior Center, 806 East Main St., Thurmont. Noon. Sign up at Center.

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406 Heritage Drive
Gettysburg, PA-\$260,000

Fabulous Lake Front lot in Lake Heritage! Concrete sea wall, patio, 16 x 16 & 4x16 Dock! Boat lift and 20' boat convey! Lovely views and located in the no wake area of the lake! This gated community offers tons of amenities including parks, pool, tennis courts and club house!



6 Tammy Ct.
Thurmont, MD - \$289,900

This Bennett Estates rancher offers hardwoods throughout main level, 3 beds, 2 baths, spacious master suite, lovely kitchen & dining with door to deck & office/den. The expansive finished lower level w/ family room, office & exercise room offers another 900+ sq ft of living space. Beautifully landscaped yard, fenced rear yard, deck and patio! Possible 4th bedroom in lower level!



6347 Debold Rd.
Sabillasville, MD- \$419,900

This amazing home has 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths w/ gorgeous Cherry hardwood floors on main level, a stone fireplace & cathedral ceiling in living room! Incredible views from wrap around front porch!!



Wigville Road
Thurmont - \$369,900

4 bedroom, 3-1/2 bath two story with attached 3 car garage and separate 2 car garage, Kitchen update and stainless appliances installed 2011 Heat pumps/AC installed 2006, Whole house generator installed 2013(propane) Many improvements on over 6 acres. FR 8457727



6629 Eylers Valley Flint Rd.
Sabillasville-\$389,900

Gorgeous woodland setting on 14.5 acres w/ 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath split level which offers 2700 sq ft of living space! Spacious rooms, hardwood floors, ceramic tile, laundry & mud room at kitchen level. Newer carpet in bedrooms, new HVAC system 2012, security system & wired for generator! Lovely screened porch that looks out to garden area, tractor shed, garden shed and work shop w/heat & electric! Surrounded by 241 acres of forest! Beautiful setting and just minutes to town! A must see!



Myers Road
Rocky Ridge, MD-\$140,000

Two bedroom mobile home on almost 5 acres. Detached 3 plus car garage with water and electric. Property is partially fenced. Mobile home was renovated a couple of years ago. Nice property.



501 East Main Street
Thurmont, MD - \$289,900

Lovely, spacious colonial w/ 3 bedrooms! Hard wood floors under carpet, updated windows, front porch, detached office/studio w/ heat and electric, walk up attic! Detached two car garage! A must see!



7118 B Blue Mountain Rd.
Thurmont, MD - \$157,500

Lovingly cared for home on 1.8 acres! This 3 bedroom, 1 bath rancher offers updated roof, windows, water heater, water proofing in basement & hardwood floors throughout! Adorable kitchen with sparkling appliances, sunny dining room and living room, plenty of room to expand in lower level!



107 Rock Creek Way
Thurmont, MD - \$259,900

Located in Bennett Estates this rancher offers easy main level living! 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths (one in lower level), spacious living room & neutrally decorated! 1 Car Garage, expansive lower level w/ walk out, great yard with shed & deck for entertaining w/ gorgeous views!!



15429 Kelbaugh Rd.
Thurmont, MD- \$89,900

2 bedrooms, 1 full bath (on main level), spacious living room and sunny galley kitchen. Central A/C, updated water heater, large deck with gorgeous view of farmland, 2 sheds, garden plot, gorgeous shade trees and old lilacs. Third Party Approval Required. As-is.



15210 Sabillasville Rd.
Thurmont-\$429,900

Unique, secluded property! 28+ beautiful wooded acres, main house w/ 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths, . Tenant house has open floor plan with large master suite on main level!



Cascade, MD - \$249,900

4 Bedroom, 2 1/2 bath commercial property. # bedroom 2 bath apartment on 2nd floor with lots of improvements, 1 bedroom 1/2 bath apartment on first floor. Perfect for small business and live upstairs.



6400 Weatherby Ct. Unit A
Frederick, MD-\$153,000

Well maintained first floor condo in Stuart Mechanic! No City Taxes!! 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, spacious living room with sunny kitchen with updated appliances and dining room that walks out to patio. New Heat Pump in 2011!



17037 Sabillasville Rd.
Sabillasville, MD

2 bedroom, 1 bath 2 story, Detached 2 car garage. Enjoy the nature setting with apple trees, black berries that backs to woods. Heat pump 2 yrs old, Water heater installed in 2012, well pump and pressure tank installed in 2013. On almost one acre.



221 W. North St.
Waynesboro, PA-\$78,900

Quaint over/under 1/2 duplex. Two units, one 2 bedroom w/ 1 bath and one 1 bedroom with 1 bath. Walk up attic could be finished into 3rd bedroom for upper unit. Newer windows! Fenced yard and Off street parking included!



Old Frederick Rd./Loy Station
Rocky Ridge- \$49,900

Affordable 1.73 acre lot with endless possibilities! 4 bedroom conventional perc! Seller will drill well at this price prior to closing.. Winter views of the Loys Station Covered Bridge and short walk to Loys Station Park. Easy commute to Rt. 15. Come build your dream home! Take advantage of this affordable price, this won't last!

Beautiful Lots!



3 Gorgeous Building Lots
Wigville Rd., Thurmont, MD

3 gorgeous building lots.

• (\$199,900 - 13.35 Acres, 6 BR, perc, well)

• (\$149,900 - 5 Acres, 5 BR, perc, well)

• (\$159,900 - 5.57 Acres, 6 BR, perc, 2 wells)



16432 Sabillasville Rd.
Sabillasville - \$539,900

This spectacular 5 bedroom, 4 full bath colonial has so much to offer! 2 master suites (one on main)! Upper level master has a luxury bath and enormous walk in closet! Great deck & fenced yard!