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Little Leaguers Shine on Opening Day

Thurmont & Emmitsburg

James Rada, Jr.

“Let’s play ball!”

The cry rang out on baseball fields across northern Frederick County on Saturday, April 18, 2015, as the Thurmont and Emmitsburg areas celebrated opening day and held their first games of the season.

Crowds flocked to the fields to cheer on the youngsters who were playing baseball for the first time.

Brooklyn Kehne, age seven, made her Little League debut playing on the Emmitsburg Angels. She has an older brother who played baseball, also, but opening day was her time to show what she could do. “I’m really excited to play,” she said.

Photo by Grace Eyler



Dr. Richard Love (shown left), Greg Eyler (far right), and his grandson, Gage Eyler, are pictured after the opening pitch was thrown by Dr. Love.

“I like playing.”

Down in Thurmont, Ja-Khia Smith, age eight, waited anxiously in line for the team to march onto the field, amid the applause of hundreds of spectators. “It’s fun,” she said. “I get to hit the ball a lot,

and my coach helps me if I need it.”

The special guest to throw out the first pitch in Thurmont was Dr. Richard Love, who threw the pitch to Gage Eyler, the grandson of Love’s former teammate, Thurmont Police Chief Greg Eyler.

“It was pretty neat,” Love said. “Although I felt like we should have

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Kathleen Richardson Williams — 101 Years Old

A Unique Life Experience

Michele Cuseo

Most people who live in Emmitsburg know or have heard of Mrs. Williams, as she has lived here for 101 years. I know her because I went to high school with her son, Richard, who is also a personal friend. Born in 1914, she is not just unique due to her advanced age but also because of her race. She is an African American who has lived through times of major change in America, as well as in Emmitsburg.

Born Elizabeth Kathleen Richardson, Mrs. Williams’ earliest memories involve living on Old Frederick Road with her family. Her father (William Richardson) worked at Mount St. Mary’s College as an all-around handy man doing a variety of work. Her mother (Marie Butler Richardson) had five children:

Courtesy Photo



Photo of Kathleen Richardson (Mrs. Williams) as a young woman.

Joseph, Francis, Billy, Marie, and Elizabeth Kathleen. The boys all died during the flu epidemic of 1918.

Her family always had a garden, chickens, and an occasional hog that was butchered by her Uncle Bob. She remembers that they had a natural spring and a smoke house. For holidays, her cousins would

visit and they would eat together, play cards, and sing songs. She recalls that her Uncle Joe played the violin and her Uncle Charlie could sing. She also remembers visiting her grandfather Butler (her mother’s father) on a farm on Irishtown Road

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Planning Efforts Unite to Celebrate Emmitsburg’s 33rd Annual Heritage Day



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Covered Wagon Ride History Being Made in Thurmont



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Hopefully, you're getting outside more now and taking part in outdoor activities. If you are looking for ideas, check the pages of *The Catoctin Banner*, particularly the calendar, to keep on top of what's going on in the area.

With Little League opening in both Thurmont and Emmitsburg on April 18, you'll see some pictures of Catoctin's young sluggers. You'll also find stories about Catoctin's FFA organization, the Thurmont Business Expo, and more.

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 April 2015

Town Employees Will Soon See Bigger Paychecks

The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners approved a fifteen percent salary adjustment to employee salaries during their March 16 meeting. The increase will come in stages, with the first increase being five percent. The town had contracted with a human resources consultant to see if employee salaries were in line with employees of towns of similar size. The initial recommendation was for a twenty-five percent increase, which Emmitsburg could not afford. The vote to approve the increase was 3-2, with commissioners Glenn Blanchard, Joe Ritz, and Tim O'Donnell voting for the motion.

Emmitsburg Gets a Clean Audit

The Town of Emmitsburg received an unmodified opinion for their annual audit, which means that the Frederick accounting firm, Draper

and McGinley, found no financial record-keeping mistakes that needed to be addressed. Michele Mills, with Draper and McGinley, reported the highlights of the audit to the commissioners during the April 6 meeting. The town's fund balance continues to grow, which indicates that the town is spending less than it takes in. Copies of the audit report are available at the town office for residents who wish to review the details.

New Wastewater Treatment Plant Nearing Completion

Emmitsburg's new wastewater treatment plant on Creamery Road should be online by the end of May, according to Mike Schultz, senior manager with RK&K.

Vigilant Hose Company and Emmitsburg Ambulance Could Merge

Vigilant Hose Company President Tim Clarke spoke before the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners and told them that although it is a "contentious issue," the possibility of a merger between the fire and

ambulance company is a definite possibility.

When the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company was placed on suspension due to problems with response times for calls, career staff was brought in to be on hand to answer calls. However, the career staff was eventually moved to Vigilant Hose Company because of an "uncomfortable work environment" at the ambulance company, according to Clarke.

The move turned out to be successful. "We've become a stronger company as a result," Clarke said.

Now with the suspension lifted, the career staff will be removed. Clarke worries that the problems with the ambulance company could return.

"The problem is that no one is being held accountable for their actions," Clarke said.

The solution may be for the two companies to merge.

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

notices about weather emergencies, power outages, fire/rescue emergencies, and others. If you need help signing up, contact Jim Humerick at 301-271-7313 x204.

Art, Wine, and Cupcake Walk

Friday, May 8th, Main Street will be hosting an Art, Wine, & Cupcake Walk. We have several artists, wineries, and cupcake makers! Entertainment will be provided by Paul Zelenka and Mary Guiles in Mechanicstown Park. Local artists will be displaying their work. Gourmet cupcake samples and wine tasting will also be available.

Thurmont Wants to Become Sustainable

The Town of Thurmont is going to pursue becoming a Sustainable Maryland Certified Community and is seeking volunteers to serve on its "Green Team." The team will guide the town through the process of documenting its steps in the state certification process. For more information, contact Jim Humerick at 301-271-7313, x204.

Town Begins Looks at Budget Numbers

Although a budget hasn't been presented yet, the Thurmont Board of Commissioners got a look at some of the potential revenue numbers.

Each year, the state provides a constant yield rate to the town. This is the tax rate that is needed in order for the town to receive the same property tax revenues for this year's budget as it did last year. That rate is 30.2 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. This is down slightly from last year, which means that Thurmont's property tax assessments have risen.

The town will also be receiving \$58,534 in Highway User revenue. This is also up slightly over last year's amount of \$57,624. A one-time grant has also been set aside for Highway User revenues. Thurmont's portion of this grant should be \$157,900.

Highway User revenue must be spent on road projects.

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

Thurmont April 2015

Thurmont Considers Adding Ornamental Planters

The Thurmont Board of Commissioners is considering adding ornamental planters on the sidewalks of downtown Thurmont after Maryland State Highways have finished their sidewalk repairs. Some of the trees and ornamental plantings downtown have already been removed because of this process and Mayor John Kinnaird suggested adding planters to replace the lost greenery.

"Downtown is sort of a tree desert right now," he said during the March 17 meeting.

The suggestion was to purchase 24-inch wide planters made from recycled material or vinyl. Annuals would be planted in them and the nearby businesses would be asked to keep them watered. During the winter, the planters would be removed so as not to interfere with any clearing of snow in the winter.

Sign Up for Emergency Notification

If you would like to receive emergency notifications regarding Thurmont, you can sign up at www.frederickmd.gov/ALERT to receive

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Play Our Games

Each month, you're invited to participate in our Where Am I? Photo Contest and Hidden Object Game. The winners of each game are announced in the next issue of *The Catoctin Banner* newspaper. Winners are given a gift certificate to the advertiser of their choice. To participate, call 240-288-0108 or email news@thecatocinbanner.com to record your guesses by the 15th of each month. Please don't forget to spell your full name and leave your phone number.

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.

Last month's "Where Am I?" photo showed a feed/grain storage bin at Roscoe Harbaugh's old dairy barn on Apples Church Road in Thurmont. The winner of the "Where Am I?" game is Stephanie Freniere.



Photo by Irene Matthews

Hidden Object Game

Last month's Hidden Object game entailed finding all the hidden bunnies throughout the issue. There was a total of eight bunnies, located on pages 2, 4, 9, 13, 22, 26, 34, and 38. The winner of the Hidden Object game is Justine Houck, who found all eight bunnies with the help of her four-year-old son, Blayne! If the winner has not been contacted, please contact us to claim your prize.

This month's Hidden Object is Batman's telephone.

Note: Hidden Object is hidden in one of our advertisers.

If you see your name listed as a winner, please email us at news@thecatocinbanner.com with your name, address, and the name of the advertiser from which you would like your gift certificate, and we will send you your prize! If you do not have access to email, please call us at 240-288-0108 and leave us a message with the above information. Thank you.



Test Your Word Power

(Answers on page 46)

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| 1. Nuance [noo-ahns] (n.)
a) The state of containing nothing; void
b) A subtle distinction or variation
c) Quality of being great; high standing | 4. Leery [leer-ee] (adj.)
a) Showy; snazzy
b) Hidden; concealed
c) Cautious; suspicious |
| 2. Blatant [bleyt-nt] (adj.)
a) Clear; self-evident
b) Deserted; isolated
c) Very obvious; offensive | 5. Interminable [in-tur-mun-nuh-buh] (adj.)
a) Trustworthy; faithful
b) Having no limits; never-ending
c) Mistrustful; uncertain |
| 3. Heed [heed] (v.)
a) To give careful attention to; have regard
b) To withdraw; detach
c) To secure; acquire | 6. Toil [toil] (n.)
a) Exhausting labor or effort
b) Forgetfulness; oversight
c) Idleness; laziness |

7. Which word above would work best in this sentence?
The drunk driver's _____ disregard for the lives of others earned him seven years in prison.

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Movie TRIVIA ...the 2000s

Do you know from what movie the following quote derives?

"Sunnyside is a place of ruin and despair, ruled by an evil bear who smells of strawberries!"

Answer on page 46

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AROUND town

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 6 for more information.

Vigilant Hose Company's Spring Fling

The Vigilant Hose Company's Annual Spring Fling will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2014, at the ARCC Athletic Complex area at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg. This annual event features horseshoes, great food, live music, 50/50 tip jars, and much more. It's great fun for everyone! Tickets are \$60.00 each (good for two people). Get your tickets today; there are limited tickets remaining. Spring Fling gives \$30,000 away in prizes! Benefits the Vigilant Hose Company and VHC Explorers Post. View their advertisement on page 48 for more information.

Concert at Germantown Church of God

Germantown Church of God Presents Rich Kiser—a solo, finger-style guitarist—in concert on Sunday, May 17, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., at 16924 Raven Rock Road in Cascade. Admission is free. View their advertisement on page 8 for more information.

Lewistown Fire Department Sportsmans Bingo

The Lewistown District Volunteer Fire Department, located at 11101 Hessong Bridge Road in Frederick, Maryland, will be holding a Sportsmans Bingo on Saturday, August 22, 2015. Doors will open at 4:00 p.m.; buffet meal will begin at 6:00 p.m., and games will start at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$40.00 per person (includes dinner, ice tea, and beer). Advanced ticket sales only. View their advertisement on page 9 for more information.

Creagerstown Community Dinner

The Creagerstown Community Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015, from noon-5:00 p.m. Dinner will feature pot pie, fried chicken, country ham, and more. The cost is \$16.00 per adult, and \$8.00 per child. Proceeds will benefit the upkeep of Creagerstown Cemetery and street lights. View their advertisement on page 9 for more information.

Zurgable Brothers Holds Grill Demo

Stop by Zurgable Hardware, located at 1663 Old Emmitsburg Road in Emmitsburg, on Saturday, May 16, 2015, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. See demonstrations of Holland Grills. Call 301-447-2020 for more information and view their advertisement on page 37.

Old Field Woodworking Open House

Spring is a great time for an Old Field Woodworking Open House! Come see handcrafted and original designed furniture, or order custom-designed furniture on Saturday, May 9, 2015, at 13333 Graceham Road in Thurmont, from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

John Dowling, Kathy Dowling, Theresa Keeney, and Jack Cogan will be on hand to assist you. Receive 10% off of your purchases when you show their advertisement from page 29 of this issue. Call 301-271-4439 for more information.



Don't Forget...
Mother's Day is May 10

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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 6 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 6 for more information.

Thurmont Senior Center Yard Sale – May through September

Join the Thurmont Senior Center for a yard sale on the second Saturday in May through September. Reserve your spot for just \$10.00. View their advertisement on page 11 for further information.

Thurmont Art & Wine Walk

Come on out to the Art & Wine Walk on Main Street in Thurmont on Friday, May 8, 2015, from 6:00-8:30 p.m., for an art, wine, cupcake, and appetizer walk! The event will feature local artists. View their advertisement on page 11 for more information.

All About Birds Art Exhibit

Don't miss the All About Birds Art Exhibit on June 5-6, 2015, from 2:00-5:00 p.m., at the studio, located at 14726 Old Frederick Road in Rocky Ridge. Original paintings, photographs, prints, and cards will be available by local artists. The event benefits the Catoctin Forest Alliance. View their advertisement on page 11 for more information.

Take-a-Tour Tuesday at Mother Seton School

Visit Mother Seton School for Take-a-Tour Tuesday on May 12, 2015, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m. Mother Seton School is located at 100 Creamery Road in Emmitsburg. View their advertisement on page 21 for more information.

Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Events

The Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Association in Fairfield is hosting many events in May, including a Final Wagner Shoot on May 2, 2015; a Cash Bingo on May 3, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., with doors opening at 11:30 a.m.; a Kids Fishing Rodeo on May 9, 2015, for ages 2-17 years old, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m.; and a Crab Leg Feed on May 23, 2015. View their advertisement on page 24 for more May events and more information.

His Place Car Show

Mark your calendar for the 6th Annual His Place Car Show, being held on Saturday, May 2, 2015, at Mother Seton School, located at 100 Creamery Road in Emmitsburg. Event features three awards each, for five categories; raffle, food, door prizes, and more. View their advertisement on page 5 for more information.

Looking for Something to Do?

Reference the **Community Calendar** on page 47 to view the calendar for events of interest.

BUSINESS news

Thurmont Anytime Fitness Offers “Free Workout Saturdays” Throughout May

Get ready for some outdoor fitness fun! Anytime Fitness of Thurmont is hosting fun-infused exercises—tug-of-war, relay races, obstacle courses, and more—at Thurmont Community Park at 11:00 a.m. every Saturday during the month of May.

The five consecutive “Free Workout Saturdays” will be led by certified personal trainers and are designed for people of every fitness level. They are open to all adults, not just Anytime Fitness members. The concept, inspired by grassroots efforts of a few Anytime Fitness clubs that regularly offer free outdoor “boot camps,” has grown into a nationwide campaign to promote physical fitness.

“We want our community to be as healthy and active as possible, and we hope that the Free Workouts Saturdays will show folks that exercise can be fun,” said George Puvell, owner of Anytime

Fitness Thurmont. “We hope this is the jumpstart and motivation to continue their own personal healthier lifestyle journeys.”

Anytime Fitness Thurmont is one of more than 1,000 Anytime Fitness clubs across the United States that will host the free outdoor exercise classes.

View a Free Workout Saturday video at <http://youtu.be/icyf8-4gUvM>.

“At Anytime Fitness, we’re passionate about helping people ‘get to a healthier place,’” said Puvell. “That can mean different things to different people. For some, it’s losing weight or gaining strength. For others, it’s improving balance or flexibility. The important thing is to find physical activities that you enjoy, so being active is something you look forward to—rather than dread.”

Reference their advertisement on page 25.

The Taney Corporation Welcomes Special Guests to Tour Facilities

Courtesy Photo

The Taney Corporation, located in Taneytown, Maryland, welcomed U.S. Congressman Andy Harris’ Chief of Staff, Kevin C. Reigrut, and Community Liaison Mary O’Keeffe, to tour their office and plant facilities on February 5, 2015.

Established in 1958, The Taney Corporation is a family-owned business considered to be the premier stair and rail manufacturer in the Mid-Atlantic market. Owned by Eric, Jeff, and Brian Glass, The Taney Corporation sells to dealers and builders throughout Maryland, Virginia, D.C., Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Nancy McCormick, director of economic development for the City of Taneytown, was instrumental



Pictured from left are Community Liaison Mary O’Keeffe; Chief of Staff Kevin Reigrut; Taneytown Economic Development Director Nancy McCormick; The Taney Corporation Vice-President Brian Glass; The Taney Corporation President Jeff Glass.

in coordinating the visit of Reigrut and O’Keeffe, and accompanied the congressman’s staff on their visit to The Taney Corporation.

Mary O’Keeffe writes, “The state of Maryland is fortunate to have a manufacturing company like yours remain in operation. The motto on your card reads, ‘Over 50 years of excellence’ and after seeing the craftsmanship of what you do, I am a true believer in The Taney Corporation.”

The Taney Corporation manufactures straight stairs, circular and spiral stairs, pre-built rails, handrails, balusters, and newels in all wood species, including red oak, yellow pine, white oak, poplar, walnut, hickory, and many others. They employ over sixty-five people, and pride themselves on their fine craftsmanship and dedication to excellence.



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Better Late Than Never — The Thurmont Business Expo Happened on April 2

James Rada, Jr.

The Thurmont business community put its best foot forward for the 11th Annual Thurmont Business Expo, held on April 2, 2015. However, this was the Expo that almost didn't happen. Thurmont Main Street, the usual organizers of the event, had decided not to hold the Expo this year and canceled it.

Heather Dewees and Rob Renner decided that the event provided too much value to Thurmont businesses and its residents and to cancel it would be a loss.

"I felt like if we lost it, it wasn't ever coming back," Dewees said.

The Expo allows residents to come out and discover many of the 260 businesses that are in the town. Business owners can meet potential customers and show off their goods and services.

Dewees and Renner approached the Thurmont Special Events Committee to provide things like liability insurance and to handle money from vendors. Dewees and Renner lowered the cost of sponsorship and didn't charge extra to businesses that wanted to sell products.

"It involves a lot of coordination, but it was fun," said Renner.

However, just when things came together and the Expo was ready to go, a late snowstorm closed schools on March 20, which meant that the Expo had to be postponed.

Nearly four dozen of the town's businesses participated in the Expo, which was rescheduled for a Thursday evening.

"We lost a few vendors because we rescheduled, but this was the

only other night available," Dewees said.

Hundreds of people turned out for the event at Catoctin High School.

John Nickerson is a familiar face at the Expo, with his original Gnarly Artly t-shirts. "Most of my business is done on the internet, so this gives me the chance to meet a lot of people," Nickerson said.

Stacie Zelenka, owner of Pondscapes, agreed. "We're a home-based business, so this gives us the opportunity to have a storefront for an evening and meet customers."

She said the Expo has proven its worth to her because she always gets referrals from it. She also gets the opportunity to meet customers who say that

they didn't know her business existed, so the Expo exposes her business to new customers.

Heather Lawyer with Gateway Automotive said that Gateway doesn't really advertise so the Expo allows Gateway Automotive to put itself out in front of the community.

"It's also nice to have customers stop by and talk to us and say, 'Thank you,'" said Lawyer.

A nice new feature of this year's Expo was that each visitor was given a vendor map that also included addresses, phone numbers, and websites for each Expo vendor.

Proceeds from the Thurmont Business Expo are donated to the Thurmont Food Bank.

Pictured are Candy and Heather Lawyer of Gateway Automotive behind their booth at the Thurmont Business Expo.



Niki Eyler, owner of The Eyler Stables Flea Market in Thurmont, at the Thurmont Business Expo.



Photos by Grace Eyler

Folks from the Thurmont Veterinary Clinic are shown at their booth.



Doris Roman and Antonio C. from the Thurmont Senior Center are shown behind their booth at the Thurmont Business Expo.



Thurmont's Mayor, John Kinnaird poses next to a drawing of himself done by John Nickerson of Gnarly Artly.

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COMMUNITY news

Town of Thurmont Hosts Tree Planting Project

As she motioned to the many eskimo-like figures digging with shovels, planting trees and shrubs around her, Kelsey Stafford, former President of Venture Crew 270, said, "I'm really pleased with the amount of people who came out to help with this project, especially in the freezing cold!"

Volunteers with Venture Crew 270, Thurmont Middle School Leos, and Boy Scout Troop 270 gathered on Saturday, March 28, 2015, behind the Thurmont Regional Library to assist the Town of Thurmont crews in planting ninety-six trees and shrubs.

Jim Humerick, Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Thurmont, said, "The Town of Thurmont is very grateful to have such a great group of volunteers. This planting is part of a Wetland Mitigation Project, mandated through the State of Maryland Department of the Environment."

Protective netting was also installed around the plants and trees to keep local wildlife from chewing on the new plants. The planting project will help to preserve the natural wetlands that exist in the area behind the library.



Courtesy Photo

Pictured from left are Ashley Leib, Brendan Miller, Matthew Place, Seth Young, Katie Campbell, Kelsey Stafford, Devin Stafford, Kyle Cover, Sheana Peter, and Nikki Speak.

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus' Annual Spring Concert

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus is excited to present their annual spring concert, featuring music from film. With songs from a beginning as early as 1920, the chorus will feature songs such as "Over the Rainbow," "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," "The Rainbow Connection," "The Theme From New York, New York," and "Come So Far," just to name a few.

Some of the songs were written years before they were incorporated into a film or gained recognition. Many of the songs in the program were on the top 100 Billboard Charts of various genres, and won Emmy, Academy, and Golden Globe Awards, in addition to numerous other awards.

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus recently sang at the Easter Sunrise Service at the Grotto in Emmitsburg. The public is invited to attend their opening concert on Sunday, May 17, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. at 7908 Apples Church Road



Courtesy Photo

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus is shown at their Homewood at Crumland Farms concert on May 24, 2014.

in Thurmont. A free-will offering will be collected to help support the work of the chorus.

Other concerts will be held on May 19, 2015, at St. Joseph Ministries, located at 331 South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg, at 7:00 p.m.; May 27, 2015, at Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village, located at 1075 Old Harrisburg Road in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, at 6:30 p.m.; and June 7, 2015, at Homewood at Crumland Farms, located at 7407 Willow Road in Frederick, Maryland, at 7:00 p.m.

This is a special year for the Emmitsburg Community Chorus. In the fall, it will mark forty years since they sang at the Canonization of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. They hope you will watch for and plan to celebrate the special events at the Basilica, commemorating this honor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

The current thirty-two-member chorus comes from the surrounding Emmitsburg area, meeting at the Basilica of Saint Elizabeth Anne Seton on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. for rehearsal. The chorus is not auditioned; the members have a love of music and singing. It has been under the direction of Peggy Flickinger of Libertytown and pianist Lisa Mattia of Leesburg, Virginia, for the last eight years.

The chorus will resume rehearsals in September 2015, in preparation for their 49th Annual Christmas Concert.

For further information, please call Betsy Graham at 301-898-7821.

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Acacia Masonic Lodge Presents Check to Blue Ridge Summit Library

Acacia Masonic Lodge No. 155 members Carl Grove and Buzz Murdorff presented a check for \$1,000 to Lynn Martin, president of the Blue Ridge Summit Free Library board of directors.

The Acacia Masonic Lodge No. 155 has been an ardent supporter of the library and its activities.



Courtesy Photo

Acacia Masonic Lodge No. 155 members, Carl Grove (left) and Buzz Murdorff (with the check), present check to Lynn Martin, president of the Blue Ridge Summit Free Library Board of Directors.

Thurmont High Alumni Association to Hold Dinner

The Thurmont High School Alumni Association dinner will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2015, at the Lewistown Fire Company Activity Building. This event is open to anyone who attended Thurmont High School, and the classes of Catoctin High School, from 1969 to 1972, even if they did not graduate.

If you did not receive an invitation, please contact Viola Noffsinger (secretary) at 301-898-9898, or send the information to her at 12510 Creagerstown Road, Thurmont, MD 21788.

The social hour will begin at 5:00 p.m., followed by a turkey and fried shrimp dinner at 6:00 p.m. The cost for the dinner is \$22.00 per person. No tickets will be sold at the door; entrance will be by paid reservation only. Reservation payment must be received no later than May 20, 2015. Classes ending with 0 and 5 will receive special recognition.

The winners of three \$1,000 scholarships will be announced that evening. Applications for these scholarships are received by The Community Foundation of Frederick County each year. Check their website for exact time to apply.

For more information, contact Bill Eyler (Thurmont High School Alumni president) at 240-409-7111 or Viola Noffsinger (secretary) at 301-898-9898.

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At the March 23, 2015, meeting of the Thurmont Grange #409, five new members were proudly welcomed. Grange Master Rodman Myers led their induction, followed by refreshments and fellowship.

The Grange is an organization dedicated to serving our community and promoting agriculture. For further information or if you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Rodman Myers at 301-271-2104.



Courtesy Photo

Pictured from left are Overseer Bob Wiles; Secretary Jane Savage; new members, Robert and Carol Long, Tyler, Kristina and Todd Wolf; and master Rodman Myers.

Emmitsburg 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update

An update process for the Town of Emmitsburg Comprehensive Plan will commence at the Planning Commission meeting on April 27, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. Town staff will present an overview of the legislative changes since the 2009 Comprehensive Plan, data updates, and how the update process will be undertaken.

It is anticipated that the 2015 Comp Plan Update will be on the Planning Commission agenda each month until completion of a draft document is ready for review coordinated by the MD Dept. of Planning. All meetings will be broadcast on Channel 99. Any questions regarding the meeting may be directed to Sue Cipperly, Town Planner, at 301-600-6300.



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Rocky Ridge 4-H Club

Logan Long, Rocky Ridge 4-H Club member

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The Rocky Ridge 4-H Club collects and mails items to our troops.

The Rocky Ridge 4-H Club has been very busy this year. For community service in February, we collected items to mail to support our troops. The week of February 14-20 was Ag Week at the FSK Mall in Frederick. We participated in the Ice Cream Making contest and won second place! We also set up a display for our 4-H Club "You Can Be A Star In 4-H" and won Reserve Champion.

For community service in March, we went to St. Joseph's Nursing Facility in Emmitsburg to play bingo with the residents; we brought

prizes to hand out to the winners, and it was a lot of fun! For our club fundraisers, we made and sold country ham and smoked turkey sandwiches and sold Wolfgang candy.

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—The Catoctin Banner staff

Habitat for Humanity is Back in Thurmont With a New Home Ownership Program

Habitat for Humanity has a new homeownership program called Frederick County Affordable Housing Land Trust (FCAHLT). FCAHLT has just purchased a home in Thurmont (townhouse, with three bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths, garage, and new appliances, located on Spangler Court), and they want to let the community know about the program and the opportunity to purchase.

They will be hosting an Information Session to explain how the Land Trust program works, pre-qualify applicants interested in purchasing a home, and recruit volunteers to help them renovate the property. The Information Session will be held on May 14, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., at the Thurmont Regional Library, located at 76 East Moser Road in Thurmont.

To sign-up for the Information Session or to learn more about FCAHLT, please contact Jennifer Minnick, Director FCAHLT at 301-698-2449 ext.19 or jminnick@frederickhabitat.org.

Keller Williams Red Day

Red Day is May 14, 2015. Red Day celebrates Keller Williams Realty's year-round commitment to helping our local communities. Each year, on the second Thursday in May, tens of thousands of associates from across the United States and Canada participate in a wide range of projects, devoting their time to giving to the neighborhoods in which they serve. Keller Williams Realty Centre of Frederick will be collecting canned foods and non-perishables throughout the Thurmont area on Thursday, May 14 for the Food Bank operated by Frederick Community Action Agency. Look for fliers announcing their door-to-door food collection.

Donations of cases of food may be dropped off at the KW office on the second floor of the Frederick News Post building at 351 Ballenger Center Drive, #201. Frederick area businesses and residents may request donation pick-up for May 14, between 9:00-11:00 a.m. Contact coordinator AnnaPeterson@kw.com for more information.

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Emmitsburg Civilian and Veteran Organizations and Surrounding Communities Join Together to Celebrate the 33rd Annual Heritage Day

Jim Houck, Jr.

The combined planning efforts of civilian and Veteran organizations in Emmitsburg and the surrounding communities will join together to celebrate the 33rd Annual Heritage Day (formerly Community Day) on Saturday June 27, 2015.

The Town of Emmitsburg will open their arms to everyone for a day of fun and games, a parade, and fireworks. The event, until recently, was planned and carried out by The Lions Club of Emmitsburg. The Emmitsburg Lions did an excellent job of organizing and operating this event for years. The event simply outgrew the membership of the Lions Club, and they decided it was time to ask other organizations in the community for their help. The community organizations stepped up and volunteered and are actively involved. The Veterans organizations, in the past, organized and took charge of the parades. I am proud to announce we are again as I, Jim Houck Jr. Commander SAL Squadron 121, have been assigned as coordinator of this year's parade. I am asking all who would like to participate and have not received an invitation letter and application to please go online at emmitsburgevents.com, and print out an application to fill out and mail to the given address, call me at 717-451-1741, or email me at jim.houck@aol.com and I will be glad to help you.

We are holding an art contest to start off this year's event by inviting all Frederick County school age artists, ages six to, and including, eighteen years of age, to submit their art work entitled "The Heart Of The Civil War In Emmitsburg" by 1:00 p.m., Friday, June 15th. The art work will be displayed in the gym at the Town Office and be judged. Cash prizes; 1st prize is a \$500.00 savings bond, 2nd is a \$100.00 savings bond, and 3rd is a \$50.00 savings bond respectively. These prizes will be issued to the winners on Heritage Day. Contest rules and an application form are available online at emmitsburgevents.com.

The actual Heritage Day festivities start off with a hearty breakfast served by the Vigilant Hose Auxiliary at the Vigilant Hose Company Main Street Fire Hall; Lions Club Annual Bar-B-Q Chicken will be served beginning at 10 a.m.; Sons of the American Legion Squadron 121 will be selling Italian Sausages, and if you had one last year, you know how great they are; a Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show will be held at the

Community Park with all proceeds supporting the Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball League; a bicycle Safety Rodeo will be held; a Five mile Bike Ride for ages 12 and up, plus a One-mile Bike Ride for kids ages 5 and up; free kids rides and face painting will be offered; a Fitness Boot Camp with Steve Ames; old fashioned field games and a greased pig contest. A Grand Opening for the town's Multi-User Trails will be held with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Several live bands will play at the bandstands and the sounds will be kept moderate, so if you would like the music louder, get closer. Horseshoe registration will be held at noon with a \$5.00 entry fee, games start at one. The kickball tournament will begin at 12:30 p.m., check for new rules. The town's community pool will be open free to the public from noon until 7:00 p.m. Vendor and crafter show and a walking history tour of Old Emmitsburg will be available. There are numerous other things under the categories of food, sports, music at the Bandstand, special exhibits and history tours and museums.

Come out and enjoy yourself and see how proud the people of Emmitsburg are about their heritage. I know I am proud to have spent the first forty years of my life in the Emmitsburg-Thurmont area. I graduated high school at Emmitsburg High and worked as a cook at Mt. St. Mary's College while in school and for a while after school. I worked at St. Joseph's College, now the National Fire Academy, as a cook for a few years. I worked at H.O. Toor Shoe and Freeman Shoe Factories, located where the Emmitsburg Antique Mall is located today. I used to know everyone by name within a five mile radius of



Photo by Jim Houck Jr.

Pictured from left are Patrick Joy (Knights of Columbus); Jennifer Jolly Joy (Heritage Day Chairperson); Clifford Sweeney (President of Emmitsburg Lions Club); Ronald Cool Jr. (Liaison for Tyrian Lodge #205 Emmitsburg); and Jim Houck Jr. (Commander, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 121 Emmitsburg).

Emmitsburg and now there are a lot of strangers, but that is good because it gives me an opportunity to make new friends. I sure miss a lot of the "old ones". Heritage Day is not only a fun and play day, but it gives everyone a chance to meet new friends. In my opinion, you can never have too many friends.

God Bless all of you and have a safe trip to Heritage Day "33". Stop

by the Italian Sausage Stand and say "Howdy!" I may have a National Flag to give you and the kids.

Special Thanks to Clifford Sweeney and Patrick Joy, they are not only on the Heritage Day Committee, but they are proud members of Sons of the American Legion Squadron 121. A special thanks to Jennifer Jolly Joy for chairing the committee and to all members and participants.

Kathleen Richardson Williams — Continued from cover page

to see some piglets. Other than this memory of her grandfather, she does not know much about her grandparents' history. And, having no opportunity for education at that time, her past relatives would not have been able to write any stories to pass on. Any history would have had to be passed down through verbal stories.

Starting around the late teens or early 1920s, Kathleen and her sister Marie would walk to school in Emmitsburg, attending St. Euphemia (Catholic school started in 1889, managed by the Sisters of Charity) from first through eighth grades. There was a group of other children who walked together with them through two large fields and over fences in all kinds of weather. It was quite a long way to get to school, probably about one mile or more. Once at school, the two Richardson sisters and the other African-American children were segregated from the Caucasian children into a separate room for instruction. Mrs. Williams remembers the nuns who taught them: Sister Cecelia and Sister Beata. She said that Sister Beata hated when someone used the word "ain't." Sister would say, "Don't talk like those 'Darkies' down south!" Mrs. Williams said they did learn the basics (reading, writing, and arithmetic) from the nuns. There was no public school for blacks and they were not allowed at the public (white-only) schools. She says that her parents never had the opportunity to go to school and wanted their children to have an education. Therefore, going to school at St. Euphemia was their only opportunity for an education. However, after eighth grade, there

was no high school for blacks to attend unless they went to Baltimore, Maryland. Traveling to Baltimore wasn't logistically possible for the family.

Mrs. Williams stated that she can't remember exactly how she met her husband, Martin Williams, who was from Gettysburg. Most likely, they met because her parents knew his parents. She said that Martin was a good man. Mr. Williams served in the army for a time and also worked at the Mount. She also remembers



Photo of Mrs. Williams' mother and father, Marie Butler Richardson and William Richardson.

that blacks experienced different treatment in Pennsylvania than they did in Maryland (Martin grew up in Pennsylvania and Kathleen in Maryland). In Pennsylvania, blacks were allowed to go to the theatre (sit wherever they liked) as well as other public places. This was not allowed in the state of Maryland at that point in time (seeming to reflect the lingering struggle between North and South from past Civil War conflict).

Martin and Kathleen had seven children together: Lois, Mary, Joan, Pat, Marty, Marie, and Richard. Mr. Williams died at the young age of



Photo of Mr. Williams as a young man.

fifty, and it was a very difficult time for Mrs. Williams having young children to raise on her own.

Mrs. Williams did get the opportunity to buy a house in town at some point after her husband died. A man named Bernie Boyle offered to sell her the house. The house had previously been owned by Mrs. Williams' relatives, Aunt Rose and Uncle Brown. Mrs. Williams had a good amount of money to put down on the house, but she had some trouble getting a loan from the bank to cover the rest. Mr. Boyle intervened to help by telling the bank that he would go to the Thurmont Bank if they would not cooperate. They did cooperate and Mrs. Williams was able to purchase the home where she still lives today. Mrs. Williams worked a majority of her adult life for the nuns and was known for her great cooking ability that she states she learned from her mother. Chicken pot pie was her favorite dish.

It would be an understatement to say that the Catholic Church has been a big part of Mrs. Williams' life. She attended church at St. Anthony's

near the Grotto in earlier days, where blacks were required to stay in the back of the church. Mrs. Williams remembers some misbehaving boys who used to play in the back of the church. She also remembers when things changed at the church. She distinctly remembers a priest named Father Riley who approached her and said that she could sit wherever she wanted to and no longer had to stay in the back of the church.

In the past, when a loved one died, they had a special place for blacks to be buried that was—as Mrs. Williams described—at the bottom of the hill (in the graveyard on the way to the Grotto). When Mr. Williams died in 1960, he was the first African American to be buried at the top of the hill, alongside the previous white-only burial area.

Marie Williams, Mrs. Williams' youngest daughter (named in honor of her grandmother and aunt), said that education was very important to their family. She stated that her mother did a great job raising her seven children. They all went to Catholic school, with some continuing on to college, and all of them working at great jobs. There are now ten wonderful grandchildren.

Mrs. Williams acknowledged that the person she admired most in her lifetime was her mother. She was a wonderful mother and wonderful person. Mrs. Williams stated that she doesn't know why she has lived so long, but that longevity does run in her family, with many members living until almost 100 years old. These days, she enjoys crossword puzzles, watching jeopardy, and is well attended by her daughter Marie, who works as a nurse.

I thanked Mrs. Williams for sharing her memories with me and embraced her hand. She embraced back with a firm grip! As I was leaving her home, I glanced over to see that she had already started working on her crossword puzzles.

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Cozy employees gathered for a photo on March 30, 2015. Owner, Jerry Freeze, is shown in the middle of the bridge.



Mural by C. Colley shows the original station.

Employees of the former Cozy Restaurant in Thurmont gathered at the restaurant for a group photo with Cozy's owner, Jerry Freeze, on March 30, 2015. Many of the employees shared memories about their times together, and some of the famous customers they served. It was sobering and sad to notice how much of the historical restaurant has disappeared, including the main Cozy Restaurant sign and a few shingles from the wishing well.

Many wishes were made in that wishing well, and many memories were made by diners and employees. Former Cozy Restaurant employee, Linda Ballenger, of Rocky Ridge, recalled serving Joe Lockhart, President Clinton's Press Secretary, the year Bill Clinton hosted a summit at Camp David. It was Lockhart's birthday, and, after a party in his honor at Camp David, Lockhart returned to Cozy because he liked it there.

Linda said she collected a few autographs from some famous diners, but noted that Jerry Freeze wouldn't ever ask for an autograph, because he felt it was invading the diner's privacy. "That's our Jerry!" said Linda.

It was important to Jerry to make sure the employees know how much they are appreciated. On the marquee, he stated, "Cozy thanks you, terrific employees, pleasure of serving 15 million," so that everyone would know his sentiments.

Diners from all kinds of professions, ethnicities, and different countries enjoyed dining at the restaurant. Because of its proximity to Camp David, notable news journalists and political figures would utilize the restaurant. It is not to be overlooked that non-famous patrons supported the restaurant, whether passing through or meeting for a habitual meal. Jerry Freeze extended his appreciation to everyone—employees and diners.

Jerry indicated that the Smithsonian Institute has been gathering information about the restaurant for their records. He has given the mining cabin and some pig iron to the Catoctin Furnace Historical Society. An old 1929 cottage will be restored. Jerry said, "It's crazy how excited people are about this history, and I hope more places in town will be preserved and shared historically."

The mural on the back of one of the shops in the Cozy Village, visible from Frederick Road, was created by C. Colley in 2000, and depicts Jerry's father, Wilbur, in the early days of the property with his dog, Rover, at the original gas station and tourist camp with tents and cabins.

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New Thurmont Kiosk

Mayor John Kinnaird (far right), Chief Administrative Officer Jim Humerick (center), and Main Street Manager Vickie Grider (left) pose in front of the new Thurmont kiosk at the Mason Dixon Welcome Center. The kiosk was provided by Frederick County Tourism Special Projects Coordinator Mr. Chris Haugh.

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The Covered Wagon Ride – History Being Made in Thurmont and Frederick County

In the late 1700s and early 1800s, the covered wagon could be seen on the dusty and muddy roads of Frederick County, Maryland. The covered wagon was a home on wheels that was pulled by a team of horses, mules, or oxen to take a family to a new home in America.

According to history.com, “The origins of the distinctive horse-drawn freight wagon known as the Conestoga wagon can be traced to the Conestoga River region of Pennsylvania’s Lancaster County in the mid- to late-18th century. Conestoga wagons, with their distinctive curved floors and canvas covers arched over wooden hoops, became a common sight over the next century, as they carried farm products to cities and other goods from cities to rural communities, particularly in Pennsylvania and the nearby states of Maryland, Ohio, and Virginia, but also elsewhere in the United States and in Canada.”

Joe Eyler of Thurmont has indicated that these early wagons have ties to the Thurmont area and the Eyler family of the Eyler Horse Auction.

On May 29, 30, and 31, 2015, a wagon train will travel from Thurmont to Harney, Maryland. By the time it reaches Harney, the wagon train is expected to contain twenty or more wagons and forty outriders (riders on horseback). Grab your cameras as it travels through covered bridges, fords the stream at

Courtesy Photo



Joe Eyler, shown far right, is shown with reenactors and the Maryland State Conestoga Wagon.

Four Points Bridge, and sets up camp Saturday night at Eric Glass’ house on Tom’s Creek Road.

On this ride, the official Maryland State wagon, owned by James and Cynthia Saylor of Keysville, Maryland, will be traveling home to Harney. This wagon has traveled thousands of miles, as it has traveled from Texas. The wagon was found in a barn in Harney.

On Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m., a Cowboy Church Service will be held before the wagons leave for Harney. The wagons are anticipated to arrive at the Harney Fire Company grounds around 12:30 p.m. for lunch and then break up for home.

Entertainment will be held during the gathering of the wagons on Friday evening at Eyler Road in Thurmont. Marshmallows, hot dogs, and ham and bean soup, compliments of Jubilee Foods in Emmitsburg, will be available at check-in.

On Saturday, Jubilee will provide fried chicken for the wagon train and outriders. Entertainment will be provided by Ralph Gann and any person with a string instrument.

This is the very first ride of its kind in the area. History is being made in Thurmont and Frederick County. The Thurmont Heritage Group is proud to sponsor this event, and all monies made by a free offering from the wagon train will go towards scholarships for equine college students who apply.

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Busy Annie

Joan Bittner Fry

In 1964, my family and I bought and later moved into a house in Sabillasville, where the late Tom and Annie Harbaugh had lived. I still live there. My mother helped pack up the Harbaugh's household goods for public sale at the Blue Ridge Summit fire hall, but the family didn't want to sell Annie's diaries. When asked if she would accept them, my mother agreed that she would. At that time, I had no idea that I would move into the house and end up with the diaries.

Following are excerpts from Annie's diaries. As you can see, there are many references to whitewash, which was a low-cost type of paint. A general recipe for whitewash is hydrated lime, water, and salt. I have no idea what proportions Annie and her friends used, but they sure whitewashed a lot. It is claimed that whitewash disinfects, repels insects, and preserves by sealing surfaces.

Also added is a photo (top right) that I took of my cellar, showing the whitewashed wall that was done many years ago. If Annie had known that whitewash would last so long, perhaps she wouldn't have done it so often. Maybe it was a social thing back then.

1928

May 9. I whitewashed the hen house this morning. Fannie Brown and the little boy, Margaret and Glenn's wife all took dinner with me today. Mr. Sheffer died at 2 p.m. today. Buried Saturday at 2 p.m. in Fairfield.

1934

April 23. This was a cloudy morning but it cleared away at 9 a.m. Mr. Fogle whitewashed the hog pen and made garden in the afternoon. Mr. Cal Stem had a light stroke this morning.

1935

April 26. This was another lovely day. We cleaned the yard and walk at the back of the house. I mowed the inside lawn this afternoon. Mr. Wierman mowed the outside lawn this evening. Lizzie started to whitewash the fence this afternoon.

May 2. This is a cool rainy morning, temp 44 degrees at 6:30. I enameled the refrigerator today. I received the living room curtains today. They certainly look nice. Mabel sent me two crepe myrtle bushes this morning. One red and one lavender.

May 15. Lizzie and I whitewashed the fence all of the day. It was a beautiful day and not so hot.

May 16. This was another lovely day to finish the fence and the buildings.

1936

April 1. This was a cold day, 38 degrees at 6:30. Maud Working and I cleaned the summer house today.

May 1. This was a warm day. Maud whitewashed the fence all of the day. Temperature 82 at 2 p.m.

May 6. This is a grand cool morning to clean house. Maud and I cleaned the living room today. We scrubbed down the front porch in the afternoon.

May 7. This was a hot day, 82 at 3 p.m. Maud finished whitewashing and we cleaned the two back porches. I received 25 of my little chicks this morning.

May 17. I went to Sunday school this morning. It was so hot in the church I wished I had not gone. Alvin (Anderson) had fire in the furnace.



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December 10. This is a cloudy rainy day. King Edward abdicated the throne today.

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Graceham Volunteer Fire Company Holds Annual Awards Banquet

Allison Rostad

Just as the sun began to set on Saturday, April 18, 2015, members and friends of the Graceham Volunteer Fire Company gathered to hold their annual banquet in recognition of the Company's service in calendar year 2014.

A greeting was given by emcee, Brian Boller, who was president of the Company in 2014. Director/Chief of Volunteer Fire Rescue Services Chip Jewell led an invocation prior to guests and members being invited to partake in dinner, catered by Mountain Gate Family Restaurant.

Guests such as Mr. and Mrs. John Roth of the State Fireman's Association and Chief of Thurmont Police Department Greg Eyler and his wife attended the banquet in support of the Company's service over the past year. Boller introduced these guests and handed the stage over to Chief Jim Kilby and Captain Scott Willard.

Kilby first recognized the entire Company for their outstanding work, as they were able to respond to all but 17 calls of their 260 total calls for the 2014 calendar year. The top five responders in the Company

were recognized with framed awards: Hilary Blake, Matthew Mckeel, Matthew Moser, Kelly Willard, and Mike Beard.

The Company's officers were also awarded for their response to calls over the past year: James Boyle, Jim Kilby, and Scott Willard.

Louis Powell Jr. was asked to the stage, where guests were introduced to the new operational officers of 2015: Chief Jim Kilby, Assistant Chief Louis Powell Jr., and Captain Scott Willard. All three officers were given a new, donated shield for their helmets. Following the presentation of the shields, Kilby turned the microphone back over to Boller, in conclusion of the Chief awards.

Boller presented the administrative awards, bypassing the standard top 10 LOSAP awards, as he explained to guests that being a small company means, "Everyone pretty much pitches in, and if you're considered active out here, you get access to the hall, and we give free shirts out as certain awards [throughout the year]." Boller started the awards off with the Presidents' Award. A member who has achieved ten years of active



Photos by Allison Rostad
New operational officers, Chief Jim Kilby, Assistant Chief Louis Powell Jr., and Captain Scott Willard were given a new, donated shield for their helmets.

status within a company may become a "life-time member."

Eddie Woods, Jr. was presented the President's Award for his "on and off" active membership over the past twenty-seven years.

Boller explained that Woods would fall short of active status defined by the bylaws, but his dedication to drive from Riverdale, Maryland, and Hagerstown over the years to respond to calls for the Company was a feat in itself.

Scott Willard was also presented a President's Award for his dedication to the Company, in addition to being both Kilby's and Boller's right-hand-man over the years.

Boller said proudly of Willard, "It's the unseen little things that we recognize him for."

Louis Powell Jr. was presented Life Membership, as he was the only member in 2014 to reach ten years of active status.

Just prior to the conclusion of the banquet, Boller asked that Chip Jewell say a few words to the night's final award recipient, Kenneth "Doc" Simmers, Sr. Simmers was awarded with a surprise party in March for being recognized by the

Frederick County Fire and Rescue Association for achieving over fifty years of active volunteer fire service, from 1964 to 2015.

Boller had Simmers stand for a round of applause, and awarded him with a bronze fireman trophy and a customized Graceham Volunteer Fire Company jacket.

Boller summarized Simmers and his fifty years of service and dedication by saying, "Once it's in your blood, it's just kind of there!"

Wrapping up the banquet, Mr. John Roth of the State Fireman's Association performed the Installation of the Officers ceremony.

Administrative Officers: Scott Willard, President; Louis Powell Jr., Vice President; Kelly Willard, Secretary; Hilary Blake, Asst. Secretary; Sterling Seiss, Treasurer; and Jim Kilby, Asst. Treasurer.

Board of Directors: Kenneth "Doc" Simmers, Sr., Brian Boller, Sterling Seiss, George "Junebug" Morningstar, Eugene Grimes, and Eddie Woods, Jr.

Operational Officers: Chief Jim Kilby, Assistant Chief Louis Powell Jr., and Captain Scott Willard.

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Administrative Officers are shown being sworn in at the Graceham Volunteer Fire Company's Annual Awards Banquet, held on April 18, 2015.

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During the Graceham Volunteer Fire Company's Awards Banquet, Kenneth "Doc" Simmers, Sr. (center) was awarded a bronze fireman trophy and a customized Graceham Volunteer Fire Company jacket for being recognized by the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Association for achieving over fifty years of active volunteer fire service.



Surprise!

In March, Kenneth "Doc" Simmers, Sr. was thrown a surprise party for his achievements over fifty years of active volunteer fire service and his recognition by the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Association.



Seton Center Celebrates and Thanks Their Many Volunteers

Seton Center, Inc., a non-profit organization, located at 16840 South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg, celebrated and thanked their volunteers at a recognition event at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant in Thurmont on Thursday, April 16, 2015. Everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet meal, games, laughs, and getting to know one another.

In 2014, Seton Center, Inc. volunteers offered 5,224.25 hours of service valued at \$76,423.04! Folks of all ages serve as board of director members, committee members, outreach office receptionists, GED tutors, finance coaches, bakers, party makers, Thrift Shop cashiers and sorters, food pantry stockers, Thrift Shop merchandisers, graphic artists, writers, merchandise baggers, cleaners, Helping Hands Program assistants, food deliverers, trash removers, merchandise repairers, home visitors, employment advisors, and more!

For more information about the ministry of Seton Center, Inc., call 301-447-6102, visit their webpage at www.setoncenterinc.org, or find them on Facebook. To join Seton Center's amazing team of volunteers, contact Manager of Volunteer Resources Missy Miller at 301-447-6102 (ext. 18) or at melissa.miller@doc.org.



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Sister Mary Carroll Eby couldn't make it to the appreciation dinner, so she was presented with a bouquet of flowers in honor of her giving the most volunteer hours in 2014, over 1,220.

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SCHOOL news

CHS Leo of the Year

Leo Marah Williams was awarded Catoctin High School (CHS) Leo of the Year 2015 at their Youth Night. The entire club wishes her the best, as her nomination for LCI Leo of the Year moves to the 22-W District level.

Pictured are Leo Marah Williams (center) with her parents (left), CHS Leo President Labella Kreiner (second from right), and Lion Advisor Wendy Candela (far right).



Courtesy Photo

CHS Leo Club Volunteers Time to Wetland Mitigation Project



Courtesy Photos

(left) Leo Alex Bolinger and Leo Ashley Leib work in very cold conditions to plant the tree in the ground.

(below) With his sledge hammer, Leo Gavin Sulmonte drives in a post to hold chicken wire to protect a newly planted shrub.



The Catoctin High School (CHS) Leo Club volunteered and got a shout out from the Town of Thurmont for the local "Wetland Mitigation Project" to re-forest areas around recent work done by electricity services. Volunteers braved the cold and windy temperatures, planting ninety-six trees and shrubs, as well as installing deer protection on each planting.

Remarkably, the planting part was completed in about ninety minutes! The tree protection component took another ninety minutes, completing the project by approximately 11:00 a.m. Chief Administrator Officer Jim Humerick sent a heartfelt thank you to the CHS Leos, Boy Scout Troop 270, and Venture Crew 270 for their terrific efforts.

FFA is Raising Better Agricultural Experts

James Rada, Jr.

When the Future Farmers of America first formed in 1828, nearly ninety percent of the U.S. workforce were farmers. Today, less than two percent of the workforce are farmers, but those farmers need to know so much more than farming.

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Because of these varied needs, Future Farmers of America also changed its name to FFA many years ago.

The Catoctin FFA has members that exemplify those changing interests. Freshman Stephanie Moreland is working on a proficiency in milk qualities and products. Freshman Kaitlynn Neff is studying agriculture sales, livestock judging, and public speaking. Senior John Kempisty is learning more about agricultural mechanics. No matter where a student's interests lie, there is probably a proficiency area FFA promotes that is related to the agricultural sciences.

FFA has forty-nine different proficiency areas that students can compete in at local, state, and nation competitions for awards. Such awards can help a student impress colleges and employers in the future and, in the present, can help them with self-confidence or their own work on family farms.

"The FFA teaches premier leadership, personal growth, and career success," said Brian



FFA members at the Maryland State Convention at the University of Maryland in June 2014.

Hendrickson, one of the Catoctin FFA faculty advisors.

Before Hendrickson became an advisor, two boys from the Catoctin FFA placed third in the nation in their proficiency area. Junior Stephanie Kennedy is ranked in the top ten in the nation for equine science.

Besides studying different proficiency areas, members of the FFA are also active in the community, support good causes, and promote agriculture through activities like the annual Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show.

"We've tied blankets, done food drives, and had citrus sales," said Amy Poffenberger, the other Catoctin FFA faculty advisor.

The students enjoy being around other teens who share similar interests to theirs.

"In school, I think a lot of people point out differences, but in FFA everyone's equal to one another," said freshman Stephanie Moreland.

"I like it because you get to try new things," said freshman Tiffany Lenhart.

Although the FFA no longer spells out its name, everything it does ties back to modern agriculture science, whether it's fixing an engine, genetically altering a crop, or training talented future farmers.

CHS Students Inducted into CTC National Honor Society

Congratulations to the following Catoctin High School (CHS) students who were inducted into the Frederick County Career and Technology Center (CTC) National Honor Society on March 27, 2015: Zoe Croyle—AOHP; Noah Dell—CAD Engineering; Mark Goff—CAD Engineering; Kyle Lucas—Auto Tech; Macy Randall—Biomedical; Alexis Ridenour—AOHP.

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“Race for Education” Raises More Than \$20,000 for Thurmont Elementary and Primary Schools

James Rada, Jr.

Photo by James Rada, Jr.



Students at Thurmont Elementary School are shown during the Race for Education event, held at both Thurmont Elementary and Primary schools on April 17, 2015.

The students of both Thurmont Elementary and Thurmont Primary schools were running like crazy on Friday, April 17, 2015, during the “Race for Education,” the first time the schools have held the event.

Students ran and jogged for as many laps as they could manage around the school fields. If they needed a break, they could pause to do a line dance, jump rope, or swing their hips in a hula hoop. A DJ played music to entertain the students as they ran.

“The idea was for the students to move for an hour,” said Christina McKeever, principal at Thurmont Elementary.

Each grade of students spent an hour running laps. As they passed the starting point, a teacher would punch a hole in a card they carried on their wrists. Occasionally, other classes of students stopped by to watch the runners, cheering them on. Teachers and staff also cheered on the students, and some of them even joined in the race.

Third-grader Mason Healy had run twenty-one laps, with five minutes left in the hour. “My goal

was twenty,” Mason said. “I just came out here and started running like a maniac.”

Despite some rain the night before the event, luckily just enough fell to soften the ground while not making it muddy. The weather was pleasant and sunny during the race.

Third-grader Grace Williams had run fifteen laps in forty-five minutes. “I’m running my laps and just trying my best,” Grace said. “The person in each grade who runs the most laps gets a medal.”

One student in each grade also earned a limousine ride to Pizza Hut for turning in the labels that were used to solicit donations.

Letters were sent out before the race, asking for donations or for sponsors of the students as they ran their laps. As of the day of the race on April 17, more than \$20,000 had been raised.

“The money will be used by the PTA for things like school trips and assemblies,” McKeever said.

Some of the money raised from Race for Education might also be used in the school for supplies and technology purchases.

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Local Teens Go the Distance

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Two local teenagers recently achieved their goals at the Frederick Rescue Mission 10 Miler in Frederick, Maryland, on March 29, 2015. Emma Strickland of Wolfsville, age thirteen, set a goal to complete the race in 1 hour and 26 minutes. With a third place finish in the female division (age nineteen and under), she finished in just 1:21:04. Owen Bubczyk of Thurmont, age thirteen, set his goal at 1 hour and 20 minutes and paced himself to a 1:19:27 completion time. He placed fourth in his age group of nineteen and under. Emma and Owen were among the youngest athletes to compete in the race. Both kids enjoy running for the Catoctin Youth Association Cross Country and Track and Field Program. They have participated in numerous fun runs, with various obstacle courses, trails, and competitive events. The Frederick Rescue Mission 10 Miler race has been their longest distance run to-date. This was the fourth annual fundraiser run to benefit the Frederick County Rescue Mission, which provides shelter for the homeless, food for the hungry, and aids victims of addiction.



Pictured are Emma Strickland and Owen Bubczyk.

Catoctin High School Plant Sale

The Catoctin High School Greenhouses will be open for the public on Saturday, May 2 and Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 a.m.-noon.

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Memorial Day Facts

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday observed annually on the last Monday of May. It was formerly known as Decoration Day, originating after the American Civil War to commemorate the fallen Union soldiers of the Civil War. By the 20th century, Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in all wars. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

From the practice of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, the holiday was long known as Decoration Day. The name Memorial Day goes back to 1882, but the older name didn't disappear until after World War II. Federal law declared “Memorial Day” the official name in 1967.

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Mother Seton School Announces Recipients of Christian Character Trait Awardees

Being reliable, honest, and courageous enough to do the right thing—those are the virtues that make up the Christian Character Trait of Trustworthiness, for which these students were recognized in March 2015: Felicity Buckman, Wyatt Hewitt, Garrett Ritz, and Moira Tayler (Pre-K); Ruby Bodnar, Peyton Faller, Elaine Guo, Annabelle Harrington, Vivian Lewis, and Jacob Marron (Kindergarten); Bridget Torborg and Catarina Aytch (Grade 1); Gianna Lowry (Grade 2); Liam Bussey and Gray Grube (Grade 3); Quynn Lan Nguyen (Grade 4); Hannah Cavey and Bella Rabaiotti (Grade 5); Marshall Mott (Grade 6); Daniel McCarthy and Bryanna Parice (Grade 7); and Riley Jackson and Alexei Wood (Grade 8).



Courtesy Photo

Pictured from left are: (front row) Garrett Ritz, Felicity Buckman, Wyatt Hewitt, Moira Tayler; (second row) Catarina Aytch, Elaine Guo, Jacob Marron, Annabelle Harrington, Ruby Bodnar, Vivian Lewis; (third row) Bella Rabaiotti, Gray Grube, Quynn Lan Nguyen, Liam Bussey, Bridget Torborg, Gianna Lowry; (back row) Riley Jackson, Marshall Mott, Bryanna Parice, Alexei Wood, Daniel McCarthy, Hannah Cavey. Not pictured: Peyton Faller.

Mother Seton School Announces Recipients of Christian Character Trait Award for Respect

Respect is a virtue sometimes lacking in our world. At Mother Seton School, "respect" is a virtue that is cherished and practiced daily as a part of student life.

The following students were chosen by their teachers as exemplifying the Christian Character Trait of Respect for the month of February 2015: Annabelle Hohenstein, Emme Klingler, Max Rice, and Jordan Wright (Pre-K); George Bee, Taylor Camp, Abigail Field, and Gavin Green (Kindergarten); Brady Klingler and Maggie Rabaiotti (Grade 1); Rylan Manning (Grade 2); Sophia Launchi and Julia Wivell (Grade 3); Mackenzie Orndorff (Grade 4); Jacob Hartness and Clarence Pavlovic (Grade 5); Avery Johnson (Grade 6); Emma Adams and Neoline James (Grade 7), Logan Guenther and Austin Riley (Grade 8).



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Pictured from left are: (front row) Max Rice, Annabelle Hohenstein, Jordan Wright, Emme Klingler; (second row) Gavin Green, Brady Klingler, Maggie Rabaiotti, Abigail Field, Taylor Camp; (third row) Julia Wivell, Mackenzie Orndorff, Sophia Launchi; (back row) Emma Adams, Neoline James, Austin Riley, Jacob Hartness, Clarence Pavlovic. Not pictured: George Bee, Logan Guenther, Avery Johnson, and Rylan Manning.

Cut and Dip Fundraiser to be held May 3

Gateway Candyland & Liquors, owned by John and Maggie Doll, in partnership with Renovations Salon and Day Spa, owned by Clare Bennett, will help a local 4-H member, Margo Sweeney of Thurmont, with her 4-H community service project. Margo has been a member of the Rocky Ridge 4-H Club since the age of eight.

Members in the club complete a community service project each month. In 2010, Margo held an ice cream

fundraiser for the Therapeutic Riding Program to earn her 4-H Diamond Clover award. Margo has carried several officer positions for her local club and for the Beef Sheep and Swine Club of Frederick County. She has shown her beef cattle in Frederick and all over the state of Maryland. As a senior at Catoctin High school, Margo has decided, with the passing of both of her grandfathers, Sterling Bollinger and Harold (Bud) Sweeney, to host a Cut and Dip fundraiser in their memory.

During the fundraiser, Renovations will cut a minimum of eight inches of your hair to donate to children with hair loss and Gateway Candyland will dip ice cream to benefit the Frederick Dialysis Center. This event will be held at Gateway Candyland & Liquors located off of Route 15 at Franklinville Road, Thurmont on Sunday, May 3, from 12:00 p.m. until close. Haircuts will take place under the tent from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to Gateway Market, 14802 Franklinville Road, Thurmont Maryland, 21788. Please write "Cut and Dip Fundraiser" on the memo line of the check. Thank You for your support.



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Pictured left to right are Claire Bennett of Renovations, Margo Sweeney, and Maggie Doll of Gateway Candyland & Liquors.

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Take a Spiritual Journey at Tom's Creek Church in Emmitsburg

Rev. Heath Wilson was appointed to serve at Tom's Creek United Methodist Church (UMC) in Emmitsburg less than a year ago. His personal journey reflects that of many in today's materialistic society. Before he was called to ministry, he was raised in a small village in upstate New York, named Phoenix. He attended Elmira College in Elmira, New York, where he earned degrees in political science and economics. He moved to Vermont with his soon-to-be wife, where he worked for a Fortune 500 problem-solving company, followed by working with the Vermont Department of Education. He and his wife bought a house in Middlesex, Vermont, and have one son.

"I know the world tells us more fun, or bigger toys, more money, better homes, more beautiful bodies, or more free time are the answers to fulfillment. Life was great, but I felt I was being called to something with more purpose," said Heath.

He and his wife came to faith, accepted Christ, and felt they were being called into ministry. He accepted a position as a student pastor in Prince Frederick, Maryland, while both he and his wife attended Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.

"We both graduated with Master of Divinity Degrees, and I was appointed Lead Pastor at Tom's Creek UMC starting July 1, 2014. Here, I am experiencing my life's journey and inviting others to join the congregation to share and experience their own journeys."

Tom's Creek is the church that has property and signage along Route #140, on the way from Emmitsburg to Taneytown. The church building is actually located a little further over by taking a "journey" on Simmons Road or Tom's Creek Church Road.

"We have people attending from four counties, over a quarter of the people attend from Pennsylvania, and we have some people who travel more than thirty minutes to get to worship every Sunday!" said Heath.

Why do people journey so far to come to their church that is surrounded by cow fields, barns, and mountain views?

"When they arrive, they find a church that welcomes them, a church that greets them, a church that accepts them no matter where they are on their journey! There are churches you can go to that have every program you could want, there are churches that you go to where they put on a 'good show,' there are churches you can go to where you

can just blend into the woodwork, but that is not who is drawn to Tom's Creek."

Tom's Creek parishioners are liberals and conservatives, horse riders and motorcycle riders, those that are well off and those struggling from paycheck to paycheck, life-long Christians and new believers, and even some who are trying to figure out what exactly they believe.

"While serving at Tom's Creek, I have been awed by the way those who are part of our faith community welcome people who come through our church doors. Somehow, people find our church and feel embraced when they walk through the doors, knowing that we will not judge but come along side," Heath said.

It is inspiring to notice how much of his spirit is dedicated to this church. Ironically, he has some personal journeys intertwined, including running the Frederick half marathon on May 3, to raise awareness for Latino ministries and start to reach out to the many Latinos in the area.

At Tom's Creek during the summer, they hold open air outdoor worship services on Sunday evenings, starting July 12, at 6:00 p.m. at the Promised Land property (off of Rt. 140).

Heath noted, "While we are a smaller church, we have a big heart for wanting to connect with you on your life journey. If you are hungering for a connection with people who also have a hunger to be connected to something bigger than ourselves, if you want to explore what God has to offer you and the calling God has for your life, if you want to be fed on Christ's love and wisdom, we are here, waiting for you to find us on your life's journey. Come journey with us!"

"This is a church where we share life together. This is a church where we pray for one another and our needs. This is a church that wants to help you as we help one another on our journey. So, I wrote this article as a public service announcement for all of you that do not know that we exist, since we are not on Main Street, not next to a major highway, and are a smaller church that you could easily miss on your journey. While we are a smaller church we have a big heart for wanting to connect with you on your life journey. If you are hungering for a connection with people who also have a hunger to be connected to something bigger than ourselves, if you want to explore what God has to offer you and the calling God has for your life, if you want to be fed

on Christ's love and wisdom, we are here, waiting for you to find us on your life's journey. I am called into ministry for all those who are looking for a bigger purpose in life, who want to truly live for something worthy of the days we are given. I believe until you

are connected to the true Giver of Life, you are going to be searching and continuing to feel unfulfilled. Yet, it is not easy to begin that journey, since there has been so much bad press about organized religion and churches that people don't think the answers lie there. I know many who say churches are filled with hypocrites and it is true! We all fall short but, together, we can attempt to be greater than our individual weaknesses and together help one another to come closer to the Godly reflection we were intended for. That is something worth living for and the type of church community we are aspiring to be at Tom's Creek."

Rev. Wilson knows that people have had bad experiences with churches and organized religion, but he also knows that a true church family can help sustain us on our life journey.

"I have struggled with my faith and I want to be a pastor that can meet people where they are, listen to their story, and help give them



Rev. Heath Wilson of Toms Creek United Methodist Church in Emmitsburg is pictured leading the children in prayer. *Courtesy Photo*

Christ-like wisdom from what I have learned on my journey and from my training. I also am open to learning from them and what they have learned along their journeys," said Heath.

For more information, please contact Rev. Heath Wilson at 410-758-7707 or email Hwilsonvt@gmail.com.

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Utica Cemetery Association's Annual Memorial Day Worship Service

The Utica Cemetery Association, at 10625 Old Frederick Road in Thurmont, is having the annual Memorial Day Worship Service on Sunday, May 24, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.

Their speaker for the service will be Chad Weddle, with special music by Tyrone Snowden and organist Viola Noffsinger. A brief business meeting will be conducted prior to the service by the cemetery president, Rev. Sam Martz.

Utica Cemetery Association was incorporated in 1934, with a nine-member volunteer Board of Trustees. It is located at the Utica Lutheran Church, but is a separate entity from the church. The cemetery had been used by many families for their loved ones for many years before becoming incorporated, which makes it one of the oldest cemeteries in the area. The cemetery is open to any one who wishes to be buried there regardless of race or denomination. For more information about the Memorial Day Service, please call 301-271-7573.

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Thurmont Regional Library to Host 2nd Annual Summer Activities Fair

The Thurmont Regional Library is inviting kids and their families to visit the 2nd Annual Summer Activities Fair on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. In addition to the opportunity to talk directly to organizations hosting summer camps and activities throughout the county, there will be make-and-take summer crafts for the kids, a special Summer Story Program on the deck, and a chance for you to capture a photo of your super hero in our special photo booth.

The fair is part of Frederick County Public Libraries community outreach and a free one-stop opportunity to discover many exciting opportunities in the local area. Summer activities in art, music, nature, sports, and theater will all be represented. You can pick up literature and ask questions and learn more about youth programs offered by the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Banner School Camps, Frederick County Parks & Recreation, Kids On Camps at Frederick Community College, The Kitchen Studio, and other's hosting summer fun for kids.

No registration necessary; just drop in between 5:00-7:00 p.m. The special Summer Story Program on the deck starts at 6:30 p.m. And, while you're here, be sure to sign the kids up for the "Summer of Wonder 2015—Every Hero Has a Story," this year's Summer Reading Program. There are some fun new features to the reading club this year and some really cool prizes.

The Thurmont Regional Library is located at 76 East Moser Road in Thurmont. For more information, visit www.fcpl.org or call 301-600-7212.

Thurmont Thespians Hold Auditions for *Seussical, Jr.*

The Thurmont Thespians are proud to announce auditions for *Seussical, Jr.*, their annual children's summer theater workshop, directed by Rebecca Richards. Auditions will be held Saturday, May 16, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. and again on Monday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. Auditions will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, located on 15 North Church Street in Thurmont.

Auditions are for children ages 7 to 14 years old only. Older teens are encouraged to help with stage and production crew. Please be prepared to sing a short song. Every child that auditions will be given an onstage role in the show. The Thurmont Thespians are proud to present the summer workshop at no cost, but parents are encouraged to assist with fundraising. Children will learn all aspects of theater. Performances will be held in July. For more information, please contact Becca at 240-446-2441 or by email at beccanoelle122@gmail.com. You can also find out more by visiting the Thurmont Thespian Facebook page.

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But how much more important are warnings God has put in His guide book to direct us to the eternal home of the soul with Him.

Matthew 7:13-14 Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.

For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

God would not have given those words if it were not important for us to have them. The term "narrow" is meaningful. Truth can be no other way than narrow. It is necessary to be guided by all the warnings God has given. God directed His greatest blessing, Jesus Christ, to deliver to us His Word. Are you searching it to find the narrow way or are you just going along with the crowd on the wide road of destruction? Come and study with us right out of the Bible and let's search together for the narrow road to heaven.

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by George Puvel, Anytime Fitness Owner



Expert Answers to Your Health and Wellness Questions

Question:

My work schedule has changed, and I will need to switch my workouts from evenings to early mornings. I've never been one to workout in the morning and need some advice on how to stick to my exercise program.

Answer:

Changing your exercise time will be challenging at first, but since you already have exercise as part of your weekly routine, these three tips should help you make the transition from evenings to mornings easier:

(1) Schedule exercise like you would your dentist appointment or a work meeting. Write it down in your calendar or smartphone, and set a reminder alarm for the night before. Be sure to review your calendar and ensure you can get plenty of sleep the night prior, so your workouts are effective. Try moving your alarm to the other side of the room, so you'll have to get up and get out of bed to shut it off. Once you're up, it'll be much easier to get moving.

(2) Give yourself enough time to eat a small snack (a banana, toast with peanut butter, or a hand full of almonds) and drink coffee (if you normally do), plus drink at least one glass of water on your way to the gym.

(3) Lastly, lay out your workout clothes the night before, and pack your gym bag so you are ready

to go and can get out the door quickly and stress free.

Exercising in the morning is a great way to get your day started and you get to check a very important "to do" off your list!

Question:

Every once in a while my knees ache, and I need to take a break from performing exercises like squats and lunges. Are there any other good leg exercises I can do to strengthen my legs without putting stress on my knees?

Answer:

The hip bridge is a great body-weight exercise that you can do to strengthen your glutes and hamstrings, all while working your core and stretching your hip flexors. An excellent swap or addition to your workout, this exercise can be done anywhere and with no equipment necessary. Lie on your back, knees bent, feet flat on the floor (hip-width apart), arms relaxed at your sides. Squeeze and lift your glutes off the floor, pushing with your heels. Your body should be in a straight line from your knees to your shoulders. Hold this position for two seconds then lower back down to the floor. The hip bridge can also be performed with one leg by keeping one foot on the floor, lifting and holding the opposite knee towards the chest, and raising your glutes off the ground.

To submit a question for future articles, please contact the author at ThurmontMD@anytimefitness.com.



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SPORTS news

Little Leaguers Shine on Opening Day — Continued from cover page

been switched, since I used to catch for him (Greg Eyler).”

Love had started playing Little League in Thurmont in 1965 for the Orioles, and had been a sponsor of teams for thirty years. He and Eyler had played together for seven years.

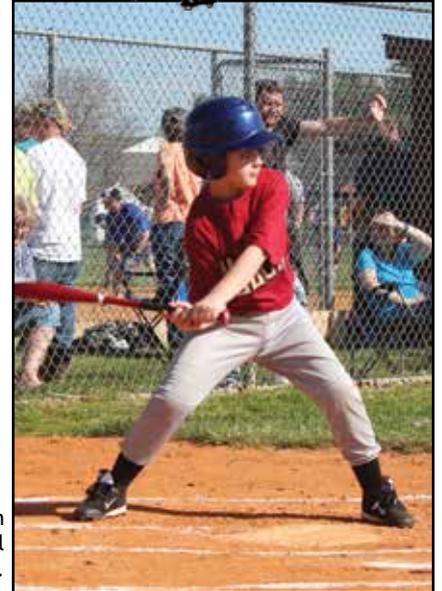
Sean Mazaleski, age twelve, plays with the Emmitsburg Red Sox. He showed up at the fields early, as he prepared to start his sixth year of playing baseball. “I really enjoy it, and I don’t mind the practices because I get better every time,” he said.

Once the Opening Day Welcome was finished at each location, the



crowds separated to fill the bleachers at the different fields and to enjoy America’s favorite pastime, with

perfect weather, tasty snacks, and lots of ball hitting, throwing, running, catching, and cheering.



Thurmont Little League Diamondbacks

Pictured from left are: (back row) Assistant Craig Schwartzbeck, Dylan Jessee, Ron Sanbower; (middle row) Madison Snurr, Levi Misnet, Hunter Sanbower, David Robey, Joshua Owens; (front row) Noah Schwartz??, Nicholas O’Conell, Jayden Worthington, Justice Glover, Damion Owens, Josh Wivell.



Let's Play BALL!

Dylan Jessee at bat on Opening Day game on April 18, 2015.

Photos by Grace Eyler



Thurmont Little League Red Sox

Pictures are: (players) Evan Morris, Aaden Gallion, Jordyn Bridgett, Michael Moran, Addison Tingler, Parker Davis, Gage Eyler, Leland Bare, Logan Shoobridge, Owen Scheetz; (Team Mom) Karen Morris; (Coaches) Phil Morris, Matt Gallion, Mark Tingler, and Ayrik Moran.

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2015 ECTB Easter Challenge Champions: Catoctin Baseball Club 10U

The Catoctin Baseball Club (CBC) 10U won the championship at the ECTB In the Net Easter Challenge over the weekend of April 3-4, 2015, in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The team went 4-0, outscoring their opponents 37-7 during the tournament. The team will play additional tournaments located throughout Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey over the course of the 2015 season, and will compete in the CRAB League. The 10U CBC is sponsored by Anytime Fitness in Thurmont.

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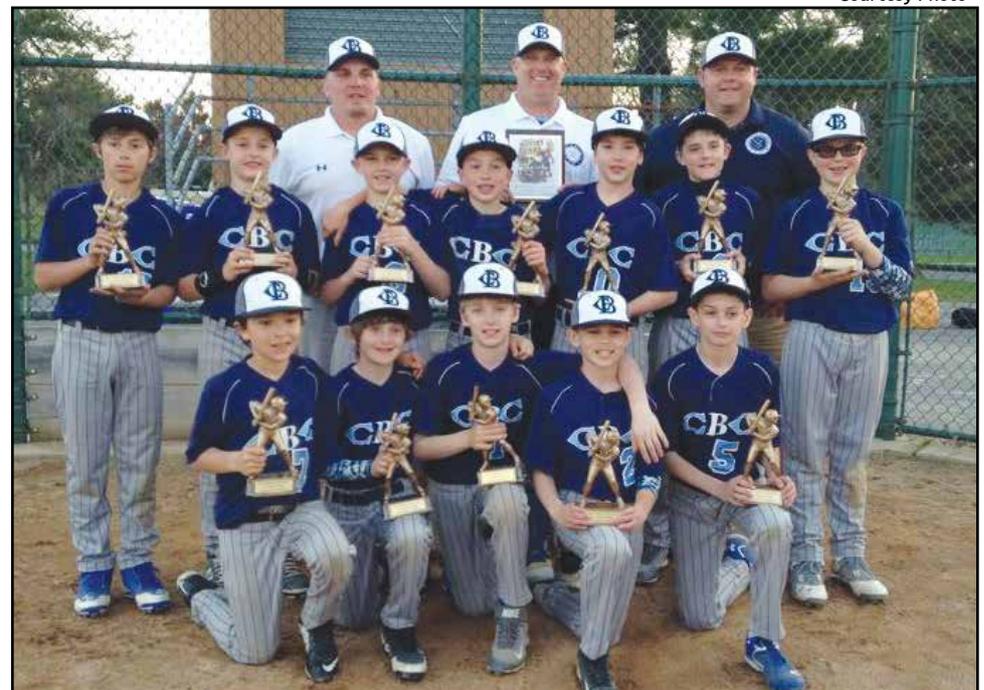


Pictured from left are: (top row) Connor Crum, EJ Lowry, Andrew Koons, Will Gisriel, Griffin Puvel, Logan Simanski; (kneeling) Ethan Shaffer, Asher Clingerman, Peyton Castellow, Matthew Utermahlen, Andrew Soffe; (not pictured) coaching staff: Manager Ed Lowry; Coaches, Bill Utermahlen, Jason Crum, Rich Clingerman, and Justin Gisriel.

Catoctin Baseball Club 11U Wins Championship at Park Tournament

Catoctin Baseball Club 11U won the championship at the Olney Pirates Mutiny at the Park Tournament in the Open Division, going 5-0, over the weekend of April 11-12, 2015.

Courtesy Photo



Pictured above are: (first row) Jayden Kelly, Dylan Jordan, Dalton Williams, Dylan "Pip" Cevario, Connor Wantz; (second row) Devin Baxter, Josh Skowronski, Cody Valentine, Dylan Nicholson, Owen Liller, Jared Peck, Ayden Shadle; (third row) Coach Derek Jordan, Manager Jessie Williams, and Coach Chris Skowronski.

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The Showdown is open to all boys' travel and club lacrosse teams in the 12U through 17U age levels. Competition levels of AA, A & B are available. The championship and finalist team of each bracket will receive team and individual awards. Competition is round-robin bracket based, with all teams receiving a minimum of four games plus play-offs where applicable. The application deadline is June 1.

For additional information, you can contact Mark at mark_slater@attach.net or Mike at usamateursports@aol.com. Applications are available at tournaments page located under lacrosse at www.usamateursports.com.

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course at Mount St. Mary's University

Looking for a summer job? What about being a lifeguard? The American Red Cross Lifeguarding course provides entry-level lifeguard participants with the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize, and respond to aquatic emergencies, and to provide care for breathing and cardiac emergencies, injuries, and sudden illnesses until emergency medical services (EMS) personnel take over. This class combines online coursework with practical application in the pool at the Mount St. Mary's University PNC Fitness Center. The course is Tuesday, April 28 through Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

For more information or to register, visit msmary.edu/aquatics or call Beth Raub at 301-447-7429.

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by Jeanne Angleberger, Shaklee Associate for a Healthier Life

Listen up if you have a desire of wellness and healthiness! Yours truly is excited to share the latest recommendations to living a long and healthy life!

If there were simple secrets to living longer, happier, and healthier, would you take the time to listen? I sure would.

Dan Buettner, author of *The Blue Zones Solution: Eating and Living Like the World's Healthiest People*, shares the most important longevity-boosting habits of centenarians. You may want to add these to your lifestyle habits.

Find Your Tribe. He advocates the people you hang out with influences your health. Surrounding yourself with people who support healthy behaviors becomes contagious. This applies to both good and bad behaviors and habits.

Eat Smart. Eating seven or more portions of vegetables and fruits every day is healthy and may reduce

the risk of certain diseases. Also, learn to stop eating when you're 80 percent full. (I have to work on this one!)

Seek a Purpose. Having a life purpose gives you a reason to get up every day. This comes from a variety of sources. Volunteering is very rewarding and purposeful. A volunteering bonus creates a social environment, too. Finding the right connection can make a huge difference to you.

Move It. A lifestyle motto of mine: "To be fit, you can't just sit!" Having a regular routine is highly recommended. Therefore, you just do it. Get started by walking. As a group, besides the exercise, you get social support and relaxation. What an ideal way to get moving. Or enrolling in a structured exercise program is even better.

Choosing healthiness, happiness, and longevity is a desire. It can be yours! How soon can you begin?

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~ Jim Rohn

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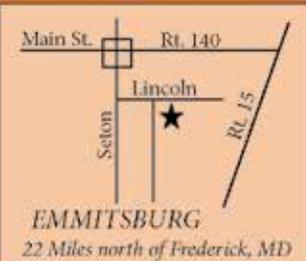

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Dennis Black acquired this historical photo for his collection. It is a postcard of the Thurmont 4th grade melody flute class. It appears to be a photo circa 1950s. If you can identify the children and the teacher in this wonderful, historical image of our local history, please email Dennis Black at dennisblack1@msn.com.

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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- \$399,999

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 - \$367,500

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



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!!



15210 Sabillasville Rd.
Thurmont - \$419,900

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 - \$149,900

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.



6629 Eylers Valley Flint Rd.
Sabillasville - \$379,900

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 in kitchen! 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!



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.



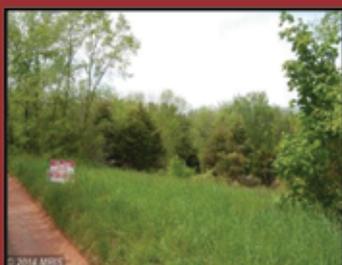
8737 Orndorff Road
Thurmont, MD - \$329,900

14+ Acre Farmette w/ spacious 3 bedroom, 1 full bath Colonial! Kitchen offers updated appliances & granite counter tops! Hardwoods in Dining Room! Upper level offers 2 bedrooms plus game/den space that could be converted to 4th bedroom! Expansive family room w/ master bedroom and full bath below! Additional shower in the laundry room and hook up for a sink in lower level. Patio and Deck



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!



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Wigville Rd., Thurmont, MD

3 gorgeous building lots.

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Catoctin Mountain Park Donates More Than 4,485 Pounds of Deer Meat To Local Food Banks

Catoctin Mountain Park completed the sixth year of white-tailed deer population reduction as prescribed in the Catoctin White-tailed Deer Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement. The plan addressed the consumption of tree and shrub seedlings by an increasing deer population, which has limited the ability of native forests to regenerate.

Herd reduction took place between November 2014 and February 2015, resulting in the removal of 119 deer from the park. A total of 4,485 pounds of venison (deer meat) was donated to the local Thurmont Food Bank, the Help Hotline, and the Lunch Place soup kitchen.

Pastor Sally Joyner-Giffin, with the Thurmont Food Bank, described the donated venison as "...a special treat for many families. With the high cost of meat, it has been a blessing to have the donation of locally killed deer meat. We have been providing food for over 300 households each month, and there are times when we can only afford hot dogs or Vienna sausage. The deer meat has been a very welcome addition. People have remarked on how fresh it tastes and they have been very grateful for it."

Brenda Smith, a volunteer at The Lunch Place soup kitchen, told park staff that, "Today, seventy-one people enjoyed a meal of vegetable soup and sloppy joes made with venison from the deer management program. The program donation we received allows us to offer protein-rich meals to those who are unable to feed their families wholesome meals on a regular basis."

According to the HELP Hotline staff, "In the past five months 'HELP Hotline,' based in Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania, serving four counties in two states, helped 118 local families needing food assistance. Venison, donated through the National Park Service at Catoctin Mountain Park, is our main source of protein and so well received by the families, they began to share recipes and cooking ideas. We most certainly look forward to using this service in the future."

Reduction using firearms will continue annually to reduce and maintain the deer population at Catoctin. Before the first season of deer management began in February 2010, there were approximately 123 deer per square mile in the Park. Before the sixth season of reduction began, the deer population was estimated by Park Biologists to be 35 deer per square mile. The deer density in a healthy forest is 15-20 deer per square mile. The number of deer removed each year will be based on the results of annual vegetation monitoring and deer population monitoring conducted each fall, and what the weather permits us to take.

Catoctin Mountain Park is one of over 400 units administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. The Park Visitor Center, located on State Route 77 three miles west of Thurmont, Maryland, is open Sunday-Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Correspondence should be addressed to: Superintendent, Catoctin Mountain Park, 6602 Foxville Road, Thurmont, MD 21788. Please visit the Catoctin Mountain Park website at www.nps.gov/cato for more information. General information can be obtained by calling the Visitor Center at 301-663-9388.

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Ten Baptized at Woodsboro Lutheran Church

The congregation of Woodsboro Lutheran Church celebrated the baptisms of nine children and one adult on Sunday, April 19, 2015. The baptized children are all participants in the church's expanded Sunday School and are pictured with their teachers.

Courtesy Photo



Pictured are: (first row) Kayley Trout, Ronin Hobbs, Brayden and Riley Castle, Pastor Kathy Rohrbach; (second row) Serenity Shoemaker, Chanel and Autom Towles; (third row) Destiny Shoemaker, Jessica Castle; (fourth row) Roger Myers, Peggy Trimmer, Peggy Esworthy, Wendy Rollison holding Nicholai Hobbs, Teresa Myers, and Robin Delauter.

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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 are 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.

Artwork



Drawing by Leah Tester, done with oil pastels. Leah is a Catoctin High School senior.

I Remember When Momma Was Here



by Don Short of Emmitsburg

I know she's with Jesus up there on his throne
For the Angels have come and they've taken her home
All I have now are memories of a mother so Dear
I remember when Momma was here

I remember back when I was a child
My mamma was always near
She always took care of my every need
I remember when Momma was here

She always made us feel secure
She'd calm our every fear
She had the heart of an Angel
I remember when Momma was here

Her family was all she had in this world
She loved us there was no doubt
She cared not for riches or fancy things
We were all she cared about

She'll always be a part of my life
I'll have memories throughout my years
Though the body she came in has left this old world
In my mind she'll always be here

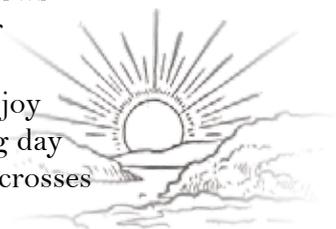
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For the Angels have come and they've taken her home
All I have now are memories of a mother so Dear
I remember when Momma was here
Till the day I meet her when my time has come
I'll remember when Momma was here



by Francis Smith

Loving Lord of sunrise
When raucous roosters crow
Each day new awakens
with Your creative touch.
Fresh now are the fields
crisp with morning dew
fragrant are the flowers
and wafts of new-mown hay.
How I love the beauty
Your Bounty free bestows
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by Michele Tester



I wrote this poem for my mother on Mother's Day when I was seventeen years old. My mom has been sick for the past several years, so I thought it would be a nice way to honor her on Mother's Day by putting what I wrote to her in print. "Thank you for the life you gave me, Mom."

Since today is Mother's Day, Mom, I'd like to take this day to let you know how deeply I love you and how much your love has meant to me through the years and today.

Your support, your love, your trust, and your friendship have enriched my life and made me who I am today. You are my tower of strength, Mom, and you've guided me through the years and helped me to find my way.

You took every moment necessary out of your life to help a sick child gain the courage and strength to push on. You yelled at doctors, cursed hospitals, slept in chairs, prayed to God, and dried my tears. My debt to you I know I will never be able to pay. Without you, Mom, I wouldn't be walking today.

You let me go just enough to find myself, but held on strong enough to pull me back when things got too rough. Today your little girl has grown into a young woman who needs you just as much.

Remember the years when all I did was cry? You never once told me to be quiet; you just listened, held my hand tight, and reassured me time after time that everything would be alright.

You always knew when something was bothering me, sometimes even before I knew. When I wanted to wear something of yours and you were planning to wear it, I noticed you decided you really didn't want to wear it after all. When I didn't have any money, I always found a couple of dollars stuffed in my pocket the next day. Oh, and our long talks about everything under the sun. And, of course, your family always comes first—no one can ever stand in the way.

Thank you again and again for all you have done. Thank you for your sacrifices, your confidence, your patience, and your love. There's one more thing I want you to know, one more thing I've been wanting to say: You are my Best Friend, Mom — Happy Mother's Day.

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You Asked For It

by Valerie Nusbaum

Spring is finally here! During our long, hard winter, I must have heard the phrase, "I can't wait until spring" at least a thousand times. As my old friend Jay would have said, "Well, here it is—spring...." You asked for it my friends, so don't come crying to me when you're sick of doing yard work or when the robins and doves use your clean car as their personal bathrooms. When your allergies kick in and your back is killing you, I don't want to hear about it.

This is a beautiful time of year. I'll give you that. The blooming trees and sprouting bulbs are gorgeous; their bright colors are a pleasant change from all of the white stuff we have seen. It's comforting to know that our trees will soon be filled with leaves again—the neighbors won't be able to look in our windows and see all the weird stuff we're doing.

It's not that I don't recognize the beauty and appreciate the spring season, but, I confess, I'm one of the few people who actually likes winter. As a menopausal woman, it's so nice to not be hot. Granted, I don't like freezing or having dry, itchy skin, but I do enjoy picking up a glass that isn't sweating. When January rolls around, and the Christmas stuff is cleaned up and put away, I find it relaxing to watch the snow fall. There's a certain peacefulness and serenity. That is, until the phone rings and my in-laws' pipes have frozen or my mother's oil line won't work.

Spring always makes me tired. The aforementioned yard work is never-ending, at least until fall rolls around again. And don't get me started on the home-improvement projects.

Randy and I are redecorating our guest room. I did my part early on in the project by going to Home Depot, picking out the paint, buying it, and bringing it home. Randy did almost all of the painting, but I helped him out a bit by painting the closet doors and two wall racks. I also went along with my hubby to pick out the new floor covering, and I offered him a cold drink while he ripped up the old carpet and disposed of it. He's been busy installing the new floor, and we've both been looking for furniture options. I'm exhausted. This project has been in the planning stages for several years, but you know how it goes. Something else always comes up.

We've promised my mother that we'll help remodel her kitchen; and, just the other day, I offered to help my mother-in-law clean out her attic. We'll have to do those projects before summer gets here, because neither house is as tundra-like as ours and I don't like to sweat. There's so much to do. It must be spring.

Randy doesn't plant a vegetable garden any more, but I usually start some tomato plants from seeds, and we tend to those all spring and summer. Those darned things are so temperamental. It would be easier to go out and buy a couple of plants, but my objective here isn't to have fresh tomatoes. It's to keep my father's legacy alive. Dad painstakingly bred and grafted those original tomato plants years ago, and I've kept them going ever since he passed away.

These days, most of the flowers at our home are perennials. I figured out that it was too much work to

replant all the flower beds year after year. We'll probably add in some impatiens since they're pretty and not much work. Randy and I are gradually paring down our trees and shrubs, too. I'm all about making life easier.

At least half of my spring cleaning is finished. I've been washing windows and curtains, wiping down walls and ceilings, cleaning light fixtures, and scouring all the nooks and crannies. We don't have much carpet in our house, but the rugs and upholstery are getting cleaned, and the blankets and bedspreads will be changed. Turning and flipping mattresses is a job for Randy, and he reaches all the high stuff for me. The poor man never knows what he'll find torn up when he comes home from work. Drawers and closets are being sorted and reorganized, and I'm finding stuff that I never knew we had. Things are being donated and given away left and right. Randy will do the outsides of the windows, and we'll wash down the siding on the house and the porches and doors together. We've been cleaning out the basement, too. No wonder I'm so tired!

I think I'll make some lemonade, sit on the porch, and watch the yard sales down the street. Yes, it surely is spring.

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So what do you need for a party of this magnitude? Guests are a good place to start. Send out invitations early, and inform your guests of the dress code either formal or casual. Or, if you want authenticity, assign them either as riff-raff or dressed to the nines. And, of course, the ladies should be encouraged to show off their festive

spring hats. Set the mood with some music. Download a few of the Derby traditional songs, such as "My Old Kentucky Home," intermingled with some cool Bluegrass and Jazz, and you are pretty much set. Don't be afraid to play it loud.

Plan a few games to help keep the mood festive up to the race. Short of actual gambling, you can have your guests pick horses to win, place, and show, and whoever comes the closest can take home a bottle of bourbon or champagne or a Derby pie. You can do the same game, but eliminate the handicapping element by having everyone draw his or her picks from a hat. You can also have the ladies enter a hat contest.

The beverage of choice for the Derby is most assuredly the Mint Julep. Pitchers of sweet tea and lemonade should also be made available. And, naturally, a

champagne toast just before or right after the race is always fitting.

And then there is the food. Having a wide variety of food is always a good idea. Brunch and lunch menu items are always welcome, just concentrate on menu items you prepare ahead of time. Ham and biscuits are always a good start, and taste great served with a jam mixed with mustard on the side. Kentucky Hot Browns, open-face sandwiches with turkey, bacon, and a sliced tomato, topped with Mornay sauce, is a great tradition as well. Pickled shrimp or sliced beef tenderloin sandwiches are a good standby as well. Some black-eyed peas and Cole slaw are two side dishes that can almost transport you to Louisville. As many distinguished chefs are invited to create dishes strictly for the Kentucky Derby, traditional food for the party can be that there really is no tradition. So do not be afraid to branch out a bit and stretch your culinary muscles.

For dessert, there is Derby Pie, which is nothing more than pecan pie baked with chocolate chips and bourbon. I say "nothing more" like this dessert is no big deal, but the evil genius that came up with this



Courtesy Photo

Derby Pie

dessert should be in The Confection Hall of Fame.

With so much tradition and pageantry associated with the Run for the Roses it should come as no surprise that you easily capture some for your own party.

Need a recipe or have an idea for an article? Email me at RguyintheKitchen@aol.com.

Calendar of Events

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The History Behind the Doughboy

This article includes excerpts from Karen Gardner's article in a 1991 *Frederick Post* titled *The History Behind the Doughboy* and Joan Bittner Fry's research in her compilation of local history titled, *Did You Know?* published in 2013.

A doughboy is the popular name for a World War I foot soldier. A statue commemorating the doughboy and called the Doughboy is located on West Main Street in Emmitsburg. One can't help but feel pride and sorrow when noticing a statue that commemorates sacrifices in war. Emmitsburg's Doughboy was created by E. M. Viquesney, a French sculptor who lived in Spencer, Indiana, to honor Veterans and casualties of World War I. Viquesney was, perhaps, the most popular Doughboy designer. It is interesting to know that not only are there other Doughboy statues around the nation, but that Emmitsburg's Doughboy statue has an identical twin.

In her book, *Did You Know?*, Joan Bittner Fry said, "...supposedly, there are seven Doughboys in Maryland. They are made of copper, bronze, granite, or marble. Emmitsburg's Doughboy statue's twin is located in Crisfield, Maryland. Other Doughboys in Maryland are located in Funkstown, Elkton, and Williamsport. After research, Joan could only account for five.

In her article, *The History Behind the Doughboy* that was published in the *Frederick Post* in 1991, Karen Gardner references the late T. Perry Wesley of Spencer, Indiana who set

out to remind people of the importance of these doughboy statues and located 110 of them around the nation but also indicated that he believed that several hundred actually exist.

Joseph Boys, who published an article about the Emmitsburg Doughboy statue in 1981, said, 'There's one in practically every small town.'

The statue stands on the lawn of the Emmitt House, once a hotel that frequently hosted Maryland governors, but is now an apartment house. It was erected in 1927. The Emmitsburg monument was in its heyday before World War II. Since then, other monuments at the town's American Legion have gotten considerably more attention, Mr. Boyle said.

Emmitsburg's Doughboy is walking between tree stumps, left boot firmly on the ground, right toe touching the ground, and the rest of the boot upraised in a marching pose. The right arm is raised, holding a hand grenade, and the left hand clutches a rifle with bayonet pointed horizontally.

Other doughboy statues are missing the tree stumps, and often have the right foot in the air, held aloft by a bar.

For more information, Joan Bittner Fry's books of local and regional history are available by calling her at 301-241-3295

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Emmitsburg's Doughboy Statue

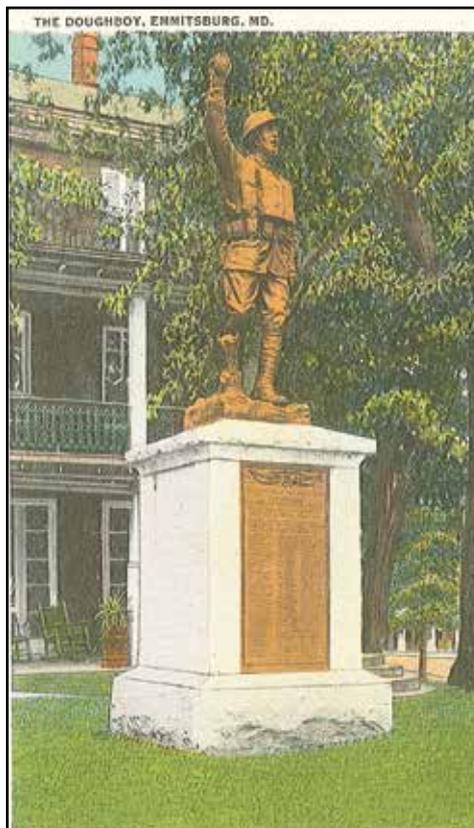
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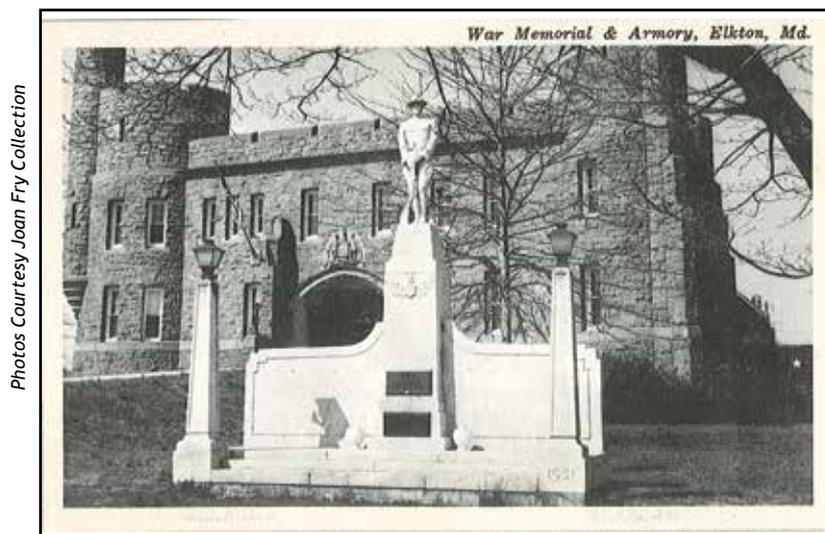
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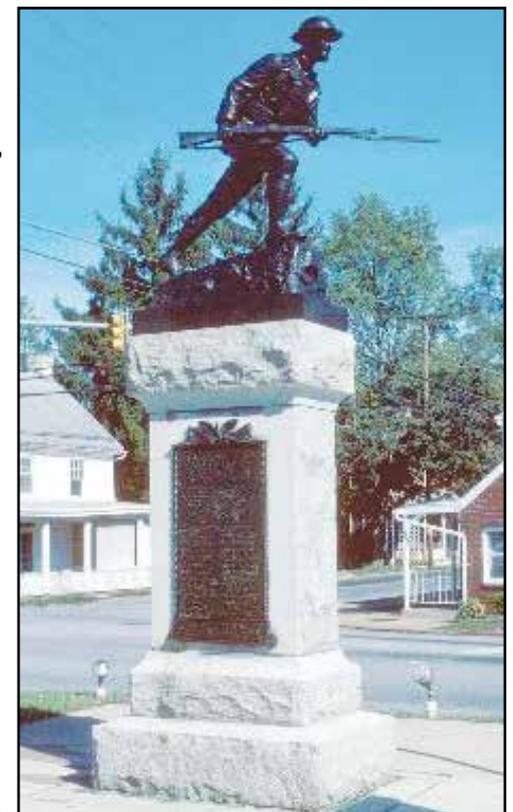
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by Chris O'Connor



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Army Chaplain, Family Man, Pastor, and Artist

Col. Bill Hammann of Blue Ridge Summit retired in 1999 after two and a half decades in the U.S. Army, where he served as a chaplain, rising through the ranks, ministering to the spiritual needs of American patriots and their families.

His service to our nation spanned the Cold War years, continuing throughout Desert Storm and Desert Shield. He was stationed in Germany just prior to the fall of the Berlin Wall—something he thought would never happen during his lifetime.

He was stationed at bases from Korea to Germany, as well as stateside posts, including Ft. Hood in Texas, Ft. Sill in Oklahoma, Ft. Knox in Kentucky, and the Presidio in California.

After retirement, he returned to Pennsylvania, because he has family in Carlisle.

Now he is in what he jokingly calls his “second retirement,” after serving as pastor at Hawley’s Memorial Presbyterian Church in Blue Ridge Summit. The decision to retire didn’t come easily, for he grew to love his congregation over a span of ten years. His family was the main driver of his difficult choice. He and his wife Lucy have a blended brood of six children and ten grandchildren, with whom they want to spend more time.

Though some might question if Bill isn’t already entrenched in a third career, for he has grown quite accomplished in the centuries-old German form of artistic expression called scherenschnitte or “scissors

cutting,” brought to our shores by German immigrants who settled mostly in colonial Pennsylvania.

Scherenschnitte—in its simplest form—is most easily described as silhouettes or stencil-like patterns cut from paper. The colonists used them as a means to decorate their homes for things such as shelf liners, doilies, birth and wedding announcements, or other embellishments to enhance the home environment. The colonial style designs were more simplistic by virtue of the available tools of that time. Many scherenschnitte designs, such as heart-shaped ones, predated our modern valentines, with space left in the center for messages penned in calligraphy.

Its modern incarnation is elaborate, intricately detailed works of art depicting a limitless variety of subjects, where the artist is only limited by his or her imagination.

Bill decided to learn the art form following his retirement from the Army in 1999 at the urging of his brother, who had acquired some pieces by other artists. Bill acquired some books and dove right in.

While many might consider patience the requisite to create such intricate pieces, Bill saw it differently and, in fact, found it relaxing and therapeutic. He had lingering back pain resulting from a Jeep rollover accident that occurred while he was still in the Army, and the pain often left him sleepless. Working on his earliest pieces were painstaking in more ways than one, helping distract him from the discomfort of his injury.

Photo by Chris O'Connor



(left)

Bill Hammann is shown working on a silhouette scherenschnitte art piece.

(below)

Pictured is one of Bill Hammann’s detailed and intricate pieces of scherenschnitte art work.

Photo by Bill Hammann



Bill is concerned that scherenschnitte is becoming a lost art. He is proud that some members of his family are continuing in the tradition. He has also held classes at Renfrew and a group at his church.

Anyone with an interest in the art form should start with simple designs and scissors, or Bill’s cutting tool of choice, an X-Acto knife. His best advice is to have an ample supply of sharp blades available. As soon as the blade begins to pull the paper while cutting, change the blade.

Besides the paper used for the design and knife blades, supplies are largely minimal.

Early on, Bill used old catalogs as cutting mats. While it was a creative way to protect the tabletop, it was arguably a false economy since extra layer of catalog pages further dulled the knife blades, not to mention the wee bits of catalog paper that had to be cleaned up.

Chasing infinitesimal bits of catalog pages was something akin to herding cats, sweeping down from a pillow with a hole in it while a ceiling fan’s going, or like raking dry autumn leaves in shifting winds.

Bill is not chasing bits of old catalogs these days. He uses a so-called “self-healing” mat as a base for his paper cutting. The paper rests on its stable surface and protects both the tabletop and also lengthens the life of the cutting blade.

To enable Bill to make the extremely miniscule cuts on his

most-detailed designs, he acquired an architectural lamp, a high-powered magnifying glass with a light that clamps on the side of his table and brightly illuminates his work surface.

Another technique he has recently chosen to implement in his work is “pin-pricking,” where pins of varying gauges are used to augment dimension and texture of the original design.

Having seen an extensive array of Bill Hammann’s exquisite art work, learned about his early service in gang ministry, about his striving to help dropouts before he joined the Army, his service to our military for over two decades, all followed by his jumping back into civilian life and striving to enhance folks spiritual life yet more...I’m left wondering, “Who does all that?”

That would be Col. Bill Hammann: U.S. Army (Ret.), parent, pastor, patriot...and artist, here on the Mountain.

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A Son Becomes a Veteran and A Father Becomes A Son

Richard Lee Fleagle (Rick) was born to Dick and Joyce Fleagle on March 3, 1960. Rick graduated from Catoctin High School in 1978. He liked to have fun and was considered a little on the wild side, while in school and out. In 1980, he enlisted in the U.S. military.

Rick went to Lackland Air Force Base for training. He had to sign up for at least 6 years in order to be trained in E.O.D. (explosive ordnance disposal) and that was what he did. Rick was sent to Charleston, South Carolina for six years and then to England for four years. He was almost assigned to "Desert Storm" but he had signed up to be an instructor and once he had done that, they didn't want to reassign him to a hot zone because instructors are hard to get, a lot is invested in them.

Rick had aced every test that was given him. One day his C.O. told him to get his gear together because he was going to be shipped out to Operation Desert Storm. So, he went home and prepared to leave. In the meantime, a man that was on vacation who was originally supposed to go to Desert Storm returned and was sent instead of Rick. Rick got to stay put when he returned from home. When his tour in England ended, Rick was sent back to the U.S. to Indian Head,

Maryland. There he stayed for nine years. He instructed E.O.D. and he loved it. Rick was sent to Kendall Air Force Base in Panama, Florida for his last two years of service because the Indian Head Base was closed down. He really liked it at Kendall when he got there. Rick did have to go to Granada when they went in to rescue the kids there. He said it was the first time and, he hoped, the last time that he was being shot at. It was the only time in his entire military career he was ever shot at.

Rick retired after twenty two years in the Air Force and went to work at a car dealership making brake shoes. It was a job he didn't like because of working in asbestos. He was happy when he got a call from Huntsville, Alabama asking him if he would be interested in a job as instructor in E.O.D. He said he would, but wondered if they wanted to interview him. They said that normally they would, but they talked with his formal superiors who held him in very high regards. If he would like the job, he was to just show up.

Rick showed up and they put him on the books. He bought a 16 acre piece of land up there and moved his family to Alabama. Rick just loved the job and the area, but the military soon closed that base down also. He had a choice of getting out the contract or taking a job in Florida,



Richard (Dick) W. Fleagle



Richard (Rick) L. Fleagle

so he moved back to Florida. Rick didn't sell his home in Alabama when he went to the job in Florida. He bought a three bedroom trailer down there and hoped he would eventually get another job and move back to his home in Alabama. He was working at Eglin Air Force Base in the panhandle of Florida close to Pensacola. Rick stayed at that location for three or four years and when the job ended he went back to Huntsville. His wife told him she thought he had served enough time with the military and suggested he stay at home while she worked because she had a good job. She had just gone full time, so with the salary she made and his pension, they could live comfortably. She suggested he take a break and he did. He has been ever since. Rick does take on some odd jobs now and then just for something to do.

I would now like to tell you a little bit about Rick's father, a man that is very proud of his son.

Richard W. Fleagle (Dick) was five days old when Pearl Harbor was bombed by the Japanese, and Dick jokingly says he saw the planes go over but he couldn't talk yet to warn anyone. On December 2, 1941 George Albert and Amelia Fleagle had a bouncing baby boy at their home and they named him Richard Warren. Dick's parents raised him in Thurmont and sent him and his two sisters, Shirley and Georgette, to the Thurmont school system where he played sports, participated in a lot of school plays, and sang in the school glee club. He remembers one play when he played a monkey and dressed in a monkey suit. He would sit on people's laps and jump around and he could be silly because no one knew who he was. Dick said he started getting interested in girls when he was a junior in high school and chased a variety of them. He

took one of them to the prom and stayed out all night with her. He said he won a door prize at the prom and when he opened the package it was a large bottle of hair tonic. Dick thought it was to slick his hair down, but when he used it, his hair fell out and he was bald by age twenty-two. So, now we know the rest of that story.

Dick graduated from Thurmont High School in 1959 and he also got married in 1959 to Miss Joyce Humerick. They just celebrated being married for fifty-five years. Dick was working for Biser's Painting at the time and Joyce was pregnant. When she told Dick it was time to go to hospital, he called his boss and told him he might not be to work in the morning. His boss said they were calling for snow that night and to be careful. They got to the hospital and around ten o'clock, looked out the window around eleven o'clock and there were about four inches of snow on the ground, and it was still coming down. The nurses told Dick they couldn't believe he was so calm because Joyce was in there getting ready to have a baby. He told them he knew that and he was just tickled to death. The nurse asked if he was nervous or anything, and Dick asked her if he needed to be nervous. When she said no, not really, Dick said well then leave me alone then.

Finally, at two twenty two in the morning, baby Richard L. arrived. The nurse said Joyce would be out of it for the rest of the night and the baby was fine and everything was fine so he had better try to make it home. Dick made it home and the next morning he went to work in about eight inches of snow. Back then, if you could make it to work, you went to work. When Dick got to the paint shop, his boss asked him how everything went and he told his boss it went well and he explained

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everything to him. His boss said they needed to go to Frederick to make sure the paint crew got home before the blizzard became any worse.

They had problems going to Frederick because the main road was closed, so they tried to take the back road and had to be towed out of a ditch by a farmer. When they got to Frederick, they had to spend the night at his boss's Aunt's house. Dick ended up being stranded in Frederick while Joyce was at the Gettysburg Hospital with Rick.

Dick called Joyce and explained to her what happened and she was understanding. Dick was able to get to Gettysburg the next day.

Their daughter Susie came along in January 1962 with less excitement. Dick and Joyce have six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren, and they just love them to pieces. Dick was with Bisers Painting full-time for three years and then went to work at Thurmont Shoe Factory full-time and Bisers part-time for three years. Dick went to work for Lehigh Corp. in

Woodsboro when he left Thurmont Shoe Co. and stayed for forty-three years until he retired.

Dick spent a lot of time traveling to visit with his son. He and Joyce went to visit him while he was in England and numerous times while he was stationed at various bases, especially while he was in Alabama and Florida. Dick is just bursting with pride for his son, Rick, and because of Rick, he is able to be a member at various veteran organizations. Dick loves belonging to, and helping in all aspects of the Sons of AMVETS. He is especially proud that he was asked to belong to AMVETS Post 7 Honor Guard. Dick is Chaplain for the Department of Maryland Sons of AMVETS, 1st Vice Commander of Sons of AMVETS Squadron 7 Thurmont, Chaplain for Sons of the American Legion Squadron 121 Emmitsburg, and Men's Auxiliary VFW Post 6658 Emmitsburg.

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Welcome to spring; perhaps by now, "old man winter" has decided to take some time off and let the sunshine in. We could use some warm days and nights, it's been too long.

Don't forget that on May 30, 2015, we are having our Memorial Day Ceremony. Memorial Day is more than just a holiday with a day off school and work. If anyone doesn't know what Memorial Day is for, stop by the Legion and just ask someone.

Thanks to the members of the Sons, who went up to Camp WestMar for their clean-up. The Sons of The American Legion have adopted a cabin up there, and they have undertaken quite a job. They are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of that cabin. They will need all the support and thanks we can offer.

In this month, we will be having nominations for officers and elections at our membership meeting, to be held on May 19, 2015. If anyone has any gripes or wants to be included in the nominations or elections, you should plan to attend.

We have an opening for the position of Post Historian. If anyone would like to volunteer for this position, please let us know; your help will be appreciated.

Last month, the Ladies Auxiliary took a bus trip to visit several of our neighboring posts. All the ladies had a fun day, and their visits were appreciated by the folks they visited. Thanks for spreading our good name, and thanks to Rob Fogle for being their driver.

At our membership meeting, I had the honor of presenting two certificates of longevity to Mr. Lee Fisher for seventy years of membership, and to Mr. Chester Zentz for sixty years serving in the American Legion. There are three other certificates of longevity recipients: Mr. Elwood Riffle, for seventy years; Mr. Albert Riffle, for seventy years; and Mr. Frank Valentine, with sixty years of membership. Their framed certificates will be mailed.

At our meeting this month, we voted to stop all vaping in the Post. We have had several complaints from members about it, saying that the smell of the vapor is annoying and possibly causing health concerns.

Don't forget the Ace of Hearts on Wednesdays, and Bingo on Thursday evenings. Our kitchen is open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday evenings, and on Sunday afternoon.

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by Michele Tester

Nala

A Survivor, A Best Friend, A Blessing

One lucky dog. That's what would come to your mind if you saw Nala with her owner, Pam Ryan of Thurmont. The heartfelt connection and the happiness emanating between animal and human is unmistakable. But to say that Nala was the only lucky one in this story would be a definite understatement. The truth be told, Nala saved Pam just as much as Pam saved Nala.

Pam adopted Nala, a Rottweiler Mix, from an animal shelter seven years ago; Nala was five years old. She was one of the favorites at the shelter, but she had been there several months and they couldn't seem to find her a home. Pam was told that black dogs seem to be more overlooked, along with the fact that Nala was five years old.



Pam Ryan of Thurmont with her dog, Nala.

People want to adopt puppies or younger dogs and, unfortunately, some unfair stereotypes have been associated with the Rottweiler breed. Pam arrived at the shelter that day and saw that Nala was

featured as the "doggie of the day." On that particular day, the staff had Nala out front in the lobby area—so people would see her immediately when they walked in—trying to find her a home. Pam stopped and petted Nala on the way in, and then went into the back to look at all the dogs.

"I came back out front and then read her story," Pam said. "It was so very heartbreaking reading about what had happened to her."

The person who had brought Nala in and dumped her at the shelter had duct taped her mouth closed and beat her very badly. She still had the residue from the duct tape around her mouth. Her previous owner had pulled the duct tape off, taking all her whiskers with it.

"She looked so sad, and I felt her spirit had been broken," said Pam. Pam found out later that Nala's previous owner had also fractured her ribs from the beatings.

"I looked at her and began to pet her again, and then she licked my hand...that's all it took. I adopted her that day," said Pam.

The staff was so happy that Nala had found a forever home, as she was a wonderful dog who had been badly treated.

Nala had a difficult time at first, acclimating into her new home. She would hang her head as she walked, and when Pam would take her for a ride in her car, she wouldn't want to get back out of the car when she returned home. Pam believed it was because she was afraid of getting dumped somewhere again. She cowered at everything. If water dripped on the floor from her water bowl, and Pam went to wipe it up, Nala would immediately lay down on the floor and cower, terrified she did something wrong.

Yet, even under the dire circumstances from where she came, Nala's spirit could not entirely be broken. With Pam's love, guidance, praise, and unending patience, Nala is today a loving, gentle, secure, and happy dog. You might find her out front with Pam, lounging in the grass, taking in her neighborhood and greeting the neighbors as they walk by, or you may see her walking in her favorite park, Thurmont Community Park. She is obedient and loyal to a fault. When you see Pam, you see Nala. Does she still suffer from certain insecurities resulting from her early dreadful years? Yes. But she knows that she is well cared for and that she is genuinely and truly loved.

Pam expressed that she has had many dogs over the years, but Nala is one of the most loving and giving dogs she has ever had. Pam feels so blessed to have seen Nala that day at the shelter, and is forever grateful that she adopted her. She has been a huge part of Pam's life.

"I feel that I not only saved her life, but she saved mine. A few months after I adopted Nala, I lost my very best friend—my mom. I feel that Nala and I were meant to be together, and the timing of her coming into my life couldn't be more profound, like a guardian angel. I gave her the love she deserved, and her love and companionship helped me get through a very sad time. Nala is truly a very special dog."

If you're looking for a "new best friend," consider adopting an animal from a shelter. There is no better feeling than rescuing an animal and giving them the love and life they deserve. You may think you're saving them, when you may be surprised what they bring to your life.



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## Obituary

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Larry Bruce May, 64, of Emmitsburg, Maryland, died Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at Gettysburg Hospital in Gettysburg, PA, surrounded by his loving family. Born January 29, 1951, in Baltimore, he was the son of the late Donald and Lillian (Basler) May. He was the husband of Barbara (Few) May, to whom he was married for 16 years.

Bruce was a gifted gentleman. He owned and operated Emmitsburg Auction Service since 1999. He loved attending horse races, and in his younger days actually worked as a trainer. He enjoyed listening to gospel music, collecting antique clocks, building furniture, and spending time with family and friends. Bruce was a good-hearted man with a giving spirit who enjoyed helping people.

Surviving in addition to his wife are children, Eric May and wife Dina of Goochland, VA; Erin May and companion Julie Denner of Hampstead, MD; Tonia Koontz and husband Jason of Bedford, PA; Emily Pritchett and husband Dan of Hampstead, MD; Luann Moser and husband Dan of Fairfield, PA; Bobbie McGlaughlin and husband Ryan of Emmitsburg; and Wayne Miller, Jr. of Emmitsburg; sisters, Sylvia Green and husband David of Hanover, PA and Dawn Graf and husband Brian of Manchester, MD; brother, Trent May and wife Michele of Hanover, PA; 18 grandchildren; 1 great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

The family received friends on Monday, April 13, 2015, at Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home, located at 210 W. Main St., Emmitsburg, MD. A brief prayer service was held at 8:45 p.m., with the Rev. Jon R. Greenstone officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions to help defray funeral expenses be made to Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home, P.O. Box 308, Emmitsburg, MD, 21727. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.myersdurborawfh.com](http://www.myersdurborawfh.com).



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# Tickling Our Tastebuds

by Denise Valentine



Hello, everyone. The recent sunny weather has me in the mood to be outside enjoying the longer days. I know many of you will be celebrating the Memorial Day holiday at the end of May with a family gathering, possibly a picnic? I always consider this the beginning of the summer picnic season.

There is always good food associated with picnics and cookouts, especially the desserts. Over the years I have shared recipes from The Pampered Chef. When I started my Direct Sales business (my hobby job) over eighteen years ago, I made a particular dessert called "Banana Cream Brownie Squares," at many of my shows. I always enjoy the way you can change the recipes a little here and there to suit the occasion, or maybe just to use what ingredients you have.

The following is my variation to make it patriotic looking. You could also use this for July 4 holiday and Labor Day. I hope you have a wonderful holiday.



## Red, White & Blue Brownie Squares

### Ingredients

- 1 package (15 ounces) Brownie Mix
- 1 container (8 ounce) of whipped topping, thawed
- 1 1/4 cups cold milk
- 1 cup of small strawberries, quartered
- 1 cup of blueberries
- 1 package (5.1 ounces) instant vanilla pudding

### Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare brownies according to package directions. Pour into a 9 x 9 square baking pan. Bake 24-27 minutes. Cool completely.

In a medium bowl, whisk pudding mix into the milk. Beat until mixture just begins to thicken. Fold in 2 1/2 cups of the whipped topping. Spread pudding mixture on the brownie. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Evenly distribute strawberries and blueberries on top before serving. Top each serving with a dollop of the remaining whipped topping.

*Special note: This recipe is also delicious with white chocolate flavored pudding mix.*

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# On The Wild Side

Christine Schoene Maccabee

“Unlike many environmental crises, with this issue we don't have to wait for someone else to take action!”

— National Wildlife Federation President O'Mara

## Gardening for Wildlife

On just one occasion, I had the pleasure of witnessing the profound beauty of hundreds of Monarch butterflies on their migratory path to Mexico. It was the first September of my new life here in the Catoctins, and my unmowed fields were bursting with flowering goldenrod. The goldenrod, being as it is a critical late season source of nectar and pollen for butterflies and bees, served as a magnet to hundreds—perhaps thousands—of Monarchs that year in my field. It was a sight to stir the heart, orange-winged beauties flitting gracefully from flower to flower, the entire meadow in motion. It was a living body of pulsating color.

For two days, the butterflies stayed and fed. I remember looking out every morning to see them, but by the third morning, they were gone. The valley seemed strangely empty, too still, and I felt a loss, a sadness, though I was satisfied that they were well fed, fueled up, so to speak, for their long journey south. Since then, I have not seen so many at one time, though every summer lone individuals come and go, some feeding and leaving eggs on my milkweed leaves. I have read since then that Monarchs are mostly loners, only congregating at certain ideal places to feed and perhaps mate. Still, I worry.

By now, everyone knows or should know about the problem with extreme habitat loss for the Monarch butterfly. Children are learning about it in school, and I have seen innumerable articles about it in newspapers and magazines. *National Wildlife Federation* magazine's April issue covered both the problems of and the solutions to the imperiled Monarch Migration. Most damaging have been invasive logging in Mexico, where Monarch's winter over, and the massive conversion of precious grasslands into monocultures of corn and soybeans in the heartland of our country. Then there is the overuse of

herbicides, which are used widely by farmers to kill off native plants that all butterflies, and bees, require for food and/or egg laying.

As we all know, information is critical to solving problems. Now that we understand how and why our natural areas are becoming devastated, we can all begin to do something to remedy the situation. Anyone who has even the slightest amount of yard space can begin gardening for wildlife this spring. Gardening is one way to get the kids out of the house, and our hands in the dirt. After all, humans are part of the wild world, too! It is very rejuvenating, and I believe it is a basic need, even for those who say they don't have a green thumb.

When I think of all the homeowners in this area who would much prefer not to mow their lawns every weekend, to them I say “Plant wildflowers!” Backyard, and even front yard gardeners, are our heroes of today. Trees are great, and important, too; however, food for our bees and butterflies, even moths, is critical if we are to have a healthy planet. I have seen the loss of large moth populations in our county due to pesticide use, and I am greatly saddened to no longer see any more large, magnificent ones such as Cecropias or Lunas. If you happen to see one, please let me know.

When I first moved here to my eleven-plus acres in the Catoctins, I already had a vast interest in all things wild, particularly native plants. So, when a large garden area was plowed up, there was no mulching or pulling of weeds that first year. Instead, I let things come back and began to investigate, and discriminate. Much to my surprise, the 200-year-old hay field was full of seeds, simply waiting for someone to recognize them. I now have areas of wild aster (four varieties), milkweed in many places (critical habitat for the Monarch), clovers of many varieties (which the bees thrive on), jewel weed, teasel, wine



Christine Maccabee is shown looking at a milkweed plant.

Here's a small list of native plants good for pollinators: coneflowers, bee balm or wild Bergamot, goldenrod, Joe-Pye weed, butterfly weed (orange flowers), red or white clovers, sunflowers, wild evening primrose, lilies, wild phlox, dandelions, and many others, including certain shrubs and trees.

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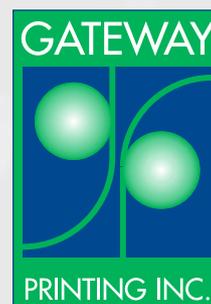
Monarch butterfly.

berries galore, several varieties of goldenrod (which is not the dreaded pollen producer that some have wrongly accused), St. John's Wort, violets, and so on. I also have many wild edibles and medicinals, which I use for teas and for eating. None of these are store bought, but simply waiting for my discerning eye to discover.

So I say, “Get curious!” and get a good identification book. Children are naturally curious, so dig up some yard and begin to examine what's there. However, many people do not have the time or interest for this approach, so another way to grow native plants is to buy them at one of the many nurseries, which are now selling more and more native plants. I have seen many yards transformed into what I call an oasis of goodness, with flowers and vegetables, integrated in practical, even artistic ways.

I always say, if there is only one thing I do in my lifetime for the Good, it will be to grow and preserve habitat for wildlife on my eleven-plus acres. You can do the same no matter how much or how little land you have! Every little bit helps. All the information you need is out there; so, this spring, have a wild adventure and explore the potential in your soil.

For more information on how to get a wildflower garden going or to identify plants for you, call Christine at 301-271-2307 or write her at [songbirdschant@gmail.com](mailto:songbirdschant@gmail.com).



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# looking back – 1971

by James Rada, Jr.



## Easter at Camp David

Anyone with eyes knew just where President Richard M. Nixon and his family were Easter Sunday morning in 1971.

It was pretty widely known through town that the Nixons would be spending the weekend at Camp David, a favorite retreat for the president. Since it was also Easter weekend, speculation was on whether they would attend church on Sunday and which church they would choose.

“Gold Cadillacs, television cameras, photographers, newsmen, and Secret Service agents do not stand outside of a church in Thurmont for the average person,” the *Catoctin Enterprise* reported.

The church was the Thurmont United Methodist Church, where the Reverend Kenneth Hamrick was pastor.

Prior to the Easter service, Mrs. Hamrick had received a call from Camp David asking for her husband.

Rev. Hamrick was officiating at another church, but when he returned home, his wife had him to return the call. That is when he found out that he would have special guests during his service that day.

This visit apparently came about because of Mrs. Hamrick.

“Rev. Hamrick, a part-time White House employe[e], attended a staff reception last Christmas at which time Mrs. Hamrick had asked Mrs. Nixon to bring the President to her husband’s church sometime in the future,” *The Frederick Post* reported.

Not only did the president and first lady attend, but they were joined by Julie and David Eisenhower, former First Lady Mamie Eisenhower, and Tricia Nixon and her fiancée Edward Finch Cox.

“I didn’t mention their presence to others attending the services,” Hamrick

told *The Frederick Post*. “I did mention the President, as well as other world leaders, in my prayers at the end of the service.”

Rev. Hamrick’s

sermon dealt with the rejection of both Christ and Christianity in biblical and modern times.

Afterwards, Hamrick told the *Catoctin Enterprise*, “The President said the sermon was ‘very good, very pertinent’ and it appeared that I ‘had done my homework’.” He added that the first lady told him, “It made my Easter Day.”

The Nixons and their guests then returned to Camp David for an Easter dinner. Two months later, Tricia Nixon and Edward Cox would return to Camp David to spend their honeymoon there after their June 12 wedding.

President Nixon enjoyed spending time at Camp David. It was a place where he could think, relax, and get work done. He had worked on his first acceptance speech as the Republican presidential nominee there as vice-president. Although John F. Kennedy won that election, Nixon would return to Camp David in 1968 as president.

W. Dale Nelson tells a story in *The President Is at Camp David* that Nixon speechwriter William Safire tried making a case to Nixon’s appointment secretary, Dwight Chapin, that the president should spend more time in the White House, not on an isolated mountain.

“Do you want to be the one who tells the president he can’t go to Camp David? Because it sure as hell isn’t going to be me,” Chapin said.

According to Nelson, when former President Dwight D. Eisenhower died in 1969, Nixon wrote his eulogy at Camp David. He made the decision to order troops into Cambodia during the Vietnam War there. He wrote his 1972 presidential nomination acceptance speech there.

The Nixons also spent Easter 1972 at Camp David. They also celebrated David Eisenhower’s 24th birthday during that Easter weekend.



White House Photo

## Emmitsburg Senior News

by Susan Allen

We’re in the “merrie month of May, when green buds all are swelling.” Our walks in the park are warming up, lending us more and more signs of spring. To help us stay fit for our walks, we are adding chair and breathing exercises every day at 11:00 a.m. The two Friday trips planned will get us out to enjoy the warming spring weather.

On Friday, May 8, we’ll ride to Stauffer’s Garden Center & Baker’s Diner, from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Our destination on Friday, May 15, will be the Hampton National Historic Site, from 9:00-3:30 p.m. The fee for each trip will be \$30.00 per person; reservations are required. Check with Linda at 301-600-6350 for the closing date.

Other special events for May include the Spring Art Show & Reception, upstairs at the Emmitsburg Library, on Monday, May 4, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Our monthly Birthday Party is scheduled for Friday, May 8, at noon.

Mid-month offers us chances to try our hands at crafts (May 13 at 10:00 a.m.), while Kitty will be with us the following day (May 14) to make a window box for a lovely spring flower display. On Tuesday, May 19, Nurse Steve will stop in to discuss “how our blood works” and perform blood pressure checks. Our Nutrition briefing on Wednesday, May 20, will be all about spring vegetables.

A Special Bingo is on the agenda for Wednesday, May 27, at 10:00 a.m. We can round out the month

at the Frederick Senior Center on Friday, May 29. The Sweet Adelines will entertain, and we will have lunch together (reservations needed; \$10.00 fee for the day.)

The Center will be closed on May 25 for Memorial Day. Please take some time to think of family members and friends who used their final breaths and strength to pass the flag of freedom to a comrade who lived to pass it on to you. This is one way that God shed his grace on thee for another year.

Regular Activities are as follows: Art Class (Mondays), 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Bowling (Mondays), 12:15 p.m.; Special Bingo (Wednesday, May 27), 10:00 a.m.; Bridge & 500 (May 6 and 20), 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, including 13 and Chicken Foot (May 1, 5, 6, 12, 13, 15, 21, 22, 26, 28), 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](mailto:LUmbel@FrederickCountyMD.gov).



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# senior moments

by Pam Robbins

Greetings from the Thurmont Senior Center! Spring has sprung! Daffodils are blooming, lawn mowers have begun to make their first cutting, spring cleanup of yards has begun, and BBQ grills are being fired up. I've already started to smell the aroma of hamburgers, chicken, and steak! Many are starting to plant their gardens with flowers and veggies. I am so enjoying the warmer temperatures.

We had a fun time at the Spring Fashion show on March 25, 2015. We made our way down the "runway," showing off this summer's fashions. There was a great deal of shopping going on. Taylor Marie Fashions provided the fashions, and then donated a portion of her profits to the Thurmont Senior Center. On April 1, 2015, representatives from Senior Benefits, located in Thurmont, provided some very important and helpful information regarding Medicare. Some things should get a little easier for us as we get older, but they sure can get very confusing when you start discussing Medicare and insurance! You can contact Senior Benefits to discuss Medicare and insurances free of charge. County Executive Jan Gardner, along with Chief Administrative Officer Doug Browning, Council President Bud Otis, and Mayor John Kinnaird, had a meet-and-greet with us on April 2, 2015. They had informal discussions with seniors. They were very interested in the services that are provided, what activities take place, and how they could help. We greatly appreciated their visit. We had a "boot scootin'" good time at the dance on April 4, 2015! JR Country Band provided the music. Thank you to all who attended and a "big thank you" to all the dance volunteers and those who donated items. We had fun using our creative side, making earrings and bracelets during the beading classes in April. We will be having additional sessions in the upcoming months. Watch for it on our monthly events calendar.

You can now follow us on Facebook: Thurmont Senior Center, where you can find postings of daily updates, weekly events, menus, and photos. Be sure to like us on Facebook.

May 1, 2015, is Law Day, so we will be hosting Law Day with two local lawyers: Rosemary McDermott and Larry Sinegan. Each will be offering you a free living will and advanced directive, prepared especially for you. You must make an appointment; each session is a half hour. Stop by or call the Center to set

up your personal appointment. They will be available from 9:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-2:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 11:30 a.m., Fred Balias from the Frederick County Department of Mental Health will be speaking to us about depression, which unfortunately can happen to any of us at any age. On May 7, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., the beading group, led by Teresa, will make earrings, etc. We have supplies, but if you have your own, you can bring them. We will have this on the first Thursday of each month.

From May to September, we will be hosting a monthly yard sale event, taking place the second Saturday of each month, from 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Center's parking lot. Cost will be \$10.00 per parking space. You must supply your own table(s) and chair(s). The event will take place rain or shine. Call the Center to reserve your space(s) prior to the Saturday you wish to reserve. Payment must be made in advance.

As promised, low impact Zumba Gold is being offered at the Center. Our first session is Thursday, May 14, 2015, from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Michelle from Anytime Fitness will be teaching. I find it so much more fun to exercise with music. Join me for the fun!

On Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., Terry Miller from Broadmore Senior Living will be talking on Veterans Benefits. Thank you goes out to the Broadmore Baking Club, who donated some delicious coffee cake bread, which we enjoyed at bingo.

Our annual Birthday Party will be held on May 21, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. It is being held at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, and the cost will be \$14.00 per person. If anyone is interested in decorating a birthday month table and donating a \$5.00 door prize, please contact Teresa at 301-271-7911. Please stop in, sign up, and pay at the Center. Also available is our spring cash raffle—\$100 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place—which will be drawn at the Annual Birthday Party. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00.

Don't forget 50/50 Bingo at 1:00 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. It's open to the public. Per Maryland Law, you must be eighteen years old to play bingo. Join us and bring your friends for a fun afternoon. Free coffee, iced tea, and snacks are provided. Soda and water are available for purchase. It's a great way to spend an afternoon with friends!

Photos by Irene Matthews



## Fashion Show

Pictured from left are Pam Robbins, Joan Leo, Joan Brantner, Janice Synder, Tony Carnejo, Rachael Weiler, Marie Free, and Norma Jean Buice.

## City and Town Visit Thurmont Senior Center

Pictured from left are Thurmont Commissioner Bill Buehrer; Thurmont Mayor John Kinnaird; President BOD Thurmont Senior Center George Anzelone; County Executive Jan Gardner; County Council President Bud Otis; Chief Administrative Officer Doug Browning.



A hot daily lunch is served at the Center. The food is prepared by Mountain Gate Restaurant, as well as one day of pizza and salad during the month from Rocky's. We have wonderful volunteers who pick up the lunch, deliver to homebound folks, and serve the lunches at the Center (but we need more volunteers). The cost of the lunch is \$5.00. We ask that you contact the Center a day prior, so we have a count of how many lunches to order.

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, participating at our fundraisers, or making financial donations—all to make this the best senior center for the community. Volunteer jobs

include working in the kitchen one day a week, picking up lunch food, delivering food, driving people to the Center and/or shopping, doctor's appointments, hair appointments, and so on. We are operating as an independent non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, so our funds are limited. The Thurmont Senior Center is available for ages fifty-five and above. We want to express our sincere thanks to those who are already supporting our programs.

For a current listing of events and our monthly lunch menu, you can check our Facebook page, stop by the Center (806 E. Main Street in Thurmont), or send a request via email to [thurmontseniorcenter@zoho.com](mailto:thurmontseniorcenter@zoho.com).

The Center's phone number is 301-271-7911.



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# your public library



## Where Community & Ideas Connect

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

### Star Wars Celebration

Come dressed as your favorite *Star Wars* character in an all-day celebration. We'll have crafts and games, including *Star Wars* trivia and *Star Wars* quotes, with many prizes. Bring your lunch to enjoy during a *Star Wars* movie at 11:00 a.m. At 2:00 p.m., the Thurmont Middle School Band will be performing *Star Wars* music, with special appearances by *Star Wars* Costume Club characters. Fun for all ages. On Saturday, May 2, from 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at Thurmont Regional Library.

### Hero Stories

Meet a Park Naturalist and Animals. Get up close and personal with animals from Fountain Rock Nature Center and learn about being a Park Naturalist. Every hero has a story, and your local Park Naturalist has plenty to share about plants and animals at Fountain Rock. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult, as requested by the park. On Tuesday, May 5, from 6:30-7:15 p.m., at Thurmont Regional Library. Register online at fcpl.org or call 301-600-7212.

### Have Fun Getting Your Child to Read

This program demonstrates how parents can use five familiar and easy-to-use practices to develop language and other early literacy skills in children from birth to age five. Based on the Every Child Ready to Read® workshops, this program explains why these skills are so important, demonstrates how to help children learn the skills, provides titles of high-interest books that are age appropriate, and sends parents and caregivers home with early literacy activities they can incorporate into their family's daily routine. Sign up for one of the two sessions, either Wednesday, May 6, from 6:30-7:15 p.m.; or Thursday, May 7, from 2:00-2:45 p.m. Register online at fcpl.org or call 301-600-7212.

### Mother's Day with Washi Tape for Teens

Have you used washi tape yet? Attend this program and use it to make a gift for your mom: a set of coasters, magnets, and more.

Colorful designs and patterns to choose from. Make a card, too. For ages 12-18. On Thursday, May 7, at 5:00 p.m. Register online at fcpl.org or call 301-600-7212.

### STEM for Science

School is out early today! Drop in for some STEM fun with the CHS Science National Honor Society. Learn a little bit about STEM while you have fun. Space is limited, so register early. For ages 5 and up. On Friday, May 8, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Register online at fcpl.org or call 301-600-7212.

### Families in Tune

Make music and memories with your little one while working on developmental milestones in our early childhood development program for children of all abilities. Licensed Music Therapist Darcy Lipscomb brings a fun program to the Thurmont Library! Space is limited, so register early. For ages birth-4 years. On Monday, May 18, at 10:30 a.m. Register online at fcpl.org or call 301-600-7212.

### Summer Activities Family Fair

Drop in for this family-fun event and discover what's available locally to entertain the kids all summer long. There will be plenty of hands-on children's activities, as well as a wide range of representatives from Frederick County community organizations. Pick up information about summer camps, special classes, museum specials, and more. On Tuesday, May 12, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

### Literacy Tutor Orientation

Interested in learning more about becoming a tutor through the Literacy Council of Frederick County? An orientation session will be held Saturday, May 9, from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., at the Thurmont Regional Library. This is for information only and there is no obligation. If you decide to become a tutor, you'll be given further information about training sessions. To register for the orientation, visit [www.frederickliteracy.org](http://www.frederickliteracy.org) or call 301-600-2066.

All Frederick County Public Libraries will be closed Sunday, May 24, and Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.

# classifieds

## Wanted

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

Frigidaire 4.5 cu. ft. Mini Refrigerator a year old. \$75 Firm. Sharp Microwave Oven great shape \$15 Firm. Call 301-271-3806.

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.

Business For Sale, Shipping/Packaging Business and all the equipment. In operation since 2012. \$5,000. Located in Thurmont. Call 301-271-2403.

GoKart, 2 seater adult Hammerhead goes up to 44 mph. \$1,999/OBO. Call 240-405-0484.

## Notices

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## 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.

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](mailto: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.

Grass Cutting. Good price. No contract. 240-285-0716.

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

## 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.

Emmitsburg, 2 BR Apts, starting at \$550 plus utilities. No pets, non-smoking. 301-447-2194 or 301-447-3080.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT: One and Two bedrooms in the Cascade, Blue Ridge Summit area. Call Kelly Ash at 301-241-4726.

HALL RENTAL: Weddings, Banquets, Events of any kind. Call the American Legion at 301-271-4411.

Looking for a place for a meeting, reunion, reception, picnic, or party? St. John's UCC in Sabillasville rents their pavilion or their parish hall. For information, contact Donna Smith at 717-762-5297 Reserve early.

FOR RENT: Thurmont Senior Center for rent, evening and weekends. Call 301-271-7911.

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

## Help Wanted

Cleaning Angels Extraordinaire, based in Emmitsburg, is in need of a part time cleaning helper. Must use own car and have a valid driver's license. Will be reimbursed for mileage. Please call Theresa at: 240-446-2752.

Carriage House Inn Restaurant hiring part-time servers, bus staff and hostess nights, weekends and holidays are a must. Apply within at 200 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727.

## Yard Sale

Multi family yard sale. May 8th from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. 15038 Kelbaugh Road in Thurmont, Maryland.

All Antique Yard Sale Country/Collectibles, Rain or Shine, Thursday through Monday, May 28, 29, 30, 31, June 1, 2015. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 17058 Harbaugh Valley Road, Sabillasville, MD, just off MD Rt. 550 at Sabillasville, watch for posted signs. 301-241-3907.

The JerMae Estates Community Yard Sale, Saturday, May 30, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Next to Maple Run Golf Course on Moser Rd. in Thurmont. For more information, call 301-271-4988.

Test Your Word Power  
— Answers —  
1. b      3. a      5. b  
2. c      4. c      6. a  
6. blatant

### Answer to Movie Trivia

Quote derives from the 2010 animated film *Toy Story 3*, starring Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, and Joan Cusack, the third film in the *Toy Story* series. The movie was released on June 18, 2010.

## april

- 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.

## may

- 1..... Dedication Ceremony to Honor the IAFC VCOS, National Fire Heritage Center, Frederick County Fire/Rescue Museum, 300B South Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. 10:30 a.m. RSVP Wayne Powell 240-344-7390 or waynepowellnfhc@gmail.com.
- 1..... Free Workout Saturdays, hosted by Anytime Fitness of Thurmont, Thurmont Community Park. 11 a.m. (every Saturday in May). Led by certified personal trainers; designed for every fitness level. Open to all adults, not just Anytime Fitness members.
- 1..... Law Day, Thurmont Senior Center, 806 E. Main St., Thurmont. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Living will/advanced directive prepared free by local lawyers. Reserve your half hour: 301-271-7911.
- 2..... Quarter Auction, Mountain Gate Restaurant, Thurmont. Doors open noon for buffet; games 1:00 p.m. \$25 (includes 2 paddles). Benefits Catoctin High School's Music Dept. Lisa Wease 240-409-6966 or lisalabanana@yahoo.com.
- 2..... Plant Sale, Catoctin High School, 14745 Sabillasville Rd., Thurmont. 9:00 a.m.-noon.
- 2..... Spring Tea, Lewistown United Methodist Church, 11032 Hessong Bridge Rd., Thurmont. \$15/person. Seatings: 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Bazaar items & baked goods for sale. Benefit projects of the Missions Program of LUMC. Barbara 301-898-5572 or Ruby 301-898-7888.
- 2..... His Place Car Show, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. Sponsored by His Place, Inc. and Rocko Meats. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration 8 a.m.; judging noon-2 p.m.; awards 3 p.m. Free to attend, \$15/participant (\$12/in advance via bkuhn3@yahoo.com). Benefit Mother Seton School and Hospice of Frederick County. Rain date: May 9. Bill Kuhn 1-800-529-5835.
- 2..... Wine Tasting & Auction, Catoctin Breeze Vineyard, 15010 Roddy Rd., Thurmont. 4-7 p.m. Benefits Parishes of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Anthony Shrine. Open to public. No one under 21 admitted. \$25/person. 301-447-2367.
- 3..... Basket & Vera Bradley Bonanza Bingo, Thurmont Activities Building at Carnival Grounds, Thurmont. Doors open 12 p.m.; bingo 2 p.m. \$25/in advance; \$30/at door. Dinner included (12:30-1:30 p.m.) Jenny Maher 301-748-7645; Bridgette Hopkins 443-244-0591. Benefit FCPS students at National SkillsUSA Conference June 2015.
- 3..... Cut and Dip Fundraiser, Gateway Market, 14802 Franklinville Road, Thurmont. Noon to close; hair cuts 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. under the tent.
- 3..... St. Anthony Shrine Yard Sale & Flea Market (first and third Sundays, May-October), Rt. 15 and St. Anthony Rd., Emmitsburg. \$10/spot. 240-529-2737.
- 4..... Thurmont Community Clothes Closet, Thurmont UMC, Long Rd., Thurmont. 6-7:30 p.m. Clothing, linens, small household goods & shoes as available. All welcome. Box for donations beside Clothes Closet bldg. (no toys being accepted at this time). Call ahead

## community calendar

- for anything large. 301-271-4511.
- 4..... "Served with Grace" Free Community Meal (1st Monday each month), Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. 5:30-7 p.m. All welcome.
- 4..... Mother Seton School Fine Arts Night, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Browse fine works of art and music created by our talented students 301-447-3161; www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 4..... Spring Art Show & Reception, Emmitsburg Senior Center, 300 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. 3:30-5 p.m. 301-600-6350.
- 5..... Fred Balius, Frederick County Dept. of Mental Health speaks on Depression, Thurmont Senior Center, 806 E. Main St., Thurmont. 11:30 a.m.
- 6..... 50/50 Bingo, Thurmont Senior Center, 806 E. Main St., Thurmont. Open to the public. 1:00 p.m. Must be 18 to play bingo.
- 7..... Beading group (led by Teresa), Thurmont Senior Center, 806 E. Main St., Thurmont. (1st Thursday of each month). 1-3 p.m. Center has supplies; bring own supplies if desired.
- 8..... CANA (Christian Adults Nurturing Another) Sponsoring Spring Celebration (dinner & activities), Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. Open to all single adults (age 30 and above). 6:30 p.m. 301-271-2379.
- 8..... Mother Seton School May Crowning Procession, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 10:45 a.m. Annual tradition of the May Crowning Procession, honoring the Holy Mother. All invited. Bring your own flowers to lay on altar. 301-447-3161; www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 8..... Art & Wine Walk, Main St., Thurmont. 6-8:30 p.m. Featuring local artists. Art, wine, cupcake & appetizer walk. Facebook.com/ThurmontFirst.
- 8..... Monthly Birthday Party, Emmitsburg Senior Center, 300 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. Noon. 301-600-6350.
- 8..... Ride to Stauffer's Garden Center & Baker's Diner, Emmitsburg Senior Center, 300 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$30/person. Reservations required 301-600-6350.
- 9..... Creagerstown Community Dinner, St. John's Lutheran Church Parish House, 8619 Black's Mill Rd., Creagerstown, MD. Noon-5 p.m. \$16/adults; \$8/ages 6-10; Free/ages under 6. \$17/carryout. Proceeds benefit cemetery up-keep and street lights.
- 9..... 8th Annual Women's Getaway for the Day, 14698 Albert Staub Rd., Thurmont. 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. All women welcome. Food, skits, & much more. Co-hosted by MorningStar Family Church and Trinity United Methodist Church. 301-762-5073.
- 9..... Creagerstown Community Dinner, Blacks Mill Rd., Thurmont. Noon-5 p.m. \$16/adult; \$8/child. Proceeds towards upkeep of Creagerstown Cemetery & street lights.
- 9..... Old Field Woodworking Open House, 13333 Graceham Rd., Thurmont. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 301-271-4439.
- 9..... Day of Service, Catoctin Mountain Park, 6602 Foxville Rd., Thurmont, at Camp Greentop. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sponsored by Catoctin Forest Alliance. Advance registration encouraged: CFA Chairman Jim Sundergill jimsundergill@comcast.net.
- 9..... Sarah's Garden Social, Harriet Chapel, 12625 Catoctin Furnace Rd., Thurmont. 8-3 p.m. Crafts, garden supplies, bedding/hanging basket plants & more. Proceeds benefit the gardens and grounds of Harriet Chapel.
- 9..... Spring in the Village at Catoctin Furnace, 12607 Catoctin Furnace Rd., Thurmont. Crafts, flowers, heirloom plants, herbs, and children's activities. Traditional music & foods. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 410-243-2626; www.catoctinfurnace.org.
- 9..... Bark in the Park, Utica District Park, 10200-B Old Frederick Rd., Frederick, MD. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$5/dog (limit 2 dogs/owner). 301-600-2936 or www.recreator.com.
- 9..... Monthly Yard Sale, Thurmont Senior Center, 806 E. Main St., Thurmont. 7 a.m.-2 p.m. \$10/space. Must supply your own table(s) & chair(s). Reserve your space. Rain or shine. 301-271-7911.
- 9..... Plant Sale, Catoctin High School, 14745 Sabillasville Rd., Thurmont. 9:00 a.m.-noon.
- 9..... Wing Feed, AMVETS Post 7, 26 Apples Church Rd., Thurmont. 4-7 p.m. \$15/person. Open to public (age 21 and older). Dr. Mudcat Medicine Show; DJ & Karaoke.
- 12.... Mother Seton School Take-a-Tour Tuesday, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. & 4:30-6:30 p.m. No need to pre-register. Denice Vaught 301-447-3161 or dvaught@mothersetonschool.org.
- 12.... 2nd Annual Summer Activities Fair, Thurmont Regional Library, 76 East Moser Rd., Thurmont. 5-7 p.m. No registration necessary. www.fcpl.org.
- 12.... Home-style buffet & bluegrass/country style gospel music by Roland Zimmerman Family, Mountain Gate Restaurant, 133 Frederick Rd., Thurmont. 6 p.m.; music 7 p.m. Reservations recommended: 301-271-4373. Music/buffet \$11.99. www.RolandZimmermanFamily.org.
- 14.... Free Zumba Gold (low impact), Thurmont Senior Center, 806 E. Main St., Thurmont. Taught by Michelle (Anytime Fitness). 9:30-10:15 a.m.
- 15.... Trip to Hampton National Historic Site, Emmitsburg Senior Center, 300 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$30/person. Reservations 301-600-6350.
- 16.... Artists-in-Residence Program, Catoctin Mountain Park, 6602 Foxville Rd., Thurmont. Talk w/artists & learn about their work. Sponsored by the Catoctin Forest Alliance. 301-663-9388.
- 16.... Yard Sale, St. Joseph's Church, Parish Hall (corner of N. Seton Ave. & DePaul St.), Emmitsburg. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Free parking/handicap accessible. Donations can be dropped off May 15 (noon-7 p.m.).
- 16.... Thurmont Thespians Auditions for *Seussical, Jr.* (annual children's summer theater workshop), St. John's Lutheran Church, 15 North Church St., Thurmont. 9 a.m. For ages 7-14 only. Becca 240-446-2441 or beccanoelle122@gmail.com.
- 16.... Spring Fling, Vigilant Hose Company, at ARCC Athletic Complex area, Mount St. Mary's, Emmitsburg. Giveaways noon-6:00 p.m. Tickets \$60/good for 2 people. 301-447-2212.
- 16.... Grill Demo, Zurgable Brothers Hardware, 1663 Old Emmitsburg Rd., Emmitsburg. 9 a.m. & 2 p.m. 301-447-2020.
- 17.... Community Breakfast to Honor All Veterans, AMVETS Post 7, 26 Apples Church Rd., Thurmont. 7-11 a.m. \$5/person. Veterans eat for free.
- 17.... Reunion, Former Students & Teachers, Foxville School, Foxville School House. 12:30 p.m. Bring a covered dish. 301-416-0185 or 301-416-0798.
- 17.... Emmitsburg Community Chorus' Opening Concert, 7908 Apples Church Rd., Thurmont. 3 p.m. Free-will offering collected to support chorus. Betsy Graham 301-898-7821.
- 17.... Guitarist Rich Keiser Presenting Concert, Germantown Church of God, 16924 Ravenrock Rd., Cascade, MD. 6 p.m. Public invited. Free event.
- 17.... St. Anthony Shrine Yard Sale & Flea Market

(first and third Sundays, May-October), Rt. 15 and St. Anthony Rd., Emmitsburg. \$10/spot. 240-529-2737.

- 17.... Concert, Germantown Church of God, 16924 Raven Rock Rd., Cascade, MD. 6 p.m. Rich Kiser (solo, finger-style guitarist). Free admission. 301-241-3050.
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- 19.... Talk by Terry Miller of Broadmore Senior Living on Veterans Benefits, Thurmont Senior Center, 806 E. Main St., Thurmont. For Veterans and spouses and spouses of deceased Veterans.
- 19.... Emmitsburg Community Chorus Concert, St. Joseph Ministries, 331 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. 7 p.m. Betsy Graham at 301-898-7821.
- 20.... 50/50 Bingo, Thurmont Senior Center, 806 E. Main St., Thurmont. 1 p.m. Open to public. Must be 18 to play bingo.
- 21.... Annual Birthday Party for Thurmont Senior Center, Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Thurmont. \$14/in advance. 301-271-7911.
- 21-23.... Yard & Bake Sale, Saint Anthony Shrine, Emmitsburg. Space \$10/day (must bring own tables). Food/baked goods available 8:30 a.m. on Friday/Saturday. Helen Reaver 301-447-6431 or 301-447-2367.
- 23.... Artists-in-Residence Program, Catoctin Mountain Park, 6602 Foxville Rd., Thurmont. Talk w/artists & learn about their work. Sponsored by the Catoctin Forest Alliance. 301-663-9388.
- 24.... Annual Memorial Service, Utica Lutheran Church, 10620 Old Frederick Rd., Thurmont. 2 p.m. Speaker: Chad Weddle. Special music by Tyrone Snowden and organist, Viola Noffsinger. All welcome.
- 27.... Emmitsburg Community Chorus Concert, Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village, 1075 Old Harrisburg Rd., Gettysburg, PA. 6:30 p.m. Betsy Graham at 301-898-7821.
- 28.... American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course (thru May 20), Mount St. Mary's University. msmmary.edu/aquatics or call 301-447-7429.
- 29-31.... Covered Wagon Train, Eyler Road, Thurmont to Harney Fire Station. 9 a.m. Friday to 12:30 p.m. Sunday. 301-271-2023.
- 30.... Evening Campground Program, Owens Creek Campground Amphitheater, Catoctin Mountain Park, 6602 Foxville Rd., Thurmont. 5 p.m. Visitor Center 301-663-9388.
- 30.... Covered Bridge 5K Fun Run, Hobbs' Hardware, 15 E. Main St., Thurmont. Sponsored by the Catoctin Area Civitan Club. 7 a.m. Proceeds to purchase handicap accessible playground equipment, assistance to Thurmont Senior Center, other local projects. Registration forms/cost: www.catoctincivitan.org.
- 30.... Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser Benefiting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Emmitsburg Community Park, Emmitsburg. 10 a.m. Entry deadline: May 28. \$20 donation/team. Teams of 2. 3 game guarantee. Double elim format. Spectators free. Email b4bcls@yahoo.com or Kelly 240-674-6444. pages.lightthenight.org/md/westmd/15/barkers4bloodcancer
- 30.... Memorial Day Ceremony, Thurmont American Legion, 8 Park Ln., Thurmont.



# Vigilant Hose Company's Annual Spring Fling

**Saturday, May 16th, 2015**

**Mt. St. Mary's University ARCC Athletic Complex Area**

*Spring Fling benefits Vigilant Hose Company & VHC Explorers Post*



## Limited Tickets Left!!

### For Tickets & Info

**Chris Stahley: 301-447-3081**

**Gabe Baker: 301-447-2212**

**John Glass: 301-447-3648**

**Bill Boyd: 717-642-9717**

**\$60.00 per Ticket • Good for two people!**



**Horseshoes • Food • 50/50 Tip Jars  
Live Music • Beverages  
& TONS OF FUN!!**



## \$30,000 given in prizes!

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Noon.... \$1500 Cash     | 1:30.... \$400 G. Cert. | 2:55.... \$200 Cash     | 4:20.... \$400 Cash     |
| 12:05.... \$200 Cash     | Shriver's Meat          | 3:00.... \$2500 Cash    | 4:25.... \$200 Cash     |
| 12:10.... \$400 Cash     | 1:35.... \$100 G. Cert. | 3:05.... \$200 Cash     | 4:30.... \$400 Cash     |
| 12:15.... \$100 G. Cert. | Carleo's                | 3:10.... \$400 Cash     | 4:35.... \$100 G. Cert. |
| The Palms                | 1:40.... \$400 Cash     | 3:15.... \$100 G. Cert. | Stavros Pizza           |
| 12:20.... \$400 Cash     | 1:45.... \$200 Cash     | Chubby's Barbeque       | 4:40.... \$400 Cash     |
| 12:25.... \$200 Cash     | 1:50.... \$400 Cash     | 3:20.... \$400 Cash     | 4:45.... \$200 Cash     |
| 12:30.... \$400 Cash     | 1:55.... \$200 Cash     | 3:25.... \$200 Cash     | 4:50.... \$400 Cash     |
| 12:35.... \$100 G. Cert. | 2:00.... \$1000 Cash    | 3:30.... \$400 G. Cert. | 4:55.... \$200 Cash     |
| Ott House                | 2:05.... \$200 Cash     | Jubilee Foods           | 5:00.... \$1000 Cash    |
| 12:40.... \$400 Cash     | 2:10.... \$400 Cash     | 3:35.... \$100 G. Cert. | 5:05.... \$200 Cash     |
| 12:45.... \$200 Cash     | 2:15.... \$100 G. Cert. | East Park Auto          | 5:10.... \$400 Cash     |
| 12:50.... \$400 Cash     | Dave & Jane's           | 3:40.... \$400 Cash     | 5:15.... \$200 Cash     |
| 12:55.... \$200 Cash     | 2:20.... \$400 Cash     | 3:45.... \$200 Cash     | 5:20.... \$300 Cash     |
| 1:00.... \$1000 Cash     | 2:25.... \$200 Cash     | 3:50.... \$400 Cash     | 5:25.... \$200 Cash     |
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| 1:10.... \$400 Cash      | 2:35.... \$100 G. Cert. | 4:00.... \$1000 Cash    | 5:35.... \$200 Cash     |
| 1:15.... \$100 G. Cert.  | Hillside Restaurant     | 4:05.... \$200 Cash     | 5:40.... \$300 Cash     |
| Red's Tavern             | 2:40.... \$400 Cash     | 4:10.... \$400 Cash     | 5:45.... \$200 Cash     |
| 1:20.... \$400 Cash      | 2:45.... \$200 Cash     | 4:15.... \$100 G. Cert. | 5:50.... \$400 Cash     |
| 1:25.... \$200 Cash      | 2:50.... \$400 Cash     | Rube's Crab Shack       | 5:55.... \$200 Cash     |

