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A Tribute to Doctors Pickert and Harper

by Joseph Kirchner

After thirty-eight years of dedicated medical service to the Catoctin region, Dr. Steven A. Pickert and Dr. William F. Harper retired last year in June and October, respectively. These men share a rather fascinating, parallel history, from their early medical training through their many years of medical practice together at the Catoctin Medical Group in Thurmont. The illustrious doctors came in together, served admirably for almost four decades, and retired just a few months apart.

Pickert and Harper performed their three-year residency together in the Franklin Square Family Practice Residency (Baltimore) at an interesting juncture in medical history—they were in just the second group of family practice residents. Like all young doctors, they were first quite concerned with handling their difficult training, but also with planning for employment when their residency was completed.

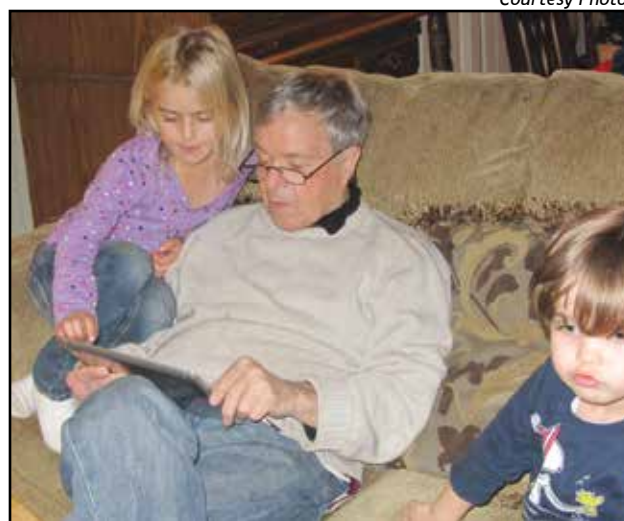
In his last year of residency, it happened that Harper decided to take a scenic drive on a fine Sunday afternoon, simply to relax. He drove (for whatever reason) into the small town of Thurmont, only to find there, an answer to his future plans in the form of a large banner that read: “We Need Doctors!” Liking the pastoral setting and noting it would be a good place to raise a family, he then inquired of the town.

Indeed, the mayor of Thurmont at that time, Jim Black, was very interested in bringing qualified doctors

into town. Such was his interest that he formed a committee to interview both Harper and Pickert. They passed with flying colors. Remarkably, the town was so interested in them that men from the town actually signed the mortgage papers for the incoming doctors! (In fact, Pickert and Harper were just the seventeenth and eighteenth doctors in Thurmont.)

Pickert and Harper began practicing medicine in a modular home on July 21, 1975, on the same site now occupied by the Catoctin Medical Group. They happily worked in this arrangement for three years, until a more substantial edifice was constructed. In those early days, it was really a family affair: Dr. Pickert’s wife, Dee, was the nurse and Dr. Harper’s wife, Marian, was the receptionist. This was the humble beginning for what would later become a thriving practice in both Thurmont and Frederick.

This writer had the good occasion to interview Dr. James Krantz, who began working at the Catoctin Medical Group in 1988, and who



Dr. William F. Harper enjoys quality time with his grandchildren.

Courtesy Photo

worked for many years with both Pickert and Harper. He calls Harper “a real stand-up guy,” an extremely competent physician who was “not interested at all in tooting his own

horn.” Apparently one day, a small boy seemingly drowned in a pail, was pronounced dead, and was taken to the Catoctin Medical Group. Dr. Harper resuscitated him and sent him by ambulance to the hospital, where he fully recovered. The intrepid doctor then finished his afternoon patients, never saying a word about this to anyone. Dr. Krantz would find this out later from the office manager. Dr. Harper not only “talked the talk” but also “walked the walk” every day.

Dr. Krantz greatly enjoyed working with Dr. Pickert and says of him, “Anyone that met him would call him a character!” He “loved to talk, joke around, and he laughed a lot.” Dr. Pickert was often playful and took the time to really get to know his patients well. When I interviewed the quirky doctor, he told me “laughter is an important part of life” and said

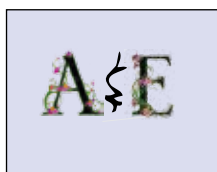
calling him a “character” was “the nicest thing anyone could call me.” He also reports that he was “famous or infamous” for playfully tapping smokers on the arm to scold them for their choice to smoke. A lifelong owner of Welsh Springer Spaniels, he affixed photos of them on the ceiling above his exam rooms to put his patients at ease, and handed out dog biscuits to his dog-owner patients.

Pickert and Harper are enormously grateful for the wonderful people they were so privileged to work with. While everyone made great contributions to the practice, they are especially indebted to Marion Bennett, “the wonderful receptionist/office manager who really got the ball rolling,” and also to Betty Rickerd, whose professionalism as a nurse for twenty-five years is greatly appreciated. Both doctors are enjoying retirement by spending more time with family, a luxury not enjoyed when they worked long hours to build The Catoctin Medical Group. Doctors Pickert and Harper miss their patients, just as they are greatly missed by one and all, as expressed in a sentiment spoken by Dr. Krantz, “I miss them and wish they were still here.”

The Catoctin Medical Group’s locations are: 100 South Center Street in Thurmont, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-Noon, 301-271-4333; 180 Thomas Johnson Drive, #101, Frederick, MD, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., 301-696-8801.

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For this issue, it was very difficult to crunch all of the ads and information that we received within just 40 pages of print. Next month, we will increase our issue size to 48 pages. The community's support of the *The Catoctin Banner* is exceptional. Many of you have told us that it's like receiving a present in the mailbox each month—you look forward to it. We thank you and can see the popularity of this newspaper in its growth every month. We'll keep publishing it, if you'll keep loving it!

We hope you had time to visit the Thurmont Business Expo that was held at Catoctin High School on Friday, March 21. This event is a great opportunity to meet with Thurmont businesses—new and established. Don't forget to get your tickets for Vigilant Hose Company's Spring Fling coming up next month. This is a big, fun, community event. In addition, please check the community calendar on page 39 to find out where activities and events are taking place.

As always, I urge you to patronize the advertisers who reach out to you through *The Catoctin Banner*. Our mission would not be possible without their support.

—Deb Spalding, Publisher

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town hall reports

by Michele Cuseo

Thurmont
March 2014

Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Job Opportunity for Teens
The National Park service is accepting applications for the 2014 Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) summer project at Catoctin Mountain Park. Deadline for submissions is April 15, 2014. The program is open to young women and men, ages 15 to 18. The position requires daily outdoor labor, use of tools, monitoring fish and gypsy moth populations, plant control, trail maintenance, construction, and other related projects. Applications can be obtained from local high school guidance counselors or contact Ms. Beth Loncosky at 301-416-0536 or Becky_Loncosky@nps.gov.

Thurmont Forming Education Committee
The town of Thurmont is forming an education committee to help keep town officials and citizens informed of Frederick County Board of Education activities. The committee will be headed by Commissioners Hooper and Hamrick, and joined by five to six local volunteers, to include the local Catoctin High feeder schools. Thurmont is reaching out to the town of Emmitsburg to nominate a committee member from their staff to join them. Contact town officials for more information.

Moser Road Bridge Repair
Plans to repair some damage to the Moser Road bridge are being discussed by town officials. To ensure safety until the bridge is repaired, the town will be slowing traffic on the bridge with barrels and a one-lane access for crossing.

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

Emmitsburg
March 2014

Senior Tax Credit Seminar-Emmitsburg Community Center
The Frederick County Senior Tax Credit allows some seniors to benefit from a 20 percent discount on net county real property taxes. A seminar is being held on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, from 1:00-2:30 p.m., at the Emmitsburg Community Center-Senior Center to review the details to apply for this benefit. Some of the requirements include the following: must be 65 years of age, must own or have a legal interest in property, gross income is \$60,000 or less, applicant must be a resident of the property, and applicant's net worth is \$200,000 or less (not including property or retirement savings). For more information or to find out how to get assistance with the application process, call Frederick County Department of Aging 301-600-3520 or Frederick County Treasury 310-600-1111.

Reforestation Ordinance
During the March meeting, town officials approved updating information in their reforestation ordinance to ensure town standards are in sync with the state of Maryland's rules. The state of Maryland's laws on reforestation generally involve replacing trees that are torn down with new trees in the same areas. This application is mostly associated with building and construction projects where deforestation would occur on a large scale. This effort is meant to help avoid soil erosion damage that results in water runoff problems, a loss of animal habitat areas and an increase in absorption of carbon dioxide.

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

Permanent Drug Drop-Off Box at Thurmont Police Department

The Thurmont Police Department has a permanent drug drop-off box in the front lobby. The lobby is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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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@thecatoctinbanner.com to record your guesses by the 15th of each month. Please don't forget to spell your 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 (you might even know who is pictured). 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 was taken at the tire park in the Cunningham Falls Manor Area, along Rt. 15 across from Catoctin Furnace. Last month's winner is Lauren Horvat.



Hidden Object Game

Last month's Hidden Object was a rainbow-colored fish with bubbles coming out of its mouth. It was located on page 29 in the T&M Crane Rentals advertisement. The winner of the Hidden Object Game is Kristy Snurr. If the winner has not been contacted, please contact us to claim your prize.

This month's Hidden Object is a whale tail.

If you see your name listed as a winner, please email us at news@thecatoctinbanner.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.



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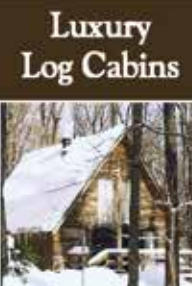
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7 Emmitsburg Rd. Thurmont, MD - \$247,500

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16A Elm Street Thurmont, MD - \$219,900

4 bedroom 1 1/2 bath home. Family room with wood stove, One car garage and shed with electric. Great back yard, Nice deck, on a nice mature street. This home has been very well taken care of. Very clean and cozy. Move in ready.



14330 Pleasant Valley Rd Smithsburg, MD - \$289,900

A MUST SEE! This gorgeous 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial features hardwood floors, tile floor in kitchen, granite counter tops, washer and dryer and new windows in 2008 except bay window was reglazed. Water heater 5 years old, A/C installed in 2013, and furnace 4 years old. Perfect for the nature lover/hunter. Move-in ready! Closet door in bedroom will be installed.



16010 4 Points Bridge Rd. Emmitsburg - \$295,000

Lovely Brick Rancher on 11+ Acres with gorgeous views and a pond! This home offers 3 bedrooms, 1 full bath, hardwoods throughout most of main level, 2 car garage, main level laundry and expansive unfinished lower level! Spacious patio to sit and enjoy the views! Fenced pasture with metal building and shed. This is a must see and has lots of potential! As-Is.



62 Robindale Dr. Emmitsburg - \$169,900

Sunny and bright! This lovely 3 bedroom, 2 full bath duplex has had many upgrades including newer (2012) Trane HVAC, expansive deck and patio, newer shed, fully fenced rear yard, updated flooring throughout (laminate, carpet and hardwood), vaulted ceiling in living room, new French door from kitchen to deck and so much more! One car garage that has a rear entrance to patio! Gorgeous views! As-Is



Main Street Thurmont, MD - \$259,900

4 Unit apartment plus Store front. Property was renovated in 2007. Lead free certificate. Coin operated laundry on first floor. Property consists of 2- 2 bedroom apartments, and 2 -1 bedroom apartments.



11 E Moser Rd.

Thurmont - \$189,900-

This cottage is just beautiful! Gorgeous new custom oak kitchen with spotless new appliances! Laminate floors in living, dining and kitchen! Updated wiring, plumbing, new HVAC and drywall! Pretty new bath with dual sinks w/ solid surface countertop and ceramic floor! 3 Spacious bedrooms and large laundry/utility room with cabinets for storage. This is a must see! Nothing to do here but move in!



15517 Motters Station Rd. Rocky Ridge - \$242,000

Solid brick rancher on 2.6 acres! 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths with hardwood floors throughout and 2 fireplaces! Spacious kitchen with built in China Closet and table space. New roof, newer windows, updated water heater, pressure tank and well pump. 2 Car attached garage and detached 1 car garage w/loft & electric. Fenced pasture and run in shed! As-Is.



Clifton Dr. - \$159,900 Williamsport, MD

Call to see this cute 3 bedroom brick rancher with one car garage, Great back yard, full unfinished basement with washer and dryer. Convenient to Rt 81 and 70.



16.2 Acres Lot Ward Kline Rd Myersville - \$225,000

Lovely, wooded 16.2 acre building lot with well (8 gallons per minute) and 7 bedroom perc. Build your dream home and enjoy nature! Secluded setting with abundant wildlife including deer and turkey. Log road cut in to top of lot. Call for Plat.



LOTS - 13430 & 13312 Jintown Rd., Thurmont, MD

Two Gorgeous perced lots (sand mound) 3.88 Acres (\$165,000) and 2.11 Acres (\$155,000) both with 15 GPM wells! Beautiful views all around and just seconds from town with no town taxes! Call for plat today!



3 Gorgeous Building Lots Wigville Rd., Thurmont, MD

3 gorgeous building lots.
• (\$199,900 - 13.35 Acres, 6 BR, perc, well)
• (\$149,900 - 5 Acres, 5 BR, perc, well)
• (\$159,900 - 5.57 Acres, 6 BR, perc, 2 wells)

Thurmont Lions Club Sandwich Sales

The Thurmont Lions Club is happy to announce the 2014 Sandwich Sale schedule. Sale dates have changed, so please mark your calendars for April 26, May 24, July 5, and August 30, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., at Bell Hill Farm, 15202 Catoctin Mountain Highway in Thurmont. View their advertisement on page 9 for more information.

Win Cash at the Bingo Bash

The Emmitsburg Ambulance Company will host a Bingo Bash on Saturday, April 26. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. and games begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00 in advance and \$45.00 at the door. For tickets, call Mary Lou at 240-285-3184 or Diane at 301-748-6894. View their advertisement on page 9 for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt at Gateway Candyland

Gateway Candyland will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 13, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. at their complex that is located at the intersection of U.S. #15 and Franklinville Road in Thurmont. Gateway Candyland has unique Easter novelties, Easter flowers, homemade Easter candies, and Spring gifts. View their advertisement on page 30 for more information.

Craig's Mower & Marine Service To Hold Open House

Is your mower ready for spring? Is your boat worn out from a long winter? Stop by Craig's Mower & Marine Service at 14713 Mud College Road during Craig's Open House on April 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for free giveaways and door prizes and to shop a great selection of mower and marine supplies and accessories. Call 301-271-2196 and view their advertisement on page 3 for more information.

Heartfields Assisted Living Sponsors Easter Egg Hunt

Heartfields Assisted Living at 1820 Latham Drive in Frederick will hold their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. Don't miss the Easter Bunny and a chance for kids—young and old—to be a winner. Call 301-663-8800 or view their advertisement on page 13 for more information.

Thurmont Thespians Present *Smoke on the Mountain*

The musical *Smoke on the Mountain* will be performed at the Thurmont American Legion this coming April on the following dates and times: April 4-5 and April 11-12—8:00 p.m. (April 12: Dinner theater, 6:30 p.m.); April 6 and 13—Matinee at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 each; Dinner theater tickets are \$35.00 per ticket. View their advertisement on page 15 for more information.

Community Picnic & Easter Egg Hunt

Christ's Community Church of Emmitsburg will host a Community Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt in the Emmitsburg Community Park on Saturday, April 19, 2014, from noon to 2:00 p.m. View their advertisement on page 35.

Vigilant Hose Company Seafood Bonanza

The Vigilant Hose Company will hold their annual Seafood Bonanza on April 17 and April 18, 2014, from 11:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m., at the fire hall. There will also be a food/bake sale on April 18. View their advertisement on page 4 for more information.

Tom's Creek Turkey & Oyster Supper

Tom's Creek United Methodist Church is holding a Turkey & Oyster Supper on April 5, 2014, from 12:00-6:00 p.m. There will also be a bake table. Tom's Creek UMC is located at 10926 Simmons Road in Emmitsburg. View their advertisement on page 24 for more information.

Senior Tax Credit Seminar

On April 8, 2014, there will be a Senior Tax Credit Seminar at the Thurmont Senior Center, starting at 1:30 p.m. View their advertisement on page 9 for more information.

AROUND town

At Home Primitives Hosts Grand Opening Celebration

On Saturday, April 5, 2014, from 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., At Home Primitives will host their Grand Opening Celebration. At Home Primitives is a new home decor shop, located in the Gateway Candyland Shopping Complex at 14802 N. Franklinville Road along U.S. #15. Gateway Liquor Store will hold wine tastings and Gateway Candyland will hand out food samplings. You may even win a door prize. View their advertisement on page 8 for more information.

Guardian Hose Company Flower Sale & Chicken BBQ

Come browse the beautiful assortment of hanging baskets, bedding plants, and potted plants at the Flower Sale & Chicken BBQ, being held on May 9 and 10, 2014, at the Fire Station, located at 21 N. Church Street in Thurmont. View their advertisement on page 28 for more information.

5th Annual His Place Car Show

The 5th annual His Place Car Show will take place on Saturday, May 3, 2014, at Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg. Registration will be from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., judging from 12:00-2:00 p.m., and awards at 3:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$15.00 at door; \$12.00 pre-registration. Flea Market spaces available. View their advertisement on page 10 for more information.

Emmitsburg Lions Club BBQ & Yard Sale

Emmitsburg Lions Club is holding their Chicken BBQ and Yard Sale on May 3, 2014, with Yard Sale starting at 6:00 a.m., and BBQ sale at 11:00 a.m. (until sold out). View their advertisement on page 30 for more information.

All You Can Eat Italian Night

Rocky Ridge Fire Company is holding an Italian Night on Friday, April 4, 2014, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. All you can eat Spaghetti, pizza, salad, and more! Proceeds benefit Rocky Ridge Junior Fire Company. View their advertisement on page 18 for more information.

TMS Longaberger Basket & Thirty-One Bingo

The Thurmont Middle School PTA will sponsor a Longaberger Basket & Thirty-One Bingo on Sunday, April 6, 2014, at the Lewistown Fire Hall. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., and games begin at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door. For advance tickets, please call Missy Worth at 301-730-8412. View their advertisement on page 20 for more information.

Rocky Ridge Cash Bingo

The Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company will be holding a Cash Bingo on Sunday, May 4, 2014, featuring twenty regular games and two special games, jackpots, door prizes, and more. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door. View their advertisement on page 16 for more information.

1st Annual Ladies Day

Join Catoctin Church of Christ for their 1st Annual Ladies Day on April 26, 2014, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The topic will be: Women as Gatekeepers, with speaker, Jeninne Hale. There will be prayer, songs, food, and more. View their advertisement on page 4 for more information.

Old Field Woodworking Open House

See what Old Field Woodworking can create for you at their Open House on May 3, 2014, from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Show them their advertisement on page 5 at the Open House and receive a 10% discount.

Vigilant Hose Company's Spring Fling

The Vigilant Hose Company's Annual Spring Fling will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at Mount St. Mary's University Echo Field in Emmitsburg. This annual event features horseshoes, great food, live music, 50/50 tip jars, and much more! Tickets are \$60.00 each (good for two people).

BUSINESS news

Business in Thurmont Just Got Tastier

by James Rada, Jr.

In the four years since Celebrations Catering opened in Hagerstown, Maryland, it has built a strong reputation as a one-stop catering business. Besides weddings, Celebrations has catered luncheons for General Dynamics, Osh Kosh Corp., Meritus Health, Clarion Hotel, and many more. Now, the company has relocated from Washington County to Thurmont.

"Thurmont is almost like a wedding mecca," said Celebrations co-owner Tammy Coblentz. "There are so many beautiful venues nearby."

The other reason for the change, according to co-owner Chip Coblentz, is a change in their business. Celebrations Catering had been the exclusive caterer for the Cortland Mansion in Hagerstown. The business was based there, but it also offered off-site catering.

"That has been the explosive part of our business and the majority of it is in Frederick," Chip said.

From their location at 425 N. Church Street in Thurmont,

Celebrations Catering travels to venues within a 50-mile radius, offering everything from full-service catering to "drop and go" service.

"A lot of caterers will offer a low price for food and then everything else is an add-on price," Tammy said. "We are all inclusive. You get everything in your price up front."

However, because Celebrations Catering is aware that different people have different budgets, package deals tailored for weddings are offered. Clients can also order customized service that is not all inclusive.

What sets Celebrations Catering apart from many other catering services is the tasty food, prepared by executive chef and co-owner Alex Whitlow and sous chef Colin Snyder. This includes making wedding cakes if the client wants.

"We only sell fresh foods," Chip said. "Nothing is frozen and we have a mobile kitchen to prepare food on site."

He pointed out that while many caterers use powdered potatoes to make mashed potatoes and save



Pictured are Tammy and Chip Coblentz, two of the owners of Celebrations Catering in Thurmont.

money, Celebrations peels, cuts, and mashes their potatoes to create quality dishes. Also, if something like asparagus is kept warming too long because of the travel time involved in getting from the kitchen to the venue, it may no longer be green when it is served.

Celebrations Catering can service sit-down meals or buffet meals.

Serving stations, where a person can watch their meal being prepared in front of them, are growing in popularity.

"I love to see the interaction between the people as they pick out their ingredients, and the chef who prepares it right there in front of them," Tammy said.

Besides a kitchen, the new location in Thurmont offers a showroom where clients can come in and select from table linens in 400 different colors and patterns. The linen can be placed on a table so that the client sees how it looks in use. China, glassware, and flatware can also be selected from a variety of patterns.

Chip said that they are seeing a lot of clients bringing in pictures that they found on Pinterest of meals and settings. The staff at Celebrations Catering then uses the pictures to select matching linen and place settings.

Celebrations Catering has six full-time employees and numerous part-time employees, who range in age from 16 to 62.

"We have a good mix," Tammy said. "Every one of them is trained and knowledgeable about the food, and we try to have them certified in alcohol awareness."

Celebrations Catering is part of the Frederick Area Bridal Network. For more information, contact Celebrations Catering at 301-271-2220 or 301-766-4747. Visit their website at www.celebrationsfrederick.com.

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April 5, 2014
11:00 AM
to
7:00 PM

The Cellular Connection Donates School Supply Packs to Teachers Across the Country

The Cellular Connection (TCC), the largest Verizon Premium Wireless Retailer in the U.S., in a joint effort with its customers, donated supply packs to teachers through its Teachers Rock Supply Giveaway. Supply packs were donated to teachers across the country, and ten local teachers picked up packs valued at \$80.00 each. The packs were filled with supplies, including glue, pencils, markers, erasers, paper, etc. For every teacher reached, TCC impacted thirty students.

Residents in each community of participating stores could round their purchases up to the nearest dollar with the difference going toward the giveaway. For more information about the Teachers Rock Supply Giveaway, visit YouTube or www.ecellularconnection.com. Supporters helped spread the word on Instagram and Twitter.

Photo by Michael Brennan



Pictured from left are: (Back row) Debra Brannon and Beth Persinger (Lincoln Elementary); (Front row) Cindy Collis (Lewistown Elementary), Bev Adams (Thurmont Elementary), Susan Valenti (Emmitsburg Elementary), Sr. Ann Claire Rhodes (Mother Seton School), and Beth Stephan (Manager Cellular Connection Taneytown). Not shown: Jen Backley (Waynesboro Elementary), Karen Adams and Jill Grimm (Emmitsburg Elementary), Kathy Masser (Middletown Elementary), and Sandy Hawkins (Taneytown Elementary).

Emmitsburg Vol. Ambulance Co., 17701 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg

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\$35.00 in Advance
Cost: \$45.00 at the Door

Bingo!

For Tickets or Info:
Mary Lou - 240-285-3184
Diane - 301-748-6894

All Group reservations must be made by April 18, 2014. No Add ons or exceptions after this date.
Any tickets being paid for at the door will not include a saved seat! No Exceptions!
Ticket must be paid for by Apr. 18th to be entered to win \$100 CASH!

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AROUND town

Easter at Weller United Methodist Church

Weller United Methodist Church will be offering Contemporary Service, Sunrise Service, and Traditional Service, as well as music by their choir, handbell choir, and guitar ensemble. View their advertisement on page 37 for more information on dates and times of the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter services.

CYA Football & Cheerleading Wing Feed

On May 3, 2014, Catoctin Youth Association (CYA) Football and Cheerleading will host a Wing Feed at the Emmitsburg Fire Company, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. The event features music by "Light, Camera, DJ" Charles Estelle. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. View their advertisement on page 18 for more information.

St. Joseph's Church Charity Golf Event

The Emmitsburg Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the 2nd annual St. Joseph's Church Charity Golf Event on Saturday, June 21, 2014, from 7:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. View their advertisement on page 11.

Sportsmans Drawing & Dinner

A Sportsmans Drawing and Dinner will be held on May 10, 2014, at the Graceham Fire Company. Doors will open at 4:00 p.m. A \$25.00 donation admits one person. Event features cash and gun jars, ticket raffles, and dinner and dessert. View their advertisement below for more information.

Cougar Basketball Camp

Aaron Meekins' 1st annual Cougar Basketball Camp will be held June 23-27 (mornings) and July 7-11 (afternoons). Camp is for boys entering grades 4-9. View his advertisement on page 25 for more information.

Elias Lutheran Church

On April 11, 2014, join Elias Lutheran Church for their Coffee House Special at 7:00 p.m., featuring Seventy X Seven. They are also holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday at 9:15 a.m. View their advertisement on page 25 for more information.

Looking for Something Fun to Do?

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

SPORTSMANS

Drawing & Dinner

MAY 10, 2014
Held at Graceham Fire Company
Doors open at 4 p.m.
\$25 Donation admits one Person

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Thurmont Lions Club

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COMMUNITY news

Master Sergeant Retires

Congratulations to Fred Staub of Emmitsburg, who retired as a Master Sergeant after twenty-one years in the United States Air Force.

He finished up as Superintendent of the 16th Special Operation Squadron. He had six tours in Afghanistan on AC-130H Gunship. He was stationed at Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico.



Courtesy Photo

Annual Lewistown Ruritan Ladies' Night

At the annual Lewistown Ruritan Ladies' Night held recently, John G. Grimes was the guest speaker and donations were presented.

Guest speaker, John G. Grimes, is a native of Frederick, Maryland. He served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counterintelligence and Security Countermeasures, a member of the DoD senior executive service, as well as five years on the White House National Security Council Staff. He is the recipient of numerous public, military, and federal civil service awards, to include two U.S. Presidential Rank awards. He has a long and distinguished career in the federal, public, and private sectors.

The funds donated to the organizations were raised by Ruritan members during the annual Chicken BBQs. The 2014 Chicken BBQ dates are: May 18, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 7, and October 5.



Donations were presented as follows: (pictured from left) John G. Grimes, guest speaker; Ron Demory, Club President; Barbara Summers, Lewistown Methodist Church; Charles Smith, 4H Camp Center; Dick Baseley, 4H Therapeutic Riding Club; Harold Staley, Lewistown Elementary PTA; Elza Hurst, Thurmont Food Bank. A donation was also provided to the Lewistown Fire Department.

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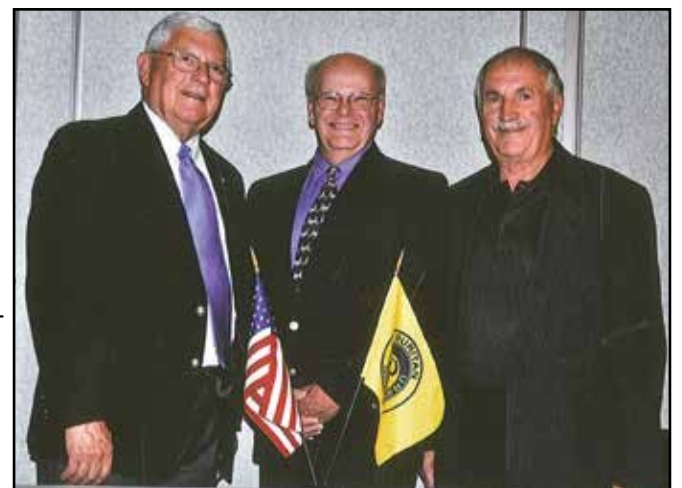
****First 10 cars that register get a FREE Crabcake Sandwich!**

Pictured from left are John G. Grimes, guest speaker; Ron Demory, Club President; and Harold Staley, Program Chairman.

Courtesy Photos

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Thurmont Business Expo Celebrates Its 10th Year

by James Rada, Jr.

Thurmont businesses put their best foot forward to celebrate the 10th annual Thurmont Business Expo at Catoctin High School on Friday, March 21, 2014. People began lining up to enter the birthday-themed event about half an hour before the doors opened. As they entered the school, they were greeted by the sight of birthday decorations and the live music by Rick Galloway.

Inside the two gymnasiums, about sixty Thurmont businesses had displays set up to show off their goods and services.

Many businesses have been attending the event since its start ten years ago in the American Legion. Nancy Rice attended the first business expo in the Legion hall. "It was really packed that first year," she said. "Here, people have room to mingle."

People were doing just that, strolling around the gym, visiting with the vendors, sampling food from local restaurants, and chatting with friends.

"There's a lot more businesses in Thurmont than people might realize," Rice said.

For the businesses, it was a chance to introduce themselves to their local customers. This is a benefit particularly to businesses that might be off the beaten path. "We come to let people know we're here," said Bob Black with Catoctin Mountain Orchard. "We always have new people moving into the area, and a lot of them never come north, they only go south to Frederick."

R.S. Kinnaird Memorials used the birthday theme of the expo to celebrate its own 50th anniversary.



Joseph Stebbing Jr. of Thurmont displays his chainsaw carvings at the Thurmont Business Expo.

Photo by James Rada, Jr.

Many of the businesses exhibiting, such as Mountain Gate Restaurant and ACE Hardware, have also been long-time attendees of the expo. They attend to thank their customers and meet new residents. However, new businesses

in town like Catoctin Breeze Winery and Celebrations Catering used the event to introduce themselves to the entire community.

"I like to come and check out the new businesses and sample the food," said Eric Bonsby of Thurmont.

"There's always something good to see." He has been attending the event every year since he moved to Thurmont seven years ago.

This was the first year that exhibitors were allowed to actually sell items at the expo, which many of them took advantage of. Black said that since Catoctin Mountain Orchard was still closed for the season, it gave him the opportunity to sell some of his items in preparation for his May 1 opening.

While many of the exhibitors were businesses, others were non-profit organizations who sought to make the community aware of what they do.

Girl Scout Hannah Barth was at the Thurmont Historical Society table, seeking flowers donations for a project she is doing for her Gold Award. She is going to clean out the gardens around the historical society and replant them with flowers that would have been typical in the 1800s.

Thurmont Main Street Manager Vickie Grinder was pleased with the turnout. "It's going great and everybody is having a good time," she said.

Will you be there?
Saturday. June 21st
 From 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM

2nd Annual St. Joseph's Church
 Charity Golf Event

Sponsored by the

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Frederick County, Maryland Dairy Princess and Maids Sought

The Frederick County Maryland Dairy Princess Committee is seeking candidates for Frederick County Maryland Dairy Princess. Candidates: (1) Must maintain residency in Frederick County, Maryland (they may attend an out-of-state college); (2) Must be a daughter of one of the following: dairy farmer, dairy farm manager or herdsman, employee in a dairy related industry (farm store, cooperative, DHIA, feed supplier, veterinarian, milk inspector, etc.), be employed herself as one of the above; (3) Must be the owner of at least one dairy animal in a 4-H or FFA project; and/or enrolled in a dairy-related project for at least two years, including dairy foods, dairy judging and/or dairy leasing programs (NOT dairy goats and dairy steers); (4) Must be 16 years old or turn 16 during 2014 and must not reach her 22nd birthday by December 31, 2014; (5) The candidate may not hold a farm queen or dairy breed queen title that would cross over for more than three months; (6) The dairy princess is also expected to attend the Dairy Princess Seminar in Pennsylvania, which will be held July 9-11, 2014.

A completed resume, two recipes with dairy ingredients, a professional picture (jpeg.), and letter of interest is due to Johanna Allen, 5185 St. Marks Road, Jefferson, Maryland 21755, by April 29, 2014.

The committee is also looking for Dairy Maids to represent Frederick County, Maryland. The Dairy Maid program prepares future princesses and provides promotional opportunities for younger dairy enthusiasts. Eligible young ladies turning age 13 during 2014 through age 16 may become a dairy maid. For more information, call Johanna Allen at 301-834-5358 or e-mail Johanna at mjkrallen@comcast.net.

The contest will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 18, 2014, at the Woodsboro Fire Hall, 2 South Third Street, Woodsboro, Maryland. The Dairy Princess chosen will represent Frederick County at the Maryland State Dairy Princess Contest on July 15-16, 2014, at the FSK Holiday Inn in Frederick, Maryland.

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Catoctin Area Civitan Club Hears Guest Speaker

Newly elected Thurmont Town Commissioner Wes Hamrick was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Catoctin Area Civitan Club in January 2014.

Hamrick, age 51, who moved to Thurmont in 1969, is a Catoctin High School graduate, an active member at Weller United Methodist Church and Thurmont Lions Club, and is a lifetime member of the Guardian Hose Company. He has been employed as a manager for AT&T for several decades, and works part-time for Stauffer's Funeral Homes.

In his first speaking engagement as a town commissioner, Wes told of his involvement in the town.

This was Hamrick's first run for political office. He is serving the two years remaining on John Kinnaird's term, left open when Kinnaird became mayor. He will work with the town officials to streamline operations, combat the municipality's drug problems, and be accessible to residents. Wes decided to run for office because of his love for this town and a love for its people. "I want to be not only a mouthpiece for the people, but an ear for the people," said Hamrick. "This is my first run for a public office. As far as what I would bring to the board, it would be a fresh face and a fresh perspective, and fresh ideas. I'm a conservative at heart, socially and fiscally."

"I have high people and communicator skills," he said. "It's done very well for me in the business world, working with people at all levels."

The Catoctin Area Civitan Club was chartered on June 11, 2013, with Ginger Malone as the club's first president.

The club meets at Thurmont Pizza Hut (205 Frederick Road in Thurmont) at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

Civitan are everyday citizens who come together in communities around the world to socialize, learn and serve their neighbors. In Thurmont, they work hard to meet the needs and improve the lives of those within our community.

Through service projects, the Catoctin Area Civitan Club works with the town of Thurmont and the surrounding area to improve neighborhoods and to address concerns of all different varieties and types. Some of their projects support their international focus on improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

If you are interested in becoming involved in their service projects, or know of someone in need, please contact our club president, Ginger Malone at 301-606-6891.

Photo Courtesy of Mary E. Dal-Favero, CACC Secretary



Ginger Malone (left), President of the Catoctin Area Civitan Club, welcomes newly elected Thurmont Town Commissioner, Wes Hamrick, as the guest speaker at a recent club meeting.

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2014 Community Pillar

by Joan Bittner Fry

A spaghetti dinner followed by an auction was held on Saturday, February 22, 2014, at Cascade Legion Post 239. The One Mountain Foundation, located at Fort Ritchie Community Center, sponsored the function. Josephine Buhrman Willard (pictured right) was chosen as One Mountain's Community Pillar for 2014.

Josephine has been involved in Help Hotline since its inception and is now chairman of the organization. Help Hotline, a mountaintop organization, assists people in need of food, clothing, fuel, rent, and other necessities, within two states (Pennsylvania and Maryland) and four counties (Adams and Franklin in Pennsylvania and Frederick and Washington in Maryland). Donations are stored in the basement of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration at Blue Ridge Summit.

Due to the generosity of individuals, local churches, and other groups, it has always been a volunteer organization. Your help is continually needed to keep it that way. Nonperishable foods are collected at St. Mark's Lutheran Church and St. John's United Church of Christ in Sabillasville and Hawley Memorial Church in Charmian, Pennsylvania. Cash donations (possibly the easiest way to donate) are used for meats, milk, and other perishable foods, and for emergency financial assistance.

In 2013, Help Hotline provided a total of 608 transactions for food, assistance for rent, electricity, water and sewer, fuel, and gasoline. A total



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of 69 Christmas gifts, 32 Easter dinners, 36 Thanksgiving dinners, and 49 Christmas dinners were furnished.

Josephine was a stay-at-home mother and homemaker, and later worked as a cook for Washington County's Outdoor School. She also worked for the Mid Atlantic Coalition of Housing, helping low-income families and individuals find affordable housing. She was a natural for becoming involved with Help Hotline and has been a part of it since its inception. We would be remiss not to mention the efforts of the late Inez Lewis, who was instrumental in beginning Help Hotline.

Josephine's granddaughter, Kelsie, spent part of her summer repainting and replacing old shelving and continues to help unload donations and restock shelves, along with any friends she can summon for assistance.

Josephine has always been active in Germantown Church of God near Cascade, where she is pianist

Dance 4 A Cure Zumbathon

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light the Night team Barkers 4 Blood Cancer held the 3rd annual Dance 4 A Cure Zumbathon on Saturday, February 22, 2014, at the Vigilant Hose Company. The event was a big success!



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Dance 4 A Cure Zumbathon, held on February 22, 2014.

They would like to thank the Vigilant Hose Company, Kohl's Cares Associates, Shannon Cool, Megan Courtney, Eric Dempsey, Morgan Dempsey, Mary Dewees, Alex and Gail Hayes, Tracie Lee, Andrea Poffenberger, Nancy Poss, Laura Reid, Kelly Reid, Sue Reid, and all of the participants and several local and regional businesses who donated raffle items. For more information, check out their fundraising page at <http://pages.lightthenight.org/md/WestMD14/Barkers4BloodCancer>. To see pictures of the event, please visit www.facebook.com/Barkers4BloodCancer.

for one of the Sunday services and teaches a Sunday school class there. She thanks everyone for partnering with Help Hotline for those who are in need, and believes the generosity of the community is truly a blessing. She prides herself on being a savvy

shopper, always looking for a good bargain.

Besides the chairman, other members of the committee are Dorothy Buhrman, Carol Schorn, Lou White, and Jerry Campbell.

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Miller Receives Award

Michael Miller II, Assistant District Commissioner and Troop Committee Member for Scout Troop 270 of Thurmont, received The Order of David Zeisberger Religious Award of the Moravian Church for Distinguished Adult Service to Scouting at the Graceham Moravian Church on March 2, 2014. Mr. Miller satisfied all requirements for the Award including encouraging scouts to participate in the Religious Award Program and in activities and service programs of the congregation and community; participating in the improvement of Scouting through active involvement in the Scout Committee; participating in programs to improve better camping locations (such as Catoclin Mountain Park); and creating a better understanding of scouting programs and ideals. He has been active in Troop 270 scouting for thirty-six years.

The award is dedicated to The Rev. David Zeisberger, Moravian missionary to Native Americans for sixty-three years, beginning in 1745. He served through several wars, imprisonment, and hardship on the American frontier. With the help of his Native American friends and other faithful Christians, he established Christian communities for Native American and settlers in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and Canada.



Mr. Michael Miller II is presented with Moravian Church Religious Award for Distinguished Adult Service to Scouting; Rev. Sue Koenig, Graceham Moravian Church (left).

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Rocky Ridge 4-H Club Community Service

The Rocky Ridge 4-H Club chose several projects for the month of February for Community Service. The club helped the Frederick County 4-H Camp Center by serving a banquet for the United Fire Company on Saturday, February 15, 2014. Club members who attended were Dakota Bittner, Payton and Madison Bollinger, Caroline Clark, Laura and Olivia Dutton, BreAnn and Travis Fields, Jason and Stacie Baust, Ashley Lescalleet, Logan Long, Karianna and Kiandra Strickhouser, as well as many parents who also helped.



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Club members also collected items for the Thurmont Grange for all they do for the club, and especially for allowing the club to meet at their facility. Some of the items collected were supplies for their kitchen, a vacuum, and cleaning supplies.



Club members who attended were Brittnee and Wesley Brown, Caroline Clark, Addison Eyer, BreAnn Fields, Ashley Lescalleet, Ashley McAfee, Megan Millison, Kaitlyn and Kayla Neff, Ashley and Austin Ridenour, Margo Sweeney, Kolton and Brayden Whetzel, as well as Mr. Rodman Myers of the Thurmont Grange.

Looking for Something Fun to Do?

Reference the **Community Calendar** on page 39 for events of interest including bingos, breakfasts, dinners, programs, benefits, dances, library programs, and much more!

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Big-Time Fun at a Small-Car Derby

by Kathleen Knill

Too young to have a driver's license, the Scouts of Cub Scout Pack 270 found another way to get out and race their cars. On Saturday, February 1, 2014, Pack 270 held their annual Pinewood Derby at American Legion Post 168 in Thurmont.

Forty Cub Scouts, along with Scout Leaders, siblings, and past pack-mates, raced their homemade pinewood derby cars down the Pack's four-lane race track. The derby featured Pinewood Derby cars that Scouts assembled from a BSA kit, containing a block of wood, four nails, and four wheels. Scouts crafted their cars by carving, sanding, and painting the wooden bodies, then adding weights and nailing on wheels. It took a lot of elbow grease, but the scouts didn't seem to mind. It's fun to watch Cub Scouts when they get caught up in fun, especially Race Day! They scream and holler and their enthusiasm is contagious. Scouts always look forward to this time of the year.

This year's race was extra exciting for one Scout in particular, as he ran his last race as a Cub Scout. Austin Smith leaves Pack 270 and heads to Boy Scout Troop 270 after breaking the Pack track record not once, not twice, but three times. The Scouts of Cub Pack 270 will have a year to plan how they break Austin's record. Many Scouts have already asked Austin to come back and show them how to make their cars the fastest on the track.



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Cub Scout Pack 270 race their homemade pinewood derby cars at their annual Pinewood Derby on February 1, 2014.

The top four winners from each rank represented Pack 270 at the National Capital Area Council Catoctin Mountain District Super Derby on March 8, 2014, in Walkersville, Maryland. Winners for the Tigers were: First—Daniel Martin; Second—Conner Jessup; Third—Daniel Martin; and Forth—Joseph Knill. Winners for the Cubs (Wolf & Bear rank) were: First—Matthew Place (Wolf); Second—Ryley McCardell (Wolf); Third—Carter Loher (Bear); and Forth—Tanner Seiss (Bear). Winners for WeBeLoS were: First—Austin Smith; Second—Ryan Horning; Third—Kyle Cantwell; and Fourth—James Knill.

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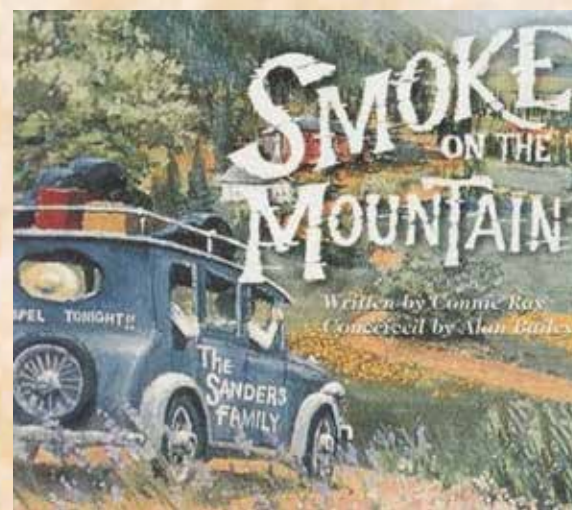
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Welcome to the Miller Family Visitor's Center at the Grotto

by Joseph Kirchner

The National Shrine Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes enjoys a fascinating, rich history. In 1805, Father John Dubois (a refugee from France) came to Emmitsburg via Frederick, and settled.

According to legend, Fr. Dubois was attracted to "a light on the mountain" and found a blessed spot, one of the loveliest in the world, and there erected a crude cross to symbolize the work he had undertaken. He then built "St. Mary's on the Hill" church in 1807, on the site of the present Grotto parking lot, and founded Mount St. Mary's College in 1808 on the slopes below.

Today, this beautiful pastoral shrine devoted to Mary attracts hundreds of thousands of pilgrims each year from all over the world. It features one of the oldest American replicas of the Lourdes shrine in France, being built just twenty-one years after the apparitions of Mary to St. Bernadette at Lourdes in 1858. Even before then, this picturesque mountain setting was a site for prayer and devotion, beloved by many notable American Catholic leaders and saints, among them were

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Rev. Simon Brute, who later became the first bishop of Vincennes, Indiana.

Just recently, in June of last year, an impressive Visitor's Center was erected at the Grotto, the fulfillment of President Thomas Powell's vision from nearly a decade ago. He clearly saw the potential to evangelize this unique spiritual place and to make the Grotto a place of welcome hospitality for all visitors. Due to the generosity of many benefactors, President Powell's dream is now realized. The Richard and Mary Lee Miller Family Visitor's Center is named for Richard Miller (Mount St. Mary's College class of '74) and his wife Mary Lee, to whom he proposed at the Grotto. The bench on which he asked Mary Lee to marry him is now in the vestibule of the Center, named in their honor.

Just outside the Visitor's Center, you will find the cornerstone of the old church on the hill laid by Father Dubois, marking the continuity of the rich past with the present moment. Once inside the gallery, you will surely admire the majestic wooden beams above, which provide a historical significance of their own;



(left)

The Gallery at the Miller Family Visitor's Center, a place of welcome hospitality for all visitors.

(below)

The St. Bernadette's Shoppe inside the new Visitor's Center.

many of them were the felled trees on the Grotto property from devastating Hurricane Sandy. Everything in the Miller Family Visitor Center is done with great care.

In addition to offices, a temporary sacristy, and restrooms, the Visitor's Center features the magnificent Gallery and St. Bernadette's Shoppe. The Gallery highlights the four pillars of Mount St. Mary's University (Faith, Discovery, Leadership and Community) and holds six display cases, each presenting important artifacts in Mount history. You will also find a detailed timeline dating back over two centuries, focusing on Mount history and including important moments in American history. In addition, many historical photos from Mount history adorn the walls of the scenic gallery.

When at the Visitor's Center, you will surely want to visit St. Bernadette's Shoppe, which has unique custom items of the Grotto found only there. This charming shop also offers many items from Lourdes, including Lourdes statues, prayers cards, and, of course, Lourdes water, among many other items. Pam Sielaff, manager of this lovely store,

relates "we offer holy reminders and gifts which help visitors increase their faith and show their love for the blessed Mother."

The Visitor's Center is a wonderful place to start your experience of the Grotto. Lori Stewart (Director of the Grotto) explains the main purpose of the center, saying it is a "means of welcoming guests, tells the rich history of the Grotto, and helps visitors experience their own spiritual journey in this very special spiritual place." Begin your pilgrimage at the Visitor's Center by picking up a brochure (complete with a detailed map of the grounds) and other important information about the Grotto. Lori invites frequent visitors and those who have never seen this magnificent place. "Our Lady blesses thousands of believers who come from all over the world to visit this wonderful shrine and pray for her intercession. May you soon be blessed with a visit to this holy and newly renovated, sacred place. It's beautiful during all the seasons!"

The Richard and Mary Lee Miller Family Visitor's Center is open daily, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Note that the gate closes at 5:00 p.m.) Phone: 301-447-5318.

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Sterling Kelbaugh – A Life

by Randy Waesche

Sterling H. Kelbaugh, 77, died on March 2, 2014. His self-written obituary of only five sentences was a contradiction to the prolific wordsmith that he was, but within these sentences was a statement of his greatest pride: he “was a fourth generation resident of the Thurmont area.”

He both lived and appreciated local history, and had the literary skill to commit a lot of it to writing. In one essay describing his 1940s childhood, he answered his own question of: “What did a kid do for fun?” “For one, the old train station was a kid magnet. There was the most friendly group of railroad men you could ever hope to meet.” Within the context of his prose were lots of names: “Thurmont’s own Mr. Howard E. Danner would work the 3rd trick; former Mayor S. E. ‘Barney’ Barnhart was the agent, Richard Valentine, another of Thurmont’s own, was 2nd trick man.” He was sure to mention local landmarks, many long gone: “Down toward the shoe factory was Mr. and Mrs. Albert Zentz’s Sunrise Cafeteria, known to all railroad men as the best eatery on the Hagerstown Division.” Soon, a picture emerged of the time:

“(The trains) were near the heart of day-to-day life in our little town: milk cans to Baltimore, mail from everywhere else, trunks for the kids going to Camp Airy, bottled spring water for the city folks, a mom and her kids going to visit grandma in the city, some snakes for the Snake Farm, and coins for the bank.”

The rails could also be a source of boyhood mischief. One yarn related that junk weapons and military hardware from the war were temporarily sidelined in Thurmont, exposed in open gondolas and “there for the rooting. I guess the biggest item that I ever dragged away was a machine gun. At the Farm Shop Bobby Knott put a 50-caliber tracer in a vise, took the projectile out with a pair of gas pliers, and ignited it – what a sight! Then Mr. Milton Lawyer asked us all to leave.”

Small towns usually keep their children in check, even when they are a little too old to be considered just kids. After being newly licensed to drive, Sterling ponied up \$16.48 so he wouldn’t trouble Summit Avenue neighbor and court magistrate, Paul M. Little, with his reckless driving charge.

After his 1954 graduation from Thurmont High School, his youthful fancy took him to the deep South for about a decade. By the mid 1960s, Sterling was back in Thurmont with new wife Juanita (Skeeter), where in their Victor Drive home, they raised two sons in the hometown Sterling loved.

He was active in the PTA when his boys were of age, was a member of the Edwin C. Creeger Jr. American Legion Post 168, served in the Thurmont Lions Club, led the Thurmont High School Alumni Association, and was the chairman of the Thurmont Planning and Zoning Commission. He ran unsuccessfully for town commissioner in 1974—I think Thurmont missed something that time. Probably his greatest civic contribution was the key role he played twenty-five years ago, with the creation of the Thurmont Historical Society, where he is still listed as its President Emeritus.

Usually of good cheer, he was provoked if his beloved Thurmont was disparaged. For example, as part of a scathing letter to the editor in a Frederick newspaper he stated, “The tone of Roy Meachum’s column was in poor taste, incorrect, somewhat snobbish and in need of editing by a responsible newspaper. Thurmont is

a truly great place, not the cultural backwater that Mr. Meachum seems to intimate. Maybe Mr. Meachum could come up here and nose around for a while. Who knows, he might even pick up a few facts.”

He said of visiting presidents “we feel like we’re one of the boys.” In 1976, President Gerald Ford attended Easter service at Harriet Chapel. Sterling took part in the holy procession, along with nine- and eight-year-old Rule and Keeffer, who reported that in presidential presence they stumbled on their gowns, but not their dad. He had tripped over his the week before.

Nearly thirty-eight years later, in that same historic Catoctin Furnace sanctuary, a packed congregation heard Sterling H. Kelbaugh eulogized as “part country bumpkin, part scholar,” now at peace, “with a book in one hand and a Budweiser in the other.”

His deep voice is silenced, but his written word will keep him among us for another lifetime, probably more. “Sometimes, late at night, through the wind, the rain, and the years, I think I can hear an eleven hundred lumbering through, blowing for the Carroll Street crossing. Still just another reminder that the past is truly gone.”

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Meet Thurmont's Canine Cop

by James Rada, Jr.

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Officer Tim Duhan and his partner, Buddy, approached the car with the intent on investigating if drugs might be hidden in the vehicle. However, Buddy suddenly veered off toward a white SUV parked nearby. Duhan followed, trusting his partner's nose.

Buddy sniffed around the exterior of the vehicle and then stuck his nose into the wheel rims. He then pulled back and sat down. Duhan reached into the rim and pulled out a small bag of marijuana.

Buddy is a two-year old black lab and a valued member of the Thurmont Police Department. He is one of about a dozen police dogs that serve in Frederick County, Maryland.

"Dogs can only be trained to find drugs or bombs, not both," Duhan explained. "Whichever items they are trained to sniff out, they are very effective at finding. 'They can smell easily fifty times better than we do,'" Duhan said.

In addition, some dogs can also be trained as a patrol dog. This "bite work" is left to dogs with a temperament for it and a reputation for being tough, such as German shepherds or Doberman Pinschers. It's not the type of work for Buddy, who behaves like a beloved family pet when he's not on the job.

Buddy came to the department from Washington State in June 2013. It can cost around \$10,000 to get a trained and certified drug dog, but Duhan knew a trainer who offered him a deal. The town commissioners approved the deal to give the police another tool to help fight the town's drug problem. Duhan says that Buddy has been a big help in regard to drug crackdown, because once drug dealers find out that there is a narcotics dog in town, they look for easier places to sell their goods.

"Now we have people telling us that you can't get anything good in town," Duhan said.



Officer Tim Duhan of the Thurmont Police Department is shown with his partner, Buddy.

Although Buddy came to the department certified, he and Duhan still have to participate in twice-monthly training exercises to maintain that certification.

Finding hidden narcotics is Buddy's only job. "A close bond forms between a handler and his dog," Duhan said. "When you think about it, I spend more awake time with Buddy than I do my wife."

Duhan also has to make sure that Buddy is cared for at home and work. Buddy has a kennel beside Duhan's desk, with a sign on it that reads: "Buddy's Jail." Duhan makes sure to take his partner outside occasionally to get some exercise.

When on the job, Buddy rides in the rear of Duhan's vehicle, which is equipped with a heat alarm for Buddy's protection.

When Buddy isn't on the job, he is at home with Duhan and his family. The Duhans have another younger—though larger—dog at home. She and Buddy get along like best friends. This gives Buddy both a human and a canine friend.

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SCHOOL news

CHS Students Volunteer Their Time

Fifteen outstanding Catoctin High School (CHS) National English Honor Society students volunteered at the Thurmont Regional Library's spring literacy night on Tuesday, February 25, 2014. Following the event, the advisor for the National English Honor Society received an overwhelming number of emails conveying the highest of compliments from the library staff, literacy specialists, and feeder teachers who attended the event and who couldn't say enough great things about how well the students represented themselves and the CHS National English Honor Society.

The following students represented CHS to make this a great event for the second through fifth grade students: Jenna Seiss, Andre Gomez, Savannah Heon, Aaron Metheny, Malia Grumblatt, Savannah Soter, Emily Ruffner, Codi West, Matt Dreschler, Megan O'Donnell, Savannah Steinly, Chase Stouter, Abigail Hamrick, Raven Garver, and Lilly Shumaker.

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MSS Announces Recipient of Teaching Award

On February 9, 2014, Catholic educators from around Frederick County gathered at Duchess's Daughter in Frederick to honor the best among the best. For Mother Seton School (MSS), that honor was bestowed upon second-grade teacher Melaney Mullineaux, who was nominated by her peers at MSS as their Friends of Catholic Education (F.O.C.E.) Excellence in Teaching Award.



Pictured from left are Sr. JoAnne Goecke, D.C., Principal of Mother Seton School; Carol Hinds, President of F.O.C.E.; Melaney Mullineaux, Award Recipient; and Caroline Pugh, Executive Director of F.O.C.E.

"Melaney transforms her young students into self-confident and eager readers and writers and mathematicians, trained to habits of reflection, respect, and reverence for the things of God," said Sr. JoAnne Goecke, D.C., Principal of Mother Seton School. "Her kind, consistent, and creative leadership of her second grade students permeates the classroom." In addition to her commitment in the classroom, Mrs. Mullineaux also takes the time to mentor new teachers, serve as the Language Arts coordinator, and participate on the Green School Committee.

Mullineaux is a native of Frederick County, a parishioner of St. Peter's in Libertytown, and graduate of Linganore High School. She obtained her undergraduate degree from Bridgewater College in Virginia, and her masters in Curriculum and Instruction from Western Maryland College in Westminster. This is Mullineaux's thirteenth year of teaching, her first six spent in Frederick County Public Schools and the past seven working at Mother Seton School.

Mullineaux expressed great appreciation for the award. "It is a very special honor for me to have been nominated by my fellow teachers for the Excellence in Teaching Award," she said. "I feel so blessed to be part of the legacy of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, by teaching young students at the school she started over 200 years ago."

50th Anniversary of Sabillasville Elementary School

This year, 2014, marks the 50th anniversary of the present Sabillasville Elementary School. If you know names and positions of any former employees, please contact Angie Hahn at 301-573-1498 or thehahnsemail@yahoo.com or Joan Fry at jofry241@yahoo.com. Hopefully, these names will bring back memories for students who passed through the school. An announcement will be made if a celebration is planned.

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Fired Up Friday Provides Positive Impact for Students at Catoctin High

by Ashley McGlaughlin

Every Friday, at Catoctin High School (CHS), students watch motivational videos to pump up their cougar pride. These videos approach all subjects, from homeless people to millionaire athletes doing outstanding things for their community, to simple acts of kindness like giving their jacket to somebody without one.

With spring season sports underway for Catoctin athletes, such as softball, baseball, lacrosse, tennis, and track, these videos deliver a taste of not only what goes on in the real world, but even advice on what to do in negative situations on the playing field. The clips can be long, but they are used to promote positivity among players and students. Most videos contain a different, special meaning to each student, as they interpret their own meaning and apply it to their situation. Some videos really touch home with students, because they show what the student has experienced themselves. "I look forward to Fridays," said 9th grade student athlete, Kirsten Willhide. "These videos remind me

of the paper we have to sign in the beginning of the season, so we are nice to our teammates. Just like in the videos, it reminds me that it's not all about winning; it's the effort you put toward the sport."

The videos don't interrupt a teacher's daily lessons, since the teacher can choose how long the video is and still have enough time to get through their course objectives. CHS teacher and Baseball Coach, Mike Franklin, said, "I like that it's the kids day; it's their ideas. They say to me 'Coach, I want to pick the video, I want to be in control.' The motivational clips are just a reminder of how the person watching it could react to situations, and consider the target's perspective. It's amazing what limitations certain people were born with, yet they conquer what most can't."

We need to set goals in life, to understand progress, to be committed. Most athletes have been committed all year to prepare themselves for the upcoming spring sports. They know that the only thing standing in the way of conquering a goal, is themselves. A



On Friday, March 14, 2014, Catoctin's health and fitness class gathered to watch Fired Up Friday videos. The videos ranged in topics from athletic trainers to homeless people, but ended with very positive outcomes.

team normally practices together at least five days a week, so they're not only a team, they're a family.

Fired up Friday can change one person, and lead to a chain reaction. This can lead to changing the

world, and making every-day news become more positive. A simple act of kindness can go a long way. At Catoctin High School, students have already started.

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EHS Alumni Association Offers Scholarships

The Emmitsburg High School (EHS) Alumni Association is accepting scholarship applications. Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in May to deserving students. Any Catoctin High School senior or graduate who is enrolled in an institution of higher learning is eligible if he/she resides in the Emmitsburg School District. This includes Emmitsburg 21727, Rocky Ridge 21788, and Taneytown 21787 (Taneytown boundary is determined by Bridgeport on route 140). Applicants may apply each year as long as they are enrolled in an institution of higher learning.

Selection is based on having a 3.0 or higher grade point average, being a full-time student, presenting two letters of recommendation, and pursuing higher education (technical school, four-year college, or community college).

Applications may be obtained by contacting the guidance department at Catoctin High School at 240-236-8082. All applications must be received by May 1, 2014.

Thurmont Lions Club Awarding Three Scholarships

The Thurmont Lions Club is pleased to announce that the TLC Foundation will award three \$1,000 scholarships to graduating Catoctin High School seniors again this year. These scholarships are awarded competitively based on academic achievement, participation in activities, and financial need.

Information and applications for these scholarships are available at the Catoctin High School office and on the Thurmont Lions Club website, www.thurmontlionsclub.com. Completed applications and all documentation must be submitted by April 1, 2014.

Catoctin High School SHOP Blood Drive

The Catoctin High School S.H.O.P. (Students Helping Other People) Club will be hosting their annual Red Cross blood drive on Friday, April 4, 2014, from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Please contact Rebecca Scott at Rebecca.Scott@fcps.org or 240-236-8170 if you would like to donate or have any questions.

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Leo Club at Catoctin High School Collect Jeans for Homeless Teens

During the month of February 2014, the Catoctin High School (CHS) Leo Club sponsored a school-wide "Teens for Jeans" blue jeans drive. The objective was to collect as many pairs of gently used jeans as possible for the duration of one month.

For seven years, Aéropostale has partnered with DoSomething.org (a non-profit organization that seeks to motivate youth to take action around social change), running a nation-wide jeans drive. According to DoSomething.org, "About one in three people experiencing homelessness is under the age of eighteen. One of the items homeless youth request most is a pair of jeans."

To aid this worthy cause, the CHS Leo's spent time after school decorating collection boxes and placing them in various classrooms around the school. They made announcements pertaining to the drive, displayed posters, and encouraged their peers to donate any jeans that were no longer needed.

The drive proved to be a success! The Leos collected a total of 115 pairs of jeans by the end of February, all due to the generous contributions of Catoctin High School students and staff. The jeans were delivered to the Aéropostale, located at the Francis Scott Key Mall in Frederick, Maryland, by Savannah Steinly, the Leo Club president, on Saturday, February 22—plus more by the February 28 deadline for the drive. The staff at Aéropostale was excited to gain their greatest contribution yet, bringing the store closer to reaching their goal. They plan to drop off the jeans at homeless shelters in the Frederick area soon.

Visit CHS Leo Club's website to check updates on their activities and projects at <http://e-leoclubhouse.org/sites/catoctin>. For more information about DoSomething.org, visit <http://www.dosomething.org>.



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CHS Leo Club President Savannah Steinly proudly poses with the CHS donation for the "Teens for Jeans" at Frederick's local Aéropostale store.

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2014 CHS Safe and Sane Activities

The 2014 Catoctin Safe & Sane Graduation Committee's next meeting will be Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at Mount Saint Mary's ARCC area (hospitality room) at 7:00 p.m. Please note change of location. All help is needed to make this a very successful event for the seniors.

The following are upcoming Safe & Sane events: April 5—Wing Night, Vigilant Hose Company, Emmitsburg. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 per person, \$10.00 for ages 10 and under, free for under 3. Donations of desserts, soda and water are welcome; April 12—Cash and Sportsman's Bingo, Lewistown Fire Hall, 11101 Hessong Bridge Road, Thurmont. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$35.00 per person (includes 20 games with 2 jackpots, meal, soda and water and adult beverages). No one under 16 is admitted. Donations of desserts, soda and water are welcome.

For tickets to these events, please contact Lisa White (lmwhite88@msn.com) or 240-367-6996 or Laura Imes at imesla@yahoo.com or 301-788-6458.

Don't forget to visit Trout's Family Restaurant in Woodsboro during the week of May 19-25. The restaurant will donate \$1.00 toward the Safe and Sane Committee for each milkshake, omelet, and dessert sold.

The Catoctin High School Baccalaureate Service will be held on Monday night, May 26, 2014, at a location yet to be determined. The CHS Senior Awards ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 27, at Catoctin High School. The CHS Senior Picnic will be held on Wednesday, May 28, from 12:00-3:00 p.m., at Cunningham Falls State Park – William Houck area.

Shannon Burke, the memory room chairperson has asked that each senior or their family provide her with their senior picture and three to four additional pictures of the student taken in the years 2013-2014 for the senior video. Please email the pictures to Shannon at sburke1974@msn.com and include the name of the student. You can also mail pictures to Shannon at 35 Pleasant Acres Drive, Thurmont, MD 21788. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope to have pictures returned.

The committee is also selling garden stones (cougar paw) at a cost of \$5.00, \$10.00, \$15.00 (or \$25.00 for a set) and will be holding 50-50 raffles at sporting events and other activities at the school.

If you are interested in helping, please contact anyone of the persons listed above. Remember, nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.

Event announcements and meeting minutes can be seen on the website at <http://catoctinsafeandsane.com> or visit their Facebook page.

North County Students Show Off Their Tech Know-How

by James Rada, Jr.

Parents around the county are breathing a sigh of relief. Science Fair season is over. The experiments have been run, the display boards decorated, the conclusions reached.

"It is a lot of work," said Gwen Ruskey, mother of a fifth grade student at Mother Seton School. "We got started on it pretty much right away, and we still felt like there were last-minute things that needed to be done."

Despite the hard work, Summer Ruskey said that she enjoyed doing her project involving how temperature affected osmosis of water. "Someone at my mom's work gave us the idea of osmosis," Summer said. "I liked the idea, but I had to figure out what I wanted to study."

The overall goal of science fairs is to expose students to science and technology, and allow them to select a topic that interests them for further investigation.

Mother Seton School held its Science Fair for the public on March 12, 2014, while the public schools held local STEM nights that culminated with the county wide science and engineering fair on March 19, 2014. Hundreds of students across the county displayed their research in fields like animal sciences, behavioral and social sciences, biochemistry, cellular and molecular biology, chemistry, Earth and planetary sciences, energy and transportation, engineering, environmental science, medicine and health, microbiology, plant sciences, and physics and astronomy.

Thurmont Elementary created an event around its school science fair and STEM night on March 27, 2014.

Speakers from companies associated with science and technology, like Bechtel and the Catoctin Zoo, gave short presentations. Small easy-to-complete interactive stations were also set up throughout the school.

"We had 125 projects displayed here last year and 400 people attended," said Thurmont Elementary School science teacher, Robert Scharp.

At Mother Seton School the displays were set up in the auditorium on March 12, where the public could view them at their leisure. Each display was headed by a question that the student sought to answer, such as: "How fast is your laptop?" or "Does caffeine make your brain work better?"

Seventh grader Vasil Schur made a generator for his project. "Last year, I built a small electric engine," Vasil said. "I like to work with electronics, and I decided to take it up a notch this year. It was challenging, and I learned something new and had fun."

Mother Seton science teacher Kaitlin Nell said that the student projects are graded on how well the student used the scientific method, the creativeness of the project, the neatness of the presentation, the effort the student used in the project, and how well the student was able to answer questions about the project. Science fair projects are required for grades 5 through 7 at Mother Seton School.

Catoctin High School students even have a chance to compete against other high school students across the nation. The high school grand prize winner and runner-up are eligible to compete in the International Science and Engineering Fair.

Thurmont's Masonic Lodge's Annual Mary and Robert Remsberg Memorial Scholarship

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

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Scholarship application forms are available at the Catoctin High School Guidance Office and the Thurmont Public Library. Interested students must complete an application and return it to the location where it was obtained on or before April 30, 2014.

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

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

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Pictured from left are: (Back row) Coach Sara Wastler, Emily Kuykendall, Marah Williams, Hannah Gray, Coach Rick Wastler; (Middle row) Taylor Crum, Carrie Reaver, Jess Bryant, Emilee Valentine; (Front row) Maghan Jenkins, Morgan Tracey, Allison LaRochele.

Maryland Storm Youth Baseball Club Fundraisers

The annual "Storm Spring Fest" will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2014, at the Thurmont Activities Building (carnival grounds) in Thurmont. Doors open to the public at 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. They are looking for vendors/crafters/organizations to set up. Cost is \$25.00 per table (\$15 each additional table). For more information, contact Tammy at 240-357-1834 or harrington907@gmail.com.

The Maryland Storm 12U Baseball Team is also holding its annual Golf Tournament on Friday, May 16, 2014, at the Mountain View Golf Course, located at 4099 Bullfrog Road in Fairfield, Pennsylvania. For more information, contact Tanya Roberts at 717-387-9436 or Tanya.m.roberts@chase.com.

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For more information about the Acacia Lodge Number 155, please visit www.thurmontmasons.com or call John Justice, PM Secretary, at 301-241-3847 or email justiceje@comcast.net.

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Pictured from left are: (Back row) Coach Jim Weddle, Gavin Palmer, Bradley Tyner, Dylan Reid, J.C. McMannis, Noah Wivell, Conner Orndorff, and Coach Brian Burdette; (Front row) Joey Fogle, Brandon Morgan, Ryan Fisher, Connor Cramer, Nathan Rednowers, John C. Hagemann, and John Hoke.

Calling All Catoctin Softball Alumni

The Catoctin Softball Program would like to invite all softball alumni and their families to the 1st Annual Catoctin Softball Alumni Game on Thursday, May 1, 2014, when the Cougars will take on Walkersville High School at 4:45 p.m. They are celebrating the 35th year of the program, and they would like to include all of you! Please email Coach Jessica Valentine at jessica.valentine@fcps.org to be added to the information/email list. They are looking forward to seeing the history of their success all together!

Wivell Memorial Fund

The Wivell Memorial Walk was discontinued three years ago. Despite this, the Wivell Memorial Fund is still in operation. This fund benefits Catoctin High School (CHS) sports. CHS athletes have enjoyed the benefits of the funds generated for this cause to offset expenses, such as the costs of camps for players, team uniforms, and so on. If you would like to continue to support Catoctin High School athletes, please send donations to the Wivell Memorial Fund, 9511 Appolds Road, Rocky Ridge, Maryland 21778.

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Volunteers Join Together for the Community

by Theresa Dardanell

The two oldest civic organizations in Thurmont are joining together to make a difference in our community! The Acacia Mason Lodge came to Thurmont in 1871 and the Lions Club in 1929. Each organization has been instrumental in supporting and implementing community projects for a combined tenure of 228 years. Now, the Masons and the Lions are partnering to expand the Thurmont Mural Project that began last year with a mural on the side of the

trolley substation building. The Lions continue to coordinate the effort and plans are to complete the project by creating murals for the front of the building and the opposite side panel. Landscaping around the building and trolley is also planned. The Masons have pledged matching funds for all donations received (excluding grants) up to \$5,000, and every individual, organization, and business is asked to consider this a challenge for their financial participation. Remember, for every \$1.00 you give, the project receives an additional \$1.00 from the Masons. If the entire community comes through with a total of \$5,000, the generous donation by the Masons and the grant received recently will make this vision a reality.

Take pride in our community and help make this project possible. Tax deductible donations can be made by making checks payable to: "TLCF Inc." and mailing to the Thurmont Lions Club, P. O. Box 306, Thurmont, MD 21788, ATTN: Joann Miller/Nancy Dutterer. Questions can also be referred to Joann at 301-271-3913 or Nancy at 301-271-6965.

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Mother and Daughter Team Up in *Smoke on the Mountain*

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"I don't have to tell you mothers out there how hard it is to raise three children in today's world. But with a strong hand and the help of God, I believe I've done a wonderful job. So, of course, it fell on me to do the children's devotional tonight. So, children, scoot up to the edge of your pew. This is for you," says Vera Sanders, one of the lead characters in the Thurmont Thespian's upcoming show, *Smoke on the Mountain*.

Those who know Anna Perry, who will be playing Vera Smith, could easily hear those same words coming from her at any time. Anna has three children, is a faithful Christian woman, and can be heard singing professionally at any number of local venues, both Christian music and rock and roll. One thing that may not be as well known is that her daughter, Annabelle, is also a musician and will be performing along side her in *Smoke on the Mountain*. Annabelle, who is in the 7th grade at Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg, will be playing the role of Denise, a guitar playing, motion-picture loving young lady, who sometimes, "has a little too much time on her hands," and is Vera and Stanley's youngest daughter.

Rounding out the cast is Joshua Flanick (Dennis, Denise's twin brother); Lori Hockley (June); Norm Gibat (Stanley Sanders); Steve Hess (Burk Sanders); and Travis Sanders (Pastor Oglethorpe).

Opening night for *Smoke on the Mountain* is Friday, April 4 at 8:00 p.m. Performances will continue that weekend on Saturday, April 5 at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 6 at 2:00 p.m. The show will resume on Friday, April 11 at 8:00 p.m., with a Dinner Theatre on Saturday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m., and a closing show on Sunday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now by calling Becky Urian, Box Office Manager, at 301-271-7613. Tickets are \$15.00 each; Dinner theater tickets are \$35.00 and include dinner and the show.



Mother and daughter, Anna Perry and Annabelle Perry, join Norm Gibat (back left) and Josh Flanick (back right).

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Chapin Gray's Grill

Like so many other businesses in Blue Ridge Summit, Chapin Gray's Grill has its own unique history. The name is eye-catching and colorful. My first impression was that it was named for a retired ship's captain, perhaps someone who fought in the Revolutionary War? Civil War? It's easy to visualize a tall, thin captain, standing at attention with a sword at his side and in full-dress military uniform. Perhaps it was named after a popular tavern where colonists rested while traveling between New York and Philadelphia in the North to Virginia or the Carolinas to the South? Another thought was that the name came from a famous counterfeiter or from a leader in the Underground Railroad. Perhaps it was the name of a daredevil train engineer delivering passengers to Pen Mar.

So one afternoon, I decided to find out the origin of the name. It was in the middle of the afternoon, after the lunch crowd and before the dinner crowd. The owner, Don Lawler, was in the kitchen finishing up prep work for evening customers, but he graciously agreed to talk with me about the business.

While waiting for him to finish his prep work, I examined the framed photos displayed on the restaurant's walls. The photos are copies of old prints showing smiling faces from decades past, photos of an earlier Blue Ridge Summit Plaza, Pen Mar,

the Dance Pavilion, and High Rock, photos of a gas station, and elegant hotels from a different time and era. The framed photos are scattered throughout the restaurant.

Looking up, I noticed squares of intricately designed tin squares cover the ceiling (someone has painted them white). Thinking they looked like they belonged in an old bank, I spotted a photo of a bank on a nearby post and realized that the Grill had once been a bank.

I took in all of the inviting booths and tables that create a diner atmosphere; the stools lined up under a counter; a three-layer cake standing tall under a glass-domed cover (I think it was coconut). Next to the restrooms hangs a large photo of a contemplative, young girl wearing a torn apron.

When Don came out to talk, he quickly solved the mystery behind the name of Chapin Gray's Grill. Chapin is a family name and his middle name. It was his grandfather's or great-grandfather's name. He wasn't sure. Gray is from his wife Reenie's (Maureen's) family. As most of the natives already know, the Gray name is well-known. The family has been living in the area for generations.

So much for my imagination. But, I'm guessing there might be a few colorful characters or great stories concerning the Gray family, too. I'll explore that possibility at another time.

The building, which now houses the Grill, became the new home of The First National Bank of Blue Ridge Summit when it moved from a few buildings down [the bank received its charter to open on December 14, 1922 and was housed temporarily in the Mentzer Drug Store] in 1924. In 1964, the bank merged with First National Bank in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania and became a branch location. The bank has since relocated to Monterey Lane, where it continues to serve the Blue Ridge Summit area. It became a branch of M&T Bank a few years ago. The bank vault on the main level of the building was removed, but the vaults in the basement remain. The front porch of the bank was enclosed, but the original oversized windows overlooking the plaza remain.

In 1984, they bought the building and opened the Summit Plaza Restaurant in the former bank space. Lawler sold it in 2005, and after a short break, he started Chapin Gray's Grill in a location along Waynesboro Pike, near Fairfield, Pennsylvania. Lawler has since sold that restaurant, and, in 2010, he returned as owner and operator of Chapin Gray's Grill, along with his wife and their son, Josh.

Josh is the third generation of the family-run business. First generation,

Karl and Ruth Gray ran the Hill Top Inn in Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania, from 1968-1981.

Today, the Chapin Gray's Grill provides home country-cooking made from scratch. Daily specials include soups, fresh pies, and cakes (there's that cake again). Besides sit-down service, customers can call in orders ahead of time. Take-out lunch orders are especially popular. Business is good, though it's not like the lunch crowd from Ft. Ritchie days.

I had one final question for Lawler, "Have you noticed strange or unusual activities in the building? Any stories?" Lawler answered with a slight laugh, "Nothing I've heard or noticed, but the girls at the shop in the basement can tell you some strange things they've seen." He turned towards the picture of the girl with the torn apron. Thoughtfully, he added, "Odd thing, we found this picture in the attic and rescued it. We call it the Woman in the Attic." He guesses it's from the 1905-1910 era, but the names or any information about the young girl or the artist are lost.

So, one mystery solved, but a new one uncovered. Chapin Gray's Grill is located at 15083 Summit Plaza, Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania. Their phone number is 717-794-0040 or you can find them on Facebook.

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Thurmont Resident will Debut as Lead in *The New Adventures of Alice in Wonderland*

In April, Thurmont's Charley Bennett will play the lead role of Alice in the Other Voices theater group production of *The New Adventures of Alice in Wonderland*.

Charley Bennett, currently a sixth grade student at Thurmont Middle School, wasn't always intent on being a triple-threat talent. She's come a long way since she first started gymnastics at age three. Her parents, Claire and Todd Bennett, knew she needed more of a creative outlet and that's when Charley became involved in acting, singing, and dancing via classes at Dance Unlimited in Frederick, Maryland.



Courtesy Photo

Charley Bennett, a sixth grade student at Thurmont Middle School, will play the lead role of Alice *The New Adventures of Alice in Wonderland* in April.

Charley's first appearance in *The New Adventures of Alice in Wonderland* was four years ago as a member of the flower corps. She said, "That's when I knew that one day I wanted to be Alice. I loved the show, the cast, the Weinberg. It's just so much fun."

Last year, she had a featured role as the Dormouse, and this year, gamely accepted the challenge to audition for the coveted role of Alice. When asked what she's looking forward to the most, it was hard for Charley to pin down just one thing, she said, "The entire show is a blast, I really love getting to act with Jeremy [Trammelle] (Mad Hatter), he's so funny and goofy."

Susan Thornton has been involved with the production for the past eighteen years, managing two jobs: Director and featured actor as the Cheshire Cat. Alice is a highlight of the Other Voices theater season, and Thornton finds it to be an incredible learning experience for all involved, especially for someone like Charley. "We are so pleased to have the opportunity to offer a show like this to the greater Frederick community. It draws on young talents like Charley who are just at the very beginning of their stage careers," Thornton said.

Thornton enjoys meshing the professional actors with the amateurs. "We have six featured actors and incredible ensembles to back them up in high energy dance scenes. The amateurs get to see how seasoned professionals like Julie Herber and Joann Lee can transform themselves into the Queens, hit their marks, know their lines, and at the same time, enjoy each other and the moments of a live production," stated Thornton.

The production showcases many dance forms in thrilling Broadway style sequences. That's a lot for a sixth grader to keep up with; however, Choreographer Donna Grim, finds Charley Bennett to be nothing but professional. "For being so young, Charley has great technique and, on top of that, enthusiasm. When she goes on stage, you can see that she loves what she does and gives every performance 200 percent," said Grim.

The New Adventures of Alice in Wonderland comes to the Weinberg Center on Friday, April 18, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, April 19, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The performance on April 18 will be an American Sign Language interpreted performance, partially enabled by a grant from the Frederick Arts Council. Tickets are available at the Weinberg Box Office at 301-600-2828.

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Another Year Older

Randy's birthday is April 6. As always, I'm at a loss for what to get him for a present. I'd love to do something special and fun, but I have no ideas. When I ask him what he'd like to do for his birthday, the conversation goes something like this:

Me: "Your birthday is next month." (I'm a planner. I start early.) "What would you like to do?"

Randy: "I don't know. Let me think about it."

Two Weeks Later:

Me: "Your birthday is in two weeks. I need some ideas. You've had two weeks to think about it."

Randy: "I don't know. What would you like to do?"

Me: "It's not my birthday."

One Week Later:

Me: "Your birthday is next week. We're going to dinner at (some restaurant)."

Randy: "Was that so hard? I knew you'd think of something."

We're just different when it comes to celebrating our birthdays. I come

from a family where everything was celebrated—often and loudly. Randy's family is more low-key. In my family, a birthday can linger for weeks, and the meals and cakes can number in the double-digits. The Nusbaums did a cake and candles, a nice meal and some presents, and that was that. Sensible, right?

My mother made us birthday toast for breakfast with a cake imprinted on it. She decorated and baked, cooked and had people over, and organized outings and luncheons until my brother and I were so saturated with merriment that we each came to fear the anniversary of our birth. Mom still goes overboard for my birthday. She loves all the hoopla. I've learned ways to cope with it, but I still have stomach cramps every year when July rolls around. Randy sums it up best when he says, "It's your birthday. It's not about you."

I have tried to reach a compromise somewhere in-between the birthday celebrations of our mothers. I do one

dinner or event for just the two of us for Randy's birthday, and then a lunch with our parents and/or family and friends. Randy's dad's birthday is the day before Randy's, so we usually do a joint celebration with the family.

Randy and I both try hard to come up with fun things to do for each other for our birthdays. One year, he took me to Medieval Times. We had to eat the dinner with our fingers, sitting shoulder-to-shoulder with perfect strangers. It was very dark in there, and my chicken wound up in my lap. At least I think it was chicken, and I'm pretty sure it was my lap.

I booked Randy on a half-day fishing trip in Ocean City, Maryland, one year. For some reason, the captain decided to add an additional three-hour tour. A storm came up, and they ended up on an island. Oh, wait. That was Gilligan. Randy's fishing trip did drag on well into the night, because the fish weren't biting and the captain didn't want anyone to go home without catching something. Randy caught a cold.

Another of my birthdays was spent on a dinner cruise out of Baltimore, Maryland. No one told Randy when he booked it that it was a senior citizen cruise. I turned thirty-three that year.

There was the time we went to Toby's dinner theatre to see *Phantom*

of the Opera. We had to share our table with a couple named Glenn and Jen. For some reason, they insisted on referring to Randy as "Randon" all evening. The play wasn't the same as the one on Broadway. The songs were different, and I swear it had a different ending. We did get commemorative goblets.

Randy is a Civil War buff, and we've done birthday outings to Antietam (it rained) and Gettysburg (he fell down and tore his new jeans). We've gone to Hickory Bridge Farm and eaten way too much, and Randy surprised me with a cake and "party" once at a picnic we hosted. I gave him NASCAR tickets, and he took me to see *Jersey Boys*.

We don't talk about the year he took me to Rocky Gap, and I picked up a parasite and was sick for four weeks. I do, however, tell the story about the first time in his life Randy ever baked a cake. It was a birthday cake for me. That was very sweet of him, and I ate the whole thing. Back then, I could still eat sugar and fat.

Anyway, I'm sure I'll think of some fitting way to celebrate Randy's birthday this year. He's a good guy and he works really hard. He deserves some special treatment. I'm open to suggestions, so if you have any ideas, just show up at our house on April 6. Bring balloons.

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by Jim Houck, Jr.

We, The Sons of American Veterans

I am so proud to be a part of three veteran organizations in the western district of Maryland. The three veteran organizations I am a member of and, thus, will be writing about are: Francis X. Elder American Legion Post 121, Emmitsburg, MD, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6658, Emmitsburg, MD, and American Veterans (AMVETS) Post 7, Thurmont MD.

I am proud to be the elected Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Post 121, and I have a great team of elected officers helping to make my job easier. We, together as a team, have a meeting on the first Tuesday of every month to decide what we can do to help our post, our veterans, and our community. The entire membership is invited to attend and help with our decision-making. Being a nonprofit organization, we try to have as many fundraising functions as possible, such as the wing feeds we held for Ed Little and Mike Hartdagen. We had a great turnout for both functions, and I was especially proud of the help who volunteered. We are having an Old Fashioned Pig Roast on March 15, 2014, that can help the many worthy causes in our community; however, the event will depend on turnout. But I have no doubt the turnout will be great, because the people of Emmitsburg and

surrounding areas always come together to give support for worthy causes. We also do volunteer work in the community. For example, we help the staff at St. Joseph's Ministries by paying quarterly visits to veterans; we go along on outings when we are needed and help push the patients in their wheelchairs; and we help serve their food at restaurants and help feed them, if needed. We also have helped physically and monetarily with the remodeling of our post home. We, the SAL, are proud to have aided our parent Post 121. A big thank you goes to Son Steve (Growl) Adams for all of the time and material he donated to remodeling over the past few months. We, The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 121, are proud to be honoring our family veterans who made it possible to join such a fine organization, putting God, country, and family before self.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6658 Men's Auxiliary is another organization of which I am proud to be a member. President Leo Hobbs is our leader and is dedicated to helping our post and our community. I was proud to be elected Senior Vice President and am trying to fulfill the position to my utmost ability. We donate to Emmitsburg Vigilant Hose Company; Emmitsburg Ambulance Company; Emmitsburg Food Bank; Emmitsburg Lions Club; Seton Outreach Program; and children groups, such as Little League and Cub Scout units. Leo knows that in order to help these worthwhile causes, we need to generate funds, and to do that, we need to hold community functions like feeds and dances. We have held Oyster Feeds and Shrimp and Chicken Feeds at the post home and have seen lots of people from our community there. The members have welcomed you with open arms and have tried to assist you in feeling comfortable while attending our feeds. We are planning a Crab Leg and Steak Dinner in June at Kump's Dam Park, owned by VFW Post 6658. So, keep reading The Catoctin Banner for date and times. The profits from the feeds have gone back into our community and have helped many people. I urge you to come in to

Post 6658 and talk to us about the possibility of becoming part of a veteran's organization, which helps the community you live in. The membership applications are available at the bar, and all you have to do to acquire one, is ask the bartender. We hold our meetings the first Wednesday of every month and vote approved new members in at each meeting. I hope you make this great organization a part of your life; I know I am a better man because it is a part of my life.

Sons of American Veterans (Sons of AMVETS) Squadron 7 Thurmont is another veteran's organization with which I am very proud to be associated. Commander Mark Ziender is the new leader of our membership. He is a capable leader, and I think he is doing a good job at the helm of our organization. Commander Ziender calls our monthly meetings to order at 7:00 p.m. sharp (first Monday of each month). I am proud to be 2nd Vice Commander of our squadron and try to uphold the duties associated with the position. We donate to veteran organizations and our community by giving both our time and money to all who are in need. We sponsor many functions, such as the Shrimp and Chicken Feeds and Fish and Chicken Fries, so we can keep giving to worthwhile causes like the food bank, the fire company, and all worthy causes in our community. We have been fortunate by having tremendous turnouts at our functions. The membership attendance at our meetings is good, and we have had a lot of discussion on the floor before we vote, and this is good. We seem to have at least one new member to swear in at our meetings. I think if you would come in and talk to our members and pick up an application, Dick Fleagle, 1st Vice Commander, the Son in charge of membership, will check it out and have you sworn in at the very next meeting. You will become a part of something that is so contagious, you will spread it everywhere you go. I am very proud to be a part of the Family at Post 7, where we know all the Chiefs and they are still outnumbered by the Indians.

I hope this is the year in which you can and will become a part of one or all of the great veteran organizations I have the privilege to belong to, so you can feel the joy I feel by being able to assist veterans and those in need around our neighborhood communities.

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Thurmont American Post 168

Earlier this week, I had the honor of attending a reception for the National Commander of the American Legion. There were roughly 200 people there, and we were all served by Boy Scouts from various Troops from Frederick County, along with the Sea Cadets from Fort Detrick. This reception was held on the 95th Anniversary of the signing of the charter, in Paris France, to form the American Legion. We are responsible for millions of dollars in Scholarship Aid, and so far this year, \$ 750,000 was paid out for natural disasters.

This past week, I had the honor to deliver two certificates of appreciation for sixty years continuous membership in the American Legion. They were awarded to Frank Wilders and to Charles (Jake) Spalding. They were unable to attend a meeting, so their certificates were framed and mailed.

On April 5, 2014, the local Boy Scouts, in conjunction with Post 168, will be conducting a Flag Retirement Ceremony at our Pavilion. Everyone in the community who has an old flag that needs to be disposed of is encouraged to attend and bring their flag to our post for proper disposal. The Ceremony will be held at 4:00 p.m. (refreshments will be served afterward).

The Thurmont Thespians are here this month, having their Spring Show until April 13. On April 18, "Big Al" will be here to play all of your favorites, and on April 25, we will be having The Crossing band.

Finally, after six weeks of work, our kitchen has reopened: Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 5:00-8:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 3:00-6:00 p.m. Along with a varied menu, there will be an evening special on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (Steak Night).

Contact the Legion to rent a room for a wedding, banquet, etc. at 301-271-4411.

AMVETS Post 7 Thurmont April Events

April 6—Quarter Auction, 12:30-5:00 p.m., Post 7; April 12—Crab Leg & Shrimp Feed, Department of Maryland, Frederick, MD; April 18—Bake Sale, 5:00-8:00 p.m., Post 7; April 19—Ladies Auxiliary, Ladies Night Out, Jewelry & Dinner (\$30.00), 4:00-7:00 p.m., doors open at 3:00 p.m., Post 7 (Tickets: 301-748-6894 or 717-677-8026); April 27—Auxiliary Gun Dinner, Post 7. Bingo dates: April 2, 16, 30.

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Stacy Hobbs Riggs is still undergoing chemotherapy treatments and maintaining her homeopathy regimen, which includes self-injected doses of mistletoe extract. Mistletoe is a new hope for cancer treatment and is also known to dramatically reduce the side effects of chemotherapy and can help boost immunity. This clinical trial is awaiting testing and funding (believebig.org). Stacy is very passionate about this development and sharing the possibilities (hope) with others. Considering her initial stage IV diagnosis, her previous positron emission tomography (PET) scan showed dramatic reduction in her spread of cancer. Ernie Gelwicks presented Stacy with a check from Francis X. Elder American Legion Post 121, as well as one from Tyrian Masonic Lodge #205 Emmitsburg.



Photo by Jim Houck, Jr.

Pictured from left are Tony Wivell (Stacy's cousin), Stacy Hobbs Riggs, and Ernie Gelwicks.

VFW Post 6658 Emmitsburg April Events

April 26—Shrimp & Chicken Feed, 4:00-7:00 p.m., doors open at 3:00 p.m. (\$25.00 per person), benefits children in our community; April 12—Pool Tournament, 4:00 p.m. (sign-up: 3:00 p.m.), entry fee is \$5.00 per person, partners will be drawn randomly for those without partners; April 12—Open Jukebox, 8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.; April 17—Pong Tournament, 8:00 p.m.; April 19—Open Jukebox, 8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

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Tickling Our Tastebuds

by Denise Valentine



Hello, everyone. A couple of years ago, I shared a recipe for Pecan Pie. I was hopeful that it would encourage people to try their hand at pie baking. I found that many bakers shy away from baking pies, thinking that they are difficult. I think the crust scares a lot of people.

I was looking through some cookbooks recently and found an easy alternative to the Pecan Pie. It is a bar cookie recipe called Pecan Bars. I hope you enjoy them.



Pecan Bars

1 ¼ cup flour	½ cup brown sugar, firmly packed
¾ cup butter	1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
4 large eggs	1 cup corn syrup
¼ cup butter, melted	1 teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon salt	1 ¼ cups chopped pecans

With a pastry blender, combine flour, ½ cup brown sugar and ¾ cup butter until crumbly. Press mixture evenly into a 13 x 9 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.

Combine remaining ingredients except for pecans. Stir well and fold in the pecans.

Pour filling over prepared crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes or until set.

Cool and cut into squares.



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Catoctin Chronicles

by Labella A. Kreiner

The Times Are Changing

The daylight savings time change isn't the only thing that's changed for spring at Catoctin High. Despite multiple snow days this past month, student activities have increased drastically, as the third term has quickly come to a close. Spring sports have started, putting athletes into high gear as they train for upcoming performances. Advanced Placement tests are coming up in May, along with senior graduation in late May. The preparation for these activities and events causes students to have heavier loads of work and tests in order to wrap up the school year. Overall, it's been very busy at Catoctin.

Auditions were held on February 25-26 for this year's spring musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*. Everyone who auditioned got a spot in the cast or as stage crew, uniting our theatrical students and artists while they work together to make the production a success. Many students are looking forward to the performance and can barely wait for the show dates to be released. With our own Mrs. Stitely of the dance and theater department on board, the musical is sure to be an

amazing work of theatrical performance blended with Catoctin's musical talent.

On March 20, 2014, the annual students vs. staff volleyball game took place. During half time, the staff performed a dance in front of the entire crowd! Students and staff members were excited for the game and the opportunity to see the competition. Students also looked forward to seeing if this year would break the teachers' winning streak. However, this was not the case, as the seniors lost 0-3. Maybe next year, students!

Catoctin's 10th annual Business Expo was held on March 21, 2014. There were many different vendors at the event, as well as familiar faces volunteering to help with set-up and clean-up at the Expo. This year's Expo theme centered around the 10th anniversary of the Expo, with a party atmosphere and many different party decorations. This year, merchandise was allowed to be sold at the event, a change from Business Expos of years past.

The S.H.O.P (Students Helping Other People) Club at Catoctin will be hosting their annual blood drive on April 4, 2014. Students ages 16 and up are allowed to

participate (with parental consent). Many sophomores, juniors, and seniors are excited to be participating in this event and plan on doing everything they can to make the blood drive run smoothly. Athletes, however, are discouraged from participating in the blood drive due to the impacts on training.

Advance Placement tests will be taking place in mid-May. Many students are working vigorously to be prepared for the difficult exams that will be placed before them. Plus, CRES testing will be taking place during those following weeks, to close up the 2013-2014 school year.

The school year has flown by so quickly, and students are ready for it to

all be over. However, we still have one term left to go and many difficult tasks to overcome. Plus, some of our students would prefer not to see their senior friends leave them behind, as they move on to college and other aspects of their lives.

Thank you for reading, and I hope to catch you next month with many new updates on the start of the fourth term, as well as the closing months of our 2013-2014 school year. God bless, and I hope everyone has an enjoyable beginning of spring.

If you have a topic you would like to see in next month's article, please email me at labellakreiner@hotmail.com.

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looking back — 1943

There was No Stopping “Commando” Kelly during WWII

by James Rada, Jr.

Ralph F. Kelly of Emmitsburg was a battle-hardened veteran of World War II by the age of twenty-four. It only prepared him for what was to come.

“He was with the first Allied troops, which invaded the North African coast last November, and has been fighting steadily since with the exception of a two-week period spent in a hospital recovering from wounds received in initial engagements,” the *Gettysburg Times* reported in 1943.

In August 1943, the Allied Forces invaded Sicily. The soldiers met strong resistance from the Italian and German armies, as each side battled to control the high ground in the hilly country.

During the fighting, Sgt. Kelly found himself behind a machine gun, firing on the enemy. He fired on the enemy time and again. But, eventually, he and the other riflemen in his machine gun nest found themselves isolated from the rest of their company, as the Axis soldiers slowly pushed forward.

The enemy fire began focusing on the machine gun nest, as it was one of a diminishing number of close Allied targets.

“Although the machine gun was isolated from the rest of his company and bearing the brunt of an enemy counterattack, Sergeant Kelly refused to leave his position despite the ferocity of the enemy attack and the fact that his ammunition was seriously depleted, Sergeant Kelly continued firing upon the enemy and inflicted serious casualties,” Kelly’s Silver Star citation read.

More importantly was what Kelly’s actions allowed to happen. One soldier told *Associated Press* writer Don Whitehead, “The boys had plenty of guts, and what about Kelly? There’s a soldier for you. Ralph refused to leave his machine gun post until all the

riflemen were out and he had no support himself.”

For Kelly, it must have seemed like just another workday.

Kelly graduated from Emmitsburg High School in 1935 and took a job in the Taneytown plant of the Blue Ridge Rubber Company.

Kelly was inducted into the Army in January 1942, following in the footsteps of his older brother, Luther, who was a veteran of WWI. Kelly trained for six months at Camp Blanding in Florida and Fort Benning in Georgia before being sent overseas to become part of the First Army of the First Division.

He landed in North Africa with the Allied forces in November 1942, and was hit with shrapnel in his right leg. He spent a few weeks in the hospital and returned to duty with a Purple Heart.

During a fight near Gela, Sicily, Kelly saw a wounded soldier lying in the open and in danger of being shot and killed. Kelly rushed from his place of safety to grab the soldier and carry him to safety. This action earned him an Oak Leaf Cluster for his gallantry.

In November 1944, Kelly was wounded again while fighting in Germany and had to spend a couple more weeks in the hospital.

During his time overseas, Kelly saw fighting in Africa, France, Sicily, Belgium, and Germany.

Kelly was given a month’s leave in early 1945. When he returned home to Emmitsburg to visit his family, the *Gettysburg Times* dubbed him “Commando” Kelly.

“Although his honors do not include the Congressional Medal—highest award of any of the armed forces—Sergeant Kelly’s decorations include enough other ribbons to weight down his tunic,” the *Gettysburg Times* reported.

In his two-and-a-half years overseas, Kelly had won: A Silver Star for gallantry in action; an Oak Leaf Cluster (in lieu of a second Silver Star); two Purple Hearts for wounds received in action; a Bronze Star that is given only to infantrymen; a Combat Infantryman’s Badge; a Silver Rifle and Wreath that can only be won by an infantryman fighting in the field; a Good Conduct Medal; and the European Theater of Operations Ribbon with five Battle Stars.



The picture shows American soldiers fighting in Sicily in 1943. Ralph Kelly earned a Silver Star for gallantry during this invasion.

Following his leave, Kelly returned overseas to finish out the war. The *Gettysburg Times* noted, “The Army needs experienced men like him to carry on the battles to victory.”

“Commando” Kelly passed away in 2003.

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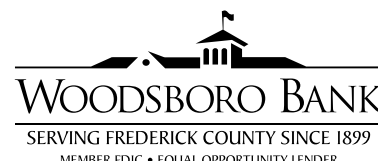
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senior moments

by Helen Deluca

Hello to all seniors! Springtime is finally here! If you're ready to get out and get moving, come to the Thurmont Senior Center and join a group that exercises every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. Alice, the instructor, turns on the music and the fun begins. Exercise at your own pace. There is no set fee, but a donation is always appreciated.

There was quite an interest in the property tax credit that was scheduled for March 4, but had to be canceled due to the inclement weather and school closings. We apologize if you were inconvenienced. Mark your calendars for the new date for the seminar: April 8 at 1:30 p.m.

You might want to call ahead and reserve lunch for that day and then stay for the seminar. Lunch is at 12:00 noon. It is prepared by Mountain Gate Restaurant and costs \$5.00. We use the honor system; you pay by putting your money into the "blue lunch box" by the door. Call 301-271-7911 to reserve lunch.

Speaking of lunch at the Center, did you know that we have a van that will pick you up? We're there if you need us, but we can't help you if you don't call us. If we can get volunteers to help with driving, the van will be available for other services, such as grocery shopping and doctors visits. Volunteers are covered by insurance. All you need is a valid driver's license, with no outstanding violations. If you would like to have lunch at the Center and your driver isn't quite up to that "senior age" of 55 or over, that's alright, they are welcome to join you at the Center.

As I mentioned in last month's column, we are looking for someone to replace Kay Knapper, our Coordinator, who will be leaving in a few weeks. Kay has taken a full-time position that she is looking forward

to. We are looking for a mature person with some computer ability. The hours are 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. It would be a nice way to supplement your income. If you're interested, please call the Center at 301-271-7911 to set up an interview.

Events coming up at the Thurmont Center in April: April 8, 1:30 p.m., Property Tax Seminar; April 10, 12:30 p.m., April Birthday Party; April 16, 1:00 p.m., 50-50 Bingo; Tuesday, April 29, 11:30 a.m., Linda Beard will be showing Silpada Jewelry (you could win a prize); April 30, 12:00 p.m., Spring Pot Luck and General Meeting; Also, look for the Spring Fashion Show. No date scheduled yet.

A reminder: free help with your income taxes by Vita will end April 7. Service is available on Monday and Friday morning, 9:00 a.m.-noon.

Happy to tell you that Ruthye Willhide has agreed to serve on the Senior Center Board of Directors. Also, George—the handsome man sitting at the birthday table—is my "other half." He was the oldest celebrant in February, and Joan Mallory was the youngest. Both received a gift certificate for a free lunch.

For many years, a group of seniors who played 500 met on Thursday mornings at the Center. Where are you? I know many don't like to go out after dark, but do you know that you're welcome to use the Center in the afternoon? Get your group together Monday or Thursday afternoons? Play as long as you like – just turn out the light and lock the door on your way out.

My thought for the day and always: Remember the blessings of family and friends and the importance of staying connected. Smile and look forward to a Happy Easter!

February Birthdays

(right)

Pictured from left are: (Seated center) George Deluca; Tony Cornejo, Dorthy Clever, George Anzelone, Patt Troxell, Greta Lambert, and Joan Malloy.



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Easter Services

7:00pm, Holy Thursday, April 17
Contemporary service

7:00pm, Good Friday, April 18
Service will be held at Deerfield UMC

6:30am, Easter Sunday, April 20
Sunrise traditional service

8:30am, Easter Sunday, April 20
Traditional service

11:00am, Easter Sunday, April 20
Contemporary service

10:00am, Easter Cantata, April 27
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Wanted

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

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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.

Yard Sales

Table Rentals for Outdoor Yard Sale, May 3, 2014, at Garfield United Methodist Church, 13628 Stottlemeyer Rd., Smithburg, MD. \$10.00 to rent one table; \$5.00 for additional table. Reserve table: call 301-271-6970. At end of day, Purple Heart will be on-site to take away any unwanted items.

Family moving. Large Yard Sale. TUMC Pavilion, 13880 Long Road, Thurmont. April 25 & 26. 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

For Sale

HOUSE FOR SALE: 13701 Graceham Road, Thurmont. \$140K, 2 BR, 1BA, 2 Car Garage, Enclosed Front Porch, Storage Shed sitting on approximately 3/4 acre. For more info. or to schedule an appointment, call Joann at 301-271-2180.

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

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HALL RENTAL: Weddings, Banquets, Events of any kind. Call the American Legion at 301-271-4411.MOON BOUNCE for rent, \$100.00 per day. 240-674-3856.

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Coordinator. Mature Person with Computer skills. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Thurmont Senior Center. 301-271-7911.

HELP WANTED: Sleep Inn, Emmitsburg, is now accepting applications for all positions. See their ad on page 13 for more information. See our ad in this issue.

HELP WANTED: Cleaning Angels is looking for a part-time helper. Driver's License required. Call Theresa at 240-446-2752.

Emmitsburg Senior News

Finally, old man winter is fading into history, and we are more than ready to bring in spring. Crocus and snowdrops last month whispered that Easter flowers were coming along soon.

Beginning this month, we have two new special programs: one just for tax season and another that will be ongoing. There will be a Tax Credit Seminar on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Find out if—as a senior homeowner—you are eligible for a tax credit with the IRS. On the same day, we will kick-off the Care Connection Program with an 11:00 a.m. brunch. This program is for caregivers and the person or persons for whom they provide care. It is presented in cooperation with St. Catherine's Neighborhood (Nursing Center.) After this first get-together, the Care Connection will meet in a café setting on the last Tuesday of each month. The Center will also host Garden Bingo on April 30, 2014, and an evening card party on April 23, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Activities include: Walkers' group—Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9:00 a.m.; Bowling—Mondays, 12:15 p.m.; Art Class—Mondays, 1:30 p.m.; Bridge & 500—April 9 and 23, 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, Games, and Puzzles—April 1, 8, and Friday afternoons.

Our “Man Cave” (pool room) is now open on Wednesdays; call Linda if you are interested in joining. The senior citizens encourage everyone 50 years of age and older to join their activities at the Emmitsburg Community Center. Persons 60 and over are eligible for the hot lunch program. For information on the lunch program and all other activities, contact the coordinator, Linda Umbel, at 301-600-6350, or email LUmbel@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

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by Erin Dingle, Administrator, Thurmont Regional Library/Emmitsburg Branch Library, edingle@frederickcountymd.gov

April Fun for the Kids – Visit www.fcpl.org for the Details
The Book Tasting Club is new and starts April 2. Over three sessions, discover how to find a good fit with a book, plus you'll sample and “taste” some new book genres.

Offered twice on April 17 (1:00 p.m./6:30 p.m.), a special program called Name That Tune is for kids who will appreciate different genres of music through games, movement, and exploration. Kids will create their own instrument using recycled materials. On April 17, at 1:00 p.m., gather your team and try your hand at Quidditch. Register your team of four before all spots are gone. Teams will compete, round-robin style, until the World Cup champions are crowned.

Bring your Rainbow Loom to the Thurmont Library for Rainbow Loom Meetup on April 18. Haven't tried Rainbow Loom yet? Some basic supplies will be available for you to try. Spot The Dog at the library during spring break on April 14-18. Just look for Spot and tell the librarian where Spot is hiding and get a prize bookmark! On April 21, explore the world of Beatrix Potter with the staff from Rose Hill Manor Park & Children's Museum (hands-on program, best for ages 3-5, w/adult). Registration required.

Summer Activities Fair and Summer Reading Club
Join us at the library's Summer Activity Fair on May 1 to discover all types

of activities for kids happening this summer in Frederick County. It's all free. A variety of organizations will be available to share information with you and there is no obligation. If your group is hosting a camp or class, please call Erin Dingle at 301-600-7210 to reserve your table. May 1st is also the very first day of Summer Reading Club for kids so bring them along to sign up early.

Thank YOU!
The Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library would like to thank everyone who purchased a ticket for the Irish raffle basket. The winner of the basket and four front row seats to the Celtic Concert was Dee Kradz. The funds raised from the raffle will support Summer Reading Club and Music on the Deck this year.

Nature Photography Exhibit
Kai Hagen's appreciation for nature and Frederick County are captured in his striking photography. Stop by the Thurmont Regional Library in April and May to enjoy his work.

Free Job Seekers Assistance Tuesdays
Goodwill of Monocacy has been stopping by the branch on a monthly basis to assist north county citizens with job preparations and searches. Starting in May, Patie Elsberry will be here weekly from 3-5 on Tuesdays. Just drop in and she will provide you with information to get you started on your job search and will continue to help you as needed. And it's all free.

april

community calendar

- 1RSVPs due for Dinner & Dance (April 12), Benefit Disabled American Veterans Chapter #5, Guardian Hose, E. Main St., Thurmont. 301-271-4002, 443-686-1817.
- 1Take-a-Tour Tuesday, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m./7:00-8:00 p.m. 301-447-3161; www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 1Spring/Easter Old Fashion Bingo, Vigilant Hose Company Firehall, W. Main Street, Emmitsburg. Doors open 5:00 p.m.; Early birds 6:50 p.m.; Bingo 7:00 p.m.
- 1,16.....Daytime Grief Support Group, Hospice of Frederick County, 516 Trail Ave., Ste. A, Frederick. 2:00-3:30 p.m. Free. 240-566-3030; lkinna@fmh.org; dwatterson@fmh.org.
- 2 Simple Soup/Bread Lunch & Conversation, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. 11:45 a.m. Fr. John Holliday speaks on "Joy."
- 2North Western Frederick County Civic Association meeting, Sabillasville Elementary School, 1621-B Sabillasville Rd., Sabillasville, MD. 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- 4 All You Can Eat Fish Bake Fridays, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center, Thurmont. 5:00-7:30 p.m. \$10/Adults; \$5/ Ages 4-12; Free/Ages 3-under. Sponsored by the Father Shaum Knights of Columbus Council 11975.
- 4Italian Night (All You Can Eat), Rocky Ridge Fire Co. Activities Bldg., Rocky Ridge, MD. 5:00-8:00 p.m. \$8/Adults; \$4/Ages 5-12; Free/ages 4 & under. 301-271-3781.
- 4Spring Cash Bingo, Taneytown Fire Auxiliary, Activity Bldg., Taneytown. Doors open 5:00 p.m.; Games 7:00 p.m. \$15/door. 410-756-4208.
- 4,5 ... Thurmont Thespians *Smoke on the Mountain*, American Legion, Thurmont. 8:00 p.m. \$15/ticket. 301-271-7613.
- 5Turkey & Oyster Supper, Tom's Creek UMC, 10926 Simmons Rd., Emmitsburg. 12:00-6:00 p.m.
- 5Indoor Yard Sale, Lewistown Fire Hall, 11101 Hessong Bridge Rd., Thurmont. 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Tables \$10/each. Food available. Rent table 240-674-4688.
- 5Work Camp Bingo, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. \$30/ advance; \$35/door. Includes All Inclusive 9 Pack & Spaghetti Dinner from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Proceeds support OLMC/SAS and St. Joseph's youth to attend Work Camp. John Dowling 301-271-4439; Patty Goff 301-271-4555; Parish Office 301-447-2367.
- 5Oyster, Turkey and Country Ham Dinner (buffet-style), Faith United Church of Christ, 9333 Opposumtown Pike, Frederick. 12:00-5:30 p.m. \$16/Adults; \$8/ Ages 6-12; Free/under 6. \$17/Carryouts. 301-271-7573.
- 5Community Egg Hunt (ages 12 & under), Mt Moriah Lutheran Church Community Center (Foxville Schoolhouse), 14814 Foxville Deerfield Rd., Sabillasville. 10:00 a.m. Pastor Julie Brigham 240-405-2173.
- 5Weekly Money Bingo, Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company, Activity Building, Rocky Ridge (every Saturday evening). Doors open 4:30 p.m.; games begin 7:00 p.m. Guaranteed Jackpot. rrvfc@rockyridgervfc.com; follow on Facebook.
- 5Meeting, Frederick Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), Edenton Retirement Community, Manor House, 5800 Genesis Ln., Frederick, MD. 10:00 a.m., social time follows. Guest speaker, Dick Weis. Everyone welcome.
- 6Thurmont Thespians *Smoke on the Mountain*, American Legion, Thurmont. 2:00 p.m. \$15/ticket. 301-271-7613.
- 6Spring Shopping Bazaar, Woodsboro American Legion Auxiliary, 101 W. Elizabeth St., Woodsboro. 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Over forty vendors. 910-333-4463.
- 6Longaberger Basket & Thirty-One

- Bingo, Lewistown Fire Hall. Sponsored by TMS PTA. Doors open 12:30 p.m.; Games 2:00 p.m. \$20/advance; \$25/ door. Missy Worth at 301-730-8412.
- 7Thurmont Ministerium Lenten Service, Thurmont Church of the Brethren. 7:00 p.m.
- 7“Served with Grace” Free Community Meal (first Monday each month), Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont, 5:30-7:00 p.m. All welcome.
- 7Community Clothes Closet, Thurmont United Methodist Church. 6:00-7:30 p.m. Free to everyone. 301-271-4511.
- 8Mother Seton School Young Authors Night, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 7:00-8:00 p.m. Literary works by MSS student authors in grades Pre-K-8. 301-447-3161; www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 8Take-a-Tour Tuesday, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m./7:00-8:00 p.m. 301-447-3161; www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 8Senior Tax Credit Seminar, Thurmont Senior Center, Thurmont. 1:30 p.m. 301-271-7911.
- 9St. Anthony Shrine, Emmitsburg. 7:00 p.m. Traditional Worship Service + Fellowship, Rev. Jon Greenstone preaching on “Contentment.”
- 11Elias Lutheran Church Coffee House Special, 100 W. North Ave., Emmitsburg. 7:00 p.m. Featuring Seven X Seventy. www.eliaslutheranchurch.org.
- 11All You Can Eat Fish Bakes Fridays, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center, Thurmont. 5:00-7:30 p.m. \$10/Adults; \$5/4-12; Free/3 & under. Sponsored by the Father Shaum Knights of Columbus Council 11975.
- 11,12.....Thurmont Thespians *Smoke on the Mountain*, American Legion, Thurmont. 8:00 p.m. \$15/ticket. 301-271-7613.
- 12Thurmont Thespians *Smoke on the Mountain*, American Legion, Thurmont. Dinner Theater 6:30 p.m. \$35/ticket (includes dinner/show). 301-271-7613.
- 12Dinner & Dance Benefit Disabled American Veterans Chapter #5, Guardian Hose Activities Building, E. Main St., Thurmont. Dinner 6:00 p.m.; Dance 7:00 p.m.-midnight. Jim Eyer and The Country Ramblers. \$25/ person, no alcohol. RSVP by April 1. 301-271-4002, 443-686-1817.
- 125th Annual Gregory A. Brashears Jr. Memorial Atlantic City Bus Trip. Bus departs from Thurmont Plaza 7:00 a.m.; return at 11:00 p.m. \$45/person (non-refundable). Must be 21 years of age. Tickets: Lori Long 301-748-6007.
- 12Think Spring Yard Sale, Fort Ritchie Community Center, Cascade. 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Vendors may set up day before. Free admission. 301-241-5085.
- 12Nursing a Nation Divided (family event @medical science during Civil War), The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Free. www.setonheritage.org; 301-447-6606.
- 1216th Annual Catocin Affair, EventPlex at Frederick Fairgrounds. 6:30 – 11:00 p.m. Benefit The Mental Health Association of Frederick County. 301-663-0011; www.fcma.org.
- 12Frederick County Genealogy Society Meeting, Multipurpose room of Homewood at Crumland Farms, 4707 Willow Road, Frederick. 1:00-3:00 p.m. Guests are welcome. Nancy Thrasher Cherry presents Thrasher ancestors of Frederick County. 301-271-2867.
- 13Thurmont Thespians *Smoke on the Mountain*, American Legion, Thurmont. 2:00 p.m. \$15/ticket. 301-271-7613.
- 13Palm Sunday Service, Trinity United Church of Christ, 101 E. Main St., Thurmont.

- 11:00 a.m. Music by Bonnie Clowes & Tim Kueberth. 301-271-2305.
- 13Easter Egg Hunt, Gateway Candyland, Rt. 15 & N. Franklinville Rd., Thurmont. 1:00 p.m. 301-271-2322.
- 13Palm Sunday, Deerfield United Methodist Church, Passion Play. 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- 13Palm Sunday Service, Lewistown United Methodist Church, Lewistown. 9:30 a.m.
- 13-18.....Services for Holy Week: Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 7:00 p.m.; Wed. Apr. 16—Seder 6:00 p.m. (followed by service w/ Bells of Grace Handbell Choir). Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. All welcome. 301-271-2379.
- 14Thurmont Ministerium Lenten Service, Lewistown United Methodist Church. 7:00 p.m.
- 14,28.....Evening Grief Support Group, Hospice of Frederick County, 516 Trail Ave., Ste. A, Frederick, MD. 5:00-6:30 p.m. 240-566-3030; lkinna@fmh.org; dwatterson@fmh.org.
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- 15Community Clothes Closet, Thurmont United Methodist Church. 10:00-11:30 a.m. Free to everyone. 301-271-4511.
- 17Mother Seton School Holy Week Prayer Service, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Special Prayer Service. 301-447-3161; www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 17Holy Thursday Service, Weller United Methodist Church, 101 N. Altamont Ave., Thurmont. 7:00 p.m. 301-271-2802.
- 17Maundy Thursday Service, Lewistown United Methodist Church, Lewistown. 7:00 p.m.
- 17,18.....Seafood Bonanza, Vigilant Hose Co., Fire Hall. 11:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
- 18Good Friday Service, Weller United Methodist Church, held at Deerfield UMC. 7:00 p.m. 301-271-2802.
- 18Good Friday, Deerfield United Methodist Church, Passion Play. 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- 18Good Friday Services, Lewistown United Methodist Church, Lewistown. Noon, 1:00 p.m.
- 18,19.....*The New Adventures of Alice in Wonderland*, Weinberg Center, 20 W. Patrick St., Frederick. April 18—7:30 p.m.; April 19—2:00 p.m./7:30 p.m. \$10/ under 6; \$15/Students & seniors; \$20/Adults. 301-600-2828; www.weinbergcenter.org. Group tickets (20+): 301-662-3722.
- 19Easter Egg Roll, Museum of Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 N. Market St., Frederick, MD. 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Ages 2 & up. Bring Easter basket. Easter Bunny; games, food, & more. \$5. Pre-registration suggested. 301-600-2936; www.rosehillmuseum.com.
- 19Easter Egg Hunt, Fort Ritchie Community Center, Cascade. 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- 19Easter Egg Hunt, Weller United Methodist Church, 101 N. Altamont Ave., Thurmont. 11:00 a.m. in grades 5 and under. 301-271-2802; www.wellerumc.com.
- 19Annual Storm Spring Fest, Thurmont Activities Building (carnival grounds), Thurmont. Doors open 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Vendors/crafters/organizations. \$25/table (\$15/additional table). Tammy 240-357-1834 or harrington907@gmail.com.
- 19Community Picnic & Easter Egg Hunt, Emmitsburg Community Park, Emmitsburg. Sponsored by Christ's Community Church. 12:00-2:00 p.m. 301-447-4224.
- 19Easter Egg Hunt, HeartFields Assisted Living, 1820 Latham Dr., Frederick, MD.

- 10:30 a.m. 301-663-8800.
- 20Easter Sunday Sunrise Service. Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, 15116 Foxville Church Rd., Sabillasville, MD. 6:30 a.m. Regular service 9:00 a.m. All welcome. Pastor Julie Brigham 240-405-2173.
- 20Easter Sunday Services, Weller United Methodist Church, 101 N. Altamont Ave., Thurmont. Sunrise: 6:30 a.m.; Traditional: 8:30 a.m.; Contemporary: 11:00 a.m. 301-271-2802.
- 20Easter Sunday Services, Lewistown United Methodist Church, Lewistown. Sunrise 6:00 a.m.; Breakfast 7:00 a.m.; Traditional 9:00 a.m.
- 20Easter Sunday Service, Trinity United Church of Christ, 101 E. Main St., Thurmont. 11:00 a.m. Special music by Sarah Howes. 301-271-2305.
- 20Thurmont Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by Thurmont Lions Club, Thurmont Community Park, Thurmont. 2:00 p.m. Easter Bunny. Three egg hunts (0-3, 4-6, & 7-12). Bring Easter basket.
- 20Easter Services, Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. Sunrise, 6:00 a.m.; Lovefeast w/ Bells of Grace Handbell Choir, 7:00 a.m.; Worship w/Hosanna Voice Choir, 10:30 a.m.
- 20Easter Egg Hunt, Elias Lutheran Church, 100 W. North Ave., Emmitsburg. 9:15 a.m. www.eliaslutheranchurch.org.
- 21Red Cross Blood Drive, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 103 N. Church St., Thurmont. 2:00-7:30 p.m. Terry 301-271-7872 to schedule appt/info. Walk-ins welcome.
- 261st Annual Ladies Day, Catocin Church of Christ, 104 N. Carroll St., Thurmont. 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. RSVP (by Apr. 20) 301-271-2069.
- 26Bingo Bash, Emmitsburg Amb. Co., 17701 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. Doors open 4:00 p.m.; Games 7:00 p.m. \$35/in Advance; \$45/at Door. 240-285-3184; 301-748-6894.
- 26Cash Bingo, American Legion Hesson-Snyder Post 120, Taneytown, MD. \$25/person (eligible for ALL Drawings). 3:00-8:00 p.m. Food & beverages available 2:00-7:00 p.m. 410-596-7378.
- 26Cash Bingo, Lewistown Fire Hall, 11101 Hessong Bridge Rd., Thurmont. Doors open 4:30 p.m.; Bingo 6:00 p.m. \$20/in Advance; \$25/at Door. Food & bake table available. Proceeds benefit Faith UCC. 301-788-2427; 301-271-7573.
- 26Slippery Turkey Pot Pie Dinner w/Turkey & Ham, Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church, 101 S. Main St., Woodsboro, MD. 12:00-5:00 p.m. \$11/Adults; \$5/ 6-10; Free/ under 5. \$5/Quart. \$12/Carryout (301-271-3309 by Apr. 24). 301-845-4533.
- 26Fort Ritchie Community Center Fishing Tournament, Cascade, MD. 6:30 a.m.-noon. Register online or in person. \$50 (\$55 if using credit card). 301-241-5081.
- 26Sandwich Sale, sponsored by Thurmont Lions Club, Bell Hill Farm, 15202 Catocin Mountain Hwy., Thurmont. Pit beef, pork, turkey, and ham sandwiches, alone or as a platter (Cole slaw, drink, & side). 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 26,27.....Spring Festival, Museum of Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 N. Market St., Frederick, MD. 26 –10:00 a.m.-4:00 pm; 27 –12:00-4:00 p.m. Parking donation \$1; fees for some activities. 301-600-1650; www.rosehillmuseum.com.
- 27Easter Cantata, Weller United Methodist Church, 101 N. Altamont Ave., Thurmont. 10:00 a.m. Choir. 301-271-2802.
- 28Thurmont Grange #409 Antique RoadShow, Thurmont Grange Bldg. 7:00 p.m. Items appraised for \$5.00/each & proceeds donated to a worthy cause. Everyone welcome.
- 29Take-a-Tour Tuesday, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m./7:00-8:00 p.m. 301-447-3161; www.mothersetonschool.org.

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Mon. & Thurs. • 10 am - 8 pm | Weds. & Sun. • Closed
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2 East Main St. • Thurmont, MD 21788

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10 Water St
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603 East Main Street
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36 Walnut St
Catoclin Veterinary Clinic - (703) 777-8447
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