

# The Catoctin Banner

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## Remembering Our Nation's Veterans

James Rada, Jr.

Donald Lewis stood crammed among a group of friends and fellow soldiers, trying not to lose his balance. The landing craft they were on was pushing toward its destination on Omaha Beach at Normandy, France. A strong current threatened to pull them away from their destination.

Lewis was a long way from his hometown of Thurmont, but he, along with millions of other young men, had been drafted to serve in the armed forces during World War II. Though he had entered the army as a private, he had risen to the rank of staff sergeant.

Lewis stood at the front of the landing craft hanging onto the edge of the wall. Around him, he could hear the explosion of artillery and see the explosions on the water and beach. Things seemed a mass of confusion, but it was all part of the largest seaborne invasion ever undertaken: the coordinated D-Day attack on German forces at Normandy, France. The invasion involved 156,000 Allied troops.



Photo Courtesy of the Library of Congress

Troops Approaching Omaha Beach at Normandy, France.

Amphibious landings along fifty miles of the Normandy Coast were supported by naval and air assaults.

Lewis' job in the invasion seemed simple. He was to go ashore first and mark safe paths across the irrigation ditches that crossed the beach.

However, the landing craft couldn't make it to the beach. It grounded on a sandbar.

Lewis and the other men were still expected to take the beach, though.

The front ramp of the landing craft was lowered and Lewis ran into the water. He suddenly found himself in water over his head, weighed down by a heavy backpack.

"I just had to hold my breath and walk part of the way underwater until my head was above water," Lewis said.

The Germans started firing on the beach and the landing craft. Lewis focused on his job and began marking the paths where troops could cross.

"When I looked back, men were laying everywhere," Lewis said. "Just about everyone on the boat was dead."

After the war, when he was invited back to Normandy for the anniversary of the D-Day invasion, Lewis always turned down the invitations. Now ninety-six years old, he has never returned to Omaha Beach.

"I've seen all I wanted to," he said.

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## EVENTS

*Honoring Our Heroes*

Trinity United Church of Christ's Veterans Day Worship Service and Recognition, at 11:00 a.m., 101 E. Main Street, Thurmont. Lunch following Service. Special recognition being given to those currently serving and Veterans who previously served, as well as any named persons who are deceased and had served their country. Musical group Solid Ground. Larry Clabaugh with patriotic readings. Special guest speakers.

Thurmont Senior Center's Open House Veterans Day Celebration, honoring local Veterans and their families from Thurmont and Northern Frederick County, on Saturday, November 8, from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Special guest speakers.

Emmitsburg Senior Center's Veterans Dinner, on Monday, November 10, at 5:30 p.m., honoring local Veterans who served our country.

Read on page 31 about the 107 firefighters added to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial at this year's 33rd annual event held in Emmitsburg on the weekend of October 11 and 12, 2014. More than 5,000 people, including members of Congress, members of the fire service, and families, friends, and co-workers of the fallen firefighters, attend this event.

Ritz Wins  
Emmitsburg  
Commissioner  
Seat

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Mike  
Fitzgerald's  
Emmitsburg

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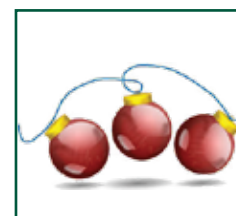
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Dear Reader:

Now that Halloween has passed, I guess it is safe to say that we are in the holiday season. However, as you think about whose house you will going to for Thanksgiving or what gift to buy each family member, don't overlook Veterans Day on November 11. You can read about one of the few remaining Veterans from World War II, Donald Lewis, in this issue, but we've also compiled a list of the Veterans' Day events throughout the region. Even if you can't attend one of them, take some time to thank any Veteran you may know or see. Their service helps secure our liberties.

In this issue, you'll find stories about the National Fallen Firefighters Weekend in Emmitsburg and the 51st Annual Catoctin Colorfest in Thurmont. You'll find plenty of pictures, not only showing these events, but also other events that have happened recently.

We are introducing a new feature that we could use your help with. If you know someone who has an interesting story about life in Northern Frederick County or a story that shows a little known or funny take on life here, we'd like to interview them. Then we'll tell the story in their own words in an article. You can read a story about how Mike Fitzgerald's father ran his restaurant in "Mike Fitzgerald's Emmitsburg."

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

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— James Rada, Jr., Contributing Editor



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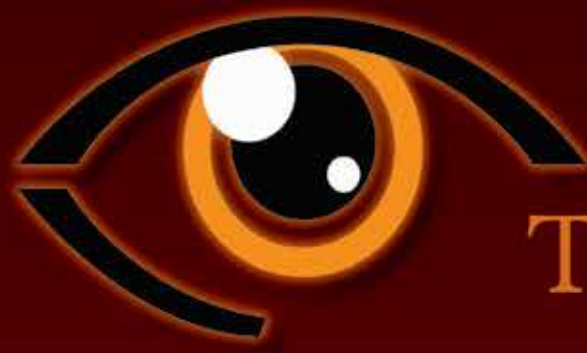
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## Thurmont

### Christmas in Thurmont—December 6

The 12th Annual Christmas in Thurmont event starts at 9:00 a.m. at the Mechanicstown Square Park with a ribbon cutting. This event is meant to help support local businesses by asking citizens to shop locally. Shoppers can register for free prizes and enjoy hot cider and cookies from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Event also features a game to “find the Elf” in each participating business in order to win free prizes. Learn more about the game rules when registering for this event. Donations of warm coats and non-perishable food are being accepted at the square and Hobbs Hardware during the event.

Bring kids to visit Santa and get free photos with a Christmas stocking (for first 250) during the following times: Photos with Santa at the Square park, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Santa reads a story to the kids at the Thurmont Library, 1:00-2:00 p.m.; Santa visits with kids again at the Gazebo, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

At 4:30 p.m., join the Lions Club for the Remembrance tree lighting with caroling next to the PNC bank, followed by the prize drawing at 5:00 p.m. at Hobb's Hardware.

Call Heather Dewees at 301-471-7313 for additional information

on participating as a business or a shopper.

### Food Bank and Coat Drive in Thurmont

Drop-off boxes to collect winter coats and canned food goods will be available at the Christmas in Thurmont event and at many participating businesses, including Hobbs Hardware.

Organizers and businesses encourage all shoppers to bring a canned food item for donation to help with the spirit of giving for this holiday season.

### Sidewalk Construction Update

The sidewalk construction that incorporates the handicap accessibility design is almost complete on E. Main Street. More sidewalk work will continue throughout November and December. Town officials ask that you please be aware of the traffic and safety issues while Thurmont gets this upgrade.

View the Town of Thurmont's website at [www.thurmont.com](http://www.thurmont.com) or call the town office at 301-271-7313 for more information.

# town hall reports

by Michele Cuseo

## Emmitsburg

### Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot “Emmitsburg Wattle Waddle” to Benefit Seton Center

The 6th Annual Wattle Waddle will be held on Thanksgiving day. Activities start at the Emmitsburg Community Park (parking behind Library and next to Community Pool) at 8:30 a.m. with the 5-Mile run. Walkers and spectators can enjoy an early morning breakfast from the Holy Grounds Café that will include turkey bacon at 8:45 a.m. Walkers will enjoy a walk through the grounds of St. Catherine's and St. Joseph's. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Seton Center, Inc., our local non-profit organization that helps the needy in Northern Frederick County. For more information, visit the website at [www.emmitsburgturkeytrot.com](http://www.emmitsburgturkeytrot.com) or call David Weigelt at 240-575-5399.

### Lions Club Bake Sale—November 22

The Lions Club will hold a Bake Sale at the Emmitsburg Jubilee shopping center on November 22, 2014. Proceeds will provide school scholarship funds to college-bound

Emmitsburg high school students. Any student who lives in the Emmitsburg area can apply for the scholarship.

### Emmitsburg Holiday Party—December 6

Children can look forward to a magic show, photos with Santa, arts and crafts, and other fun activities to celebrate the holiday season this year. Activities start at 9:00 a.m. at the Fire Hall. Santa will arrive at 10 a.m. and stay until 1:00 p.m. The Lions Club will be collecting canned goods for their annual Christmas Baskets program, which helps approximately sixty local families in need. Drop-off boxes are also located at Jubilee Foods and other business locations. Anyone who would like to contribute for the holidays can mail checks to: Emmitsburg Lions Club, PO Box 1182, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

### Working Together for Park Equipment in Silo Hill

Commissioner Mellor strongly advocated for the new park equipment in Silo Hill. There was a lot of teamwork between her, the mayor, and the town staff. The playground is funded through a grant to the town.

View the Town of Emmitsburg's website at [www.emmitsburgmd.gov](http://www.emmitsburgmd.gov) or call the town office at 301-600-6300 for more information.



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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](mailto:news@thecatoctinbanner.com) to record your guesses by the 15th of each month. Please don't forget to spell your full name and leave your phone number.

## Where Am I? Photo Contest

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



Photo by Irene Matthews

Last month's "Where Am I?" photo showed Direct to You Gas on North Church Street in Thurmont.

Last month's winner is Kendra Keeney.

## Hidden Object Game

Last month's Hidden Object was a stack of coins. It was located on page 19 in the Harrington's Equipment Company advertisement. The winner of the Hidden Object Game is Bob Free. If the winner has not been contacted, please contact us to claim your prize.

This month's Hidden Object is a boxing bunny.

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

If you see your name listed as a winner, please email us at [news@thecatoctinbanner.com](mailto: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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### Test Your Word Power

(Answers on page 46)

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|---|---|
| <p><b>1. Churlish (adj.)</b><br/> a) Ill-natured; mean<br/> b) Strict; rigid<br/> c) Impressionable; open</p>             | <p><b>3. Proclaim (v.)</b><br/> a) Draw back in fear, recoil<br/> b) Hamper; prevent<br/> c) Declare officially; announce</p> |
| <p><b>2. Mitigate (v.)</b><br/> a) Provoke; badger<br/> b) Make milder; less severe<br/> c) Make advances to; address</p> | <p><b>4. Auspicious (adj.)</b><br/> a) Modest, bashful<br/> b) Promising success; favorable<br/> c) Dismal; dreary</p>        |

- 5. Which word above would work best in this sentence?**  
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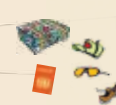
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## Take Us Along!



Jaymes Phillips took *The Catoctin Banner* along with him during his trip to Idaho to bow hunt elk in the Diamond Creek area in September 2014. The picture was taken by his girlfriend's brother, Ben Setlock.

—Thanks for taking us along, Jaymes!



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## EVAC Bingo Bash

The Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company (EVAC) is holding a Bingo Bash on November 9, 2014. Doors will open at 4:00 p.m. Games will begin at 7:00 p.m. Bingo features twenty-two games, three \$1,000 jackpots, and a meal. Tickets are \$35.00 in advance, and \$45.00 if purchased at the door. View their advertisement on page 27 for more information.

## Concerts at MorningStar Family Church

Come on out to the Southern Gospel Concert with Kevin Spencer, Gaither Alumni, at the MorningStar Family Church, on November 9, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. View their advertisement on page 38 for more information.

MorningStar Family Church will also be holding a Quiet Love Concert "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" on Sunday, November 30, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. View their advertisement on page 42 for more information.

## MSS Thirty-One, Coach & Vera Bradley Bingo

Mother Seton School (MSS) is holding a not-to-miss Thirty-One, Coach & Vera Bradley Bingo on Saturday, November 15, 2014, at 100 Creamery Road in Emmitsburg. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with games starting at 7:00 p.m. Bingo features specials, raffles, and door prizes. Concessions will be for sale. The cost for tickets for twenty games is \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door. Event is sponsored by the MSS Home & School Association. View their advertisement on page 45 for more information.

## Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Association Events

The Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Association is holding a Cash Bingo on November 2, 2014. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. Games will begin at 12:45 p.m. Their Meat Raffle and Buffet will be held on November 21, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. View their advertisement on page 40 for more information on these and other Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Association November events.

## Country Butchering

Country Butchering will be held on November 22, 2014, at the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company, located at 13527 Motters Station Road in Rocky Ridge, Maryland. Benefits Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company. View their advertisement on page 38 for more information.


## Chad W. Weddle

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## Veterans Day Open House at Thurmont Senior Center

An Open House Veterans Day Celebration honoring our local Veterans and their families from Thurmont and Northern Frederick County areas will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2014, at the Thurmont Senior Center, from 12:00-4:00 p.m. The American Legion, AMVETS, Emmitsburg VFW, the DAV, Thurmont Lion's Club, Main Street Thurmont, *The Catoctin Banner*, Catoctin Civitan Club, and others will be on hand to honor the Veterans. Refreshments will be served throughout the day and Chuck Fisher will be providing entertainment. Scheduled guest speakers will be Attorney David Wingate, Eldercare, at 12:00 p.m.; James Burger, Fort Detrick Community Based Outpatient Clinic Coordinator, at 1:00 p.m.; Mike "Mad Dog" Sater of DAV, at 2:00 p.m.; John Kempisty will do a presentation about a captured WWII Nazi flag with the flag on display. Parking is available at the Center, behind the Police Station, and across the street at the elementary school. View their advertisement on page 10 for more information.

## Retro-Rockets 50's and 60's Dance

Rock and Roll with the Retro-Rockets on Saturday, November 15, 2014, at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Hall, located at 17701 Creamery Road in Emmitsburg. The dance will be held 8:00 p.m.-midnight. Tickets in advance are \$15.00 per person or \$100 for a table of eight. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$20.00 per person or \$35.00 per couple. Benefits Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center (EOPCC). Visit page 4 for more information and to find out how to get your tickets today.

## Trinity United Church of Christ's Veterans Day Worship Service and Recognition

On Sunday, November 9, 2014, Trinity United Church of Christ will hold a special Veterans Day Worship Service and Recognition at the church, located at 101 East Main Street in Thurmont. The service will begin at 11:00 a.m., with a luncheon immediately following. Special recognition will be given to those currently serving, those who have previously served, as well as any named persons who are deceased and had served their country. Honored guests are Dale Williams, speaking; Sheriff Chuck Jenkins, reading Veteran's names; Honor Guard, patriotic music; musical group Solid Ground; Larry Clabaugh, patriotic readings. View their advertisement on page 23.

## The Wonder of Winter Art Exhibit

Don't miss the Art Exhibit featuring The Wonder of Winter, being held on Saturday and Sunday, November 15-16, 2014, at 14726 Old Frederick Road in Rocky Ridge, Maryland, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and raffles will be held for special prizes. The event benefits the Catoctin Forest Alliance. Visit page 6 to view their advertisement for more information.

## Santa's Christmas Craft Show

Visit the Santa's Christmas Craft Show on Saturday and Sunday, November 22-23, 2014, at the Carroll County Agriculture Center, located at 708 Agriculture Center Drive in Westminster, Maryland. Event times are: Saturday, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sunday, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Cost is \$3.00 for adults; children, ages 15 and under, are free. You won't want to miss seeing Santa arrive in a helicopter on Saturday (weather permitting) at 11:00 a.m.! View their advertisement on page 31 for more information.

## Guardian Hose Company Holiday Bazaar

A Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2014, at the Guardian Hose Company's Activities Building, located at 123 East Main Street in Thurmont, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Bazaar will feature crafts, The Pampered Chef, Thirty-One, Origami Owl, and more! View their advertisement on page 38 for more information on these two upcoming events.



# BUSINESS news

## Kiosk on Square in Emmitsburg

The new kiosk on the square in Emmitsburg was recently installed to help visitors to the town to not only know what is happening in the town, but to learn where the businesses are and to discover some of the rich history of the town.

The Tourism Council of Frederick County, the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association, and the Town of Emmitsburg each paid roughly a third of the \$3,182 cost for the kiosk. In addition, the town picked up the \$750 installation cost.



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## Flea Market Now Open at The Eyler Stables in Thurmont

Lindsay Brandt

The Eyler Stables in Thurmont now hosts weekend flea markets. The idea for opening the stables for weekend markets was that of owner, Niki Eyler, and her friend, Emily Kemp, who has been working a similar operation in Virginia.

The Eyler Stables property has been in the Eyler family for generations. Eyler's great-grandparents started the facility in 1933, and it was then handed down to her grandparents, then to her father, and now to Niki, who was born and raised on the property. She took over the management of it in 1999. "This facility was just sitting empty for most of the month, and I just really wanted something else going on here," Eyler said. Eyler stated that the grand opening of the market was held on October 3, 2014. The market has had a good response from the community. Eyler recalls, "On the first day, we were going to close at 3:00 p.m., but I was here until a quarter after eight. People just kept milling in and looking around, and I was like, 'well, just hang out, look around!' It was great. I had two people who just came to browse and actually want to rent vendor space!" (Both indoor and outdoor are available.)

Eyler's goal is to have as many vendors as possible. She hopes to fill the outdoor space and grow that portion of the flea market. She states that the property could hold limitless vendors, but easily accommodates over a hundred.

The flea market will ultimately sell anything and everything. "Most vendors are local; I have some people from Pennsylvania who have some

things consigned, as well as from Virginia. We have some outdoor vendors who come from the tri-state area who will set up during the weekends."

Among the many things Eyler has put up for sale, three small vases that she has acquired stick out to her. When she bought them, she discovered the items had pieces of paper stuck in them. When she pulled out the note in the first vase, she read, "Vase is given to Nancy, 1945." Eyler then pulled the second vase closer, pulling out a second piece of paper, which read, "In remembrance for Nancy on her second birthday, from Mrs. Dudrear." The third vase, and the last piece of paper, contained the information on Mrs. Dudrear's obituary. "I just thought that was so neat, you know, a little bit of history tied to those vases."

The Eyler Stables Flea Market will stay open (through the end of the year) every Friday and Saturday, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Sundays, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. They will take a short break before reopening in the spring.

For an indoor, 8-foot space, the cost is \$40.00 a month. You stock your own merchandise and price it. If you want just a weekend at the market, the cost is \$20.00 for one day, \$30.00 for two days, and \$40.00 for all three days.



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Niki Eyler stands in front of one of the displays at the Flea Market, now open at The Eyler Stables in Thurmont.

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# COMMUNITY news

## Catoctin FFA Alumni Scholarship Fund Raffle

The Catoctin FFA Alumni recently held a raffle to benefit the Catoctin FFA Alumni Scholarship Fund. The lucky winners were chosen at the Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show: Paul Schur—gift certificate to Shriver Meats; Jack Myers—gift certificate to Hillside Turkey Farm; Charlotte Dutton—gift certificate to Shuff's Meats; Doris Roman—gift certificate to Harrington & Son; Angie Yoak—gift certificate to Total Look; Donnie Wastler Jr.—Pampered Chef product; JT Hindle—Longaberger Product; and Sharon Droneburg—Thirty One Product.

The Catoctin FFA Alumni would like to thank the businesses and individuals who donated items for the raffle and the persons who purchased tickets to support the Scholarship Fund.

The Catoctin FFA Alumni is open to anyone who is interested in supporting the agriculture and horticulture programs at the Catoctin High School and the FFA Chapter. Alumni meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month in the horticulture classroom at Catoctin High School in Thurmont. You do not need to have been a member of the FFA while in high school. If you are interested in joining, please contact Cathy Little at 240-674-3476 or Ray Martin at 240-446-1047.



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## Sharon Burd Retires

Lindsay Brandt

When the residents of Sabillasville, Maryland, travel to their local post office, they won't be seeing the familiar face of their resident postmaster, Sharon Burd, kindly waiting to help them. Sharon Burd (pictured right) of the United States Postal Service retired from her post on September 28, 2014, after almost thirty-one years. "I like working here, because you get to see all local people you know every day," said Burd.

Burd has been the postmaster at the Sabillasville Post Office since 2006. She started working for the United States Postal Service in 1983, and after working in both Frederick and Hagerstown, she wound up at the Sabillasville location when the post opened in 2006.

Burd grew up and attended school in Upstate New York. She met her husband, Dick, while in school, and they became high school sweethearts. As young high school students, they are pictured on the cover of their year book holding hands. Their family grew to include their five children, sixteen grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. They relocated to Sabillasville, because her husband, who was in the U. S. Navy, was stationed in the area.

Before working for the USPS, Burd taught classes part-time at the YMCA in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. In addition, for a span of twelve years, she volunteered her time as a Brownie and Girl Scout leader in Sabillasville, while also teaching Sunday school at St. John's United Church of Christ, also located in Sabillasville.

Burd already has big plans for her retirement. She wants to continue the renovation of her 100-year-old house, and to cross a visit to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum off of her bucket list. She plans to visit the museum with her sisters.

Burd has three sisters and three brothers. Though they reside at various points across the United States, she remains close with her

Photo by Lindsay Brandt



siblings by talking with them each week by phone. She even had a recent surprise visit by her brother, who was in the area during a business trip from New York. She was working around the house and the doorbell rang, revealing her brother. They were able to spend some time together before they went to watch her

grandson play football.

Her daughter, Shannon (Burd) Brown, said, "She worked nights for twenty years. She hardly slept, but she did all of this stuff. She is a very good mom, always doing fun stuff. I'm glad she's my mom; I definitely got lucky in the mom category."

Daughter, Pamela (Burd) Beard, said, "My mom had an outstanding career with the United States Postal Service. I remember how excited she was to become the postmaster at the Sabillasville Post Office. She was always courteous and professional to all customers. She provided customer service with a personal touch." Pamela's daughter and Burd's granddaughter, Camelia Beard, expressed, "I really enjoyed going to work with my Grandma. I saw the importance of good customer relations. People came to the Sabillasville Post Office from all over the area. She did a great job."

Her role of mother doesn't just apply to her actual family. Her coworkers at the Post Office noted how she always said that they were her kids, too. "She worries about us from the time we leave to go on the road until the time we get back," said Pam from the Sabillasville United States Post Office.

Throughout the years, Burd would bring eggs from her chickens to share with her employees. They even stenciled "Burd's Eggs" on the cartons.

"It's going to be sad after all this time," Burd said. Her coworkers in Sabillasville, including Pam, Davie, and Jay, stated that she was very easy to work for, adding, "We are going to miss her."



## A Special Tribute to Your Loved One

The Thurmont Lions Club and Thurmont PNC Bank are partnering again this year to present the 5th Annual Community Remembrance Tree. See any member of the Thurmont Lions Club or visit the Thurmont PNC Bank to purchase a blank disk for \$3.00. Decorate it in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one in any way you would like (one or both sides, photos, poems, messages, etc., but please do not use original photos since they cannot be responsible for loss of or damage to the ornament or contents). Print your name and phone number at the bottom of the disk, and return the completed disk to the Thurmont PNC Bank no later than November 7, 2014. Your disk will be assembled inside a clear, weather-resistant globe and hung on the Community Remembrance Tree, which will be dedicated during the Christmas in Thurmont celebration.

Once the tree is dismantled, you may retrieve the globe as a keepsake. Refer to *The Catoctin Banner* newspaper or [www.thethurmontlionsclub.com](http://www.thethurmontlionsclub.com) for more information, or call Kristen at 301-271-4312 during bank hours with any questions.

If you would like to re-hang an ornament from previous years, bring it to the PNC Bank. They will refurbish it and add it to the tree for a donation of \$1.00.

## Cascade SAL Holds Benefit

*Submitted by Bill Eiker, SAL Historian*

On October 4, 2014, the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Post 239 in Cascade, Maryland, held a benefit drawing on the grounds of Fort Ritchie.

Of the 1,700 tickets sold, there were more than 500 people in attendance.

With the fall-like weather, those present thoroughly enjoyed the fundraising festivities, and "Fisher House" and SAL's "Person(s) in Need

Fund" will be prioritized in receiving the benefit proceeds.

A heartfelt thanks to all who endeavored to make this day a big success. It takes a lot of people!

Winners of the event were L. Stottlemeyer; K. Cole; T. Helser; B. McDowell; W. McClain; B. Sweeney; C. Jacobs; J. Bittner; G. Mullin; G. Heiston; D. Rogers, Sr.; M. Mosser; L. Shaffer; P. Klob; D. Beard; E. Kennedy; and J. Wimmer.

## Emmitsburg Lions Club BBQ and Yard Sale

On October 4, 2014, the Emmitsburg Lions Club held a Chicken BBQ and Yard Sale on South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg. The BBQ produced over 400 half-chicken dinners that many customers said were "finger-licking good." The Club wishes to thank everyone for making the event a great success.



Pictured from left are Lion Bob Gauss, Lion Mark Zurgable, and Lion Dale Shields.

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# 58th Annual Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show

## Results

### Pet Show

The Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show Pet Show was held on Saturday, September 6, 2014, at Catoctin High School.

Judges for this event were Jim and Barbara Moffatt of Mount Pleasant, Maryland, and Chairmen were Dave Harman and Dave Johnston.

The judges selected Amber Sanders and her Huskie dog as Champion. She received a gift certificate to Thurmont Feed Store and a rosette ribbon. Selected as reserve Champion was Maxine Troxell with her Cocker Spaniel dog. She received a gift certificate to Main Street Groomers and a rosette ribbon.

Food coupons from Roy Rogers, Taco Bell, and Kentucky Fried Chicken were given to those participating and spectators. The Thurmont Feed Store, LLC donated pet food for the event.

Winners are listed as first, second, third, and honorable mention respectively: **Cat with Prettiest Eyes**—Abbey Shaffer, Paige-Maree Woods, Madison Flohr, Josie Kaas; **Cat with Longest Whiskers**—Peggy King, Madison Flohr (tie for first), Abbey Shaffer, Britany and Bethany Study, Josie Kaas (tie for third), Paige Marie Woods; **Cutest Cat**—Josie Kaas, Karen Kinnaird, Madison Flohr; **Best Trained Pet**—Jillian Fedor, Tracy Beeman, Gina McCracken; **Dog with Wiggliest Tail**—Maxine Troxell, Donnie Kaas, Debbie Howd (tie for second), Ashlyn Summerall; **Prettiest Dog (25 pounds and under)**—Chelsea Smith, Emily Kline, Lauren Ames (tie for second), Maxine Troxell, Anthony Miller;

**Prettiest Dog (26 pounds and over)**—Amber Sanders, Gina McCracken, Melissa Fedor, Donnie Kaas (tie for third), Nicole Flohr, Debbie Howd (tie for honorable mention); **Best Costumed Pet**—Linda Herr, Paige Maree Woods, Anthony Miller (tie for second), Cole and Carley Hahn, Maxine Troxell; **Largest Pet**—Nicole Flohr, Gina McCracken; **Most Unusual Pet**—Brittan Sweeney, Madison Flohr, Britany Study, Tanner Seiss, Masten Rosensteel; **Smallest Pet**—Tanner Seiss, Britany Study, Madison Flohr.

### Horseshoe Pitching Contest and Log Sawing Contest

Winners in the 34th Annual Robert Kaas Memorial Horseshoe Pitching Contest were: First place—Rick Wivell and Jeff Snyder; Second place—Roy Wivell and Dick Glass; Third place—Dave Wivell and Russell Kaas.

The 34th Annual Log Sawing Contest winners were: **Children's Division (14 years old and younger)**: First place—Ryan and Owen Liller (53:00); Second place—Gavin Valentine and Waylon Farmer (54:51); Third place—Rayn Tice and Wyatt Davis (1:14); **Men and Women's Division**: First place—Justin and Ashley McAfee (20:00); Second place—Denny Willard and Kayla Umbel (24:10); Third place—Mark and Jessica Valentine (28:06); **Men's Division**: First place—Justin McAfee and Jeff McAfee (21:00); Second place—Jonathan Hubbard and Robert Hahn (22:00); Third place—Johnny Kempisty and Dustin Hahn (34:76).

### Decorated Animal Contest

The winners of the Decorated Animal Contest were: Champion—Peyton Davis (Sheep); Reserve Champion—Laura Dutton (Goat). Other participants included Olivia Dutton (goat). The Judge of the Decorated Animal Contest was Emma Main, Regional Operational Manager of Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit, located in Frederick, Maryland. Each of the contestants received a ribbon, and prize money will be divided among all of the contestants.

### Champions and Reserve Champions

**Fresh Fruits**: Champion—Chris Black (Cortland Apples); Reserve Champion—Wyatt Black (Sugar Giant Peaches).

**Fresh Vegetables**: Champion—Brian Harbaugh (Onions); Reserve Champion—Bernard Hobbs (Collection of five different vegetables).

**Home Products Display**: Champion—Roxanna Lambert; Reserve Champion—Charlotte Dutton.

**Canned Fruit**: Champion—Linda Franklin (Peaches); Reserve Champion—Linda Franklin (Applesauce).

**Canned Vegetables**: Champion—Deborah Howard (Spaghetti Sauce); Reserve Champion—Sarah Jones (Corn).

**Jellies & Preserves**: Champion—Donald Stanley (Blackberry Jelly); Reserve Champion—Dawn Hobbs (Strawberry Jelly).

**Pickles**: Champion—Deborah Howard (Asparagus); Reserve Champion—Dawn Hobbs (Watermelon Pickles).

**Meat (Canned)**: Champion—Ann Welty (Fish); Reserve Champion—Kiristin Dugan (Chicken).

**Baked Products – Bread**: Champion—Maxine Troxell (Sweet Buns); Reserve Champion—Althea Wood (Dinner Rolls).

**Cake**: Champion—Dawn Hobbs (Chocolate Cake with Peanut Butter Frosting); Reserve Champion—Maxine Troxell (Chocolate Cake with Raspberry Filling).

**Pie**: Champion—Maxine Troxell (Pie—other variety); Reserve

Champion—Maxine Troxell (Pecan Pie).

**Sugar Free**: Champion—Jill Holler (Chocolate Kaluha Cake); Reserve Champion—Roxanna Lambert (Diabetic Bread).

**Gluten-free Baked Product**: Champion—Sharon Lewis (Pecan Pie); Reserve Champion—Sharon Lewis (Gluten-free Cookies).

**Sewing**: Champion—Peggy VanDerCrysson (Embroidered Quilt); Reserve Champion—Frances Fields (Sewn Dress).

**Flowers & Plants**: Champion—Carol Maddox (One-Sided Floral Arrangement); Reserve Champion—Roxanna Lambert (Holiday Arrangement).

**Arts, Painting & Drawings**: Champion—Laura Day (Painting); Reserve Champion—Charlotte Dutton (Tole Painting).

**Crafts**: Champion—Robert Bittner (Mailbox); Reserve Champion—Constance Smith (Scrapbook).

**Photography**: Champion—Erin Merritt (Color Photo – People); Reserve Champion—Tim Ewing (Black & White Photo).

**Corn**: Champion—Brian D. Glass (Hybrid Corn); Reserve Champion—Brian Harbaugh (Hybrid Corn).

**Small Grain & Seeds**: Champion—Dallas McNair (Shelled Corn); Reserve Champion—Marie Free (Sunflower Seeds).

**Eggs**: Champion—Rick Matthews (Brown Eggs); Reserve Champion—Jacob Keeney (Brown Eggs).

**Nuts**: Champion—Edward Hahn (Black Walnuts); Reserve Champion—Edward Hahn (Chestnuts).

**Poultry & Livestock**: Champion—Laura Dutton Poultry (Female & Offspring); Reserve Champion—Abby Adams (Bantams – one rooster and one hen).

**Rabbit**: Champion—Laura Dutton (Breeding Rabbit & Offspring – one female); Reserve Champion—Jonathan Hubbard (Breeding Rabbit – one buck and one female).

**Dairy**: Champion—Joseph Hubbard (Ayrshire Intermediate Calf); Reserve Champion—Joshua Hubbard (Brown Swiss Summer Yearling).

**Dairy Goats**: Champion—Olivia Dutton (2-year-old Goat); Reserve

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**Community Show Results** — *Continued from page 12*

**Champion**—Laura Dutton (3-year-old Doe).

**Hay:** Champion—Jonathan Hubbard (Mixed Hay); Reserve Champion—Dalton Sayler (Alfalfa Hay).

**Straw:** Champion—Dalton Sayler (Barley Straw); Reserve Champion—Steve Strickhouser (Oat Straw).

**Junior Department:** Champion—Paige Baker (Flip Flop Wreath);

**Reserve Champion**—Alex Contreras (Color Photo Collage).

**Junior Department Baked Product:** Champion—Caroline Clarke (Pound Cake); Reserve Champion—Jayden Myers (Frosted Red Velvet Cake).

**Youth Department:** Champion—Laura Dutton (Paper Mache Craft); Reserve Champion—Jeremy Ramage (Recycled Craft).

**Youth Department Baked Product:** Champion—Justin McAfee (Apple Pie); Reserve Champion—Matthew Lenhart (Chocolate Fudge).

**Beef:** Champion—Chris Coblentz; Reserve Champion—Breann Fields.

**Sheep:** Champion—Ashley McAfee; Reserve Champion—Kendra Keeney.

**Swine:** Champion—Wyatt Davis; Reserve Champion—Kolton Whetzel.

**Market Goat:** Champion—Kayla Neff; Reserve Champion—Olivia Dutton.

**Decorated Animal Contest:** Champion—Peyton Davis (Sheep); Reserve Champion—Laura Dutton (Goat).

**Pet Show:** Champion—Amber Sanders (Huskie Dog); Reserve Champion—Maxine Troxell (Cocker Spaniel Dog).



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Champion Lamb — Ashley McAfee



Sugar Free: Champion — Jill Holler  
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## Colorfest Dodges Bad Weather for a Successful Weekend

James Rada, Jr.

The incessant rain on Saturday morning, October 11, 2014, gave way to a cloudy day in the afternoon, transitioning into a sunny, more pleasant day on Sunday for the 51st Annual Colorfest weekend in Thurmont.

The crowds picked up as people turned out for unusual food like Southern-fried Snickers and one-of-a-kind gifts like robot sculptures made from scrap metal by Don Rea. In between, they browsed yard sales or listened to live music being played in front of the town office.

"The crowd started out light because of the rain, but people still came carrying their umbrellas and wearing their ponchos," said Carol Robertson with Catoctin Colorfest.

The heart of the festival is the 240 juried exhibitors in the Community Park, although booths and vendors could be found throughout Thurmont, along roads, at the carnival grounds, around the American Legion, among others.

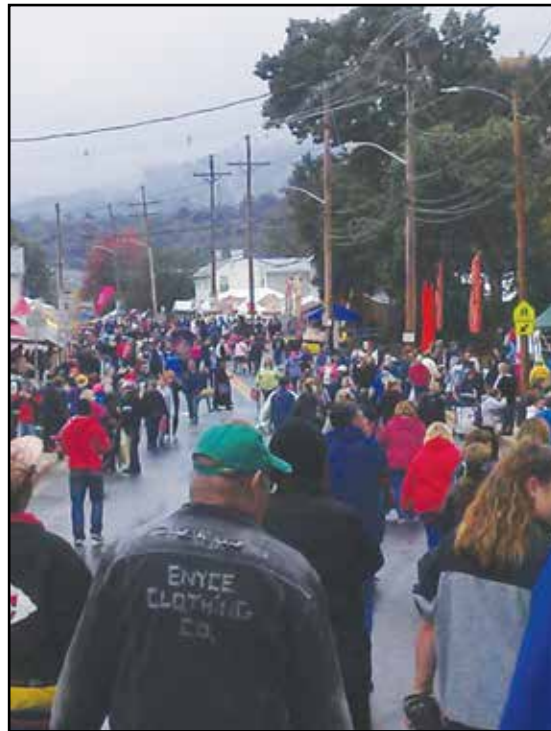
Janet Randall and her friend, Rusty, each pulled a collapsible wagon through Community Park looking to fill them with gifts.

Randall's big purchase had been an antique sewing machine that was decorated so that it was more of a craft item than an antique.

Randall said she comes to Colorfest from West River, Maryland, because of all the different crafters who display their goods. She calls all of the craft shows near her home "yard sales" in comparison.

"We'll have to sneak all this stuff into the house so our husbands won't see," Randall said.

While Colorfest was a destination for Randall, Greg Teague and his wife,



Drizzle and chilly temps didn't dampen the attendance at the Catoctin Colorfest on Saturday, October 11, 2014.

Beth, just happened to stop in.

"We were going to Gettysburg and were passing by and my wife said that it didn't look too crowded," Teague said.

So they parked and began shopping. For Teague, who lives in Frederick, it was his first visit to the festival.

"They have a lot of stuff here,"

he said. "It's a lot bigger than it looks."

Beth added, "You can get visual overload from everything there is to see."

It was author Bob O'Connor's first time at the festival, too, and he was selling his historical novels and history books in Community Park.

"It's a big crowd here, and they seem like they're in a spending mood," O'Connor said. "I mean when you see people walking around with wagons and carts, they are obviously looking to buy."

Sharon Dustin is a regular visitor to Colorfest. Although she lives in Bowie, she's been visiting each year for thirty years. It's a family outing for them. In fact, her granddaughter, Alexis, first came to Colorfest when she was only three weeks old.

"I really like looking at all the stuff that people make," Dustin said.

Set up for Colorfest begins during the week leading up to the event, with much of it taking place on the Friday before.

"It's like a little city gets built here in a couple days," Robertson said. "There are banks with ATMs. The post office is here. The food vendors are restaurants and the other vendors are the businesses."

On average, about 100,000 people visit Colorfest each year.



"The atmosphere of the quaint town of Thurmont, with a population of 6,000 residents, changes every year during the second weekend of October when the festivities of the annual Catoctin Colorfest take place," states the Catoctin Colorfest website.

Photos by James Rada, Jr.



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# Ritz Wins Emmitsburg Commissioner Seat

James Rada, Jr.

A new face was added to the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners on Monday, October 6, 2014, when Joseph Ritz, III, was sworn in.

The Emmitsburg Town election was held on Tuesday, September 30, 2014, and residents were voting for a commissioner and mayor. Ritz ran against former town commissioner Patrick Joy and won 118-44.

Mayor Donald Briggs ran unopposed for his seat. Briggs was joined by family, as Frederick County Circuit Court Clerk Sandra Dalton swore him into office.

Board President Tim O'Donnell told Ritz that he had "a great responsibility, but you are the right person to bear that responsibility."

After Mayor Briggs swore Ritz into his office, he took the seat of Commissioner Chris Staiger, who chose not to run for re-election.

Staiger's parting words were short and to the point, "It's a wrap. Thank you."

O'Donnell thanked him for his service to the town at a job that could be "wonderful, tiring, brutal, great, fun." He also commended Staiger for his ability "to solve problems with common sense."

Ritz thanked the residents who voted for him and for turning out for the election. Voter turnout for the election was roughly ten percent of the town's 1,726 registered voters.

Briggs talked about the economic investment of more than thirty-two million dollars that he sees coming to the community, and outlined the various projects that were going to start or be completed in the near future. He painted a bright future for the town.

"It all starts with dreams," he said. "Let's live them."

Under the new Board of Commissioners, O'Donnell will serve as president. Cliff Sweeney will serve as vice president and planning and zoning liaison. Glenn Blanchard will serve as treasurer. Jennifer Mellor will serve as the parks and recreation liaison. Ritz will serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Ritz's father already serves on the committee, but he said that he will step down to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

Briggs said that he had another committee in mind that Joseph Ritz, Jr., could serve on as a member.

(right) Mayor Donald Briggs is shown being sworn in on October 6, 2014. He ran unopposed for his seat.



Photos by James Rada, Jr.



(left) Joseph Ritz, III, is shown being sworn in for the Board of Commissioners on October 6, 2014.

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## Volunteers Wanted!

Sunday, November 2, 2014, will be a trail work day, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The day begins at Rainbow Lake on Hampton Valley Road in Emmitsburg, with free coffee, doughnuts, orange juice, bagels, and fruit, and the day finishes with a barbecue in the Community Park. Please consider joining us. Tools will be provided. Dress for the weather. Interested or Questions? Please contact Commissioner Tim O'Donnell at [TODonnell@EmmitsburgMd.Gov](mailto:TODonnell@EmmitsburgMd.Gov).

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## Girl Scouts Present Plaque to Graceham Moravian Church

Girl Scout Troop 81724 presented a plaque of appreciation to Graceham Moravian Church (Pastor Sue Koenig) for allowing them to use their church facilities for their meetings for more than five years.



Pictured is Girl Scout Troop 81724 and Pastor Sue Koenig.

## Thurmont Holiday Gallery Stroll

The Thurmont Holiday Gallery Stroll will be held on Friday, November 14, 2014, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Main Street in Thurmont. Rebecca Pearl will unveil her two new portraits: Cozy Restaurant and Trinity United Church of Christ. Yemi will have a genre of his Thurmont artwork, along with Joann and Nancy selling great mural items for Christmas gifts! The event features great musical entertainment by Paul Zelenka and Mary Guiles, local artist Gnarly Artly with cool art, and Judy Ott showing her pottery. The Thurmont Regional Library will be on hand for kid art participation. Other local artists will be there, too. Also, Detour Winery will be present for tasting and purchasing, with great appetizers from Celebrations Catering, and much, much more!

Be at Heart & Hands for the unveiling at 6:00 p.m. of the new art for the front of the Masons building and side. Heart & Hands will be the talk of the county!

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## Free Children's Christmas Party

The Emmitsburg Lions Club will host its annual Children's Christmas Party on December 6, 2014, at the Vigilant Hose Company, located at 25 East Main Street in Emmitsburg, starting at 10:00 a.m. The event is free and will feature children's crafts, face painting, Khan-Du the magician, and hot dogs and hot chocolate. It is also anticipated that Santa and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance.

## John Dowling Inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame

*James Rada, Jr.*

When John Dowling of Graceham goes shopping and is looking for a parking space, he looks for a spot near someone who is loading up their car, so he can take their empty cart back to the store for them.

"Little things people can do like that make the world a better place," says Dowling.

Those little things can add up, though. Dowling spends hours each week volunteering at the Thurmont Senior Center, Mother Seton School, Mt. Carmel Church, and St. Anthony's Church. He serves on various committees, participates in fundraisers, and just generally helps out. He acts as a voting judge and serves food for Mother Seton School at its annual carnival.

"We have a building maintenance person, but if John sees something that needs fixing, he fixes it," said Barbara Anderson with Mt. Carmel Church.

Because of his selfless work, Dowling was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame on October 23, 2014, in Glen Burnie, Maryland.

The Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame has been around since 1987 to recognize Maryland senior citizens who have significant volunteer and humanitarian accomplishments. Each year, no more than fifty Marylanders are inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Anderson said that Dowling deserves the awards. "I would be lost without John," she said. "I would probably need at least four other people to replace him and all the things he does."

Dowling has been a resident of Frederick County since 1967, and

he ran his own appliance repair business. He puts those repair skills to use for many of his volunteer opportunities.

Helen Deluca with the Thurmont Senior Center said, "If he did not donate all that he does at the Center, we wouldn't stay within budget. He repaired the water fountain, dish washer, and heat hook up. If we had to call a commercial company and pay for those services, we would never make it."

Dowling is always looking for volunteer opportunities even when his family goes on vacation. They like to camp at a park in southern Virginia. If Dowling goes into the bathhouse and sees that something needs cleaning or paper towels need replacing, he doesn't wait for someone else to do it.

When a park ranger saw him doing this one year, the ranger told Dowling that he should become an official park volunteer. Now his vacations are as much about providing service to a park they love, as well as relaxing.

He was even nominated for a Presidential Volunteer Award and received a letter of commendation.

"I feel it's the least I can do for the public and the people I live with," Dowling said.

Dowling credits his mother with getting him and his eleven brothers and sisters involved in volunteering when they were children. It is a lesson that found fertile ground with Dowling.

Friends and family were on hand for the awards luncheon and to show Dowling how much they appreciate all that he has done for them and for the community as a whole.

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## Remembering Our Nation's Veterans — Continued from cover page

Though amazingly he was not wounded during that invasion, he was later wounded in the leg during an artillery barrage. His wound was near his groin, barely missing his groin. Lewis remembers laying in a hospital in England waiting to be taken into surgery.

"A big, ol' English nurse comes walking up and she pulls back the sheet and looks at the wound," recalls Lewis. "Then she says to me, 'Almost got your pride and joy, didn't they?'"

Another time, Lewis barely escaped being killed. He and other soldiers were up in trees along a road, waiting to ambush the Germans. However, the Germans were being careful that day.

"A sniper must have spotted me up there," Lewis said. "I knew he hit my helmet. I started down that tree as fast as I could, grabbing limbs and dropping."

When he got to the ground, he took off his helmet and saw that there was a hole through the front of it and a matching one through the back of it. Only the fact that his helmet had been sitting high on his head saved his life.

"People wondered why I didn't bring the helmet home as a souvenir, but I didn't want anything to do with it," said Lewis.

Perhaps his most-pleasant memory from the war was when he was discharged from the Army. He was in line with other soldiers being discharged after the end of the war. The soldier at the front of the line would walk up to the officer at the front of the room, receive his discharge papers, salute, and walk away.

"When I got my papers, I let out a war *whoop* and woke that place up," Lewis said.



Donald Lewis

### *We Thank You For Your Service*

Once back in Thurmont, Lewis went to work on the family farm. He met his wife, Freda, who was a farm girl, also from Thurmont, and they married in a double ceremony with a couple they were friends with.

Lewis also had a political career. He served two terms as Mayor of Thurmont and one term as a Frederick County Commissioner. He said a group of people tried to talk him into running for governor, but he turned them down, saying, "I'm too honest for that."

Lewis and his wife ran a sporting goods store and greeting card store on the Thurmont square for many years. He is now ninety-six years old and still living on his own. "I want to live to be one hundred," he said. "After that, I'll take what I can get."

Veterans Day is on November 11. Make sure to thank any Veterans you know for their service, and attend one of the special Veterans Day activities going on in the area.

## On the Wild Side

Christine Schoene Maccabee

*Autumn Reflections: "I will sit down beside an unfamiliar plant for a minute, or a day, to make its acquaintance and hear what it has to tell."*

— John Muir

It is my opinion that most people love the wild, natural world. Seeing the crowds at the Catoctin Wildlife Preserve gives us a glimpse as to how curious we humans are. However, there we are safely separated from any danger by cages and glass enclosures and our personal interaction with the animals is minimal. Likely the closest most of us get to witnessing wild things on a regular basis is in our backyard gardens, watching birds at the feeders or hummingbirds searching for nectar. Or perhaps as we hike a trail in the Catoctins a fox might cross our path, or a deer, or as we lie on our back in a field we might see a Redtail hawk, or black buzzards, gracefully soaring with the wind currents for pleasure or for food. These creatures are intimately one with wildness whereas for the most part we humans are separated from it, simply observers of it.

In my own life, I have been fortunate to be right in the middle of it all on my 11+ acres up here in a lush mountain valley. I have seen a black bear in my pond, making a genuine mess as it searched for goldfish and roots of aquatic plants, and I have had the very sad experience of finding my two lovely mallard ducks mangled by a hungry raccoon. Black snakes have eaten chicken eggs and woodchucks have eaten my vegies. Then there are the cabbage butterfly larvae which, if not picked off, can easily ruin one's kale, collard, and other plants in the brassica family. My turtles and chickens love to eat those green caterpillars, so they do serve a purpose. As in Native American thought, nothing goes to waste, everything is useful. Even the bear in my pond?

In spite of any problems created, I find that my sympathies are always with the wild creatures, even while I mourn my losses. I enjoy having a relationship with wild things. They have a right to live and to eat as well as I do, right? I just have to learn their ways and perhaps be more clever than they are! Recently I learned that woodchucks love cantaloupe the best, and so I managed to catch three large ones in a live trap this summer, but not before they took multiple bites out of my tomatoes! They are now many

miles away from my home in the woods, chucking wood like good woodchucks should! As for bears, well, there are ways.

The last monarch butterflies have emerged from their chrysalis and are heading south for the winter, and as I watch them leave my gardens I marvel at their stamina, flying up to 3,000 miles with those seemingly delicate wings. Now that the cold weather comes upon us, I will miss them and all the other winged creatures, like the dragonflies as they zoom around hunting for food with their 60,000 eyes, and the Ruby Throated hummingbirds which migrate all the way to Mexico with those tiny, muscular wings at speeds of 30 to 60 mph! Can you imagine flying 500 miles non-stop across the Gulf of Mexico?

The natural world is pretty *wild*. As most school children would say, it is "awesome"! This autumn I will begin to take you on a monthly adventure into the wildness that simply wants, and needs, to be protected, and sometimes controlled.

Preserving habitat for animals, plants, butterflies, bees, birds and myriad mysterious insects is a job for all of us. There is much we can do to help out, such as allowing wild areas for native plants to grow on our properties since they provide essential food in the form of nectar and seeds. My special passion is wild native plants of all sorts, many of which are misunderstood and cut down before they even get a chance to bloom. My motto when working with people in the garden is "go slow," "be curious," and "do not destroy what you do not understand." I highly advise getting some good ID books of all sorts and learn of the flora and fauna in our part of the world. There is much more out there of importance than we know, for this is our rainforest.

I would like to open this column to experiences other than my own. If you have had a particularly interesting or even harrowing encounter of the wild sort, or simply a question, get in touch with me at songbirdschant@gmail.com.

*Christine Schoene Maccabee is a Master Habitat Naturalist in the state of Maryland.*

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## Mike Fitzgerald's Emmitsburg

James Rada, Jr.

It might be Rube's Crab Shack now, but in the 1930s, the building that sat on that piece of property was a chicken house...literally.

"My father got a tractor and dragged a chicken house down the road to there," says Mike Fitzgerald.

Two gas pumps were added and the site became a gas station for travelers going north to Pennsylvania and Gettysburg. Mike remembers that the station sold Atlantic gasoline and that a person could buy five gallons for just 90 cents. That same amount costs about \$16.00 nowadays.

"When Prohibition ended in 1932, my dad replaced the chicken house with an inexpensive six-sided building," says Fitzgerald.

The business also started offering food that Naomi Fitzgerald, Mike's mom, prepared. Advertisements proclaimed that Fitz's had "Maryland's Finest Hamburgers." Diners could also get steamed crabs and soft-shell crab sandwiches there, which is something many

Emmitsburg residents had never eaten before.

Before long, Mike's father, Allen, was expanding that business to include a dining room and bandstand. He also added slot machines in the bar area.

"People on the road would stop in to play the slot machines in the bar and buy a hamburger for 10 cents and a beer for 15 cents," Fitzgerald says.

Fitz's soon became a popular off-campus place for Mount students to go and have fun.

"In 1963, a guy came in who knew Dad," Mike says. "He was an attorney in New York. He said that when he went to the Mount and would run out of money, my dad would give him credit."

That surprised him a bit, but it also answered a question that Fitzgerald and his mother had been wondering about.

"When Dad died in 1940, we found a cigar box filled with class rings," says Mike.

While Allen was willing to extend credit to the Mount students, he would hold their class rings as collateral. Judging by the number of class rings in the box, a number of students never paid off their bar tabs.

Naomi took the rings and gave them to someone at the college in the hopes that they might be reunited with the owners. *The Catoctin Banner* inquired at the Mount about what happened to the rings. We were told that someone would check and get back to us about it, but that didn't happen. So, once again, those rings are "out of sight, out of mind."

*Editor's note: This is a new feature that The Catoctin Banner is introducing, where we tell the stories of the Northern Frederick County communities through the eyes of the older generation. If you have an interesting story that you would like to tell, contact us at news@thecatoctinbanner.com.*

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## 90th Anniversary Banquet of the Emmitsburg High School Alumni Association

Deb Spalding

On Saturday, October 18, 2014, the 90th Banquet of the Emmitsburg High School Alumni was held at the Emmitsburg Ambulance activities building on Creamery Road in Emmitsburg. Emmitsburg High School's first graduating class was the class of 1898. Their last graduating class was the class of 1968. The late Ada Hollinger Sperry began the alumni banquets in 1921. During World War II, there were three years during which no banquet was held. Thus, 2014 is the 90th year anniversary of Emmitsburg Alumni banquets.

The students who attended Emmitsburg High School were known as the "Liners" due to the school's proximity to the Mason Dixon Line. The Class of 1968 was the last graduating class of Emmitsburg High School. The Class of 1969 held the distinction of closing down Emmitsburg High School a few months shy of their graduation. Thus, the Emmitsburg High School "Liners" combined with the Thurmont High School "Mountaineers" at the new Catoctin High School, where the first graduating class of Cougars received their diplomas in 1969.

Classes that were honored at this banquet were those graduating in 1934, 1939, 1944, 1954, 1959, 1964, and 1969. The class of 1949 did not have a graduating class, since the requirement to graduate was changed from eleven years to twelve years.

One member was present at the banquet, representing the class of 1934: Emory Motter. He did not actually graduate with the class,

because he had to drop out after 7th grade to help on his family's farm. He later received his certificate by attending night classes. Alumni President, Randy Valentine, awarded Mr. Motter an honorary Emmitsburg High School Diploma and year book. It was noted that Mr. Motter's brother, William, drove the first school bus in the Emmitsburg area.

The Alumni Association awards annual scholarships to several individuals seeking further education. This year's scholarships were awarded to four students: Shelby Maly, Elizabeth Shriver, Taylor Shank, and Taylor Joy. Shelby Maly, daughter of Scott and Barb Maly and granddaughter of Norman and Sandy Shriver (Class of 1959), is a sophomore at Shepherd University, majoring in Sports Marketing. Elizabeth Shriver, daughter of Dave and Denise Shriver and also a granddaughter of Norman and Sandy Shriver, is a Junior at Delaware



Pictured are Emory Moffet, Class of 1934—banquet attendee from the earliest class; and Mike Humerick, Class of 1959—traveled the farthest, all the way from Alaska.

Valley College, majoring in Agronomy, with a focus in Crop Science. Taylor Shank, daughter of Duane and Anita Shank, is attending Clemson University, earning a degree in Architecture. Taylor Joy, daughter of Elaine Moffett, is attending Stevenson University, seeking a degree in Elementary

Education. This year, an additional scholarship was derived from an anonymous gift in memory of Emmitsburg's 6th grade teacher, Mary B. Scott, who taught for many years at the old Emmitsburg School. This scholarship was also awarded to Taylor Joy.

It is important to note that students who attended Emmitsburg High School at any time during their education, regardless of whether or not they graduated, are encouraged to be part of The Emmitsburg Alumni Association.

Next year, the classes that end in a 5 or a 0 will be honored. Alumni historian, Joyce Bruchey (Class of 1962), is missing photos of six graduating classes for the honor book: 1924, 1925, 1927, 1933, 1935, and 1938. Please call Joyce at 410-775-7921 if you have one of those photos that she can scan.

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Emmitsburg Alumni Banquet Honor Class of 1969.

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**Answer:** Kale is a nutritional powerhouse! Per calorie, kale has more iron than beef, and more calcium than milk. It's high in vitamins A and C, with only 30 calories, 5 grams of fiber, and 0 grams of fat per cup. This vegetable aids in digestion, provides anti-inflammatory benefits, and is heart healthy. When buying kale, look for firm, deep-colored leaves. Store kale in a plastic storage bag or container and remove as much air from the bag as possible. Kale can be stored in the refrigerator for up to five days.

**Question:** My gym has a few different types of elliptical trainers. Is there really a difference? If so, how do I choose which one is best for me?

**Answer:** Using an elliptical trainer is generally considered a low

impact form of cardio and can be less stressful on your knees, hips, and back. However, proper fit is essential and it's important to find a model that is comfortable for your height and body structure. When moving the pedals, your feet should push behind you slightly, just as if you were walking on the ground. If your feet stay in front of you, the stride of the machine is too short and you'll need to try another model.

If you wish to mimic a climbing motion, you'll want to choose an elliptical that has the "wheel" on the back. This type of elliptical has pedals that move up and down, and allow you to change the incline of the ramp. If you prefer a walking motion, choose an elliptical in which the "wheel" is on the front. This type of elliptical has pedals that move back-and-forth. Many ellipticals also have upper body handle bars that move with the pedals. You can use this type of machine with or without the use of the upper arm handles. If you do choose to use the upper arm handles, go with an elliptical that gives you plenty of resistance, so your upper body gets a good workout, too.

To submit a question for future articles, please contact the author at [ThurmontMD@anytimefitness.com](mailto:ThurmontMD@anytimefitness.com).

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# SCHOOL news

## Franklin Named as Simon McNeely Award Recipient

The Maryland Association for Health, Physical Education, and Dance Honors & Awards Committee is pleased to announce that Catoctin High School's Mike Franklin has been selected as a 2014-2015 Simon McNeely Award recipient. He was presented the award on October 17, 2014, at the Maryland Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MAHPERD) Awards Banquet. The Simon A. McNeely Honor Award is presented to those individuals who have demonstrated active involvement in school and community affairs, along with outstanding teaching and service in the field of physical education. Congratulations, Coach Franklin.



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## Mother Seton School Hosts Author Richie Frieman

Richie Frieman, author of the children's picture book *Terple*, visited with students at Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg on Tuesday, October 7, 2014.

Mr. Frieman also authored the workplace etiquette book, *Reply All...And Other Ways to Tank Your Career*, and hosts a weekly podcast as "The Modern Manners Guy" on Macmillan Publishing's Quick and Dirty Tips Network. He discussed with students the writing process and the generation of story ideas.



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Author Richie Frieman makes a special visit to Mother Seton School on October 7, 2014.

## Mother Seton School Welcomes New Members to Vincentian Marian Youth



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Mother Seton School's 2014 Vincentian Marian Youth inductees stand with honored guests after ceremony on September 30, 2014. Pictured from left are: (front row) Grace Blanchard (grade 7); Jeremy Hochschild (grade 7); Carleton Walker (grade 7); Eilis McCormick (grade 8); Lea Roberts (grade 7); and Ana Hand (grade 7); (back row) Jean Pembroke (grade 7); Sr. Ann Adele Kelly, D.C.; Pat Orner, Ladies of Charity; Gwen Topper, Ladies of Charity; Rob Judge, Executive Director of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; Ann Howse, Our Lady of Grace; Pauline Manalo, President St. Vincent de Paul Society-Western Maryland District; Sr. Linda O'Rourke, D.C., Director of Seton Outreach Center; Darlene Dickerson, Our Lady of Grace; and Marie Wicks, St. Vincent de Paul Society of Baltimore.

In a ceremony held on September 30, 2014, Mother Seton School (MSS) welcomed seven new students into its Vincentian Marian Youth (VMY) Seton Council chapter: Grace Blanchard, Ana Hand, Eilis McCormick, Jean Pembroke, Lea Roberts, Carleton Walker, and Jeremy Hochschild. The VMY is an international youth service organization that is part of the world-wide Vincentian Family. Modeled after St. Vincent de Paul, the VMY encourages youth to become missionaries of Christ through outreach to their communities. Middle School students interested in working side-by-side with friends and classmates to serve Christ by serving their neighbors were invited to join in September, and spend a year in service before taking their final pledge and being inducted as full members into the VMY. The Mother Seton School chapter is one of only four U.S.-based chapters.

The VMY has four principles that are woven into every activity and meeting: Community, Service, Marian Spirituality, and Formation to Service. Some of the outreach activities that members commonly perform include an annual food drive for the Seton Center in Emmitsburg, volunteering at the Catoctin Pregnancy Center and at the Seton Thrift Store, and spending time with the residents at St. Catherine's Nursing Center.

MSS welcomed Vincentian family members and guests from Our Lady of Grace St. Vincent de Paul Society, Seton Center Outreach, the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Ladies of Charity of Emmitsburg, Daughters of Charity, St. Vincent de Paul Society of Baltimore, and St. Vincent de Paul Society-Western Maryland District.

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## Catoctin High Safe and Sane 2015 News

The Catoctin High School (CHS) Safe and Sane 2015 Committee would like to thank everyone for their support of our fundraising efforts to date. Thanks to your time and commitment, we are off to a fantastic start! We are asking for your continued support at our upcoming events.

**Class of 2015 Spirit Wear:** Exclusive apparel designed especially for the Catoctin High School Class of 2015. Please submit your order to Catoctin High School, ATTN: Safe & Sane, by Friday, October 31, 2014. For more information, please contact Shannon Wetzel (shanypany328@yahoo.com or 301-748-7068).

**Origami Owl Fundraiser:** Debbie Smallwood, Independent Designer and Class of 2015 parent, has offered to donate half of her earned commission for any Jewelry Bar or Catalog Party booked and held by a parent/guardian of a Catoctin High School senior. Party must be finalized before December 1, 2014. Please contact Debbie for more information (luxe3inmd@gmail.com or 240-505-2698).

**Roy Rogers Night:** Wednesday, November 14, 2014, from 5:00-8:00 p.m., Thurmont. Mention to cashier that you are supporting Catoctin Safe and Sane, and we will receive a portion of the proceeds.

**Crab Cake Dinner:** Friday, November 14, 2014, from 4:00-7:00 p.m., at the Vigilant Hose Company in Emmitsburg. Tickets are \$15.00 and include two crab cakes, baked potato, green beans, drink, and dessert. Dine in or carryout available. Please contact Terri Little (ptjlittle@aol.com) or Doug Wivell (dwivell5@gmail.com) for tickets or more information.

**Cash Bash and Dinner:** Saturday, November 22, 2014, from 5:00-10:00 p.m., at the Vigilant Hose Company in Emmitsburg. Tickets are \$40 each and admit two people. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., and dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. Winners will be drawn every fifteen minutes beginning at 6:00 p.m. Jackpot drawing will be at 10:00 p.m.; you must be present to win Jackpot. Please contact Shannon Wetzel for tickets (shanypany328@yahoo.com or 301-748-7068).

**Mr. Catoctin Pageant:** Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the CHS Auditorium. Hosted in conjunction with the CHS French Club. More information to follow.

**Dance and Silent Auction:** Saturday, December 6, 2014, from 8:00 p.m.-midnight, at the Thurmont American Legion. Musical entertainment will be provided by Redline. Tickets are \$15.00 each or \$25 per couple, and include light refreshments and cash bar. The Safe and Sane Committee would like for 2015 parents to consider making a gift basket or other donation for the silent auction. Please contact Shelly Toms (shelltoms@aol.com), Renee Fraley (reeneefraley@aol.com), or Cheryl Phelan (bochph@aol.com) for more information or donation ideas. Tickets available soon.

**Raffle:** A beautiful Catoctin t-shirt quilt, handmade by Kellie Beavin. Tickets are \$5.00 a chance. Drawing will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2014, at our Dance and Silent Auction. Photos available on our Facebook page - Catoctin High Safe and Sane 2015. Contact Kellie to get your tickets today at kbeavin40@yahoo.com.

For a listing of our current events, and to receive the latest information about ways you can help to give your graduating senior a Safe and Sane night to remember, please visit our website at [www.catoctinsafeandsane.com](http://www.catoctinsafeandsane.com) or "like" us on Facebook: Catoctin High Safe and Sane 2015.

The next planning meeting will be Wednesday, November 12, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Catoctin High School Media Center. All 2015 parents are encouraged to attend.

## FCPS Outperforms State and Nation on SAT

Results released last week by the Educational Testing Service in New Jersey show that Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) seniors continue to score well above state and national averages on the SAT. Their mean critical reading, math, writing, and combined SAT-1 scores exceed Maryland and U.S. averages, consistent with trends for previous years.

Results for the class of 2014 increased seven points in critical reading, seven points in math, and three points in writing, compared to the senior class of 2013. The combined mean score for Frederick County is 1,555; Maryland's is 1,468, and the nation's is 1,497. Frederick's score rose seventeen points, Maryland's score fell fifteen points, and the national scores fell one point.

The 2,041 SAT-takers represent 67 percent of seniors, an increase from the 66 percent participation for the class of 2013.

"Test scores often decrease when you have an increase in test participation," said Deborah Gilmartin, FCPS coordinator of Testing and Accountability. "So this is very good news to see local participation and scores rise at the same time."

There were forty-eight fewer exams given last year, due to a smaller senior class compared to the previous year.

All FCPS high schools have offered an optional course to prepare students for the SAT since 1997. This course and others like it are part of the school system's efforts to continually improve academic performance and ensure all students access to challenging coursework that will prepare them for success beyond graduation.

The SAT is a program of the College Board, developed and administered by the Educational Testing Service of New Jersey to measure critical reading, writing, and math skills. The scores—in conjunction with students' transcripts and other measures of performance—assist many colleges and universities in selecting students for admission.

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# Catoctin's War On Drugs

Ashley McGlaughlin

More and more families are experiencing the loss of a loved one to drug abuse. The drugs being abused could be street drugs, or even prescribed narcotics from doctors. There is a wide range of reasons why people hurt themselves by doing this. Some intend to experiment 'just once', but end up becoming addicted forever. While "high" on drugs, you most likely have a different personality. It is completely horrible for a child, or a parent, to see their family member act differently because they choose to use these drugs. It is heart breaking, especially because this is something the abuser can control. We, meaning each and every one of us, need to take action now!

Peer pressure, personal problems, and even a reliance on something that is supposed to help us—pain killers—can lead a person to turn to drug abuse. We may be related to someone who is already demonstrating the example of substance abuse, we may see it on television, or we may be a friend of someone who is exhibiting the example. Peer pressure shows us that sometimes the people using

drugs may appear to be popular or admired, so we try to do the same thing so we can also be admired and popular and accepted by others.

Painkillers are prescribed from a doctor, but the patient could easily take more than what they're supposed to, trying to ease their pain. This leads to the patient's painkillers running out, causing them to withdraw. Symptoms of withdrawal from drugs include aching joints, nausea, hot flashes, and even a short temper. The prescription pain pill abuser may feel so disturbed when they run out of their prescription, that they actually go buy illegal substances like heroine to ease their pain and cravings. Sometimes, without even realizing it, this becomes a recurring cycle every time their prescription runs out. Soon, this one mistake leads to a life time of disappointment.

By being addicted to heroin, cocaine, LSD, or even methamphetamine, whole families are impacted. Buying drugs is a waste of money, when the money runs out, the addiction causes financial stress. Soon, the abuser is using the cheap drugs to maintain

their high. Street drugs that consist of unnatural materials that we put in our bodies will break down our natural body functions because our bodies don't know what to do with the pollution we put in it. Drug abuse is at an all-time high. Couple that with the fact that the drugs on the streets are more deadly than ever, and we have a huge problem that has some impact on each and every member of our community.

At a Mackenzie's Light Bereavement and Awareness Support Group meeting at the Thurmont Library in September, a father of a Thurmont girl who died from a heroin overdose said, "It [her death] blind-sided me! I thought she was drinking and I might get a call to come pick her up somewhere. But, I had no idea that she was into anything harder." His daughter was a talented 20-year-old with a sunny personality. Like this father, your loved ones could be doing drugs without your knowledge. Your children could be taken away if you are a parent or a guardian who is found abusing these drugs. This affects your own children you have raised and the entire family unit.

There are children under the age of ten years old that have seen more drugs around them than what a grown man has seen. These children get placed in unfamiliar places like foster care, which changes their lives forever. Some don't even get away from the drugs, they grow up thinking drugs aren't that bad, so they also become addicted. It becomes a way of life and coping for them.

Here in our home towns, there have been multiple cases of heroin overdose, death, and other drug abuses. If you are using drugs, this is the time to stop, and to change your life. You don't realize it while you're under the influence, but every decision has a consequence, and it affects more people than you think.

All of our lives involve choices and we all make hundreds of choices on a daily basis. Communication, observation, awareness, support, and sometimes even policing are of utmost importance.

Mackenzie's Light Bereavement and Awareness Support Group meets monthly at the Thurmont Library. People impacted in any way by addiction are invited to attend. At the next meeting, Thurmont's Police Chief, Greg Eyler, will talk about the statistics of suicide resulting from addiction. Stop by on Monday, October 27, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Also, during this meeting, a recovering alcoholic parent will talk about grieving the loss of their child who committed suicide related to drug addiction. These are real problems, real losses, real people. Please call 301-524-8064 for more information or check them out on Facebook.

Project Hope in Thurmont, helps youth with positive reinforcement. They are an anti-drug group with the goal of helping addicts find whatever resources that are available to help them get into recovery. Project Hope will be there as a support team for anyone who needs help. Check them out on Facebook or read about them on page 40.

Our local health department is another source of help. If the individual is on state insurance through medical assistance in Frederick County, mental health and substance abuse is covered under that policy. Our local rehabilitation center accepts that insurance (i.e. United Health Care, Amerigroup, Riverside, Priority Partners, and Maryland Physicians Care) for inpatient treatment of substance abuse, to educate and assist addicts with the withdrawal process, as well as train them to deal with addiction as an illness.

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## Emmitsburg Community Chorus Presents Annual Christmas Concert

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus will present its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, November 30, 2014, the First Sunday of Advent, in the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, at 4:00 p.m. The first half of the concert will feature the cantata "Noel & Alleluia! Jesus Is Born," created and arranged by composer Tom Fettke.

Lillenas Publishing says this about Noel & Alleluia: "A teenage girl giving birth in a stable...A newborn baby cradled in a feeding trough...A choir of angels glorifying God in the midnight sky...Dignitaries from a far-off country worshipping the King of all kings...These familiar sounds and images express for us the wonder of Christmas, the amazing story of how our God became one of us. As Christ is uniquely re-expressed in each life He transforms, the wonder of Christmas is here uniquely expressed through a beautiful blend of the familiar and the fresh."

Creator and arranger, Tom Fettke, has drawn together traditional carols with new songs by some of the Church's finest living artists and songwriters: Michael W. Smith ("Sing Noel," "Sing Hallelujah," and "All Is Well"); Shannon Wexelberg ("Love Came for Me"); and Casting Crowns ("I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"). Weaving together the entire work are the poignant and heartfelt narrations of Claire Cloninger.

Following a brief intermission featuring several holiday selections shared by Peggy Flickinger, the director of the chorus, the chorus will present "Merry Christmas Madrigal," "Noel Fantasy," "Baby Born in Bethlehem," and the novelty Christmas classic "I Want

a Hippopotamus for Christmas." Also, there will be solos and duets by selected chorus members.

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus Concerts has been under the direction of Peggy Flickinger and Pianist Lisa Mattia since 2007. Director, Peggy Flickinger, graduated from Shepherd University with a degree in vocal music performance. Over the past twenty-five years, Peggy has directed church adult choirs, junior choirs, and concert bands and ensembles. She has been a guest director for Frederick's Tuba Christmas in recent years. Peggy is a member of the ladies quartet Just Because, of which all are members of the Linganore Grange #410. Peggy was the general music/chorus teacher at Visitation Academy in Frederick, Maryland, for seven years, where she taught piano to interested students after school several days a week. She continues to offer music lessons in her home. Peggy lives in Libertytown with her husband Gordon.

Pianist, Lisa Mattia, is a lifelong resident of the greater Washington Metro area. After completing college at Shepherd University and Southern Methodist University, her career has revolved around music and musical theater, having been a musician, tutor, company manager, and general manager for national and international tours of such shows as *Grease*, *42nd Street*, *Singin' in The Rain*, and *Oliver!*, as well as Toby's Dinner Theater, Troika Entertainment, Phoenix Entertainment, and ThemeSTAR. Living in Leesburg, Virginia, with husband Jay Gible and beloved kitties, Lisa volunteers for the Very Special Arts of Loudoun, the Lucketts Bluegrass Foundation, A

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The Emmitsburg Community Chorus is shown performing its annual Christmas Concert in 2013.

Place to Be, and is the pianist for Just Because.

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus will be one of the groups singing for the Carriage House Night of Christmas Spirit on December 1, 2014. On Friday, December 5, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., the chorus will sing at the historic, remodeled Chapel in Creagerstown, Maryland. They will sing for Homewood at Crumland Farms on Sunday evening, at 7:00 p.m. on December 14, 2014; and at St. Catherine's Villa at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening, December 16, 2014.

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus holds rehearsal Tuesday evenings, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Basilica (September through December and February through May for their winter and spring seasons respectively). The chorus would be delighted to have new members join them for the spring

concert season. Emmitsburg Community Chorus Concerts are made possible through grants from the Frederick Arts Council.

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### Old Thurmont Upholstering Store Signs Found



(left)  
Gateway Printing Staff (from left): Kelley Bennett; Jeff Harbaugh, Jr.; and Francis Tortoro, Jr.; along with Denny Black (second from right) on October 9, 2014.

(right)  
James Black is pictured at Catoctin Colorfest in 1983 (lower sign in photo was a later replacement).



Many thanks to Ross Smith III, owner of Gateway Printing at 603 E. Main St. in Thurmont, and his staff for finding my father's (James Black) old Thurmont Upholstering Store signs that had been hidden away in the old storage building behind Gateway Printing. After the signs were found, Jeff Harbaugh, Jr. of Ross's staff posted several photos and a message on Facebook that day. Within an hour I received e-mails and calls from friends and family about Jeff's posting. Dad started the Thurmont Upholstering Store in 1948. He relocated his business from 5 N. Church St. to 603 E. Main St. in 1955. After Dad's retirement in November 1983 the long-forgotten signs remained in the old storage building as the property passed through subsequent owners over the next 31 years. When thanking Ross for giving Dad's old signs to my family, he said that "My employees are not only dedicated to Gateway Printing, but dedicated to the people of the community. Paying it forward is the key to a successful and happy life." Our family sincerely appreciates Ross's generosity.

— Thank You, Denny Black

### Thurmont Food Bank

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**For Thanksgiving:** We have already pre-purchased turkeys, but we will need about 50 more; 50 whole chickens; 400 cans of mixed vegetables or carrots or spinach (we usually have green beans and corn from the government); 300 sticks of margarine; 350 bags or boxes of stuffing; 375 cans of sweet potatoes or yams; 350 packages of Jello; 350 cans of mixed fruit; extras: coffee, tea, sugar packets, cranberry sauce, gravy.

*Note: We will use anything that is leftover from Thanksgiving to supplement what we get for Christmas.*

**For Christmas:** 350 bags or boxes of instant mashed potatoes; 300 sticks of margarine; 350 cans of peas; 200 boxes of Christmas cookies; 350 cans of applesauce; extras: coffee, tea, hot chocolate.

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Special thanks to the approximately 35 community organizations who participated in the opening flag ceremony, led in a bagpipe procession by Bill and Andrew Douwes. We were honored to have Tommy Grunwell announce the 2014-2015 Catoctin FFA Ambassador, Megan Millison, a senior at Catoctin High School. Many county and local officials were present during our Friday evening program, including Dr. Theresa Alban, Superintendent of Frederick County Public Schools, who gave brief remarks.

Special thanks to the exhibitors who entered a record number of entries. We had over 100 new exhibitors this year, which is a reflection of how our show has grown over the years.

We had approximately 200 baked products entered and sold for a record sale. The grand champion cake (a chocolate cake with peanut butter frosting), made by Dawn Hobbs of Rocky Ridge was purchased by Gateway Farm Market and Candyland for \$1,000. Monies received from the silver offering, totaling \$250.00 were donated to Amanda E. Tyeryar-Stebbing of Lewistown.

Bob Valentine, livestock chairman of the Community Show was pleased with the results of Colby Ferguson,

who judged the Beef, Sheep, Swine & Goat Show. The livestock sale on Saturday evening was well-attended and the sale averages were: beef (\$2.30 lb.); sheep (\$3.07 lb.); swine (\$2.38 lb.); and goats (\$3.25/head). Bob Valentine was also honored for his forty years of leadership of the show and sale.

The dairy and goat show was also held on Sunday and judged by Katie Albaugh of Walkersville, Maryland. Our show is viewed as a learning experience for many 4-H and FFA youth, who later exhibit at the Frederick Fair, Maryland State Fair and other shows and sales.

Special thanks to Addison Eyler of Thurmont, who sang the Star Spangled Banner and led the audience in God Bless America on Friday evening during the program. Special thanks to the many individuals who helped with the pony rides, horseshoe pitching, log sawing and martial arts programs; the Thurmont Grange Turkey & Ham Dinner; the Catoctin FFA Alumni Bar-B-Que and the Beef, Sheep and Swine show and sale.

We would also like to thank all of the department superintendents and the many volunteers who help to take entries, haul tables and help in any way to make our show excellent and also to the many commercial exhibitors, including the Thurmont History display by John Kinnaird, Helen Mackley for her antique button display and the Thurmont Library for sponsoring their annual book sale and to the many other commercial and animal displays that make our event community oriented.

We also would like to thank the Gospel Travelers who performed several vocal selections on Saturday evening and Taylor Brown – Elvis

Tribute Artist and “Catoctin the Band” for their 25 year reunion performance to a very large crowd on Sunday afternoon.

The youth who attended the show enjoyed participation in pony rides, cross cut sawing, pet show, decorated animal contest and the horseshoe pitching contest.


Special thanks to Bollinger’s Restaurant for sponsoring a free meal ticket to all department champions. Many thanks to our food stand vendors, the Catoctin High School Athletic Boosters, Hobby Horse Concessions, the Catoctin High School Junior Class, and the Thurmont Lions Club for having food stands throughout the show. We would also like to thank all of the individuals, businesses and families for sponsoring show awards, for purchasing baked goods at our cake sale and for supporting our livestock show and sale.

In addition, we would also like to thank Bernie Quesada, Principal of Catoctin High School and the entire faculty, cafeteria and custodial staff for their professionalism, cooperation and understanding during the show.

The Community Show is an agricultural educational event and is a total community effort. Many community citizens volunteer many hours to make the show one that our area can be very proud of and visitors comment on the large amount and quality of entries. These efforts are appreciated by the show sponsors – Thurmont Grange; Catoctin FFA Chapter, Catoctin FFA Alumni, The Maryland State Grange and the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board.

The 2015 Community Show dates are September 11-13, 2015.

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## looking back

### Mount St. Mary's and the Civil War

by James Rada, Jr.

In the years leading up to the Civil War, Mount St. Mary's enjoyed prosperity. The college celebrated its golden anniversary in 1858, and student enrollment was around 200 young men and growing.

"The Mount was thriving, as was most of the South thriving before the Civil War," Father Michael Roach, instructor of church history at the Mount, said on the DVD "Mount St. Mary's University: The Spirit Continues..."

This changed with the outbreak of war in 1860; the school began to lose students and faculty who were sympathetic to the southern cause. More than half of the students prior to the war came from the South. Not all of them headed home, and the school wound up supporting them because funds from the students' parents could not make it north.

The college expenses increased while income fell off. During the 1859-1860 school year, Mount St. Mary's had 173 students, not including the seminarians; two years later, the enrollment had fallen to 67 students, its lowest number in fifty years.

The remaining students and faculty began to take sides in the conflict, either pro-Union or pro-Confederacy. While this created some tension on campus, it never became open hostility. The consensus opinion seems to be that a majority of the campus supported the Southern cause.

"[President John] McCaffrey eventually, and some of professors, were monitored, observed, by President Lincoln's loyalty police. These were men appointed all over the country to keep an eye on folks who might be or were suspected of being Confederate sympathizers," Steve Whitman, associate professor

of history at the Mount, said on the DVD "Mount St. Mary's University: The Spirit Continues..."

Though Confederate in his sympathies, McCaffrey was not hostile to the Union. A Pennsylvania officer wrote, "Two miles from Emmitsburg, we passed Mount Saint Mary's, and taking advantage of a moment's halt, a party of three or four rode up to the main entrance... We were cordially received by the president and with characteristic hospitality a collation was in preparation for us."

In the fall of 1862, the sounds of battle during the Battle of South Mountain could be heard at the college.

"As we were going up to Mass to the old church on the hill, and as we were returning from Mass, we could hear the firing distinctly. Yet, recreation went on the terraces and the ordinary routine of college life was followed, as if nothing unusual was happening," Monsignor James T. Dunn, an 1863 Mount graduate, wrote after the war.

After the battle of Antietam in September 1862, six of the seven seniors remaining in the school slipped away to visit the battlefield, leaving only a note for McCaffrey that read: "Dear Doctor McCaffrey: We are very sorry for what we are going to do but we cannot help it. Please do not be worried about us: we will be back surely on Friday evening. Yours truly. Class of '63."

This wasn't the first time boys had left the campus without permission to see a battle or soldiers. McCaffrey decided to put an end to it. When the boys returned three days later, McCaffrey expelled them. However, within a month, he changed his mind and reinstated them.



Photo Courtesy of the Library of Congress

Picture shows Mount St. Mary's during the Civil War.

Small Confederate raids occurred around the college and "Vice-President, Rev. John McCloskey, an excellent horseman and a notable figure on horseback, rode for quite a distance alongside the commander, General J. E. B. Stuart," according to Dunn.

The next big event for the college was in 1863, as troops entered the area on their way to Gettysburg. "Many of us sat on the fences along the road watching and listening to their sayings. We naturally looked upon the men as sheep led to the slaughter, and we were not a little surprised when we overheard two of them closing a bargain on horseback with the remark: 'Well, I will settle with you for this after the battle. Will that suit you?' The other party readily assented. The whole period of life is treated as a certainty, even by men going into battle," Dunn wrote.

He wrote that his commencement was held about a week earlier than planned "on account of the threatening appearance of everything without, and so that the students might safely reach their homes."

Mount President John McCaffrey was known for his Confederate

sympathies and refused to let the U.S. flag fly. "When Lincoln was shot, Federal orders were issued 'for every house to display some sign of mourning. An officer visited the college, but there was no sign visible,' until Dr. McCaffrey produced 'a small piece of crape' on a door which had been opened back so that it would not be visible until disclosed," according to the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*.

In the spring of 1863, Mount student Maurice Burn was arrested by Union soldiers for sedition. Burn, who was from Louisiana, had written his father and expressed his Southern sympathies. Burn was jailed when he refused to sign an oath of loyalty to the Union. McCaffrey wrote Lincoln pleading Burn's case, and the youth was released to McCaffrey's custody.

In all, three students were killed during the war, according to "Mount St. Mary's University: The Spirit Continues..." One of these young men was Maurice Burn, who had been arrested and paroled for sedition. Those young men were buried at the college cemetery on the mountain.

## did you know? Fun Thanksgiving Day Facts

The first Thanksgiving was celebrated by the Pilgrims in the fall of 1621.

It was held in Plymouth, Massachusetts, and attended by the local Wampanoag Native American tribe, who had helped the pilgrims cultivate land and make it through the winter.

The feast lasted three days.

The food served at the first Thanksgiving resembled nothing like we serve today; Lobster, rabbit, chicken, leeks, radishes, cabbage, eggs, and goat cheese were among the foods presented then.

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# happily ever after

by Valerie Nusbaum

## The First Thanksgiving

It's that time of year when we all start making plans for the holidays. We have to decide who's going to prepare and host Thanksgiving dinner, and what the menu will be. There's usually a lot of stress and some squabbling involved, and sometimes even the guest list is an issue. This got me thinking about what the very first Thanksgiving celebration must have been like. I shudder to imagine how much thought and preparation went into that dinner.

### ...traveling back to 1621

It was autumn in 1621. The Pilgrims had arrived in Plimoth (Plymouth) the previous year on *The Mayflower*, and they had been busy making a new home for themselves. There were seven newly-constructed houses and a meeting hall, along with several storage buildings for food. The harvest was in and it was bountiful. At least one-third of the settlers, a Puritan sect, had left England to seek freedom from religious persecution, so it was thought that a time of prayer and feasting was in order. Cable hadn't been installed in the colony yet. Comcast has always been slow. If you can't watch football on Thanksgiving, you might as well eat, right?

Captain Miles Standish called Governor William Bradford to suggest that members of the Wampanoag tribe be invited to join the feasting. The colonists understood that their survival was largely due to help received from the Wampanoags, and the tribe had the only football. If they couldn't watch football, at least they could play. Of course, there's that whole

thing about what the English call "football," but beggars can't be choosers.

The women, led by Priscilla Alden, gathered to discuss the menu and plan the day's activities. Since the Wampanoag tribe would be traveling from many miles away, lodging would need to be arranged. The colonists had only managed to build seven houses in ten months, and there were at least ten people living in each house. So it was decided that after the tribe walked for two days from their village, they could build their own shelters. Did I mention that the natives had the only tools? None of the colonists had thought to bring a hammer from England, and the Home Depot was just too far away.

Mrs. Alden, who was a sultry redhead not unlike Peggy Stitely, was none too happy about being saddled with entertaining so many people. She had relatives already staying in her home—some of them in-laws—and she and John were newlyweds. When John had informed Priscilla that she would be doing Thanksgiving dinner for several hundred people, her reaction was much as yours or mine would be.

"Thou wants me to do what?" she exclaimed. "Art thou crazy? What is WRONG with thee?"

But, after promising her that he'd go to Jared, John managed to convince Priscilla that she was the right woman for the job.

The ladies decided that they would serve roasted ducks and geese, and they promptly dispatched a hunting party to the forest to shoot the fowl. Another party was dispatched to go to the Wampanoag

village and beg them to bring along some venison, because the women all doubted that their husbands would do much more than drink ale and lie about the one that got away. It is doubtful that turkey was served at the first Thanksgiving, although at that time the term "turkey" referred to any kind of wild fowl or several of the husbands.

There wasn't any flour for bread, so corn would be ground into samp, or porridge, for some carbs. It would be fried and on a stick because that's where that whole concept began. There would be seafood, cabbage, onions, more corn, and squash. Games would be played, and there would be singing, dancing, and prayers. It was expected that the feasting would go on for several days, or until fighting broke out, as is the case with most Thanksgiving celebrations. Someone would have to travel to Walmart to lay in a supply of Beano and Tums.

The Wampanoag tribe arrived several days later, led by Massasoit (Great Leader). They quickly set up their tents, and proudly presented the Pilgrims with several fresh deer carcasses. The Pilgrim women grumbled about having to cook more food. Priscilla, who sounded exactly like Joanna Lumley from *Absolutely*

*Fabulous*, went so far as to ask Massasoit if he had remembered the charcoal. He smiled and nodded his head, because he thought all the English sounded like their mouths were full of marbles.

A lot of head nodding, smiling, and hand gestures were seen around the table that day. There was the traditional loosening of breeches and loincloths, which presented some problems for the game of touch football that followed the meal. Mrs. Alden and the other ladies particularly enjoyed watching a young warrior called Chippendale, but that's a story for another day.

Interestingly, there was no Thanksgiving feast the following year.

Bill Blakeslee, who happens to be a very good cook, told me that he plans to invite nearly half of Thurmont to his home for dinner on Thanksgiving. If you haven't gotten your invitation yet, be sure to remind Bill about it.

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Our goal in life should be holiness, to become like the Father, to be changed into the image of Jesus Christ, to be separate from the world, **II Corinthians 3:18**. For this to become a reality, we must focus our lives more and more on Christ. When we do this, we find ourselves focusing less and less on the world.

Paul warned of the danger of a Christian being conformed to the world: **Romans 12:2-Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.** One translation says that we are not to let the world squeeze us into its mold.

So what should be our attitude? We should recognize the difference in being in the world and being of the world. It is impossible to escape living among worldly people, but it is possible not to be like them. How vital to remember that those who are friends with the world are the enemies of God, **James 4:4**. Join us as we study from the Bible at every service. Feel free to ask questions because we all want to learn what God has to say.

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by Jeanne Angleberger, Shaklee Associate for a Healthier Life

Keeping up with the latest healthcare information requires knowledge and research. Therefore, one must be open to learning and changing. Your attitude of wanting to improve your healthiness is a must!

Yours truly has read and is rereading *In Fitness And In Health: A Practical Guide to Healthy Diet and Nutrition, Exercise, Injury Prevention and Avoiding Disease*. The author is Philip Maffetone. He is an internationally recognized researcher, educator, and clinician in the field of food and nutrition, exercise and sports medicine, and biofeedback.

Dr. Maffetone addresses many aspects of healthy living. He has condensed tons of information in this paperback. This is the only resource I've found covering the

human health picture into one publication.

These subjects are very connected. Exercise is important in keeping our bodies moving and burning calories. The wrong dietary habits will defeat this effort.

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## Support of Fire Services Heritage in Emmitsburg

Deb Spalding

In preparation of the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service that is held in October in Emmitsburg, Maryland at the National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg's fire personnel and volunteers fill multiple rolls year-round. For this year's 33rd annual event held on the weekend of October 11 and 12, 2014, the folks at Vigilant Hose Company washed a huge U.S. flag then hung it to dry in the four-story stairwell at the station on West Main Street in Emmitsburg. Witnessing the flag, Wayne Powell, Executive Director of the National Fire Heritage Center (located within the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Museum on South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg) said, "It was something to see."

This same flag was later suspended between two ladder trucks, Emmitsburg's and Walkersville's, to create the gateway through which guests entered the memorial. This is just one example of support services conducted by the folks at the Vigilant Hose Company and the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Museum to help the U.S. Fire Service. This year, the lives of ninety-eight firefighters who died across the United States in the line of duty in 2013 and nine firefighters who died in previous years, were honored during the memorial services at the National Fire Academy.

More than 5,000 people, including Members of Congress, administration officials and other dignitaries, members of the fire service, as well as families, friends, and co-workers of the fallen firefighters attend this event. Vigilant Hose Company's Chief, Frank Davis, said, "In 2001, the night before the memorial service, I received a telephone call at 6:00 p.m. requesting seventy-five fire trucks on the grounds of the Fire Academy for the service the next day to prepare for the president to attend. We were up all night, but we did it." President George W. Bush attended this service in 2000 and 2001. It was during the service in 2001, held just a month after 9/11, that President George W. Bush announced that he had to leave early in order to make a special announcement. That evening, he



U.S. Flag suspended between Emmitsburg's and Walkersville's ladder trucks, creating the gateway through which guests entered the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial, held October 11-12, 2014.

announced from the White House that our country was going to war.

Emmitsburg resident, Dr. Bill Meredith, is credited with dubbing Emmitsburg with the nickname, Firetown, USA. After retiring as a professor from Mount St. Mary's College, Dr. Meredith played in a band called the Firetown Band. The name caught on. Emmitsburg certainly lives up to its nickname. As home to the National Fire Academy and the grounds where the Fallen Firefighters Memorial is located, Emmitsburg sees a steady stream of firefighters and fire personnel throughout town. Vigilant Hose Company has become the most visited firehouse in the United States, even surpassing Station #10 and Ladder #10 at Ground Zero in New York City.

The Frederick County Fire and Rescue Museum on South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg is also the home to the National Fire Heritage Center. The Center houses many interesting artifacts from famous fires and data about the how firefighting has evolved over the years. Visitors may see fire station log books from Station #10 at Ground Zero on 9/11/2001, from Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where volunteers responded to a plane crash in a field on 9/11; and from Arlington County, Virginia, Engine Company 10, where volunteers watched as a plane crashed into the Pentagon on 9/11. These log books and many, many artifacts make a trip to this museum fascinating.

country—came together to provide poignant music during the emotional memorial service on Sunday.

At the memorial service, families of the fallen received flags that have flown over the U.S. Capitol and the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. What an honor it is to serve as hosts to such an impactful event. In the thirty-three years that this service has been held, Emmitsburg has been the host location for all services, except one. In 2002, due to the large number of firefighters who perished 9/11/2001, the service was held in Washington, D.C.

For a complete list of fallen firefighters being honored and a widget to display their information on your website, along with Memorial Weekend streaming information, videos, photos, and satellite coordinates, go to [www.live.firehero.org](http://www.live.firehero.org). For information about the Vigilant Hose Company, visit the station in person at 25 West Main Street in Emmitsburg or online at [www.vhc6.com](http://www.vhc6.com). For information about the National Fire Heritage Center, visit them in person on South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg or online at [www.thenfhc.org](http://www.thenfhc.org).

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Karen Freeman was presented the August Hospice Caregiver Award. She is “the voice” of hospice—sometimes the first person a family talks to on the phone or sees when they come in the office—their first, and critical introduction to Hospice of Frederick County. She is always kind, calm and empathetic, helping patients and families, many of whom are in crisis. Karen is a

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(left) Karen Freeman, Hospice of Frederick County Administrative Assistant II, pictured with Doug Stauffer, Stauffer Funeral Homes.


(below) Kathy Lettofsky, Hospice of Frederick County Volunteer, pictured with Doug Stauffer, Stauffer Funeral Homes.



wonderful example of a behind-the-scenes caregiver.

Kathy Lettofsky was presented the September Hospice Caregiver Award. A direct service volunteer, Kathy has been with hospice for fourteen years. She also provides administrative support to the bereavement team, in addition to working with patients.


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## DePaul Dental Program

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Good dental health has become an unaffordable luxury. While the Affordable Health Care Act has helped many, dental insurance is not offered. Especially affected are those who depend on Medicare and Medicaid, which only covers extractions. The hope of any dental restoration is remote at best.

Seton Center, Inc., is the last non-profit, social service agency in Emmitsburg, Maryland. As a ministry sponsored by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent DePaul, Seton Center sees clients with multiple dental issues. Many have been postponed for months due to the astronomical cost. These needs range from simple cleanings or fillings to complete dental removal and dentures, root canals and crowns, or dangerous abscesses.

Thanks to a caring community and dental health professionals, Seton Center, Inc.'s DePaul Dental program has built partnerships to rise up and meet these kinds of needs. Other dental health professional partners include Dr. Richard Love, DDS of Catoctin Dental in Thurmont; Dr. Timothy Bringardner, DDS in Emmitsburg; Dr. Sherri J. Dale McGee, DDS at Affordable Dentures in Jessup, Maryland; and Mid-Maryland Oral Surgery in Frederick, who welcome Seton Center clients, most offering discounted services.

The DePaul Dental program does receive funding support from the Frederick County Department of Aging, the Daughters of Charity's Trexler Fund, and grant monies through The Community Foundation of Frederick County. However, the depth of the need routinely exceeds these funding streams and Seton Center can only accept applications on a rolling-basis as funding permits. Unfortunately, this causes those in need to wait months for pain relief and restoration until another cycle of funding occurs.

Since July of this year, Seton Center has served ten clients through The Community Foundation of Frederick County, eight through the Frederick County Department of Aging, and six through the Trexler Fund. And yet, unmet needs still exist. DePaul Dental program funds helped these low-income residents of Northern Frederick County with over \$14,000 in dental costs, with the final expense for each client averaging about \$2,500.00; a potentially life-crushing load for anyone to bear.

If you would like to support Seton Center, Inc.'s DePaul Dental program so they may more fully provide dignity, self-confidence and improved health to those struggling from day-to-day, please call Seton Center at 301-447-6102, ext. 17.

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The 2014 White House Christmas ornament honors the administration of Warren G. Harding, who served as the twenty-ninth president of the United States from 1921 to 1923. Decorated with gold tones and enamel finishes, the 33rd annual White House Christmas Ornament is the first ornament to be comprised of two pieces, which can be hung as two separate ornaments or linked together. The locomotive is a detailed miniature replica of one of several steam-powered locomotives that pulled the Presidential Special; it is attached to the coal car that held its fuel. The other miniature car is the Superb, the president's private heavyweight Pullman car. The last car on the Special, the Superb was outfitted with a public address system. President Harding made appearances and delivered speeches at stops across the country from a platform at the back of the car. The last known photograph of President Harding is an image of him on the Superb shortly before his death in a San Francisco hotel on August 2, 1923. On August 3, President Harding's casket was placed on board the Superb and began a return trip to Washington, D.C., during which an estimated 3 million people paid their last respects.

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- Carved Virginia Baked Ham with Cranberry Orange Chutney
- Shrimp Alfredo over Penne Pasta with Mixed Vegetables
- Wild Mushrooms sautéed with Sun-dried Tomatoes,
- roasted red peppers, spinach and tossed with angel hair pasta (Vegetarian)
- Fresh Marinated Atlantic Jail Island Salmon
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# our neighborhood veterans



by Jim Houck, Jr.

## The People in My Life for Whom I am Most Thankful

I have many people in my daily life at this time for which I am very thankful. I would like to start out by thanking my wonderful family. I thank my mother, Mary Jean Wantz Houck, for giving me life and guiding me through my informative years. I thank my sister Connie and my brothers, Bob, Tom, and Marc for helping to keep my youth exciting and adventurous. I am very thankful for them today, because if I need them, I know that all I have to do is contact them and they will be there. I am thankful for my wonderful wife, Joan Wormley Houck, for putting up with my weirdness for... let's see, November 7, 2014, will be fifty years of marriage and two years of courtship—wow, that's fifty-two years! I am thankful for my beautiful and talented daughter, Missy Houck Saylor, and my workaholic son, Jim Houck III, for making me so proud through the years. I am thankful for my six grandchildren and my thirteen great-grandchildren, and regret not seeing them as much as I would like. I love my family and thank God for them every day, and pray for Him to watch over them. I am thankful for all of my relatives in the community, and you know who you are—way too many to name in my column.

I want to thank all of the great people at Francis X. Elder American Legion in Emmitsburg

and, especially, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 121. I have been their commander for a few years now, and I can truthfully say I am proud of them all and, especially, my officers. My 1st vice commander is Mark Zurgable. Mark is well known in the community and operates Zurgable Bros. Hardware Store. Mark is always willing to help with our many fundraising events to help the people in need throughout our community. Mike Hartdagen is my 2nd vice commander and takes care of our membership and does a great job. Mike is very detail-oriented, which comes from the many years he worked in the air conditioning and heating industry. He has health issues, as I am sure anyone who knows Mike is aware, and he still continues being a great aid mentally, if not physically, to our projects. My treasurer is Gary Stouter, and he does a great job at keeping our finances straight. Gary owns Mountain Liquors, and he not only helps with events, but he donates a lot of things we use at the fundraisers. Fred Hoff is my adjutant (secretary) and does a good job taking care to keep our minutes from one meeting to the next. I can call Fred to assist with something one of our members has been assigned to but is not able to attend, and Fred—if he is in the area—will always say

yes. Dick Fleagle is my chaplain and takes care of our opening and closing prayers. He keeps check on our members; if someone is sick, in the hospital, or has passed on, he sends them and/or their family cards, fruit baskets, or flowers. Tim Hane is my sergeant at arms and maintains order at our meetings, makes sure the flags are in place, and my gavel is present. Tim also guards the door; when we have ceremonies, such as the swearing in of new members, he instructs and escorts them to their proper post.

I am very thankful for having these people and our members in my life. A friendly reminder to all SAL members: dues are now payable for 2015 and are \$20.00, but if you wait until after December 31, 2014, dues will be \$25.00.

I am thankful for VFW Memorial Post 6658 and their people, but especially thankful for VFW Men's Auxiliary Unit 6658, where I am the senior vice president. The president of this great unit is Leo Hobbs, and he does a great job of leading us. Leo controls his meeting and reminds everyone we exist to help the children in our community. When Leo has a plan for a fundraising event, he gets right to the point, and after discussion by members, his plan usually is voted a go. We are having our annual Shrimp and Chicken Feed on November 8, 2014, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Please check the VFW website and Facebook for all the information about Feeds and other events at the Post. Leo's junior vice president is Josh Weatherly. Josh is in charge of membership and has done a great job for a few years now. He also is at most of our functions and helps in many ways. Leo's secretary is Steve Seidel, and he has been taking minutes for MAVFW Unit 6658's meetings for a few years. Steve recently got married and has been "missing in action" for a few months. Steve Wojciechowski is Leo's treasurer and keeps the checkbook in order. He comes out to help at most events and does a really good job. Mark Zurgable is the chaplain for the unit and never misses a meeting, unless he forgets—you know how old age affects some people. He helps

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with most events and is usually there from start to finish. Leo's trustees are Dick Fleagle, Bruce Weatherly, and Lu Norris; they all do a great job of double-checking the treasurer's report, as well as volunteering at our events. Bob Kuhn is Leo's sergeant at arms and announces and escorts in anyone visiting our meeting. MAVFW Unit 6658's officers are all people of whom I am very proud, and I thank God to get to work with such a great group of people.

AMVETS Post 7 Thurmont has some fantastic people in their organization, and I am thankful I know a lot of them. I am also proud and thankful to be a member of Sons of AMVETS Squadron 7 and an officer under the command of Commander Mark Zienda. This is Mark's second year as commander of Squadron 7, and he has done a great job thus far. Mark, along with taking care of his ailing father, manages to do his job and more. Even if he has to get back to his dad, he puts in an appearance to let the members know he is behind them. Mark's 1st vice commander is Dick Fleagle, and he takes care of membership—there is no one better at it than Dick. Dick is a very serious person when it comes to his job of membership; he could probably get around a few things regarding membership, but his ethics won't allow him to do that. With Dick, it is either right or wrong, and you can bet your last dollar that it's always going to be done the right way. I am Mark's 2nd vice commander, and my job is to report to National SOA with all of our volunteer hours accumulated monthly to get credit, and to give our delegates more power to negotiate

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## Our Neighborhood Veterans—Continued from page 34

on Capitol Hill for our Veterans. Mark's 3rd vice commander is Brian Payne; his job is to come up with events for fundraisers to aid Veterans and our community. Brian has been doing a great job, and we are proud of him. He also volunteers at various functions at the Post. Joe Forrest is Mark's adjutant, and he keeps account of all things happening at our meetings. Joe volunteers at our functions and supplies lots of desserts at our events. Mark's treasurer is Bob Gouge, and he controls the money flow for Squadron 7. Bob gives an accurate and up-to-date report at each meeting. He also volunteers at many of our events when possible. Craig Williams is Mark's chaplain, and he reads the prayer before and after meetings; he finds out who is sick and who has passed and handles them appropriately. Tim McKinnon is Mark's judge advocate and interprets our standing rules and bylaws and enforces them. Tim also volunteers at many functions. Jim Payne is Mark's VAVS officer and attends meetings at Martinsburg Veterans Center; he keeps us informed of what is happening with our Veterans. Jim is an active volunteer, also. Mark's provost marshal is Pauly Krygier, and he guards the door and escorts those to be sworn in to the proper position. I am truly thankful for being able to associate with such a great group of officers and members.

The Department of Maryland Sons of AMVETS is another organization of which I am proud to be a part. The Commander is Ed Stely and he is a fantastic man. I really gained a lot of respect for him when he and I were in Memphis, Tennessee, at our National Convention. Ed's 1st vice commander is Doug Penwell, and he is the right man for the job. Doug takes care of membership and stays right on top of things, because he has to account for membership at the Squadron level as well. Wade Clem is Ed's 2nd vice commander, and he takes care of the reports for volunteers at Squadron level and reports to National. I am Ed's 3rd vice commander, and it is my job to come up with fundraiser projects for the Department of Maryland and distribute them to the Squadrons. Bobby Stouffer is Ed's adjutant and keeps the minutes from one meeting to the next, and he does a very good job. Joe Forrest is Ed's judge advocate, and he interprets

standing rules and bylaws. Ed's chaplain is Dick Fleagle, and he does a fine job, as he does in everything else. I am Ed's public relations officer, and it is my job to keep us in the spotlight. Ed's VAVS officer is Jim Payne; and, for being new at it, Jim is doing an excellent job. Doug Penwell is acting treasurer for Scotty and doing an excellent job. Billy Kolb is Ed's provost marshal and has always been good at it. I am proud and honored and very thankful to know and be a part of this great organization.

*The Catocin Banner* is the best monthly community newspaper I have ever read. I am proud to call Deb Spalding a friend. And I think she understood a long time ago that if you are going to publish a community paper, you write about things happening in your community, not things happening halfway around the world. The community you live in and the surrounding communities are the world for the people living there. I am very proud to have had the opportunity to write for the *Banner* and will continue writing for her as long as I am mentally able. I listen to a lot of feedback from folks and I see lots of people, and I feel confident this paper will be around for many years, as long as it prints the quality material it has been writing. I am thankful to be associated with *The Catocin Banner* and all the great people that help to put it together.

Thank God for the United States of America; my family; the American Veterans; and our community newspaper, *The Catocin Banner*.



## community veteran event board

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### VFW Post 6658

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On Saturday, November 1, 2014, from 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m., the VFW is holding a Halloween Party. Event features a costume contest and a DJ.

The Men's Auxiliary Shrimp and Chicken Feed will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2014, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Post for \$20.00 per person.

On Tuesday, November 18, 2014, VFW Ladies Auxiliary's Bingo will be hosted at the Vigilant Hose Company, located at 25 E. Main Street in Emmitsburg. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. Early bird games start at 6:50 p.m.; regular games start at 7:00 p.m.

The Men's Auxiliary Ham and Turkey giveaway (every half hour) will be held on Friday, November 21, 2014, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Meat tray chances & 50/50 drawings.

### American Legion Auxiliary Unit 121

105 N. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg

On Saturday, November 15, 2014, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 121 will be holding a White Elephant Sale, which will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 121 will start off the sale by selling stacked pulled pork sandwiches with cold slaw and potato chips and dessert soda or water. Eat in or carryout, from 2:00 -6:30 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 per platter.

### Thurmont American Legion Post 168

8 Park Lane, Thurmont

Colorfest is over; we can all park in our normal places, and there are no crowds to be concerned about until next year.

The biggest news here at Post 168 is that we now have slot machines; yes, those much-loved "one armed bandits." We have three machines and are due to have a couple more this month. These are penny machines, owned by the Maryland State Lottery.

Coming up this month, the Thurmont Thespians will be presenting *Noises Off*; therefore, our Friday night entertainment will be put on hold until after November 16, so as not to interfere with them.

On Friday, November 21, 2014, we will be having our Thanksgiving Ham and Turkey Night, with Big Al providing the music.

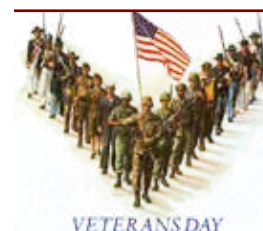
Starting on Thursday, November 19, 2014, a cornhole league will get started. This is open to anyone wanting to just have fun; you need not be a Legion member to play.

In order for our staff to have time to spend time with their families, the Post Lounge will open at 5:00 p.m. instead of noon.

### AMVETS Post 7 Events

26 Apples Church Road, Thurmont

Sons of AMVETS Squadron 7, will hold a Shrimp and Chicken Feed on Saturday, November 15, 2014, from 4:00-7:00 p.m., at the Post. Doors will open at 3:00 p.m., featuring Dr. Mudcat Karaoke from 8:00 p.m.-midnight. Get your tickets at the bar at the Post for \$ 20.00 each (no refunds).



## Observe Veterans Day

**November 11, 2014**

*Thank a Veteran for their Service*



# senior moments

by Helen Deluca

Hello, seniors—young and old. As I write this, the weather outside today has been messy, rainy, and gloomy, but it sure didn't stop things from happening at the Thurmont Senior Center. Judy White from the Thurmont Guardian Hose Company was our first guest of the day. She gave us valuable information on how to protect ourselves from fires in our home. Our next guest was Park Ranger John Kempisty who gave us safety tips on how to prevent fires outside the home. Smokey Bear was also another special guest. We all learned something new, and we thank all of them for their information and help. Lunch followed the presentation, and then 50/50 Bingo. Nice way to spend a rainy afternoon. Proceeds from the Bingo help to support the lunch program. All are welcome, from granddaughter to grandma and grandpa, too. All ages enjoy Bingo.

Our square dance was all we said it would be. Everyone had a good time, even those who had to be coaxed onto the dance floor. Bob and Pat Meunier not only donated their time and talent, they even recruited two of their children and their spouses to patiently teach and guide those who had trouble with their right and left dosey-doe's. Many thanks to all. We would like to try line-dancing next. Anyone out there willing to lead the way?

The indoor yard sale we had during Colorfest really worked out well. Nasty weather on Saturday brought a lot of people in. It's always nice to meet new people and hear their comments about our Center. Most questions were regarding our lunch program.

Mountain Gate Restaurant prepares the food. A volunteer brings the food to the Center about 11:30 a.m. At 12:00 p.m., lunch is served cafeteria-style, with special attention to those needing assistance. We do subsidize the cost of each meal to make it easier for seniors who are on a fixed income. We ask \$5.00 per meal, but still use the honor system for payment. Call a day ahead to reserve. A monthly menu is always available. Call if you need a ride or delivery to the home bound.

Unfortunately, the Center van that we purchased with a grant from the Delaplaine family broke down. It was a used handicapped vehicle and was a great asset to the Center. But now the repairs and labor costs are more than the value of the van. Volunteers, using their personal cars, are helping until we can figure out how to afford another van. Bless those volunteers every day. We need a van. Can you help? Your support is very much needed.

Before we get your November calendar up to date, let me remind you that on October 28 at 10:00 a.m., Nurse Steve will be at the Center to talk about "oh my aching back." On October 31 at 11:00 a.m. is the Halloween party, with a contest for the best costume.

On November 4, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., come in for your flu shot. Bring your Medicare card. It's election day—plan to vote. On November 7 at 11:30 a.m., Adrienne Moretz will be here to talk about transit marketing. An Open House will be hosted on November 8, from 12:00-4:00 p.m., honoring our Veterans and their families.

Courtesy Photos



(left) Pictured from left are Shirley Long, Carol Long, Moe Snyder, Park Ranger John Kempisty, Smokey Bear, and Jan Snyder.

(right) Pictured from left are Margaret Carbaugh and Nancy Davis at their birthday celebration.



It will be an informative and entertaining afternoon, along with delicious refreshments. Elder Law Attorney, David Wingate; Mr. James Burger, Community Based Out Patient Clinic Coordinator at Fort Detrick; and Mike "Mad Dog" Sater of DAV will speak and answer all questions regarding legal, medical, and Veteran benefits. The American Legion, AMVETS, VFW, Civitan, and Lions Club will also be on hand. See the advertisement and article in the Banner.

On November 11 at 9:30 a.m., we will have Silpada Jewelry, with 50 percent off on retired items and all other items at 10 percent off. On November 12 at 10:30 a.m., Ellie Jenkins from the Department of Aging will talk about Medicare changes and RX program. There will be time for questions and answers. On November 13 at 12:30 p.m., we will be holding our monthly birthday party, which is always a popular activity. On November 15 at 7:00 p.m., Richard Troxell—who has performed in opera houses, movie theaters, on television, and on concert stages around the world—will be performing at Catoctin High School. Richard grew up in Thurmont. He gives his time and talent to support various causes in his home town. The proceeds this year will benefit the Catoctin music program and the Thurmont Senior

Center. Advance tickets are \$10.00 (ages 17 and up) and \$5.00 (ages 16 and under). Tickets will also be available at the door (\$12.00 and \$8.00). Tickets are available at the Center.

Something new started at the Center. A "knitters" group meets every first and third Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. A "quilters" group (also new) meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Call the Center at 301-271-7911 for more information on all of our activities.

I read this somewhere, so I thought I would share it with you: "It's better to be healthy than wise. Being sick costs you money, but you can be stupid for free." Oh well, it's just the thought.

On November 27-28, the Center will be closed. Enjoy Thanksgiving Day with family and friends, and give thanks for all the blessings we are given each day.

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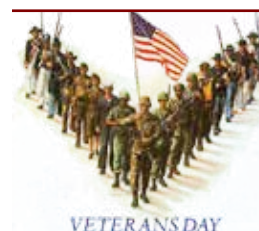
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## Observe Veterans Day

**November 11, 2014**

*Thank a Veteran for their Service*



by Chris O'Connor



## mountain talk

### MountainFest Weekend in Sabillasville

A rather inauspicious opening day of MountainFest at Sabillasville Elementary School in Sabillasville, Maryland, deterred many visitors due to the chilly, misty weather.

Sunday, the overcast skies gave way to sun and warmer temperatures and attendance typical of the decades old annual arts and crafts festival sponsored by the Northwestern Frederick County Civic Association (NFCCA).

The NFCCA headed by President George Kuhn describes the gathering as a unique alternative for artisans and crafters to display their wares in an ideal environment without the crush of crowds and parking fees. He considers the relaxed country setting a perfect place for friends and neighbors to gather and enjoy local churches' baked goods, live music, an affordable meal, and ice cream from Antietam Dairy, an ever-welcome fixture at MountainFest.

Robert Eyler of Rocky Ridge provided fare from his food truck on Saturday and Sunday. The menu included hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, and other items, but he sold out of pit beef and soup both days, a testament to the popularity of Eyler's chow.

MountainFest is the only fundraiser held by the NFCCA. It primarily benefits students through the Catoctin feeder school system who choose to apply for scholarships. George, whose duties include vendor registration and assignment of spaces, explained that there are three categories of scholarships, including academic, auto industry, and the lesser known designation for individuals wishing to continue their education.

There were approximately twenty-five exhibitors at the show, including George who had a wide array of antiques and collectibles that he's found at a variety of sales. He claims no special knowledge,

but happily enjoys the quest and how interesting he considers the individual items he finds.

MountainFest draws in crafters and artisans from towns hither and yon. Jack and Holly Olszewski of Cascade, Maryland, displayed their fossils, crystals, minerals, and massive teeth from the ancient megalodon.

Jerry Stiffler from Wellsville, Pennsylvania, builds distinctive cupboards and shelving fashioned from salvaged antique wood from deserted barns and other buildings slated for demolition. He strives to learn the age and history of the structure and includes that information with the purchase of each piece.

Another popular draw was hand-crafted jewelry by Deanna Maginnis from Myersville, Maryland, who designs and fabricates her own jewelry from a variety of beads to semi-precious stones, including freshwater pearls to Swarovski crystals.

Sunday, the emerging sun illuminated glistening chrome and shiny paint jobs, highlighting another popular feature of MountainFest, the much anticipated annual car show, founded over thirty years ago by the late Kenny Tressler.

George Kuhn credits the continued success of the car show

to current chairman Jason Worth of Sabillasville, who registered 110 antique and classic rides this year. Funds raised from the car show go toward the NFCCA scholarship fund.

Jason, who has helped with the annual car show for six years and been the chairman for three, points out that the show isn't limited to antique or classic cars, or what car lovers describe as "Detroit Muscle." Any car can be entered in the show for a \$10.00 fee, which allows the entrant to vote for twenty-five awards and a chance at a variety of door prizes offered by local businesses from Thurmont; Emmitsburg; and Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, who generously provide goods and services.

Jason extends his gratitude to everyone who contributed cash and/or door prizes, the gathering of which involves friends and family who volunteer to visit the local businesses and cites ultimate beneficiaries: students looking for a financial boost in their respective hopes to further their education with NFCCA scholarships.

Three additional awards included one for the vehicle that traveled the greatest distance, which hailed from Bunker Hill, West Virginia. The Oldest Vehicle award was bestowed on 1927 Ford Model A. Voted Best in Show was a '69 Chevelle.

A fitting finale to a beautiful Sunday at MountainFest was punctuated by rumbling thunder from the exhaust systems of the cars, a veritable symphony to any car enthusiast's ears as the participants departed the show grounds.

The descending sun reflected in the cars spotless paint jobs and flashed like lightning as the show cars headed toward the horizon.

For information, contact George Kuhn at 301-241-3997 or Jason Worth at 301-241-4537.



George Kuhn, president of NFCCA, weilds a cabbage shredder, one amongst a variety of antiques and collectibles that he's found at various sales.

Photos by Chris O'Connor



(above) Juanita Pfister and daughter, Olivia, with creations they fabricated in their basement that have become a craft show hit.

(below) Jerru Stiffler's antique wood creations.



Deanna Maginnis showcases her hand-crafted jewelry; she designs and fabricates her own jewelry from a variety of beads to semi-precious stones.

### View Calendar

Reference the Community Calendar on page 47 to view the calendar for events of interest, including bingos, breakfasts, dinners, benefits, dances, & more!

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## Emmitsburg Senior News

by Susan Allen

November arrives on windy wings, with a cold edge, befitting the last full month of autumn. This year, we take time to exercise our right to vote for our leaders at the county, state, and congressional levels. The center will be CLOSED on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4.

Just a week later, we honor those who served our country as members of the armed forces of the United States. Our seniors plan to do their part by recruiting local Veterans and holding a Veterans' Dinner for them on Monday, November 10, at 5:30 p.m. November is also home to Americans' favorite holiday: Thanksgiving. On Tuesday, November 25, we'll enjoy a special Thanksgiving meal. The center will

be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27-28, so everyone can enjoy Thanksgiving Day with their families and friends.

On Monday, November 3, we'll try our hands at "Grands Doing Great Things Together," a make-and-take craft. Call 301-600-3525 to register.

On Thursday, November 6, we can take the van to learn about services and products ("Adapt to the Future") to help seniors create a "user-friendly" home; see Linda for information and to register. .

On Friday, November 7, the Frederick Center will have Groceries for Seniors available from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Again, see or call Linda for transportation. Nurse Steve will lead a discussion about Diabetes during his visit on Tuesday, November 18.

Regular Activities include our Walkers' group (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays) at 9:00 a.m.; Bowling (Mondays), meet at 12:15 p.m.; Art class (Mondays), 1:30-3:00 p.m.; Strength Training (Tuesdays and Thursdays) at 10:00 a.m.; Bridge (November 5 and 19) at 12:30 p.m.; Canasta (Fridays) at 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday, November 26; Cards, Games & Puzzles (November 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21).

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

For information on the lunch program and all other activities, contact our coordinator, Linda Umbel, at 301-600-6350, or email Lumbel@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

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## Special Veterans Day Worship Service



(left) Trinity United Church of Christ Instrumentalist, Rocky Birely, and Organist, Lana Sorenson Emery.

Photos by Grace Eyler



(right) Pictured are: (front row) Frank Valentine, Russ Delauter, Pastor Sean Delawder; (back row) Roy Clabaugh, Larry Clabaugh; and Lana Sorenson, Organist, and Rocky Birely, Instrumentalist.

On Sunday, November 9, 2014, Trinity United Church of Christ in Thurmont, Maryland will hold a special Veterans Day Worship Service and Recognition. The service will be held at 101 East Main Street in Thurmont at 11:00 a.m., with a luncheon immediately following the worship service. Anyone is invited to attend, with special recognition being given to those currently serving and Veterans who have previously served in any branch of the United States Armed Services, as well as any named persons who are deceased and had served their country.

The purpose of this very beautiful service is to thank the living and to honor the deceased Veterans in our communities for their dedicated and loyal service to our country.

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation by Pastor Sean DeLawder, Trinity UCC; Special music and patriotic selections by Frederick-based praise band Solid Ground, all of whom are veterans; Honor Guard presentation by Thurmont Amvets Post 7; Readings by Larry Clabaugh: "Eternal Father Strong to Save," Scripture Readings, and "Flanders Fields"; Reading by Marty Burns: "I Am The Flag Of The United States Of America"; Patriotic Hymns to be sung by congregation: "Lead on, O King Eternal" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic"; Sermon: "Courage, Honor, and Commitment" by Rev. Dale Williams, Chaplain, Retired United States Navy; Offertory-Special Music Selection: "Onward Christian Soldiers," performed by Trinity instrumentalist, Rocky Birely, saxophone, accompanied by Trinity organist, Lana Sorenson Emery;

Recognition by Sheriff Charles "Chuck" Jenkins of living Veterans attending by military branch; Reading of names of our honored deceased Veterans by Sheriff Charles "Chuck" Jenkins. "Taps" played by Rocky Birely. There will be a live remote broadcast of this service by WTHU Radio 1450 AM.

**Special Note to Latecomers:** Any and all are most welcome! If you plan to attend this special service, PLEASE call the church IMMEDIATELY so proper recognition can be given. Call 301-271-2305 and indicate the number in your party, so they can adequately plan food for their luncheon to follow the service; this is MOST important.

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# Mineral Bob's Great Outdoors

by Bob Warden

## "Memories Afield"

In a few short weeks, we will all be sleeping off Thanksgiving dinner or watching football games with family and friends...and getting ready for opening day of deer firearms season! By getting ready, I don't just mean getting our guns and gear together, I mean swapping stories from our many years of opening days.

Even though I hunt opening day of archery, I have always highly anticipated the Saturday after Thanksgiving in Maryland, and the Monday after Thanksgiving in Pennsylvania. I guess it's a tradition we had as I was growing up. I grew up in the Baltimore suburbs, but my hunting adventures with my Dad (starting at age fifteen—wow, forty-one years ago) were always on a farm just outside of Emmitsburg. My first rabbit, first pheasant, and first deer, all came from that farm.

I also have memories at age fifteen of working at Clyde's Sport Shop in Lansdowne, Maryland. On the Friday before the opener, crowds of people would get last minute supplies, ammo, licenses, etc. I heard stories of the previous year's hunts, and as a kid, I tried to figure out which were the made up ones and which were the true ones. I still have trouble with that.

As we get older and have kids and grandkids, many of you know that our memories switch from "us" to "them." I can still remember the first deer my son, Chris, shot on land not far from the Frederick watershed. It was a spike deer. Sitting in that tree stand and seeing him shoot, and the deer falling thirty yards away, is forever embedded in my memory bank, as I'm sure it is for him as well (even though it's been many years)!

Some of you may remember that on opening day, if you got your deer early, you went down to the checking station to see the other deer being checked in. You know the questions: How many points? What did it weigh? What did you shoot it with? I sometimes wish we still had checking stations, as I'm sure many old timers do, too. It was like a reunion seeing friends with their deer, and seeing people you haven't seen since the previous season.

Anyway, before I really put you to sleep like that Thanksgiving turkey (believe me I could, I have lots of stories and memories), let me leave you with some closing words and thoughts.

As you can tell, to me, memories afield are just as important as bagging our quarry. I hope you have many memories, and I hope hearing a few of mine has helped you relive and revisit some of your special hunting or hunting-related memories. Maybe it brings a smile to your face, or maybe a tear to your eye like it does for me, because my Dad, my Uncle Frank, my Grandfather Warden, and all who instilled the hunting spirit in me are gone, but they have left the legacy to me to pass on.

So, to all you older hunters like me, and to all you young hunters, I wish you all good luck in the upcoming deer season!

But most of all: **Hunt Safe, Hunt Ethically, and Make Memories!**



Chris' first deer (above) and first bear (left) with his father.



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This event will help to raise funds towards awareness, education, and support for families dealing with addiction, and also to help young children and teenagers and their families who have been affected by this epidemic that has swept through our town. They really need your help and the community's help to make this event a success, and to help young individuals and families who have been affected by Heroin and drugs, as well as helping to provide valuable resources for families and individuals dealing with addiction.

Please help support this event and help make it successful by donating these items: 30-50 lbs. of spaghetti noodles; 30-50lbs. of meatballs; 10-15 containers of parmesan cheese; 20-30 dozen of Texas toast; 30-50 jars of spaghetti sauce; assorted bake goods; 5 bags of popcorn kernels for popping; 5-6 bags of assorted potato chips; 2-3 assorted dips 12-16 oz. containers; 50-80 hot dogs; 8-10 dozen hot dog rolls; big pkg. of ketchup, mustard, relish; 10lbs. chicken salad; 10-15 dozen hamburger rolls; 25-35 gallons of ice tea (jugs please, sweetened and unsweetened); 25-35 gallons of lemonade (jugs please); 6 cases of bottle water (24 pk.); 4 cases of Pepsi (12-24 per pk.); 2 cases of Mt. Dew (12-24 per pk.); 4 cases of Diet Pepsi (12-24 per pk.); 4 cases of Sprite (12-24 per pk.); 2 cases of orange soda/Dr. Pepper/root beer, etc.; 1-3 bags of assorted candy; 2 fruit trays; 2 veggie trays; 2-4 boxes of Zip Lock freezer bags; 4-6 boxes of Zip Lock sandwich bags; fall color plastic table covers (ex. brown, yellow, red, orange, green); Mums (large, medium, small); glow sticks (ex. Necklaces, bracelets, etc.); items for silent auction; sheets (ex. White, black); glow in the dark paints; pumpkins and apples.

If you are able to donate any of these items, please contact Gina at Whitenightjr94@gmail.com or 240-578-0235 or Jacque at 240-357-8437 or Projecthope21788@yahoo.com. If you are unable to donate any items, they will also be collecting cash donations to go towards the purchase of paper products, cups, napkins, and so on.

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## A "Curious" Discovery

Curiosity may have killed the cat, but can it improve the mental acuity of seniors? asks the Association of Mature American Citizens.

One scientific journal, *Neuron*, reports that our natural interest in a topic may stimulate our memory, particularly as we grow older. Test participants "showed improved memory for information that they were curious about and for incidental material learned during states of high curiosity," researchers concluded.

Another article published in the American Medical Association's journal, *Neurology*, recently reported that what it calls "intellectual enrichment" can fend off the onset of dementia for as much as nine years as we grow older. In other words, the more you seek opportunities to learn and stimulate your brain, the more likely you are to improve brain function, particularly as it relates to memory.

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## Tickling Our Tastebuds



This healthy Pesto Chicken Florentine recipe is a rich combination of chicken, spinach, and creamy pesto sauce. Serve with bread and salad. This recipe was taken from allrecipes.com and is a great and easy recipe that is sure to please.



### Pesto Chicken Florentine

#### Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves - cut into strips
- 2 cups fresh spinach leaves
- 1 (4.5 ounce) package dry Alfredo sauce mix
- 2 tablespoons pesto
- 1 (8 ounce) package dry penne pasta
- 1 tablespoon grated Romano cheese

#### Directions:

1. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add garlic, saute for 1 minute; then add chicken and cook for 7 to 8 minutes on each side. When chicken is close to being cooked through (no longer pink inside), add spinach and saute all together for 3 to 4 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, prepare Alfredo sauce according to package directions. When finished, stir in 2 tablespoons pesto; set aside.
3. In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook pasta for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente. Rinse under cold water and drain.
4. Add chicken/spinach mixture to pasta, then stir in pesto/Alfredo sauce. Mix well, top with cheese and serve.

Substitution idea: To reduce the fat, substitute egg white for the egg. To spice it up, use pepper jack cheese instead of cheddar.

\*\*The egg can be prepared in the microwave, so you can have this ready to go in just a few minutes.

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## About Buttons

Deb Spalding



A button is just a button, right? If you notice how many buttons you rely upon, you might wonder what a button would say if it could tell others about its day. Buttons, like their zipper cousins, are so often taken for granted. Yet, they steadfastly secure our clothing without a bat of their eye. In our everyday lives, it seems they only garner attention when they are not where they are needed to hitch our clothing together or embellish an outfit.

To Helen "Tip" Mackley, a life-long resident of Thurmont, a button is more than just a button. Those that are part of her late mother's large button collection are cherished keepsakes that commemorate her mother's beloved hobby. They are souvenirs of times gone by.

Tip displayed the Ruth Holdcraft Mackley Button Collection at the annual Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show in September. Many of the unique buttons in the collection have a history, a heritage, and some even have a story. Tip's favorites are those with the best stories.

At this past Community Show, Tip shared some of the buttons' stories. At a clothing drive that took place during World War II, her mom had sewn her name and address inside a coat she donated to the drive. The coat was purchased by a woman from Hungary. The Hungarian woman wrote to Ruth, and the two became friends. For years, they

corresponded and sent buttons back and forth. There are several displays of the colorful buttons the Hungarian woman sent. If those buttons could, they would tell stories of travel and friendship.

In the battle of Iwo Jima. Tip's uncle was a member of the Seabeas in the 5th Marine Division. One day, while the Marines were taking the air field, her uncle's squadron was to stay below ground in a fox hole. Her uncle peeked out of the fox hole and noticed a Japanese soldier who was about to toss a hand grenade into their fox hole. Her uncle caught the grenade and threw it back at the Japanese soldier. Tip's uncle sent her mother a button from the Japanese soldier's coat. It was a Japanese officer's uniform button. If that button could, it would tell stories of war and sacrifice.

Tip had another uncle in Ohio. A taylor from Austria had moved to his town and opened a taylor shop. When the taylor died, her uncle sent some of the buttons from his shop to her mother. If those buttons could, they would tell stories of serving a community in a new land.



Helen "Tip" Mackley showcases her Ruth Holdcraft Mackley Button Collection at the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show in September 2014.

Photo by Deb Spalding

While showing a long string of buttons, Tip called the string an Emory string. Back in earlier days, friends would exchange buttons and put them on an emory string.

With a grin, Tip said, "When you reached 1,000 buttons, you were supposed to meet your husband." If these buttons could, they would tell stories of friendship and possibly romance.

Tip's father, Lloyd C. Mackley who passed away at age sixty in 1957, also contributed to his wife's button collection. He was a member of several organizations. He picked up campaign buttons at different conventions he attended for work and volunteer interests. Also, Tip had another uncle in the service who was stationed in England in WWII. He became friends with some firemen over there, and they gave some buttons from their company. Some of the buttons had sayings on them. If they could, these buttons wouldn't tell you any stories, because they speak for themselves.

Some very colorful glass buttons are part of the collection. They were made between 1870 and 1875. They

were made to match material and were only made during those five years. If they could, these buttons would tell stories in patterns.

In the 1940s, one button on display was worth \$28. It has a moon that was added with a different material after the button was made. This very ornate button may be valuable today. If it could, it would tell stories about its value.

The Ruth Holdcraft Mackley Button Collection consists of approximately 100 display boxes of buttons. Tip said, "Mom just loved buttons." She subscribed to a magazine called *Just Buttons* in the 1940s and 1950s. This publication can still serve as a resource for button collectors. Tip's mother died in 1968. It is apparent that Tip enjoys sharing the stories of the buttons with others. The colorful, unique, and artistic buttons evoke "oohs and ahhs" from children, and admiration from adults. For those who express curiosity, they are entertained by Tip as she shares the buttons' stories. Oh, the stories they tell.

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## 2:43 a.m.

by Francis Smith

2:43 a.m.

In the dark of night,  
the moon  
broad across my bed  
broad across my bedroom floor.

2:44 a.m.

Why am I awake  
stark, alert?  
just to see  
the moonlight bright  
across my bed?  
across my bedroom floor?  
Yes, Lord!  
Thank be to God!  
Amen.



## Later

by Christine Schoene Maccabee

Later

when the taxes are paid  
and the kids are grown  
when the winter comes  
and all our seeds are sown.

Later

when our heart's been broken  
a hundred times or more  
when the wars are fought  
and the earth is sore.

Still later

when we stumble on  
and see the morning sun to rise  
and then the stars and moon  
again a hundred million times.

And much later

when all our words are written  
all our feelings felt  
when the well runs dry  
and all we have is our self.

And much much later

when our pain is great  
and our friends have died  
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*Noises Off* presented by Thurmont Thespians on November 7, 8, 14, and 15, 2014: 7:30 p.m. Showtime; November 9 and 16, 2014: 2:00 p.m. Showtime; November 15, 2014: Dinner Theater, 6:30 p.m. Showtime. Call 301-271-7613 for tickets. Performances held at the American Legion, located at 8 Park Lane in Thurmont.

## Poetry Reading at Holy Grounds Cafe

On November 21, 2014, Jane O' Callaghan Edwards—poet, librarian, and storyteller—will read at “Catoctin Voices” Evening of Poetry, at 7:00 p.m. at the Holy Grounds Cafe in Emmitsburg. Edwards is the publisher/editor of a literary and photography journal, *First Lights*. Poets and the public are invited. Open readings precede. For more information, call 301-418-3375.

## Catoctin Forest Alliance Art Exhibit and Show

Catoctin Forest Alliance (CFA) will be celebrating “The Wonder of Winter” in an art exhibit and show on Saturday and Sunday, November 15 and 16, 2014, from 2:00-5:00 p.m., at the Art Studio, located at 14726 Old Frederick Road in Rocky Ridge, Maryland. The exhibit will feature original paintings, photographs, prints, and cards done by local artists. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the CFA. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend. For more information about the art exhibit and show, contact Elizabeth Prongas at 301-271-4459.

CFA is a 501 c 3 organization and is partnered with Catoctin Mountain Park and Cunningham Falls State Park. Their mission is to preserve and promote the health of the Catoctin Mountain forest for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. Some of the programs that CFA conducts include SUCCESS, Seasons 101, Artist in Residence, and Trout in the Classroom. SUCCESS is a program with the FCPS that brings youth to the parks, where they learn about CPR, plants and animals, the use of hand tools, trail safety, etc. The students put their knowledge and skills to use as they do projects in the parks. The Seasons 101 program brings youth to the parks to learn about fishing, orienteering, creek exploration, and photography. Bringing youth to the forest is a step in growing the next generation of forest stewards.

The Artist in Residence program brings juried artists from all over the United States to Catoctin Mountain Park and Cunningham Falls State Park for two-week residencies (three per year). During the residency, each artist does a public presentation in the parks. Then the artist donates one piece of art to CFA. The art pieces have been exhibited at the Delaplaine Center for the Arts and the Thurmont Regional Library. The collection of art will soon be displayed in the Manor Area Visitor Center at Cunningham Falls State Park.

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) is a project conducted through Chuck Dinkle, Maryland TIC Coordinator. CFA provides fish tanks and coolers, plus some man power to deliver the trout eggs to the schools. Currently, there are seventeen schools in Frederick County participating in the TIC program.

For more information about CFA, visit [www.catoctinforall.org](http://www.catoctinforall.org) or contact Jim Robbins, CFA President, at [jimrobbins@comcast.net](mailto:jimrobbins@comcast.net) or 301-693-9703.

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## october

- 27.....Mackenzie's Light Bereavement and Awareness Group, Thurmont Regional Library, Moser Rd., Thurmont. 6:30 p.m. Thurmont Police Chief speaks on addiction related suicide. Free. 301-524-8064.
- 31 .... Club Costume Halloween Party, Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Association, 3009 Waynesboro Pike, Fairfield, PA. 717-794-5404. www.brsportsmenscom.ipage.com.
- 31.....Halloween Parade, Emmitsburg Lions Club, DePaul St., Emmitsburg. 7:00 p.m. Halloween Party immediately follows at Vigilant Fire Co., W. Main St., Emmitsburg. 301-447-2401.
- 31.....TRUNK or TREAT at Lewistown Untied Church, 11032 Hessong Bridge Rd., Lewistown. 6:30 p.m. Hot dogs, s'mores, followed by Treats from our Trunks. Costumes are optional.

## november

- 1.....Halloween Party, VFW Post 6658, N. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg. 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Costume contest and DJ.
- 1.....Basket Bingo, Woodsboro American Legion, 101 W. Elizabeth St., Woodsboro, MD. Doors open 12:00 p.m.; Bingo 1:30 p.m. \$20. Robin 301-271-3309.
- 1.....1st Annual Beer & Bullets Sportsman's Bingo, Vigilant Hose Company, 25 W. Main Street, Emmitsburg. Sponsored by VHC Auxiliary. Gun and money prizes.
- 1 ..... Holiday Bazaar, Guardian Hose Company at Thurmont Carnival Grounds, Thurmont. Crafters and Home Party Demonstrators wanted. Spaces are \$25/table (\$20/each additional table).
- 1 ..... Oyster, Turkey and Country Ham Dinner (buffet style), Faith United Church of Christ, 9333 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD. 12:00-5:30 p.m. \$16/Adults; \$8/ages 6-12; Free/ages under 6. \$17/Carryout. 301-271-7573.
- 1 ..... Indoor Yard Sale, Lewistown Fire Hall, 11101 Hessong Bridge Rd., Thurmont. 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Rent tables: \$10/each. Food available. 240-674-4688.
- 1 ..... Annual Mountaintop Community Fall Fair & Art Show, Blue Ridge Mt. Vol. Fire Co. Fire Hall, 13063 Monterey Ln., Blue Ridge Summit, PA. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Benefits Amanda Bowders Community Memorial Garden. Auction, entertainment by Rich Fehle, food, crafts, free magic show 1:30 p.m. Lyn Martin 717-642-5645.
- 1.....All-You-Can-Eat Roast Pork Dinner, Baust United Church of Christ, 2950 Old Taneytown Rd. (Rt. 932), near Taneytown, MD. Bake Table. Carryouts available. \$12/ages 13 and older; \$6/ages 4-12. 410-857-0416 or email office@ebucc.com.
- 1 ..... Turkey/Oyster Supper (served family-style), Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, 10926 Simmons Rd., Emmitsburg. 12:00-6:00 p.m. \$18/adults; \$9/ages 5-10; Free/ages under 5. \$19/Carryout. 301-447-3171.
- 1 ..... Holiday Bazaar, Garfield United Methodist Church, 13628 Stottlemeyer Rd., Smithsburg, MD. 9:00 a.m. Features crafts, food, raffle, homemade baked goods; homemade corn, bean, vegetable and chicken soups (quarts also for sale/can be pre-ordered). 301-416-0350.
- 1 ..... Back from the Dead Cemetery Walk in St. Joseph's Cemetery, The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in partnership with Mount Saint Mary's. 7:00-10:00 p.m. Dramatization teaches spiritual principles of the Communion of Saints and angels. \$5/contribution per person. Recommended for ages 14 and up. www.setonheritage.org.
- 2.....Robert L Wantz, St. Memorial Shotgun Shoot, Indian Lookout Conservation Club, Riffle Road, Emmitsburg. Sign up noon, shoot begins 1:00 p.m. 12 gauge and .410. Benefit Theresa M. Wantz liver transplant. Kayne Wantz 301-305-9730.

## community calendar

- 2.....Cash Bingo, Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Association, Waynesboro Pike, Fairfield, PA. Doors open 11:00 a.m., games begin 12:45 p.m.
- 3.....Free Community Meal (served first Monday of each month), Graceham Moravian Church, 8231A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. 5:30-7:00 p.m. All are welcome. 301-271-2379.
- 3.....Foundations of Money Management 1, Emmitsburg Library, 300 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Seton Center's Pa\$Sport To Wealth program. Free; no need to pre-register. 301-447-6102.
- 4.....Flu shots at the Thurmont Senior Center. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Bring Medicare card.
- 5.....North Western Frederick County Civic Association Meeting, Sabillasville Elementary School, 1621-B Sabillasville Rd. (Rt. 550), Sabillasville, MD. 6:30 p.m. Mountain Fest/Car Show review. Everyone welcome.
- 5.....Overeaters Anonymous (www.oa.org) Weekly Meeting, Elias Lutheran Church, Pastor's Office, 100 W. North Ave., Emmitsburg. 6:30 p.m. (every Wednesday). OA charges no dues or fees. All welcome.
- 6.....Meet the Chief Night, Chief Eyler & Thurmont Police Conducting Workshop: Business Burglary Prevention, Thurmont Regional Library, 76 E. Moser Rd., Thurmont. 6:00-7:45 p.m. Workshop is a pro-active way to protect you/your business.
- 7,8...Noises Off presented by Thurmont Thespians, Thurmont American Legion, 8 Park Ln., Thurmont. 7:30 p.m. \$15/person. Reservations: 301-271-7613.
- 8 ..... Bingo Bash, Emmitsburg Vol. Ambulance Co., 17701 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. Doors open 4:00 p.m., games begin 7:00 p.m. \$35/advance, \$45/door. 240-285-3184.
- 8.....Open House Veterans Day Celebration, Thurmont Senior Center, 806 E. Main St., Thurmont. 12:00-4:00 p.m. Honoring Thurmont and North Frederick County Veterans. Informative and entertaining. Refreshments served. 301-271-7911.
- 8.....Turkey PotPie Dinner, Woodsboro Lutheran Church, 101 S. Main St., Woodsboro, MD. 12:00-5:00 p.m. \$12/Adults; \$6/ages 6-10. Bake table; carryouts. 301-271-3309 by Nov. 5.
- 8.....Second Annual Fall Craft Show, Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, 10926 Simmons Rd., Emmitsburg. 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Admission free; food available for sale. Over sixty vendors participating. 301-447-3171.
- 8.....Annual Bazaar, The Women's League at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Utica, 10621 Old Frederick Rd., Thurmont. 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Flea market, books, crafts, homemade food. Mary 301-898-8265.
- 8.....Men's Auxiliary Shrimp & Chicken Feed, VFW Post 6658, 12 W. Main St., Emmitsburg. 1:00-4:00 p.m. \$20/person (available at Post).
- 9.....Veterans Day Worship Service and Recognition, Trinity United Church of Christ, 101 East Main St., Thurmont. 11:00 a.m. Luncheon immediately following. Anyone invited to attend. Special recognition given to those currently serving & Veterans who have previously served, as well as any named persons who are deceased and had previously served. 301-271-2305.
- 9.....Southern Gospel Concert with Kevin Spencer, Gaither Alumni, MorningStar Family Church, 14698 Albert Staub Rd., Thurmont. 6:00 p.m. 301-271-3633.
- 9.....Shotgun Shooting Match, Indian Lookout, Riffle Road, Emmitsburg. 1:00 p.m.
- 9.....The Blue Grass Chapel Band, St. John's Lutheran Church, 8619 Blacks Mill Rd., Creagerstown, MD. Refreshments served following music. 7:00 p.m.

- 9....."Hands of a Child" Christmas Card Project, Incarnation United Church of Christ, 124 W. Main St., Emmitsburg. Service activity for children (ages 6 and up) and teens, making cards for Emmitsburg Lions Club & Seton Center Outreach to include with donations to the needy at Christmas. Can earn community service credit. Sponsored by Emmitsburg Council of Churches. 2:00-4:00 p.m. Followed by pizza party. Susan Allen 301-447-6891.
- 9.....Noises Off presented by Thurmont Thespians, Thurmont American Legion, 8 Park Ln., Thurmont. 2:00 p.m. \$15/person. Reservations: 301-271-7613.
- 10.....Foundations of Money Management 2, Thurmont Regional Library, 76 East Moser Rd., Thurmont. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Seton Center's Pa\$Sport To Wealth program. Free & open to public; no need to pre-register. 301-447-6102.
- 14.....Crab Cake Dinner, Vigilant Hose Company, 25 W. Main Street, Emmitsburg. 4:00-7:00 p.m. CHS Safe and Sane 2015 Benefit. \$15/ticket. dwivell5@gmail.com.
- 14.....Roy Rogers Night, Thurmont Roy Rogers. 5:00-8:00 p.m. A portion of sales benefit CHS Safe and Sane 2015.
- 14.....Thurmont Holiday Gallery Stroll, Main St., Thurmont. 6:00-9:00 p.m. Email vgrinder@thurmontstaff.com.
- 14,15..Half-price Veterans' Sale on Household Goods/Books, Seton Center, Inc. Thrift Shop, 16840 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. Federal or Fort Dietrich Veteran I.D. required. Nov. 14 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Nov. 15 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 301-447-6102, ext. 15.
- 14,15..Noises Off presented by Thurmont Thespians, Thurmont American Legion, 8 Park Ln., Thurmont. 7:30 p.m. \$15/person. Reservations: 301-271-7613.
- 15.....Noises Off (Dinner Theater) presented by Thurmont Thespians, Thurmont American Legion, 8 Park Ln., Thurmont. 6:30 p.m. show time. \$35/person (dinner/show included). Reservations: 301-271-7613.
- 15.....Zoo-La-La, The Faux School, 35 S. Carroll St., Frederick, MD. Benefits Catocin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo. Models showing latest fashion & ecounters w/some animals at zoo, food & more. 7:00-10:00 p.m.; meet/greet animals 6:00-7:00 p.m. \$45/person; animal meet/greet \$20/child (ages 5-15). www.eventbrite.com.
- 15.....Troxell: One name... One Night Concert, Catocin High School Auditorium. 7:00 p.m. Benefit Thurmont Senior Center and CHS Music programs. Doors open 6:15 p.m. Pre-purchase tickets \$10/adults 17 and up, \$5/16 and under. Call 301-788-5517. Tickets at door \$12/17 and up, \$8/16 and under. Featuring Richard Troxell.
- 15.....Fall Cash Bash, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center, 103 Church St., Thurmont. Doors open 2:00 p.m.; Games played 3:00-8:00 p.m. Tickets \$25 ea. Only 500 tickets sold & must be purchased in advance. Must be 18 years old to enter/play. 301-447-2367 or 301-271-4439.
- 15.....Retro-Rockets 50's and 60's Dance, Emmitsburg Ambulance Hall, 17701 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 8:00 p.m.-midnight. \$15/in advance or \$100 for a table of 8; \$20/at door or \$35/couple. Melissa Wetzal 301-447-3797. Benefits Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center (EOPCC).
- 15.....Shrimp & Chicken Feed, AMVETS Post 7, 26 Apples Church Rd., Thurmont. 4:00-7:00 p.m. Doors open 3:00 p.m. Dr. Mudcat Karaoke 8:00 p.m.-midnight. \$20/person (no refunds). Purchase tickets at Post bar.
- 15.....Bull & Oyster Feed, Woodsboro American Legion, Post 282, 101 W. Elizabeth St., Woodsboro, MD. Doors open 2:00 p.m. Food served 3:00-6:00 p.m. \$40/person.

- 301-304-0497.
- 15.....Thirty-One, Coach & Vera Bradley Bingo, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg, MD. Doors open 5:30 p.m.; games begin 7:00 p.m. \$20/in advance; \$25/at door. Snow date: Nov. 22. Rebecca 410-756-1815; MSS 301-447-3161.
- 15.....Sandwich Sale, American Legion Squadron 121, 105 N. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. 2:00-6:30 p.m. Eat in or carryout. \$8/platter. 15...White Elephant Sale, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 121, 105 N. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. 7:00 p.m.
- 15,16..Art Exhibit featuring The Wonder of Winter, Art Studio, 14726 Old Frederick Rd., Rocky Ridge, MD. 2:00-5:00 p.m. Light refreshments served and raffles for special prizes. Benefits the Catocin Forest Alliance. 301-271-4459. www.catocinforall.org.
- 16.....Noises Off presented by Thurmont Thespians, Thurmont American Legion, 8 Park Ln., Thurmont. 2:00 p.m. \$15/person. Reservations: 301-271-7613.
- 16.....Organ Dedication Service, St. John's Lutheran Church, 8619 Blacks Mill Rd., Creagerstown, MD. 4:00 p.m. Featuring David Lang on organ & anthem presented by Creagerstown Community Choir. Light refreshments follow service in Parish Hall.
- 18.....VFW Ladies Auxiliary's Bingo, Vigilant Hose Co., 25 E. Main St., Emmitsburg. Doors open 5:00 p.m. Early bird games 6:50 p.m.; regular games 7:00 p.m.
- 21.....Men's Auxiliary Ham & Turkey Giveaway, 12 W. Main Street, Emmitsburg. 6:00-10:00 p.m. Meat tray chances & 50/50 drawings.
- 21...Catocin Voices" Evening of Poetry, 7:00 p.m., Holy Grounds Cafe', Emmitsburg. Jane O' Callaghan Edwards. Poets and public invited. Open readings precede. 301-418-3375.
- 22....Old Field Woodworking's Christmas Open House, 13333 Graceham Rd., Thurmont. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. 301-271-4439.
- 22.....Bake Sale, Emmitsburg Jubilee. Emmitsburg Lions Club.
- 22.....Country Butchering, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13527 Motters Station Rd., Rocky Ridge, MD. Pancake breakfast served 6:00-10:00 a.m. Place orders by Nov. 15. Cindy 301-271-4057.
- 22.....Annual Christmas Bazaar, Johnsville United Methodist Parish Hall, 11106 Green Valley Rd. (Rt. 75), btw. Libertytown & Union Bridge, MD. 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 410-775-7821.
- 22,23..Santa's Christmas Craft Show, Carroll County Agriculture Center, 708 Agriculture Center Dr., Westminster, MD. Nov. 22: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Nov. 23: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. \$3/Adults; Free/ages 15 & under. Santa arrives in helicopter on Saturday (weather permitting) 11:00 a.m.
- 22,23..8th Annual Foothills Artists Studio Tour, Fairfield Valley (just over Mason-Dixon line, west of Gettysburg). Local artists in their studios. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Foothillartists.net.
- 24.....Mackenzie's Light Bereavement and Awareness Group, Thurmont Regional Library, Moser Road, Thurmont. 6:30 p.m. Free and open to anyone. 301-524-8064.
- 27.....122nd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, St. John's Lutheran Church, 8619 Blacks Mill Rd., Creagerstown, MD. 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. \$17/Adults; \$8/ages 7-10; Free/ages under 7. \$18/Carryout.
- 27.....6th Annual Emmitsburg Wattle Waddle, Town Park, Emmitsburg. 8:00 a.m.—5-mile run; 9:30 a.m.—1-mile walk. \$20/adult (before 11/20); \$25/adult (after 11/20). \$5—1-mile walk. Free hot breakfast for runners, walkers, spectators. Benefits Seton Center, Inc. www.emmitsburgturkeytrot.com or Jenni Ryan at 240-285-5904.
- 30.....Emmitsburg Community Chorus' Annual Christmas Concert, Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg. 4:00 p.m.
- 30.....Quiet Love Concert, MorningStar Family Church, 14698 Albert Staub Rd., Thurmont. 6:00 p.m. www.morningstarfc.org.





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

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



394 Seven Stars Rd  
Gettysburg - \$329,900

This lovely Colonial set on 1.87 acres offers 3 bedrooms & 2 & 1/2 baths! Updated flooring including new carpet, ceramic tile and laminate! Great room with gas fireplace, Living room/office with French doors & main level laundry. Lovely front porch overlooking flower garden and small fish pond. Expansive unfinished lower level with walk out to rear yard. Some woods w/ a small trail! A must see

**NEW  
LISTING!!**



11743 Cash Smith Rd.  
Woodsboro, MD - \$424,900

Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 3 full bath colonial w/fantastic views! Main level offers Living, Dining w/hardwoods, crown molding and chair rail, family room w/ gas fireplace & gourmet kitchen. laundry and 1/2 bath. Upper level offers spacious master w/ 2 walk in closets & private bath, 2 large bedrooms & hall bath! Huge rec room w/ full bath in lower level w/ walk up to rear yard! 2 x 6 construction!

**UNDER  
CONTRACT**



27 Blue Ridge Ave.  
Thurmont, MD - \$199,900

Come enjoy convenient in-town living in this comfortable rancher! 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, living room w/ wood burning fireplace and hardwood floors, sunny kitchen w/ breakfast room & spacious dining room with hardwood floors! Great screened porch on rear of home that leads to 2 car garage. Storage room and lovely lot w/mature trees & shrubs! Easy access to Rt 15! A must see at under \$200,000!



16432 Sabillasville Rd.  
Sabillasville - \$544,900

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



Sabillasville, MD - \$139,900

Cute 2 bedroom home in great condition. Nice country kitchen, Laundry has been moved to first floor, large back yard with shed. Great front porch for evening relaxation. Owner will pay up to \$5000 of buyers closing with an acceptable offer



6347 Debold Rd.  
Sabillasville, MD - \$424,900

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



16111 Sabillasville Rd.  
Sabillasville, MD - \$224,900

Beautiful Cape with yesteryear charm but many modern updates including new roof, & central A/C and heat pump installed 2008. Beautiful views all on almost 2 acres! A must see!!



13917 Graceham Rd.  
Thurmont, MD - \$102,000

This colonial offers spacious kitchen, dining and living room on main level with half bath, laundry and mud room! . Roof less than 10 years old, new water heater, large shed, 1/2 acre of ground in lovely little Graceham!



22 Pleasant Acres Dr.  
Thurmont, MD - \$284,900

Gorgeous and so well cared for! This 3 bedroom, 2 full bath rancher offers spacious kitchen, dining & living rooms, fireplace, 9ft ceilings & hardwood floors. 2 car attached garage, 1 car detached garage & a lovely yard!



10198 Briarstone Ct.  
Frederick, MD - \$265,000

This spacious split foyer offers 4 bedrooms, 1 & 1/2 baths, gorgeous custom kitchen with Corian counter tops and large breakfast area with door to covered deck to enjoy the beautiful farm view! Oversized detached garage & 2 sheds! This is a must see!



9629 Gravel Hill Rd.  
Woodsboro - \$219,900

Wonderful Cape Cod offering 3 bedrooms, 1 & 1/2 Baths, and a office/den/nursery! Hardwoods floors throughout (under carpet). Roof replaced in 2009! Expansive lower level with walk up. Great covered rear porch, front porch and 2 car garage!



Wigville Road  
Thurmont - \$374,500

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



12 Robindale Dr.  
Emmitsburg, MD - \$153,900

USDA ELIGIBLE! This 3 bedroom 1.5 bath duplex has so much to offer. Updated roof, windows, siding, exterior doors, water heater and attic fan! Wonderful yard, shed and deck for entertaining!



131 Cody Dr. #24  
Thurmont - \$154,900

Sought after 2nd floor condo in Albert Courts! 2 bedrooms, 2 full bath & elevator in lobby!



15210 Sabillasville Rd.  
Thurmont - \$429,900

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



15429 Kelbaugh Rd.  
Thurmont - \$89,900

Charming vintage brick colonial. 2 bedrooms, 1 full bath (on main level), lilacs. Easy access to Rt. 15. Third Party Approval Required. As-Is.



123 Bosc Ct.  
Thurmont - \$362,000

Meticulously maintained and gorgeous! 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, lower level w/ bar, full bath & walk out to fenced yard w/ pool and huge deck for entertaining! View!



13626 Catoctin Furnace Rd.  
Thurmont, MD - \$154,900

Spacious home on over 3/4 of an acre, currently 3 separate units. Could easily be returned to a single family. Great rental history! AS-IS.

**Beautiful  
Lots!**



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

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



3 Gorgeous Building Lots  
Wigville Rd., Thurmont, MD

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• (\$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)



16.2 Acres Lot Ward Kline Rd  
Myersville, MD - \$160,000

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.