

The Catoctin Banner

www.thecatoctinbanner.com www.epluspromotes.com Your Good News Community Newspaper Serving Northern Frederick County, MD Since 1995

A Family Built Around Shangri-La

by Kent Sieg

The Stottlemeyer family history is no ordinary one. The story detailed here is based on a local romance that blossomed into a life-long commitment. There is a twist to this story, however. Its inception evolved from employment at a very important facility that has dominated the area around Thurmont for three-quarters of a century.

So, when and where did it all begin? During the depths of the Great Depression, one of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal agencies—the Work Projects Administration (WPA)—was undertaking public works on an extensive scale. In 1935, the WPA selected the fields and pastures in the mountains above Thurmont as a demonstration area for a new type of public project. The WPA would build a large recreational preserve in the area, something that would eventually become quite a blessing for the locals.

The first employee under Mike Williams (the construction boss responsible for the project) was a local girl named Beatrice Firor. Beatrice attended Thurmont schools and was from a family that owned a large farm on the east end of the town. She had only recently graduated from Strayer's Business College in Baltimore, when her father's political connections played a role in getting her employment with the U.S. Department of the Interior team of just two people responsible for the project on the mountain. The job was a blessing for Beatrice since work was a scarcity during that time, with the country in a severe economic downturn.

Not only were they the only two on the project team, but they did not even have an office on the mountain. Instead, Beatrice and her supervisor worked out of the Maple Inn, an old hotel on the east end of Maple

Street. She took dictation and handled all other administrative tasks as the project expanded. Within a short time, though, other federal employees arrived. Most were surveyors and buying agents on behalf of the government,

intent upon mapping and purchasing all of the lands in the planned area of the new park. Some landowners were reluctant to sell, but implied threats of condemnation and good offers of hard-to-come-by cash eventually dissipated any initial resistance.

Construction began after the properties were acquired. Many locals found well-paid work clearing brush to allow for building activities to commence. By 1938, numerous roads, an office building, the park manager's house, several cabins, a mess hall, and even a swimming pool had been erected. Eventually, the facility became three distinct camps and was called Hi-Catoctin. It would be put to use both by government employees and handicapped children.

Beatrice's work-site moved up to the mountain just as soon as the office building was complete. She held a key job that touched all aspects of the project; however, she would soon leave that job for a new life chapter. In 1940, she would

marry her high school sweetheart, Paul Stottlemeyer. After leaving his family's farm, Paul had also worked on the mountain as a payroll clerk. They had found the mountain to be a special place. Today—some 75 years later—both can fondly recall numerous parties and other social events that occurred at Hi-Catoctin. They also remember shopping at the only market around at that time, the one on Foxville Road, which had only a few essentials and did not stock dairy products.

Paul and Beatrice Stottlemeyer would soon leave Hi-Catoctin for new experiences elsewhere. They ended up leaving Hi-Catoctin at the same time that President Roosevelt decided to build the summer presidential retreat there.

A Family Built Around Shangri-La...the story of Paul and Beatrice Stottlemeyer is continued on page 32.



Photo by Aaron J. Heiner

Pictured are Paul and Beatrice Stottlemeyer.

A Letter to Santa

by Valerie Nusbaum

Dear Santa,

You're my last resort. I'm one of the few women in the world who doesn't like to shop. I'm terrible at ordering on-line. Without your help, Santa, my family won't have any presents for Christmas. You might as well sit down. This is going to get complicated from this point on.

First, I've been a good girl this year—in the broadest sense of the word. I cooked Thanksgiving

dinner, again, and I catered to everyone's dietary restrictions. That should count for something, right? There have been a few minor transgressions but nothing serious. Besides, if you've been watching me all year long, like the song says, you already know about this stuff. Let's move on, shall we?

A Letter to Santa...continued on page 31.

The Catoctin Banner Hosts Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Let your lights shine this Christmas!

See page 5 for details.



Visit www.thecatoctinbanner.com by scanning the QR tag with your mobile device.

U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit #939
Frederick, MD
21701
PRE-SORTED STANDARD
EGRWS

POSTAL CUSTOMER

The Catoctin Banner Newspaper • 515B East Main Street • Emmitsburg • Maryland 21727

A Special Note from **Bill's Auto Body** during this wonderful holiday season!

We would like to give a special thanks to our
family, friends, neighbors
and especially our
loyal customers for a successful year.

Our loyal customers have provided great support,
which has kept Bill's Auto Body servicing the
community for over 28 years! We look forward
to providing everyone with great service for
any auto body or mechanical servicing needs -
including 24 hr. Towing!
Have a happy & joyous Christmas
and a prosperous New Year.

From the Wachter Family & Staff at Bill's Auto Body

Remember!
Patronize your
local businesses
all year long!

Bill's Auto Body
301.898.5080
12440 Creagerstown Rd., Thurmont, MD

Christmas in Thurmont

Christmas in Thurmont will be held on December 3, 2011 with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony at the Thurmont Town Square at 10:00 a.m. The first 200 kids (12 & under) to visit Santa will receive a goodie bag that is full of surprises. Free photos with Santa for all, free hot cider and cookies, ESP Dancers perform at 11:00 a.m.

Christmas carols and the lighting of the Lions Club Remembrance Tree will take place at 5:00 p.m. next to PNC Bank in the parking lot.

Fifteen grand prizes will be given away in five different age groups in the Hobbs' Hardware parking lot. All activities are free and are sponsored by Thurmont First/EDC & Main Street (Local Thurmont Businesses); www.ThurmontFirst.com. Like us on Facebook.

Christmas in Emmitsburg

The Emmitsburg Business & Professionals Association, the Town of Emmitsburg, and the Carriage House Inn have teamed up to present the 23rd Annual Evening of Christmas Spirit in Emmitsburg on Monday, December 5, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., the Emmitsburg Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on the Emmitsburg Square.

Santa arrives at 6:30 p.m. at the Carriage House Inn where complimentary hot dogs, cookies, entertainment and hayrides will ignite the true spirit of Christmas for the season. Local choirs will perform in Joann's Ballroom. Canned goods and donations will gladly be collected for the Emmitsburg Lions Club's Christmas Food Drive.

Outdoor Live Nativity

The Worship and Music Committee of Grace United Church of Christ at 49 W. Baltimore Street, Taneytown, Maryland, will be presenting an outdoor live nativity for the community on Saturday, December 10, 2011, at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. on the front church property. This living nativity will feature church members, children, a choir, and live animals. This is a free and family-friendly event. This is an opportunity for everyone to get away from the rush of shopping. Come and experience the real reason and joy of Christmas. Light refreshments will be available afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. In case of inclement weather, the alternative date is Saturday, December 17, 2011. Please, no pets.

Mother Seton's Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Bazaar

On December 3, 2011, Mother Seton School will be holding Breakfast with Santa and a Holiday Bazaar, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The breakfast menu includes pancakes, bacon, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy, biscuits, and home fries. The cost is \$6.00/ages 7 to adult; \$4.00/ages 3 to 6; free/ages 2 and under. There will be a \$1.00 charge added to each ticket purchased at the door. Come and have your picture taken with Santa Claus for just \$5. Shop the Holiday Bazaar with local crafters and home business consultants. Free admission to the Bazaar. To pre-order your breakfast tickets, please call 301-447-3161.

Holiday House Tours

The Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company will hold their 2nd Annual Holiday House Tour on Sunday, December 4, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Seven homes and the fire company's activities building will be on display. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Area businesses in Rocky Ridge will also be decorating the town with wooden trees decorated to advertise their businesses. These trees will be placed along Motters Station Road for your viewing enjoyment.

A family tree decorating contest will be held at the activities building during the tours. The Ladies Auxiliary will have soup and sandwiches on sale from noon to 6:00 p.m. at the activities building. Call 301-271-2666.

Advent Festival

Enjoy a Holiday tradition at St. John's Lutheran Church, located next to the Fire Hall in Thurmont, Maryland. The Advent Festival will be held on December 4, 2011, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Bring the whole family and celebrate the holiday season! Free advent crafts and free dinner. To RSVP or for more information, call 301-271-7877.

Fresh Cut Christmas Trees

Find the perfect Christmas tree and help your community at the same time. The Thurmont Lions Club will be selling Christmas trees in the parking lot of the Ace Hardware store on N. Church Street, Thurmont, Maryland. Choose a Douglas Fir or a Blue Spruce for only \$35. The price is the same as last year, and all proceeds from the sale will be used to support Thurmont Lions Club projects in the community. Trees will be available for purchase at the following times: Monday-Friday 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Sundays 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Thurmont Christmas Tree Lighting

The Thurmont Community Christmas Tree, Mechanicstown Park and street decorations will be lit on Saturday, November 26, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. Join us at Mechanicstown Park on the square for this annual event and help us kick off the Christmas Holiday Season.

Taneytown History Museum Holiday of Trees 2011

The Taneytown History Museum will have their annual celebration of the holidays and the arts. The History Museum has making a contest out of inviting businesses, organizations, schools, churches, and local residents to decorate a 2-foot tree, 4-foot tree, wreath and/or centerpiece that are then donated to a silent auction to benefit the Taneytown History Museum. All entries will be on public display during the Holiday of Trees on December 3-17, 2011, at the Taneytown History Museum.

There will also be a coloring contest for school-age children with prizes for each age category: Kindergarten-grade 2, grades 3-5 and grades 6-8. All coloring entries will be on display and winners will be announced at 3:30 p.m. on December 11, 2011. Admission is free. All money placed in the collection boxes will be donated to the Taneytown History Museum. For questions, please contact event coordinator, Jennifer Helm at 443-398-1654.



GATEWAY
PRINTING INC.

Gateway Printing, Inc. has been offering quality printing to the area since 1982. We specialize in providing printing and related communication services to individuals and companies through out the tri-state area. Gateway Printing provides a range of graphical services, including one to four color conventional printing, prepress, finishing, and direct mail.

603 East Main Street
Thurmont, MD 21788

301.271.4685 Ph
301.271.3634 Fx

mail@gateprint.com
www.gateprint.com

Call Us Today For Your Free Quote!

Brochures	Wedding Invitations
Newsletters	Rubber Stamps
Books	Black & White Copies
Letterhead	Color Copies
Envelopes	Fax Service
Business Cards	Full Bindery Service
Flyers	Mailing Service
Labels	Graphic Design
Carbonless Forms	And So Much More!

Full Service Commercial Printer

Meet your local agent...



★★★★★
Real Estate Teams
50 Citizens Way
Suite 400
Frederick, MD 21701
301-695-3020

Scott Clabaugh
\$524,927 - Excellent custom built Victorian home.
Lots of upgrades & amenities. 
See local listings at www.realestateteams.com
(P)301-606-5082
gateway232@gmail.com

MHIC 66981

MHBR 1238



Clabaugh Construction

Scott Clabaugh
GENERAL CONTRACTOR
Quality Construction
Fast Trustworthy Service
Thurmont, MD
(P)301-271-3033
(C)301-606-5082
Clabaugh176@gmail.com

2011 Thurmont Christmas House Tour

The Christmas House Tour is an event that brings together the beauty of the holiday season and the rich history of Thurmont. On December 10 and 11, 2011, you are invited inside eight homes, plus the Creeger House, as they open their doors and share their holiday cheer with you. Join the Thurmont Lions Club and the Thurmont Historical Society for this special annual event. Learn the history of the homes and enjoy the creative holiday displays.

All nine locations will be open for touring, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 10; from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 11. Tickets are only \$20 and are now available at Hobbs Hardware, Hillside Turkey Farms, Timeless Trends Boutique, Brown's Jewelry and Gifts, or from members of the Thurmont Lions Club or the Thurmont Historical Society. Tickets will also be available on December 3, 2011, at the Creeger House during "Christmas in Thurmont."

It's A Wonderful Life in Thurmont

The holiday season in Historic Thurmont, Maryland, is a magical one. On Saturday, December 3, 2011, from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., visitors are invited to participate in the 9th Annual Christmas in Thurmont—an old-fashioned holiday event. Our visitors can explore the many fine businesses that make Thurmont their home. Santa is with us and has gifts for the children that visit. Come and have your photo taken with Santa! For the adult children, they receive a map in which they need to secure stamps throughout the town. They can turn in stamped pages and be eligible for grand prize drawings. Enjoy cookies and hot cider. Businesses will be offering holiday specials, and everyone will come together in the afternoon for Christmas caroling around the Lions Club Remembrance Tree. The winning raffle ticket will be chosen for our "Scooter" Raffle, and the Washington Capitals Ice Hockey package for two. Enjoy a full day of events! Dancing demonstrations with the ESP dancers and entertainment by our local Catocin Show Choir, tour the historic Creeger House, holiday events at the Thurmont Public Library, and of course, the best part...Santa and prizes! Visitors will love starting their holiday season in Thurmont, and they will create lasting memories.

Residents and businesses are able to purchase the 'blank' kit for \$10. The blank 'kit' can be picked up at Kinnaid Memorials, 6 Boundary Ave., Monday- Friday 9-5:00 pm and Saturdays 9-4:00 pm. It is then left to the creativity and imagination of the person to create a one-of-a-kind candy cane or ornament. Once decorated the designs are displayed on December 3, 2011, through January 7, 2012. To top off this wonderful display of Thurmont creativity, the ornaments will be sold at Silent Auction. Place your bids any time during the display at Timeless Trends Boutique, 21 E. Main Street, Thurmont MD 21788, or call 240-288-8226. For more information, please contact Stacie Zelenka, Chairperson at 240-446-2846 or pspondscapes@msn.com, or Cindy McKane-Wagester, Main Street Manager at 301-271-7313 or cindy@thurmontstaff.com.

EVAC Christmas Tree Lot

The Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company (EVAC), located at 17701 Creamery Rd. Emmitsburg, will sell Christmas Trees daily from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Frazier Fir and Douglas Fir trees are available. Trees are \$30.00 (5-6 Foot), \$35.00 (6-7 Foot), and \$40.00 (7-8 Foot). Wreaths are also available for \$20.00. All trees are purchased from a local grower; wreaths also purchased locally.

Don't miss Santa's visit to the EVAC Christmas Tree Lot from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. on December 18, 2011. Pictures with Santa are available for a \$2 donation.

Apples Church Anniversary Prints Available

Local artist, Rebecca Pearl, created a watercolor painting entitled "Worship and Learning Since 1760" to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of Apples Church. A total of 150 prints are for sale. Artist's prints are sold out, but regular prints are still available at \$50 each. Proceeds benefit cemetery improvements. Call 301-271-2068 to purchase your historic print.



holiday cheer

The Catocin Banner Hosts Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Will your home sparkle and shine in celebration of the holiday season? Be festive, creative, and use your imagination when decorating, then enter *The Catocin Banner's* Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Simply call in to nominate your home—or a home you think could win—by December 12, 2011. *The Catocin Banner* will judge only the homes you nominate during the week of December 12-16, so leave your lights on for us between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Call *The Catocin Banner* Contest Line at 240-288-0108 to give the address of the home you are nominating. Homes must fall within the coverage area of the newspaper, which includes zip codes 21780, 21719, 21787, 21788, and 21727. Three cash prize winners will be announced in the January issue of your *The Catocin Banner* newspaper.

Collection Boxes for Toys for Tots

Cub Scout Pack 270 is participating in the 2011 Toys for Tots campaign. Collection boxes for new, unwrapped toys will be located at the Food Lion in Thurmont, the Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont, and the Thurmont Public Library through December 18, 2011. The Toys will be presented to the Marines at the December Pack Meeting. This is a great opportunity for our community to bring some holiday cheer to deserving children!


Thurmont Food Bank Needs Your Help

The Thurmont Food Bank continues to need your assistance providing food for the growing numbers of people seeking help. Last month alone 1093 individuals were fed through the generosity of those who gave donations. Food can be dropped off at the Town Hall or at the food bank during regular hours and checks can be mailed to TFB, P.O. Box 74, Thurmont, MD 21788. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please call 301-712-5356.

mail.
101 N. Altamont Ave.
Thurmont, MD 21788

phone.
301.271.2802

web.
wellerumc.com



Remember Jesus this season.

**Don't let the holidays keep
you from the manger.**

Christmas Eve Services

December 24, 2011


7:00pm, Family Service
Contemporary candlelight service

11:00pm, Candlelight Service
Traditional candlelight service

Christmas Day Service

December 25, 2011

10:00am, Family Service
Special combined worship service



Please join us for worship! At Weller United Methodist Church,
Our family is your family.



Darren Rice of Foxville sent in a beautiful photo of our October snow that was taken on Brown Road.

Morning Watch

A selection from the OLAF Collection by Francis Smith

Many mornings
In the darkest darkness
Blackest blackness
Of pre-dawn, I rise to watch
And welcome day's awakening.
In the absence of light
In patient expectation
I inhale the silence
So slowly comes my breath;
So still yet sudden
Shows a hint of gray.
I never see it change, yet soon
A gray-and-silver lighting
Spreads beyond the clouds,
A backdrop for the fluffy filigree
By moonlight shone so white
Now stretching in mysterious
strands

And varied hues of charcoal.
Anon pale ribbons of the dawn
Begin to light the jet streams
And distant mountain peaks.
Shades of slowly warming pink
(and apricot and peach)
Stain the clouds and hold me
Breathlessly enthralled
So unannounced does come the
dawn.
And now a sudden sun in gold-red
glory
Bursts upon my bated world.
So comes the day so glorious!
Another miracle God has made
To make me marvel more. Praise
be!

Church Holiday Services

United Methodist Church (UMC)

United Methodist Church is located at 313 Main Street, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

—December 22, 2011, “Blue Christmas” Worship. Worship service for those in the community who find the holiday season especially hard. The Worship Service will be held at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call 301-288-1373.

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church is located at 15116 Foxville Church Rd, Sabillasville, Maryland.

—Christmas Eve Candle Light Service, December 24, 2011, Service will be held at 7:00 p.m., featuring carols and scripture readings. All are welcome to come and enjoy a special service at our lovely quaint country church.

For more information, please contact Pastor Julie Brigham at 301-824-7774.

Weller United Methodist Church

Weller United Methodist Church is located at 101 N. Altamont Avenue, Thurmont, Maryland.

—December 24, 2011, Family Service, Contemporary Candlelight Service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

—December 24, 2011, Traditional Candlelight Service will be held at 11:00 p.m.

—December 25, 2011, Christmas Day Service, 10:00 a.m., Family Service.

For more information, please call 301-271-2802.

St. Stephen's United Church of Christ

St. Stephen's United Church of Christ is located at 25445 Highfield Road, Cascade, Maryland.

—December 24, 2011, Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship will be held at 10:00 p.m.

Germantown Church of God

Germantown Church of God is located at 16924 Raven Rock Road, Cascade, Maryland.

— December 24, 2011, Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7:00 p.m., which will include plenty of carols and holiday music, along with a message and a service of Candle lighting.

— December 25, 2011, Christmas Sunday morning, a special Family-oriented worship service at 10:00 a.m. A visit from one of the shepherds is expected. Come and join in this Christmas Worship celebration.

For more information, please contact Pastor Mark A Hosler at 301-241-3050.

Eyler's Valley Chapel

Eyler's Valley Chapel is located at 6629 Eyler's Valley Flint Road, Sabillasville, Maryland.

—December 15, 2011 through December 20, 2011, Service held at 7:00 p.m.

—December 21 through December 23, 2011, Services held at 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

—December 24, 2011, Services held at 5:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 9:30 p.m., and 11:00 p.m.

For more information, please call 301-271-1104. For cancellations turn to WFMD-930AM or got to www.eylersvalleychapel.com.

Thurmont Kountry Kitchen

17 Water St., Thurmont, MD
(P) 301-271-4071 • (F) 301-271-0957

Our Back Dining Room is OPEN! Call for Reservations!

8 pc. Chicken Special
Every Weds.\$11.99
two sides included.

Snack Trays Available!
Cookie Trays of Every Kind!
Meat & Cheese Snack Trays
Pies & Cakes
big & small we do 'em all!

Please help us
fill our Food Bank
Coke Bottle for the
Holidays!

Christmas Extravaganza
Dec. 3, 2011 • 10 am - 4 pm
(Cash & Carry)
Featuring Mary Kay, Avon,
Vantel Pearls & Thirty One!

21 Days of Christmas Give Away
We draw names and give
something away everyday
until Christmas!
Starts Dec. 2, 2011

We have all of your Holiday Favorites!

- Chix, Turkey or Ham Salad
- Cranberry Meatballs
- Cole Slaw
- Potato & Macaroni Salad
- Cucumber Salad
- Cranberry Nut Salad
- Grandma's Apple Sauce
- Raisin Cakes
- Pumpkin, Apple and Mincemeat Pies

WE WILL BE CLOSING AT
2 P.M. ON CHRISTMAS EVE!
WE WILL RE-OPEN AT 6 A.M. ON DEC. 26

ALL FOOD
ORDERS MUST BE
IN BY DEC. 20

OPEN REGULAR
HOURS NEW
YEARS WEEKEND!

Check us out on Facebook
to see our daily specials!

The Real Thurmont Kountry Kitchen



Cindy Grimes

301- 271-3487, x24

301-788-5354

Cindy_Grimes@msn.com

frederickcountyhomefinder.com

For All Your Real Estate Needs!

J & B Real Estate

13½ Water Street
Thurmont, MD

Lots for Sale

Rocky Ridge- \$79,900
1.73 Acre building lot with
4 bedroom conv. perc.
close to covered bridge.

Cascade-\$29,900
.36 Acre/Pen Mar Rd.
Beautiful lot close to park
with winter views of the
valley. Public water and
sewer!



25331 Military Rd.
Cascade/Fort Ritchie-\$199,900
Commercial property offers
so many options! Solidly
constructed brick 2 story bldg.
ready for occupancy. Approx
2900 sq. ft with a 3 bedroom, 2
bath apartment on second floor
(currently rented) could also
be used as a 2 bedroom, 1 bath
apartment with separate office
w/bath. Previously used as a
bank with drive through. Call
Bonita Smith!



12604 Catocin Furnace Rd.
Thurmont- \$24,900
Value in land only. Build
on lot and save impact fees!
Property sold AS-IS, seller will
make no repairs. No well or
septic. No Furnace.



7301E Friends Creek Rd.-
\$375,000

This vintage 2 bedroom, 1 bath
log home is the getaway you
have been looking for! Rustic
home with gorgeous hardwood
floors, stone fireplace, screened
porch and recent spacious
addition to include a custom
kitchen and dining room with
the most magnificent view of the
valley! Situated on 57 acres of
woods that includes a pond, a
large 2+car garage and 30 x 58
pole barn. Call Bonita Smith!



134 Hammaker St.
Thurmont- \$159,900
3 bedroom, 2 full and
2 half bath townhome,
partially finished basement
with half w/bath. Fenced
back yard. The carpets have
just been cleaned. Needs
just a little tender loving
care.



Wigville Rd- Thurmont
3 gorgeous building
lots just minutes from
Cunningham Falls
SP. (\$219,000- 13.35
Acres, 6 BR, perc, well)
(\$179,900- 5 Acres,
5 BR, perc, well)
(\$169,900- 5.57 Acres,
6 BR, perc, 2 wells)



14750 Sabillasville Rd.
Thurmont- \$362,900
Spacious 2750 sq. ft rancher
with in ground pool on over
.75 of an acre! Gorgeous
cherry kitchen, hardwood
floors, stone fireplace and
incredible library/office off
of master suite with built-
ins and separate entrance!



Happy Holidays!

from J&B Real Estate



3 E. Main St.
Thurmont- \$164,900
Excellent opportunity to
own a retail storefront with
2 one bedroom apartments
upstairs (both currently
rented), laundry on second
floor for tenants, many
possibilities! Recently
updated. Storefront
currently offered for rent.
Call Bonita Smith!



Tower Road,
Thurmont Area
3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath
rancher, attached garage
plus large storage shed/
garage, on 1.09 acre
wooded lot. Needs a little
TLC. Call Bonita Smith
FR 7693309



16146A Kelbaugh Rd.
Thurmont-
Great opportunity! Value
is in land! 2 bedroom sand
mound perc, buyer to install
well. House on property is
a total rehab or demolition
project to build the beautiful
home of your dreams.
Call Bonita Smith!



113 Bennett Dr.
Thurmont- \$289,900
UNIQUE PROPERTY!
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 3.5
bath Cape Cod in desirable
Bennett Estates! Come see
the beautiful hardwood floors,
large main level master suite,
lower level rec room with full
bath, huge 3 car garage with
full attic storage above and
fully fenced backyard with bi-
level deck! New Trane
HVAC system!

This spacious 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath
modified cape is just fantastic! Over
3400sq. ft. with large living spaces,
tons of hardwoods, a stone fireplace
and in-ground pool, all located on
22 acres of expansive pastures with
gorgeous views! A lovely pond, creek,
greenhouse, barn and tractor shed
round out the property! Updated
windows, roof, HVAC and is freshly
painted! This is a must see.



13005 Graceham Rd. Thurmont - \$499,900

9 Meadow Lane, Thurmont-\$157,500



Practically Brand New! This
home is so well done! 2 bedroom,
1 bath newly renovated rancher.
Sunny kitchen offers, custom
cabinets, ceramic tile floor and
new appliances. Updated bath,
with ceramic tile and solid
surface vanity top! New windows
throughout. Hardwood floors,
crown molding, new vinyl siding,
front porch, central heat and a/c
and so much more!

Wounded Warriors Take on Hill Country for Pheasants

by Deb Spalding

Event Coordinator, Ken Shreve, of the Mason Dixon Chapter of Safari Club International (SCI) serving Pennsylvania and Maryland, in conjunction with George Warner of Hill Country Sporting Estate in Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania hosted an Inaugural Pheasant Hunt for Wounded Warriors on November 17 and 18, 2011 on the grounds of Hill Country. A group of five wounded warriors from the Marine, Army and Navy branches of our military attended the pheasant hunt. While being treated at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, this hunt and other sporting adventures provide an integral part of the warriors' physical and mental therapy program.

James 'Ross' Colquhoun, Outdoor Field & Stream Program Manager and Fire Arms Trainer for Walter Reed National Military Medical Center coordinated the sign-ups and navigated the process of clearance with their various doctors and chain of command for each of the participants. Colquhoun has coordinated approximately 120 events for as many as 700 warriors over the past five years. In regard to this event, he said, "George Warner

and the members of the Safari Club are dedicated sportsmen. It's their small way of saying thank you."

SCI volunteer Sandy Stutz said, "This experience was like Christmas for these Warriors." She added, "The Welcoming Social with the delicious BBQ prepared by John and Peggy Vander Cruysen, competitive BBQ champions, aka "Cruzen 2 Q" and their friend, Bob, was a special treat for the Warriors when they arrived at the Lodge at Blue Ridge Summit Thursday afternoon."

During the hunt on Friday, the Warriors had the opportunity to be very open to talk about their wounds, experiences and healing process. Stutz said, "They have great spirits and don't see themselves as victims.... they are getting on with their lives. They spoke highly of the care and support they are receiving. One of the Marines lost one leg below the knee and the other leg above the knee. He was wearing some of the latest technology in prosthetics. He gave us a tutorial of the technology and how it worked for him. During the hunt on Friday, he walked no less

than a mile. Yes, he was tired, but he told Darv Stutz.....he felt great!"

The sponsorship and collaboration of the hunt provided an opportunity for civilians to say "thank you" for their service and sacrifice. In addition to the efforts by members of the Mason Dixon SCI, many sponsors provided donations for the event.

Ross Colquhoun called Ken Shreve when the Warriors arrived back at the Medical Center and told Shreve that the Warriors didn't stop talking about the hunt all the way home. What this says is that events like this are really healing. The



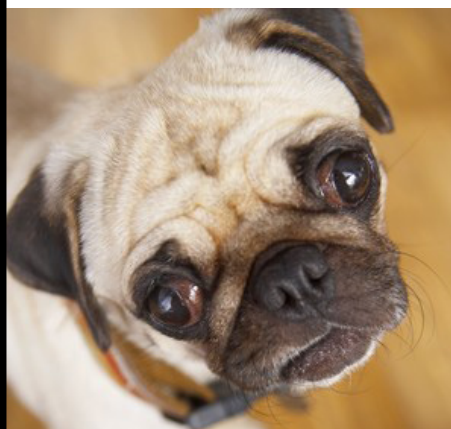
Courtesy Photo

Wounded Warriors and collaborators of the Inaugural Pheasant Hunt for Wounded Warriors are pictured on November 18, 2011 at the Hill Country Sporting Estate in Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania.

Warriors felt very validated as did all who participated in this wonderful experience.

For more information regarding this Inaugural Pheasant Hunt for Wounded Warriors, please contact Ken Shreve, Event Coordinator via email kens@hamiltonnissan.com or phone at 301-573-6819.

Looking For
Someone
Who Cares?



CLC Pet Sitting

Care, Loving, Concern
In the comfort of your home
Days/Overnight/Vacation

Bonded & Insured / VISA & Master
Card Accepted

Recommended by Catocin
Veterinary Clinic

Cindy L. Colburn

**240-288-8279
301-524-0004**

Keep warm this winter with...

The Paca Place

Experience the Elegance of Alpaca

Apparel, Sweaters, Hats, Scarves,
Gloves, Stuffed Animals,
Yarn, Gifts and Much More!

Store Hours for December

Saturday 10 am - 4 pm,

Monday & Thursday 1 pm - 5 pm

or call for an appointment

Call us today:

301-898-3789

Visit the Ranch Store or Shop online at www.ThePacaPlace.com

12125 Old Frederick Rd., Thurmont, MD 21788

Send Us Your Hunting Pics!

We had an exceptional response to our first-ever display of hunting photos last winter. We didn't include other types of game in this spread because there just isn't enough space. So, this year we are inviting tastefully presented hunting pictures for inclusion in our January issue.

Send us your tasteful hunting photo (with or without a deer in the photo), along with the details of your photo to news@thecatocinbanner.com.



**HOFFMAN'S
MARKET**

**Jerky • Sausage • Bologna
Seasonings • Casings**



Deli Subs • Hershey's Ice Cream

Lunch Meats • Sweet Tea

301-271-4707

**405 East Main Street
Thurmont, MD**

(Across from Thurmont Middle School)

Morning Star: A Perfect Gift Holds Ribbon Cutting

Morning Star: A Perfect Gift is a non-profit, full-service Christian bookstore resource celebrating 25 years of ministry by relocating back to Thurmont, MD. Their Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting was held on October 1, 2011 at their new location at 101 Frederick Road in Thurmont, next to the Cozy Country Inn. Family, friends and local town officials were in attendance. They also celebrated by participating in the second annual Christian Store Week October 1-10 which was a cooperative effort of U.S. Christian stores and World Vision to alleviate child hunger in the U.S. and around the world. There were planned sales events to support the hunger-relief initiative, including the local Thurmont food bank, also drawings and give-aways during the month of October.

The Directors, Carl and Mary Margaret Bittle, are members of the Thurmont First Economic Development Committee (EDC) and are participating in the activities



Photo by John Kinnaird

Pictured left to right front row at the Ribbon Cutting are Carl Bittle, Josiah Garcia, Mary Margaret Bittle; middle row: Susan Garcia, Glenn Muth, Mayor Marty Burns; back row: Cindy McKane-Wagester, Bill Buehrer, Nancy Walton, Han-Kyou Choi, Kang-Kyou Kim, Pastor Harold Walton, and Doris Roman.

for Christmas In Thurmont on Saturday, December 3. There are drop-off boxes for Food Drive, Coat Drive and Socks for Seniors. Currently Morning Star: A Perfect Gift is conducting a Christmas sale with many specials to help customers celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. "Behold! I bring you good tidings of great JOY...a Savior

Planes, Boats, and Helicopters at Fitzgerald's

The folks at Fitzgerald's Auto & Cycle Service located at 17307 North Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg invite holiday shoppers to stop in to see their new inventory of toy and hobby grade remote control air planes, helicopters and boats. The boats go as fast as 30 miles per hour and airplanes have wing spans of up to 48" and even higher. The helicopters have gyroscopes for stability control in flight. Some of these crafts have video and camera capabilities.

All items are priced to sell for Christmas running from \$9.99 to mid \$200.00. Also see Fitzgerald's line of four wheelers, scooters and go carts. Call 301-447-6274 for more information.



Photo by Deb Spalding

Petey Fitzgerald shows some of the capabilities of one of the hobby helicopters in his store.

What Christmas Carol is a favorite of parents?

Silent Night!

is born, who is Christ the Lord!" Contact the bookstore by calling 240-356-0320 or 717-597-4777 or email morningstargift@gmail.com. Shop their website and save on a wide variety of items - www.

morningstar.deepershopping.com Call or stop by the shop and pick up their Christmas Sale Catalog and Kids Flier. The Bittles have a gift waiting for you for coming into the store!

Gateway Market

Candyland · Liquor · Ice Cream · Gifts

Liquor Specials

Jim Bean 1.75 lt.	\$23.99
Svedka Vodka 1.75 lt.	\$18.99
Bacardi Rum 1.75 lt.	\$19.99
Capt. Morgan 1.75 lt.	\$23.99

Wine Specials

Estancia Cab 750 ml.	\$9.99
Bogle Petite Sirah 750 ml	\$8.99
Rex Goliath - All Var. 1.5 lt.	\$8.99
Woodbridge - All Var. 1.5 lt.	\$10.99

Large selection of Craft Beers
Special Orders Welcome!

Prices Good Dec. 2 thru Dec. 12

*Watch for other liquor specials!

**Rt. 15 & N. Franklinville Rd
Thurmont 301-271-2322**



**COME & SEE OUR NEW
ASHER'S FINE CHOCOLATES!
MIX & MATCH FOR
A GREAT GIFT!**

**OLD Tyme
CHRISTMAS HARD CANDY!
REGULAR & SUGAR-FREE**

**LARGE SELECTION OF
COUNTRY CHRISTMAS
GIFTS AND CRAFTS**



**Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year to all of
our customers!
- From your family at Gateway**

Candy Making Chocolates & Supplies

Candy molds, Merckens
Chocolates & Supplies!
Over 200 Cookie Cutters!
Huge variety of Sugars &
Decorations!



**ALL GIFTS
20% OFF
Dec. 9, 10 & 11**

No limit w/ coupon only.



Open M-Th 8-9; Fri & Sat 8-10; Sun 10-7

Treasures of the Americas in Emmitsburg

by Arietta Grimmert

Maria Henry, a native of Nicaragua, came to America fifteen years ago. Her first desire was to visit The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Maryland. From this experience, she stated, "I was determined to find my way back to God." She said that she knew His grace was with her to direct her to help those who were in need. As a result, she and her family moved into this area, and she gave her new home the name "La Petite Maison de Lourdes" (the little house of Lourdes), which also reflects her maiden name, Lourdes. The name "Lourdes" in France refers to a place where many people go in pilgrimage for healing. Thus, she wanted her home to be a temporary place for anyone in need. Almost immediately, she volunteered for many different things to help people in her parish, the St. Joseph's Church community. Through the years, several people have stayed in her home, and, to this day, friends from out of town will call and come to her home for prayer and for a few days of retreat.

Over the course of time, she began getting items from different areas of the Americas including beautifully hand-made items from Nicaragua and items from Central and South American countries (the Americas) and even locally-made items. One such piece that she is particularly fond of was made by a former missionary who served



Photo by Arietta Grimmert

for thirty-two years in Africa and then settled in Sabillasville. The culmination of her collection was the creation of her shop, 'Treasures of the Americas' located on Main Street in Emmitsburg. Even though Maria is quite busy with her shop and working part-time, she is still able to support two families in her home country of Nicaragua by taking them much-needed items when she visits.

She would like for you to come in and browse around her shop and enjoy a little piece of America from other parts of the Americas. Maria is asking that local artisans consider bringing in their items on a 30 percent consignment. She is looking for unique and attractive items that will provide healing and beauty in any home.

Maria is also involved with a wellness company by the name of Melaleuca, ego-friendly products for both house and family—items range from crackers to vitamins, facial products to cleaning produces. These items are exceptional products at reasonable prices. In addition, these products not only provide environmental and personal wellness, but also family wellness. The Shop is open from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday through Friday.

Ravens Cheerleaders at Rubes Crab Shack, Too!

Rube's Crab Shack, Too!, on North Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg, will host Baltimore Ravens Cheerleaders on Friday, December 2, 2011, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. EdenRock plays from 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Door prizes and ticket give-aways set a foundation of fun. Rube's will offer a special 16-ounce Miller Lite Tin with a Raven logo for \$2.00 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Join in the cheer!

Seton Center Outreach Prepares for a Busy Holiday Season

Many local residents are familiar with the name Seton Center, but how many of you really know what Seton Center does and who they help?

Seton Center Outreach and Thrift Shop is located at 16840 South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg, Maryland, across from the big beautiful Basilica of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. Anyone coming into Emmitsburg can't help but notice this huge brick-domed building. Seton Center's modest offices and Thrift Shop are located across the street and in the same complex as the Emmitsburg Early Learning Center.

Named after the Emmitsburg saint who started the Sisters/Daughters of Charity in the United States, Seton Center is still run by the Daughters of Charity today. Their ongoing mission is to offer supportive human services to those in need in northern Frederick County. What does that mean? It means that when our neighbors need short-term emergency assistance with rent, utilities, medical, food, or clothing for various reasons, Seton Center tries to help. It also means that Seton Center works with other agencies throughout the county to try and help their clients get the services they need. In addition, Seton Center is working hard to break the cycle of poverty in our area by providing job search support and skills training.

Seton Center operates the only Thrift Shop in the area, with all revenue going back to Seton Center's Outreach programs. The Thrift Shop sells quality clothing and shoes for adults and children, household goods, and many other items at very reasonable prices.

As the holidays approach, Seton Center is preparing for a very busy season. With more of our neighbors out of work or on limited income and in need of assistance, Seton Center is asking for your help. There are several ways you can make a direct impact right here in your community: (1) If your employer sponsors a United Way or Combined Federal Campaign, consider designating Seton Center Inc. as your recipient. Seton Center's United Way number is 4583 or you can just write in Seton Center, Inc. on any Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). Your contribution really does make a significant impact locally. Many of Seton Center's grants are being cut for budget reasons, and their ability to help our neighbors is being impacted tremendously because of these cuts; and (2) Each Thanksgiving and Christmas, Seton Center sponsors the "Helping Hands" program. This program provides non-perishable food items, gift certificates for perishable food items, new clothing, and new toys to eligible families and individuals who are struggling during the holidays. This year, more of our neighbors are struggling financially. If you, your business, or your organization is able to become a "Helping Hands" sponsor or would like to volunteer, Seton Center would be greatly appreciative.

The holidays are a very busy time and can be very stressful to those struggling for a variety of reasons. Please consider helping our neighbors by assisting agencies—like Seton Center—that can really make a difference in our community.



EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND

Have a Happy Holiday at the Ott House!!

Merry Christmas from the Ott Family and Staff

It's not too late to book your Christmas Party!

Entertainment Schedule

Dec 2 & 3 - Wylde Fire

Dec 9 & 10 - Stick Time

Dec 16/17 - Red Line

Dec 23 - DJ Denny 80's Dance Party

Dec 30 - DJ Denny

What a great gift idea!

Stop in to pick up a Gift Certificate or Ott House Apparel...

Great gifts for family & friends!

301-447-2625

Visit us at the Square of Emmitsburg!

Catoctin

Veterinary Clinic

Jonathan Bramson, VMD • Susan P. Keane, DVM • Brooke Hoffman Ridinger, DVM
4 Paws Place, Thurmont, MD



Keep 'em outta Santa's cookies!

We would like to wish you and your family a Happy & Healthy Holiday!

We will be closing early Dec. 24th, & Closed Dec. 25th,
We will be closed Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st (New Years Day)

Fleas and Ticks are on the move! Make sure your pet is protected!

301-271-0156

Office Hours by Appt:
Mon/Thur 8-7
Tues/Wed/Fri 8-5
Sat 8-12

Roddy Creek Automotive & Storage, Inc.

By Aaron Heiner

Recently opened, Roddy Creek Automotive & Storage, Inc. offers automotive detailing and mechanical work. On-site, the new business also offers vehicle lots for long-term storage of RVs and boats. The storage lot also has an enclosed building, featuring 10x10 foot lockers for self-storage.

Tyler Phelps, the Service Manager at Roddy Creek Automotive, talks about the various types of vehicle detailing the business can do, "Automotive, boat, RV—anything that can be brought to us to detail, we can detail," Phelps states.

Phelps, a former heavy machine diesel mechanic, notes what he likes most about working at Roddy Creek Automotive & Storage, Inc., "The relationship I can build with the customers. I enjoy the great atmosphere. We all work as a team."

Roddy Creek Automotive & Storage, Inc. main business appears to be its vehicle repair facility. The garage offers a full line of services, from a simple oil change to full engine service. Inside the garage, there are several hydraulic lifts that can handle a multitude of different vehicle sizes and weights.

Magdi Hassanein, the company's Chairman, states, "Number one, we build a nice relationship between the customer and our service. Second, is the trust between each other and the community; it is very important, and with my experience in different businesses, this is the best way to add to the customer experience." Hassanein goes on to state that Roddy Creek Automotive & Storage,

Inc. provides exceptional customer service.

Recently, a customer brought his vehicle in to be serviced due to the warning light on his dash signaling that his car needed service. The mechanic soon discovered a fault code on his car's on-board computer—the fault was a sensor embedded in a critical part of the car. The initial conclusion was that the entire part would need to be replaced. The cost to replace the part, including labor, was nearly \$800.

However, upon further investigation, Phelps and the mechanic working on the customer's car, concluded that rather than replacing the entire part, they could just replace a single component—the faulty sensor—which could be ordered from the manufacturer at a cost of just \$8. The total cost of the repair was suddenly cut down dramatically. In this instance, replacing a single component rather than an entire part was the best solution for the customer, even when initially conventional wisdom stated the entire part needed to be replaced.

An important part of Hassanein's ideology for Roddy Creek Automotive & Storage, Inc. is to provide jobs to the area and a place of employment for younger mechanics so they may have the opportunity to grow in their career. Equally important is a sense of contributing to the well-being and economic growth of the town.

In the future, the company would like to expand its operation to include construction equipment,

business news



Photo by Aaron J. Heiner

Tyler Phelps, Service Manager, and Magdi Hassanein, Chairman of the Roddy Creek Automotive & Storage, Inc., stand in front of a vehicle in service at their new location at the corner of Roddy Creek Road and the Catocin Mountain Highway.

as well as the exportation of construction equipment via cargo containers. Due to Thurmont's close proximity to the Baltimore's port authority, this goal is within reach.

Roddy Creek Automotive & Storage Inc. is located at 7702 Roddy Creek Road, just north of Thurmont.

**Wishing You
a Happy New
Year!**

—from all of us at
The Catocin Banner

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

- Gas Furnaces
- Heat Pumps
- Oil Furnaces
- Air Cleaners

- Air Conditioners
- Thermostats
- Maintenance Plans
- Commercial RTU's and Duct Systems

Serving Frederick and the Surrounding Counties

301-898-5050

www.acexpresshvac.com

Lic # 01-10588

Give the Gift of... LEARNING!

Call EELC to learn
about special
holiday programs!

Preschool & School
Age Programs
Before & After
School Care
Transportation to
from:
Emmitsburg Elementary
| Mother Seton |
Fairfield Elementary &
Middle
School Age Game Room
Preschool Tutorial
Programs for Phonics,
Math, Art, & Music

Come see what Emmitsburg Learning
Center can do for you and your
family! We provide quality childcare
at affordable rates! Call today to
find out more information and
reserve your child's space!

Now Enrolling!

Enroll now & receive your first week's of tuition FREE*

Opens at 5:45 am &
Closes at 6:00 pm

Available for Children Ages
18 months - 12 years Full Time and
Part Time Schedules, Preschool Curriculum
Activities, Nutritious
Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack (NO extra cost),
Special Center
Events, Nature Walks, Arts & Crafts,
Educational Curriculum


*New enrollment only.


Emmitsburg Early Learning Center

16840 S. Seton Ave.
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

(301)447-6100

emmitsburgearlylearningcenter.com


Happy
 with your fuel
 supplier?

NO? 

Then call...
McLaughlin's!

For A Painless Change To Our
 Great "Close To Home Service!"
**Fuel Oil • Kerosene
 Propane (LP) Gas**

FREE!

- Swap out your current LP Cylinder with our modern equipment
- Perform a safety & leak check on your system
- For all NEW Auto/Keep-Full Watchdog Oil Customers Complete Fuel Tank and Heating System Inspection with Burner Efficiency Report

Good Through Dec. 31, 2011


Equal Monthly Payment
 Plans Available!

A family owned & operated
 business since 1954
 Dedicated to providing your
 family's Heating Oil &
 Propane needs!

(Just over the mountain!)
 11931 Buchanan Trail East
 Waynesboro, PA 17628

717-762-5711

800-463-5711



"Nothing Heats Like A Flame"

Hours:
 Mon-Fri 8 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sat - 9 a.m. - 12 noon

Local Business Receives the 2011 Frederick County Community Leader Award

The Frederick County Business Development Advisory Council (BDAC) and the Office of Economic Development (OED) held their Annual Business Reception at Martins in Walkersville.

Over 200 Frederick County business representatives, elected officials, and partner organizations attended this year's event. A brief awards ceremony was held to honor three Frederick County businesses and recognize a Frederick Innovative Technology Center (FITCI) graduate.

According to Laurie Boyer, OED Director, "This year we wanted to honor companies that are positively contributing to Frederick County's economy and have shown remarkable innovation, creativity, and sustained commitment to corporate responsibility." All of the award winners are community leaders and give back to the community in a variety of ways.

Thurmont's very own Catoctin Mountain Orchard was one of the three businesses presented with the 2011 Frederick County Community Leader Award. Catoctin Mountain Orchard is a well-known family operation in Thurmont. In addition to providing some of the finest fruits, vegetables, and baked goods, they also donate their products to the community in numerous ways.

Catoctin Mountain Park Ranger Debra Mills Wins Regional Freeman Tilden Award

On September 21, 2011, at an awards ceremony at Indigo Landing on the George Washington Memorial Parkway, Virginia, Debra Mills, Park Ranger at Catoctin Mountain Park, received the National Capital Region's Freeman Tilden Award for Interpretive Excellence. Named after Freeman Tilden, whose writings and teaching improved the quality of National Park Service programs and services based on visitor needs, the Freeman Tilden Award is the highest award presented to an individual National Park Service (NPS) interpreter.

While interpretation and front-line service have always been a major component of her duties, Ranger Mills has served in a variety of capacities during her 33 years at Catoctin Mountain Park. Ms. Mills organized the park's first volunteer trail maintenance crew and started the recreational handicapped riding program at Camp Greentop, while serving as the park's Horse Program Manager. She was instrumental in the founding of the Catoctin Mountain Park Employee Association and held



Courtesy Photo

Pictured from left to right are C. Paul Smith, Frederick County Commissioner; Robert Black, Catoctin Mountain Orchard; Theresa and Dan Shykind, Downtown Piano Works; Laurie Boyer, Frederick County OED; Phil Quattrini and Frank Guidici, Wegmans Food Markets.

In addition, they are also in the Farm to School Program; every student in Frederick County Public School System has the opportunity to taste their delicious apples from their orchard. Catoctin Mountain Orchard is located at 15036 North Franklinville Road, Thurmont, Maryland. Visit their website at www.catoctinmountainorchard.com.

The other two businesses presented with the 2011 Frederick County Community Leader Award were Downtown Piano Works and Wegmans Food Markets.

UR Solar Power, LLC was recognized at the event and presented an award for being this year's FITCI

graduate, Frederick's business incubator.

This year's Platinum Event Sponsor was SAIC-Frederick, Inc. Additional support was provided by the following sponsors: Corporate Occupational Health Solutions, LLC, Frederick Innovative Technology Center, Matan Companies, Miles & Stockbridge P.C., The Columbia Bank, Frederick County Bank, Frederick County Office of Recycling, Frederick County Workforce Services, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, LLC, The City of Frederick Department of Economic Development, Tyler Donegan Real Estate Services, and the Frederick County Government – FCG TV.

several offices in the organization, including multiple terms as president. She is a member of the National Capital Region (NCR) Diversity Action Team, the Catoctin Volunteer Coordinator and liaison to the park's co-operating association, Eastern National.

Ranger Mills received the Tilden Award in recognition of the First Bloom program, a year-long project with Robert Moton Elementary School in Westminster, Maryland. She tailored the project, integrating the support and assistance of park partners from grant writing to garden planting. Multiple field trips and in-school interaction with Ms. Mills and other park rangers introduced the natural world and national parks to 80 fourth graders, many of whom had previously experienced life through television and computers. Activities linked to the school science curriculum demonstrated the impact of invasive plants, human impact on water quality, and the importance of balance in an ecosystem. Students were encouraged to incorporate technology while planning a native

wildflower garden design. They planned a marketing strategy, won a national on-line competition, and earned a class trip to Washington, D.C. The Visitor Center Wildflower Garden, planted by the children on April 26, serves as a tangible reminder of the positive impact of environmental education.

Biologists Becky Loncosky and Lindsey Donaldson, also from Catoctin, received the NCR Support to Interpretation award for their role in the First Bloom program at the same ceremony. Biologists Loncosky and Donaldson shared their expertise as Resource Managers to teach students about environmental processes, to help them with tree-planting, and to guide the garden research and planting process.

Catoctin Mountain Park is one of 394 units administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. The park Visitor Center, located on State Route 77, three miles west of Thurmont, Maryland. For information, call 301-663-9388 or visit www.nps.gov/cato.

Hidden Object Game, "Where Am I?" Photo Game and "Who Am I?" Game — Congratulations!

From the November issue of *The Catocin Banner*, Donna Sweeney was selected as the winner of the Hidden Object Game (\$25 gift certificate) and Lynn Manahan was selected as the winner of the "Where Am I?" Game (\$10 gift certificate).

Last month's "Where Am I?" Photo showed the caboose which is located on Manahan Road in Foxville. This month's Hidden Object is a skunk.

For the "Where Am I?" Photo contest, take a look at the photo and tell us where it was taken. It is somewhere in or around our Northern Frederick County Area. Our area is defined as Rocky Ridge to Cascade and Lewistown to Emmitsburg, Foxville to Creagerstown and everywhere around and in between. Call 240-288-0108 to leave a message or e-mail news@thecatocinbanner.com. Don't forget to leave your name and phone number.

Every December, we randomly select winners of our "Who Am I?" Game from those who have called in the name of each month's mystery figure. This year, Pat Muir wins a \$50 gift certificate, Tootie Lenhart wins a \$25 gift certificate and Betty Eyler wins a \$10 gift certificate to each of their choice of advertisers in *The Catocin Banner* newspaper. Congratulations!



★ Gary the Barber ★

Look your best for the Holiday Season!

\$2.00

OFF

Call (301) 305-7895
for an appointment

Per Cut. Expires 12/30/11

HOURS

LOCATED AT:
101 Tippin Drive
Thurmont, MD

7 a.m. - 9 p.m. (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.)
7 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Weds.)
7 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Sat.) • 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sun.)

BOLLINGER HOMES, LLC

Custom Home Builder & Remodeler

We specialize in...

Custom Homes & Remodeling

Bollinger Homes, LLC have been building custom homes, building additions and remodeling for over 20 years in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.



- Additions
- Garages
- Patios
- Decks
- Concrete Walks
- Siding & Roofing

Call for a **FREE ESTIMATE!**

Phone **301.447.6917**
Fax **301.447.2704**

1 Creamery Way
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

FREE HEALTH SEMINAR

Taking Control of IBD

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012
6:00PM - 8:30PM

University of Maryland Medical Center's Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program invites you to a discussion about the latest therapies, research and treatments for Crohn's and colitis. Our goal is to empower patients with information so that they may confidently work with their physician team in making decisions about their care.

Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center at FSK Mall
5400 Holiday Drive
Frederick, MD 21703

Registration is required and space is limited.
Call **1-800-492-5538** today.
Dinner will be served.

SPEAKERS:



Raymond K. Cross, MD, MS
"Crohn's and Colitis: Why Me?"



Andrea Chao Bafford, MD
"Surgical Management of IBD"



Mark H. Flasar, MD, MS
"Medical Therapy for IBD"



Seema Patil, MD
"Women's Health Issues in IBD"



UNIVERSITY of MARYLAND
MEDICAL CENTER

www.umm.edu/ibd

Emmitsburg Family Barber Shop Welcomes Stylist

Dawn Roberts of Sabillasville is welcoming customers to the Emmitsburg Family Barber Shop which is located at 19 East Main Street in Emmitsburg. She joins Jaime Andrew, Heather Bowman, and Janet Birch at the shop. Dawn has been cutting hair since 1980, and has worked at shops in Waynesboro and Thurmont. She is from Ohio, but transplanted to this area as a teenager in 1971.



Photo by Deb Spalding

Hair stylists, Jaime Andrew and Dawn Roberts are pictured at the Emmitsburg Family Barber Shop on East Main Street in Emmitsburg.

Dawn specializes in men's, women's and children's cuts and especially likes color and highlights. Dawn's hobbies include movies, reading and walking her grand-puppy. She enjoys quality time with family and her grandchildren. Since working at the shop, she said, "I really enjoy meeting Emmitsburg and Fairfield folks." Call 301-447-3660 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are accepted as well. See Dawn Thursdays from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m., Fridays 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. General shop hours are Mondays 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays 6:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Fridays 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - noon.

St. Philomena Catholic Books & Gifts Presents: *Full Measure of Love*, a novel by local author Ann Hall Marshall

You are invited to a Book Signing on December 3, 2011, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at St. Philomena Catholic Books & Gifts, located at 2 W. Main Street, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Full Measure of Love is a lively novel set in the 1970s. In a single day, 19-year-old Lori Seever is dumped by her high school sweetheart and inherits a vast fortune. Feeling miserably betrayed by the guy she was to marry, unsettled by her sudden wealth, and desperately in need of security, she proposes to her dear friend, lonely widower, Julian Elsmore.

Ann Hall Marshall, a long-time resident of Emmitsburg and mother of ten children, began writing novels at 85 years of age; she is now 90 years of age. Her debut book *Crooked Lines*, published in fall 2010, is an award-winning selection in the 2011 *Writers Digest* national competition. With the release of her second novel, Ann says, "It makes me feel like I'm 70 again."

First Fridays at Holy Grounds Cafe

The first Open Mic Nite at the Holy Grounds Café on the square in Emmitsburg was held on November 4, 2011. A variety of talent was showcased, including music, poetry, and standup comedy. A cover charge of \$2.00 or a canned good was requested to be donated to the Emmitsburg Food Bank.



Photos by Rosensteel Studio

The first Open Mic Nite held on November 4, 2011, at the Holy Grounds Café.

The next Open Mic Nite is scheduled for Friday, December 2, 2011, at the Holy Grounds Café. Doors open at 6:30p.m. Talent will be showcased from 7:00-10:00 p.m. You're on!

Donations will go to the Catoctin Pregnancy Center. St. Philomena Catholic Books and Gifts & Holy Grounds Café is located at 2 W. Main Street, Emmitsburg, Maryland. For more information, please call 301-447-3833.

Public Hearing on Fort Ritchie Property Cleanup

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers held a public hearing on the status of the cleanup of ordnance and groundwater contamination at the former Fort Ritchie Army base on November 4, 2011. The Corps is conducting a five-year review of the remedies set for removing unexploded ordnance and removing contaminants from groundwater in the motor pool area on the Fort Ritchie property. This review is required every five years until the property is released for unrestricted use.

Joseph Pearson of Calibre Systems Inc, the Army's base realignment and closure, or BRAC, Environmental Coordinator for the Fort Ritchie property, conducted the review. About 30 people attended the meeting.

According to Alex Smith, Project Manager with The Shaw Group, the Army treated the groundwater near the original motor pool between 2002 and 2004 in an effort to reduce the level of PCE, or tetrachloroethylene, a contaminant normally found in the ground under and around a garage operation. It has been monitoring the results of that treatment over the past five years. While the levels of PCE initially went down, those levels have rebounded, but not above the safe level. While a rebound is not unusual, it was not the result that the project managers wanted to see, Smith said.

Chris Boes, Project Manager with Cabrera Services, addressed the detection and excavation of unexploded munitions from the ground. He stated that 365 munitions have been found, along with 597 inert items. Most areas of the base property were swept with metal detectors to a level of 4-feet. About 104 acres on the mountainside were only swept to a level of a foot due to the nature of the terrain. The land as yet "not cleared" lay under buildings and paved areas. Munitions' cleanup of these areas will continue as the property is redeveloped.

Once this five-year review is complete, a formal draft of the review will be submitted to the Maryland Department of the Environment and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This is due to be accomplished by the end of 2011. Possible changes or recommendations, as to the effectiveness of the remedies, will be made in this draft. The report will be finalized sometime in early 2012, incorporating any MDE or EPA comments.

NUSBAUM & OTT, INC.

Painting Contractors
Wall Coverings
MHIC #221

Westminster: 410-848-8543
Fax: 410-848-1920
Emmitsburg: 301-447-6517

262 E. Green Street | P.O. Box 475
Westminster, MD 21157 | Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Nails by Anne

Excellence in Nail & Foot Care
Anne Scott

301-271-2247

Evening and Weekends Available

Christmas Special
Manicure & Pedicure \$30

13 Water Street in Thurmont

Teresa Dukich, LMT
Massage Therapy

Taking you on a peaceful path.

Gift Certificates Available
\$5.00 OFF from Dec 1 - 23

Call Today to schedule your appointment.
240.409.3115

Center of Life
56 Water Street Thurmont MD

The Daughters of Charity

by Aaron Heiner

The local ministry of The Daughters of Charity focuses on spirituality, education, health care, pastoral ministry, social ministry, and advocacy for the cause of the underprivileged, who often do not have the prospects of making their true needs and desires heard.

On July 31, 2011, four provinces of The Daughters of Charity in the United States merged to form the new St. Louise Province. The headquarters for the new province will be in St. Louis, MO. The structure in Emmitsburg that has been St. Joseph Provincial House will no longer be a Provincial House.

St. Joseph's Ministries (encompassing the health services of St. Catherine Nursing Center, St. Vincent Care Center, and Villa St. Michael) will be under the leadership of Tammy Hardy-Fauber, CEO Seton Heritage Ministries (also known as the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) led by Lori Stewart, Executive Director. The Daughters of Charity will form the Holy Family Community.

The archives from the four original provinces making up the new



Photo by Aaron J. Heiner

The main entrance to the Daughter's of Charity home located off of Seton Ave.

St. Louise Province will be housed in Emmitsburg.

In order to provide for St. Joseph's Ministries transition to a Neighborhood Model with person-centered care and to construct appropriate space for the consolidated archives, significant construction will take place over the next several years.

When these works are settled in their new spaces, Homes for America—an independent not-for-profit corporation—will acquire one wing to construct affordable housing for seniors. This project is dependent on some funding from both federal and state governments.

Fort Ritchie Community Center Annual Charity Week

Fort Ritchie Community Center has announced the dates of its annual Christmas Charity Week. Each year the center, located on the former Fort Ritchie Army post in Cascade, Maryland, devotes a week in December to help less fortunate members of the community. Each day during charity week—December 3 through December 10, 2011—the center collects different items, such as coats and gloves for needy families, canned food for area food banks, articles for nursing homes, baby items, and even food, beds, and toys for pets.

This year, Fort Ritchie Community Center has partnered with One Mountain Foundation to host a Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony to kick off charity week on Saturday, December 3, 2011. Santa will greet children, and games, prizes, and refreshments will be available from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. The tree to be decorated is located on the former base's parade ground nearest the Community Center.

On Sunday, December 4, 2011, the community center is requesting letters or cards to be sent to someone serving in the United States armed forces. Letters dropped off on that date will be mailed by the center. A Toy's for Tots drop-off box is also available in the community center lobby now through charity week.

Charity Week wraps up with Fort Ritchie Community Center's 4th Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar, December 10, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Over 60 vendors will be on hand, with plenty of gift ideas and decorations for the season. Admission is free as always, and visitors will have the opportunity to win a one-year membership to Fort Ritchie Community Center, along with other prizes. Santa will be on hand for pictures with the children from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The Sons of the American Legion Post 239 will be serving breakfast and lunch.

Here's the line-up for this year's Christmas Charity Week at Fort Ritchie Community Center: Saturday, December 3—FRCC/One Mountain Foundation Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony (3:00-5:00 p.m.); Sunday, December 4—Letters to Military Personnel; Monday, December 5—Nursing Home Gifts; Tuesday, December 6—Coat and Gloves Day; Wednesday, December 7—Pet's Christmas (items for cats and dogs); Thursday, December 8—Baby Jesus' Birthday (items for babies); Friday, December 9—Canned Food Day; Saturday, December 10—Holiday Craft Bazaar; All week—Toys for Tots.

For more information about Fort Ritchie Community Center's Christmas Charity Week, call 301-241-5085, visit www.TheFRCC.org, or stop by the center at 14421 Lake Royer Drive in Cascade. Fort Ritchie Community Center is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving the Cascade, Blue Ridge Summit and many nearby communities in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

The Transformation at St. Joseph's Provincial House, Emmitsburg

The Daughters of Charity and Ascension Health are applying to the State of Maryland to change the corporate name of St. Catherine Nursing Center (SCNC) to St. Joseph's Ministries. St. Joseph's Ministries will include SCNC, St. Vincent Care Center and Villa St. Michael and those 3 names will be used as the 'neighborhood names' within the complex as Person-Centered Care is implemented throughout the facility.

St. Joseph's Ministries will be part of Ascension Health, the Catholic health system sponsored by the Daughters of Charity, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and the Congregation of St. Joseph.

In preparation for the name change to St. Joseph's Ministries, the SCNC board is nominating members to serve on the board who will represent the Daughters of Charity, Ascension Health, and the local Emmitsburg community. The recommended nominees will be submitted to Ascension Health at its June board meeting. Current SCNC members whose terms end on June 30 include Sr. Jo Ann Knight, Sr. Jean Rhoads, Sr. Kathleen Marie Saffa, and Judy Weiland.

130 Frederick Road, Suite C
Thurmont, Frederick, MD
(301) 271-0077

**Trim Your Budget
and Your Waistline
This Holiday Season!**

Give your loved one a gift certificate for a 1, 3, 6, or 12 month club membership!

**30% off
Holiday Sale!**

**Gift Certificates
Available for
Membership and
Personal Training.**

Crouse Ford FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED SINCE 1941
www.crouseford.com **Celebrating 70 YEARS**

<p>2012 FORD FOCUS</p> <p>40 MPG</p> <p>Newest Arrival</p>	<p>2012 FORD FUSION SEDAN</p> <p>Extreme Comfort and Style</p>
<p>2012 FORD-150</p> <p>Maximum MPG with twin-turbo ECO-Boost</p>	<p>2012 FORD ESCAPE and ESCAPE HYBRID</p> <p>America's Affordable Mid-Size SUV</p>

BUILT Ford TOUGH Only 10 minutes from Emmitsburg, 20 minutes from Thurmont

Rt. 140 | Taneytown, MD
(410)756-6655 1-800-621-3673
Mon-Fri | 9am-8pm | Saturdays | 9am-4pm

people making news

140 Years of Service



Courtesy Photo

Pictured from left to right are Club Membership Chair, George Bolling; Victor Jagow; Bob Meunier; Russ Delauter; and District Membership Chair, Margarito Ochoa.

The Thurmont Lions Club recently recognized three members who jointly have given 140 years of service: Victor Jagow (55 years); Bob Meunier (45 years); and Russ Delauter (40 years).

What do Snowmen eat for breakfast?

Frosted Flakes!

Eunice's "a little touch of Heaven"
Home Cookin' **Restaurant**
"Just like Mama used to make it!"

LOOKING
For a place to have your
receptions, meetings, class
reunions, Christmas parties,
& even last minute
after-funeral gatherings?

Call Today to
make your
evening
reservations!

**8 Different
Homemade Soups!!**

CLOSED
Christmas Day
OPEN
New Years Day!

Restaurant Hours
-7 Days A Week-
6:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

301-898-3490
7800 Biggs Ford Rd. & Rte. 15

Catoctin Mt. Spa & Tub

- Spas & Accessories
- We Service all makes & models
- Spa Chemicals with FREE DELIVERY!

Have a Happy Holiday!

(P) 301.271.4704 **EMERALD**
14135 Graceham Rd., Thurmont, MD

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Monday, December 19th 6pm - 9pm

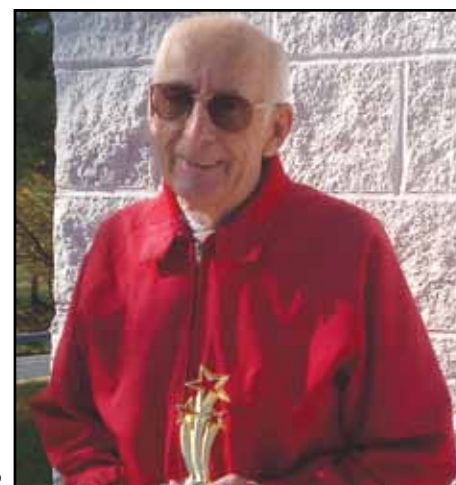


Rocky Ridge VFC #13 Activities Building
Ornament Making, Light Refreshments, visit from SANTA & More!
For More Information
Contact Penny Stonesifer
(301) 447-6864 or email @ frchk0704@aol.com
Children can hand delivery letters to Santa on this night!! ☺

Crossing the Finish Line

Francis Smith, the "Who Am I?" personality featured in the November issue of *The Catoctin Banner*, reached another milestone in his long and generous career, when The Catoctin Pregnancy Center awarded him his first trophy ever. The accompanying congratulatory letter stated: "you won this trophy by being our most Senior Participant in the 2011 Run for Life. What an inspiration you are to us and to all of those who attended our event this year." With walking stick in hand, Francis crossed the finish line in 12:59.

Courtesy Photo



"I like Vanilla" on Display at Thurmont Regional Library Gallery

An exhibit of works titled "I like Vanilla" by Emmitsburg photographer, Sharon Forrence (shown right), will be on display through December 19, 2011, in the Thurmont Regional Library Art Gallery.

Library gallery times are Sundays, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.; Mondays, from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The library is located at 76 East Moser Road in Thurmont, Maryland. For further information, call the library at 201-600-7212.

Sharon has been interested in photography since the "darkroom" ages. Digital photography is her passion—a combination of art and technology that has few limits, creativity without all of those messy chemicals. Her approach is a straightforward "I like vanilla" —keeping it simple and pleasing to the eye.

Sharon has also been a teacher, potter, graphic designer, and library employee. She is a mother of two sons, and lives in Emmitsburg, Maryland, with her supportive husband and empty nest dog, Obie.



Courtesy Photo

The Frederick Fair's Prettiest Girl



Courtesy Photo

Pictured above is Hailey Sue Herr (age 2) of Thurmont. She won first place as Prettiest Girl at the Fredrick Fair this year. She is the daughter of David Herr and Dawn Wood.

**MAIN STREET
UPHOLSTERY**
Specializing In Custom Interiors

Convertible Tops • Leather Seats
Carpets • Headliners

301.271.2298
mainstreetuph.com

*Have a happy holiday from your
friends at Main Street Upholstry!*

HOURS
Monday - Friday 8-5
Saturday by appointment



Alum Honored For Service

Mother Seton School (MSS) alumnus, Ned Remavege of Sterling Financial Management, Inc. in Frederick, was named a Distinguished Volunteer by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) at Ceresville Mansion on National Philanthropy Day, November 4, 2011.

Mr. Remavege graduated from Emmitsburg's Mother Seton School (MSS) in 1961. As a Distinguished Volunteer, he was honored for his dedication to the legacy of the school's foundress, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and the Daughters of Charity, as well as for his dedication to the academic and faith formation of MSS students. Instrumental in MSS becoming a certified Maryland Green School, Ned volunteered his time and leveraged an important business contact to ensure MSS received a grant for a new solar system—a benefit to the entire community.

"It is an honor for me to be named a Distinguished Volunteer," said Remavege. "The team at MSS does an outstanding job of setting the correct foundation for our young men and women of the future. The students may not know it now, but, like so many others, they will look back and feel warm inside and smile because of their experience in these formative years at Mother Seton School," continued Remavege.

"Ned has a heart for the students of MSS," said Sister JoAnne Goecke, D.C., Principal at MSS. "As a dedicated alum, he wishes the present generation of students to have the benefit of a Catholic education at MSS as he did. He has promoted our Green School initiative in the Frederick business community, so our students would gain knowledge and skills to create a sustainable environment for future generations. He visits the school at least monthly and always brings a cheerful and positive message to the faculty and staff. We were proud to nominate Ned for the Distinguished Volunteer Award," continued Goecke.

Remavege was joined at the Distinguished Volunteer Recognition Luncheon by his wife, Patricia Remavege; MSS Vice Principal, Gordon Love; and MSS Development Director, Karen Murphy McClain. "Ned is a wonderful advocate for our school and speaks frequently of the importance that his time at MSS has had on his life. Mother Seton School is fortunate to have alums like Ned who continue to give back to the school," said McClain. "I'm not surprised, though. MSS alums are a special group."

Mother Seton School is an independent faith and family focused school, approved by the Archdiocese of Baltimore and accredited by the Middle States Association commission of Elementary Schools. For families seeking excellent academics and strong values, Mother Seton School is an affordable option that is easily accessible by bus from many locations in the area. For detailed admissions information, please visit www.mothersetonschool.org.



Courtesy Photo

Mother Seton School alumnus Ned Remavege receives the Distinguished Volunteer Medal from Megan Kula, President, Association of Fundraising Professionals-Western Maryland Chapter, with Gordon Love, Vice Principal at Mother Seton School.

Ashley Smith Named Finalist in Landscape Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award Program

Ashley Morgan Smith of the Catocin FFA Chapter in Thurmont, Maryland, was named a national finalist in the Landscape Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award Program in July 2011. Four finalists competed to be named the national winner during the 84th National FFA Convention, held October 19-22, 2011, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Proficiency awards recognize FFA members who excelled as agricultural entrepreneurs, employees or volunteers, while they gained hands-on career experience. Landscape Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement is one of 47 FFA proficiency award categories offered at local, state, and national levels. In recognition of being a finalist, each of the four finalists will receive a plaque and \$500.

Ashley worked at the Catocin National Park as a member of the Youth Conservation Corp. She pulled weeds, built fences, planted flowers and shrubs, and more. She also designed a plan to re-landscape the area around the park's visitor's center with plants native to Maryland. Ashley is 19 years old and is attending Allegany College of Maryland in Cumberland, majoring in Forest Technology. She is supported by her parents, Bryan and Judith, and her FFA advisors, Brian Hendrickson and Amy Jo Poffenberger.



Courtesy Photo

*"There are two ways to live:
you can live as if nothing is a miracle;
you can live as if everything is a miracle."
—Albert Einstein*

BEARD'S TRASH SERVICE
FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED SINCE 1972

Commercial & Residential Waste Removal

(P) 301-271-2516
(F) 301-271-2499
12610 Creagerstown Rd.
Thurmont, MD 21788

GA GATEWAY AUTOMOTIVE
IS YOUR CAR WINTERIZED?

Engine Tune-Up
BG Transmission Flush
Motor Vac-Internal Engine Cleaning
Free Tire & Break Inspection
Anti-Freeze Flush & Service

SPECIALIZING IN
4 WHEEL ALIGNMENTS
WITH STATE OF THE ART EQUIPMENT

301-271-4796 **301-271-4444**
210 BOUNDARY AVE., THURMONT MD

Pre-Season Discount

\$50.00 OFF
With this ad!

The Original Sun Heat
Available at Total Vac!

- Will not reduce humidity or oxygen
- Cannot start a fire
- Safe for children and pets
- Uses Electricity (not gas or oil)
- Even heat, wall to wall and floor to ceiling
- Portable - 110 Volt
- FULL 5 YEAR BUMPER TO BUMPER FACTORY WARRANTY

Total Vac vacuums plus

Now two locations to serve you better!

11113 Buchanan Trl.
Waynesboro, PA
717-765-4615
Mon - Fri 9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sat 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

1758 Lincoln Way East
Chambersburg, PA
717-267-3800
Mon - Fri 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sat 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

ROSENSTEEL Studios
110 Depaul Street
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

CALLING ALL SENIORS OF 2012
Complete Portrait Package \$185.00

Enjoy our great Outdoor Studio • Minimum of 25 proofs with the 5 pose package • Unlimited outfit changes

www.rosensteelstudio.com
Call Today to Schedule • 301-447-6272

Thurmont and Emmitsburg Business Social Held



Photo by Deb Spalding

Members of the Emmitsburg Business and Professionals Association and the Thurmont Economic Development Committee are shown during a social on November 8 at Catoctin Mountain Orchard.

Members of the Emmitsburg Business and Professionals Association and the Thurmont Economic Development Committee turned out for the first-ever combined social of the two organizations. The Black family at Catoctin Mountain Orchard served as the hosts for the event that was held on November 8, 2011. The groups are planning future combined socials and invite community members and business owners to become involved.

The Thurmont Has Words for Thirds

The Grange is a nation-wide organization that has community service in mind. They recently held their national meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They were heavily involved in the Annual Thurmont Colorfest, and are involved in the Adopt a Family at Christmas time. They recently held their Annual Community Show, and had the pleasure in recognizing and honoring people from the community with a dinner following. On November 16, 2011, the Grange went to the Thurmont and Sabillasville Elementary schools and gave the third graders dictionaries. This is an annual activity intended to give our area's third graders their very own dictionary.



Thurmont Elementary School

Back row: Helen Truxel, Thurmont Grange Lecturer; Sandy Moser, State Grange Officer; Rodman Myers, Thurmont Grange Master; Jim Moser, Executive Committee; Jaxson Flohr, 3rd grader; Russell Moser, Thurmont Grange member. Front row: Beth Myers, School Counselor; Cadin Valentine, 3rd grader; Kate Krietz, Principle; Addison Eyler, 3rd grader; and Desiree Enck, 3rd Grade Teacher.



Photos by Arietta Grimmert

Sabillasville Elementary School

Third graders are shown with back row: Jim Royer, Thurmont Grange member; Jim Moser; Karen Locke, Principle; Helen Truxel; Michelle Mapes, 3rd Grade Teacher; Rodman Myers; Russell Moser.

Mountain Heritage Historical Society Assists Friends of Monterey Pass Battlefield

The Mountain Heritage Historical Society recently transferred a \$30,000 donation to the Friends of Monterey Pass Battlefield, Inc. from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. The purpose of the donation was to assist the FMPB, Inc. in their initial goal of purchasing land that was once a part of the original American Civil War battlefield. The donation was made to the Historical Society since, at the time of the donation, it was an IRS recognized private, non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization supportable by public contributions and bequests; and the FMPB, Inc. was still in the process of obtaining their non-profit status. The donation was held in a trustee capacity until the FMPB, Inc. received approval by the IRS as a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization when they then could accept it.

Alicia Miller, Chairperson of the FMPB, Inc., said, "The Friends of Monterey Pass Battlefield, Inc. thanks the anonymous donor who so graciously provided this donation. In addition, we also thank the Mountain Heritage Historical Society for the role they played in making this donation possible. It is with the vision of those like yourselves, with which we are able to preserve this hallowed ground for future generations to enjoy, and learn from."

The Mountain Heritage Historical Society was founded in 2010 to actively promote and support educational programs and to develop interest in and preserve the history of "the mountaintop area," an area encompassing the collective, neighboring mountain communities of Pen Mar, Cascade (to include the former Fort Ritchie Army base)

and Sabillasville in Washington and Frederick counties in Maryland, and Blue Ridge Summit and Fountaindale in Franklin and Adams counties in Pennsylvania. The Society is committed to historic preservation and educating and expanding the public's sense of community through an understanding of the mountaintop area's history and place in American society. To achieve this purpose, the Society will collect and preserve artifacts and information which documents the mountaintop area's heritage, and will produce interpretive exhibits, educational programs, and publications. The Society is dedicated to the belief that we can learn from the past to better understand the present and the future. A key goal of the Society is to acquire land and a building to establish the Mountain Heritage Museum.

What do elves learn in school?

The Elf-abet!

Need a... **HOME IMPROVEMENT?**

- All Types of Home Improvement
- Bob Cat Services
- Light Hauling

Call Guy T. Riley!!
301-271-4812



Fully Insured
MHIC #67036

senior moments

by Helen Deluca

On Friday, November 11, 2011, it looked like moving day at the Center. It was time to temporarily close the doors to what was the “old, homey” Center we all knew for so many years. I have to admit that there was a feeling of sadness to see all of the furniture and our “things” all pushed into one corner, so that the workmen could do what was needed to meet the requirements of the American Disability Act. However, seeing the added space, new restrooms, new entrance, and new windows—just to name a few new improvements—we knew that we could look forward to January, when we are able to move back in and make it a place that everyone can enjoy.

As you can see from the picture (on right), it was a fun time at Halloween for the seniors. You're never too old to put on a costume and have some fun. Can you guess who are in the costumes?

Even though the Center is closed for activities, the lunch program goes on as usual. Until November 30, 2011, lunch is at the Cozy. Starting December 1, 2011, lunch will now be served at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center, because the Cozy is booked for Christmas parties. Use the side entrance for the handicapped.

There will be a senior Christmas party on December 3, 2011, starting at noon, at Graceham Moravian Church.

We have had some wonderful help from various people in town, and, eventually, we will have a “Contributors Board” at the Center. The Contributors Board will be a place where we can acknowledge and thank those who support us. In the meantime, our “Wish List” continues to grow.

New windows will replace the glass blocks that have been there for so many years. The new windows will allow more light, a view of the

outdoors, and the opportunity for fresh air. The drapes that have been in use for the past 25 years definitely need to be replaced. We are in need of new drapes or shades.

We are in the process of trying to get the metal folding chairs painted. However, the seats and backs need to be re-upholstered.

We will have a new commercial dishwasher. No more paper plates and plastic forks. We are in need of dishes and flatware.

Volunteers are still driving those who are in need of a ride to the Center. We need a van. If we do get a van, we will need a driver, in addition to the funds needed to pay for gas and insurance.

Speaking of funds, it has been estimated by the town that we will need approximately \$7,300 a year for utilities. The Center also needs funds to pay for our liability insurance premium, as well as the funds to pay for custodial service and cleaning supplies.

So, you can see some of the challenges we face in keeping our newly-renovated Center open. Our needs are abundant, but just maybe, with Christmas approaching, there may be a Santa Claus out there who has read or heard about our “wish list.”

Since this will be the last time I will write to you before the Holidays, may I say to you—on behalf of the Center Board of Directors, all the volunteers, and our families—that we send our best wishes for a joyous and Merry Christmas to you and yours, and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

In the next issue, we will be able to give you definite dates as to when the Center will reopen. We are planning a grand reopening to show off our “new digs.” Plan to join us—all are welcome.

Note: If you plan to have lunch at Cozy, you MUST call 301-271-7911 one day ahead by 2:00 p.m.



Courtesy Photo

Submit Your Senior Moments

Starting in the January issue of *The Catocin Banner*, A new section will be devoted to news by and about Catocin's Seniors. Thus, we invite citizens who would like to contribute to this section to email news and photos to news@thecatocinbanner.com. You don't have to be great writers or great photographers, you just have to send your items. We especially reach out to the Emmitsburg Senior Center, Mountain Top Seniors, Thurmont Senior Center and any other senior-related group or individual to send in updates and pics. While we aren't expecting a word play on “Senior Moments,” feel free to take a moment to be creative and make it your own.

MD Tree Expert Lic. #904 • ISA Cert # MA- 4258A

BAKER

TREE SERVICES, INC.

Eric Baker - Owner

Thurmont, MD • 1.800.383.4595 • Licensed & Insured

Holiday Savings to keep you comfortable...

\$100 Off

Your Entire House Humidifier Installation!

Holtzople

866-500-HEAT
www.Holtzople.com

Heating & Air Conditioning

Ask about our Preventative Maintenance Services! **\$89** starting at

Your local Emmitsburg-area HVAC professionals!
Proud to offer unmatched heating and air conditioning services and product installations.

pets of interest

A Dog's Life by Arietta Grimmert

Hi, all you doggie pals out there. I want to tell you a little about a dog's life—my life. My name is Ginger. I can't believe I was named after a spice, but I actually was. I'm guessing it was because I am the same color as ginger. Well, anyway, here's my story.

My masters, William and Laura, were transferred to Hawaii, since William is in the United States Army, Special Ops. I was devastated when they left, but I am glad to say that they left me with someone I knew. It took me about three weeks before I realized that they were not coming back anytime soon; yet, I have to admit, they left me in very good hands. However, my new master, William's mom, is strange at times. She tells me I'm good-for-nothing—I know she says it with love—because I don't help her mow the lawn, pick up after myself, close the door behind myself, don't feed myself, and so on, and so on. Actually, I do sometimes feed myself when I am alone outside, which isn't too often, because she watches me like a hawk. Occasionally, I'll find a sock or some



Photo by Arietta Grimmert

paper...yummy! Of course, I always suffer for about three days after "feeding myself."

During Christmas last year, I swallowed a dirty sock from outside, and my master had to take me to the vet. I thought I was going to die; I

lost down to 67 lbs. in three weeks—longest three weeks of my life. She literally had to force food past my tongue and down my throat. Then, one day, she told me, "Ginger, you had better get better soon, because there is no doggie heaven!" I believe she said that out of desperation. But, you guessed it, the next day I was feeling much better. I may not be any good around the house, but I sure do see her laugh a lot when I catch her looking at me.

One night, she caught me sleeping on my back with my legs in the air. She woke me up with the roar of her laughter, along with a sudden flash of light. She actually took my picture and sent it to my master, Laura. I'm sure she had a good laugh, too. And, another thing, I can be having an out-of-this-world dream, and you know what happens? She wakes me up laughing. I guess I must be talking a little too loud and flailing my legs all about, but I sure was enjoying my dream. One good thing I can say about her is that she does let me roll in the leaves—where my former masters wouldn't—especially when she knows they haven't been messed up previously by me (with... you know...doggie doo!). She learned that lesson the hard way. I rolled in leaves when we were visiting family, and she had to rush

me to the doggie cleaners to have me washed thoroughly to get rid of the bad smell—and what caused it. Well, that's a tad bit of my story. I hope you enjoyed it. I've gotta run now; I've got a mouse to catch. I'll explain that one later.

EAST PARK Automotive Inc.
Complete Automotive Repair

1 CREAMERY WAY
EMMITSBURG, MD 21727
PHONE: 301-447-3560
FAX: 301-447-1722
Also specializing in
BG Products & Hydraulic Hoses

Think of your Feathered Friends Food for the Winter!!

THURMONT FEED STORE

36 Walnut Street, Thurmont, MD 21788

99¢
per cake.

We also have
SUET CAKE HOLDERS!
Available Flavors
Nuttty • Berry • Orange

- Striped Sunflower Seeds
- Cracked Corn 50 lbs. or per lb.
- 5 Grain Scratch Food 50 lbs. or per lb.
- Finch's Favorite; Nyjer Seed 25 lb., 50 lb. or per lb.
- Wild Bird Brand
- Best Blend Brand
- Black Oil Sunflower Seed

St. Philomena Catholic Books & Gifts

Holy Grounds Cafe
"Come Savor the Heavenly Flavor"

Booksigning
Saturday, December 3
1:00 - 3:00pm
Local Author, Ann Hall Marshall
Wrote her first book at age 85.
Now 90, she has released her second novel, "Full Measure of Love"

Live Entertainment
Saturday, December 17, 3-5 pm
Music by "Seasons"
Enjoy the harmony of Celtic Contemporary tunes along with your favorite Christmas music!

Wishing a Blessed Christmas Season!
--- and many thanks for supporting us at our new location this year!

Mon. • Fri. 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

www.philomenabooks.com

2 West Main Street
Emmitsburg, MD 21727
301.447.3833

Your Hassle - Free Local Home Buying Team

Rich Shank
Associate Broker
Business Marketing Degree from MSM Univ.
60 Water St., Thurmont, MD
301.271.7707
Licensed in MD & PA
www.rock-creekrealty.com

embrace
homeloans

Kim Delauter
Senior Loan Officer
37 North Market Street, 2nd Floor
301.712.9703 Office
301.748.1141 Cell
www.rock-creekrealty.com

BINGO • BINGO • BINGO • BINGO • BINGO • BINGO • BINGO

New Year's Bingo

December 31, 2011
Doors Open @ 6 P.M. Games @ 8 P.M.

\$50 for 50 Games!
9 Cards per Game
FULL KITCHEN!

All other games paying \$200.00 • All inclusive 9 pack • Extra packs will be available

CALL FOR INFORMATION
Mary Lou: 240-285-3184 Diane: 301-748-6894 Pam: 717-642-9335

Emmitsburg Ambulance Co.
17701 Creamery Road
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Thank You from the Thurmont Lions Club

Saturday, October 22, 2011, was the National "Make a Difference Day (MaDD)". It was an incredible day in Thurmont. We *did* make a difference in the Thurmont Community. This year the focus was on those children in the community who are in need. We netted \$12,266; these funds will be provided to the Catocin High School and the five feeder schools to help children in need with crucial necessities, such as winter coats and clothing, over the counter medication, medical and dental care, and so forth. On behalf of the Thurmont Lions Club, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the following community partners who generously donated towards this critical need: Bill's Auto Body, Inc., Bogley Chevrolet, Inc., employees of R.R. Donnelley, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Thurmont Church of the Brethren, and the Lions Youth Foundation of Md22. In addition, we would like to thank the many local businesses and individuals who generously donated toward this important cause.

A special thank you goes out to Barbara Anderson, Pastoral Life Director, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center, for donating the use of the Parish Center for this event; Theresa R. Alban, Ph.D., Superintendent, Frederick County Public Schools, for providing special remarks; and the Thurmont Lions Club for their support.

Again, thank you to all the event volunteers and participants, and especially to the community for your generous support and commitment to our mission to help the children in need in our community schools.

—George Bolling and Joyce Anthony, Thurmont Lions Club

Check the Community Calendar!

Be sure to check the calendar on page 35 for bingos, breakfasts, dinners, programs, benefits, library storytimes, and many other events of interest.



Wishing our customers a joyous holiday season!
—Your Friends at Mike's Auto Body

DECEMBER'S DRIVING TIP
This is the prime time for bad winter weather. Remember black ice and wet leaves can quickly spin your vehicle out of control and off the road. Be observant of such hazards and travel safely during the holidays!

DON'T LET A LITTLE ACCIDENT STOP YOU IN YOUR TRACKS! BRING YOUR VEHICLE TO MIKE'S AUTO BODY!

CALL MIKE'S AUTO!

Your friendly neighbors at Mike's Auto Body will help make your auto body repairs and restoration work a breeze!

Professional, courteous service from the office to the shop!
Complete Auto Body and Full-Time Restoration Services
Serving Thurmont for 20 Years
All Major Insurance Carriers Accepted
Lifetime Warranty on All Repairs
All Makes and Models • Car Rentals Available On-Site



24-HOUR TOWING

MIKES AUTO BODY
Collision and Restorations

301-271-7626

12917 Catocin Furnace Road • Thurmont, MD

in their own words

Friends

My two friends—Tim Bentz of Graceham and Michael Eyler of Thurmont—and I have been best friends for nearly 20 years. We met through our mutual interest in model railroading, railroad photography, and Thurmont's Western Maryland Railway heritage.

Over the years, we've had many memorable experiences. We've railfanned the former Western Maryland Mainline, and for a number of years have regularly visited the Maryland Midland Railway Station in Union Bridge, Maryland. We have attended Opening and Track Car Days on the Walkersville Southern Railroad and rode Catocin Colorfest Excursions to Highfield, Maryland. For a number of years, we assisted as guest engineers at George Wireman's annual H. O. Monocacy Valley Railroad Open House.

We often have lunch together on the weekend at local and regional eateries, and enjoy attending special events in Thurmont and the surrounding communities. Our special events calendar starts with the annual Maple Syrup Demonstration every March and continues with numerous events including Thurmont Heritage Days, Mountain Top Heritage Days, Rouzerfest, the Smithsburg Steam Show and, of course, Catocin Colorfest.

Last month, we made the trek to hike the Thurmont Vista Trail at Catocin Mountain Park. In these trying and uncertain times, the importance of quality friendships with whom to share memorable events has never been greater. Even more-so when all share like-minded interests. It provides a diversion from the work-a-day routine and something to look forward to as special events and activities arrive. That is why I am most grateful for the friendships I share with Tim and Mike, and look forward to our creating many more lasting memories, for, as time goes by, life-changes will occur, but special friendships will remain and the memories they create will last a life time.

—Sincerely, Francis A. Tortoro, Jr.

Thank You from the Thurmont Food Bank

The Thurmont Food Bank would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Boy Scout Food Drive on November 13, 2011, and a big round of applause goes to all the energetic and dedicated Boy Scouts, Boy Scout Leaders, and Food Bank volunteers who collected and organized all of the food! These contributions will be a tremendous help, and should provide food through the month of December for the 280-plus families in need—made up of over 1,000 men, women, and children who need food each month.

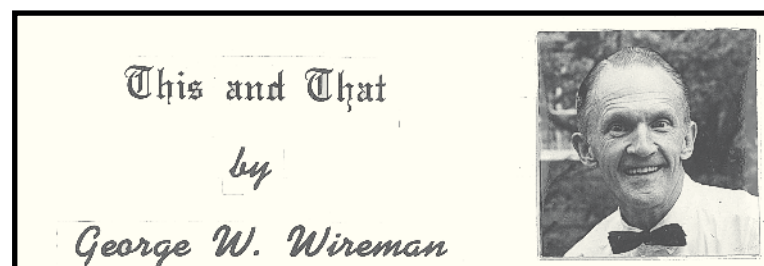
We would also like to express our appreciation to the Thurmont Am Vets for providing a delicious Thanksgiving meal on Thanksgiving Day. We would like to thank all of those who contributed by cooking and serving this feast.

Heartfelt thanks goes to everyone in the community who stepped forward to contribute food and funds when the cupboards were getting empty. Churches, organizations, and individuals came to the rescue when things were looking really dire. The outpouring of generosity has been amazing and will help us get through the winter. However, we still need donations, since the number of families and individuals requesting help keeps rising. Donations of gas cards would be especially helpful, since many people have trouble getting to the Food Bank, especially in the winter. Thank you all for helping our neighbors!

—Sincerely, Pastor Sally, Thurmont Food Bank Coordinator



Courtesy Photo
Pictured left to right are Tim Bentz, Francis Tortoro, and Michael Eyler at Thurmont Vista.



Moonshining in the Catoctin Mountains

Continued from November's issue of The Catoctin Banner Newspaper...

Two of the men were arrested at the scene of the crime. Four were taken into custody in Hagerstown early Thursday morning.

Those being held in jail were Lloyd Williams, Russell Clar, Paul Williams, Oscar McAfee, Lloyd Lewis and William (Monk) Miller, the alleged owner of the still. Lewis, suffering from a bullet wound in the hand, was arrested after evidence had been furnished to the investigating officers by Dr. G.A. Kohler of Smithsburg, Maryland.

Lewis, as the story goes, had gone to the doctor with his injury to have it dressed. Dr. Kohler, however, refused to treat the injury until he learned how Lewis was shot. When Lewis revealed his identity and stated that he was wounded during a raid on a still, Dr. Kohler immediately notified the authorities and Lewis' arrest followed. McAfee was taken into custody at the home of his brother, not far from the scene of the still.

As the investigation continued, it was learned that the officers were pretty well convinced that they had the man in custody that had fired the fatal shot at Hauver. From statements gathered from one of the prisoners, it was felt that the bullet that struck Hauver was indeed intended for Deputy Redmond. The man suspected of this was alleged to have stated on several occasions that he intended to "bump Redmond off."

Still further investigation revealed the name of the owner of the mountain still and the connection of the three Hagerstown men with it.

We cannot overlook the fact that the raid on Blue Blazes Still and the murder of Clyde L. Hauver had a deep effect upon the mountain fold as well as the citizens of Frederick County. Operators of the other stills in the surrounding mountains became very cautious in their operations and conversations for fear their still would be next to be raided.

Deputy Hauver was well-liked in Frederick City and throughout the county. Had the fact been known at the time, which one of the six men in custody fired the fatal shot, many believed that a lynching party would have taken place.

Details of the trial that followed the investigation are not clear, and after checking into the matter, this

writer learned that one man was sent to prison and served a period of time.

The raid on Blue Blazes Still was the topic of conversation for a long time and today, 82 years later, the topic still finds its way into conversation.

It was in the spring of 1935, six years after the raid on the still, that the mountaineers in the Catoctin Mountains noticed strangers in their midst. Tongues were wagging. They, like the citizens of Thurmont, viewed the situation with extreme alarm and caution.

There were stills operating in the mountains, but none as large a scale as the Blue Blazes Still in 1929. The mountain folk squawked and kicked and swore by the rifle's beat that the strangers were plotting another raid.

Taking no chances, the stills were moved further up the creek. In recalling those early days, several local residents mentioned that the strangers were Federal land appraisers who had moved into the area to begin work on the "Catoctin Project." As mentioned earlier, the mountaineers were taking no chances, and on several occasions the Federal appraisers were ordered off the mountain at gun point. The smoke behind these stories left little doubt in one's mind that it came from the stills.

Whether the mountaineers were reconciled or not, the land appraisers were from the National Park Service to do a job and they were determined to see it through.

On-site work on the Catoctin Project got underway on January 2, 1936. Through the Works Progress Administration (WPA), it gave work to many citizens in the Thurmont area.

Back in those days, Maryland Route 77 was nothing but a graded dirt or gravel road for most of its length. The early maps of the area showed what is today Park Central Road as a trail. This trail was rebuilt and became the main road through the park. The general development plans called for the construction of organized youth camps.

By the spring of 1936 a Central Service Group or Maintenance Unit was under construction. The site chosen for the Service Group was the old farm of Roy E. Lewis, located just off the county road which we know today as Manahan Road.

One of the very first programs of President Roosevelt's "New Deal" was the creation of the Civilian



Photo by Deb Spalding

George Wireman is shown in a recent photo at the Blue Blazes Still display area in Catoctin Mountain Park.

Conservation Corps (CCC). In 1939, the Central Service Group was chosen as the site for a CCC camp.

Modified to include a technical service building and dormitories, this camp site functioned up until World War II, when the program was considered to be obsolete. The Central Service area was then turned over to the military under a special use permit.

Many years later, this same area became the site of the very first Job Corps Center to be established in the nation and this group used many of the buildings of the old CCC camp.

Frank Mentzer, then Superintendent of Catoctin Mountain Park, was always looking for ideas that would promote the park and attract tourists to the area. Frank loved the Catoctin Mountains and during his term as Superintendent, he contributed much to the park as we know it today.

In 1968, Frank came up with an idea of having whiskey making demonstrations in the park to show the visitors how the mountaineers made their moonshine many years ago, when their stills were hidden deep in the laurel-covered coves of the Catoctin Mountains.

Naturally, to set up the demonstrations, a still would be required. Frank Mentzer knew the mountains well and the exact site where the operation should be set up once his idea was approved. Not far from the Visitor Center on Park Central Road was the site of the original Blue Blazes Still.

Mentzer's idea was approved, and in 1969 after a search of the necessary equipment, a still was set up. It was a far cry from the old Blue Blazes Still but it would serve the purpose for which it was intended – for demonstrations only.

It sounded like a crazy idea to many at first, having a still in operation on government property, but Frank wasn't one to give up

without a try.

Naturally, a permit was needed to operate the still and park records show that the first permit was issued on December 29, 1969, and the first whiskey making demonstrations were held in Catoctin Mountain Park. In the years that have followed, moonshine demonstrations have remained a part of the park program. Each year thousands of visitors who are attracted to the beautiful Catoctin Mountain Park and its many amenities have witnessed the still demonstrations or traveled the interpretive trail.

Although the whiskey produced as a result of the demonstrations is neither consumed nor sold, but disposed of, the Blue Blazes Still is very unique indeed. It is believed to be the only still operating on government property and there is no fear, as in the old days, in the minds of those who operate it of it being raided like its predecessor was on July 24, 1929.

Today, Blue Blazes Still in Catoctin Mountain Park serves but one purpose – to remind those who visit the site of what life was like on Catoctin Mountain many, many years ago.

L&S Furniture and Mattress Center

Family Owned & Operated

Mon • Tues 10-5
Thur 10-6 • Fri 10-7 • Sat 9-2

f

**Check us out on Facebook
for Sales & Special Deals!**

(717) 762-6939

www.lsfurnituresales.com

11778 Buchanan Trail • East Waynesboro, PA

Receive 10% OFF

Your purchase with this ad.
Only valid through 12/31/11

Ghost Tours with Mary Connacher

by Aaron J. Heiner

Mary Connacher of Thurmont has been providing seasonal ghosts tours for Haunted Gettysburg for two years now. She has always had a fascination with the history of, and the ghosts that reside in, Gettysburg. Her tours feature entertaining stories that are based on accurate historic facts, combined with an ambiance that can be eerie when one realizes that over 53,000 people died at Gettysburg.

Connacher, who is married with two children, finds her job fascinating because of the people whom she meets. She said, "I enjoy meeting the people the most. I meet such wonderful people and I get to tell my stories. I've been doing it long enough that I'm really good at it."

The most fascinating person Connacher said she met was a man who had recorded one of her tours without her being aware of the recording. Later, after the tour, the man played back the recording to Connacher. Much to her surprise, the man recorded an EVP (Electronic

Voice Phenomena) at the same time she had asked a ghost if he was a confederate soldier. She said, "My pendulum started swinging all around, but then you could hear, 'yea' on the recorder." Connacher had not heard the voice during the tour.

An aspect that Connacher likes to make clear when she conducts a tour is that while she attempts to speak to spirits, she always wants to make sure that those spirits wish to speak back. She said, "I am really offended by those ghost shows that demand the spirits respond to them." Connacher went on to state that a certain amount of proper respect for the deceased should be shown.

Not everyone is a fan of ghost tours. According to Connacher, some Civil War re-enactors do not approve



Photo by Aaron J. Heiner

Mary Connacher of Thurmont, a purveyor of Fine Spirits, has been providing captivating ghost stories for the enjoyment of locals and out-of-towners alike.

act like it is 1863. I do not shriek at people at the top of my lungs. I tell them stories, but I have researched the heck out of them." Connacher noted that she does not go in for the melodrama or over-the-top stage acting while reciting stories in the tours she gives.

While she is very passionate about the historic accuracy of her stories, she does not tell a story unless she can put it into context by informing those on her tours as to why events occurred the way they did. "Another thing I do is give statistics. I try to put faces on these men," she said. This gives historic quality to the stories she tells by basing them on fact.

After two years of performing the tours, Connacher has developed the flexibility to cater to her customers based on who is attending the tour that night. She said, "I will tell people stories based on their interests. I pick them from an assortment of stories from gory ones, assuming I give them the background first, to the more light ones, especially if there are real young [kids] on the tour. I can tailor my tours to whoever is on them."

"I really respect people who will be opened minded enough to hear the stories because the more I learn about them (the stories), the more plausible they become. This is the coolest job I ever had. It has opened up this battlefield to me, and this amazingly historic area I have lived in. I have grown through experience," Connacher laughs.

of conducting ghost tours in Gettysburg. "A lot of re-enactors treat tour guides as if we are trying to exploit the tragedy that happened here." She was firm to note that she does not exploit or wish to disrespect anyone. She added, "I don't know what the other tours do, but I do not come across like someone trying to

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have an upcoming special event
(Engagement, Wedding, Anniversary,
Birthday, etc.) that you would like announced
in
The Catocin Banner?

Send us the exact words you would like in your announcement write-up (along with a photo if you choose) to news@thecatocinbanner.com

Announcements: \$15

Announcements (w/photo): \$25

Send payment to: The Catocin Banner, 515B East Main
St., Emmitsburg, MD 21727

AUTO. HOME. LIFE.

Nationwide®

BUNDLE & SAVE UP TO 25%

When things work together, they just work better. Bundling your auto, home and life insurance with Nationwide could save you up to 25%. Make your policies sing. Ask us how.

Chester T. Zentz, III
Zentz Insurance and Financial
130 E Main St
Thurmont, MD 21788
Phone: (301) 271-2438
E-mail: zentz2@nationwide.com

Nationwide Insurance

Products are underwritten by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and/or its subsidiaries. Coverage, terms, conditions, amounts, exclusions, and other details are subject to the actual policy. This advertisement is not a contract. For more information, please contact your agent. ©2011 Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company. All rights reserved. NAD-2438 (1/11/11)

tickling our taste buds

by Denise Valentine, A monthly column by a community member who loves to cook!

Hello everyone,

I was recently talking with my friend Donna about the upcoming CHS Sports Boosters Dance that we will be helping with. She said her husband, Mo, would not be able to attend the dance. He will be in Germany visiting his sister and niece. I wasn't really surprised about his trip; I know Mo travels a lot with his work, and that he has family outside of the United States. However, when she said he hadn't seen his sister in 32 years, and how he hadn't met his 26-year-old niece in person, I was truly amazed.

It got me thinking about how lucky I am to have most of my family right in the immediate area. I still don't see some of them as often as I'd like, but I just couldn't imagine not seeing any of them for all those years. Today, email, texting, Twitter, and Facebook have made communication with long-distance family and friends so easy, but seeing them in person and getting a hug is priceless.

When getting together this holiday season, search your recipes for side dishes that can be prepared ahead of time, so you can just pop them in the oven and be able to spend more precious time with your family. The recipe this month comes from the Lewistown Mt. View 4-H Club Recipe Book. I called my friend Sally, who put the recipe in the book, to ask permission to use it in this issue. She said that would be fine, but to note that she got this recipe from her mother-in-law. I know that Thanksgiving will have already passed with this printing, but try this for Christmas. Happy Holidays!

Sweet Potato Casserole with Nut Topping

3 cups cooked sweet potatoes, mashed	2 eggs, slightly beaten
1 cup sugar, brown or white	1 tsp. vanilla
	½ cup milk or light cream

Topping:

1/3 cup soft butter	½ cup flour
1 cup brown sugar	1 cup chopped walnuts

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl (except for topping ingredients). Mix well. Pour into a greased or buttered 2 quart casserole. If making ahead, cover and refrigerate overnight. Next day, make topping. Combine ingredients, sprinkle over sweet potatoes and bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 35 minutes. Serve hot. Double this recipe and bake in a 9 x 13 baking dish. No need to double topping.

www.thecatocinbaner.com

Bollinger's

where family meets family!

Have A Blessed Christmas Season
and a Joyous New Year from
Your Friendly Staff at Bollinger's Restaurant

Holiday Closings:

Open Christmas Eve 6 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Serving Breakfast Only
Closed Christmas Day
Open New Years Eve 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Closed New Years Day

HOURS:

Mon-Sat 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Open Sunday 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

301-271-3500 | 210 N. Church Street | Thurmont, MD

Cub Scout Pack 270 Membership Drive

Does your son like to have fun with friends, play team sports, learn new skills, build things, and camp? If your answer is yes, then finding out more about Cub Scouts is the first step!

Cub Scouting is a year-round family program designed for boys in the 1st through 5th grades, or 7 to 10 years of age. The program emphasizes leadership, community, family, character development, and personal fitness. Not to mention, the boys have fun while learning and love it! Give your son a valuable gift by encouraging him to join Cub Scouting today. The time you invest in him today will make a difference in the person he becomes tomorrow.

Pack 270 Dens meet weekly or bi-weekly, depending on the age of the scout and rank. We also meet as a pack monthly (the 3rd Monday of each month).

For more information call Richard Long at 301-898-1660, or rcl.chevy@verizon.net, or visit our web-site <http://www.cubpack270.com>. Come enjoy the fun!

New Ag Children's Book Announced

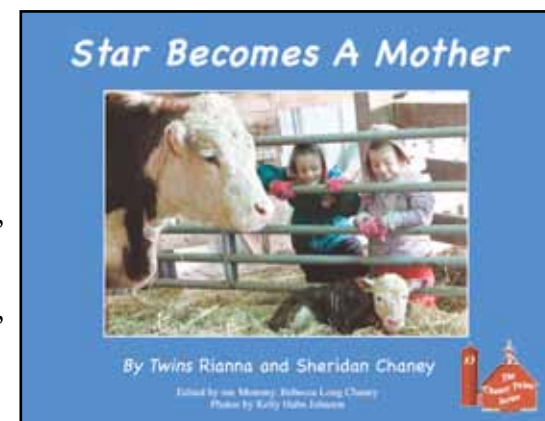
Seven-Year-Old Authors, Sheridan and Rianna Chaney, are proud to bring you the third book in the *The Chaney Twins' Series*. This book, "Star Becomes A Mother," is a sequel to book number one, "Little Star, Raising Our First Calf." In this endearing third book, the girls see Star become a mother herself, and watch as she nurtures her newborn calf that the twins have immediately named, "Starstruck." The story focuses on many facets of the beef industry and the good care farmers and ranchers give their animals no matter what the weather.

All three books are 32 pages, full of captivating color photographs by professional photographer and the books' co-creator, Kelly Hahn Johnson of Sharpsburg, Maryland. The easy-to-read text geared toward preschool and elementary-aged children has been selected by numerous Farm Bureau groups, Ag in the Classroom programs, and county and state cattle women's organizations across the country as their "Accurate Ag Books." Book number two, "Mini Milk Maids on the Mooove," featuring the dairying industry, received the Ohio Farm Bureau's prestigious "Children's Literary Award."

The books' editor and twins' mother, Rebecca Long Chaney, is thrilled that *The Chaney Twins' Series* continues to make such an impact with Ag education, teaching children about animal agriculture.

Lesson plans have been developed for all three books. They will be available in downloadable form soon on the Pennsylvania Beef Council website at www.pabeef.org.

Books are \$12 each, or for the three-book "Bundle" special, the set is \$30 plus postage. For more information or to place an order, call Rebecca at 301-271-2732 or email her at chaneyswalkabout@aol.com. Or place an order directly from her website at Rebeccalongchaney.com. The Chaney's live near Thurmont, Maryland, so pick up or delivery can be arranged.



R.L. Delphey

HOME IMPROVEMENT SPECIALISTS SINCE 1978

WHEN YOU THINK OF YOUR HOME, CALL US.

› GARAGES	› WINDOWS & DOORS
› SUN ROOMS	› KITCHENS & BATHS
› DRYWALL	› FINISHED BASEMENTS
› DECKS & ADDITIONS	› SIDING & GUTTERS
› LAMINATE FLOORING	› ROOFING

FREE ESTIMATES! 301-271-4850

MHIC LIC. #10982 LICENSED & INSURED

TerraCycle Collection at Thurmont Middle School

TerraCycle is a company that collects materials not usually recycled and upcycles them. TerraCycle then converts the collected waste into a wide variety of products and materials. Their goal is to eliminate the idea of waste by creating collection and solution systems for anything that today must be sent to a landfill.

Thurmont Middle School in Thurmont, Maryland, is participating in this program. All the materials collected and returned to Thurmont Middle School raise money for the students. The following are items being collected: **Drink pouches** (any size/any brand, excluding juice boxes. Please remove the straw and squeeze the juice out); **Yogurt containers** (any brand yogurt cups you can stack neatly, top must be wider than the bottom. Do not accept Activia and Yoplait style cups); **Candy wrappers** (any size/any brand, excluding boxes or gum packaging); **Cookie wrappers** (any size/any brand, excluding the inner trays); **Chip bags** (any size/any brand); **Energy bar wrappers** (any size/any brand, excluding cardboard inserts); **Granola bar wrappers** (any size/any brand); **Scott brands** (any outer plastic from any Scott products. No cardboard, paper wrapping, or tissue rolls from toilet/paper products); **Personal products** (the outer plastic on any brand of diaper/personal product packaging. No cardboard boxes or bins from baby wipes); **Beauty tubes** (any brand/any type of personal care/beauty tubes); **Invisible tape dispensers** (any size/any brand plastic dispensers and cores); **Cereal bags** (any size/any brand cereal bag, exclude cereal boxes); **Writing instruments** (empty pens, pencils, mechanical pencils, markers & highlighters, exclude sharpie/expo dry erase); **Elmer's glue** (any size Elmer's brand glue sticks & plastic glue bottles); **Coffee bags** (any size/any brand coffee bags, exclude t-discs & pouches); **Oral care** (any brand used toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, & packaging, excluding cardboard packaging); **Spreads** (any brand spread tubs and lids); **Home storage** (any size home storage bags—freezer, storage, regular, sandwich) and storage containers). For more information, visit www.terracycle.net.

2012 Catocin Safe and Sane Event

The 2012 Catocin Safe and Sane committee will be holding a Dance and Silent Auction at the Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Building on Saturday, December 3, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. "First Class" out of Ocean City, Maryland, will take the stage at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be obtained by contacting Tina Delauter at 301-748-8553 or Cheryl Phelan at 301-524-3106.

The committee is looking for donations of items for the Silent Auction. If you have any items you would like to donate for the auction, please contact Tina or Cheryl. Check us out at www.catocinsafeandsane.com.

Share Your Good News With The Catocin Community!

Send your community news and photographs to share with others in your community. If you would like your name listed as contributor or photographer of your information, please include it in your email or mail.

Send your news to: *The Catocin Banner*, 515B East Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD 21727 or 13425 Moser Road, Thurmont, MD 21788
news@thecatocinbanner.com
www.thecatocinbanner.com

301-693-9503 message line
 301-271-1050 Phone
 301-447-2946 fax

school news

CHS Sports Boosters Holiday Open House and Benefit Dance

Catocin High School (CHS) Sports Boosters Inc. will be holding a Holiday Open House and a Benefit Dance on Saturday, December 10, 2011.

The 3rd Annual Holiday Open House will be held in the Catocin High School cafeteria, from 10:00 am–1:00 pm. Cougar apparel (youth sizes from 2T-XL also available), stadium seats, blankets, hats and visors, and novelty items will be available for your Christmas shopping. Free gift wrapping service will be provided. Santa Claus will be available to greet young and old alike. There will be light refreshments and door prizes. For more information, please call Michelle at 301-676-9971.

The Benefit Dance will be held at the Thurmont American Legion. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and the band "Night Train" will entertain from 8:00 p.m.-Midnight. Check out their website for a preview at www.night-train-rock.com. Tickets are \$10 per person in advance or \$15 at the door. For tickets, please contact Jessica at 301-788-0976 or Denise at 301-447-6816. You may also see any Sports Booster member or contact Kevin McMullen at the high school. There will be a cash bar available, tip jars, and a 50/50 drawing. Light refreshments, snacks, iced tea, and coffee will be provided. No one under 21 will be admitted.

This fundraiser is to help raise money for the new sound system in the stadium and the current upgrading of the sound system in the gymnasium at Catocin High School. CHS Sports Boosters Inc. is a non-profit organization that currently helps with the purchase of team uniforms, two scholarships each year to graduating seniors, clinics for our coaches, and funds for equipment as we are able. A Capital Improvement Fund has been established to earmark monies for the sound systems and future projects.

Mother Seton School's Blessing of the Animals

Deacon John Martin from St. Peter's in Libertytown, Maryland, blesses "Kenna" at the annual Mother Seton School "Blessing of the Animals" on October 4, 2011. This school tradition is held every year in honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the beloved universal patron of animals. This year Deacon John blessed a pig, a snake, hermit crabs, bunnies, several horses, fish, hamsters, cats, and many dogs.



Courtesy Photo

"Kenna" is shown with owner Amy Myles and her daughters, Peyton and Kiernan, of Emmitsburg, Maryland.

BLOCKBUSTER VIDEO

DVD's & Blu Rays

You now have the choice to either rent a 1 day rental or a 5 day rental

You can now get a 1 day rental at Blockbuster for just \$1.49 per evening!

Don't rent from a box when you can rent from a store!

301-271-2300

224 North Church Street, Thurmont, MD

Seasons Greetings from your friends at....

Catocin Mountain Orchard

Market Open Daily 9-5

Visit Our Market on

U.S. Rt. 15 at N. Franklinville Rd.

301-271-2737 fax: 301-271-2850

www.catocinmountainorchard.com

8 Varieties of Apples

Magness & Bosc Pears

Kale • Cabbage • Cauliflower

White & Sweet Potatoes

Winter & Butternut Squash

Apple & Pear Cider

Fresh Baked & Frozen Pies

Wide Variety of Jam & Jelly

Local Crafts

Fresh Baked & Frozen Pies

Apple & Jelly Gift Packs Available for the Holidays! We can ship it for you too!



Shamrock Restaurant



Above: The Shamrock Restaurant located right off of US-15. Right: A traditional Shepherd's Pie made with real lamb.

Photos by Aaron J. Heiner

A long-standing tradition of Irish cuisine in the Thurmont area is the Shamrock Restaurant, family owned and operated since 1963. It is located on Rt. 15, just 15 miles north of Frederick, Maryland, and just 15 miles south of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, at Thurmont.

Once entering the restaurant, patrons are quickly and pleasantly greeted at the door by the hostess. I was seated at a quaint corner table that had a nice view of the entire dining area. Located in the entrance-way—and throughout the Shamrock—were an assortment of Irish foods, gifts, clothing, and music for purchase, along with delicious pies and breads. The walls and window sills were adorned with many knick-knacks, symbolizing various traits of Ireland, a country nicknamed The Emerald Isle.

The waitress greeted me with a large, friendly smile. After

announcing the specials, I wasted no time in ordering the Tuesday special: the Shepherd's Pie (\$13.00) and a soda (\$2.25). I chose this day specifically for this meal.

After many years of searching for an authentic Shepherd's Pie, I discovered that night that the Shamrock Restaurant does indeed make a traditional



Shepherd's Pie. Many Irish-style-themed eateries have become popular in recent years, claiming to serve an authentic Shepherd's Pie. However, in reality, those dishes consist of beef, not lamb. A Shepherd's Pie always uses lamb, and the Shamrock Restaurant delivers in this category.

A salad came with my meal, so I walked to the alcove where I was told the salad bar would be. About fifteen minutes after placing my order—which was more than enough time to eat my salad—my main entrée arrived.

Piping hot and in a deep-dish cast iron pot, the Shamrock's Shepherd's Pie was about to be placed to the ultimate test. The mashed potatoes were well-cooked and “un-burnt” (burnt potatoes being the most common failure of a well-prepared Shepherd's Pie). The entrée was covered with a light dusting of cheese and sprinkled-on greens, giving this

Thurmont Lions Club Cookbook

If you are looking for a great gift or want to add to your own cookbook collection, the Thurmont Lions Club Cookbook would be the perfect choice. As a bonus, all proceeds go to local community and vision-related projects.

This brand-new cookbook features twelve sections, with a wide variety of recipes to satisfy your taste buds. The mouth-watering collection includes dishes that range from quick weeknight selections to elegant special occasion meals. Stories about the background of some of the recipes add a special touch to this cookbook.

The cookbook is available for only \$15.89. For more information, visit www.thurmontlionsclub.com. If you would like to reserve your copy, call Colleen at 301-788-7566 or Joann at 301-271-3913.

traditional classic an upscale feel.

From the very first bite, I could taste the lamb. This was consistent throughout the entire meal. Corn, carrots, and peas made up a good part of the vegetables that accompanied the massive chunks of meat. Having eaten “authentic” Shepherd's Pie in both Scotland and Ireland, I have to say, hands down—without exaggeration—that this was the best Shepherd's Pie I have had in the past ten years.

I finished off my meal with Irish toffee custard—a perfect end to a perfect meal. With tax and tip, the grand total came to well under \$25—a very good value, considering the quantity and quality of the meal.

At this point, one might wish to polish off the evening with a pint of Guinness, where possibly the following phrase could be heard:

“Eireann go Brach! Sláinte!” (Long live Ireland! Cheers!). The Shamrock Restaurant offers a delightful assortment of coffees and teas, cocktails, as well as soft drinks. For the children, they have chocolate milk, which always seems to be a favorite.

The Shamrock is a relaxed and easy-going dining experience of traditional Irish cuisine, without the need to catch a red-eye Aer Lingus flight to Dublin. For anyone who wants good-quality traditional Irish food, and maybe a little luck of the Irish, then look no further than the Shamrock Restaurant.

Shamrock Restaurant
7701 Fitzgerald Road
Thurmont, MD 21788
301-271-2912
www.shamrockrestaurant.com

Bargain Hunters THRIFT SHOP



Out of Fairfield, Pennsylvania, a young man by the name of Ryan Laumann has opened the Bargain Hunters Thrift Shop, located on Monterey Lane in Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania.

A little over a month shy of his twenty-first birthday, this young Fairfield High School graduate was tired of looking for work in this time of economic downturn. He decided to try his hand at what he grew to love as a boy while traveling with his father Doug. Ryan, his brother Brandon and his father enjoyed going to auctions, flea markets, yard sales, and anywhere else a bargain could be found. He remembers going to places like Williamsburg, Thomasville, Greencastle, West Virginia, and of course, many local places looking for bargains.

With an entrepreneur's spirit, Ryan set out to open his own business, knowing that he would enjoy what he grew up doing with his father. He began by looking for a place to sell good gently-used items. He found a bargain in Blue Ridge Summit, where he is currently located. “I only sell what I would buy,” stated Laumann. As I browsed his shop, I agreed with what some of his customers have told him: the prices are great. He enjoys helping people by providing good, clean and reasonable bargains.

Ryan declared that since August 6 - the shop's grand opening date - many of the same customers are returning with new customers. News is spreading by word of mouth, and, as a result, many new buyers are visiting his shop. College students are finding small refrigerators and microwaves for their dorm rooms. Seniors are finding various items that they can afford. He is staying busy keeping his shop stocked. Ryan gives his very own 7-day warranty on large equipment, such as refrigerators, washers, microwaves, and the like. With his giving and caring spirit, this young man will go far with his business.

CALL FOR MORE INFO:

717-794-2300

LOCATED AT TRACY'S CORNER

13194 MONTEREY LANE, BLUE RIDGE SUMMIT PA

Hours of Operation

Monday - 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Thurs. - Fri. - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sat. - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

• **Great Deals on our Extensive Selection of Items**

• **We have Collectibles, Furniture, Glassware, Fishing Supplies & Tools!**

• **Brand New - Remote Control Cars!**

FUNCTIONAL FITNESS PERSONAL TRAINING



Weddings • Holidays • Birthdays

DIANE SHIFFLETT • 301-748-4029

functionalfitness.biz

diane@functionalfitness.biz

Marie's Beauty Salon

21 Meadow Lane • Thurmont

301-271-4551

Senior Citizen Perms \$28

Tue 1 - 8 p.m. • Thu 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Fri 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Sat 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Call 301-271-4551 for appointment.
Please leave message after 4 rings.

Who Am I?



Who Am I? Next Issue

Your clues are: "A member of a bicentennial court; grew up at the furnace; a historical VP; could be seen dressing windows near the Thurmont square for 39 years; worked for mandatory recycling."

2011 Who Am I? Winners of Who Am I? Game this year are \$50 – Pat Muir, \$25 – Tootie Lenhart, \$10 – Betty Eyler. Those who guessed correctly are Jerri Bowers, Betty Dewees, Doris Knott, Louie Powell, Pat Black and Lisa Manahan.

You can submit your answer in either of two ways: call 240-288-0108 and leave a message or send an e-mail to who@thecatocinbanner.com. Correct answers will be entered into a contest for prizes at the end of the year. Each month's winners will be revealed in the following month's issue. Each month a new "Who Am I?" will be featured, plus we will reveal the answer to the previous month's local mystery figure.

Article and Photo by Deb Spalding

Your clues were: "Catocin graduate; middle child of five; on the field and in the aisles; loves to decorate his house for Christmas; he often has a jubilee of a day."

Winners of Who Am I? Game this year are \$50 – Pat Muir, \$25 – Tootie Lenhart, \$10 – Betty Eyler. Those who guessed Tim Ridenour correctly are Jerri Bowers, Betty Dewees, Doris Knott, Louie Powell, Pat Black and Lisa Manahan.

I am Tim Ridenour

Thurmont resident, Tim Ridenour, is one of five children to Shirley and Eddie Ridenour of Thurmont. He graduated from Catocin High School in 1982, and has been having a "Jubilee of a day" ever since. He is Co-Manager of the Jubilee Foods Grocery Store in Emmitsburg. He

enjoys what he does and loves to interact with his customers. He enjoys teaching younger employees and takes pride in making the store look good.

The "aisles" of the grocery stores he has worked have played a major role in his life. As a sophomore

in high school, he bagged groceries at the old Thurmont SuperThrift. While his grocery store work was pre-empted by three summers at Catocin Mountain Orchard and briefly interrupted by his preparations to enter the Maryland State Police Academy, grocery stores have been the main-stay of Tim's career. He was shuffled from the Festival at Gettysburg to the Thurmont and then Emmitsburg SuperThrifts, then to the Waynesboro Jubilee, and for the past several years, to the Emmitsburg Jubilee.

He met his wife, Terri, while working at the Emmitsburg SuperThrift over 18 years ago. She also worked there as a part-time cashier while attending Mount St. Mary's College. Tim was at home and working part-time, having just completed classes in Baltimore in preparation to enter the Maryland Police Academy. His time at home was extended when former Governor Schaefer put a freeze on hiring police and emergency services staff, which resulted in the closing of the academy for a while. Coincidentally, their wedding plans were tested when Tim was called back to the academy two days before they were to be married. He decided not to attend the academy.



Tim and Terri have two daughters, Brooke and Lexie, who keep their parents busy, as they chauffeur them to and from sports practices and events. The girls are straight A students, and they both play on travel softball teams. Brooke wants to be an engineer and Lexie wants to be a doctor. Tim and Terri are very proud of them. Tim said the things that are important to him are: "Keeping my wife and children happy, having dinners together to talk about the day, and helping my daughters stay on 'the right track.'"

Tim's wife said, "In his next life, he will be Santa." Tim loves to decorate for the holidays. He won the Thurmont Holiday Light Contest twice, while it was being held.

Fitzgerald's Auto & Cycle
HAVE A COUPON?
Bring any competitor's coupon here, and we will match the price!

Tire Rotations 24.⁹⁵
includes air pressure adjustment & balancing available. 14.⁹⁵ Trucks Cars

Cooling System Service 99.⁹⁵
(includes 2 Gallons of Coolant, Flush & Seal Tabs)

Oil Change 19.⁹⁵ 24.⁹⁵
Without Oil Filter *up to 5 qts. With Oil Filter *up to 5 qts.
Applies to most vehicles with a spin on filter.

69.⁹⁵ Headlight Buff & Align
Make your headlights look like new without replacing!

* Must present coupon at point of purchase. Expires 12/31/2011
Pricing includes parts, labor, and tax.

Check out some great Presents for X-Mas!
Remote Control - Planes, Helicopters & Boats.
Also, Fourwheelers, Scooters & GoKarts available!

301.447.6274 • 17307 N. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD

TAHITI SUN

NATURE'S COSMETIC

15% OFF All Tanning Packages
ex. 12/31/2011

101 Silo Hill Road
Emmitsburg, MD
301-447-6882

We would like to wish everyone a Wonderful Holiday Season! We thank our customers for all of your great support through the year!

Main Street Groomers

All Breeds Welcome!

Monday - Saturday
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Appt. Only

Caring & Professional Grooming Services at a Reasonable Price!

Judy Cochran - Owner

129 East Main Street
Thurmont, MD
301-271-0568

17 West Frederick Street
Walkersville, MD
301-845-6888

the health jeanne

by Jeanne Angleberger, Shaklee Associate for a Healthier Life

In case you missed it, here is a recap of 2011 healthy tips from your community newspaper, *The Catoctin Banner*!

Yours truly says, “If you love your heart, take it for a walk or bike ride. Physical activity helps keep your heart strong and healthy.” Choose a diet low in saturated and trans fats. Eat plenty of fiber-rich fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.

Healthy teeth reveal much about your overall good health. Remember to brush and floss daily. Get regular dental check-ups. In addition, have your child’s baby teeth examined by age 3.

How healthy is your immune system? It will serve you well if it is properly cared for. Feeding your body the right nutrients is a good first step. Poor diet; daily stress; and exposure to toxins in food, water, and the environment all cause a decline in immune system activity, according to Phyllis Balch, a leading nutritional consultant.

Also, there are true health benefits to having a strong social network. Calling a friend when you’re experiencing a bad day can give you a different perspective. It can even boost your immune system to help protect you from depression and anxiety.

Yours truly believes cooking from and for the heart will give you long-term health dividends. Visit the American Heart Association website for heart-healthy food ideas and recipes.

Be aware of in-flight germs when traveling by air. As soon as you get to your seat, wipe the seatbelt handle, arm rests, tray table, and over-head light with antibacterial wipes. Avoid as much contact as possible when using the lavatory.

Healthy aging can be achieved. Three important components are: exercise, fitness, and nutrition. It’s never too late to begin making healthier lifestyle choices!

Quinoa is a power-packed whole food. It has everything that your body needs—fiber, vitamins, minerals, healthy fat, carbohydrates, and protein.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) introduces a dinner plate that shows what a healthy diet should be. The new plate consists of fruits and vegetables, grains, lean proteins, and low-fat dairy.

Why do we need muscle in our senior years? It is extremely important if you want to maintain an active lifestyle—keeps you strong and burns calories to help maintain proper weight. Loss of muscle adversely affects our joint strength, balance, endurance, and flexibility.

Here’s hoping you find “the health Jeanne” tips educational. Take what works for you and integrate it into your health plans. As always, you are the first line of defense when it comes to your health! Wishing you a healthy 2012!

Women’s Community Bible Study

Victory Tabernacle invites women of the community to join a daytime Bible Study held on Mondays, from 10:00-11:30 a.m., beginning January 9, 2012, in the church modular building.

The study topic is “New Beginnings: God’s Transforming Love in the Lives of Biblical Women.” Lesson One looks at the life of Eve. All women are welcome, regardless of level of Bible knowledge.

There is no cost, but please preregister by January 6, 2012, by calling Kathy Jenkins at 301-271-3658.

Victory Tabernacle is located at the corner of Kellys Store Road and Catoctin Furnace Road.

C&K GROOMING



Full Groom - \$35.00

Senior Citizens - \$28.00

Doggie Baths - \$10.00

Nails - \$5.00

Cheryl & Kaylia Bottomly - Owners

Business Hours • 301-271-7813

Mon. - Sat. • 9 AM - 1 PM By Appointment Only

***Please provide 24 hr. notice upon cancellation**

Ask the Anytime Fitness Gal

Expert answers to your health and wellness questions
by Inga Olsen



Question: Is it true that you can only digest 30 grams of protein at a time?

Answer: No—this is definitely a myth. Some claim that Lou Ferrigno came up with this one back in the 1970s, but no one knows for sure. I am amazed at how many people think this is true, and I’m also curious to know where these folks think the rest of the protein (above and beyond 30 grams) goes if it isn’t digested. The simple truth is that you can digest any amount of protein that you ingest, but the caveat here is that the digestive process will just take that much longer. This is true of any macronutrient. The more you eat, the longer it takes to process—simple as that. If you happen to hear this myth being bantered about in the gym at some point, be sure to put forth the real facts.

Question: Is it ok to do casual physical activities on my days off from working out?

Answer: Absolutely! Scheduled physical activities aren’t necessarily warranted, but it doesn’t mean you can’t go out and have fun. This includes playing with your kids, going for a walk with your spouse or partner, or playing a sport with some friends. You’ll obviously improve your fitness and health by doing this and, for most folks, it really isn’t going to be detrimental to your training regimen. Only elite athletes typically abstain from all forms of physical activity on their days off, and that’s generally because their bodies are under so much stress during their daily training.

Days off were never meant to be spent lounging on the couch watching movies, though occasionally that’s just fine too!

Question: I have a friend that’s using some questionable supplements. How should I approach him given the fact that he seems to believe they’re working well?

Answer: This is a tough question to answer, but you might want to start by telling him that diet is a huge part of the equation, and that supplementation, though useful at times, can’t make up for a deficient diet. Then, I would have him meet with a qualified expert that can take a look at the supplements he’s using and provide some real, science-based feedback on the safety and efficacy of the products. Sports dietitians have specialized training in this area, and you can find one in your area by checking out the SCAN website (www.scandpg.org). Keep in mind, if he truly feels that the supplements are helping him achieve his goals, there might not be anything you can say that will change his mind. Just know that you did all you could.

About the author: Inga Olsen is the Club Manager and NSPA Certified Conditioning Specialist and Nutrition and Weight Management Specialist at Anytime Fitness in Thurmont. To submit a question for future articles, please contact the author at ThurmontMD@anytimefitness.com.



“Isn’t it time you made the switch?”

John Trout
Owner, Trout’s Market
Woodsboro, MD

Enjoy all the products and conveniences of a national financial institution, but with the superior personal service of a locally-owned bank.

Selected Banking Features

Free Online Banking with Bill Pay • 40,000 No-fee ATMs • Free 24-7 Telephone Banking • Mobile Banking Without Bank Fees • Remote Deposit Capture

Selected Banking Products

No Minimum Balance Free E-Checking
Tiered Interest Earning Checking

Seven Frederick County office locations

2009  BUSINESS ETHICS AWARD


WOODSBORO BANK
SERVING FREDERICK COUNTY SINCE 1899
MEMBER FDIC • EQUAL OPPORTUNITY LENDER
Banking for a better community

Thurmont - 143 Frederick Road • 301-271-4944 • www.woodsborobank.com

National FFA Agriscience Fair

Wyatt Farmer and Charles Kolb of the Catocin FFA Chapter in Maryland were one of 15 teams from across the country in the National FFA Agriscience Fair Engineering: Division 4 event. The event was held in conjunction with the 84th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The students' project, titled "Making Your Own Biodiesel," was led by advisor Brian Hendrickson and was awarded a Gold emblem.

Participants conducted a scientific research project pertaining to the agriculture and food science industries, and they presented their findings to a panel of judges with a display and a report. The Engineering area, which is also known as mechanical/agricultural engineering science, includes area of technology and projects that directly apply scientific principles to manufacturing and practical uses, such as mechanical, chemical, electrical, and environmental engineering.

The 2011 Agriscience Fair awards were presented onstage during the seventh general session at the National FFA Convention. Winners of the Agriscience Fair receive \$350 for 1st Place, \$200 for 2nd Place, and \$100 for 3rd Place.

The Agriscience Fair is sponsored by Cargill and Syngenta, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. A total of 434 exhibits with 607 participants attended the 2011 Agriscience Fair.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 540,739 student members—all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture as part of 7,487 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The National FFA Organization changed to its present name in 1988, in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. The 84th National FFA Convention was held October 19-22, 2011, in Indianapolis, Indiana, and drew 50,000-plus FFA members, advisors, and guests from across the country. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.



Courtesy Photo

Pictured left to right are Amy Jo Poffenberger, Wyatt Farmer and Charles Kolb of the Catocin FFA.

Catocin Colorfest Reception Held

The 48th Annual Catocin Colorfest was held on a beautiful weekend this past October. Record crowds visited the Town of Thurmont. Craft vendors reported that they had a wonderful weekend and many said it was the best they had ever had at any craft show.

While planning for the 49th Annual Catocin Colorfest is already underway, a reception was held November 15, 2011 at Cozy Restaurant in Thurmont where monies from the success of the 48th show were given away. Over the past year, Catocin Colorfest has donated \$26,329.95 to the community in the form of scholarships, ambulance and fire company support, town support, food bank support and miscellaneous donations. The reception was a platform where President, Carol Robertson, on behalf of the Catocin Colorfest, Inc., was able to extend thanks and appreciation to the many entities who come together to make the large craft show happen. A special thanks was expressed to Thurmont Town Mayor and the town's staff members as well as the police, fire and ambulance members.

For more information or to become involved with Catocin Colorfest, please visit www.colorfest.org.



Photo by Deb Spalding

The Catocin Colorfest, Inc. slate of officers for the next year were selected at a reception on November 15, 2011. Pictured left to right are Catocin Colorfest, Inc. board members; Terry Bouchillon, Ted Zimmerman (Vice President), Susie Pedersen, Nancy Mooney (Vice President/Treasurer), Carol Robertson (President), Kathy Myrick (Director), John Corkran. Back row left to right are Clarence "Mac" Ancarrow (Director) and Randy Nusbaum (Treasurer).

SHIP HERE!

FedEx



WE HAVE ALL YOUR SHIPPING NEEDS

A Variety of Boxes
Bubble Wrap • Packing
Tape • Bubble Mailers
Envelopes of all Sizes!

**GREAT
GIFT
IDEA!!!**

IN-STOCK NOW!
A wide selection
of Vinyl Car
Decals & Interior
Decals!

Recycle your used
packing peanuts &
bubble wrap!

**Bring it to E Plus for
a Wooden Token for
savings on a future
Shipment!**

**\$1.00
OFF**

Another Great
Gift Idea!

Christmas Cards or Calendars?

Stop into E Plus to order your
Christmas cards or Calendars for
this holiday season!!

Receive 10% OFF your order!

Offer good until 01/01/2012.
Offer valid for only for Carlson Craft products.

**Custom FULL
color T-Shirt!**

**Deals so good...
Santa would
add them to his
wish list!**



e plus copy center

EPLUSPROMOTES.COM

**515 B EAST MAIN ST.
EMMITSBURG, MD 21727**

301-447-2804

our neighborhood veterans

The Holiday Season and How our Neighborhood Veteran Organizations are Helping Fellow Veterans and Our Community

by Jim Houck, Jr.

Veteran organizations in our neighborhood help veterans and civilians from our community year round, but when the holiday season arrives, the response by the community is more heartfelt. The season kicked off on November 11, 2011, with Veterans Day 21-gun salute ceremonies for veterans resting in our community cemeteries. This is performed by Francis X. Elder American Legion Post 121 Color Guard, starting at Francis X. Elder's Grave Site at St. Joseph's Church Cemetery. The next firing and salute was in front of American Legion 121 Post Home, and then on to the Lutheran Church Cemetery. The Emmitsburg Doughboy Memorial was the next stop, and then on to Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery for the next salute. The next firing and salute was at St. Joseph's New Cemetery, and then on to St. Anthony's Cemetery, finishing at the Presbyterian Cemetery. The Color Guard was led by Robert Dinterman, Paul (Buzz) Sutton, John (Chum) Sutton, Robert Troxell, Billy Kolb, Mike Orndorff, and Tony Wivell. The others present at all ceremonies were: Dale Valentine-A L Post 121 Commander, Jim Houck Jr. Post 121 SAL Commander, Michelle Saylor-Auxiliary Unit 121 President, Robert Dinterman VFW Post 6658 Commander, and Sandy Seidel-VFW Ladies Auxiliary 6658 President. Commander Valentine invited everyone back to Post 121 for refreshments. Next on the agenda was a visit to St Catherine's Center, where tribute was paid to the

veterans residing there. The long-standing tradition of handing out fruit baskets to the veterans—started by Joyce Sanders—was carried out, along with the lowering of the old flag and the presentation of and raising of the new flag, which is also a tradition. Commander Valentine presented the new flag to Annie Wantz, Activity Director for St. Catherine's. A flag blessing was given by Father Steve. Commander Valentine and President Saylor gave



Courtesy Photo

out certificates to the veterans present.

The Color Guard was called next to assist with the presentation of the new flag pole, bought by American Legion Post 121 and VFW Post 6658, and was installed at The Emmitsburg Doughboy site. The presentation took place at 2:00 p.m. on November 12, 2011. The guest speaker was Emmitsburg's new Mayor Donald Briggs. After

being introduced by Commander Dinterman, Mr. Briggs gave a very heartwarming speech. The new flag was raised by Commanders Valentine and Dinterman, on the new flag pole, and the color guard did a 21-gun salute and taps was played. The ceremony was very emotional, and the crowd that had gathered, steeped in patriotism, stood at attention and saluted the flag. The crowd was invited back to VFW Post 6658 for a brief in-house ceremony and for refreshments. Commander Dinterman introduced the next speaker, Sgt. Bernie Hobbs, a Veteran with over 30 years of service to our country. Sgt. Hobbs gave a brief but moving speech and received a strong round of applause. Everyone seemed to enjoy the refreshments and the socializing and joint venture between the American Legion and the VFW went very well.

The next function, a white elephant sale, was sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 121, and all proceeds from the auction and food sales went to: Seton Outreach, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and VA Hospital. Through functions held throughout the year, the A L Auxiliary 121 is able to donate to the Emmitsburg Food Bank,

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Toys for Tots, and Breast Cancer Centers. The Jr. Auxiliary members have started "Hearts for Hounds" and made homemade dog biscuits and catnip bags—these bags are all donated to local animal shelters—and they are also collecting goods for shelters. The ladies do an excellent job for our veterans and community.

The Sons of the American Legion Post 121, due to previous functions, have been able to donate frequently to the Emmitsburg Food Bank, Martinsburg VA Hospital, Seton Outreach, The Lions Club, and to the individual needs within our community. The next function, which will be a joint venture between the SAL and ALA, will be a Holiday Party on December 17, 2011, at the Post Home. The tickets will cost \$10.00, and if you bring a new unwrapped toy, you will get your \$10.00 returned. The idea is to get as many toys to as many kids as possible this Christmas via the U.S. Marine Corps The tickets will be on

sale at the Post 121 bar and only 100 tickets will be sold. The ticket sales cut-off date will be December 10, 2011. All attending must be 21 years of age or older. Party favors will be given, and there will be snacks and light fare.

The Men's Auxiliary of VFW Post 6658 hosted a turkey and ham give-away on November 18, 2011, at the Post Home. The Women's Auxiliary of VFW Post 6658, led by President Sandy Seidel, held bingo at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall November 15, 2011, and all proceeds were used for veterans.

The sons of American Veterans (AMVETS) Post 7 Thurmont hold events all year to be funded for donating to veterans and their families and helping the community. The SOA Post 7 and their Commander Joe Forrest, alongside of AMVETS Post 7 and their Commander Thomas Joy, and Ladies Auxiliary Post 7 and their President Mary McKinnon, work together in an amazing way to bring everything together at functions to bring in money to be distributed to veterans and the community. The SOA makes quarterly visits to St. Catherine's Center to present a check for the much-needed items for the veterans residing there, and also goes room to room talking and spending time with the veterans. Turkeys were given to members that had their tickets drawn on November 24, 2011. The tickets were given free. On Thanksgiving Day, Post 7 members and their families donated turkeys and the trimmings and served Thanksgiving Dinner to families in the community that need a helping hand.

I want everyone in the community to understand that veteran organizations are helping in every way possible, without any glory, because they are not in it for "pats on the back." They are in it because it makes them feel good to reach out and lend a helping hand.

Thank God for our freedom, our strength to carry on a great tradition, and for our community.

To join one—or all of these—wonderful organizations, stop in and talk to someone who will provide you with all the information you need to join.

Merry Christmas
from your friends at
The Catoctin
Banner!

Mountaindale Convenience Store



ATM Machine



Phone: 301-898-7338

At the corner of Powell Rd. & Mountaindale Rd.

The Oldest Country Store in Frederick County

- **Lowest Gas & Diesel Prices in town!**
- **Fresh made Country Fried Chicken, BBQ, Steak & Cheese Subs & Pizza from our Store Deli!**
- **A large selection of Wines, Liquors, and Beer!**

Located off Rte. 15, from Powell Rd.

**8 PEICE CHICKEN
POTATO WEDGES
& 2 LTR. SODA - \$12.99**

LOWEST GAS PRICES
AROUND!

happily ever after

A Letter to Santa

by Valerie Nusbaum

...continued from cover page.

Randy says that he doesn't want or need anything for Christmas, but that's not true. I don't know what you call it, but I'd like you to bring him the thing that accomplishes all those jobs on his "to-do" list. I've tried to find the right thing on my own, but I haven't had much luck. For example, there is a string of Christmas lights high up in my cedar tree in front of the house. I can see the plug dangling and swaying in the wind. Randy doesn't understand why that should bother me, but it does. Anyway, I mentioned to him a few dozen times that I'd love for him to take those lights down and put them away. He explained that they've somehow gotten tangled in the tree's branches, and he can't get them out without a bigger ladder. I bought him a bigger ladder. It's still sitting in the basement. Santa, clearly I don't have a handle on this tool thing, so I'm leaving it up to you. Just get it done, ok? And, I don't want to hear any comments

about how we should leave the lights up until after the holidays.

Please bring my mother a digital recorder, along with someone to show her how to use it and to be on-call when she has problems with it. She really wants the recorder, because, like me, she tends to forget things. I've cautioned her that although the recorder is a nice thing to have, she will still need to remember to play it back from time to time in order to do the things she's reminding herself to do. This is where that other person will come in handy. No, Santa, it's not MY job. I'm already in charge of her televisions, cable equipment, telephones, and car. Also, please bring Mom a hat; she really likes hats.

My father-in-law and mother-in-law would appreciate some things to keep them warm this winter. Randy and I have given them several electric heaters, including the famous "Amish fireplace," as well as fleece, wool, and thermal clothing and blankets. Still, they tell us that they are cold "down to their bones." Their house

is so warm that when we visit, Randy and I are forced to wear shorts and tank tops. Yes, Santa, I've suggested to them that they need to snuggle up and keep each other warm.

My brother and sister-in-law would like a box of edible goodies. I always make the trek to McCutcheon's and order a case of sauces and jellies, but perhaps your elves or Mrs. Claus could come up with something new and different. Bear in mind, one year my mother-in-law shipped a can of King Syrup to my brother-in-law who was stationed in Arizona, which proved not to be a very good idea. It's also not a good idea to use popcorn as a packing material. It's very easy to confuse the popcorn with those Styrofoam peanuts. Ask my brother, since he's ingested both.

We have two nephews, a niece, and a grand-niece. Just give them something you think they would like, ok? Who knows what young people are into these days? We usually send money or gift cards. I'll leave it up to you.

For our neighbors and friends, Randy and I hope you'll be creative. We really want them to think we're wonderful. I'm sure Brooke would like a pony, but I trust that you'll make the right choice for her. Please, Santa, leave something really special

for Bill Blakeslee.

As for me, Santa, there's nothing tangible that I really need or want. I'd like for everyone to have good health and happiness, and a warm place to sleep, along with enough food for their families. World peace would be nice. Barring that, you can bring me a housekeeper, a limo and driver, and a personal chef. I'm easy.

If I can reach the plug in the cedar tree, I'll light it up, so you'll have an easy time finding our house. I'm pretty sure there's a big ladder around here somewhere, and can almost guarantee that no one will be using it.

I'll leave some cookies out for you, Santa—sugar-free, fat-free, gluten-free, and low sodium. Actually, maybe I'll just leave pictures of real cookies. At least they'll look appetizing and taste pretty much the same as the healthy ones.

Thank you for your help, Mr. Claus. Merry Christmas!

Love, Valerie

P.S. We're wishing everyone has a wonderful holiday season, with nothing but blessings in the coming year.

Christmas Eve Holiday Buffet



At Emmitsburg's Historic "Carriage House Inn"

In JoAnn's Ballroom

Featuring Relaxing Piano Music with Linda Duffy

~Chef's Carving Station Featuring Prime Rib au Jus~
with homemade horseradish sauce

~Chicken JoAnn~

Chicken Breast Stuffed with Fresh Spinach, Roasted Peppers, Portabella Mushrooms and Parmesan Cheese in a Mushroom Cream Sauce

~Cranberry Roasted Fresh Pork Loin~

~Fresh Teriyaki Glazed Salmon~

~Crab & Lobster Newburg over Tortellini~

~Virginia Baked Ham with Fruit Compote~

~Garlic Rosemary Mashed Potatoes~

~Green Beans Almondine~

~Fresh Asparagus Medley with Lemon Butter~

~Maryland Crab Soup~

~Chef's Holiday Meatballs~

~Raspberry Filled Brie Baked en Croute~

~Chesapeake Crab Dip~

~Chicken Tenders~

~Salad Station~

~Homemade Dessert Display~

Holiday Dinner Buffet Served from 5:00 until 8:00 pm ~ \$29.95 per person

Children under 12 years ~ \$13.95 Under 4 years ~ Free

Holiday Dinner Menu Available in Our Main Dining Room until 7pm.

Reservations Required (301) 447-2366

www.carriagehouseinn.info

MOUNTAIN VIEW LAWN SERVICE, INC.

- Leaf Removal
- Trimming
- Mulching
- Yard Cleanup
- Hauling
- Gutter Cleaning
- Snow Removal

MTVIEWLAWNS@AOL.COM

Thurmont, Maryland

301-271-2832



Treat yourself for the Holidays!

Elsie Nails

Manicures • Pedicures
Tips • Acrylics & Gels
Paraffin Wax
Hand Painted Nail Designs

Come visit
Crystal & April at our
New Convenient Location

Call for your Appointment!

301-788-1966

6 North Church Street | Thurmont, MD

www.
thecatocinbaner.
com

STONE WORX

Locally Owned
SPECIALIZING IN STONE
VENEER FOR
FIREPLACES, HOUSE FRONTS,
FOUNDATIONS, AND CHIMNEYS

443-536-5902

ALL TYPES OF FLAGSTONE
WORK FOR WALKS,
PATIOS & PORCHES

Quality Craftsmanship
New Construction & Remodeling

body wisdom

by Teresa Dukich, L.M.T.

We have torn eleven pages from the calendar already. A new year is looking at us straight on.

In the past year, we've watched time figuratively "fly by". We've watched our children and grandchildren grow without stopping. We've seen and felt the aging of our own bodies. We've watched our beloved elder family grow older and pass away. We've observed the flow of life in the plants, animals, trees and especially, the rivers and creeks. The ocean is a beautiful symbolization of "flow" with its ebbs and tides. Every day the sun rises and sets. Just like that old soap opera mantra, "Like the sands through the hour glass, so are the days of our lives." We can even observe flow when it comes to money. Money is simply a tool of exchange. Someone pays you for a service or product they desire, you in turn exchange that by flowing your hard-earned money on to someone else for a service or product you desire.

Bottom line is this: There *must* be flow. The opposite of flow is stillness. And, stillness can lead to stagnation and stagnation to disease.

By now you ask, "What does this

have to do with the wisdom of the body?" The answer is: a great deal. Even when our body experiences periods of stillness—like sleeping—we are still constantly moving on the inside. Our heart, lungs, digestive fluids, interstitial fluids, and excretion organs are all doing what is necessary while we're resting!

Did you know that there are 22 body fluids? I won't name them all, due to space consideration, but I encourage you to look them up. The fluids we probably all know off-hand are: blood, urine, saliva, sweat, and mucosa. The big guys that don't get noticed until there's a physical problem are: interstitial, cerebral spinal, synovial, digestive, and lymph fluids. All fluids must flow to preserve good health. Drinking plenty of water when you have sinus congestion keeps the mucous thinner, making elimination easier and warding off thicker congestion that can lead to a sinus infection. Moving your body creates adequate synovial fluid to the joints, thereby staving off bursitis, arthritis, and dry socket syndrome. The flow of material in the digestive tract keeps toxins moving along. Toxins aren't meant to be stored; they are meant to flow through and out of our body, after the body has extracted what it needs to prosper.

So, pay attention to those things around you that flow, especially bodies of water. They are great testimonies to "The Way of Life."

My prayer for you is an abundant, prosperous holiday and New Year. My gratitude goes out to those who have allowed me the privilege of serving you through my life's occupation.

A Family Built Around Shangri-La...continued from cover page.

When the retreat was completed, President Roosevelt called it "Shangri-La." It has been used by all Presidents ever since; although, most folks would know the retreat by the name of "Camp David," the name President Dwight Eisenhower picked to retitle Shangri-La. The name change was in honor of President Eisenhower's grandson. It has since become one of the most historically significant sites in modern U.S. history.

Soon after marriage, the Stottlemyers moved to Washington, D.C., in search of better opportunities. Paul drove a bus and then worked for Farhney's Fountain Pen store, where he worked for many years until opening his own shop two blocks from the White House. Beatrice worked for decades at WTOP Radio. Both retired when they qualified for Social Security, but they stayed in Washington, D.C. It was only within the last seven years

that, at the behest of their son, they returned to Thurmont, Maryland, where they now live quite happily, only a few scant yards from one of Beatrice's childhood friends.

This fall, 95-year-old Beatrice and 96-year-old Paul took a ride and drove by what they believed to have been the old entrance to the park that they used. Even from a distance, they could still make out the former manager's house. However, so much time had elapsed that everything was overgrown, and they could not get close enough to make a better identification. Yes, much has changed over so many years—even Thurmont High School, where they met, is long gone. However, there is one thing that will never alter: their happy memories and the palpable love that remains so strong between these two very content people, whose secret for longevity—in their son's words—is that they "prop each other up and keep themselves going."

A Day of Feasting

November 10, 2011, was a day of feasting (marking another year of thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest) for the seniors in Sabillasville and the surrounding areas. They gathered at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church and enjoyed plenty of food and warm fellowship. This is an annual event and the community looks forward to attending each year. A great big round of applause went to Pastor Janet Comings and her faithful kitchen staff for a well-prepared meal. Following the feast, many stayed for several games of bingo.



Photo submitted by Arietta Grimmett



Lakeside Fort Ritchie

Restaurant & Events

Open Tuesday - Friday
11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday
5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

14324 Lake Royer Drive
Phone: 301.241.2003
www.lakesidefortritchie.com



Look for Church Holiday Services and
Holiday events on pages 4 through 6.



Affordable Self Storage

Conveniently located on Maple Drive
Across from Thurmont Feed Store

50% OFF FIRST MONTH
For available units. Offer valid until December 30, 2011.

**Need Room?
Too Much Clutter?
Let us store
it for you!**



NOT JUST FOR PUBLIC!
FOR BUSINESS TOO! CALL TODAY!

VISA **301-271-7455** MasterCard

Mountainside Farm LLC

Snow Removal

**Mowing & Trimming
Black Mulch**
(Call for delivery/pick-up)

15038 Kelbaugh Rd, Thurmont
301-271-7563

T&M Crane Rentals, Inc.



1 Creamery Way
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

301-447-3718
FAX: 301-447-1722

Community Groups Work Together to Replace Roof



Courtesy Photo

Tim Stuart from the Thurmont Lions Club is shown above left with participating students from Gonzaga College High School, and Gonzaga faculty members, Rob Theriaque, shown left front and Eli Clarke shown right front.

A local family now has a dry house thanks to volunteers from the Thurmont Lions Club, the Frederick Habitat for Humanity, the Seton Center, and Gonzaga High School in Washington, D.C. In addition, the Seton Center, the Thurmont Lions Club, the Thurmont Ministerium, and the Tom's Creek United Methodist Church all provided financial assistance to the family. The Frederick Habitat for Humanity also provided the shingles and other materials, transported materials to the site,

and provided over-all construction supervision.

The home had extensive water leaks in the kitchen and in one child's bedroom. The leaks were so extensive that the bedroom was unusable and the kitchen ceiling had fallen down. The work involved removing the old shingles, replacing roof vents and sheathing, and adding new sealant membranes and shingles. The work also included the repair of areas that has allowed the formation of damaging "ice dams" in the winter.

Hands of a Child Service Project

On November 6, 2011, the "Hands of a Child Christmas Card" service project was held at Incarnation United Church of Christ (UCC) in Emmitsburg, Maryland, at 2:00 p.m. This activity was sponsored by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches and provided an opportunity for children from the community (ages six and up) to make Christmas cards that will be delivered with the Food Baskets from the Lions Club and Seton Center to area families in need.



Courtesy Photo

Zach Imirie and Declan Phelan, Webelos from Pack 727, Emmitsburg, Maryland, help make cards for the "Hands of a Child" service project.

TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

BENEFITS ROCKY RIDGE VOL. FIRE CO.

12/14 Winchester Super X Pump Defender 12 ga. or \$350.00 Cash 12/15 Savage Axis XP SS w/ scope 7mm-08 or \$350.00 Cash 12/16 Remington 870 Exp Supermag 12 ga. Camo or \$350.00 cash 12/17 T/C Triumph 50 Cal. or \$350.00 cash 12/18 Savage 111 FCXP3 308 pkg or \$350.00 cash 12/19 Remington 870 Express Slug Gun 20 ga, or \$350.00 12/20 Mossberg 500 Turkey Tactical 12 ga. or \$350.00 cash 12/21 Weatherby Vanguard 270 or \$350.00 cash 12/22 Mossberg 835 Turkey/Deer Combo Camo 12 ga. or \$350.00 cash 12/23 Marlin 336 C 30-30 Walnut or \$350.00 cash 12/24 \$500.00 cash 12/25 \$500.00 cash	<p>Winner will be determined by the Maryland State Lottery Three Digit Evening Drawing!</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red;">SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VOL. FIRE CO. ALL YEAR LONG!!</p> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; font-size: x-small;"> GUNS PROVIDED BY STATELINE GUN EXCHANGE EMMITSBURG, MD - 301-447-3303 </div>	<p>FOR TICKETS:</p> <p>LINDA: 301-271-9170</p> <p>BONNIE: 301-271-3370</p> <p>OR... STOP INTO BILL'S AUTO BODY 301-898-5080</p>
---	---	---

2011 Emmitsburg Halloween Parade

The Halloween Parade in Emmitsburg was a great success. More than 100 marchers participated, and the variety of costumes showed the great imagination and creativity of the town's residents. After the parade, prizes were awarded and refreshments were provided to all participants, and also to those viewing the event. Many thanks go out to the organizations and all the volunteers who organized the activities.

The 2011 Emmitsburg Halloween Parade winners: •Prettiest Costume: First Place—Morgan Ridenour; Second Place—Olivia Garner; Third Place—Aaliyah Snedegar. •Ugliest Costume: First Place—Max Bennett; Second Place—Jacob Ebaugh; Third Place—Michael Topper. •Most Original: First Place—Tristan Gray; Second Place—Gianni Compton; Third Place, Tie—Madison Flohr and Callie Watkins. •Scariest: First Place—Annabel Anderson; Second Place—Lyncee Davis, Marques Miller, and Donna Miller; Third Place—Caleb Alessi. •Groups: First Place—TJ, Alexi, and Tierney Burns; Second Place—Wresche Family; Third Place—McKinley Family.



Courtesy Photo

Kids Dress Up the Night in Emmitsburg.

Emmitsburg Scouts Help Food Bank



Courtesy Photo

Emmitsburg may be a small town, but it continues to give big, even when times are tough. As part of the national "Scouting for Food" service project, Emmitsburg scouts hiked through Emmitsburg neighborhoods searching for food on two November Saturdays—one Saturday to leave collection bags and the next Saturday to pick up food the residents left in the bags.

"In the Law of the Pack, a cub scout promises to give good will. In the Boy Scout Promise, a boy scout promises to help other people at all times. By participating in the 'Scouting for Food' program, scouts came a step closer to fulfilling those words," said Kathy Imirie, Emmitsburg Webelos Den Leader and coordinator of the Emmitsburg "Scouting for Food" service project. Emmitsburg Unit 727 collected over 1,000 items, as well as a few cash donations for the Emmitsburg Food Bank. "In this economy, I think this was a successful service project," said Imirie.

Emmitsburg Food Bank Manager, Phyllis Kelly, was very appreciative of the work done by Unit 727 and the donations from the community. "Thank you for all of the wonderful food you brought us ...and for sorting them for us," wrote Kelly in a thank you note. "May God bless your troop. Boy Scouts is a great organization," continued Kelly.

Unit 727 Emmitsburg is comprised of Cub Scout Pack 727 and Boy Scout Troop 727. Established in 2006, Unit 727 is sponsored by St. Joseph's Church, Emmitsburg. Meetings are generally held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. If you would like additional information, please call St. Joseph's Church at 301-447-2326 or visit their website at 727scouts.yolasite.com.

imagination zone

Children and Teens at the Thurmont Regional Library
by Erin Dingle, Administrator, Thurmont Regional Library

There is always something for everyone at the Thurmont Regional Library. Right now, just before the holidays, you may visit the Thurmont Library's Tech Bar anytime the library is open to try a variety of e-readers. Determine which gadget is the best option for you or someone on your gift list. Try out an iPad2, a Sony, a Motorola Xoom, a Kindle, and a Nook. So far, Tech Bar users have been excited to be able to take their time using and learning about each device. A handy how-to guide is provided, and library staff members are always available to answer your questions. In addition to our new Tech Bar, the library now has Nook's to check out! Be sure you ask how you can borrow one when you visit us again.

On December 3, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., visit the library for our annual Holly Jolly Holiday event as part of Christmas in Thurmont. The library will be a stamping location, and we'll have a variety of indoor activities going on all day, including DIY crafts for kids, teens and adults; face painting provided by our Teen Advisory Group volunteers; a demonstration of Moravian Beeswax candle making; and much more.

At noon, kids are invited to bring their lunch and enjoy a showing of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* on our big screen. Santa himself visits at 2:00 p.m. and will personally read "The Night Before Christmas" before talking to each little girl and boy. Bring a camera! And finally, Brent and Patty Progcene will share beautiful holiday music at 3:00 p.m. As you travel around Thurmont

visiting various businesses, be sure to include the library as a place to stock up on holiday books, music, and movies, and to enjoy the festivities of our Holly Jolly Holiday event.

The Thurmont Regional Art Gallery is featuring "I like Vanilla," a photography exhibit by local artist, Sharon Forrence until December 19, 2011. The gallery is open Sundays and Mondays, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

The Delaplaine Gallery of Art and the Thurmont Regional Library will embark on a partnership in early February to bring art to the North County area in our library gallery. In addition to giving you the opportunity to enjoy the gallery when visiting the library, we plan to host artist conversations for art students and art lovers. More information will be released in January.

Visit our library website www.fcpl.org to register for regular storytimes and special programs for teens and kids in December. Just a few of our programs include: December 9—Storyland, a special storytime in partnership with Frederick County Infants & Toddlers Program. December 10—How to Fight Like a Girl, a free clinic sponsored by Amy Dudrow, a 5th degree black belt, and Katie Thomas, co-owner of Jhoon Rhee Black Belt Academy in Jefferson, developed to teach girls to think smarter and learn skills and awareness. December 20, 21, 22, 28, 30—Holiday Movie each day at noon for children with an adult.

Please note: The library will be closed December 23, 24, 25, 26 and January 1 and 2. We close early at 5:00 p.m. on December 21.

classifieds

For Rent

FOR RENT: One and Two Bedroom Apartments in the Sabillasville/Cascade Area. Call 301-241-4726 for more information.

FOR RENT: 24x28 block garage, ideal for small construction business to store and repair equipment. Electricity, No heat, Local access. Call 301-676-5944 for more information

MOON BOUNCE for rent, \$125.00 per day. 301-447-2663.

Notices

NOTICE: Home and Garden Party and Home Interiors have joined together to become "Celebrating Home" bringing families together. To request a new catalog, host a show, schedule a fundraiser, or learn more about starting your own business, please e-mail MaryLou Little at hgpartygirl62@aol.com or call 301-447-2073. Host your party in my home. Call me to set your date and I will do the rest. Call Mary Lou for more details @ 301-447-2073.

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

Wanted

WANTED: Any unwanted snow blowers, tillers, lawn mowers, or yard items. Will pickup. Call 301-271-4266 for more information.

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

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

Play Our Games

See page 13 to take part in our "Where Am I?" and Hidden Object games.

See page 26 to play the "Who Am I?" Game
Call our contest line at 240-288-0108

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Person to assist customers at the Emmitsburg Antique Mall/Emmitsburg Self Storage, 2-3 days a week, \$9 per hour, will not start till Jan/2012. Apply Within, 1 Chesapeake Ave, Emmitsburg, MD.

For Sale

FOR SALE: Black walnuts hulled \$12.00 lb. Great for holiday baking. 301-271-4468.

FOR SALE: Captive bred King snakes and Corn Snakes. 240-731-9936.

FOR SALE: Seasoned oak firewood, split and delivered. \$170/cord. Call 301-748-5935 for more information.

FOR SALE: Seasoned Oak. Call Baileys. 301-271-2257. Limited Supply.

Services

Rick Hurley & Son Small Engine Repair, call 301-271-2117 or 240-285-2494, leave message.

GUITAR LESSONS. Acoustic/Electric. Beginners to Advanced. All styles, all ages. Taught by an instructor with over 20 years teaching and performing experience. Call Brent at 240-586-1128 or email at brent@brentguitar.com.

DRUM LESSONS Drum set and hand drums. All ages, levels, styles taught by a professional performer and educator with over 35 years of experience. Call Paul 301-271-7390.

Quality wedding invitations/accessories at a discounted price! Joyce 301-271-1107.

Guided rock climbing, caving, rappelling, kayaking and other outdoor adventures and parties. Daybreak Excursions 240-731-9936.



Peggy Koontz
Direct 301-271-2787 • 301-698-5005 Office
www.frederickcountyrealtor.com

<p>Lots for Sale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.7 Acres, perced with well with fabulous view! • Two 1 acre lots, perced with wells, \$89,000 ea. 	<p>\$339,900 BRICK RANCHER WITH STREAM Park-like 2.5 acre private setting. 4 br, 3 baths, hw floors, deck, porch, 2 car garage.</p>	<p>\$299,900 4 BR COLONIAL 1/2 acre lot! Fabulous kitchen, island, fire place, sunroom, master w/ luxury bath.</p>	<p>\$179,900 STONE & BRICK RANCHER Breathtaking view. Hardwood floors fireplace porch garage. Must see!! .89 acre lot</p>
<p>SOLD </p> <p>SOLD </p> <p>UNDER CONTRACT </p>	<p>\$144,900 BRICK CLASSIC COLONIAL! All brick construction! Yesterday's charm! Recent roof, front porch, iron fencing!</p>	<p>\$299,900 MIXED VILLAGE USE ZONING! Versatile property with rancher, barn/shop w/heat, 2 car garage. Many potential uses with zoning.</p>	<p>\$149,900 OLD OAK PLACE Brick front end unit 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, brand new carpeting & paint!</p>

Seasons Greetings!
Have a Happy & Healthy Holiday Season!

Flower-Sicilia
Productions
Of Dance & Music

Serving the Community Since 1970

Tap • Ballet • Jazz • Hip Hop

Pre-School Creative
Lyrical
Acrobatics
Modern
Musical Theater
Ages 3 to Adult

For more information
301.271.7458
www.ESPdance.com
Home of the National Award winning E.S.P. Performing Company

Calendar Advertising is free for non-profit events and Display Advertiser's events.

Classified Advertising costs 25¢ per word with a minimum of \$5 for line listings. Photo Classified are \$15 per ad limited to 1" height. Send your written listing, photo and payment to: *The Catocin Banner*, 515B East Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD 21727 or 13425 Moser Road, Thurmont, MD 21788. Call 301-271-1050 or email ads@thecatocinbanner.com

december

- 2 ...Christmas Music Extravaganza with Tribute Artist Kevin Booth as Elvis Presley & Conway Twitty, Thurmont Heritage Days at Green Grove Gardens, Greencastle, PA. Concert 7:00 p.m., doors open 6:00 p.m. \$18/ Ticket (pre-order only) at Mountain Gate Family Restaurants in Thurmont and Waynesboro. 717-597-0800 or Joe Eyler 301-271-2023.
- 2....Holy Grounds Café Open Mic Nite, St. Philomena Catholic Books and Gifts Holy Grounds Café, 2 W. Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD. Doors open 6:30 p.m.; show 7:00-10:00 p.m. Cover charge \$2. Benefit Catocin Pregnancy Center. 301-447-3833.
- 2,3 .Christmas Craft Fair, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 47 DePaul Street, Emmitsburg, MD. December 2—11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; December 3—9:00a.m.-3:00 p.m. Sponsored by St. Joseph's Sodality. 717-642-1247 or jgjerde@embarqmail.com.
- 3....Emmitsburg Lions Club Annual Children's Christmas Party, Vigilant Hose Company building, 25 West Main St., Emmitsburg. 10:00 a.m. Free.
- 3....Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, hosted by Fort Ritchie Community Center, partnering with One Mountain Foundation, kick off Charity Week (December 3-10). 3:00-5:00 p.m. Tree to be decorated is located on the former base's parade ground nearest the community center.
- 3....Lighting and Dedication of Second Annual Thurmont Community Remembrance Tree, corner of Main and South Center Streets (next to PNC Bank), in conjunction with the Christmas in Thurmont caroling. Coordinated by Thurmont Lions Club.
- 3....Pool For Presents, Dale's Place, 12841 Catocin Furnace Road, Thurmont. Registration opens 11:00 a.m.-noon, tournament starts noon. \$10/person. Benefit Fredrick County Toys for Tots. Sponsored by Catocin Mountain Pool League. 240-818-3444.
- 3....Second Annual Holiday Tour, at home of Doug Favorite and Don Keeney. See more than 50 Christmas trees. Benefit of Lion Paul Cannada's candidacy for District Governor of Lions Club District 22W. Entry by ticket only. 4:00-8:00 p.m. Tickets \$10. 301-271-0558, 301-271-4020, 301-898-7004.
- 3....Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Bazaar, Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg. 8:00 a.m.-noon. Breakfast: pancakes, bacon, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy, biscuits, home fries. \$6/ages 7 to adult; \$4/ages 3 to 6; Free/ages 2 and under. (\$1 will be added tickets purchased at door.) Picture taken with Santa \$5. Pre-order breakfast tickets 301-447-3161.
- 3....Traditional Village Christmas Craft Show and Sale, The Catocin Furnace Historical Society, Inc., 12607 Catocin Furnace Road. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Elizabeth 410-243-2626, ecomer@eacarchaeology.com.
- 3....Silent Auction and Dance, Emmitsburg Ambulance Building, Emmitsburg. 7:00 p.m. "First Class" out of Ocean City, MD, takes stage 8:00 p.m. Tickets: \$10. Tina Delauter 301-748-8553 or Cheryl Phelan 301-524-3106. CHS Safe & Sane.
- 3....Christmas Bazaar and Large Indoor Yard Sale, St. John's Lutheran Church Parish House, 8619 Blacks Mill Rd., Creagerstown, MD. 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Delicious soups and sandwiches from kitchen (eat in or carry-out). Many home-baked goods. Please no

early birds and no Friday Sales. 301-898-5167.

- 3....Annual Ham, Turkey and Roast Beef Supper and Christmas Bazaar, Elias Lutheran Church of Emmitsburg, 100 W. Main Street, Emmitsburg. Noon-5:00 p.m. Crafts, Home-Made Goods, White Elephant table. Adults/\$11; children (6-12)/\$4; carryouts/\$12. 301-447-6239.
- 4....Advent Festival, St. John's Lutheran Church, next to Fire Hall in Thurmont. 4:00-7:00 p.m. Free advent crafts; Free dinner. RSVP 301-271-7877.
- 4....Holiday House Tours, Sponsored by the Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge. 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. \$20/ticket. Family and business Tree Decorating Contests, food noon to 6:30 p.m.
- 4....2011 Emmitsburg Community Chorus Christmas Concert, Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg. 3:00 p.m.
- 4-9 .4th Annual Charity Week, Fort Ritchie Community Center, Cascade, MD. Boxes in the lobby for anyone who would like to stop by and help. 301-241-5085.
- 5....An Evening of Christmas Spirit, Emmitsburg. 6:00-9:00 p.m. EBPA will sponsor Christmas Tree. Santa arrives at 6:30 p.m. at Carriage House Inn. Snacks and entertainment abound for this 23rd annual celebration.
- 6....Old Fashioned Bingo, sponsored by VHC Auxiliary, Emmitsburg Fire Hall. Doors open 5:00 p.m., games begin 6:50 p.m. \$8/person. Cash in every basket, refreshments on sale, free punch and cookies at intermission. 301-447-2703.
- 6....Mother Seton School Open House, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, MD. 7:00-8:00 p.m. Time not convenient? Call to schedule a tour 301-447-3161 or visit www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 7....Annual Christmas Concert, Graceham Moravian Church, 8231 Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont, MD. 7:00-8:00 p.m. Featuring voice choirs; handbell choirs; soloists; brass music; Jessica Bobb, organist/pianist. Free admission. Accepting donations of canned goods for Food Bank. 301-271-2379.
- 7,14, 21 Santa Shoppe at St. Stephen's UCC, 25445 Highfield Rd., Cascade, Md. 6:00-8:00 p.m. Children from infants through age 14 are welcome to purchase inexpensive gifts for their parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers, pets, etc. All items are priced \$1.00 or less. Free gift wrapping at time of purchase.
- 7....Mother Seton School Open House, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, MD. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Time not convenient? Call to schedule a tour 301-447-3161 or visit www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 8....Immaculate Conception Mass, at Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg, MD. 10:15 a.m. Mother Seton School invites you to celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception at our school mass. All invited. 301-447-3161.
- 9....Christmas Party Coffee House, Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg. 6:30-9:30 p.m. 301-447-6239 eliasluth@yahoo.com.
- 9....Storyland, a special storytime in partnership with Frederick County Infants & Toddlers Program. Thurmont Regional Library, E. Moser Road, Thurmont. Meet new friends and share books and music. Ages birth-3. 301-600-7200.

community event calendar

- 10..CHS Boosters Holiday Open House and Benefit Dance. Holiday Open House, Catocin High School cafeteria, Thurmont, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Cougar apparel, stadium seats, blankets, hats and visors, and more. Free Gift Wrapping. Santa Claus. Light refreshments and door prizes. Benefit Dance (rescheduled from October), at Thurmont American Legion, 7:00 p.m.-Midnight. Michelle 301-676-9971.
- 10..ThorpeWood's Annual Holiday Open House, 12805-A Mink Farm Rd., Thurmont, MD. 3:00-8:00 p.m. Warm up next to fireplace; listen to live music; enjoy holiday treats. Visit from Santa and 18-ft. lighted tree. Reservations not required; event is free. We are asking friends of ThorpeWood to bring a batch of their favorite cookies or desserts. 301-271-2823.
- 10..4th Annual Holiday Christmas Bazaar, Fort Ritchie Community Center. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Over 60 vendors will be available with a wide variety of Christmas ideas for Christmas gifts! A One-Year Free Membership to The Fort Ritchie Community Center will be given away! Free Admission! Santa will be available for pictures from 10:00 a.m.-noon! Food by the Sons of the American Legion, Post 239. Prize drawings every hour! 301-241-5085.
- 10..How to Fight Like a Girl, Thurmont Regional Library, E. Moser Road, Thurmont. A free clinic sponsored by Amy Dudrow, a 5th degree black belt, and Katie Thomas, co-owner of Jhoon Rhee Black Belt Academy in Jefferson, developed to teach girls to think smarter and learn skills and awareness. Ages 10-18. 301-600-7200.
- 10,11...Thurmont Christmas House Tour. 4:00-8:00 p.m.; December 11, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. \$20, tickets available at Hobbs Hardware, Hillside Turkey Farms, Timeless Trends Boutique, Brown's Jewelry and Gifts, or from members of the Thurmont Lions Club or the Thurmont Historical Society. Tickets will also be available on December 3, 2011, at the Creeger House during "Christmas in Thurmont."
- 11..Free concert given by Willis Canada at Thurmont's Mt. View Ministries Church, 103 Apples Church Rd., Thurmont, MD. 10:30 a.m. Mr. Canada is a signing evangelist. Pastor Al Thomas will speak on the power of God's healing for evening service at 6:00 p.m. 301-271-9088.
- 12..Mother Seton School's Annual Christmas Program, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, MD. 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Snow date December 19. 301-447-3161 or www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 14-25...Twelve Days of Christmas Gun Drawing, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge.
- 5-20 Christmas 2011 Church Service, Eyler's Valley Chapel, 6629 Eyler's Valley Flint Road, Sabillsville, MD. 7:00 p.m. 301-271-1104.
- 15..Mr. Willoughby's Christmas Tree Penny Theater, Thurmont Regional Library, E. Moser Road, Thurmont. 4:30 p.m. Children with an adult. 301-600-7200.
- 18..Breakfast with Santa, Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, 17701 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 6:00 a.m.-noon. Santa visits 8:00-10:00 a.m., pictures with Santa for a \$2 donation. Breakfast

Prices: adults/\$7, children 5yrs -10yrs./\$4, 4 & Under/FREE.

- 19..Santa's Workshop, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge. 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 20,21,22,28,30..Holiday Movie each day at noon for children with an adult, Thurmont Regional Library, E. Moser Road, Thurmont. Bring a lunch or a snack to enjoy! 301-600-7200.
- 21-23...Christmas 2011 Church Service, Eyler's Valley Chapel, 6629 Eyler's Valley Flint Road, Sabillsville, MD. Services held 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. 301-271-1104.
- 22.. "Blue Christmas" Worship, hosted by Trinity United Methodist Church (UMC), 313 Main St., Emmitsburg, MD. Worship service for those in the community who find the holiday season especially hard. 7:30 p.m. 301-288-1373.
- 24..Christmas Church Service, Eyler's Valley Chapel, 6629 Eyler's Valley Flint Road, Sabillsville, MD. Services held at 5:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 9:30 p.m., and 11:00 p.m. 301-271-1104.
- 24..Christmas Eve Candle Light Service, Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, 15116 Foxville Church Rd, Sabillasville, MD. Service at 7:00 p.m., featuring carols and scripture readings. All are welcome. Pastor Julie Brigham 301-824-7774.
- 24..Family Service, Contemporary Candlelight Service, Weller United Methodist Church, 101 N. Altamont Ave., Thurmont, MD. 7:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service, 11:00 p.m. 301-271-2802.
- 24..Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, St. Stephen's United Church of Christ, 25445 Highfield Rd., Cascade, Md. 10:00 p.m.
- 24..Christmas Eve Service, Germantown Church of God, 16924 Raven Rock Road, Cascade, MD. 7:00 p.m. Plenty of carols and holiday music, along with a message and a service of Candle lighting. 301-241-3050.
- 25..Christmas Day Service, Weller United Methodist Church, 101 N. Altamont Ave., Thurmont, MD. 10:00 a.m., Family Service. 301-271-2802.
- 25..Christmas Sunday morning, Germantown Church of God, 16924 Raven Rock Road, Cascade, MD. A special Family-oriented worship service at 10:00 a.m. A visit from one of the shepherds is expected. Come and join in this Christmas Worship celebration. 301-241-3050.
- 27..Lego Block Party! Thurmont Regional Library, E. Moser Road, Thurmont. 2:00 p.m. We'll provide the Lego blocks for the older kids and Mega Blocks for the younger kids. Great for all ages and abilities. 301-600-7200.
- 27..Lego Block Party, Thurmont Regional Library, E. Moser Road, Thurmont. 2:00 p.m. Provided: Lego blocks for the older kids; Mega Blocks for the younger kids. Great for all ages and abilities. 301-600-7200.
- 29..Button Bracelet Craft Party for Teens, Thurmont Regional Library, E. Moser Road, Thurmont. 6:00 p.m. Grades 6-12. 301-600-7200.
- 29..Button Bracelet Craft Party for Teens, Thurmont Regional Library, E. Moser Road, Thurmont. 6:00 p.m. Grades 6-12. 301-600-7200.

Rubes Crab Shack, LLC. Too!

Tues. - Thurs. 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. | Fri. - Sat. 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m. | Sun. 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**Crabs ALL
Year Round!**

Seafood Restaurant

Carry Out & Catering Available

CRAB SPECIALS

Tues • Weds • Thurs
Nights Only

All You Can Eat
"Crabs Only" - \$21.95

All You Can Eat
"Soup, Salad & Crabs"
\$26.95

Fresh Homemade...

LUNCH SPECIALS

every day of the week!

FRIDAYS & SUNDAYS

Fri. 5-7 p.m. & Sun. 1-3 p.m.

With the Purchase of
"All You Can Eat"

Pitchers of Beer - \$2.00 ea.
Pitchers of Soda - \$1.00 ea.

NEW DRINK MENU FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Check Out our drink menu!
Just in time for the holiday
joy, we lowered the prices!

MERRY CHRISTMAS & THANK YOU!

*We would like to wish our
wonderful customers a happy &
safe holiday season! Thank you
for patronizing our new location,
and we look forward to seeing
everyone soon!*

- Robin & Bobby

We are now taking...

RESERVATIONS

for the holidays!

Live Entertainment
on Friday & Saturday Nights!



Visit us on Facebook!

www.rubescrabshack.com

Happy Hour Daily!
from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.



Stop by and visit the
RAVENS CHEERLEADERS

Don't miss this event!

Fri., Dec. 2, 2011

Find out more on page 10

Specializing in:
Crab Feeds, Caterings
Company Picnics, Party Trays, etc.

301-447-4116

17308 N. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD