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Mount Bethel United Methodist Church at Foxville Celebrates 175th Anniversary

by Betty Willard

On September 11, 2011, the Mount Bethel United Methodist Church, located on Stottlemyer Road near Foxville, celebrated 175 years of proclaiming the gospel. The service was conducted by the pastor Rev. Ronald Kurtz and Bishop John Schol from the Baltimore Washington Conference. Special music was provided by pianist, Anne Mae Buhrman, and Joann Willard, who has served as church organist for over thirty-two years.

During the service, a 330-page book entitled *Methodism from Epworth to Bethel*, written by Betty Willard, a member of the congregation, was presented to Bishop Schol. Following the service, everyone enjoyed dinner, which was catered by Mountain Gate Restaurant.

The first Mount Bethel congregation was a group of 17 people who held meetings in their homes and was occasionally visited by a circuit riding preacher.

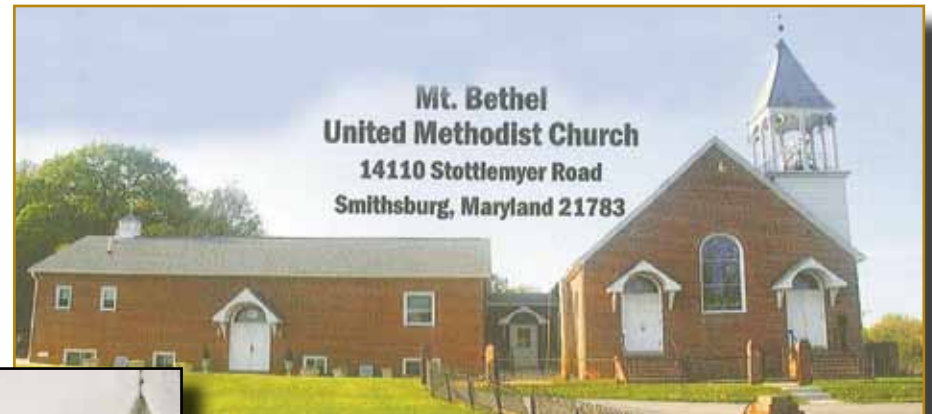
The first circuit known as the Frederick Circuit was formed by the Second Methodist Conference, held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 25, 1774. It served all the land in Maryland, west of Baltimore; however, early circuit riders did not venture into the present Mount Bethel United Methodist Church area until much later. Church records verify that a few circuit riders preached in some of the homes in 1810, but not on a regular basis.

Later in 1824, there became a need for a church and a cemetery in the area when Henry and Catharine

Poorman's four-year-old daughter, Ann, died; the child was buried at her home plantation. Catherine Poorman's death in 1836 prompted her husband Henry Poorman, Sr. to deed 72-square perches of land to his son, Henry Buhrman, Jr. (name was changed after arriving in America from Germany), Jeremiah Forrest and Leven Hays, Trustees in trust to build a house of worship for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Bethel area. This parcel of land was part of the tract of 442 acres, originally named Three Mill seats and Resurvey of Mountain Lot.

The first Mount Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church was a simple log structure with one door and two windows at the front entrance, and two windows on the side adjacent to Stottlemyer Road. There was no chinking or daubing between the logs or around the door and windows. The pulpit was built high above the floor, requiring steps to reach it. A wood burning stove that cost \$13.12 provided warmth during the winter. Wooden benches made from rough sawmill boards provided seating. Two candles provided illumination when needed. The first service was held on September 12, 1836, with Rev. William Butler officiating.

By 1839, the exterior logs were covered with poplar boards and shutters were hung at the windows. After chinking and daubing, the interior was whitewashed. The interior took on the appearance of the real church with the aura of God's presence, when on April 20, 1840, a Bible was purchased for \$2.00 and



Courtesy Photos



was placed on the pulpit in this quaint little sanctuary. Funds were solicited from congregational and community

members to defray expenses.

Although the church was completely refurbished in 1865—with a new roof, door, shutters, and siding—the congregation, in 1901, decided to tear down the old church and build a new one. The estimated cost for the building was \$2,500. Members of the community donated the trees, which were felled and cut into logs. The logs were later sawn into joists, rafters, and boards, which were stacked and sticked to air dry.

By 1903, the cornerstone was laid and construction began. The style of architecture was very simple, with a bell tower on the south east corner of the building. The exterior walls were covered with board siding and painted white. The roof was a standing seam metal roof, like the roof on the church today. (This roof has a reputation! Since the roof was crimped and fastened at the seams, it rumbles when a strong wind blows. It sounds like the roof is leaving the

premises. Hearing it for the first time can be a very frightening experience.) The church had three entrances, two in the front and the other on the east side, making it convenient for holding funerals. The window panes were replaced with colored glass. A huge wooden cross was fashioned within the large front window between the two doors. Interior walls were plastered. Two wood burning stoves provided heat. Two Aladdin kerosene lamps were hung from the ceiling. A pump organ faced the choir, sitting on the opposite side of the chancel. When all work was completed, the dedication service was held on August 14, 1904.

Two years later, Gideon Harne and Henry Russman hung the bell in the bell tower by using a team of six mules to hoist the half-ton bell into place.

Twenty-seven years later, in 1963, the church was brick-cased. An oak floor was laid, interior walls were painted, and an oil fired hot furnace was installed.

On Christmas Day in 1966, the church was partially destroyed by fire. The congregation had left the services at 11:00 a.m. The chancel had been decorated with poinsettias, candles, and evergreens; a Christmas program was planned for that evening. A passing motorist noticed smoke coming from the roof about 2:00 p.m. By 4:00 p.m., the complete interior had been destroyed by fire, heat, smoke, and water. Worship

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Your News, Your Newspaper

It is with eagerness that we publish this issue of *The Catoctin Banner Newspaper*. There was a possibility and a concern that the newspaper would not continue after last month's issue, in which the newspaper's owner, Deb Spalding, published a plea for individuals to either assume the work of the newspaper or help out with it. Behold, individuals did come forth to help, and we learned how valued this good-news newspaper really is.

This month, we introduce Arietta Grimmett who is serving as Publisher and Ad Sales Manager. You may have met her as she traveled into our communities this month to invite new advertisers. You will notice many new advertisers in this issue as a result of her efforts. Also, we welcome Maxine Troxell who will assist with distribution and begin Web site management and improvement. Michele Tester has increased her role as Editor. She now tackles all of the content and substantially completes the newspaper's layout each month. All other contributors have remained the same and we thank you all for your support and contribution as we continue to create this valuable communication tool.

You are an increasingly important part of this newspaper. Many of you send in photos and information that comprises the content of the newspaper each month. We don't have a staff of reporters to cover this and that, so your willingness to take your own photos and send them in along with a paragraph about it is greatly appreciated. With increasing contributions of these materials, we've decided to more clearly define what information is placed where in an issue. Here's a run-down:

- Content should be submitted by the 20th of each month.
- Each issue will hit the streets around the first of each month but no later than the first Thursday of each month.
- Each issue will cover the span of one month with calendar tidbits extending into the next month if there is question about whether the issue will be out before a date arrives. Therefore, if your event occurs at the beginning of a month, you should submit your event information the month before to make sure that it is advertised. All information should be submitted to news@thecatoctinbanner.com or mailed to 515B East Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. The official phone number for the newspaper is 240-288-0108 - this number is not monitored daily. If you need immediate assistance, please call 301-271-1050 or 301-447-2804.

Event advertising - If you are representing a charitable (non-profit, government or school) entity and you send us information about an event, your event details will be placed in the calendar. If you are a business, non-charitable entity, or a non-profit intending to have your event or cause included in the body of the newspaper, an ad must be purchased. With the ad, you will receive a brief paragraph written with the event details included. (Please do not send us fliers about your events if you want them included. Sometimes it takes too much time to retype the flier into a paragraph format.)

News items - please send your news items and photos and a write up written in a paragraph or press release format. Every attempt will be made to include your news items, especially those that are unique and about our communities and residents. We love photos, so feel free to send along your good photo ops. Articles and news briefs will be included as space permits. Once received, items may be sorted based on timeliness, relevance and the availability of space.

The Catoctin Banner Newspaper reserves the right to revise or restrict any article or advertisement at any time for any reason. Please be aware that it is easy, but infrequent we hope, to misplace items that have been received for inclusion in an issue. If this occurs, please let us know and we will do our best to include it in the next issue or print a correction if it applies.



From the Publisher

Dear Reader:

It is with great pleasure that I come on board as the Publisher and Sales Manager of *The Catoctin Banner*. With this being the first issue incorporating the influence of our new team, I take on the task of getting my feet wet by pounding the pavement and meeting many of our advertisers, which has been a great pleasure. Thank you for the well-wishes I have received from many of you. I am looking forward to working with each of you, and I am eager to meet those who I have not had the pleasure in meeting as of yet.

The Catoctin Banner is on the move. We are geared up and ready to progress forward. This is a good-news newspaper, and with your continued contributions and support, it will stay that way. I want to thank all of you who patron *The Catoctin Banner* with your articles and ads. It could not and would not be the paper it is today without you. Again, Thank You.

When I read in the October issue that there was a possibility that the paper would discontinue, I was disheartened and considered calling Deb. Yet, I didn't; it had been several years since I had worked for a newspaper. Nevertheless, I was visiting the Daughters of Charity Nursing Facility when I heard the residents talking about this being the last issue and how much they hated to see it discontinued. At that moment, I decided to call Deb and offer my assistance.

Well, the rest is history. Here I am, and along with the change in the seasons, I will be making a few changes in my life. Not only will I continue pastoring the Life Changing Ministries Church in Sabillasville, but now I will also be working with the public—every pastor's dream!

I urge you to patronize the advertisers who reach out to you through *The Catoctin Banner*. It has existed due to the advertising support of those featured in each publication. All of our advertisers, especially those who have been on board long-term, are greatly appreciated!

Arietta Grimmett, *Publisher*

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TLC. Call Bonita Smith
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**134 Hammaker St.
Thurmont- \$179,900**
3 bedroom, 2 full and 2 half bath townhome, partially finished basement with half wbath. Fenced back yard. The carpets have just been cleaned. Needs just a little tender loving care.



**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!



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)



**16146A Kelbaugh Rd.
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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!



**113 Bennett Dr.
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Lots for Sale

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News from The Thurmont Historical Society

The Historical Society and the Creeger House are getting ready for the holidays, and need a little help. We will be a focal point during Christmas in Thurmont and The Christmas House Tour, so we would like to put our best foot forward—or our best tree! We will need a couple of able-bodied people (you can skip the gym that day) to help carry boxes up from the basement on November 18, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. We will also need help with the decorating on November 19, 2011, starting at 9:00 a.m. We always have a lot of fun while we work, and the more the merrier! This will be a good way to start getting into the Holiday Spirit.

If you can spare an hour or two, please contact Sharon J. Martin at 301-606-8680 and SJMartin100@comcast.net, or Donna Voellinger at momvtrunks@gmail.com. We would appreciate your help.

Thurmont Economic Development Committee and Emmitsburg Business & Professional Association Joint Meeting

The members of the Thurmont Economic Development Committee (EDC)/ Main Street are encouraged to attend a joint meeting with the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA) on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. The meeting will be held at Catocin Mountain Orchard from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Emmitsburg Professional and Business Association (EBPA) will provide refreshments (beer and wine) for this informal meeting. We will have an opportunity to learn more about each of our organizations and may discuss possible joint events.

2nd Annual Blankets for the Homeless

Help our neighbors in the surrounding Frederick communities stay warm this winter by donating new or like-new blankets, gloves, and coats. Drop off your donations at Ace Hardware in Thurmont, Maryland, by November 15, 2011. Donations will be distributed by the Frederick Rescue Mission. For more information, please call Allen at 240-288-8283.

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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.

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 chocked full goodie bag. 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 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 5 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.

Fall Parking Meter Decorations

Decorate a leaf as part of the Thurmont EDC & Main Street fall fundraiser. Blank Maple leaf cut outs are still available for purchase at \$10.00 per leaf. Applications are available at the town office, at R. S. Kinnaird Memorials or online at the following link:

The leaves will be displayed on the downtown parking meters through November 19. A Silent Auction for the decorated leaves will conclude on November 19.



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.



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AmVets Thanksgiving Day Meal

The Thurmont AmVets Organization has generously offered to serve a hot Thanksgiving meal to anyone from the Thurmont area who would otherwise not have a holiday meal. The meal will be served at the AmVets Building at 26 Apples Church Rd, Thurmont, Maryland, from Noon to 3:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. The deadline for signing up is November 10. People can sign up for this meal at the Thurmont Food Bank, located at St. John's Lutheran Church, 15 N. Church St. Thurmont. The hours are Tuesday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and Friday from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

New Community Clothes Closet Building in Thurmont

The Thurmont United Methodist Church has been meeting the needs of our community for 40 years. It has been an in-house operating service provided by our church and the volunteers from the community. Over the years, the outreach operation has seen tremendous growth. We are now helping 60-75 families each month. This outreach is free of charge and provides clothing, coats, bedding, towels, household items, and even furniture to families in need. We also host a Christmas Celebration to help meet the families and their children's needs at Christmas.

In order to continue to meet the ever growing needs of our community, we are building a new Community Clothes Closet Building on our church grounds. If you would like to make a donation, please contact our church at 301-271-4511 or Sandy Moser at 301-271-3917. Help us to help others in our community.

Thurmont Lions Club Meeting



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Frederick County Officials spoke at a recent meeting of the Thurmont Lions Club. They emphasized the need to eliminate unnecessary expenses and to look for efficiencies throughout the county. Pictured above (left to right) are Frederick County Manager David Dunn; Commissioner Kirby Delauter; Tim Stuart, 1st Vice President of Thurmont Lions Club; Blaine Young, President of Frederick County Commissioners; and Commissioner Paul Smith.

Thurmont Food Bank Needs Your Help

The Thurmont Food Bank continues to need 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. **Reminder:** November 12, 2011—Boy Scout Food Drive, starting at 9:00 a.m. The boy Scouts will put out bags for people to fill and place by their curb. Regular Food Bank hours remain: Tuesday 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. and Friday from 3:30- 5:00 p.m.

Check the Calendar

Be sure to check the calendar on page 31 for bingos, breakfasts, dinners, programs, benefits and other events of interest.

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Upcoming 3rd Annual Mother Seton School Fall 5K Run/Walk

The air is crisp and the leaves are changing. Fall has arrived and so has the 3rd Annual Mother Seton School (MSS) Fall 5K Run/Walk, scheduled for November 12, 2011, at Mount St. Mary's University, Waldron Stadium, benefitting Mother Seton School's Educational Program. The morning events promise to be a fun way for families and individuals to get out and enjoy the beautiful scenery, get a little exercise, and spend quality time with others.

The day will begin at 7:30 a.m., with number pick up and on-site registration. The first event will take place at 8:30 a.m., with a 1-mile run on part of the 5K course. This run is open to all ages. Medals and UnderArmor backpacks filled with goodies will be given to every runner. Jogging strollers are allowed. The donation fee for the 1-mile run is \$15 per adult runner (18 years and older), and \$10 under age 18.

A Kid Dash—200M Run for kids age 7 and under will begin at 8:50 a.m. The fee for the 200M (1/4 mile) is \$5.00 per child. Medals will be awarded to all kids, as well as a backpack filled with goodies.

The 5K Run/Walk will begin with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. The individual fee is \$20 per adult (18 and older), and \$10 under age 18. All 5K runners will receive UnderArmor backpacks filled with gifts and early registration runners (by November 4) will also receive a race t-shirt. Runners and walkers will experience a fairly flat course on the beautiful grounds of Mount Saint Mary's University athletic fields. Approximately half of the 5K is on a road closed to cars with the other half on a trail through farm fields. Jogging strollers are allowed.

In addition to healthy family fun, this event is an important fundraiser for Mother Seton School. More than ever, MSS needs financial support to bridge the gap between their modest tuition (which brings a high quality, faith based education within reach of families in need) and school expenses. Please register your family for this event today and consider a sponsorship if you or your business is able.

Register online at www.active.com or by completing a registration available at www.mothersetonschool.org. The form may also be picked up at Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, MD. 21717. On-site registration will be available on the day of the event between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. For more information, contact Bridget McCarthy, event chair, at bridgetmccarthy@hotmail.com or call Mother Seton School.

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. See their ad on page 16.

Reunions

Catoctin High School Class of 2001—10 Year Reunion — November 19, 2011, the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, Creamery Rd, Emmitsburg. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; dinner served at 7:00 p.m. Cost upfront is \$25.00 per classmate or \$35.00 a couple. Payment needs to be made ASAP (no later than Saturday, November 12). RSVP to Penny Stonesifer with payment c/o CHS 2001 Reunion; Mail payment to Penny at 16110 Kelbaugh Rd., Thurmont, MD 21788. Payment at the door will be accepted, but will be \$5.00 extra; pre-pay is preferred for a head count ahead of time, but we will not turn you away! Dine, dance, & catch up with old friends—come join the fun! For more information, contact Penny Stonesifer at 301-447-6864 or email frchk0704@aol.com.

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 Bazaar. To pre-order your breakfast tickets, please call 301-447-3161. See their Ad on page 25.

Mountaintop Community Fall Fair and Art Show

History and the arts form a great combination at this year's Mountaintop Community Fall Fair and Art Show. Now in its third year, this event, which benefits the Amanda Bowders Community Memorial Garden, will take place on Saturday, November 5, 2011, at the Blue Ridge Mt. Vol. Fire and Rescue Company fire hall, 13063 Monterey Lane, Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania. Come out and visit between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and take in this year's line-up of artists, authors, home-made craft vendors, great food, and local community organizations. What a great opportunity to look for that early Christmas gift of a signed book, a home-made quilt, a special piece of pottery, or that unique piece of artwork. Also, don't forget to bring along an item from the attic and have it appraised at the Collectible's Road Show—only \$5 per item. Discover what that family heirloom is really worth!

Following the Collectible's Road Show, there will be an auction (2:00-3:00 p.m.) of great items, including antiques and collectibles, art work, local memorabilia, local services gift certificates, and much more. For you wine connoisseurs, the Adams County Winery has donated a private tour of their winery and a wine tasting for up to 10 people to be auctioned off that day! Donations are still being accepted. Please contact Duke or Lynn Martin (717-642-5645) or Kevin Kipe (717-552-6351).

Atlantic City Bus Trip

A benefit bus trip will be held on November 26, 2011, to the Tropicana Casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The trip benefits Dean and Donna Bailey to help with health care costs related to Donna's Care.

Tickets are \$60 per person and include a buffet valued at \$28.00 and slot play chips valued at \$25.00.

The bus will depart from Thurmont Municipal Parking Lot (across from Thurmont American Legion) at 6:00 a.m. Participants leave Atlantic City at 6:00 p.m. Participants must be 21 years of age with valid identification. Please register by November 19, 2011. For tickets and information, call Bev Frushour at 301-271-4289.

Sale of Fresh Cut Christmas Trees

Find the perfect Christmas tree and help your community at the same time. The Thurmont Lions Club Christmas Tree Sale begins Friday, November 25, 2011, in the parking lot of the Ace Hardware store on N. Church Street, Thurmont. 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 through Friday 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The limited edition 2011 Christmas ornaments are still available. Call 301-898-7004 to purchase one for only \$10 plus tax.

Bingo Bash at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company

There are two upcoming bingo events at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, 17701 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, Maryland. A Bingo Bash will be held on November 12, 2011. Doors will open at 4:00 p.m.; games will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00 in advance; \$45.00 at the door. Event featuring three \$1,000 jackpots and a meal!

Also, a New Year's Bingo will be held on December 31, 2011. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.; games will begin at 8:00 p.m. Featuring four \$1,000 jackpots!

Call Mary Lou at 240-285-3184, Diane at 301-748-6894, or Pam at 717-642-9335 or see their ad on page 24 for additional information.

Old Field Woodworking Hosts Open House

John and Kathy Dowling and Theresa Keeney and Jack Cogan invite you to an open house featuring Old Field Woodworking's hand-crafted and original furniture. Stop by 13333 Graceham Road in Thurmont on Saturday, November 19, 2011, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to see their custom furniture or discuss what they can create for you!

Call 301-271-4439 or see their Ad on page 25 for more information.

The 2011 Third Annual Emmitsburg Wattle Waddle

The Third Annual Emmitsburg Wattle Waddle will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, 2011, beginning in the Emmitsburg Town Park behind the Community Center. A scenic 5-mile run will begin at 8:00 a.m., followed by a 1-mile family fun walk at 9:30 a.m. There will be a free Wattle Wattle Fun Relay (for children ages 10 and under). Cost for event: \$20 before November 20th, \$25 after November 20th; \$5 for 1-mile family fun walk. The Wattle Waddle is a great way to burn off calories before the Thanksgiving feast, support a worthy cause, and get to know the community better. All proceeds benefit Hope Alive, which ministers to homeless women and children by providing transitional housing and support services in a Christian atmosphere. For more information, go to www.emmitsburgturkeytrot.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.



Photo by Alban Little

One of the homes on the 2011 Thurmont Christmas House Tour.

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."

Highlights of the tour include: Two homes on N. Altamont Avenue built in the early 1900's by the Birely Family; The Weller-Johnson House, built in 1805 and featured several years ago on the HGTV show "If Walls Could Talk"; Christmas trees and beautiful decorations throughout the two homes on Rock Creek Way; A home on Park Lane that began as a log farmhouse, originally owned by the Rouzer family (remodeled through the years but still features a fireplace insert surrounded by a log wall from the original Rouzer structure); A home on Moser Road that was originally part of a 500-acre property named "Father's Farewell"; A home on Clarke Avenue decorated with a variety of styles and collections to reflect the interests of the owner; The Creeger House, which was donated to the Thurmont Historical Society in 1990 by Mrs. Ethel Creeger.

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around town

2nd Annual "Turkey Chase 5K Run/Walk," In Memory of Bobbi Jo Delphey Barber

The 2nd Annual "Turkey Chase 5K Run/Walk," sponsored by Always in Motion, will be held on November 19, 2011, at Eyler Road, Thurmont, Maryland. The 5K Run/Walk will wind around a scenic route, including crossing one of Maryland's historic covered bridges. The 5K Run begins at 8:30 a.m.; 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. The individual fee is \$25.00—5K Run/Walk; \$15.00—1-Mile Fun Run/Walk.

Bobbi Jo was a daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, youth coach, and an outgoing, kind, and caring person to all who knew her. "Always in Motion" is the name given to the not-for-profit organization that sponsors the "Turkey Chase 5K Run/Walk" in memory of Bobbi Jo Delphey Barber, and all that she meant to so many people. Come on out for a morning of fun and celebration, with tons of door prizes in honor of Bobbi Jo's memory, and giving to the kids and our Community. The organization provides two scholarships to a deserving graduating senior boy and girl from Catocin High School.

Come out and claim your prize! Awards are given to the Top three Male and Female finishers, as well as a unique customized Finishers Medal, in honor of Bobbi Jo and the spirit of the holiday for all participants.

To register, visit <http://www.active.com/5k-race/thurmont-md/2nd-annual-turkey-chase-5k-runwalk-2011>. Registration closing date is Sunday, November 13, 2011.

Remembrance Tree

Lighting and dedication of the second annual Thurmont Community Remembrance Tree will take place on Saturday, December 3, 2011, in conjunction with the Christmas in Thurmont caroling. The set up and decoration of the tree is being coordinated again this year by the Thurmont Lions Club.

The Remembrance Tree, which will be at the corner of Main and South Center Streets (next to the PNC Bank) during the month of December, provides an opportunity for local residents to remember loved ones, honor those who have a special place in their lives, or just express a sentiment such as love or hope.

To participate in this year's event, you are invited to purchase an ornament disc (complete with instructions) for \$3.00 at the Thurmont PNC Bank. Decorate it and then return it to the PNC Bank by Saturday, November 12, 2011. Each returned ornament disc will be placed in a clear plastic globe (5" diameter) by the members of the Thurmont Lions Club and hung on the tree for all to see. If you have an ornament, complete with globe from last year that you wish to have re-hung, please take it to the PNC Bank. There will be a nominal charge of \$1.00 for re-hanging existing ornaments.

Following the end of the holiday season, residents will be able to pick up their ornaments, including the globe. However, the Thurmont Lions Club will not be liable for lost ornaments. The date and time of ornament pick-up will be published in the December issue of *The Catocin Banner*.

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Seton Center Thrift Shop Bag Sale

The Thrift Shop of Seton Center, Inc., a nonprofit sponsored work of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, at 16840 Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, is holding a Bag Sale on Friday, November 11, 2011, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 12, 2011, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Shoppers are allowed to get a grocery-sized paper bag and fill it full of merchandise for just \$5. All paper bags are provided by Seton Center.

A new change for the Bag Sale is that customers will not be allowed to bring in infant strollers or baby buggies due to limited space in the Thrift Shop. "We decided to incorporate this policy for the safety of our shoppers and staff," said Denise Sauvageau, Thrift Shop Manager. "Many customers visit The Thrift Shop Bag Sale, and it has been getting increasingly more difficult to navigate around the strollers. We apologize for this inconvenience, but it will make it safer for everyone," said Sauvageau. The Bag Sale has generated a lot of interest over the years and is a great opportunity for customers to purchase new and nearly-new items for only \$5 a bag. "Our customers keep coming back and word continues to spread about the quality of the items and how

reasonable the prices are at the Thrift Shop," continued Sauvageau.

All revenue from the Thrift Shop is used for Seton Center's Outreach programs, which provides services for people in need, primarily in northern Frederick County. Services include emergency and temporary financial assistance with rent, heat, utilities and prescriptions, referral and information services, supportive counseling, advocating for the needs of the poor, and other services. Seton Center's Outreach Services serve approximately 10,000 people a year.

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Bargain Hunters Thrift Shop

by Arietta Grimmert

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.

Ryan 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



Courtesy Photo
Pictured is Ryan Laumann, owner of Bargain Hunters Thrift Shop.

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.

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Gift to the Community

by Joan Fry

There is a lovely new walkway through the Summit Plaza to the Blue Ridge Summit Library that was recently installed as part of the Lowe's Heroes Community Service Project Program. This program encourages employees to make a difference in the community by adopting a volunteer project each year to help a local nonprofit organization or K-12 public school. When Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse of Waynesboro heard of the walkway project, they knew it was the one they wanted to work on.

The final creation includes a new red and gray walkway made of brick pavers lined with flowers and shrubs, along with a patio with benches—a nice place to read or watch for the train seen in the background of the picture (above). Finally, the parking lot was resealed and new parking lines painted. Washington Township



Courtesy Photo

crews did preparation work for the parking lot and the walkway.

The project cost was approximately \$7,000 in value contributed from Lowe's and donations from vendors: Brock Paver Base; Oldcastle; Rust-Oleum Brands; Battlefield Farms, Inc.; Sun Joy Ind.; Kay Park Recreation; Clinton Nurseries; SEK; Athens Stonecasting; Purdy; and community volunteers. The library serves Adams and Franklin counties in Pennsylvania and Washington and Frederick counties in Maryland, so there are many who thank Lowe's and all others who helped in any way with this beautiful improvement.

business news

First Responder Training at Wantz Chevrolet

We, at Wantz Chevrolet, are sure that everyone is aware by now that the automobile industry is entering into a new area of technology with electric vehicles. Chevrolet has just gone nationwide with the newly-developed electric car, the Volt. The Volt is representative of new advances and directions for the future.

Wantz Chevrolet in Taneytown, Maryland, has this new advanced technology, the Volt, now in demonstration service. Having had customers and other interested persons drive the Volt, there have been many questions about this new technology.

On November 10, 2011, Wantz Chevrolet, located at 1 Chevro Drive, Taneytown, Maryland, will be hosting five seminars, lasting approximately one hour each, featuring training for First Responders. We will have on site, Mr. Vince Pilato, GM Product Trainer, conducting the training sessions and responding to any questions or concerns.

Wantz Chevrolet is extending an invitation to all First Responders in this area to attend the training. We have to limit the number of participants in each seminar, so please respond promptly so that we can schedule a time that will work for you. Seminars will be held on November 10, 2011, at the following times: 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Please contact Scott Wantz at 410-751-1200 or scott@wantzchevrolet.com to schedule your time.

Wantz Chevrolet is looking forward to your attendance at the seminars. We feel that they will be very informative and educational.

The One Mountain Foundation to Hold Annual General Membership Meeting

The One Mountain Foundation (OMF) will hold its Annual General Membership Meeting on Monday, November 21, 2011, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Bob Davis Room at the Fort Ritchie Community Center in Cascade, Maryland. All One Mountain Foundation members are especially encouraged to attend. Additionally, anyone interested in learning more about the One Mountain Foundation, its past accomplishments and plans for 2012, are cordially invited to attend. An election will be held to fill vacancies on the One Mountain Foundation's Board of Director. Additionally, two current serving Directors are eligible for election to a second three-year term.

The One Mountain Foundation is a tax-exempt, non-stock corporation with a focus to promote and support educational programs, historical preservation, community improvement projects, cultural activities, and special projects that benefit the Mountaintop area. OMF just completed a successful 2011 year in terms of the number of events held and the amount of funds raised by local mountaintop non-profit organizations. Details will be shared with the attendees, as well as plans for 2012.

More information about the One Mountain Foundation may be found on the OMF website: www.onemountainfoundation.org.

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National Shrine Honors Service Men and Women

The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton hosted over 400 visitors on October 2, 2011, for its annual Sea Services Pilgrimage. Members of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine, along with family members and friends, gathered at the Basilica in Emmitsburg to honor St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the Catholic Church's official Patroness of the Sea Services.

The only event of its kind in the United States, the Sea Services Pilgrimage has been drawing hundreds of visitors to the Shrine for the last 34 years. "The Mass is extraordinary," says Admiral Watkins, who, in 1977, successfully petitioned the Vatican to establish St. Elizabeth Ann's patronage of the Sea Services. "The Naval Academy Catholic Midshipmen Choir provides outstanding music, and this year we have the honor of hosting Theodore Cardinal McCarrick to celebrate the liturgy." The Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, D.C. celebrated the late-afternoon Mass at the Basilica along with numerous concelebrants. Vice Admiral Regina Benjamin, current U.S. Surgeon General, was also in attendance.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's link to the Sea Services stems from the U.S. Navy service of her two sons, William and Richard. Her deep concern for William—who served in her lifetime—is evidenced in the many letters she wrote him during his 17 years of service. "With two sons away serving in the Navy, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton surely had a special place in her heart for the men and women serving our country in the Sea Services," said Lori Stewart, Executive Director of the Shrine. "At the National Shrine we are committed to continuing her legacy by finding new ways to encourage men and



Photo courtesy of SHM associate
Pictured above right, U.S. Surgeon General, Vice Admiral Regina Benjamin, takes a moment to pose with Seton Heritage Ministries Executive Director, Lori Stewart.

woman to look to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's intercession while they are in harm's way serving our country."

In 1809, Elizabeth Ann Seton—a mother, widow, and convert to Catholicism—moved to Emmitsburg, and in harsh conditions, established the first-ever free Catholic school in America, as well as a religious community dedicated to caring for poor children, the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph.

The National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton, administrated by Seton Heritage Ministries, is host to tens of thousands of visitors each year for Masses, retreats, workshops, and educational exhibits, as well as tours of the historic grounds.

Mount Bethel United Methodist Church at Foxville Celebrates 175th Anniversary — continued from cover page.

services continued at the Foxville School with the pastor Arthur Wood until Lewis Brothers Construction Company completed the restoration.

On April 4, 1971, a ground-breaking ceremony was held to build an educational annex. The dedication of the completed building was held on March 26, 1972. The annex consisted of a large social hall, kitchen, and bathroom on the upper level, and seven classrooms on the lower level. The annex was made possible by land donated by Joseph and Betty McIntyre.

Stained glass windows were added in the church in 2005.

In addition, Mount Bethel United Methodist Church maintained a cemetery adjacent to the church. The first body interred was that of a four year old, Henry Harrison Shuff, who died on March 17, 1845. His parents were Benjamin and Margaret Duff Shuff. Down through the years, the cemetery has been enlarged by land additions given by Buhrman desendents of Henry Poorman, Sr.

Traditionally, the church has held



an annual picnic for well over one hundred years on the second Sunday in August in the adjacent picnic woods. The land was also given by the McIntyre and Buhrman families.

The name of the church began

in 1836 as Mount Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church. (Episcopal means under the leadership of a bishop.) In 1939, the name became Mount Bethel Methodist Church, due to the merger of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church. In 1968, the name became Mount Bethel United Methodist Church after the merger of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren.

After 175 years, the original congregation of 17 has increased to a membership of 237.

Weekly services include Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m. and a worship service at 10:00 a.m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. Ronald Kurtz.

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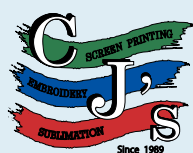
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Hidden Object Game and "Where Am I?" Photo Game -- Congratulations!

Deb did it again! She forgot to put October's Hidden Object in the issue. Despite this fact, many of you did take the time to look really hard for that flying pig. Of those who submitted a guess, Susan Philpot was selected as the winner of the Hidden Object Game (\$25 gift certificate) and Tony Weddle was selected as the winner of the "Where Am I?" Game (\$10 gift certificate).

Last month's "Where Am I?" Photo showed the tee pee and prop car at Winterbrook Farm's Moonlight Maze with the Transformers theme located on Route #550 east of Thurmont. If you haven't done so already, take a little time to go out there and get lost in the maze or shoot the pumpkin cannon.

This month's Hidden Object is a piggy bank. It could be a flying pig to make up for last month's flub. You never know.

For the "Where Am I?" Photo contest, take a look at the photo to the left 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.

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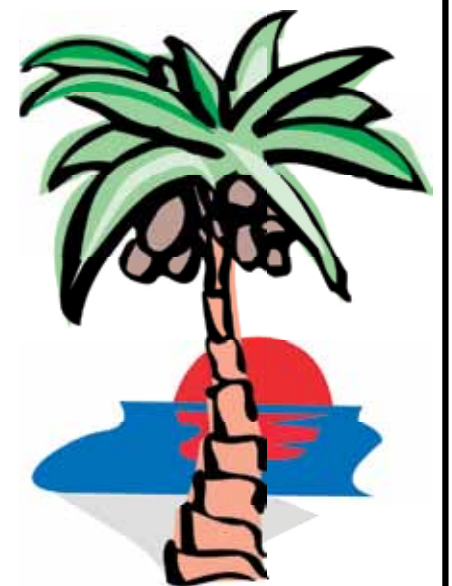
Engagement Announcement



Lisa Manahan of Thurmont, Maryland, is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Andrea Lynn Manahan to Thomas Alan Webb Jr., son of Cindy Beck and her husband Tom of Thurmont, Maryland, and Thomas Webb Sr. and his wife Wendy of Savannah, Georgia.

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Thurmont Helps Their Kids



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Pictured, left to right: Ross Smith, President of Thurmont Lions Club; Christina McKeever, Teacher Sabillasville Elementary School; Amy Schwiegerath, Principal Lewistown Elementary School; Bernie Quesada, Principal Catoctin High School; Rachel Hamscher, Teacher Thurmont Primary School; Jay Schill, Assistant Principal Thurmont Middle School; Dr. Theresa Alban, Superintendent of Frederick County Public Schools; and Thurmont Mayor Martin Burns.

The slogan “We Help Our Kids” has been seen all around Thurmont for the past few months – on yard signs and magnetic vehicle signs – all part of a fundraising effort that translated the slogan into dollars to be shared by six local schools. Statistics show that in these six schools in northern Frederick County, the percent of students considered to be “needy”, ranged from 13% to a staggering 42%. Major sponsors of the event included RRDonnelley’s Outreach Committee (led by Teresa Stely and Nancy Dutterer), Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Bill’s Auto Body, Bogley Chevrolet, Thurmont Church of the Brethren, Thurmont Lions Club, Lions’ Youth Foundation, Trinity United Church of Christ and the Thurmont Middle School LEO Club. Dr. Theresa R. Alban, Superintendent, Frederick County Public Schools was the guest speaker at the recent 2011 Thurmont Make a Difference Day reception where more than \$12,000 was presented to the schools to be used for needs that many of us take for granted, but that others cannot afford – items such as school supplies, activity fees, clothing, food, medical needs, etc. Dr. Alban acknowledged that many important lessons cannot be learned in the classroom but must be experienced through actions and events such as the “We Help Our Kids!” effort – setting a wonderful example for the children of our community – showing them how to serve others and helping them to feel cared for and important through the gift of giving. Catoctin High School principal, Bernie Quesada, described the effort as providing “the light of day for many children”. This is the sixth year that the Thurmont Lions Club has coordinated the Make a Difference Day locally as part of the national program created by USA Weekend magazine as a day set aside to help others.

Local Students Win Prestigious Award

by Theresa Dardanell



Photo by Alban Little

Pictured from left to right are: Donna Faith, TMS principal; Honorary Lion Sandra Zimmerman, Faculty Advisor to the TMS LEO Club; Lion Nancy Dutterer, Club Advisor to the TMS LEO Club; Lion Lynn Stuart, Club Advisor to the TMS LEO Club; Catoctin High School LEO Bubba Williams, 2010-11 TMS LEO Club President; Lion George Bolling District 22-W LEO Chairman and Club LEO Chairman; Catoctin High School LEO Hannah Barth, member of the 2010-11 TMS LEO Club (honored as an International LEO of the Year); Catoctin High School LEO Austin Frushour, member of the 2010-11 TMS LEO Club; and Honorary Lion Mary Quealy, Faculty Advisor to the TMS LEO Club.

The Thurmont Middle School (TMS) LEO Club recently received the LEO Club Excellence Award for 2010-11. This award recognizes outstanding achievement in humanitarian service, fundraising, leadership, public relations, and club administration, and was awarded by Lions Clubs International.

The following students were members of this award winning club: Ray “Bubba” Williams, Hannah Barth, Rachel Cassidy, Garrett Buckley, Kiley Warner, Ashley Ritchie, Kaitlynn Simmel, Marissa Wiles, Brett Wood, Alyssa Barbour, Madison Beavin, Zoe Croyle, Jake Croyle, Julia Cool, Lexi Eiker, Cheyenne Favorite, Jordan Finneyfrock, Austin Frushour, Suzy Henderson, Taylor Kaufman, Jessica Late, Labella Kreiner, Meagan Mongold, Veronica Patrick, Kylie Norwood, Zachary Rockwood, Josh Shaw, Pearl Umberger, Allie Waggener, Charlotte Waggener, Jansen Waltz, and Collin Wood.

The list of projects completed by this energetic group of young people is impressive. They sent letters and care packages to military personnel and donated blankets for the homeless. The students participated

in fundraising activities, including the Bon Ton coupon fundraiser. Funds from these activities made it possible for donations to organizations such as Maryland Parents for Blind Students and Tranquility Farm. During the holidays, they participated in the Adopt-A-Family and Stockings for Salvation Army. They also conducted a very successful food drive, as well as other projects. Together with the Thurmont Lions Club, the TMS LEO’s participated in community events such as the Saturday Strolls, Colorfest and Community Show Food Booths, and Guardian Hose Fire Company parade.

According to George Bolling, “In its second year, the great TMS LEO Club enjoyed tremendous successes, and a good bit of the credit for them belongs to four very devoted leaders: Club Advisors Lions Nancy Dutterer and Lynn Stuart and Honorary Lions Candace Desonier and Melanie Ware, Faculty Advisors. Their creative guidance helped guide the Thurmont Middle School LEO’s to a wonderful year of community service and learning how to Lead, gain Experience, and Organize to achieve desired results.”

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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’re inviting tastefully presented hunting pics for inclusion in our January issue.

Deer hunting is part of game management in our area. Every year, many of our local hunting families fill their freezers with venison for food.

Last year, a deer herd reduction plan was carried out in Catoctin Mountain Park to support forest regeneration and provide for the long-term protection, conservation and restoration of native species and cultural landscapes.

The consumption of vegetation by the overpopulated deer herd has negatively impacted other wildlife species’ habitats, park neighbors, and has led to the decline in health of the park’s deer population.

Current population estimates indicate there were 87 deer per square mile in the Park, which is approximately 6 times larger than the density of deer in healthy forest ecosystems.

Thurmont Student Wins International Award

by Theresa Dardanell

Hannah Barth, age 14, was named International Leo of the Year for 2010-11 by Lions Clubs International. This award is presented to only about twenty of the more than 145,000 LEO club members worldwide. During a meeting of the Thurmont Lions Club on September 14, Leo Hannah Barth was recognized for her accomplishments. She is the daughter of Jim and Kay Barth.

Since Leo Hannah became a member of the Thurmont Middle School Leo Club in 2008, she has worked on many projects in the local community. She volunteered at the Colorfest and the Community Show food booths with the Thurmont Lions Club, participated in making blankets for Make a Difference Day, and helped at the Trolley Trail A.R.T. Festival. Her other projects include donating horse supplies to the Tranquility Farm for rescued horses, letters to the military and Adopt-A-Family. Hannah held the position of Director for the Leo Club during her 7th grade year.

According to Nancy Dutterer, Leo Club Adviser, "Leo Hannah Barth has demonstrated outstanding leadership, high ethical standards and personal integrity." Hannah completed 200+ service hours during her middle school years and wrote essays for the "American Heritage Contest" and "What the United States Flag Means To Me" contest. She displayed her public speaking skills at the District Level for both of these contests. Leo Hannah and her fellow club members recently spent many hours volunteering at Camp



Photo by Alban Little

Hannah Barth is presented with the International Leo of the Year Award by Richard Liebno, Immediate Past District Governor of Lions Clubs District 22W.

Merrick, a camp for special needs youth.

Young people, ages 11-18 who would like more information about the Leo Club can contact Mrs. Zimmerman or Mrs. Quealy at Thurmont Middle School, or Mrs. Williams at Catocin High School.

Lions Clubs sponsor more than 6,000 Leo Clubs in almost 140 countries. While helping others in their community, Leos develop leadership skills and experience teamwork in action. For more information about the Leo Club Program, visit the Leo Zone section of the Lions website at www.lionsclubs.org

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See page 11 to take part in our "Where Am I?" and Hidden Object games.

See page 23 to play the "Who Am I?" Game

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Thurmont 2011 Police Officer of the Year



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Pictured left to right are Chief of Police Greg Eyler, Mayor Martin Burns, OFC Testa, and Lt. Allen Droneburg. Also nominated for the honor was Officer Jerry Morales.

On October 22, 2007, Vince Testa reported to duty at the Thurmont Police Office. Exactly four years later, on October 22, 2011, Officer First Class Testa was announced as Thurmont's 2011 Police Officer of the Year. Congratulations!

Thurmont's 2011 Volunteer of the Year

Nominated recently as Thurmont's 2011 Volunteer of the Year were: (pictured below, left to right): Wayne Stackhouse, Terry Frushour, Nancy Dutterer, Russ Delauter, Roy Clever, Mary Jane Lenhart, Larry Mundy, Theresa Stely, Gene Doyon and John Ford (not present). The panel of judges from outside the Thurmont community ended with a tie selection of Nancy Dutterer and Larry Mundy. "Congratulations" to all the nominees and "Thanks" for all you do to make Thurmont even better!



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Paranormal Investigators II

by Aaron Heiner

This is part two of a two-part article on Mark Nesbitt, a nationally renowned historian and paranormal investigator.

It was a muggy summer afternoon at the James Getty Hotel in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, when Mark and Carol Nesbitt's team returned from lunch with newly trained investigators in tow. The goal this afternoon was to put those newly acquired skills to the test. Mark Nesbitt noted that there is no reason to wait for night to investigate, as ghosts don't care about day and night—they occupy a location, regardless of time.

Carol Nesbitt stood on the stairwell in the lobby with more than a dozen investigators. As she laid out the plan for the attendees to break in to smaller groups and investigate the rooms of the hotel marked by a green sticky note, one could not help but note a certain static in the air. As to whether or not that static was supernatural or just the combined eagerness of the group waiting to start their investigation, one would be hard-pressed to tell.

In 1787, James Gettys, the

the norm for many local buildings during the war. After the war, the hotel returned to normal, until the fifties when it closed for a decade before re-opening as a youth hostel. In the mid-90's the building would be reopened as a hotel again to become the premiere lodging facility that it is today.

Stephanie Stephan has been the general manger of the James Getty Hotel for the past fifteen years. The hotel hosts the paranormal investigations several times a year. While the hotel prefers not to make a big deal out of the "ghostly" activity that occurs, "I just don't want it out there, saying we're the most haunted B&B in town." Stephan would rather keep the activity low key, but at the same time cannot deny the happenings that have occurred in the building. "We have personally experienced things here. We have had guests experience things here."

Debbie and Skip [last names withheld] from Chicago, Illinois, attended their second investigation with Nesbitt's research team. Their first investigation was this past March. Along with the investigations, they have attended Nesbitt's Ghosts of Gettysburg tours. "This is something I would come back to yearly," Debbie noted. "You do a lot, see a lot," Skip adds.

One of the things both Debbie and Skip like about Nesbitt's group is

that it is not focused fully on just the ghosts, but also the people and the history surrounding the town, and the situations that occurred before the paranormal activity. Most of the



This infrared photograph was recorded at the stairs in the lobby of the James Getty Hotel. The unusual lighting and shadow on the landing is currently being analyzed.

Photos by Aaron J. Heiner

members of the team agreed that the historic aspect is a very important component to the investigation experience.

A short time later, while in room 1888, Debbie, along with assistance from Patty Wilson, felt that there was a presence in the room. They had been attempting to make contact with a spirit named Henry using divining rods. Henry is a 17-year-old who hid from the war in the hotel. The end result was emotionally tolling on Debbie. Wilson sympathetically noted that after contact there is often a lot of crying in the group.

Wilson, one of the instructors, is also an author and had co-authored several books with Mark Nesbitt. Wilson runs the Ghost Research Foundation, located in central Pennsylvania. She has been on several hundred investigations. Having done several dozen with the Nesbitts, Wilson has been with them since the start.

Due to ghost hunting's popularity, many cable television programs dedicated to the activity have emerged over recent years. As a result, general acceptance of the practice has also grown as paranormal investigation becomes more mainstream in American culture.

"I saw an increase in this before the shows. The [TV] shows are a response to it. Oh, there's a lot

of people interested in this. There are millions of websites out there dedicated to the interest. There's a huge population of interest in it," Wilson notes. "Before, you might just talk to your best friend and giggle that you were going on a ghost tour. Now, people are talking about how this is actually going on in our homes."

Meanwhile, on the third floor, the Nesbitts, along with eight other investigators, were speaking with a spirit Civil War soldier through a pendulum. Mark Nesbitt smiled, as he had just caught the soldier in a lie as captured on EVP (Electronic Voice Phenomena) micro recorder. Carol then reminded him and the team that time was nearly up, and that the group had to prepare for their next investigation a few miles up the road at a farm.

There was no sleep for the weary ghost hunters, or the ghosts, as the team headed out to search for more paranormal activity in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania—the most haunted town in America.

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Special thanks to the approximately 30 community organizations who participated in the opening flag ceremony, led in a bagpipe procession by Bill, Alexander and Andrew Douwes. Seven members of the Catocin Mountain Park were honored in conjunction with their 75th anniversary and we were honored to have Park Superintendent Mel Poole announce the 2011-2012 Catocin FFA Ambassador, Wyatt Farmer, a junior at Catocin High School. Many local officials were present during our Friday evening program and we were pleased to have Dr. Theresa Alban, Superintendent of Frederick County Public Schools give remarks at our opening ceremony.

Special thanks to the exhibitors who entered a record number of entries. We had over 127 new exhibitors this year, which is a reflection of how our show has grown over the years.

We had approximately 345 baked products entered and sold for a record sale. The grand champion cake, (a raspberry pecan cake), made by Denise Shriver of Emmitsburg was purchased by Mountain Gate Family Restaurant for \$800.00 and then resold for the Karsin Valentine Memorial Fund for \$1,050.00, purchased by Gateway Farm Market. Several other decorated cakes were sold for the Karsin Valentine Memorial Fund, totaling \$2,925.00. Monies received from the silver offering, totaling \$600.00 were also donated to the fund.

Bob Valentine, livestock chairman of the Community Show was pleased with the results of Andy Cashman, who judged the Beef, Sheep, Swine & Goat Show. The livestock sale on Saturday evening was well attended and the sale averages were: 12 beef (\$1.29 lb.); 10 sheep (\$3.31 lb.); 25 swine (\$1.83 lb.); and 6 goats (\$2.75 lb.). Also at the livestock sale, a large syndicate of buyers paid \$83.00 per pound for the 275 pound hog owned by David Hertel, totaling \$22,825.00 for the Karsin Valentine Memorial Fund. What a wonderful tribute to the Troxell/Valentine families from many friends, businesses and families in our community who have offered support during this difficult time.

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

Special thanks to the Martin family of Emmitsburg who performed vocal selections on Friday evening during the program. Special thanks to the many individuals who helped with the petting zoo, Barnyard Olympics, pony rides, horseshoe pitching, log sawing and martial arts programs; the Thurmont Grange Turkey & Ham Dinner; the Catocin FFA Alumni Bar-B-Que and the Beef, Sheep and Swine show and sale.

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

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

Special thanks to Cozy Restaurant for sponsoring a free meal ticket to all department champions. We would also like to thank all of the individuals, businesses and families for sponsoring show awards, for purchasing baked goods at our cake sale and for supporting our livestock show and sale.

The Community Show is an agricultural educational event and is a total community effort. Many community citizens volunteer many hours to make the show one that our area can be very proud of and visitors comment on the large amount and quality of entries. These efforts are appreciated by the show sponsors – Thurmont Grange; Catocin FFA Chapter, Catocin FFA Alumni, The Maryland State Grange and the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board. The 2011 Community Show dates are September 7, 8 and 9th, 2012 at Catocin High School in Thurmont, Maryland.

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Lewistown Volunteer Fire Department Sets the Record Straight

An article in the October issue of *The Catocin Banner* contained some information that was confusing to readers, and the Company 22 appreciates the editors who are allowing us to clarify some of the points.

County Equipment

While the statement about Frederick County provided-equipment is accurate, Lewistown Volunteer Fire Department's (LVFD) acquisition of the equipment was similar to the equipment provided to many other companies around the county. The County Division of Fire and Rescue Services upgraded our engine to current standards, and the tanker was purchased for the Lewistown department, because it serves the central county and our station was the best geographical location for that. Additionally, the color of the Lewistown VFD-owned trucks was incorrect; they are school bus yellow.

Fundraising and Donations

Our donations are not in decline; in fact, they are up from the same time last year after our fundraising letter went out. The citizens of the area provide excellent support for Company 22, and we look forward to continued support, even in these difficult economic times.

Membership

Our membership is on an uptick this year, due to our newly relaunched website and recruitment efforts by Frederick County. We have five applications currently pending background checks, largely from new residents to our area who want to be part of our community.

Turkey/Oyster Dinners

It was mistakenly stated that we serve chicken at our dinners; our menu features turkey, ham, and oysters and can be found on our website: www.lewistownfire.org.

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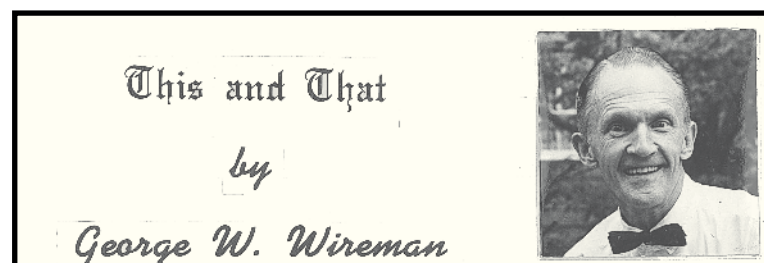


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Life in the Thurmont area was quiet and peaceful, but in the mountains west of the community there was much activity. The mountaineers were engaged in making moonshine. Their stills were hidden deep in the laurel-covered coves of the Catoctin Mountains.

In the Blue Ridge Mountains further west in Washington County, Pen Mar Park was doing a thriving business. Operated by the Western Maryland Railway, this amusement park was very popular. On weekends and special holidays, the railroad itself did a thriving business with their special excursions to the park from Baltimore. Pen Mar Park became known as the Coney Island of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

While the park was attracting much attention, another operation in the Catoctin Mountains was in full swing. For this operation, there were no excursions or publicity like that of Pen Mar Park. It was secret and many of the local citizens knew little or nothing about it.

Located in a mountain wilderness about three miles west of Thurmont

in a neighborhood bearing the name of "Blue Blazes" was a very small clearing of several hundred square yards and in it was a whiskey still. It was one of the largest and best equipped stills ever found in Frederick County. To give you an idea about the size of the operation, in addition to the still there were 20 some 700 gallon vats filled with mash. There were two condensing areas, a cooling box and a large steam boiler. Those who were lucky enough to be trusted by the moonshiners were given the opportunity to visit the site and see first-hand that moonshine was being turned out on a daily basis in large quantities.

In the spring of 1929 word had leaked out about the operation and soon the news had reached some members of the Frederick County Sheriff's Department. Since moonshining was an illegal operation, the Sheriff's Department felt that something should be done and the law-breakers apprehended.

Plans were made to raid the still after information had been given to Deputy Sheriff Verner Redmond by Charles Lewis who lived near Foxville. Lewis told fellow officers about the still and the extensive scale of the operations. Arrangements were made and a time was set to meet Lewis in the mountains near the still where they would go over their plan

of action prior to the raid itself.

It had been arranged with Lewis that Deputies John Hemp and Leslie Hoffman were to purchase a jug of whiskey at the still. Deputies Clyde Hauver, Redmond, William Steiner, and William O. Wertenbaker were to follow closely behind.

When the officers reached the location where they were to meet Lewis, he was nowhere in sight. Little did they know that directly in front of them in the thick underbrush lay the moonshiners waiting for them. The date was Wednesday, July 24, 1929. The time, 5:50 p.m.

Deputies Verner Redmond and Clyde Hauver, leading the raiding party, were first to step into the camp. Just as they did, without any warning, they were met with a rain of pistol bullets, fired from ambush to the rear of them.

One of the very first shots fired struck Hauver and he fell, mortally wounded. The officers immediately returned fire and began to drive the bootlegging gang over an embankment. In the exchange, one of Deputy Redmond's bullets hit Lewis' hand.

It was during the first exchange of shots that Redmond and Hauver received the brunt of it. Under the circumstances, it was virtually impossible for the officers to concentrate their return fire on any given object. They shot in the general area the moonshiners' shots came from.

As the moonshiners retreated, the officers followed in close pursuit. Because of the thick under brush, it was just impossible for the deputies to keep in pursuit closely enough to shoot or even apprehend any of the law-breakers.

The bullet that struck Hauver was fired from the rear and the other deputies did not realize what had happened at first. They thought Hauver had tripped over some of the underbrush. Upon discovering that Hauver had been shot, Dr. Morris A. Birely of Thurmont was notified and an ambulance was summoned. The injured man was then rushed

to the Frederick City Hospital. In an effort to save Hauver's life, State Policeman, John Taylor, volunteered to give blood for a transfusion, but this proved to be of no avail. Deputy Sheriff Clyde L. Hauver, age 30, died that evening at about 8:00 p.m.

It was after the officers making the raid that Hauver was discovered shot, that they sent word for assistance. Rushing to the scene from Frederick were Sgt. Assudy and officers Cabbage and Taylor of the Maryland State Police and Allen McHenry, Jesse Schall and William Miller of the Frederick City Police Department.

After the excitement cooled down, the raiding party used axes and picks to demolish and destroy all of the equipment at the still.

Upon Hauver's death, State's Attorney, William M. Storm requested an autopsy. The bullet, removed from Hauver's brain was a .45 caliber and was turned over to the authorities to be used as evidence.

All during that Wednesday evening, officers were busy tracking down every possible suspect. Officers in nearby towns in Maryland and Pennsylvania were informed to keep a lookout for the moonshiners who had escaped from the Blue Blazes Still during the raid.

Even though the mountain was located in the extreme wilderness west of Thurmont, and almost inaccessible except on foot, hundreds of curious citizens from Thurmont and the vicinity as well as from Frederick, went to the scene upon hearing the news and stayed until late in the night.

On Thursday morning, July 25, 1929, the day following the raid on Blue Blazes still, it was learned that six men were being held in the Frederick jail pending a full investigation of the murder of Clyde Hauver.

Read part two of this story in the December issue of The Catoctin Banner Newspaper.

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What's Up At the Senior Center

by Helen Deluca

We have heard the old adage that "patience is a virtue." These days at the Center, it is also a requirement! Renovating has really started. Because of the colder months approaching, the contractor started with parts of the job that required working outdoors, yet there still is some noise and inconvenience to tolerate. The Center will remain open until the middle of November, and, in the mean time, we ask for your patience as we continue our daily lunches and programs.

There will be a general meeting and "special" lunch on Thursday, November 10. All are invited. This is a good time to tell you that you don't "have to belong" or "join" anything to come to the Center. All seniors, 55 and older, are welcome. You don't have to live within the "town limits." If you are a senior, a "young senior," or "old senior," and you want to spend part of your day having a good lunch, enjoy being with other people, playing card games, or just getting out of the house for a while, you're always welcome at the Center.

Another thing I would like to remind everyone of is the organization Partners in Care. This organization's whole purpose is to support older adults in our community. The office is located in the Department of Aging building on Taney Avenue in Frederick, Maryland. At the Thurmont Senior Center, you can ask for Lynn Moseley, and she will explain all of the services that are available to seniors and ones that are in need of help. You can call 301-271-7911 and ask for Lynn, or you can call 301-600-6008 and ask for Sarah Ferrall, the Program Coordinator. You will be asked what type of help you need—transportation, shopping, small repairs, and so on. Partners in Care want to assure you that they are there for you and your needs.

You may have taken advantage of our yard sale or stopped at our booth during Colorfest. Our volunteers worked very hard putting it all together, and we would like to thank all of them. It was fun and so nice to visit with all of our shoppers. The profits will go a long way in keeping the Center open. A huge "thank you" goes to the craft ladies for their contributions to the Colorfest booth.

The following are some upcoming events to look forward to: **November 2**—Board of Directors meeting at 10:00 a.m., and following lunch, Mike Johnston from Amber Hill Physical Therapy, will give a presentation and answer any questions you may have. **November 6**—daylight saving time ends. The annual walk for the Food Bank will meet at the Center at 12:30 p.m. **November 9**—Visiting Angels, a health care group, will be at the Center at 10:00 a.m. **November 10**—General Meeting and "Special" lunch will be at noon. Call the Center no later than November 8 to make reservations and to let us know if you prefer to bring a covered dish or pay \$4.00. **November 11**—the Center will be closing temporarily due to renovations. **November 14**—lunch program will continue and will be served at the Cozy Restaurant. A greeter will direct you to the proper dining room. The cost and one day notice will remain the same. More updates will be available at the "Special" lunch. Call the Center and your message will be received.

Also, there is good news regarding Nurse Steve. Unfortunately, this article is too late to tell you about his visit on October 25. He is so popular with the seniors; we are looking forward to a monthly visit from him. Also, we are looking forward to having the Pharmacist from Med One, a speaker from the Lions Club, and Rosemary McDermott (a legal expert) share their thoughts and expertise with you. We are grateful to all for their care and support. We all can share and learn from the knowledge of others.

By the way, a "young senior" is one who just turned 55 and is just learning about all the discounts available to them; an "older senior" is one who has done it for years and can sit back and say "been there done that." Those of you who are not seniors yet, don't fret, you're getting there. And, isn't it nice to know someone cares?

The 2011 48th Annual Cactocin Colorfest

Colorfest is an annual adventure for people of all ages. This year, a group of six of Catocin High School's Field Hockey players set out to discover Colorfest after completing their shift parking cars at Stouffer's Funeral Home. Over the two days, these girls made several expeditions into the colorful land of Colorfest that



Photo by Deb Spalding
Pictured are Lydia Spalding, Leah Tester, Grace Schramm, and Paige Gray.

envelopes the town of Thurmont on the second weekend of October each year. BFFs (text abbreviation for Best Friends Forever) bought trinkets for each other, or they purchased items for themselves or their families. These girls had fun and covered a lot of ground.

Jenna Seiss of Graceham found her favorite item at a hat stand. She proudly wears her "Patrick hat" which is a hat fashioned after Sponge Bob's Patrick character. Lydia Spalding of Thurmont said her favorite booth was her mother's because, "she sold some really cool tie dye shirts that we could print anything on." The field hockey players had their shirts imprinted with "Don't let the skirt fool you."

They found some unique items like jewelry fashioned from forks and one stand where magazines were used to make bracelet beads. They really liked personalized engraved glass key chains and all of the art.

As wonderful as the variety and quality of the crafts were at Colorfest, the girls admitted that their favorite part of Colorfest was, "the food!" They had deep fried potato chips, fries, funnel cakes, smoothies, lemonade and some of our local traditions including apple dumplings. Leah Tester of Thurmont summed it all up with, "It was all awesome!"

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tickling our taste buds

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

I am so glad that this publication is happening. I was surprised when I got the last issue and read Deb's editorial regarding the possible demise of *The Catoctin Banner*.

I want to congratulate everyone who had something entered in the Baked Products Department at the Community Show in September. We had an excellent showing of the talent we have in our community. Here's a special "Way to Go" to all of our winners, and a big "Congratulations" to our Champions.

Denise Shriver baked the Grand Champion Cake and was gracious enough to share the champion recipe with us this month. It looked scrumptious and the judges loved it. Good luck with it. I hope your family enjoys it.

Red Raspberry Pecan and Coconut Filled White Cake

Cake

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| 12 tablespoons unsalted butter | 2 teaspoons vanilla extract |
| 2 ½ cups cake flour | 1 ¾ cup sugar |
| 1 cup whole milk | 4 teaspoons baking powder |
| 6 large egg whites, room temperature | 1 teaspoon salt |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour three round cake pans. Whisk milk, egg whites, and vanilla together in medium bowl. In another bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. With mixer on low speed, add butter to the flour mixture (1 tablespoon at a time). Once all butter has been added, beat until moist crumbles form. Add ½ of the milk mixture to the flower mixture and increase speed to medium. Mix until pale and fluffy. Add remaining milk mixture to batter and beat for 30 seconds. Scrape sides and mix another 20 seconds. Pour equal amounts into prepared pans. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool the cakes in pans for 10 minutes. Remove from pans and cool completely on wire rack.

Filling and Frosting Ingredients

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| 1 ¼ cups pecans, toasted and chopped | 2/3 cup sugar |
| 1 cup sweetened shredded coconut | 4 teaspoons water |
| 1 (13 ounce) jar red raspberry preserves | ½ teaspoon cream of tarter |
| 1 tablespoon bourbon | ½ teaspoon vanilla extract |
| 2 large egg whites | |

Filling: Pulse 1 cup pecans, coconut, 1 cup preserves and bourbon in food processor until coarsely ground.

Frosting: Combine egg whites, sugar and cream of tarter in large heat-resistant bowl set over medium saucepan filled with ½ inch of barely simmering water (don't let bowl touch water). With hand-held mixer on medium-high speed, beat egg white mixture until very thick and stiff and cooled to room temperature, about 4 minutes.

To assemble: Spread half of filling on bottom cake layer. Repeat with second layer and remaining filling. Top with final cake layer. Spread frosting on sides of cake, leaving top plain. Spread remaining preserves in thin layer over top of cake and decorate with remaining chopped nuts.

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2012 Safe and Sane Events

The 2012 Safe and Sane Committee upcoming events:

- November 6, 2011, the committee will hold a Cash and Vera Bradley Bingo at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance, and \$20.00 at the door. For more information, contact Denise Shriver at 301-447-3640.

- November 17, 2011 a Crab Dinner will be held at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner includes: 2 crab cakes, baked potato, green beans, cole slaw, roll, dessert. Eat in or Carry out. Tickets are \$14. For tickets or more information, call Julie Davis at 301-447-6811.

- December 3, 2011, at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Building, there will be a Silent Auction and dance. More information will be coming soon. Contact Tina Delauter at 301-748-2553.

Planning meetings for the Safe and Sane Committee are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center at Catoctin High School. Please join us at one of our meetings to find out more or check us out at www.catoctinsafeandsane.com.

Harriet Chapel Chairs Sold By Mistake

During a yard sale held at Harriet Chapel in Catoctin Furnace on October 6-8, 2011, two wooden chairs were mistakenly sold. The chairs are high-backed wooden chairs that were of sentimental value, because they had been passed down from a great-grandmother to her granddaughter who is about to be married and start her own home. The chairs were put in the yard sale by accident, and were bought by a young woman from Woodsboro and her mother who was visiting for the weekend. If you have any information about the chairs, please call the church at 301-271-4554.

Catoctin Sports Boosters to Hold Holiday Open House

The Catoctin High School (CHS) Sports Boosters will hold its 3rd annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 10, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the CHS cafeteria.

There will be Cougar apparel (youth sizes from 2T – XL also available), stadium seats, blankets, hats and visors, and miscellaneous 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.

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Thurmont Middle School Students Inspired by Holocaust Survivor



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Pictured in back row, left to right: Justin McCaffee, Mr. E, and Morgan Springer; front row, left to right: AJ Connley, Ericka Eckstut, Hannah Gray, and Lindsey Chilson.

Last spring, Ericka Eckstut, a survivor of the Holocaust, spoke to the students of Thurmont Middle School, located in Thurmont, Maryland, about her experiences and her message to them that they should never hate, but instead, forgive and love. The students were so moved that they asked if they could do something to celebrate Mrs. Eckstut. It was decided that a tree would be planted in her honor. A weeping cherry tree was chosen, because it represents both sorrow and hope. On October 18, 2011, the Thurmont Middle School 8th grade class gathered around the guest of honor, Mrs. Eckstut, for a Remembrance Celebration. An opening and the poem "Think Like A Tree" were read by students.

Next, the students read letters they had written to Ericka explaining how her message had affected them. These letters spoke of how her message not to hate has changed the way they try to live—many were moved by her life experiences and had gained appreciation for what they have; others spoke of the inspiration to persist and be hopeful when times are difficult. The tree was planted as "We Are The World" played, and a closing and thank you was read by students. Mrs. Eckstut then asked to speak and tearfully thanked the students, who then responded by hugging her. Ericka stood to hug and kiss the cheeks of each child, personally thanking them and telling them how special they are. It was a very moving experience. How often do students get a chance to meet living history? How special to have middle schooler's moved to action by a speaker? Thurmont Middle School was truly blessed by this learning experience—one these students will never forget.

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."
~John Fitzgerald Kennedy

school news

"Peace Tree" Travels County to Promote World Peace



Courtesy Photo

Mother Seton School Art Angels helped Mrs. Myers put together the World Peace Day program. First row, left to right: Camille DeSanto, Grace Santos, Gabby Ferraro, Kimberly Ahlers, Julia Laug, Josephine Isaacson, Maya Hand. Second row, left to right: Robert Laudani, Brendan McCormick, Cecelia Bosche, Athena Fream, Mackenzie Kirby, Elizabeth Gillis. Third row, left to right: Samantha Nigida and Sarah Shatzer.

In recognition of World Peace Day on September 21, 2011, students of Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg, Maryland, joined together with members of the community to pause and reflect on how they could become instruments of peace—in ways large and small.

Led by art teacher, Karolyne Myers, students ranging from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade focused on this year's theme: "Establish Your Roots." The students established their roots in art class through five different branches that reflect Mother Seton School values: Faith, Family, Diversity, Conservation, and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. Each student created a leaf with a message of peace, conservation, or tree benefits. The various colors, shapes, and sizes of leaves on the "Peace Tree" symbolize diversity. All students collaborated with their families on completing a family tree, which are displayed at our school. The "Peace Tree" will travel throughout the county bringing the message of peace. The first stop for the "Peace Tree" was the Delaplaine Visual Education Center in Frederick, Maryland. During the month of October, it was on display at the Catocin Mountain National Park Visitor Center, located in Thurmont, Maryland. Any organization or business interested in displaying the "Peace Tree" can contact Mother Seton School to arrange times and dates at 301-447-3161.

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Peking Palace

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It was a misty, cool October afternoon when I stopped in to place my order at Peking Palace: a Carryout #19 General Tso's Chicken. It was approximately one o'clock in the afternoon on a Wednesday, and the place was pretty quiet. Except for two clergymen having a discussion in one of the booths, there was not a soul around.

The decor inside is pretty much the typical Asian fare for a dine-in experience. It is dimly lit and has a more intimate atmosphere compared with a more contemporary restaurant. Looking from the interior of the establishment to the interior of the menu, it appeared to be a standard fare.

Less than 10 minutes after placing my order, I had my styrofoam container in the bag, in hand, and was ready to make the trek for home. Another 20 minutes later, I was in the house and sitting down with a Coke Zero to drink, prepared to feast upon the Peking Palace \$7.00 lunch special.

Starting with the spring roll, I found it to be fresh and crispy—



Photo by Aaron J. Heiner

nothing all too different from any other spring roll I have tried. The main course—the General Tso's Chicken—was a bit unexpected. I tend to judge a Chinese place by either its chicken and cashews or its General Tso's Chicken carry-out meals. In my experience, 90 percent of my carry-out meals have had the same taste to their General Tso's—either extremely spicy without any sweetness, or quite the opposite, generally little to no spice and just sweetness. There is seldom any variance to this equation.

However, Peking Palace threw me a slight curve ball on this one. There was not much sweetness at all, and it was, without a doubt, spicy. It was not overly spicy, yet did not suffer from being bland, either. This caught me a little off-guard considering it lacked the sweetness typically found in this dish. I found it had

Emmitsburg High School's Class of 1961



Courtesy Photo

Pictured in back row, left to right: Robert E. Wagerman, Fred L. Hawk, Terry Fleagle, and Randy E. Valentine. Middle row, left to right: Lois Saylor Layman, Harriet Hahn Valentine, Barbara Hardman Hartman, Judy Valentine Breeding, Joseph L. Smith, and Linda S. Knox. Front row, left to right: Dorothy Moser Little, Patty Glass McGlaughlin, Judy Valentine Phillips, Linda Frock Hobbs, Patty Moser Knott, and Kathy Springer Drom.

The old Emmitsburg High School's Class of 1961 recently held its 50th Reunion on October 15, 2011, at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Center. Twenty-five graduated, sixteen attended, six were unable to attend, and three have passed away.

Check the Calendar

Be sure to check the calendar on page 31 for bingos, breakfasts, dinners, programs, benefits, and other events of interest.

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Who Am I?



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Your clues are: *"Catocin graduate; middle child of 5; on the field and in the aisles; loves to decorate his house for Christmas; he often has a jubilee of a day."*

2011 Who Am I? Contest winners will be announced in the next issue.

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: *"Well educated and well traveled; taught high school English for 40 years; a member and pres of library board, ELLC and historical society; belongs to the K of C and ROMEOS; writes poetry and paints; sometimes called 'the walker'."*

Those who guessed correctly were: Helen Kelley

I am Francis Smith

One of nine children, Francis Smith says his birth must have been a difficult one, since he was baptized the day after his birth rather than the customary two weeks after birth. He was born in the tenant house of his grandfather's farm, six miles north of Towson, Maryland, in Long Green.

While attending various schools, he utilized varied modes of transportation to go to school each day. He walked to a small school close to his home for first grade; then he rode The Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad six miles to Towson; for a time he rode Greyhound's Blue Ridge Charter Bus fourteen miles each way from Woodbine to Ellicott City. For only one year, Francis rode a traditional county school bus a mere mile and a half to Lisbon High School.

When he was in first grade, in 1932, his father purchased his family's farm in Howard County. Francis' adventures in transportation

paid off, as he excelled through various Catholic schools, transferring to Loyola High School for the Classical Course, where he learned Latin, English, Greek, and German in addition to traditional course work.

When nearing his senior year, the country was entering war time. Francis and his comrades were prime candidates for the draft for World War II. He said, "As a senior [in high school] we thought we were cannon fodder." It was 1943, and the war was in contradiction to Francis' plan for his future—to become a priest. So, as an alternative, he and some of his classmates enrolled in the Navy's V-12 Program for their senior year to satisfy their military requirements. They learned aeronautics, aerodynamics, rules of Civil Air Patrol, and meteorology. Once graduated, Francis was invited to join the Jesuits who ran Loyola High School. He did.

The Jesuits Training program

included two years of religious training and two years of classical studies in Wernersville, Pennsylvania, after which, Francis was missioned to St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri, to study philosophy and history. He earned a B. A. Degree in 1948 and Ph. L. in 1950. He was then assigned to teach Latin and English at St. Joseph's Prep High School for three years in Philadelphia. This assignment was his Magnum Experimentum or 'Big Test' that was followed by theological studies at Woodstock College in Maryland. After eleven years of Jesuit Training in the advanced program, a series of obstacles prevented Francis from pursuing coursework that he wanted to learn on his journey to the priesthood. He attempted to adjust, but made the decision to leave the Jesuits instead.

Francis began teaching High School English in Carroll County, Maryland. With his priesthood goal still burning, he participated in religious retreats in the Trappist Monastery in Berryville, Virginia. After several years, he was accepted into the Trappist Order, where he could pursue his goal of becoming a priest. At the time, he planned to finish the school year and begin the Trappist's at the beginning of summer. On his drive home from the Trappist's after being accepted, Francis said he had a "mystical experience." While driving through Charlestown, West Virginia, he heard a voice say, "Don't do it; it's not for you." He listened.

He started dating. He had a few long-term relationships but married Margaret Bouey of Emmitsburg. He met her in 1963 at Knights of the Year Banquet. Many considered theirs a shot gun wedding, but as Francis said about his daughter, "Good ole Marjorie waited a solid year to arrive." He added, "She was born two days after our one-year anniversary." The family settled in Emmitsburg in 1964.

Professionally, Francis enjoyed a 40-year teaching career. He had found his true calling despite hesitating to join the Jesuits because he knew he'd have to teach. By 1950, after his first day of teaching, he said, "I'd found my niche." Despite being told by a

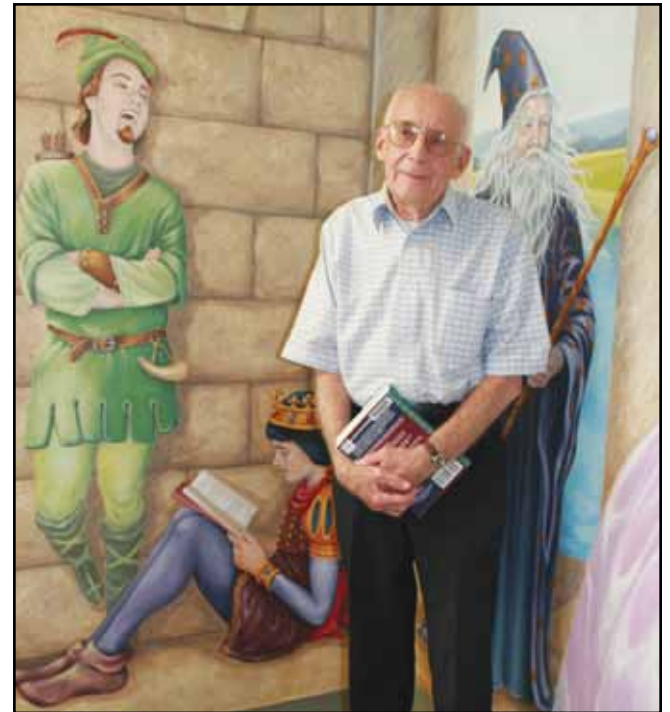


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Francis Smith is shown amongst the mural in the children's area at the Emmitsburg Library. The mural was painted by Chrystal in 2004 and took place during his Presidency on the Board of the Emmitsburg Library.

principal that he could not teach, Francis recognized the criticism as professional jealousy and went on to become Department Chair of Language Arts, teaching English and Latin at Francis Scott Key High School. He felt he was a good teacher and he was determined that people knew it. They did.

In 1988, he received the Maryland High School English Teacher of the Year Award. Then, in 1989, he was named Carroll County's High School Teacher of the Year. He was greatly respected when he retired in 1990. He said his alumni have been gracious, respectful, and grateful.

A long-time member of the Knights of Columbus, he served one time as Treasurer. After his retirement from teaching, Francis volunteered at the Emmitsburg Library, serving as President of the Board for 10 years. He attended Frederick Community College for art classes and is an avid poet and painter. He is a proud grandfather of three. He maintains faith and a good relationship with God. He feels he wouldn't have pulled through a bout with cancer two years ago without God's help and all of the prayers from everyone. None of his life's trials shook his faith. He said they only made him stronger.

A student who attended FSK High School told him, "Mr. Smith, I learned more by walking past your door in four years than I learned from all the others (teachers) put together."

Francis is an avid traveller; he has made seven trips cross-country and traveled through Canada and Europe. You may see him walking on Tom's Creek Road.

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the health jeanne

by Jeanne Angleberger, *Shaklee Associate for a Healthier Life*

How important is retaining muscle strength into the golden years? Extremely important, if you want to maintain an active lifestyle and increase functional fitness.

Why do we need muscle in our senior years? I've learned muscle keeps you strong, burns calories to help maintain proper weight, and even helps regulate blood sugar to control diabetes. Muscle contributes to bone strength, supports movement, and helps maintain balance.

It's a fact; we start losing muscle mass at the early age of 30. Unless you begin a resistance or weight training program, this loss will continue as you age and become less active. By the time you reach age 70, you could have almost 50 percent muscle loss.

This loss adversely affects our joint strength, balance, endurance, and flexibility. These are all necessary to perform the necessary activities of daily living.

Research studies have shown that seniors who participated in a strength training program at least 3 times a week, for 10 weeks, increased leg strength and walking endurance.

Yours truly began strength training during my fifties to help increase bone mass. Other benefits I gained were body toning, joint flexibility, slowing of bone loss, increased stamina, and better metabolism.

Remember, no matter what your age is, you can begin a muscle strengthening program.

Always start slow and easy—listen to your body. A personal trainer is an excellent way to get started. Be sure to consult with your health provider before beginning an exercise program.

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Lewistown Boy Scout to Collect and Recycle Used Motor Oil

Lewistown resident, Alexander Douwes, feels very passionate about his home area of Frederick County and its environmental health. Someday, he hopes to be an environmental scientist specializing in water ecology. But for now, he wants his community and county to understand the benefits of recycling used motor oil and the hazards of not doing so.

A member of Walkersville Boy Scout Troop 1070, he proposes to both inform residents and collect and recycle their used motor oil. He will be doing this in partial fulfillment of requirements for Eagle Scout.

According to Earth911.org, when oil is not recycled, it will contaminate the water table and the precious topsoil that the farmers of this area depend on. To stop the contamination of our water and soil, we need to recycle used oil.

He and troop members plan to place notification fliers around the Lewistown area, followed by members of his troop collecting the used oil. If you do not received a flyer, and you live in the Lewistown area, you may bring your used oil to Beckley's Camping Center, at 11109 Angleberger Road, right across from the Lewistown 7-Eleven, and place it in a designated trailer that will be taken by scouts to also be recycled.

Douwes is a Catoctin High honor student, member of Catoctin's Varsity Lacrosse team, and an accomplished bagpiper of the MacRae Pipers.

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Fire Heritage Grand Opening Ceremony Held



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Surrounding "Ben Franklin" (prominently in the center participating in the ceremonial ribbon cutting), pictured, left to right, are: NFHC Officers Emmitsburg Mayor Don Briggs (MD), Director; Ronny Coleman, President (CA); Shane Ray, Director (SC); William Killen, Vice President (TN); Gary Frederick, Director (PA); James Robertson, Director (WV); Vickie Pritchett, Secretary (TN); and Rodney Slaughter, Director (CA).

NFHC Dedication

The weekend of October 14 through 16, 2011 was a big one in our nation's Fire Town -- Emmitsburg, Maryland. The Grand Opening Ceremonies of the National Fire Heritage Center (NFHC) were held on Friday at 300 South Seton Avenue and the 30th Annual National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial ceremonies were held on Saturday and Sunday just down the street on the grounds of the Federal Emergency Training Center.

NFHC's main objective is to archive the history of the American Fire Service and Fire Protection Disciplines. The NFHC is housed with the Frederick County Fire Museum which showcases local fire service history dating back to the beginning of fire history. Many historical collections of books and documents that record response to fire emergencies are on record in the museum. You may find logbooks from Pearl Harbor, 9-11 and other historical events.

Also, the museum features a Hall of Legends, Legacies, and Leaders to recognize those who have given extraordinary contributions within the firefighting and life protecting services. A Benjamin Franklin impersonator was in attendance to remind attendees of Franklin's role in establishing the first volunteer fire brigade in Philadelphia following a wharf fire in 1736.

The museums are open Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Visit nationalfireheritagecenter.org and frederickmdfiremuseum.org for more information.

catocin corner

by Meghan Jackson

Hey there, Cougars! It's great to be writing to you all once again. October was a very busy and fun-filled month, and I can't wait to see what November brings! I'm here to give you a run down on what's up around Catocin High School!

There are a number of things I want to draw your attention to, one of them being directed towards people who love to read! Catocin is supporting the One Maryland One Book event. This event is designed to bring together people in communities, all across the state, through the shared experience of reading the same book. The book selection this year is *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. Make sure you read it; it is bound to be great! You can pick up a copy at the school media center or your local library. In addition, on November 23, 2011, there will be Literacy Night held at the Thurmont Regional Library. We are looking for Catocin High School students to come and volunteer to read to kids, to help with puppet shows, and much more! You can see your librarian for more details.

The students and staff at Catocin also want to thank Gateway Market & Candyland for their generous donations to the Homecoming Dance! It was a blast for all of us, including the week following up to it! So many of you participated in Spirit Week; I loved seeing the

funky outfits of laffy taffy day, super hero day, and 80s day! Then came Thursday, the day of the pep rally, and school spirit was through the roof! Keep the spirit alive, Cougars! The seniors dominated with their boisterous voices at pep rally, as the band played us out. Good job to all that participated; you made it a time to remember!

Let's keep in mind that winter is fast approaching, and there are people out there that are in need of warm clothing, such as hats, gloves, coats, pants, and so on. Please donate any gently-used clothes to the appropriate drop-off locations located around Thurmont. Also, Catocin is currently raising money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This foundation helps many dreams come true, including the dreams of our very own Catocin High School teacher Mrs. Day's daughter Sammie. This could be the perfect opportunity for you to help bring life to someone's dreams!

Well this is all for this month, Cougars. Remember, stay fierce!

Catch ya on the flipside!

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Neighborhood Veterans—The Great War and the American Doughboy

by Jim Houck, Jr.

The American infantrymen that fought in WWI were the only soldiers called doughboys until sometime between April 1917 and November 1918. This was when the word “doughboy” expanded to include the whole American armed forces. Americans remember the doughboys as the men our country sent to France in the Great War to defeat Kaiser Bill, and who also fought to make the world undisruptive for Democracy.

In 1917, an official of Germany’s Higher Ranks remarked, “America, from a military point of view, means nothing, and again nothing, and for a third time nothing.” At that time, our Army had less than 108,000 men. Within a year, the U.S. Army was over five million strong, and by war’s end, our forces were a decisive factor in stopping a German offensive and ending the stalemate.

Initially, it was the hope of President Wilson to limit our contribution to moral support, financial credits, and supplies. The allied forces were ready to collapse, because ten divisions of the French army had begun to mutiny. The Bolsheviks had seized power in Russia in November, and had accepted Germany’s peace terms and withdrew from the war in March 1917. Then, German and Austrian forces overtook the Italian armies. The United States had no choice but to assume an active role in the conflict. The first step we took was American ships relieved the British of responsibility for patrolling the Western Hemisphere, and part of our fleet patrolled the North Atlantic, combating German submarines.

President Wilson needed to raise troops and insisted on a military draft. Over twenty-three million men registered during World War I, and almost three million men served in the armed forces. The selection of officers was done by a program of psychological testing.

The Germans launched a massive offensive on the western front in France’s Somme River Valley in March of 1918. The German troops were within 50 miles of Paris, so Marshall Foch, the leader of the French army, took command of the allied forces. Foch’s troops, aided by 85,000 American soldiers, launched a furious counter-offensive. The

counter-attack pushed the Germans back to the Belgian border by the end of October.

America’s entry into the war overcame the numerical advantage the German army held at the beginning of the war. Almost 280,000 American soldiers crossed the Atlantic in June of 1918, over 300,000 in July, and almost 290,000 in August. One and a half million American troops arrived in Europe during the last six months of the war. Allied forces had 600,000 more men than the Germans had by the end of the conflict. Due to the amount of American forces led to Turkey and Bulgaria to stop fighting, the Austro-Hungarian Empire asked for peace and Germany requested an armistice.

President Wilson made it clear that he would only negotiate with a democratic regime in Germany. The Kaiser wavered and a revolution forced the Kaiser to abdicate, and a civilian regime assumed control of the government.

AT 11:00 a.m., November 11, 1918, THE GUNS STOPPED.

The armistice was signed the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, 1918.

1919

The first observance of Armistice Day business was suspended for a two-minute period, beginning at 11:00 a.m., with the day marked by parades and public meetings.

1920

On the second anniversary of Armistice Day, church groups suggested to President Wilson that on the Sunday nearest Armistist Day, church services should be held in the interest of international peace.

1921

Congress passes legislation approving the establishment of a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. November 11 is chosen for the date of the ceremony. Congress declares November 11, 1921, a legal Federal holiday to honor all those who participated in the war. The ceremony was conducted with great success.

1926

Congress adopts a resolution directing the President to issue an annual proclamation calling on the observance of Armistice Day. Most states establish November 11 as a

legal holiday, and at the Federal level, an annual proclamation is issued by the President.

1938

Congress passes legislation making November 11 a legal Federal holiday.

1941-1945

World War II and the Korean War create millions of additional war veterans, in addition to those of the First World War already honored by Armistice Day.

1954

On June 1, President Eisenhower signs legislation changing the name of the legal holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

1968

Congress passes the Monday Holiday Law, which establishes the fourth Monday in October as the new date for the observance of Veterans Day. The law was to take effect in 1971.

1971-1975

The Federal observance of Veterans Day is held on the fourth Monday of October. All states did not follow suit.

1975

Legislation passed to return the Federal observance of Veterans Day to November 11, based on popular support throughout the nation. The law was to take effect in 1978.

1978

Veterans Day observance reverts to November 11.

There will be a special presentation and service on Veterans Day, November 11, 2011, at “The Emmitsburg Doughboy” located at the west end of town. The Francis X. Elder American Legion Post 121 and The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6658 both of Emmitsburg, Maryland, will be dedicating a new flagpole and American Flag to be flown at the Doughboy Statue. Both veteran organizations will be having an open house to all veterans and their families on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The American Legion, courtesy of Ernie Gelwicks, will have a display of World War II equipment (army cot, pup tent, uniforms, canteens etc.) set up for all to observe.

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Town Clean Up



Photo by Carrie Stafford

Venturing Crew 270, left to right: Melissa Matthews, Alex Wright, Josh Bostian, Jared Synder, Kelsey Stafford, Trevor Bostian, Ben McCardell and Max Pennington.

On September 21, 2011, the Venturing Crew 270 put on gloves and grabbed trash bags to clean up the Thurmont Town Park for a service project for the town. The Venturing Crew left the Town Park clean and sanitary for the following morning.

Venturing is a youth development program for young men and women who are 13 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age, and enjoy high adventure activities. The program's emphasis is on Citizenship, Leadership, Fitness, Social, Outdoor and Service. For more information, visit crew270.com.

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Trick or Treat

by Valerie Nusbaum

I don't know why I like Halloween, but I really do enjoy it. Maybe it's the crisp autumn air or the beautiful, brightly colored leaves. It might be the pumpkins carved into Jack o'lanterns or the red and gold apples ripe for baking and dipping in caramel. More likely, though, I love Halloween, because Randy and I get to play dress up.

We live on a busy corner at the edge of a community development, and the trick-or-treaters come out in droves on Halloween night—I usually stop counting at around 300 or so. Every year, it seems that I buy more candy than the year before, and we still run out. Randy, bless his heart, sits out on our front porch and hands out the treats. He always has to dive inside the front door to escape the last group of kids, because we have no more candy to give them. Of course, this could be due to the fact that my dear husband starts out the evening by dipping into the candy bowl for himself, uttering "One for you and one for me," as he hands out his goodies. I end up raiding the pantry and the candy dishes in the house, trying to find enough treats, but we always seem to come up short.

My mom also gets in on the act, and sometimes Randy's parents come over and join us. We all dress up in costumes, and if we have the time, we decorate the yard and porch with scary things. One year, we dressed Mom up as a spider woman and sat her inside our bay window, which was decorated with spider webs and big hanging spiders. I showed Mom how to shine a flashlight under her chin to make her face look extra-scary, and she had a ball making the kids scream and run.

One year, Randy dressed up as a pirate. He liked his costume and was feeling good about it—that is, until one little girl started giving him grief. She was maybe 7 years old, and she began harassing him as soon as she came up the driveway. "What are you supposed to be?" she asked. When Randy replied that he was a pirate, she said, "Well you're not scary and your hat's too small."

She might have been the same little girl who had given Randy a hard time the year before when he was wearing grotesque fake scars all

over his face. She told him that he looked like a big pizza head.

Last year, Randy dressed up as a vampire. Several mothers took his picture with their kids. He likes that a lot. The kids weren't scared of him—no more than usual, anyway.

Several years ago, we did the "couple" costume thing, and I dressed as a medieval princess, while Randy was my knight in shining armor. My wig of cascading blonde locks lasted about twenty minutes. It itched like crazy, and the neighbor's cat kept trying to climb it. Randy kept sitting on his sword.

My friend, Cathy, adores the Harry Potter books and movies; every few years she has a Hogwarts-themed Halloween party. Everyone dresses as a character from the books, and Cathy does all sorts of "Potter-esque" food and entertainment. She made meatloaves shaped like rats one year; Cathy is very creative. Randy and I don't really know too much about Harry Potter, but considering it's a chance for us to put on costumes, we jumped right in.

My friend, Kathy, participates in the Maryland Renaissance Festival. She sells her clay creations to the visitors, and she has to wear an appropriate costume while doing so. A large portion of the people who attend the festival come in costume, as well. When Randy and I visited Kathy and her husband, Steve, at the Festival, I swear I'd never seen so many body parts peeking out of costumes. Between the kilts and the bustiers and the corsets, it was quite an eye-opening experience.

One year, we had our own Halloween/costume party. We did a murder mystery. I have the whole thing on video tape. It's amazing how silly people will act when they are dressed up as someone else.

I wonder why we, as grown-ups, like to play dress-up? Is it because we get a chance to be someone or something that we're not? Are we realizing unfulfilled dreams or fantasies? Do we just like scaring little kids?

Randy and I will probably keep on celebrating Halloween as long as we're able or until we get arrested. So far, we haven't worn the Hugh Hefner and French maid costumes—at least not in public.

Happy Thanksgiving

body wisdom

by Teresa Dukich, L.M.T.

Among the many books on my shelf, there is Job's Body: A Handbook for Bodywork, by Deane Juhan. Page 24 reads like this:

"The skin is one of the largest single organs in the body. For the average adult male, it covers eighteen square feet and weighs about eight pounds—six to eight percent of total body weight. Both the amount and complexity of its activities are enormous. An area of skin the size of a quarter contains some three million cells, one hundred sweat glands, fifty nerve endings, three feet of blood vessels and nearly as many lymph vessels. The whole skin has approximately six hundred and forty thousand sensory receptors that are connected to the spinal cord by over half a million nerve fibers."

Amongst the many vital functions of this organ, it also provides a waterproof, puncture-resistant protective covering for all internal organs. It guards us against foreign invasion of toxic materials and excessive fluid loss. It regulates temperature and cools us off by sweating when necessary. If the kidney doesn't function properly, the skin acts as our second kidney by releasing water and salt through sweat. The skin synthesizes Vitamin D and it stores adipose tissue (fat) to keep us warm. Juhan elaborates on many other attributes of the skin, all of which are nothing less than amazing as we explore the wisdom of the body.

As a massage therapist, skin is my business: It is THE organ of importance to me. Among the billions of people who walk this earth with diverse colors on their skin, it is one thing we all have in common. In twelve years of serving, I've been privileged to read many diverse and interesting stories on the skin. For example, the hereditary trait of moles and freckles; patches of eczema or psoriasis that whisper of life's stresses; the tissue built around the scars from a childhood bicycle wreck; the stretch marks from the first baby or the hanging skin from the tenth pregnancy; the incision where doctors took out the kidney; the dryness around the mouth and hands from a lifetime of smoking; that leathery feel on the body of a sun worshipper; the depth of the gash on the shin when the motorcycle dropped on you; and last but not least, the tattoos! Just imagine what one was thinking when they sat for that tattoo. That beautiful skin has such a story to tell.

As we approach winter, I boldly request that you consume adequate water to nourish all of your organs. Just because the weather is cooler and you don't feel thirsty (remember

that thirst is the warning sign that you're already dehydrated), the body's requirement is the same all year, all climates, no matter what. The skin is hydrated from the inside out. It's not that warm bubble bath that keeps your skin supple. In fact, that warm bath sucks more moisture away from the skin. It's the food and water you ingest that's important. Strive to drink half your body weight in ounces every day.

My quick, available, and inexpensive suggestion for exfoliating and moisturizing dry skin areas is in your kitchen pantry. For the face, mix one teaspoon granulated sugar with one teaspoon good olive oil (not vegetable oil). Massage thoroughly onto the skin and rinse with warm water. Pat dry.

For other parts of your body, you may want to increase the amounts to a tablespoon, but you get the idea. You won't need to add additional moisturizer, because you'll feel the olive oil on the skin. Never use a product that contains petroleum to moisturize. Remember, your skin is an organ assimilating and digesting whatever you put on it. The liver cannot process petroleum, but it will digest olive oil.

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A Day of Remembrance

by Arietta Grimmett

It is hard to believe that it has been ten years since that dreadful day when we as Americans were attacked on our own soil. Something, I am sure, very few of us thought would ever happen. Our lives were forever changed. Sons and daughters joined military forces and eagerly went off to war yearning to make a difference. Many gave their lives, so that we may continue living in "the land of the free." As a result, many returned home wounded, both physically and mentally. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them.

In honor of 9/11 and our fallen heroes, both from that fateful day ten years past and also for those who gave their lives since, a Day of Remembrance was held at the Fort Ritchie Community Center. Emotions were high, from the beginning to the end. One of the most touching moments was when Pastor Richard

Daughtridge sang the song titled "The Day the World Stopped Turning" by Alan Jackson.

Another wave of emotion swept across the auditorium when Pastor Janet Comings spoke words of gratefulness to the first responders in attendance and asked them to stand so that we could show them our appreciation. A round of applause resounded throughout the building. Yes, tears were shed that day knowing that our nation has not been the same in so many ways: two wars, economic down-turn, housing foreclosures, just to mention a few. But one thing remains, our love for our country that God has so graciously blessed us with, and the love we feel for one another in an hour of need. May God continue to bless this great nation, the United States of America, and all those brave heroes who continue to fight for our freedom.

5th Annual Brady West Memorial Walk

Rain or shine, the community will gather to honor the memory of young Brady West at the 5th Annual Brady West Memorial Walk on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at the Thurmont Community Town Park in the small pavilion. The event will benefit The Brady West Memorial Scholarship Fund and The Brady West Memorial Fund, both. The 5th Annual Brady West Memorial Walk will honor what would have been Brady's 5th birthday. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk will start at 10 a.m. A \$10 registration fee per walker will be charged and includes food and beverages. Pre-registration and additional information is available by calling 301-447-3644.



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Pet Show Results

The Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show sponsored a Pet Show Saturday, September 10, 2011, at Catocin High School. Chairmen for this event were Dave Harman and Dave Johnston. Judges were Emily Sloviko, an animal artist, and Nancy Houston from the Catocin Veterinary Clinic.

They selected a miniature donkey owned by Mark Harman as Grand Champion. He received a rosette ribbon and a gift certificate donated by the Thurmont Feed Store.



Courtesy Photo

The Grand Champion Steer was shown by Bridget Bittner and purchased by Jubilee Foods.

A cat owned by Travis Whitney was selected as Reserve Champion. He received a gift certificate donated by Main Street Groomers and a rosette ribbon.

The Thurmont Feed Store donated dog and cat food to those participating at the show.

Winners are listed below as first, second, third, and honorable mention, respectively: •Cat With Prettiest Eyes—Travis Whitney; •Cat With Longest Whiskers—Travis Whitney; •Cutest Cat—Travis Whitney; •Best Trained Pet—Abby Ewing, Emma Cochran, and Krystal Picazo; •Dog With Wiggliest Tail—Amy McAfee, Johnathan Picazo, Abby Ewing, and Ben Mathis; •Prettiest Dog (25 pounds and under)—Lauren Ames, Natalie Johnson, Arielle Mumm, and Amy McAfee; •Prettiest Dog (26 pounds and over)—Shannon Picazo, Emma Cochran, Hayden Spalding, Debbie Harbaugh, Ben Mathis, and Jennie Pumphrey; •Best Costumed Pet—Arielle Mumm, Lauren Ames, Sarah Weddle, Carlie Smith, Mark Harman, and Elizabeth Hoover; •Pet With Most Spots—Jennie Pumphrey, Kaitlyn Neff, Travis Whitney, Arielle Mumm, and Abby Ewing; •Largest Pet (by Height)—Mark Harman, Emma Cochran, Shannon Picazo, and Hayden Spalding; •Most Unusual Pet—Elizabeth Hoover, Arielle Mumm, Mark Harman, and Carlie Smith; •Smallest Pet—Arielle Mumm, Kaitlyn Neff, Elizabeth Hoover, and Krystal Picazo.

Barnyard Olympics Results

The Barnyard Olympic Competition was held Sunday, September 11, 2011, at Catocin High School during the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show. Serving as chairmen were Dave and Jared Harman.

Participants' race against time in a

course designed to do farm chores, such as gathering eggs, placing ears of corn in small wheelbarrows, and carrying bales of straw.

Winners are listed as first, second, third, and honorable mention, respectively:

•Ages 5-6—Linzee Davis, Danica Frushour, Waylon Farmer, Xavier Yates, Porter Heyser, and

Coleman Heyser; •Ages 7-8—Garrett Stottlemeyer, Marques Miller, Gabriel (unknown last name), Jessica Martie, Morgan Farmer, Adison Eyler, and Kendra Strickheyser; •Ages 9-10—Anibell Perry, Kallan Letham, Julie Thomas, Laura Dutton, Erin Fox, Nick Stimmel, Carrie Anna Strickheyser, and Evvy Progecene; •Ages 11-13—Brietta Latham, Olivia Dutton, and Ray Martin. Selected as Champion was Brietta Latham; Olivia Dutton was Reserve Champion of this event. Each received a rosette ribbon.

Horseshoe Pitching Contest, Log Sawing Contest, and Decorated Animal Contest Results

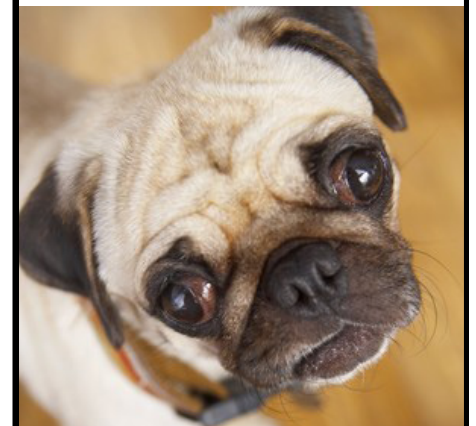
Winners in the 31st annual Catocin Mountain Horseshoe Pitching Contest were: •First Place—Jeff Miller and Rick Willard; •Second Place—Dale Kaas and Johnny Buhrman; •Third Place—Jason Kaas and Bernard Hobbs.

Winners in the 31st annual Log Sawing Contest were: •Children's Singles: First Place—Katlyn Neff (7:17:57); Second Place—Austin Ridenour (9:44:18); •Men's Singles:

First Place—Dustin Hahn (3:33:44); Second Place—Brandon Marshall (4:19:75); •Children's Division (14 years old and younger): First Place—Dakota Bittner and Justin McAfee (1:16:25); Second Place—Joshua Hubbard and Dustin Hahn (1:30:88); Third Place—Joshua Hubbard and Robert Hahn (1:35:72); •Men and Women's Division: First Place—Daniel Myers and Ashley Ridenour (1:08:75); Second Place—Ashley Ridenour and Dustin Hahn (1:26:47); Third Place—Glenn Blanchard and Grace Blanchard (3:38:53); •Ladies: First Place—Heather Marshall and Kathy Ruby (1:59:65); Second Place—Kelly Neff and Tammy Keeney (2:01:37); Third Place—Lauren Schur and Kendra Keeney (2:39:00); •Men's Division: First Place—Eric Troxell and Cody Stitely (0:35:78); Second Place—Wyatt Farmer and Cody Stitely (0:46:16); Third Place—Justin McAfee and Jeff McAfee (0:51:72); Fourth Place—Daniel Myers and Brandon Marshall (0:52:22).

The winners of the Decorated Animal Contest were: •Champion—Olivia Dutton (goat); •Reserve Champion—Laura Dutton (goat); and Second Place—Jaimilyn Snyder. The contestants each received a ribbon and \$50.00 in prize money, which was split among the three contestants.

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Children and Teens at the Thurmont Regional Library
by Janet Vogel, Children's Services Supervisor, Thurmont Regional Library

November is packed full of fun events for the whole family at the Thurmont Regional Library. We hope to see you at everything from After School Wii for teens to National Gaming Day. Or, just stop by to say hello and check out a book or DVD. We're always glad to see you!

LEGO® blocks are the stars of hot new programs at the library this fall. Visit us on November 4 or 12 at 2:00 p.m. or November 25 at 10:30-4:00 p.m. for plenty of LEGO® building fun. The Emmitsburg Library will also have their LEGO® Builders at the Library program on November 3 at 4:00 p.m. We have big bricks for the little kids and little bricks for the big kids. You bring the imagination; we supply the fun!

Do you like games? Visit us on November 12 as we celebrate the 3rd annual National Gaming Day. We will celebrate with libraries across the country by playing all sorts of board games that are great fun for the whole family. Curious George will also be there at 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., so be sure to stop by and say hello! Bring your camera, too.

Kids ages 5-8 who enjoy singing will want to try "Little Music Makers" on Saturday, November 5 at 10:30 a.m. This special program presented by staff from the Frederick Community Chorus will have kids singing and moving with plenty of great songs. Parents can enjoy a special concert by their children at the end of the program! Please register for this program.

Book clubs, book clubs, book clubs! Like to read? We've got a

book club for you. There's the First Read book club for grades 2-4 on November 9 at 4:00 p.m., the Daring Club for Girls in grades 2-5 on November 10 at 4:00 p.m., and the Guys Book Club of Supersonic Awesomeness for ages 8-12 on November 30 at 4:00 p.m. Register for all of our book clubs by contacting the library at 301-600-7200 or online at fcpl.org. They're fun, they're free, and they're a great place to meet new friends.

As always, we have plenty of things for teens at the library, too. Special events this month include National Gaming Day all day on November 12, and After School Wii at 3:00 p.m. on November 17. Anime continues on the second Thursday of each month (November 10) at 6:00 p.m. If none of those sound interesting, try making Soda Tab Earrings or Bracelets at Emmitsburg on November 10 at 5:00 p.m., or Jersey Knit Bracelets at 5:00 p.m. on November 17. Contact Emmitsburg at 301-600-6329 or fcpl.org to register.

This is just a sampling of the many programs we have to offer. Visit our website (<http://www.fcpl.org/information/branches/thurmont/>) or call the Children's Department at 301-600-7214 for more information about upcoming programs. Remember that all Frederick County Public Libraries will be closed on November 11, 2011, for Veterans Day; closed at 5:00 p.m. on November 23, 2011; and closed all day on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2011.

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- 5....AWomen's Retreat, Life Changing Ministries of the Church of God of Prophecy, 16827 Sabillasville Rd., Sabillasville. 9:30-3:00 p.m. All ages welcome. Registration: \$5 (includes lunch). Three guest speakers.
- 5...."All You Can Eat Breakfast," hosted by Thurmont United Methodist Church, Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont. 6:30-10:30 a.m. \$8/adults; \$5/children; Free/children under 5. Benefit Community Clothes Closet Building that provides clothing, coats, bedding, towels, etc. to families in need. 301-271-3917.
- 5....Oyster, Turkey & Country Ham Dinner (served buffet style), Faith United Church of Christ, 9333 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD. 1:00-6:00 p.m. \$15/Adults; \$7/Children 6-12. Carry-outs available at \$16.00. For more information, call 301-271-7573.
- 5....Mountaintop Community Fall Fair and Art Show, Blue Ridge Mt. Vol. Fire and Rescue Company Fire Hall, 13063 Monterey Lane, Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Artists, authors, home-made craft vendors, great food, and local community organizations. Collectible's Road Show (\$5 per item). Auction 2:00-3:00 p.m. Donations accepted. Duke or Lynn Martin 717-642-5645 or Kevin Kipe 717-552-6351.
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- 6....Quiet Love Concert, presented by First Sunday Ministries, MorningStar Family Church, 14698 Albert Staub Rd., Thurmont. 6:00-8:00 p.m. Free event. Group from The Quiet Love Foundation. 301-271-3633.
- 6,13 Thurmont Thespians, "Nice People Dancing To Good Country Music," American Legion Auditorium, 8 Park Lane, Thurmont, MD. Matinee 2:00 p.m. All shows include free desserts or snacks and refreshments during intermission for only \$15/person. Anyone wearing cowboy boots and/or a cowboy hat will be eligible for special door prize drawings. Ms. Urian 301-271-7613.
- 7....Women's Community Thanksgiving Bible Study, Victory Tabernacle Church of Thurmont, 6710 Kellys Store Rd., Thurmont. 4-week program. Monday's beginning on November 7, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Each week features a different attribute of prayer. All women, regardless of previous Scriptural knowledge, are welcome. Bibles are available upon request. No cost; child care is provided by request. 301-271-3658.

- 8....TEDC & EBPA Community Meeting, Catocin Mountain Orchard, Thurmont. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Learn more about each of our organizations and may discuss possible joint events.
- 9-11 Three-night Revival, Full Gospel Pentecostal Church, 17228 Eylers Valley Road, Emmitsburg. 7:30 p.m. nightly. Speakers: Nov. 9—Kenny Johnson, from Martinsburg, WV, playing the guitar, mandolin, and piano. Nov. 10—Mark Sweeney from Mt. Holly Springs, PA. Nov. 11—Ted Snyder from White Marsh, MD. On Nov. 12, Kenny Johnson will be at The Pentecostal Full Gospel Church, 17129 Sabillasville Rd., Sabillasville, MD. 7:00 p.m. Pastor Deana McKendrick 717-762-0709.
- 11..Bluegrass Night, The Basement Coffee House, Elias Lutheran Church, 100 W. North St., Emmitsburg. Featuring the HOME COMFORT BAND and RICK HILL, and other Special Guests! Music starts by 6:30 p.m. Preceded by Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-7:30 p.m. \$7.50. Benefit Catocin Community/Medical Fund. 301-447-6239.
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- 12..Mother Seton School 3rd Annual Fall 5K Run/Walk (rain or shine), Mount St. Mary's University Campus Waldron Stadium. 5K Run/Walk for individuals; 1-Mile Run open to all ages; 200 Meter Kid Dash for 7 years and under. 5K \$20/adult 18 and over, \$10 under age 18; 1-Mile \$15/adults, \$10 under age 18; Kid Dash \$5/child. Register online at www.active.com (5K runners must register by November 4 to get a race t-shirt). Info. www.mothersetonschool.org or email bridgemccarthy@hotmail.com.
- 12..Thurmont Thespians, Dinner Theatre Performance, "Nice People Dancing To Good Country Music," American Legion Auditorium, 8 Park Lane, Thurmont, MD. Starting at 6:30 p.m., with Texas-style BBQ ribs and chicken with all the trimmings for \$35 (including the show). Cash bar during the dinner theater. Wear cowboy boots and/or a cowboy hat and be eligible for special door prize drawings. Ms. Urian 301-271-7613.
- 12..17th Annual Bazaar, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Utica, 10621 Old Frederick Road, Thurmont. 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Utica Lutheran Women's League. 301-898-9945.
- 12..Fort Ritchie Community Center Health Fair, Fort Ritchie in Cascade, MD. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Enjoy a variety of health information and screenings, exercise demonstrations, prize drawings and food. FREE!
- 12..Bingo Bash, Emmitsburg Ambulance Co., 17701 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg, MD. Doors open 4:00 p.m.; Games 7:00 p.m. \$35/advance; \$45/door.
- 12..5th Annual Brady West Memorial Walk, Thurmont Community Town Park in the small pavilion. Registration begins 9:00 a.m., walk starts 10:00 a.m. \$10 registration fee per walker includes food and beverages. 301-447-3644.
- 15..The Catocin Furnace Historical

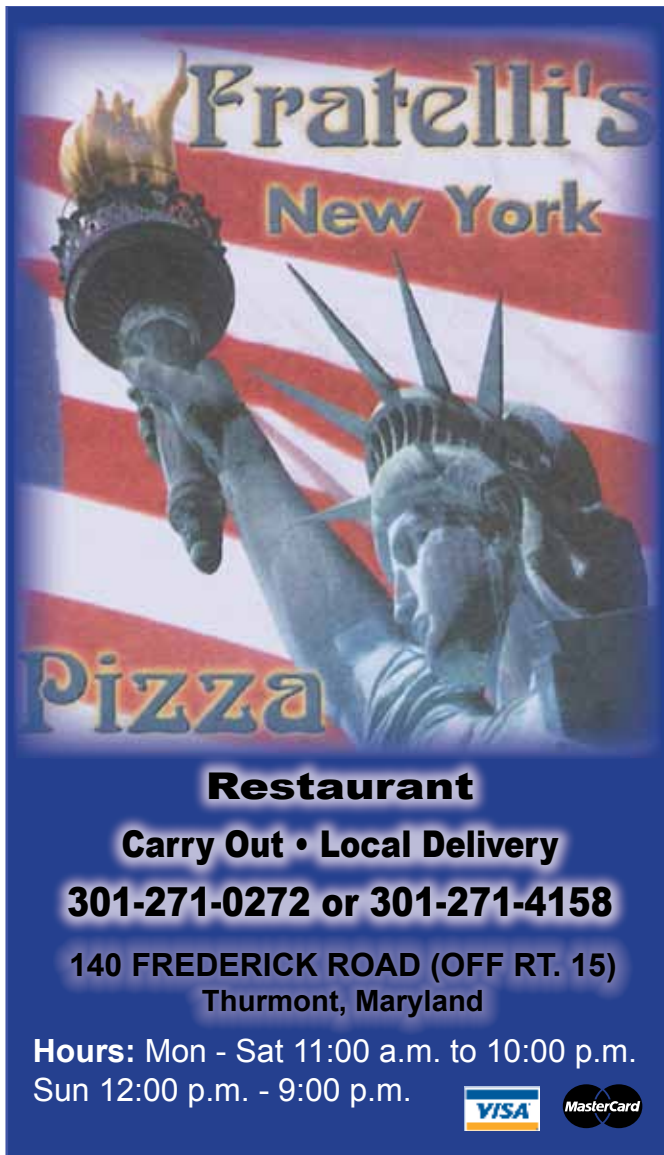
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- Society, Inc., November Meeting, Collier's Log House, 12607 Catocin Furnace Road. Noon. Elizabeth Comer 410-243-2626 or ecomer@eacarchaeology.com.
- 15..Mother Seton School Open House, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, MD. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 7:00-8:00 p.m. 301-447-3161 or visit www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 16..Memorial Service for Deceased at Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg, MD. Reception for families at 1:00 p.m.; Prayer service at 1:30 p.m. 301-447-3161 or www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 17..Crab Cake Dinner, Emmitsburg Fire Hall. 4:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner includes: 2 crab cakes, baked potato, green beans, cole slaw, roll, dessert. Eat in or Carry out. \$14/ticket. Sponsored by CHS Safe & Sane. Frank Davis 301-447-6811.
- 18..1st Annual Fall Dance Fest, Thurmont Amvets Auxiliary. 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Featuring the Southern Rock Band, "Poverty Ridge, www.povertyridgetheband.com. \$10.00/person. Must be 21 to attend. Sandi Reed-Burns 240-674-9017 or sjr18@verizon.net.
- 19..2nd Annual "Turkey Chase 5K Run/Walk," In Memory of Bobbi Jo Delphey Barber, Eyler Road, Thurmont, MD. Sponsored by Always in Motion. 5K Run begins at 8:30 a.m.; 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. The individual fee is \$25—5K Run/Walk; \$15—1-Mile Fun Run/Walk. To register, visit <http://www.active.com/5k-race/thurmont-md/2nd-annual-turkey-chase-5k-runwalk-2011>. Registration closes November 13. Race shirt for all registered runners.
- 19..Country Butchering and Pancake Breakfast, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge. Orders picked up 6:00-10:00 a.m. on Nov. 19.; Pancake breakfast served 6:00-10:00 a.m. Orders must be placed by Nov. 12. 301-271-4253, 410-775-2758, or 301-271-4252.
- 19..Bull Roast, Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg, MD. 7:00-11:00 p.m. Unique raffle and auction items. \$30/person. Patrons must be over 21 years of age. 301-447-3161 or www.mothersetonschool.org or Allyson Rabaiotti ambmraibaiotti@gmail.com.
- 19..Fort Ritchie Community Center Indoor Yard Sale, Fort Ritchie in Cascade, MD. 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$15/vendor space, Free admission. 301-241-5085.
- 19..Old Field Woodworking Open House, 13333 Graceham Road, Thurmont. 301-271-4439.
- 19..Christmas Bazaar, Woodsboro Fire Co. Activities Building, 10307 Coppermine Rd., Woodsboro, MD. 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 301-845-2978 by 11-16-11.
- 20..Cash Bingo, Emmitsburg Baseball & Softball host at Vigilant Hose Company, 25 West Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD. Doors open 12:30 p.m., Early Bird 1:45 p.m., Bingo begins 2:00 p.m. \$25/advance, \$30/door. skumbel@gmail.com or 240-285-6695.
- 20..Fall Basket & Pottery Bingo, Woodsboro Fire Co. Complex on 10307 Coppermine Rd., Woodsboro, MD. \$15/Advance, \$20/door. Doors open noon. Games start 1:30 p.m. Benefit Frederick Co. Fire & Rescue Ladies Auxiliary. Ruth 301-845-8406 or Mary 301-401-2824.

- 21..North County Democrats & Friends Meeting, Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Thurmont. 8:30 a.m. Blaine Young, president of the Board of Frederick County Commissioners, will speak. Open to the public. The next meeting will be Jan. 16, 2012, at an 8:30 a.m. breakfast at Mountain Gate. The group meets the third Monday of each month, except December, when no meeting is scheduled. Carla Beck 301-271-4945.
- 24..119th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, St. John's Lutheran Church, Parish House, 8619 Blacks Mill Road, Creagerstown, MD. 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Roast turkey and Country Ham. \$16/Adults; \$7.50/Children ages 7-10; Free/Children under age 7. Carry Outs \$17. 301-898-5290.
- 24..The Third Annual Emmitsburg Wattle Waddle, beginning in the Emmitsburg Town Park behind the Community Center. Scenic 5-mile Run at 8:00 a.m.; 1-mile Family Fun Walk 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$20 (before November 20); \$25 (after November 20); \$5 1-mile fun walk. Free Wittle Wattle Fun Relay for kids 10 and under. All proceeds benefit Hope Alive. www.emmitsburgturkeytrot.com.
- 26..Atlantic City Bus Trip, depart Thurmont Municipal Parking Lot (across from Thurmont American Legion). Depart 6:00 a.m., leave Atlantic City at 6:00 p.m. \$60/ticket (includes buffet and slot play tokens). Bev Frushour 301-271-4289.

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- 2....Christmas Music Extravaganza, Thurmont Heritage Days at Green Grove Gardens in Greencastle, PA. Concert 7:00 p.m., doors open at 6:00 p.m. \$18/Ticket (pre-order only) available at Mountain Gate Family Restaurants in Thurmont and Waynesboro. Green Grove Gardens 717-597-0800 or Joe Eyler 301-271-2023.
- 3....Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Bazaar, Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg, MD. 8:00 a.m.-noon. Breakfast: pancakes, bacon, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy, biscuits, and home fries. \$6.00/ages 7 to adult; \$4.00/ages 3 to 6; Free/ages 2 and under. (\$1.00 will be added to each ticket purchased at the 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 Comer 410-243-2626 or ecomer@eacarchaeology.com.
- 3....Silent Auction and Dance, at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Building, Emmitsburg, MD. Sponsored by CHS Safe & Sane. Tina Delauter at 301-748-2553.
- 3....Christmas Supper and Bazaar, Elias Lutheran Church of Emmitsburg. Noon-5:00 p.m. Bazaar includes Crafts and Home baked Goods. ROAST BEEF, TURKEY & HAM SUPPER with apple fritters and all the trimmings—just like grandma used to make! Adults/\$11; Children (6-12)/\$4; Carry-outs/\$12
- 4....Advent Festival, St. John's Lutheran Church, next to Fire Hall in Thurmont. 4:00-7:00 p.m. Bring the family to celebrate the season! Free advent crafts and Free dinner. RSVP 301-271-7877.



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