

# The Catocin Banner

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## Remembrance Service Unites Mountaintop Community



The Mountaintop Community Churches, One Mountain Foundation, and the Fort Ritchie Community Center hosted A Remembrance Service on Patriot's Day. The service remembered and reflected on the fallen of September 11, 2001, honored America and our

local community 1st Responders, united the congregation together in song and patriotic music, and collectively joined in prayer for our Nation with those still grieving. Approximately 150 mountaintop community residents and friends participated on the 10th Anniversary

of the day that changed our lives forever.

The service opened with Words of Welcome by Pastor Mark Hosler from the Germantown Church of God, Cascade, who said that America is a nation blessed by God, and "we believe it is our privilege and duty

Pastor Arietta Grimmert of Life Changing Ministries of the Church of God of Prophecy in Sabillasville, with assistance of the children at the service, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

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to pray for our nation. There is a great need for the church to be a positive influence in our culture, to be a source and influence of healing and transformation."

The audience then sang the song Now Thank We All Our God, led by Pastor Warren Rice from the Living Word Church, Blue Ridge Summit. Pastor Rice was the song leader throughout the service.

Pastor Arietta Grimmert, "Life Changing Ministries" of the Church of God of Prophecy, Sabillasville,

gave the Invocation and said that the day was not a day of celebration, rather it was a day of remembrance; a day of honor for those who lost their lives, for the first responders who continue to risk their lives; and a day of healing wounds that still have not healed.

Mary Stottlemeyer provided the accompanying music for all the singing during the service.

Father Robert Malagesi from St. Rita Catholic Church, Blue Ridge Summit, provided closing remarks and prayer.

A special thank you to the pastors and the congregational members of the local mountaintop community and local area churches who joined together in this service of Remembrance. Thanks also to the members and friends of the One Mountain Foundation and the Fort Ritchie Community Center who participated and assisted with this service.

## Reflections on a Memorable Weekend

by Joan Fry

Do you appreciate coming home from a trip -- even a short one -- more than the trip itself? It's good to see your home, the views, and to notice that very little has changed. I am even more thankful after returning from a trip on a recent September weekend.

The beginning of my memorable weekend took place Saturday, September 9, 2011, at the show ring and animal stalls at the 55th Community Show at Catocin High School in Thurmont. There, I watched my grandniece show her prize steer. I also saw my

grandnephew's pigs and other friends' animals that would be shown later. It was nice to talk to others who had also come to support family members.

On Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m., there was a well-attended 9-11 memorial service at Post 239 Cascade American Legion. This service commemorated the 10th Anniversary of the 9-11-01 tragedies in New York City; Arlington, Virginia; and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Representatives of Blue Ridge Mountain Fire and Rescue Squad of Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania,

participated, as well as members of the Cascade Branch of Maryland National Guard. A meaningful service was led by Senior MSGT (RET) Fromel, Post Commander of the Legion. The program was followed by a delicious brunch shared with the honored guests.

In the afternoon, there was a Service of Remembrance at Fort Ritchie Community Center, hosted by One Mountain Foundation, the Community Center, and Mountain Top Community Churches, with pastors Mark Hosler, Warren Rice, Arietta Grimmert, Sandy Price, Richard Daughtridge, Janet Comings, and Father Robert Malagesi presenting. This event was

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## Hamming It Up for the Crowds

This pig from the Lewistown 4H Club strikes a pose at the Great Frederick Fair. See more photos of the Great Frederick Fair on page 10 and the Community Show on page 3.



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## 55th Annual Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show Highlights

The Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show was held at Catocotin High School on September 9-11, 2011. It was hosted by volunteers with the Thurmont Grange, Catocotin FFA Alumni and Catocotin FFA Chapter. Highlights included the commemoration of Catocotin Mountain Park's 75th Anniversary during the annual Flag Ceremony, the sale and resale of the Grand Champion Cake that was baked by Denise Shriver and purchased by Merle McCleaf of Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, donated back, and purchased again by Maggie and John Doll of Gateway Market & Candyland.

Over \$12,000.00 in award monies were distributed to winners of entries to the show. Over \$50,000.00 was raised from the sale of livestock during the show. More details will be listed in a future issue of *The Catocotin Banner* as they are made available.



Pet Show Champions are shown above left to right, Amy McAfee, Dave Petra, LuAnn Ewing, Liz Hoover, Nancy Houston and Emily Sloviko judges, Lauren Ames, Robbie Hand and Arielle Mumm.

Pictured right, Grand Champion Cake Baker Denise Shriver is shown with Merle McCleaf (left) of Mountain Gate Family Restaurants and John, Eva and Maggie Doll of Gateway Market & Candyland.

Pictured bottom left, the 75th Anniversary of Catocotin Mountain Park was commemorated in the opening ceremony, pictured front left to right with the Park Service are Frank Smith, Brenda Thompson, Cynthia Wyant, Mel Poole, Holly Rife, Mark Hauver and Christopher Elbich. Pictured back row left to right are Amy Jo Poffenberger (CHS FFA Advisor), Bernard Quesada (CHS Principal), Terry Alban (FCPS Superintendent), Rodman Myers (Show President), Wyatt Farmer (CHS FFA Ambassador), Bob Valentine (Show Vice-President), Brian Hendrickson (CHS FFA Advisor), Dave Harman.



Pictured left, three girls are shown holding their sheep in the best position possible for the judge in the livestock arena.

Pictured bottom right, CHS FFA members are shown after the CHS FFA Ambassador, Wyatt Farmer (back row right) was selected to serve for the 2011-2012 term. Pictured left to right front row are Shelby Hahn, Kayla Neff, Ashley McAfee, Kelsey Hurley, and Brittnee Beck. Top row, Brandon Kaas and Wyatt Farmer.



### "Memorable Weekend" continued from cover page...

largely attended. The service took place in front of a huge American flag. Children from the audience came forward to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. To say the least, it was a very moving service. On hand were members of Blue Ridge Mountain Fire and Rescue Squad and Smithsburg Community Volunteer Fire Company who symbolized all first responders. They received warm applause at one point and later a heartfelt and spontaneous standing ovation.

At 6:00 p.m., I attended weekly Bingo at Blue Ridge Summit Fire Hall. Again, I saw many of the first responders who had attended both programs at their regular weekly post, helping with the games. These volunteers are truly dedicated as first responders and servers of the community.

As I reflect, perhaps it's not the beautiful scenery or my home that I miss when away, but more the wonderful people who live, work, and volunteer here.





## Emmitsburg, October 2011

### Friendly Reminder

Crime reported in Emmitsburg in the past year has often been auto- and house-related thefts.

Deputies and town officials would like to remind residents to keep their cars and houses locked. In addition, deputies encourage citizens to call them with any suspicious activity that they see and/or to report a crime. Please don't wait until you see a deputy; call to report the crime as soon as you are aware of the incident.

### Halloween Night Planned

Emmitsburg's Halloween events are planned to take place on Halloween night, October 31.

Town officials met with members of the Lions Club, VFW, Masonic Lodge, Vigilant Hose, and American Legion to organize this year's Halloween activities. Mayor Hoover said he wanted to avoid the unfortunate miscommunication that occurred with last year's Halloween event.

After trick or treating, the kids should line up at the small parking lot on East Main Street and Federal Avenue (near the Masonic Lodge). Kids will be given identifying numbers for their costumes. Five categories will be judged for the costumes: (1) Scariest; (2) Most Original; (3) Prettiest; (4) Ugliest; and (5) Best Float or Group.

The parade will start at 7:00 p.m., traveling west on DePaul Street, south on Seton Avenue, and then turning right onto Lincoln Avenue, and ending at the Fire Company Building. Cider and gingerbread will be served after the parade.

Games are being sponsored and

by Michele Cuseo

## town hall reports

organized by the Lions Club. No set time was designated for trick or treat. As soon as parents can manage to get home from work and get the kids dressed and out the door is what is expected (approximately 5:30 pm) is the norm.

### Multi-Use Trail Completed in Town Park

A paved multi-use trail has been completed in the town park, located on the southwest end of town. The trail can be found by following the road behind the town office/library area. You can park your car there, and you will see the path. It was designed for accommodating all kinds of pedestrians, including wheel chairs. The trail is one-half mile long and includes a pond. Park benches will be installed within the next two months. The Park Trail was a six-year-long implementation project that was funded through grant money to cover expenses. A dedication ceremony of the trail will be conducted in the near future.

For more information about the town of Emmitsburg, log on to [www.emmitsburgmd.gov](http://www.emmitsburgmd.gov).

## Farmer's Markets:

**Emmitsburg** — South Seton Avenue, Fridays from 3:00-6:30 p.m.

**Thurmont** — Thurmont Carnival Grounds on Boundary Avenue, Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

## Thurmont, October 2011

### Halloween in the Park

Halloween in the Park will be held this year on October 22, 2011 (rain date is November 5), at the Thurmont Community Town Park. Activities start at 6:00 p.m. Events will include face painting, a Magic Show, goodies, and will culminate with the "haunted" hayride into the back end of the community park. This year, the planning committee is asking for a donation of \$2 per person (kids under 5 years of age are free). In addition, if each person could bring a canned food item to donate for the Food Bank, it would be greatly appreciated. Last year, about 2,000 people attended this event, which helped fill up the back of a truck with canned goods. The committee was able to donate over \$1,000 toward the Food Bank. Some funds are used to offset the expense of this event. Last year, over 80 volunteers from different organizations and businesses contributed to the success of this event. This is a great family event for all ages. Town officials are expecting the same turn out this year. Mark your calendars and bring your canned food item!

### Trick or Treat in Thurmont

Trick or Treat is happening in Thurmont on October 31, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

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

## Thurmont Food Bank In Need of Donations

The Thurmont Food Bank needs your help. Donations to the Thurmont Food Bank have dropped off dramatically, but the number of people needing food continues to increase. The Food Bank has been purchasing most of its food this summer, but funds are dwindling. Please pass the word that donations are needed. Checks can be mailed to The Thurmont Food Bank, P.O. Box 74, Thurmont, MD 21788.

Donations of food can be delivered to the Food Bank at St. John's Lutheran Church on Tuesdays (5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.) and Fridays (2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.). The following items are always needed: canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, soups, canned vegetables & fruits, spaghetti sauce, coffee, and juices. Diapers of all sizes and toiletry items are needed, as well. The Thurmont Food Bank would like to thank you in advance for your support.

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## Don't Forget to Vote!

Emmitsburg and Thurmont residents are reminded to cast their votes during the town elections. Vote for the Mayor and one Commissioner seat in Emmitsburg on September 27 at the old town office on East Main Street from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Vote for two Commissioner seats in Thurmont on October 3 at the Fireman's Activity Building from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

See details on pages 12 and 13.

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## Local Christian Store Helps With National Hunger Relief Project

Morning Star: A Perfect Gift is celebrating 25 years of Christian ministry with a Grand Opening of their new location at 101 Frederick Road, Thurmont, Maryland, next to the Cozy Country Inn. They are celebrating by participating in the second annual Christian Store Week October 1-10, which is a cooperative effort of U.S. Christian stores and World Vision to alleviate child hunger in the U.S. and around the world. Morning Star: A Perfect Gift is an official Christian Store Week retailer and has planned sales events, drawings and giveaways October 1-10 to support the hunger-relief initiative, including the local food bank. The official Ribbon Cutting for the building, which also houses WTHU 1450 "The Source" and TNT Tags N Title, is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, at 9:00 a.m.

The United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization reports more than half the world's population lives in low-income, food-deficit countries that are unable to produce or import enough food to feed their people. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates about 10% of America's population lives in poverty. World Vision works in nearly 100 countries and several U.S. urban and rural areas to provide food and other help to impoverished people.

Bring your donations for the Thurmont Food Bank to Morning Star: A Perfect Gift, Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and receive a gift. For more information, call 240-356-0320 or visit [www.ChristianStoreWeek.com](http://www.ChristianStoreWeek.com) or Morning Star: A Perfect Gift website, [www.morningstar.deepershopping.com](http://www.morningstar.deepershopping.com).


## Who will be the Thurmont Volunteer of the Year for 2011?

Nominate someone who is making a difference in the lives of others: working with children in the schools or helping at the food bank, a member of a service organization or church, a special neighbor who is always there to help whenever needed. The only requirement is that the volunteer service must be done in the area of zip code 21788.

Nominations are due October 1, 2011. Forms are available at the Thurmont Regional Library, the Thurmont Town Office, or online at [www.thurmontlionsclub.com](http://www.thurmontlionsclub.com). Coordinated by the Thurmont Lions Club.

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## Reunions

• **St. Joseph's High School Reunion Dinner & Dance** — Place your reservations today for the St. Joseph's High School Reunion Dinner & Dance hosted by the Class of 1966 at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Building, 17701 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, on Saturday, October 8, 2011. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m.; buffet style dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the dance begins at 8:00 p.m. and lasts until midnight. Music is by B&J DJ's. Dinner is \$10.00 per person and the dance is \$10.00 per person. RSVP by October 1, by calling Mary at 301-447-6615 or Sam at 301-447-2082. Mail checks payable to: Mary Topper, 28 Federal Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

• **Catocotin High School Class of 2001—10 Year Reunion** — November 19, 2011, the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, MD. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; dinner served at 7:00 p.m. Cost up front is \$25 per classmate or \$35 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 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](mailto:frchk0704@aol.com).

• **Emmitsburg High School Alumni Banquet** -- The Emmitsburg High School 86th annual alumni banquet will meet on Saturday, October 15, 2011. All graduates of Emmitsburg High and all who attended the school are invited. They are asked to seek out classmates and encourage them to attend.

The event will be held at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, 17701 Creamery Road in Emmitsburg and catered by The Carriage House. Social Hour will begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Cost for the dinner is \$25.00.

Honored classes are 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, and 1966. Stan Hartle has prepared Emmitsburg High School Memories DVDs that will be sold for \$10.00 each to benefit the scholarship fund. The EHS Alumni executive committee is asking for addresses of former EHS teachers to invite. Banquet information may be obtained by contacting Becky Kile at 410-775-2783 or emailing [kilefarm@aol.com](mailto:kilefarm@aol.com).

## 2011 Thurmont Make A Difference Day

Make A Difference Day was created by *USA Weekend Magazine* and takes place every year on the fourth Saturday in October—people in communities all across the country join together to help improve the lives of others. The Thurmont Lions Club has been working with the community this year to raise funds for children who are in need of basic necessities that their families cannot provide.

Join the Thurmont Lions Club on Saturday, October 22, 2011, as "We Help Our Kids." The annual Make A Difference Day event will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center on Church Street in Thurmont beginning at 2:00 p.m. Principals from Catocotin High School, Thurmont Middle School, Thurmont Elementary, Thurmont Primary, Lewistown Elementary, and Sabillasville Elementary will share with the community how the funds will be used to help students in their schools. Dr. Theresa Alban, Frederick County Superintendent of Schools, will be the guest speaker.

This special event will also focus on some of the people in our community who make a difference every day. Nominees for Police Officer of the Year and Volunteer of the Year will be introduced. The recipients of those awards will be announced, and a long-time Thurmont community benefactor, Calvin Saylor, will be honored.

You can still help. Information is available on the website [www.thurmontlionsclub.com](http://www.thurmontlionsclub.com). You can also call George at 301-898-7119 or contact any Thurmont Lions Club member.

This very special event is open to everyone in the community. It has been coordinated by the Thurmont Lions Club, supported by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, and underwritten by Bill's Auto Body and Bogley Chevrolet. Please join us and learn how your donations will be used to help the children in our schools.

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## National Fire Heritage Center

by Aaron Heiner

Fire Town USA—as some would classify Emmitsburg, Maryland—is already home to the National Fire Academy, FEMA's National Emergency Training Center, the U.S. Fire Administration, and The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. Emmitsburg now hosts two wonderful museums that stand to pay homage to those who protect the public.

One of the two museums is the new National Fire Heritage Center (NFHC), slated to open its doors on October 14, 2011. The NFHC's main objective is to archive the history of the American Fire Service and Fire Protection Disciplines.

When talking about the planning of the museums, Ronnie Coleman, the Heritage Center's Director said, "It has taken close to 10 years; we chose Emmitsburg because it is where the focus of our national (firefighting) services are—The National Fire Academy and U.S. Fire Administration." He added, "We're delighted to be associated with the community."

The NFHC will also serve as a central repository for significant historic documents, pictures, and logbooks. Important historical materials relating to fire codes,

disciplines, research, engineering, drawings, and photographs are collected, repaired, cataloged, and maintained.

One of the centerpieces to the new facility will be the National Fire and Emergency Services Hall of Legends, Legacies, and Leaders, which recognizes the "leaders of leaders" who are revered for extraordinary contributions and achievements within firefighting and life protecting services.

The museum is located within walking distance of the National Fire Academy, the National Emergency Training Center, the U.S. Fire Administration, and The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. Resources will be available online for those who are unable to visit the museum in person.

The NFHC temporarily shares its home with the Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum. Both facilities are housed in the old Emmitsburg Ambulance Company building at 300 South Seton Avenue. Originally slated for demolition two years ago, the facility was saved by the county.

At a future date, the NFHC will move out of the ambulance company building, owned by Frederick County, to its own facility

and campus. "Our biggest challenge is establishing funds and visibility. We are investing ourselves in Emmitsburg, in the hopes we can complement the National Fire Academy," Coleman stated via telephone interview.

While visiting the NFHC, one should also drop by the Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum that opened this past spring at the facility. Items on display include an 1821 "Old Lady" hand tub pumper, an 1878 hose reel used with the steamer, "Lily of the Swamp," and an 1839 Aherns-Fox Fire pumper. Other items available to be seen include: pictures, artifacts, equipment, articles, and newspaper clippings of all 26 fire companies in Frederick County.

The National Fire Heritage Center (NFHC) and Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum, 300 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg. The museums are open on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Visit <http://nationalfireheritagecenter.org> and <http://www.frederickmdfiremuseum.org>.



Photo by Aaron J. Heiner

The front of the new National Firefighter Heritage Center (NFHC) will house displays illustrating the history of firefighting. Not part of the collection—but every bit as relevant to today's firefighting essentials—is this modern fire plug next to the entrance to the new facility.

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The theme of the study is "Praying the Psalms." There is no cost, and child care is provided by request. Pre-registration is needed to plan study materials and to arrange for child care. To pre-register, please call Kathy Jenkins at 301-271-3658 by Monday, October 31. Victory Tabernacle Church is located at 6710 Kellys Store Rd., Thurmont.

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## NETC Celebrates Constitution Week



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Pictured from left to right are: Frederick Chapter DAR members Joanne Baum, Jennie Sue Pearson, Barbara Shealer, Faye Glover, Ms. Merrill Sollenberger, Anne Meilleur, Constitution Week Committee Chairperson Anna Peterson, Carol Larkin, Betty Remsburg, Karen Myers, and Ida Lu Brown, who is also alumni of the St. Joseph's college, now NETC in Emmitsburg.

The Fallen Firefighters Chapel bell at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg was rung for Bells Across America on September 17, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in commemoration of the 224th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution. The Constitution Week Committee of the Frederick Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution presented Ms. Merrill Sollenberger, Events and Visitors Coordinator, National Emergency Training Center, with a Constitution Week Tool Kit with information for display about Constitution Week and the Constitution.

## 2nd Annual Blankets for the Homeless

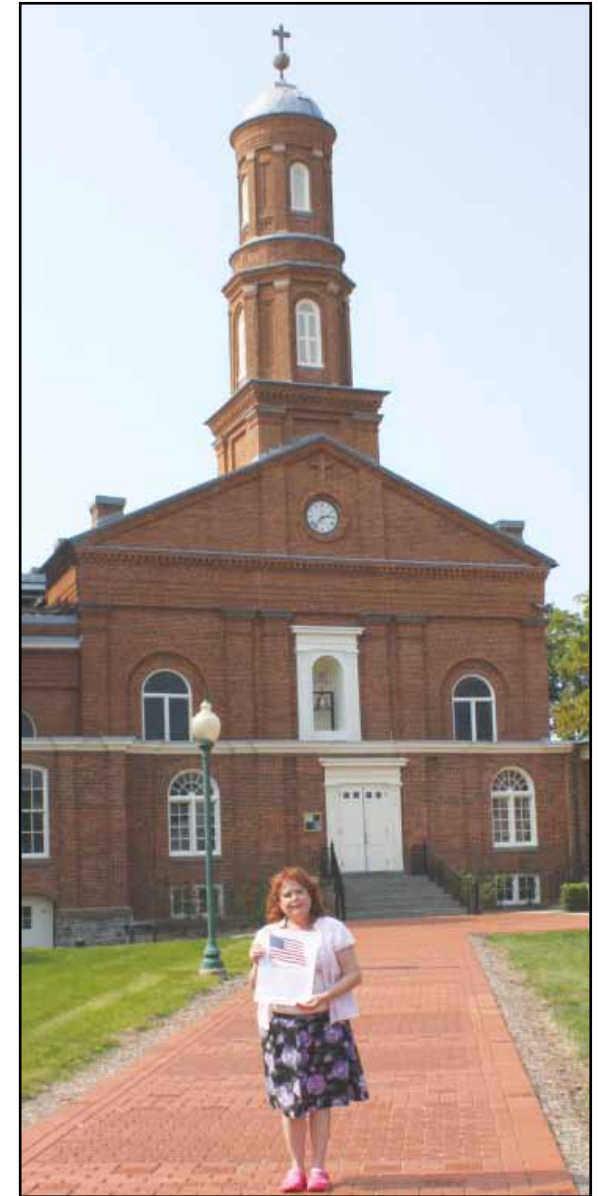
Help our neighbors in the surrounding Frederick communities stay warm this winter by donating new or like-new blankets, gloves, and coats. Drop off your donations at Ace Hardware in Thurmont by November 15, 2011. Donations will be distributed by the Frederick Rescue Mission. For more information, please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

## Bells Across America Reaches National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg!

The bells rang for one minute on Constitution Day, Saturday, September 17, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. to commemorate the 224th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution, sponsored by Frederick Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Merril Sollenberger U.S. Fire Administration, National Emergency Training Center, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emmitsburg, MD, in front of the Chapel.

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# The National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg

by Kent Sieg

In 1974, the federal government began looking for a permanent home at which to establish a nationally-funded fire training school. By 1976, the top candidate for this institution was the old Saint Joseph College in Emmitsburg, Maryland, which had recently closed its doors. This school for women had merged with Mount Saint Mary's College, located a few miles away. Saint Joseph's 107-acre grounds were owned by the Daughters of Charity, and being some distance from the main campus of Mount Saint Mary's College, it was not practical to fold the physical facilities into the University as well. Due to its proximity to the nation's capital, it was, however, deemed to be a good spot for government training.

The Daughters of Charity would only lease, not sell, the campus to the federal government. That proved to be a deal-breaker, and so a location within the District of Columbia was chosen. However, a rather curious set of circumstances had arisen by early 1979. The site in Washington that was purchased, which eventually became part of Gallaudet University, was later determined to be too small for the anticipated future needs of the federal training center. Also, at that time, the convent had decided to sell rather than lease the old school, as its buildings were expensive to maintain. In addition, in that very year, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) itself was created. Armed with an additional budget authorization of \$3.5 million, FEMA hastily acquired the property that had been the original top choice, even though it had already bought the property in Washington.

FEMA officially dedicated the National Fire Academy (NFA) on October 8, 1979, and classes began the following January. At Emmitsburg, it co-located along

with the NFA, another civil defense training facility it had inherited, and renamed that school the Emergency Management Institute (EMI). On May 19, 1982, the entire campus was renamed the National Emergency Training Center (NETC).

At NETC, FEMA's training institutions occupy both 19th Century and modern buildings, all nevertheless equipped with 21st Century technology to ensure a maximum level of learning efficiency. NETC now boasts 22 buildings, the oldest being the Chapel dating back to 1839. Of note, what formerly was the oldest structure on the campus—the first building that housed Saint Joseph's—was actually moved to the adjoining National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton that is still owned by the Daughters of Charity. The religious motifs abounding on the original buildings of the campus and the statues outside of them, as well as an ancient Native American burial ground, are being retained by FEMA due to their historical significance. There seemingly is no conflict between the legacy serene beauty of the site and the high technology library and computer centers that abound within its confines.

FEMA itself originally had been an independent federal agency for over two decades. In 2003, following major post-9/11 changes, FEMA became part of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The importance of EMI and the NFA to the mission of DHS in securing the country has been underscored in the years after the September 11th attacks. As a result, NETC has since emphasized an all hazards approach to disaster response.

The organizations at NETC seek to enhance the technical capabilities and streamline the policies of first responders to natural and man-made

disasters. Over 17,000 students are served annually in 600 residential courses, and upwards of 30,000 receive field instruction. Additionally, well over 4 million first responders have been trained via advanced online instruction. Emphasizing practical real-world application, NETC has become a recognized innovator in the types of training that it does offer, and is the international leader in preparedness and response education. Major conferences in the field are also held here.

In addition, the campus hosts the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. Every year since the 9/11 tragedies, in accordance with public law, flags have flown at half-staff at all government buildings in honor of firefighters lost in the line of duty. An annual service is held at the Memorial in October, as it has since 2001. At the center of the Memorial is the Maltese cross, symbolic of providing aid to those in need. An eternal flame represents the spirit of all firefighters, and those who have died are etched into the walkway surrounding the Memorial.

NETC courses are free to those who can benefit from this first-rate instruction, and access to the Memorial is also open to the public via the main security checkpoint. There is a very interesting gift shop—O'Leary's Emporium—to visit, as well (and yes, the name does come from the infamous kicking cow of the song describing the mythical cause of the 1871 fire that devastated Chicago). It truly is an amazing facility, and it's all centered right here in Emmitsburg!

## Community Potluck Dinner at ThorpeWood

Please join friends and neighbors on Saturday, October 8 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. as autumn colors near their peak at this tranquil mountain retreat located in a beautiful Catocin Mountains setting of mature forests, sunlit meadows, an arboretum, rare mountain wetlands, and native trout streams.

Arrive at your leisure. Socialize. Have some cider or coffee. Sit by the fire. Explore the "green construction" timber frame lodge. Bring a main dish, side dish or dessert to share. We will provide a variety of drinks. Following dinner a presentation by Robert Strasser will be held.

Last year, Robert took a wilderness canoe trip in the Richmond Gulf of Canada's Hudson Bay. After dinner, he will discuss his experience in this dramatic landscape and share stunning photographs of images of land carved by continental ice sheets where the northern Taiga Forest gives ways to endless tundra. The gulf's shorelines and cold brackish waters that are home to bear and caribou, beluga whales, seals and countless sea birds. Wild and pristine and strikingly beautiful wilderness area is soon to be the largest provincial park in Quebec.

\*Note: BEFORE the dinner and presentation at the lodge (before 4:00 p.m.), there will also be a meandering and relaxed walk through the colorful autumn, along the trout stream and through the arboretum. ...To RSVP for this separate, earlier event, please email Kai at kai@catocinmountain.com.

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## Catoctin Mountain Trains

by Aaron Heiner

September 1, 2011, marked the 21st Anniversary of the day Catoctin Mountain Trains opened its doors. Owners, Paul and Marcia Johnson, have been providing local area model railroaders, as well as train fans from outside the region, with quality model trains since 1990.

Catoctin Mountain Trains originally sold Lionel trains, but when MTH came on to the scenes in the early 1990s, sales shifted from the historical childhood brand most people grew up with to the upstart MTH trains. Other makes such as Weaver and Atlas are carried as well.

Paul Johnson had been a collector for over 35 years when he decided to open the store, which was originally located at 1 East Main Street. With the support of his wife and family, the store has grown to be one of the region's premier retailers for large-scale model trains.

In addition to trains, the store also sells track, model scenery, paint, and buildings. The shop also offers cleaning and repair services for older trains that may need some tender, loving care. After a quick tune-up and some fresh lubricants, even an old World War II vintage Lionel train will run like new under the Christmas tree.

"A lot of smaller hobby shops carry a certain mount on HO- or N-scale, but not too many of them deal with the O-scale trains, and we have found that is a lot of our specialty," Paul Johnson notes, while sitting on a Lionel stool situated behind the counter.

Catoctin Mountain Trains also stocks new and old train cars for sale, along with magazines, books, videos, and other train-



Photo by Aaron J. Heiner

Paul Johnson of Catoctin Mountain Trains stands in front of his O-scale model train layout at the store.

related merchandise for the train enthusiasts—young and old alike.

Along with in-store sales, Catoctin Mountain Trains also sells its products online, and delivers trains to your door through UPS or FedEx (for those who live well outside of a comfortable driving distance to the store).

"We draw from a much larger area than just Thurmont and Frederick County," Johnson said. "We have customers in New Zealand and Australia. I've shipped stuff over to Europe, but our 'bread and butter' is the customer that comes through the door. That's who we most love to see, and try to do our best to satisfy them with their purchases."

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## business news

### Rube's Crab Shack, Too!

by Aaron Heiner



Photos by Aaron J. Heiner

Robin & Bobby Harne, owners of Rube's Crab Shack and Rube's Crab Shack Too, celebrate the opening of their second location in front of a custom Rube's Crab Shack sign inside the dining area.

Robin and Bobby "Rube" Harne, the owners of Rube's Crab Shack, a Thurmont institution for the past seven years providing carry-out seafood, are pleased to announce the recent opening of their second location on North Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg, Rube's Crab Shack, Too. Driven by the desire to serve their customers in Emmitsburg, the Harnes decided to add the second location which will be open seven days a week and features restaurant seating and a full-service bar.

Robin said, "My father was Bob Carson. He owned the Blue Mountain Inn Crab House back in the 1970s and early 1980s. My husband (Bobby) worked in the crab room. We named the business Rube's because that was Bobby's nick name back then. His

favorite color was ruby red, so they just called him Rube."

Rube's Too menu is focused squarely on what a good crab shack should be about—crabs! The choice of crab dishes definitely reflects this. While there are several steak, chicken, and fish options available, the crabs steal the show. Rube's signature dish is steamed crabs which, according to the Harnes, is the reason for the restaurant's popularity.

"We get crabs nearly daily. We steam our crabs fresh. We do everything fresh," Robin said. But when asked about local competition, she responded, "No competition. We do not precook our food, and our customers know."

Using JO brand spices exclusively, with JO-2 on crabs and JO-1 on shrimp, Rube's sells the seasoning to the public on a small rack near the bar. Under the display rack, a number of publications on crabs, crab fisheries, and how to cook crabs, are offered to the public.

Rube's also plays host to numerous fundraisers, charity events, and crab feeds, including Safe and Sane and Thurmont Little League.

"People tell us we have the best crabs in Maryland," Robin said with confidence.

The Thurmont carry-out location will continue to be opened for weekend service from Friday to Sunday.

At the moment, their website is undergoing a redesign and will be available shortly. In the meantime, people may visit Rube's Facebook page.



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# A Glimpse of Us at the 2011 Great Frederick Fair

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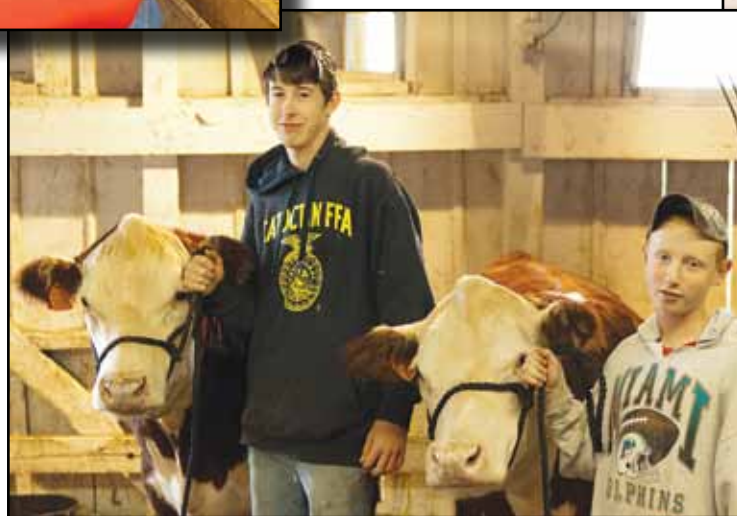


Madison Bollinger, age 10 (left), a member of the Rocky Ridge 4H Club, poses with her two lambs: Ellie in purple and Cinnamon in the red sheep sweaters (used to keep sheep warm after they have been sheered).

Pictured right is the midway of The Great Frederick Fair as seen from the top of the Ferris Wheel on a rainy Saturday afternoon.



Tylor Cole and David Young of Thurmont (below), members of the Lewistown 4H Club, pose with their steers, Whopper (1300 lbs), and Homeboy (1200 lbs).



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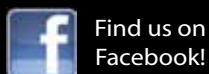
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Bicyclists participating in the annual Brotherhood Ride are shown leaving the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company on Creamery Road in September.

## Brotherhood Ride Stops in Emmitsburg

Bicyclists with the 4th Annual Brotherhood Ride had ridden from Washington D.C. in the rain to spend the evening and overnight in Emmitsburg on Wednesday, September 7, 2011. They were on hand to honor fallen comrades at a ceremony at the Fallen Firefighter's Memorial on the grounds of the Fire Academy, then they were treated to a dinner at the Vigilant Hose Company after which many of them made their way to the Ott House for some local night life. The volunteers at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company provided their sleeping quarters and conveniences along with a complete pancake breakfast to fuel their 95 mile rainy ride to Coatsville, Pennsylvania.

The annual Brotherhood Ride was dedicated to the 411 fallen heroes in the emergency services professions who responded to the Twin Towers on 9/11. The ride began in North Naples, Florida on August 20 and ended at Ground Zero in New York City on September 10, 2011.

Jeff Morse, President and founder of the ride, and "Pappy" Jacks Bills of the North Naples Fire Department read the names of some of their fallen comrades before starting each morning. Interested individuals may make donations to this cause by mailing Brotherhood Ride at P.O. Box 110862, North Naples, Florida 34108.

*I nod to a passing stranger, and the stranger nods back, and  
two human beings go off, feeling a little less anonymous.*

—Robert Brault

## Annual Mountaintop Harvest Celebration

The pastors of eight mountaintop churches in Cascade and Sabillasville, Maryland and Blue Ridge Summit and Fairfield, Pennsylvania will host an old-fashion community harvest celebration on October 23, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Fort Ritchie Community Center in Cascade, Maryland. The purpose of the celebration is to recall the many wonderful memories of times gone-by when most churches held festivals in the fall to celebrate the bounty of the harvest and give thanks for the gift of life. This gathering brings the mountaintop communities together to share in a celebratory program of great music, a time of praise and testimony for God's goodness to us, and great tasting seasonal pies. The music planned for the program covers a broad range of appeal, to include bluegrass, traditional and contemporary worship-style music. A showcase of pies will be available for all to enjoy with lemonade and hot apple cider. The public is invited to join in this celebration for an afternoon of fellowship, great music, and fabulous food.

The pastors and churches involved are Pastor Janet Comings, St. Mark's Lutheran Church and St. John's United Church of Christ, Sabillasville; Pastor Richard Daughtridge, Jacob's Church, Fairfield; Pastor Arietta Grimmett, "Life Changing Ministries" of the Church of God of Prophecy, Sabillasville; Pastor William Hammann, Hawley Memorial Presbyterian Church, Blue Ridge Summit; Pastor Mark Hosler, Germantown Church of God, Cascade; Father Robert Malagesi, St. Rita Catholic Church, Blue Ridge Summit; Pastor Sandy Price, St. Stephen's United Church of Christ, Cascade; and Pastor Warren Rice, Living Word Church, Blue Ridge Summit.

The Fort Ritchie Community Center, the One Mountain Foundation, and the Sons of the American Legion Post #239 are assisting in support of this celebratory program.

## Hidden Object Game and "Where Am I?"

**Photo Game -- Congratulations!** September's *Hidden Object* and *"Where Am I?"* Game Winners were Janet Portner (\$25 Gift Certificate) and George Wilhide (\$10 Gift Certificate). The hidden skier was located on page 22 in the East Park Automotive ad.

Last month's "Where Am I?" photo showed the railroad tunnel on Route 550 heading west of Sabillasville into Blue Ridge Summit. One caller pointed out that this tunnel sits near the only horseshoe bend in Maryland. This month's Hidden Object is a flying pig.

## "Where Am I?" Contest

For the "Where Am I?" photo contest, take a look at the photo to the right and tell us where it was taken. It is somewhere in or around our Northern Frederick County Area. Our area is defined as Rocky Ridge to Cascade and Lewistown to Emmitsburg, Foxville to Creagerstown and everywhere in between. Call 240-288-0108 to leave a message or e-mail [news@thecatocinbanner.com](mailto:news@thecatocinbanner.com). Don't forget to leave your name and phone number. Please only leave game messages on the message line. Call our regular number with all other inquiries.



## Quilt Sale

Catoctin View 7th Day Adventist Church will hold a quilt sale on Friday, October 7 and Sunday, October 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Approximately 70 quilts will be available for sale. Half of the proceeds benefit camps for blind children and the other half benefits the church. Call LouAnn at 301-293-1899 for more information. Catoctin View 7th Day Adventist Church is located at 15601 Catoctin Mountain Highway along Route 15 North of Thurmont.



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# Thurmont Town Commissioner Race

**Publisher's Note:** The Thurmont Commissioner Elections will take place October 3rd. Two Thurmont Town Commissioner seats (those currently held by incumbents Bob Lookingbill and Glenn Muth) are up for election. Thurmont Town voters are urged and invited to cast their vote in these elections.



**Bill Buehrer**

Originally from Toledo, Ohio, he graduated from Cincinnati College of Mortuary Sciences and currently serves as funeral director at Stauffer Funeral Services in Thurmont.

***What qualities of commissioner would you bring to Thurmont?***

Most of my qualities fall back on my profession. I engage in business with hundreds of people per year. I've been responsible for placing over 25 million dollars in trust. I am Chairperson for the Thurmont Senior Commission. I am the one who created the remodeling for the senior center.

***What would you like to change and enhance in the town of Thurmont?***

We need change. Where we need change is in the ability to increase our revenue. Ninety percent of our revenue comes from taxes. We receive some federal grants, but we need to seek as many grants as possible. These grants are tax dollars coming back to the tax payer. Also, presently we do nothing to encourage business to come in to the Thurmont community. We have a vacant industrial area. I want to help change that.

***What activities in the town of Thurmont do you currently support?***

I serve as chair of the Thurmont Senior Commission. I am also a member of the Thurmont Police Commission and Economic Planning Council which I think is very, very important to this community. I'm also a part of Main Street. We have some awesome opportunities in our downtown area.

***In summation...***

I would be honored to be your commissioner and I would work very hard on the behalf of all the people who live in this fine community.



**Bob Lookingbill**

Thurmont Town Commissioner for four years, he has lived in Thurmont for forty years. He is married and has three children. He's employed by Patel Memorial Institute, working at National Institute of Health.

***What qualities of commissioner would you bring to Thurmont?***

When you're a commissioner, it's a little different than when you're not. When I was a citizen, I wanted to make changes. Changes come hard. You don't know everything until you have sat in this seat. I learned a lot in these past four years, and it probably took two years to learn to work with this board.

***What would you like to change and enhance in the Town of Thurmont?***

I think Thurmont is a fine community, but with the economy we're in today, it's really hard to make any sort of change that does not affect the bottom line. In the community park, I would like to see the walking trail paved, and handicapped exercise stations added. I'd like to see lighting in the backside of the park. Other than that, I'm happy with Thurmont the way it is.

***What activities in the town of Thurmont do you currently support?***

As a Town Commissioner, it keeps you pretty busy. That time could be spent volunteering. I'm on the Thurmont Senior Commission, I've been active with the seniors at the senior center. I've been a former little league vice-president and district administrator, Thurmont Lion's Club President, and member of the Sons of the American Legion.

***In summation...***

I am but one person, I hope you re-elect me to be a member of this board that I have enjoyed over these past four years. I thank you for your support.



**Glenn Muth**

An eight year member of the Thurmont Town Commissioners, he has lived in Thurmont for 24 years. He's married and has three children.

***What qualities of commissioner would you bring to Thurmont?***

I'm told I am the level-headed commissioner of the current board. If there is a decision I do not agree with, I'm not afraid to vote against it. I'm always looking for ways to save money. I always listen to, and consider, the opinions of the people who talk to us. I consider them and learn from them. Sometimes I change my mind based on what I hear from them.

***What would you like to change and enhance in the town of Thurmont?***

I would like to see more grants because it is only going to get tougher from here. Also, I would like to work closer with county officials to try to find ways to find all our taxpayer's money. There are all kinds of things we can do to save money. I would like to work with the county on buying electricity from the waste-to-energy converter.

***What activities in the town of Thurmont do you currently support?***

I always help at Colorfest and with Lions Club events. Last year I worked for an entire weekend for the ambulance company. Also, I assist with Halloween in the Park. As far as other town business, I'm liaison to the Maryland Municipal League.

***In summation...***

If you like the way the town is run, and would like to maintain the small town atmosphere we've grown accustomed to; if you like good relations with state and local officials; if you like keeping your taxes low and service high, I ask you for your vote on October 3rd.



**John Kinnaird**

Has lived in Thurmont for 51 years. He graduated from Catocin High School. He volunteers with many local Thurmont civic groups, and works at R.S. Kinnaird Memorials.

***What qualities of commissioner would you bring to Thurmont?***

As a volunteer on the Planning and Zoning Committee, the best thing I have learned is to pay close attention to the desires of the population. I would like to listen to their opinion and weigh all opinions. Also, I would be respectful in office--respectful of the commissions and the people in the town of Thurmont. I think we need a little more respect. Respect carries a lot of weight for a lot of people.

***What would you like to change and enhance in the town of Thurmont?***

I'm pretty satisfied with most of the town. I don't see much need to change anything but the public speaking policy. It is my belief that first and foremost we have to listen to our residents. The only time we are allowed to comment is after the commissioners have already made up their minds. I would like to change that.

***What activities in the town of Thurmont do you currently support?***

I support as many activities as I can. I've been to nearly every meeting of the Thurmont Town Commissioners. I run the camera. I designed, maintained, and financed the town website at my own expense for several years. The ThurmontFirst.com website has the largest online Thurmont business directory.

***In summation...***

Through my action, my work, volunteerism; through my service to the community doing odd jobs, and serving on commissions; I think I have demonstrated clearly that I act in the best interest of Thurmont.

Thurmont Resident Voters are encouraged to cast their votes in the Thurmont Commissioner race on October 3, 2011. Vote for two Commissioner seats in Thurmont on October 3 at the Fireman's Activity Building from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



# Emmitsburg Mayor Race

by Aaron Heiner



**-- Donald Briggs --  
Challenger**

## ***What is currently working for the Town of Emmitsburg?***

The spirit and compassion of the community which was exemplified by the fire on the Square last year. Within five minutes of the "All's clear" by the Vigilant Hose Company, the Emmitsburg Business and Professionals Association, Council of Churches, Emmitsburg Lions Club, as well as many others, were there for the victims. Within an hour, food, clothing and finding a place to stay for the victims was provided.

By afternoon donations began pouring in. It took over a year to get the victims settled in, but our community was there for the final "All's clear."

## ***What would you like to change?***

1. Focused leadership. The direction of Emmitsburg's economy has to start with the mayor. Many are suffering in our community. The mayor will have to be the town's economic development director. As the county continues to pull back its support for municipalities, every community has to become more self sufficient. Our partially completed subdivisions will have to be finished. The town will have to be more business friendly. It will be the mayor's responsibility to attract new business to Emmitsburg.

2. Address the loss of UpCounty and CASS for the needy of our community. Start with a town/volunteer program.

3. Take the lead in providing youth programs - athletics, arts and crafts by joining the efforts of the town and volunteers. If I am elected mayor, the town office will be the center of all volunteer efforts.

**Publisher's Note:** This newspaper will begin this issue's distribution on September 27, 2011 -- the day the Emmitsburg Town elections for one commissioner seat (Commissioner Christopher Staiger is running uncontested) and the position of Mayor are held. The majority of our readers will not read this article until after the results have been determined. Congratulations to the winner of the campaign, we look forward to a bright future under your leadership.

## ***What can you bring to the table that your opposition lacks?***

Leadership and experience built on a solid foundation of community involvement. I served on the Community Agency School Service (CASS) Advisory Board, I was past president of the UpCounty Family Center, founder and past president of the NETC Emmitsburg Alliance, former member of the Town of Emmitsburg Planning Commission, Frederick YMCA officer and director, Bethesda Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce officer and director and Rotary Club of Frederick officer and director.

Present service includes being a member of the Emmitsburg town Citizens Advisory Committee, the National Fire Heritage Center board, member and past president of the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA), coach of the Mount St. Mary's Rugby Team (now 12 years), member of the Frederick County Historic Preservation Commission and member and past Chair of the Frederick County Sustainability Commission, trustee on the Maryland Environmental Trust (MET) board and member of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Climate, Energy and Environmental Policy Committee.

**-- Mayor Jim Hoover --  
Incumbent**

## ***What is working for the town of Emmitsburg?***

Our budget. With the tough economical times that we are going through, we still have a very sound town budget; we have a reserve fund to protect us if the economy worsens. I think the main priority is to provide protection for the residents from any unforeseen issues that may arise. I would also say the upgrade of the town's infrastructure that was outdated and deteriorated for decades, we are finally working in the right direction to get the needed upgrades under control and more manageable. We have done so much.

## ***What would you like to change?***

I would like to continue to improve on communication. Communication is always the weakest link. I would like to continue to work on increasing the general awareness of the town government's functions with the residents so there is a better understanding of why the town government does or requires citizens to do certain things. My plan is to establish what I call a "Citizens Academy." In the citizens academy, citizens will attend brief



weekly sessions for about 6 to 8 weeks and learn more about the town government. It's important that we try to take steps to better educate the citizens about their town government.

## ***Why vote for you?***

I think my track record and accomplishments over the past ten years shows proven leadership that has worked to resolve many of the problems we have.

Since I've been elected, the Town has gone from needing to borrow money in 1998 to having a reserve fund which protects against unforeseen circumstances. These successes are in the best interest of the community and protect each citizen. I will continue to improve the quality of life of the citizens.

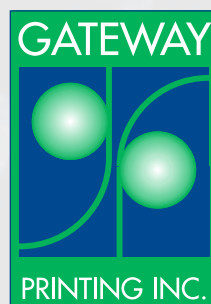
I have twenty-plus years of management experience with the Maryland Transit Authority. I am responsible for hundreds of employees, multi-million dollar budgets, coordination of capital projects, oversight of several departments and also serve as a purchasing agent for my department.

I am very committed to the Emmitsburg Community. For the past 15 consecutive years; I've been a member of the Emmitsburg Streets and Transportation Committee, Planning Commission, Town Council. I have the proper tools and experience needed to continue moving Emmitsburg forward.

I know how important and how equally difficult it is to find creative and effective solutions in the best interest of the entire community. My professional bipartisan relationships at the State, County and Federal levels will continue to ensure that Emmitsburg is treated fairly and equally and not forgotten about.

## **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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# What's Up At The Thurmont Senior Center?

by Helen Deluca

What's up at the Center? EVERYTHING! Attendance, morale, confidence, and soon, even the floor will be coming up.

Yes, renovating has finally started. Bill Blakeslee, Thurmont Administrative Officer, and Leon Schill of Lone Star Builders, came to our Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, September 14, and presented us with a project schedule. Plans are to keep the Center open as long as possible while the remodeling goes on, but there may be some inconveniences. Lunch will be available at the Cozy for a short time. This will be necessary when the interior walls will be torn down, new flooring, and painting will take place. There's much work to be done, and temporarily closing the Center will make the completion easier and quicker. Watch the sign in front of the Center and Channel 99 for important dates. Call the Center at 301-271-7911 if you have any questions, or to reserve lunch.

In the meantime, activities will go on as long as possible. A book club is something new, and reading and discussions are held every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Come and join us if you are interested. Also, we have an active craft group which meets at 1:00 p.m. on Fridays. The ladies are making some pretty Christmas items among other things. Presentations from various groups will be made on Wednesdays after lunch. The Canaries are rehearsing every Monday at 12:45 p.m. The Laugh-A-Yoga group meets every Monday at 10:00 a.m. As always, there is a flyer on the front desk that lists the menu and the activities for the month.

I wonder sometimes as I write this



article, how many people take the time to read it. I have received some nice comments on what I write, but nothing could please me more than my last effort. I wrote about our need for a Coordinator to take charge of the front desk from 9:00 to 3:00 every day. LOW AND BEHOLD! A lovely young lady named Mrs. Shannon Linton called to volunteer from 9:00 to 3:00. Can you imagine how much help that is to the Center that is operating without annual financial help? Come in and meet Shannon. She is a delightful and efficient young lady.

I wonder, should I write about our need for a van again? Would one of these just appear for us? Seriously, that is our next major concern and a big THANK YOU to those who have already helped. Our volunteers are out there making rides available to those who are in need. A van will make it possible to extend that service.

Our lunch program from Cozy is steadily increasing as you can see by the picture. To all those who think the Thurmont Center is closed, we can only keep getting better and convince you that we are "Alive and Kicking."

We are planning a yard sale for Thursday and Friday, October 6 & 7 at the Center. We welcome your donations, and hope to see you here. Also, on Saturday and Sunday

we will have a Colorfest booth set up on Stauffer's Funeral grounds. Come by and support us. Your help will keep our Center operating and we thank you.

Over the past few months I have introduced you to ten of our Board members. Today, meet the last two, Doris Roman and myself.

I'll begin by telling you that Doris and I have known each other and been friends since the late 1950's. We met when our husbands, George and John, worked together at Thompson's Dairy. Doris and John lived in Colesville, and George and I lived in Wheaton. A friend of mine took me to her summer home in Eyler's Valley and I fell in love with that quiet, peaceful valley. When my friend offered to sell some building lots, John and Doris, and George and I, built our homes there in 1972. George and I have since downsized and moved into town and Doris still lives in Eyler's Valley.

Doris and John met in high school in Washington, D.C. and they married in 1950 and moved to Silver Spring. They were blessed with three children.

Doris worked for 25 years with a computer company in Rockville. Since her retirement, she has been a dependable volunteer at the Center.

If you need any help or information at the Center just go to Doris. Personally, I couldn't get these articles in print without her computer skills and photographs. She enjoys scrapbooking and keeps scrapbooks for the Center, Red Hat Mamas, and Hope Alive. She and her family enjoy camping and traveling together.

Now about me. I come from a small coal-mining town in Pennsylvania. In 7th grade I met my future husband, George, and we've been together ever since. We got married on October 5, 1946 after he got back from overseas in WW2. We are blessed with two daughters, two grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, and 2 step-grandchildren.

We came to Maryland in 1952. I worked for Giant Food for 20+ years in Rockville and Frederick. After I retired in 1978 I became active in the Senior Center. Patt Troxell convinced me it was a fun place to be. I also serve on the Thurmont Senior Commission. George retired from Montgomery County Liquor Control in 1986. After his retirement we traveled quite a bit. In 1988 Doris and Johnny, and George and I, enjoyed a trip to Hawaii together where they had us dancing on the tables.

Doris added to this article the following: Helen and George are very active in their church and were honored with the "Diocesan medal of



Courtesy Photos

Doris Roman and Helen Deluca, long-time friends and volunteers at the Thurmont Senior Center are pictured.

Honor", a very prestigious award.

Also, while at the Giant, Helen won a trip to Bermuda as "Checker of the Year". If you need anything done for the Center, Helen is the one to go to.

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## Spirits of the Furnace

On Saturday, October 22, 2011, Cunningham Falls State Park will host the "Spirits of the Furnace" is an entertaining interpretative program from 7:00-9:30 p.m. at the Visitors Center in the Manor Area of Cunningham Falls State Park. The spirits will be coming back to the Catocin Iron Furnace trail to tell their tales of days gone by.

Visitors will be led by spirited guides on a night hike to the historic Catocin Iron Furnace. Frequent stops will be made to hear local stories from costumed characters, as they recall lore about the furnace and the Frederick area. The museum, dedicated to the iron furnace and the Catocin Mountains, and the Scales & Tales Aviary will also be open for viewing.

Hikes will take approximately a half hour and will cover some rocky terrain and a segment of steep steps. Participants are encouraged to wear shoes appropriate for hiking, to wear warm clothing, and to bring a flashlight. This hike may not be appropriate for very young children. Tickets must be ordered before this event and cost \$5 per person. Children under 10 years of age are free. All proceeds go to support the Friends of Cunningham Falls and Gambrill State Parks. To reserve a time slot and purchase tickets, call 301-271-3676 or stop by the Visitors Center in the Manor Area.



Photo taken by Scales and Tales Naturalist, John Zuke.

Pictured is Park Ranger Jen Miller during last year's "Spirits of the Furnace" event.

## Mildred Trevvett Music Education Fund Established at Community Foundation

Mildred Trevvett, a local music educator who passed away in December 2010, will continue her legacy of teaching through The Mildred B. Trevvett Music Education Fund. The fund is one of more than 600 component funds of The Community Foundation of Frederick County.

The fund, founded by Miss Trevvett's niece, Jane Clark Peluso, will assist educators in furthering their professional development through didactic training or other recognized methods of training. Preference will be given to music educators from learning institutions within Frederick County. Grants may also be awarded to nonprofit organizations to assist with music educator training, such as master classes, master class fees, and/or payment of related training expenses.

"Music was my aunt's life," said Mrs. Peluso. "The students were her children, and she felt very strongly that music should be a part of everyone's life. I decided to establish this fund in her memory so that Mildred's love of music could be carried on by helping music teachers

expand their skills and knowledge."

Miss Trevvett was a nationally recognized music educator and her career spanned more than 45 years. She impacted every student she encountered by sharing her love of music with them. She spent several years teaching in Crozet, VA, and in 1949, began her Frederick County Public Schools career at Emmitsburg and Thurmont High Schools. In 1966, she moved to



Governor Thomas Johnson High School, where she taught piano, theory, music, and music literature and later served as music department chairwoman. During her tenure, she was instrumental in developing the advanced placement testing and the national curriculum for the gifted and talented program. Miss Trevvett's contributions to music and arts organizations are numerous; her accomplishments resulted in being inducted into the Maryland Music Educators Hall of Fame in 2000.

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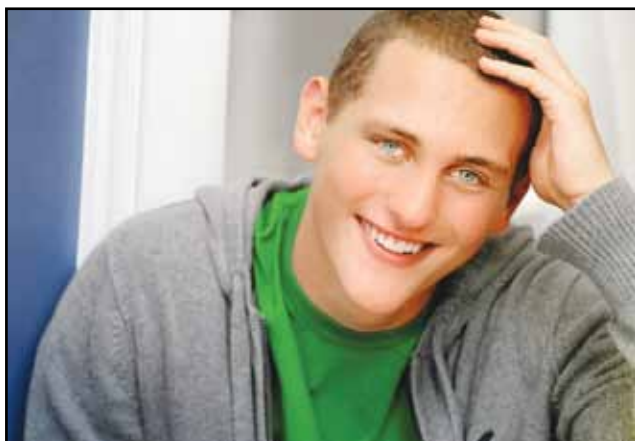


## Disney Tokyo

by Aaron Heiner

Marcus Boyle has always enjoyed dance. He's been in to dancing since he was eight years old. His love for the performing arts has taken him from South Central, Pennsylvania, to the far east.

Boyle, a graduate of Fairfield High School, was offered a position with Disney in Orlando this past winter as an equity dancer—union dancers who work on Broadway. While at Disney, he auditioned for an upcoming show in Japan. He was selected for the show and at the end of August, Boyle left Orlando for Chiba, a suburb of Tokyo.



Courtesy Photos  
Marcus Boyle, of Fairfield, Pennsylvania, is currently spending the next several months in Chiba, Japan working as a dancer at Tokyo Disney.

choreographers in the area, as well as with one now in the Tokyo area. Training is always an on-going part of a dancer's job.

Performing in Japan has had its challenges for Boyle. "It's been the acting, because primarily, I've been a dancer." Boyle goes on to note, "Also, lip syncing in Japanese has been really hard to learn the words."

Aside from his own training, Marcus Boyle has also assisted with the training of other dancers. "He has choreographed for Savage (Dance Company) and the Hanover Dance Academy," said Sharel Boyle, Marcus's mother.

Prior to dancing for Disney, Boyle has also performed in regional competitions. Looking toward the future, Boyle is looking to return to Disney Orlando after his time in Japan is done, to possibly substitute dance, which is part-time work. Other than dancing from Florida, Boyle is also considering traveling to New York to pursue his passion in dancing.



Marcus Boyle's grandmother, Alice Boyle of Fairfield, Pennsylvania, enjoys weekly video chats with Marcus on her computer.

The transition for Boyle from life in America to Japan has not been too hard. The greatest challenge so far has been getting around the region. "Just getting around on the train system has been quite a feat. Making sure I get off at the right stop and transferring to the right line has been a challenge," Boyle stated via Skype (a live video-teleconferencing application for the computer) from Chiba around 5:00 a.m. JST.

Currently, Boyle works five thirty-minute shows five days a week as a dancer with some light acting for an original Disney production. Boyle plays the roles of Prince Charming and Claude Frollo (the main villain from the Hunch Back of Notre Dame). The show "One Man Dream 2: The Magic Lives On" appears to be relatively successful, as the show regularly sells out.

Alice Boyle, Marcus's grandmother, notes, "He came out to dance to a Britney Spears' number. I had no idea who Britney Spears was." This was back in 2000. "It was so good, that I told him that he needs to get dance lessons." Alice Boyle also goes on to note that Marcus has worked with many different

## Community Foundation Awards Music Scholarships to Area Students

The Community Foundation recently awarded 25 scholarships to talented young musicians from three specific funds held by The Community Foundation of Frederick County. The scholarships will enable them to pursue vocal or instrumental music instruction.

The Sperry L. Storm Memorial Scholarship assists Frederick County Public Schools students in kindergarten through 11th grade gain training in vocal or instrumental music performance. The scholarships are made possible through The Sperry L. Storm Memorial Scholarship Fund, which honors the memory of Mr. Storm, a well-known Frederick County musician who taught music privately for nearly 50 years and worked as a public school music educator for 35 years. Scholarships recipients are: Jacob Haugh, Maggie Kaetzel, Margaret Knott, Natalie Mixon, and Kayla Scott.

The Courtney Muse Music Scholarship aids elementary, middle, and high school students in Frederick County who are pursuing vocal or instrumental music performance. To further career opportunities in these fields, special consideration was given to 5 to 18 year olds taking private lessons. The scholarship honors the memory of Courtney Muse, a member of the Monocacy Middle School Chorus, pianist, and musical theater enthusiast who died in a car accident, along with her brother Dustin, in December 2006. Scholarship recipients are: Kimberly Brewer, Shanna Chang, Elise Duda, Donovan Gibbs, Chelsea Inthasoroth, John Lucado, Anastasia McClarin, and Grace Normoyle.

The Elaine A. Heiberg Scholarship Fund for the Arts also provides financial aid to students who have demonstrated talent and commitment to studying vocal or instrumental performance through private instruction, with preference given to those committed to pursuing a career in the performing arts. The scholarship fund was created in honor of Elaine Heiberg, a lifelong patron of the arts who was instrumental in helping to establish and grow many local arts organizations. Scholarship recipients are Emily Brown, Hannah Boswell, Jordan Haugh, Timothy Huth, Ryan Voell, Michelle Upton, Colette Talbot, Jordyn Shaffer, Eddie Hill, Elizabeth Semkiw, Laken Weaver, and Thomas Evich.

The Sperry L. Storm Memorial Scholarship, The Courtney Muse Music Scholarship, and The Elaine A. Heiberg Scholarship Fund not only benefit the community but invest in the youth of Frederick County, enabling them to pursue their dreams and achieve admirable goals. Since 1986, generous citizens have turned to the credibility and expertise of the Community Foundation to establish funds or add to existing funds that provide scholarships to deserving students and grants to worthy nonprofit organizations. To date, the Community Foundation has awarded more than \$29 million throughout Frederick County. For additional information about the Community Foundation, visit [www.cffredco.org](http://www.cffredco.org) or call 301-695-7660.



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Pictured, front row, left to right: Elise Duda, Grace Normoyle, Jacob Haugh, Donovan Gibbs, Jordan Haugh, Chelsea Inthasoroth; Back Row, left to right: John Lucado, Kimberley Brewer, Thomas Evich, Michelle Upton, Ryan Voell, Anastasia McClarin, Barbara Clary, Fund Representative for the Heiberg Scholarship; Pamela Meehan, Fund Representative for the Muse Scholarship, and Jack Tritt, Community Foundation Trustee.

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# pets of interest

## Full Circle by Carie Stafford

I am a retired military veteran. My name is Saber Sammy F265. I was born on March 15, 2001, in Germany, and I am a Belgian Malinois. I was purchased by the Department of Defense to become a military working dog. My primary mission was to serve and protect the men and women of the United States military.

I started out in the U.S. Air Force, where I received several hundreds of hours of tactical and agility training, search and rescue training, drug training, and bomb training. I was then transferred to the U.S. Marine Corps —“ooh rah”—and assigned to the Saber Unit 1 Battalion 1 Marines at Camp Pendleton.

My first handler was LCPI James Higgins, Jr.; we were Force Recon together. As I am told, he was from this area and that is how I ended up in *The Catocin Banner*. I have done six tours in the European theater, mainly Afghanistan and Iraq. I have earned two certificates of combat bravery and the Medal of Valor for my service to our military men and women.

My job was to search and locate hidden ordinances or search and locate persons. My training was intense, and I was taught to do a particular job by following the hand or body motions of my handler. I was very good at my job and I loved to do it; eight years is a long time to be a military working dog. I have stories that I wish I could tell you, but then I would have to kill you—as the old saying goes. Even if you spoke dog, I would not be able to tell you.

I love to fly! Give me a ride in a



Photo by Carie Stafford

C141 and I am in working mode. Stick a parachute on me, and I will jump—yes, just like the movie, *Wonder Dog*, I can fly. The landing is a bit rough, but being a U.S. Marine, I can definitely handle it.

LCPI Higgins, Jr. and I spent a lot of time together in the desert. It was obvious to me how much he loved his home and his family, but he was also very dedicated to his men and the mission. This is one of the reasons we got along so well.

I was there the day he gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country. I was very sad and was sent back to the states to be trained with another handler. I am still trained for his call sign and do come to attention when I hear it—he was my partner and he will never be forgotten.

In the year before I was officially retired, I became a trainer for new

## “Nice People Dancing To Good Country Music” Coming to Legion

The Thurmont Thespians kick off their 2011-12 season this November for two weekends with a Texas-sized comedy by Lee Blessing entitled, “Nice People Dancing To Good Country Music” at the American Legion Auditorium, 8 Park Lane in Thurmont. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, November 4-5 and 11-12, at 8:00 p.m., as well as two Sunday matinees on November 6 and 13 at 2:00 p.m. There will be one dinner theatre performance catered by Cozy Restaurant on Saturday, November 12, starting at 6:30 p.m. with Texas-style BBQ ribs and chicken with all the trimmings for \$35.00 (including the show). There will also be a cash bar during the dinner theater.

Early reservations can be made for all shows and the dinner theatre by calling Ms. Urian at 301-271-7613. All shows include free desserts or snacks and refreshments during intermission for only \$15.00 per person. Anyone wearing cowboy boots and/or a cowboy hat to any of the performances of “Nice People Dancing To Good Country Music” will be eligible for special door prize drawings, which will be awarded during the play intermissions.

“Nice People Dancing To Good Country Music” is under the direction of Max Beaver, a professional actor from the DuPont Theatre in Wilmington, Delaware. It stars Gerry Miranda from Martinsburg, West Virginia, and Kelli Donaghue from Woodsboro, Maryland, and features supporting performances by Ben Mathis and Ethan Larsen of Thurmont, and Stephanie Long from New Oxford, Pennsylvania. It tells the story of two Minnesota women who have migrated to Houston, Texas. One has totally adapted to the free-wheeling lifestyle, while the other is fresh out of a convent and struggling to get her footing in the big Texas city. The situation is given a jolt when the 15-year-old son of one of the women comes down to spend the summer with his mom and her new boyfriend. Laughs and car-jokes abound with the classic country sounds of Hank Williams, Tom T. Hall, and Johnnie Cash.

Behind the scenes features Beth Royer Watson as stage manager, Mike Brown as lighting designer, and Luke Greffen as Sound Designer. Mary Lou Royer is scenic designer and Spence Watson is the set designer. Together they bring you a full-sized 1986 Ford Ranger live on-stage in the first act, and the upstairs porch over a Houston bar named “Nice People Dancing To Good Country Music” in the second act. Joanna Garcia has designed the poster and signage. The play includes some adult language and is not recommended for young children or pre-teens without parental permission.

handlers and new military working dogs. The handlers would have to learn the signs to ensure we would complete the commands. I have been known to sit down and look bored while waiting for the trainee to get the command correct. If you think he was frustrated, just imagine how I felt. It was like being at the starting line, waiting for the gun to go off to start the race, and the gun not going off.

My retirement date was July 4, 2011. A member of the Saber Unit contacted LCPI Higgins, Jr.’s mother when I was being retired, and asked her if she would like to adopt me.

Knowing I was her son’s first and only K-9, she gladly accepted the offer. After a week of basic training, LCPI Higgin’s mother, Debbie, graduated and took me home with her.

Presently, I am a civilian member of the military family with whom I started my career, and I am enjoying my retirement. Lounging around, nibbling on treats, and playing with my toy Kong—this is the life. There are days I wonder about the men and women I have served with, and I pray that they are not in harm’s way. Semper Fi.

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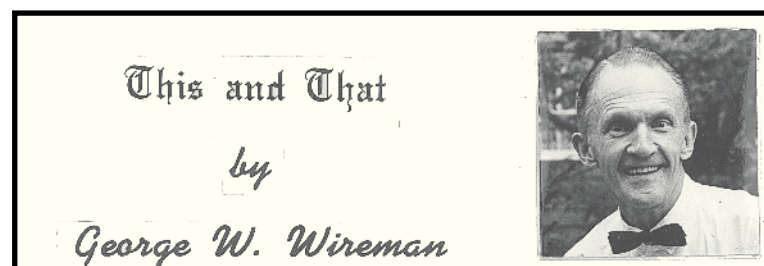
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## The Colorfest Experience

The weekend of October 8-9, 2011, marks the 48th Anniversary of the Catoctin Colorfest, signaling that time of the year when the trees begin to show their beautiful fall colors, and all the roads lead to Thurmont and the beautiful Catoctin Mountains.

Colorfest had its beginning back in 1964, and was a far cry from what it is today. In the beginning, Colorfest was simple and consisted of nature walks, organized by Mr. Duncan Buchard, a naturalist, stationed at Catoctin Mountain National Park, located just west of Thurmont. Duncan loved the outdoors and was very eager to explain the beauty of nature to anyone who would take the time to stop and listen.

In 1968, when the Catoctin Mountain Tourist Council joined forces with the National Park Service, they were very successful in getting a number of local groups to be a part of the festivities. In the Thurmont Community Park, a display of local artist's work was set up and the Thurmont Jaycees held a chicken fry. Several years later, area craftsmen were invited to take part, and the official Catoctin Colorfest craft area was extended to include the Firemen's Carnival Grounds. The Catoctin Colorfest was indeed growing. In 1980, the Thurmont Middle School grounds also became a part of the official Colorfest craft areas. Attendance had increased and averaged around 75,000 for the two-day event. And so, the story of Colorfest goes.

Without question, Catoctin Colorfest has really put Thurmont on

the map. Today, it is considered the largest event of its kind in the nation, drawing over 100,000 visitors each year. The event has indeed benefited Thurmont in many ways.

Colorfest itself has also created some problems which cannot be ignored. As a citizen of Thurmont, are you aware of the real objectives of Colorfest? Somewhere along the way, we have lost interest in the original objectives. Objectives of Colorfest: (1) to engage in and assist in the promotion of the general welfare of the community throughout the Catoctin Mountain Area; (2) to advance the intelligent use of our forests, soil, water, wildlife, and all other natural resources of the area; (3) to promote an enlightened public appreciation of the beauty of these natural resources and the part they play in the social, recreational, and economic life in the area; (4) to demonstrate and maintain the heritage of the area through the hospitality of the churches, service clubs, and public service organizations and through the participation of the craftsmen of the area in showing their products; (5) to invite visitors to enjoy the beauty and serenity of the Catoctin Mountain Area with a minimum of commercialization.

Today, the official Catoctin Colorfest, Inc. areas are: the Community Park and the Carnival Grounds. All other areas are not controlled by the Catoctin Colorfest Committee, Inc.

As we prepare for the 48th Annual Catoctin Colorfest, let's give serious thought to the original objectives of Colorfest. Local citizens

## National Shrine to Honor Service Men and Women

The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will host hundreds of 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, will gather 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 draws more than 400 visitors to the Shrine for a Mass and reception each year. "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. will celebrate a 3:00 p.m. Mass at the Basilica.

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.

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

seem to be divided regarding their concerns about Colorfest. Some favor it, and some are against it, and some make plans to leave town on Colorfest weekend to get away from it all. Now that you know the original objectives of Colorfest, draw your own conclusions.

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## A Safe Haven for Exotic Animals

by Aaron Heiner

Lions, tigers, and... lemurs? Oh my! While there may be no bears, at the moment, at the East Coast Exotic Animal Rescue, the refuge does have ring-tailed lemurs and coatimundis. Located just south of Fairfield, Pennsylvania, off of Jack's Mountain Road, visitors to the main building are greeted colorfully by an assortment of parrots and peacocks.

The East Coast Exotic Animal Rescue is a non-profit animal sanctuary which is home to more than 40 species of exotic animals. The Rescue provides a safe haven for exotic animals, many of whom have experienced dislocation from their natural habitat and, in some cases, mistreatment. In addition, the Rescue is also very dedicated to educating the public of the special needs of exotic animals.

The rescue originally started as the Gettysburg Game Park, opening in 1965 as a private park and zoo. After working for the previous owner as an animal care-taker, approximately 10 years ago, Suzanne Murray turned the zoo into an animal rescue.

Some of the other animals at the Rescue include: several varieties of primates, miniature horses, goats, llamas, deer, and a couple of alligators—just to name a few.

Mainly, all of the animals at the Rescue were at one time pets that people bought and either grew tired of, or were unable to care for, for one reason or another. Because of partial domestication, these animals would be unable to survive if released back in the wild.

Susan Murray, the director of the facility, does the best she can with what little resources are available. Recently, Murray took possession of four New Guinea Singing Dogs that were rescued from a rabbit hut. "They are the rarest dogs in the world," Murray states. She added, "They are very different than other dogs. They are very flexible and can turn their heads like an owl."

While feeding a hungry tiger, Zach Murray noted that most of the people who buy large cats as pets soon learn that these animals grow quite large, quite fast. Thankfully, these animals find their way to the Rescue rather than being released in the wild where they would have a difficult time surviving.

Like many non-profits in today's recession, the Rescue is suffering from lack of funds. Unlike many larger facilities that cater toward



Photo by Aaron J. Heiner  
This happy critter is an exotic lemur that was once a household pet.

domestic animals—such as animal shelters—presently there are no dedicated funding opportunities or grants for the care of exotic animals. Thus, the facility relies strictly on public donations.

Melissa Bishop has been with the park for 14 years. While speaking over a talkative parrot she said, "We do the best we can for them, the best we can for their habitats—our first priorities being food, medical care, and keeping a roof over their heads."

Over the past decade, many changes have come to the Rescue including new buildings and fencing as funds allowed. In addition, there are new volunteers to assist with the growing list of animals residing at the facility. Despite incremental improvements, the Rescue is in need

of support from the community, so the animals can continue to live in a healthy, safe, loving environment.

The rescue is in dire need of donations and assistance to continue to provide food, shelter, and medical care to all the animals. In addition to financial donations, resource and service donations are also encouraged from construction companies or talented individuals who can fix up a beautiful habit.

Murray works at the Rescue by day and waitresses at night to support the animals. Bishop notes, "Everyone here is a volunteer; there are no paid staff."

"We want to do the best we can to keep the animals loved and cared for," Bishop commented, as her daughter Courtney, a volunteer since childhood, began to feed one of the llamas. Of course, not to pass up the chance for a crunchy treat, one of the goats tried to nuzzle in on the grub.

Many improvements have come to the East Coast Exotic Animal Rescue over the past 10 years, and with the support of the community, it is hoped that the animals who reside there can continue to live a peaceful, healthy life.

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# tickling our taste buds

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

It seems that the weather can't decide what to do in the last month. The temperatures have soared to nearly 100 degrees and then within a few days we barely get out of the 60's. And the rain? We have been very fortunate that we have gotten a lot of those rains during the summer. Many of our friends in neighboring towns, as few as 5 – 10 miles away, didn't get good rain. On a rainy day, I like to have something going in the oven just to put off some heat in the house.

Broccoli Casserole is an old favorite that I'm sure you've had before. But some of you may never have known exactly what the ingredients are. It is very simple to prepare and a perfect side dish that is great for those pot luck events you might attend. I hope you enjoy it.

## Broccoli Casserole

2 boxes of chopped broccoli	¾ cup of chopped celery
2 cans of cream of chicken soup	¾ cup of chopped onion
1 stick of margarine or butter	1 8 oz jar of Cheez Whiz
1 cup of minute rice	

Cook broccoli until thawed and drain. Mix with other ingredients.  
Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.



Motorcyclists who participated in the Scotty's Ride benefit run are shown as they are escorted out of Emmitsburg on Saturday, September 24, 2011.

## Scotty's Ride 2011

A successful, but muddy, Scotty's Ride fundraiser was held with three hundred participants on Saturday, September 24 in Emmitsburg. The event yielded approximately \$7,000 in proceeds that will help families with children with medical expenses incurred from life-threatening illness.

Scotty's Ride is held annually on the third Saturday in September in honor of Scotty Harbaugh who passed away at age five in 2005 from an inoperable brain tumor. The ride, coordinated by volunteers, begins in the parking lot of Jubilee Foods in Emmitsburg. Riders visited several stop points along a 110 mile route and eventually arrived at Valerie Kemp and Kerry Shorb's Farm where a festival with a live band and good food is held. This year the band Red Line was featured. Special thanks to all of the generous sponsors who helped make the event a success. See you next year on September 29, 2012.

## Check the Calendar

Be sure to check the calendar on page 27 for bingos, breakfasts, dinners, programs, benefits and other events of interest.

# sports

## Catoctin Recreation Council Boy's & Girl's Intramural Basketball

Registration and Sign-ups for Catoctin Recreation Council (CRC) Basketball will be held on October 14, 2011—6:00-7:00 p.m. and October 21, 2011—6:00-7:00 p.m. All sign-ups will be held at the Thurmont Middle School. Fees: BOYS —Grades 6 through 7 (\$75); Grades 8 through 9 (\$85); GIRLS — Grades 6 through 9 (\$75).

We are currently planning on hosting U16 teams for both girls and boys, and we will be playing recreation teams within the county. All practices and home games will be played at Thurmont Middle School. The number of teams entered into the league will be determined based on sign-ups. The cost is \$125.00 per person. Please make all checks payable to: Catoctin Recreation Council.

To download registration/waiver forms and for additional information, please visit our website at [www.crcbasketball.com](http://www.crcbasketball.com). Registration forms and payment can also be mailed to: CRC Basketball, 16835 Skunk Hollow Rd., Sabillasville, MD 21780.

If you have any questions, please contact Mick Bailey at 301-241-3762 or Laura Knott at 301-271-3554.

In addition, any boys and girls interested in playing U19 basketball can contact Laura Knott or Mick Bailey directly.

## Donate Your Used Sports Equipment

Do you have used sports equipment taking up space in your home? Girl Scout Troop 81200 would like to have it. The troop is working on their Silver Award project, which entails collecting gently used sports equipment. They are accepting equipment for all sports.

This project does not only help the environment, it will help enable local children to participate in sports. Drop-off site and date is October 8, 2011, at Thurmont Middle School—7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Daily collection, during business hours at: Hoffman's Market on E. Main Street in Thurmont and E Plus Copy Center in the lobby of Jubilee in Emmitsburg until October 9, 2011. Thank you for your donations.

## Thurmont Youth Spring Select Baseball

On Saturday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m., an organizational meeting will be held to discuss the formation of 12U and 10U select baseball teams to play a Sunday-only schedule in 2012. The meeting will be held in the Thurmont Little League clubhouse. There are no geographical restrictions regarding participation with these "select" teams. For any additional information please contact Les Fisher at [les.f@comcast.net](mailto:les.f@comcast.net).

## CYA Basketball Announcements

**Travel Team Tryouts for JV and Varsity Middle School Teams (Mid-Maryland League) will be held:**

Thursday, September 29, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School (Boys), Friday, September 30, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School (Girls), Saturday, October 1, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School (Boys) and 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School (Girls), Sunday, October 2, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School (Boys), October 2, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School (Girls).

**Travel Team Tryouts for Under 12 Year Old Teams (MYBA League):**

Wednesday, October 12, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School (Boys), Thursday, October 13, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School (Girls), Saturday, October 15, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School (Boys), October 15, 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School (Girls), Sunday, October 16, TBD.

**Sign-Ups for Grades 1-5 Non-Travel Intramural Elementary League:**

Tuesday, October 18, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Thurmont Elementary School Lobby, Wednesday, October 19, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Thurmont Elementary School Lobby.

For additional details or questions contact Dwight Baumgardner at 301-271-1154 or [Dwight.Baumgardner@gmail.com](mailto:Dwight.Baumgardner@gmail.com).



## Remembering Dennis "Milkdud" Pittinger

January 18, 1977 – October 6, 2010

Dear Dad,

We keep waiting for you to come home from work like you did that last night. To pull up in front of the house in your shiny Kenworth, hear the "pshh" from the brake and hear the truck door close as all the kids in the neighborhood went running up to you asking, "Where did you go today Milkdud?" As they stared in amazement by how big the truck was...you'd answer, "Oh, just drove in circles all day," as you carried your large lunchbox towards the house. You'd enter the house saying, "Huzie, I'm home! I'm starving. What's for dinner?" You'd sit down on the step to unlace your size 14 Red Wing boots, sighing as you removed them one by one, "Ahh, feels good to be home." Then you'd place them on the floor, making a thump because they were so heavy.

You'd walk into the kitchen, give Mom a big hug and a kiss, saying, "Ummm, that smells good, what are we having?" Mom would answer, "Fish sticks and baked mac and cheese." You'd open the freezer door, grabbing your large glass with "Dennis" engraved on it to pour a glass of sweet tea and you'd smile because Mom's baked mac and cheese was your favorite!

As we sat at the kitchen table eating dinner you asked us, "How was school?" Then you asked Mom about her day. If we only knew that evening that tomorrow you would be killed in a truck driving accident and wouldn't be coming home again; that this was our last dinner together as a family...with you, there is so much we would have said to you, Dad! Like how wrong you were when you said, "You will need your mom more than you need me one day."

We need you every day...for birthdays and holidays, to coach us in sports, to teach us how to shave and drive a truck like you, to be there with us when we graduate, get married and have children of our own. Although we know you are an angel watching over us now, the void you left behind will never be filled.

*Love Always & 4-Ever,  
Your Sons...Dennis Jr & Dewey*

## Happy Birthday Tony Parks

Happy Birthday to Tony Parks, our son. We love you and miss you very much. Thanks to everyone for all of the cards, donations, and trees planted in memoriam of Tony.

*Bishop Parks & Family*

## Keilholtz Reunion Held

Seventy-one descendants of John David and Anna Missouri Bell Keilholtz plus three guests enjoyed a noon picnic on Sunday, September 4, 2011 in the Thurmont Community Park. Reunion President, Kenneth Keilholtz, welcomed everyone and reminded them to always value family. Steve Schaller offered prayer before the meal.

Family was again emphasized with the group singing of "The Keilholtz Family Reunion" song composed and led by Linda Shields. Families were given the annual genealogy updates prepared by historian, Daphne U. Moehring. Roxie Underwood led a moment of silence in memory of Jean Keilholtz, Guy Baker, Jr., and Ronald Robards. Bobby Myers will be president for the 2012 reunion to be held September 2, 2012 in the Thurmont Community Park.

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## in our own words

### An Enormous Thank You

by Ginger Malone

Juan Cristobal, Epifania (Juan's mom) and I (Ginger Malone), would like to thank the students and staff at Catocin High School, churches of Thurmont, Rocky Ridge, Lewistown and Emmitsburg areas, Debbie Williams and the Patty Pollatos Fund, Iglesia de Restauracion Adonai Church of Frederick, ROF Evergreen Chapel, Acacia Lodge Number 155, Dr. John Hagemann, Catocin Medical Group, Thurmont Leo's Club, Thurmont Lions Club, and the many individuals who have given toward the new wheel chair for Juan.

Without your donations, this would not have been possible. Juan received his new chair on August 31, 2011. We received enough donations that we were able to buy an extra battery and replacements. The overwhelming support that our communities have shown has proven that we can all come together to help those in need. I hope as a Nation we never lose the gift of giving. God Bless America.



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Pictured are Ginger Malone, Special Ed Assistant at Catocin High School, and Juan and Epifania Cristobal.



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## Hunt's Café & Battlefield Fries

The first thing that came to mind as I entered this establishment was, "Wow, look at all the clutter!" Initially, I was not even sure if I was in a food place or a gift shop.

It took me a few seconds to get my eyes adjusted to find the tables. There were only a few tables, maybe six or seven. I'm sure there were more, but they may have been hidden. I believe there were gifts and merchandise for sale, but it was very hard to decipher what was for sale and what was, in fact, merely decor.

Despite all of this, let me move on to what is really important—the food. I got the cheesesteak (\$5.50) and fries (\$3.00). The fries were cooked well and salted, and were quite good. I really enjoyed them, and would state that they are probably the best in town.

Now, here's what earns this place my five-star rating. First, I will admit that when I first saw my 6" cheesesteak, outside its wrapper, I was not impressed, as it looked



Photos by Aaron J. Heiner

Hunt's Café is locally well-known for its Philly style cheesesteak and french fries.



very small. However, any such reservations were gone once I took my first bite.

Now, mind you, I eat a lot of cheesesteaks—hence, my nearly weighing 230 pounds at one point in time—but this cheesesteak was special. There was a "kick" to it, my guess being it was the cheese, almost as if it was nacho cheese (it was American, but it was just so "melty"). This has got to be the best cheesesteak I have ever had in Gettysburg, and since I live just 20 minutes from downtown Gettysburg, I do tend to eat up this way quite

## Apples Church Anniversary Prints

Local artist, Rebecca Pearl, created a watercolor painting entitled "Worship and Learning Since 1760" to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of Apples Church. Regular prints make great gifts and are available for \$50.00 each. Proceeds benefit cemetery improvements. Call 301-271-2068 to purchase your historic print.

## Reserve Your Christmas Ornament Now

The Thurmont Lions Club is pleased to announce the third in a series of Thurmont Christmas ornaments, featuring a winter scene from an original painting by Rebecca Pearl. "Winter on Main Street" features a beautiful view, beginning on East Main with the Catoctin Mountains in the background. You can reserve your ornament at the Lions Club display table during the Thurmont-Emmitsburg Community Show or by calling 301-898-7004. Ornaments are \$10.00 plus tax, and only 350 will be available. The first and second in the series have sold out, so don't wait to reserve your ornament this year.



often.

On a second trip to Hunt's Café & Battlefield Fries, I ordered the same thing, only this time a larger portion of fries (\$5.50) and a 12" cheesesteak (\$8.50). The quality was just as good as it was on my last trip. Quality is consistent. Aside from cheesesteaks, Hunt's also offers breakfast items, as well as deli sandwiches, salads, and desserts.

I am eager to try my hand at other items on the menu, with the hopes

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Corey Doody of Thurmont (5 yrs. old) is shown displaying his fish. This was Corey's first time on a boat.

that they stand out as much as the cheesesteak does. I certainly hope my description of the interior of the dining room puts no one off, because after you navigate your way through, the food is definitely well worth it—and the quaintness truly is part of the charm.

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# Who Am I?



## Who Am I? Next Issue

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Article and Photo by Aaron J. Heiner

Your clues were: "Has lived in Thurmont for 51 years; graduated Class of 1971 CHS; first car was a 1963 Buick Riviera; his kids and wife have never seen his face; at work he finds himself between a rock and a hard place; likes to be behind a camera, not in front of it."

Those who guessed correctly are: Robert Martin, Mary Hankin, Gene Troxell, Kevin Troxell, Pat Black, Edward Burke, Fred Slovoko, Pete Miller, Peggy Hahn, Jan Owens, Donna Miller, Jimmy Bentz, Michael Eyler, Harold Staley, Rosie Forney, Gloria Angleberger, Jen Hahn, Judy, Pat Weddle, Bev Eckinrode, Gene Jullian, Gary Seiss, Debbie Smallwood, Anita Stoner, Darlene King, Barb Barbie, Tony Weddle, Beth Wachter, Emily Firor, Diane Rena, Larry Duble, Mike Toms, Lewis Powell, Bill O'Toole, Brenda Hahn, Nancy Angell, Kris Wolf, Nichole May, Mary Wilhide, Jean Muth, Jen Harne, George Wilhide, Irene Matthews, Deb Fornwald, Sherrie Fritz, Frances Tortoro, Nancy Rice, Bob Dinterman

## I am John Kinnaird

The essence of Thurmont's John Kinnaird can be captured in words like... *a square dancing photographer with Scottish lineage and Thurmont heritage who has a deep dedication to his family and preserving Thurmont's history.* While words can create a glimpse of his person, a photograph rarely does since he is usually the person in the room behind the camera.

John Kinnaird was born in Aberdeen, Scotland but moved to Thurmont as a child with his family in April of 1960. It did not take long for Kinnaird to drop his accent which helped him integrate socially in the community. He said, "Today, accents

are sort of romantic. But, when I was in school, accents were not the things to have. We got picked on, so I lost mine fast." He graduated from Catocin High School in 1971 and went straight to work full-time in the family business, R.S. Kinnaird Memorials in Thurmont.

Kinnaird has been married to Karen, his second wife whom he met through square dancing, for over twenty years. Kinnaird is an avid square dancer and participates with two square dancing groups. Square dancing keeps him active both socially and physically. He said, "I used to square dance with my parents. We went twice a week."

According to Kinnaird, most people would not have him pegged as a square dancer.

Kinnaird's son, Chris, is chief of Thurmont's Guardian Hose Company. His youngest daughter, Heather, is the manager of the Kinnaird's masonry business, R.S. Kinnaird Memorials. Karen's youngest daughter, Teresa, is a Frederick County school teacher and Karen's oldest daughter, Erika, has a PhD in Pharmacy. At the moment, John Kinnaird has 13 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild with more on the way.

Kinnaird is currently the chairman for the Thurmont Economic Development Committee, and Thurmont's Main-Street Program -- Thurmont First. These organizations are responsible for historic preservation of Thurmont's downtown area, and Thurmont's annual business expo. He also works on the Furmont Days Committee while his wife, Karen, is in charge of the local farmers market.

Other groups Kinnaird has been involved with include the Boy Scouts and Jaycees. He plays Santa Claus and partakes in many other local community events where he often takes photographs. He said, "I'm also member of the Thurmont Historic Society, and I'm on the board of directors for The Blue Ridge Centenary Association, a non-profit organization."

For a period of several years, Kinnaird also maintained the town of Thurmont's website. Now you'll see his passion for history and photography on his own site, [www.thurmontfirst.com](http://www.thurmontfirst.com). His collection of historic photographs consisting of over 3700 images can be viewed at [www.thurmontimages.com](http://www.thurmontimages.com). "I display over 1500 printed photos and copies at the Community Show every year," Kinnaird notes, "I also work on a Facebook page, where people



John Kinnaird is pictured in front of part of his historic image collection.

reminisce about what Thurmont used to be."

Another historic aspect Kinnaird had a hand in was the relocation and restoration of H&F Trolley #5. Kinnaird personally paid to ship the trolley to Thurmont, followed up by grants for its restoration. "I'm interested in the trolley. The trolley used to come to Thurmont. It has new tracks, a roof, and is water tight," he added.

Kinnaird notes that he is in the process of helping to acquire the old Thurmont library downtown to convert it in to an economic business and small tourism center for the town. He said, "With the closing of the tourist center in Emmitsburg on U.S. #15 our local businesses have been hurt."

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## the health jeanne

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

Do you recall learning about the food pyramid? Well, it's time to say goodbye pyramid and "Hello, Plate." It's a dinner plate that shows you what a healthy diet should look like.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) hopes the new plate diagram will make it easier for us to make healthy food choices. It just makes sense to use a circular plate showing all the food groups.

The new plate is divided into four sections. Learn to fill half of your plate with fruits and vegetables. One quarter is filled with grains, such as rice and cereal. The other quarter should contain lean proteins such as chicken and nuts. Dairy is included in a small circle. So, think of having an 8-ounce serving of low-fat yogurt or low-fat milk.

The vegetable group may be raw or cooked, fresh, frozen, canned, or dried. They are organized into five subgroups, such as dark green, red and orange, beans and peas, starchy and other. The subgroup is determined by their nutrient content.

The grains group is products in any food made from wheat, rice, oats, cornmeal, barley, or another cereal grain. Whole grains contain

the entire grain kernel—the bran and germ.

Refined grains have been milled, removing the bran and germ. This process removes dietary fiber, iron, and many B vitamins. It's important to make at least half your grains whole ones.

Foods in the protein group include poultry, seafood, eggs, nuts and seed, and even beans and peas.

All fluid milk products and many foods made from milk make up the dairy group. It's recommended to choose fat-free or low-fat dairy foods.

The fruit group contains many colorful and nutritious ones. Pick your favorites and enjoy them in season and year around.

The USDA has developed the new plate to encourage more Americans to eat a healthy diet, in the hopes of helping prevent obesity, heart disease, diabetes, and even some cancers.

Yours truly believes the new plate is easy to follow. Create and display a colorful drawing of the new food plate. Post it in your kitchen as a reminder. Remember, a family who eats well, stays well!

## catoctin corner

by Meghan Jackson

Well, hello there, Cougars!!

September has been an exciting month for the students at Catoctin High School! In the halls of Catoctin, I've seen a definite improvement in not just academics, but in overall Catoctin Spirit, which is great. I think this school year will be terrific, and I'm definitely excited to be a part of the many surprises the students will come up with in what would be a humdrum school year at any other school. Bring on the fun, Cougars!

Let's talk about sports for a minute. First, I want to congratulate all of the sports teams. I know you all give it your everything out there on the field. Win, lose, or tie, Cougars are always pawing for a good contest! I would like to give a special shout out to the Freshman Football team for beating Oakdale 41 to 25. Congratulations, you guys!

On another note, who is ready for FALL? I certainly am. Remember, as you bring out your jackets and boots, bring out your hand sanitizer and Kleenex! We want you to stay healthy and full of energy so you can come to school everyday ready to learn. When you think about fall, you might be thinking about Catoctin's 2011 Homecoming. It will be held on October 22nd starting at 8 pm. I hope to see you there!

The Frederick Fair came and

went. It was a blast. I saw a lot of you there, which I enjoyed. Catoctin High School students had their posters hanging up, in case you might have noticed them. Members of the FFA did a lot to help organize the arrangement of the posters, and over all, they are hard workers and dedicated to their mission. Thanks to all!

Behind the walls of Catoctin High, we have been doing our part in helping out society. We are currently having a fundraiser called "Coins for Curesearch" which is where students at Catoctin High, even staff, are donating their money to Cancer Research. This is something very heart-warming to see. Also, we are accepting donations for the Thurmont Food Bank. Of course, there are competitions going on around school, but remember you should donate just because it is a good thing to do. Anyway, Mr. Cree is willing to eat at a table with freshman if we donate 500 cans to the food bank!

Catoctin has been stepping up their game, and I like the sight of it! Keep on coming Cougars, you're hard-work will not be going un-noticed! Well, I'm going to go observe more of this little 'ol town, and what it has to offer. Stay fierce!

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Come enjoy the treasures at TEPS PTA yard sale! The TEPS PTA will be accepting donations of items to sell for the PTA until October 1, 2011. Large items can be dropped off at the school on October 8. If other arrangements are needed, please call 301-898-0299. There will be spaces available for Ghost and Goblins to rent for \$10.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Stacy Dutrow at 301-898-0299 or kylesmom03@verizon.net. Come support your local PTA!

## 2012 Safe and Sane Events

The 2012 Safe and Sane Committee upcoming events:

- October 29, 2011, there will be a Gun Raffle and Dinner at the Vigilant Hose Company in Emmitsburg at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 each. For more information, contact Julie Davis at 301-447-6811.
- 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. More information regarding this event will be available soon. Please contact Julie Davis at 301-447-6811.

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 Catocin High School. Please join us at one of our meetings to find out more or check us out at [www.catocinsafeandsane.com](http://www.catocinsafeandsane.com).

## Crafters, Artists & Consultants Needed

The 4th Annual Mother Seton School Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Craft Bazaar will be held at Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, on Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to midnight. The fee is \$25.00/table (limited number of spaces with electricity). Eight-foot tables will be provided. All items must be "Cash & Carry". If interested, please contact Laura Imes at [imesla@yahoo.com](mailto:imesla@yahoo.com) or 301-788-6458. Please include your name, phone number, and type of product you would like to sell in your message.



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On Saturday, September 10, 2011, the 2012 Catocin Safe and Sane Committee held a Golf Tournament at Maple Run Golf Course in Thurmont. Despite the dreary weather days prior to the event, the day turned out to be a success and a good time for all. Thanks to many sponsors, golfers, students and volunteers the event raised its projected goal. For more information, including a list of sponsors, winners and a video including photos of the day's events go to [www.catocinsafeandsane.com](http://www.catocinsafeandsane.com).

## school news

### CHS Sports Boosters Halloween Benefit Dance

CHS Sports Boosters will hold a Halloween Dance on Saturday, October 29, 2011, at the Thurmont American Legion. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., and "The Cry Wolf Band" will entertain from 8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Check out their website for a preview at [www.crywolfband.com](http://www.crywolfband.com). Tickets are \$10/person in advance; \$15 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at home sporting events through October 25, or you can contact Jessica at 301-788-0976 or Denise at 301-447-6816 for tickets. There will be a cash bar available, tip jar, and a 50/50 drawing. No one under 21 will be admitted. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

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

### New Teachers at Thurmont Primary School



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Pictured left to right are Barbara Cicmanec, Kelli Savard, and Jennifer Riggs.

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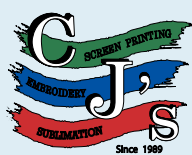
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## Lyman Stambaugh Spec 4 U. S. Army, Co. A 2nd Battle Group 28th Inf. 24th Div.

by Jim Houck, Jr.

Born on December 15, 1936, in Thurmont, Maryland, in the old Rouzer Home Place (still standing today) to Maurice Melvin and Ethel Favorite Stambaugh is a son they named Lyman. Lyman had four sisters—Francis, Doris, Lois, and Cecelia. He had a brother, Charles, who died at an early age, and a stepbrother, Lee, who was killed in Korea in 1951 and is buried at Creagerstown, Maryland.

The family moved to Woodsboro, Maryland, and Lyman went to school there through the third grade when the family moved back to Thurmont. Lyman finished his schooling at Thurmont where he excelled at playing baseball for the school team for three years, starting as short stop the first year and moving to third baseman for his last two years. He subbed for the catcher and lost two teeth, and he was also on the school's soccer team until he graduated in 1955. While in high school, Lyman delivered newspapers, then he started to work for Vernon Myers at the old Shell station in 1953, where he continued to work after graduating school.

In December 1959, Lyman joined the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne and went to Fort Polk, Louisiana, for four weeks for basic training and to Fort Hood, Texas, where he was assigned to the 2nd Armored Division (Lyman didn't like jumping from planes, so they left him out of that). Then he went to Fort Dix with orders for Korea. However, the orders were changed, and he went to Fort Hamilton and was put on the

U.S. Darvy for 14 days, headed for Germany where he was assigned to be stationed right outside of Munich in a little place called Henri Concern.

He was then assigned to Berlin, where they were building the Berlin Wall, and he pulled guard duty as the Wall was being finished. Lyman then returned to Munich, Germany, and took leave to visit Spain (Barcelona, Madrid)—while visiting there, he ran with the bulls. Lyman was then sent to Cairo, Egypt, for some problems that needed police action. Lyman was getting ready for discharge in 1961, but the Bay of Pigs incident developed, and he was put on an airplane to the Congo, where he was squad leader for a while. He then went to Rome, Italy, where he was inoculated before he could return to Germany. When Lyman returned to Germany, he was awarded the CIB Badge, a Good Conduct Badge, and a Sharpshooter Badge. Lyman got out in May 1962, but at that time, it was mandatory to stay in the reserves, because, if necessary, there would be a call to action in Vietnam. A full Honorable Discharge was awarded to Lyman in 1965.

Lyman returned to Thurmont and went back to work for Vernon Myers at the gas station. He then decided to go to work for Moore's Business Forms, where he stayed for 31 years, then retired. After retiring, he went back to work for Moore's Business Forms for another 14 years as a temporary employee—for a total of forty four years. He also continued to work for Vernon Myers 14 years part-time, while working full time for

Moore's.

Lyman has been married 49 years to Betty Lou Smith Stambaugh and has two children—Kim Cromwell and husband Jim and Lyman C. Stambaugh and wife Carol. Lyman also has three grandchildren—Jamie West and husband Curtis, Megan Miller and Corey, Samantha Stambaugh, and a great grandson Curtis C.J. West.

Lyman remembers his first car was a 1941 Chevrolet with vacuum shift. He said, "I'm sure if that old Chevy could talk, it would tell a lot of stories." Lyman met his love Betty Lou Smith at Donald Lewis's Confectionary on the square, where she worked behind the counter. Lyman, Betty Lou, and the kids lived in Sabillasville, Maryland, for 34 years and then moved within walking distance of his full-time job.

Lyman is a life-member of Amvets Post 7 Thurmont and life-member of The American Legion Thurmont, where he was Post Commander for two years: 1985 and 1986. He is a member of Post 7 Honor Guard and marches in most parades, stands guard at funerals, and fires at graveside services. Lyman is a life-



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member of South Mountain Rod and Gun Club, and likes to fish and hunt.

Lyman is 75 years old—going on 50—and I am proud to know him. He is energetic, intelligent, funny, and an extremely pleasant and easy going man. I can picture him at 100 years old marching in parades with that big smile on his face. Thank God for such a positive, good-hearted veteran as Lyman Stambaugh.

## Annual Horseshoe Tournament Held



Photo by Graceann Schramm

The annual Horseshoe Tournament was held at Catocin High School during the Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show on Sunday, September 11, 2011. Those participating shown left to right were Johnny Buhrman, Leon Kaas, Rich Willard, Gary Willard, Bernie Hobbs, Dan Hobbs, Roy Wivell, Richie Knott, Gary Hoffmaster, Dale Kaas, Jeff Miller, Donnie Kaas and Jason Kaas.

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## Let's Sleep On It Tonight

by Valerie Nusbaum

I've done some research among my friends lately, and I've discovered that Randy and I aren't the only couple who have trouble sleeping together. We drive each other crazy. He snores and I click. I have hot flashes—running first hot and then cold—all night long, kicking off the covers and getting up to cool off, only moments later to be shivering and curling up in the fetal position. When Randy isn't snoring like a buzz saw, he has nightmares. He yells and thrashes around, sometimes connecting his arm with my head. He also has what he calls the "Jimmy leg." It's some kind of muscle contraction that happens as he's dozing off. Everything is fine, and then all of a sudden, his leg jerks and shakes the entire bedroom. The earthquake that happened a few weeks ago reminded me a bit of Randy's Jimmy leg. That's what it feels like to me. My sinus clicking doesn't seem to keep him awake, probably because I only click when I'm asleep... and I can't sleep when he's snoring!

We've tried everything. About five years into our marriage, we bought a king-sized bed. It was like sleeping in separate zip codes. Both of us liked the idea that we could turn over without running into each other, although it pretty much ended any snuggling. Not that I minded so much, because whenever we did snuggle, he'd curl up against my back and immediately start snoring in my ear.

We tried sleeping in shifts. Poor Randy did everything in his power to stay awake until I was able to fall asleep, so that his snoring wouldn't keep me up. That was an exercise in futility, and it just made me mad. Admit it, ladies, it's infuriating when your man is lying beside you sleeping like a baby, yet you're wide awake and dead tired. The only thing to do in a situation like that is to wake him up so you can be miserable together, which I did—often.

Randy sometimes uses Breathe Right strips. The strips do help to open his nasal passages and make his breathing easier. He still snores, though, and the strips irritate the skin on his nose. Randy works long hours, and he's tired at night. I do understand that, and I honestly do want him to get some rest. However, I'd like to get some, too.

We've tried having one of us sleep on the couch or in the guest room. I don't like it but at least one of us gets a good night's sleep by doing that. I'm not referring to myself, of course. I still toss and turn, and on top of the insomnia and hot flashes, I'm lonely. If it's quiet in the bedroom, I do fall asleep fairly easy most nights. I just can't stay asleep. Two or three hours of sound slumber, and that's all she wrote for me. I do, however, get a lot of thinking done during the long nights, which is a good thing because as a result of my sleep-deprivation, I stumble around like a zombie all day with no energy at all. I can't concentrate. I forget things. I'm

cranky and tired. Thank goodness I've already done all of my hard thinking during the previous night. I've even learned to keep paper, a pen, and my digital recorder on my nightstand, in case I get a really good idea. Not all of my ideas look so great in the light of day, though.

If you ask Randy, he'll say that he never gets any sleep, either. I disagree. He's always asleep when I'm awake, and I'm awake a lot of the time. He falls asleep every night when we're watching television, but he denies that, too, even though his head is on his chest and he's making angry noises in his throat. He can get pretty belligerent about it if I dare to accuse him of napping. I don't know why he gets upset. There's no shame in falling asleep when you're tired. I fall asleep whenever there's something on the TV that I want to watch, and as I've mentioned before, I can take a nice nap during a movie that I've paid for.

Sometimes, I think that man of mine could sleep through an atomic bomb. He goes out hard, and wakes

up not sure about where he is or what's happening. For example, one night when we were newlyweds, I got up during the night to use the bathroom. I didn't close the bathroom door, because I didn't want to turn on the light. There was enough light from the hallway for me to see what I was doing, plus I pretty much knew where everything was. Randy was dead to the world in bed when I got up to use the bathroom, but while I was in the bathroom, I could hear him thrashing around and yelping. He ran into the hall yelling, "Where are you? Help me! Quick! Get some buckets and pans. The roof is leaking." I patiently explained to him that it wasn't raining and led him back to bed. After that, I started closing the bathroom door.

As I write this, it's nearly midnight, and I'm sitting here in the bed. My partner is lying peacefully beside me, sawing his way through a huge log. He'd tell you that he isn't sleeping at all—he's just resting his eyes. Maybe I should wake him up and ask him.

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# body wisdom

by Teresa Dukich, L.M.T.

Last month, we discussed the abundance of vitamins and minerals found in vegetables. Now that your pantries and freezers are chocked full of this year's harvest, let's discover how good nutrition affects your body.

Vitamin A is most famous for protecting eyesight and boosting your immune system. But it also divides blood cells important for the production of skin and the lining of the digestive track. Vitamin A is needed to maintain a healthy thymus gland (a specialized organ of the immune system).

Vitamins B: B1 is better known as Thiamin. It's "brother" is Vitamin B2 aka Riboflavin. Because B vitamins work better when taken together, I will list their benefits as a group. These gang busters help your body carry out its day-to-day activities by producing much needed energy, transferring nerve messages from the brain, building and repairing DNA, making new red blood cells, and removing homocysteine from the blood. High levels of homocysteine are dangerous to the heart and brain.

Vitamin B protects the immune system, regulates blood sugar, and makes brain chemicals. Makes you look at spinach differently, doesn't it? Amazing!

Vitamin C makes collagen for our bones and skin. It fights free radicals, boosts the immune system, and helps the body absorb iron.

Though Vitamin D isn't available through vegetables, I'll throw it in for complete measure. Most of us know from a parent's hounding that Vitamin D is essential for building strong bones and teeth by controlling calcium and phosphorous. We derive Vitamin D from milk, eggs, liver, sardines, and the sun.

Vitamin E is another fighter of free radicals, which are unstable and complex compounds that try to attack the body's cells and nutrients. Once a free radical takes hold, it can develop into cancer, heart disease, or other chronic illnesses. Vitamin E along with other antioxidants, stops the free radical domino. Turnip greens anyone?

Vitamin F is known as Fatty Acid. It's needed for normal growth and behavior. It helps develop healthy cell membranes, keeping a well-balanced hormone level and a properly working immune system. Fatty Acids provide healthier skin and hair.

Protein is important for the growth and repair of muscles, bones, skin, tendons, ligaments, hair, eyes, and other tissue. Without protein, we would lack the enzymes and hormones we need for metabolism, digestion, and other normal body functions. Protein helps create antibodies, helping our immune system fight disease. It also helps to heal us by making our blood clot when necessary and by repairing tissue.

Potassium is amazing and underrated. This mineral helps maintain regular heartbeat, keeps our blood pressure steady, balances water in the cells, and assures that our muscles and nerves work properly.

Sodium is necessary to balance the fluids in our body; however, keeping the sodium intake below 2,400mg is a good idea for those at risk of heart disease. Some is good, too much is not good. It's best to confer with your physician in regard to individual sodium concerns.



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## Local Girl Scout Visits Europe

Katie Kingsford, from Thurmont, had an exciting adventure over the summer. She was one of a group of Girl Scouts from Frederick County that toured Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, and Italy. The girls raised money for the trip through the annual Fall Product and Cookie sale, as well as many other fundraisers over a two-year period.



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Katie Kingsford is pictured third from the right.

While in Germany, the Girl Scouts went to Munich, where they saw the old city and Olympic Village; they toured the concentration camp Dachau, explored the Mozart Museum in Salzburg, and visited Oberammergau, famous for the Passion Play. They visited the Tirol region of Austria, including Innsbruck and also visited the Girl Scout Chalet World Center in Switzerland.

Katie took over 1,100 pictures on the trip to Europe, and even had some time for shopping. "If it wasn't for Girl Scouts and the opportunity they provided, I would never have been able to make this trip," Katie stated. She would like to thank everyone who supports Girl Scouts.

What's next? Katie is working on fundraising for an Alaskan adventure cruise during the summer of 2013.

Calcium is most important for keeping your bones and teeth strong. It is critical during childhood, but we need it at every age to prevent diseases like osteoporosis. How many of us know an elderly person who breaks something every time they fall? Small amounts of calcium are also dispersed into our blood stream, helping to control blood pressure and muscle contraction.

Zinc has many roles. It produces energy, helps the body use Vitamin A, fights free radicals, heals wounds, makes DNA, and boosts our immune system. It's helpful to take extra Zinc at the first sign of cold symptoms.

Iron carries oxygen throughout the body and supplies us with energy. Feeling weak or having trouble concentrating may mean you need a boost of iron. Look for it in meats, eggs, and legumes, as well as vegetables.

Magnesium is an important mineral

for keeping our bones and teeth healthy by making sure that calcium, potassium, Vitamin D, and proteins do their jobs. It also supports heart health by controlling high blood pressure.

Again, I strongly caution, if there is a concern, please consult your physician.

Manganese is one of the lesser known minerals, but important for building bones, producing energy, supporting joints and liver function. Look for it in legumes, nuts, and whole grains.

My hopes are that you kept the August issue of *The Catocin Banner* for reference, and that you gain a renewed perspective of the control you have over taking care of the only body you'll ever receive.

*Reference Material: Eat and Heal: The Editors of FC&A Medical Publishing, CNHP; Basic Nutrition: Elaine Newkirk.*



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# Lewistown Volunteer Fire Company

by Aaron Heiner

Lewistown Volunteer Fire Company (VFC) 22 has provided fire, rescue, and EMS services to the mid-county since 1970. Like many volunteer organizations, active membership is tapering off, and the company is in need of new members to help service the citizens in the Lewistown, Utica and Mountindale areas.



Part of Matt Karis' daily activities includes devoted time toward physical fitness. Staying fit is a critical component of being an efficient member of the protective services field.

On a warm fall morning, Charles Morris, along with Matt Karis, manned the rescue station from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Morris, a paid employee for the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services since 1994 is stationed at Company 22. He stated that calls can be hit or

miss. "There are some days where we are very busy and others where there is nothing." Morris went on to state, "Mornings can be very slow, but then we have several calls in the evening."

According to Lewistown VFC's website, in 2009 Company 22 was on duty for 508 calls that year for service, including 313 calls for Emergency Medical Services, with 6 pieces of apparatus serviced by the 112 members that were on the books at that time.

Morris, along with one other Fire and Rescue Services employee, stays at the station during the day so that there are always two people at the station to respond to calls, as most of the volunteers work during the day. In the event of a fire or EMS call, volunteers who are in the area will respond accordingly. Fire and Rescue Services personnel serve as immediate first responders to any emergency that may occur.

Aside from responding to calls in the immediate Lewistown area, Company 22 will respond to second alarm calls to Frederick, Walkersville, Thurmont and surrounding communities. Morris notes that responding to calls in Frederick proves particularly tricky, "We have to cross over U.S. Route #15 north to head south. Cars do not always stop or recognize us trying to cross the road."

Currently the department has several pieces of equipment that can respond to services calls, with most of the equipment belonging to Company 22. The rest of the equipment is owned by Frederick County. The county-owned vehicles



Photos by Aaron Heiner

Robert Reid is shown beside one of Lewistown VFD's fire apparatus, Tanker 224, a 2003 Spartan Gladiator.

are red and white, while Lewistown VFD equipment is painted a mustard orange.

Robert Reid has been with the department since 2008. He is a volunteer firefighter and EMT. "Recently, some of our company-owned pieces were getting up in age and we could not afford to replace them on our own," Reid noted. The county added two pieces of their own equipment to assist Lewistown VFD as they respond to service calls outside of their immediate service area.

The greatest challenge the company faces right now is dwindling membership rolls. In the wake of 9-11, membership in the protective services sector temporarily soared, but with the recession and times being tight for many Americans, enrollment and donations have slowed. As a whole, the time spent by Americans in volunteer service to non-profit organizations has been on a steady decline over the past two decades. Voluntary protective services have not been exempt from this trend and volunteers are down county-wide in area fire and ambulance departments.

"Active members -- it's a pretty low number right now. We're down

to around 15 to 20 that are regular running members," Reid estimated when referencing members that respond to fire and EMS calls. "The total number of members on the books overall is greater," Reid added while referencing the general membership at large and their auxiliary.

The Lewistown VFD hosts events in their meeting hall. Chicken and oyster dinners are regularly held. However, unlike many other local companies, Lewistown does not hold an annual fireman's carnival. The department is exploring ways to hold more fundraisers, but the lack of membership makes holding such events more challenging.

New members are welcomed to join Company 22. Classes are offered by the county twice a year to bring new members up to operational status so that they may go on calls. Depending on when a new volunteer joins the company, they could be responding to calls as early as six weeks after training.

For more information on Company 22, or to join please visit the Lewistown VFD website at <http://www.lewistownfire.org/>

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# imagination zone

*Children and Teens at the Thurmont Regional Library*

by Janet Vogel, Children's Services Supervisor, Thurmont Regional Library

October is always a busy month at the Thurmont Regional Library, and this October is no exception. We will have a variety of special programs—including, everything from ZumbAtomic for Kids to our 4th Annual Happy Halloween Party. Be sure to stop by and see what we have to offer!

We kick off the month with a variety of book clubs—both new and old favorites. The Daring Club for Girls (Thursday, October 31, at 4:00 p.m. for grades 2-5) and The Guys Book Club of Supersonic Awesomeness (Wednesday, October 26, at 4:00 p.m. for ages 8-12), both return in October, along with the brand-new First Read Book Club (Wednesday, October 12, at 4:00 p.m. for grades 2-4). Guys and Girls will enjoy getting back into the games, activities, and more at their respective book clubs, while members of the First Read Book Club are going to have first dibs on all of the latest titles. Be the first to read the newest books at the library, and give them a star rating.

Zumba is coming to the library! Our first ever ZumbAtomic classes will be offered on October 22, at 10:15 a.m. for kids ages 4-7 and 11:15 a.m. for kids ages 8-12. We are excited to have a professional teacher, Alicia Platter, to lead our programs. You can check out her classes at the Fort Ritchie Community Center. Please register for this fun and active program, and wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

We can't talk about October at the library without mentioning two of our annual Halloween events. First, get in the Halloween spirit with Pooh's Heffalump Halloween movie at 12:30 p.m. on October 21. Wear your costume for this extra special Lunch & A Movie. Then,

join us on Saturday, October 29, at 2:30 p.m. for our 4th Annual Happy Halloween Party! No scary stuff allowed at this special Halloween party for younger children. Put on your costume and join us for crafts, games, and lots of light-hearted Halloween fun!

All Frederick County Public Libraries continue to celebrate One Maryland One Book in October. The Thurmont Regional Library has a special Native American History and Art program presented by Rose Hill Manor on October 6, at 4:15 p.m. Register for this program and have the chance to take home your own Native American artwork! Teens can register to participate in a Native American Drumming experience at 2:00 p.m. on October 15. Drums, rattles, and rain sticks will be provided, or you can bring your own! Our final program at Thurmont will be a book discussion of Sherman Alexie's "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian" on October 27, at 6:00 p.m.; register for the program and reserve your copy of the book online or by calling the library.

The Emmitsburg Library is also offering a book discussion of Sherman Alexie's "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian" on October 20, at 3:45 p.m., followed by a Native American Beading Workshop at 5:00 p.m. Please register for each program individually.

Don't forget to stop by the Thurmont Regional Library on Moser Road, call the Children's Department at 301-600-7214, or visit <http://www.fcpl.org/information/branches/thurmont/> for more information. Special note: the Thurmont Regional Library will be open during Colorfest this year (October 8-9), but we will be closed on October 10 for Columbus Day.

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# october

- 1,2....Huge Yard Sale, Eyler stables, Thurmont. 8:00 a.m. Come out and support the Mason Dixon Quarter Horse Association.
- 1,2....Dinner Theater, The One Mountain Foundation hosting the Blue Ridge Theater Guild, "The Night is My Enemy," Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue Squad Hall, Monterey Lane, Blue Ridge Summit, PA.
- 1,2....Fall Festival, Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 North Market Street, Frederick, MD, Oct. 1—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Oct. 2—12:00-4:00 p.m. Parking donation \$1; fees for food and hayride. 301-600-1650 or www.rosehillmuseum.com.
- 2.....Shoot Match, Graceham Volunteer Fire Co. Inc., 14026 Graceham Rd. Thurmont. 12 Ga. starts 11:00 a.m. with 10 rds. + 1- 50/50, 4-10 starts at 12:30 p.m. with 5 rds. + 1- 50/50. \$2.00 per round and \$5.00 per 50/50. Brian 301-639-1515.
- 2.....Lewistown Ruritan Chicken Barb-B-Q, U.S. 15 North & Fish Hatchery Road.
- 4.....Meeting, Catocin Furnace Historical Society, Inc., Log Collier House, 12607 Catocin Furnace Road. 10:00 a.m. Working meeting to organize and catalog the historic files and records. New members welcome. 410-243-6767 or ecomer@eacarchaeology.com.
- 4.....Fellowship Baptist Church Community Blood Drive, Fairfield, PA. 1:00-7:00 p.m. 717-642-6767.
- 6.....The 6th Annual 'Angels Above' Golf Tournament, Mountain View Golf Club (located in nearby Fairfield, PA). Light lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tee time 1:00 p.m. Benefit Mother Seton School (MSS) Scholarship Fund in memory of Jack and Shirley Little by their six children (all MSS alumni). \$85/each, \$340/foursome includes a hot dog lunch, greens and cart fees, and a delicious dinner. Tony Little at 301-644-2671 or LittleMoore@LittleMoore.com.
- 7.....First Friday Fun, The Children's Museum of Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 N. Market St., Frederick, MD, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Ages 3 and up. \$4/child. 301-600-1650, rosehillmuseum.com.
- 7.....CHS "Standing Room Only" Show Choir Night, Roy Roger's, Thurmont. 5:00-8:00 p.m. Mention CHS Show Choir when placing your order—25% of orders goes to CHS Show Choir. Help us raise money for our competitions.
- 7.....First Friday Fun, The Children's Museum of Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 N. Market St., Frederick, MD, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Pumpkin circle, activities, and crafts for ages 3 and up. \$4/child. 301-600-1650, rosehillmuseum.com

- 7.....Free Email Marketing Seminar, Fort Ritchie Community Center, presented by Constant Contact. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Take one or both workshops from CC Professional David Yunghans. 301-241-5085.
- 8.....Fall Fest Dinner, St. John's Lutheran Church, 8619 Blacks Mill Road, Creagerstown, MD. 12:00-5:00 p.m. Chicken Pot Pie and Country Ham. Baked Items, Pot Pie, and Apple Butter for sale. \$13/Adults; \$7/Children (7-10); Free/ages 6 under. 301-271-7851.
- 8.....St. Joseph's High School Reunion Dinner & Dance, Emmitsburg Ambulance Building, 17701 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. Social hour 5:30 p.m., buffet dinner 6:30 p.m., dance 8:00 p.m. - midnight. Music by B&J DJ's. \$10/person dinner, \$10/person dance. 301-447-6615, mail checks payable to Mary Topper, 28 Federal Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.
- 8.....Trick or Treasure Yard Sale, TEPS PTA, Thurmont Primary School. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Donations of items to sell for the PTA will be accepted until October 1. Large items can be dropped off at the school on October 8. Spaces available for rent/\$10. Stacy Dutrow at 301-898-0299 or kylesmom03@verizon.net.
- 8.....Community Potluck Dinner, ThorpeWood, 12805-A Mink Farm Rd., Thurmont. 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. 301-271-2823. Drinks provided, following dinner a presentation by Robert Strasser. RSVP kai@catocinmountain.com.
- 8,9...Catocin Colorfest, Thurmont, MD.
- 8,9...RidgeFest, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge.
- 8,9...Annual Fall Fest, Sabillasville Church of God of Prophecy, Sabillasville. Good ole' southern gospel music, good eating, and good fellowship.
- 8,9...Oktober Fest, The Life Changing Ministries of the Church of God of Prophecy, Sabillasville. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 9.....Shooting Match, Indian Lookout Conservation Club, 17107 Riffle Road, Emmitsburg. 1:00 p.m. 410 and 12 Ga. 3010-447-2568.
- 12...Membership Social, EBPA at St. Philomena's Book Store & Holy Grounds Coffee House, Emmitsburg square. 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 14....The Basement Coffee House, Elias Lutheran Church, 100 W. North St., Emmitsburg, MD. Featuring "Soul'd Out! Band" and "Silver Lining Band." 7:00 p.m. 301-447-6239.

# community event calendar

- 15....6th Annual Lacie's Legacy Walk Against Tay Sachs Disease, Carroll Valley Park in Fairfield. Lunch-Drinks-Silent Auction-Raffle Prizes. Lisa Wivell lisawivell@yahoo.com
- 15....Catfish Fry and Fried Chicken Feed, sponsored by The Sons of the American Legion, Post 121 Emmitsburg, in conjunction with The American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary. \$15/person. Dine—6:00-9:00 p.m./DJ & Karaoke—8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Must be 21 or over. 100 tickets will be sold on a first come basis; tickets now available at our Post 121 Home at Francis X. Elder American Legion, 105 N. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg.
- 15....Pet Fest, Fort Ritchie Community Center. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 301-241-5085 or www.thefrc.org.
- 16....Shoot Match, Graceham Volunteer Fire Co. Inc., 14026 Graceham Rd. Thurmont. 12 Ga. starts 11:00 a.m. with 10 rds. + 1- 50/50, 4-10 starts at 12:30 p.m. with 5 rds. + 1- 50/50. \$2.00 per round and \$5.00 per 50/50. Brian 301-639-1515.
- 19....Pot Pie Dinner, Lewistown United Methodist Church. 12:00-5:45 p.m. \$10.00/Adults; \$5.50/Children 6-12; Carryouts/\$11.00. Take U.S. 15 North to Fish Hatchery Road, turn right on Fish Hatchery Road and proceed to stop sign, turn right. 301-898-7888.
- 22....Poker Pub Crawl, Francis X. Elder American Legion Post #121, 105 North Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD. Doors open 11:00 a.m.; Crawl noon-5:00 p.m. Only 100 tickets sold, last day for t-shirts is Sunday, October 2. Must be 21 years of age to participate. 301-447-2274.
- 22....Halloween in the Park, Thurmont Community Park, Thurmont. Activities start 6:00 p.m. Cost: a donation of \$2/ person (free for kids 5 and under) and a canned food item for Food Bank.
- 22....Cash Bingo, Amvets Post 7, 26 Apples Church Road, Thurmont, MD. Doors open at 5:00 p.m./Games at 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$35 in advance/\$40 at door. All inclusive 9 pack, includes 22 games, \$1,000 Jackpot, and a meal. Call Mary at 717-968-8026 or Pam at 301-748-7097. Benefit Martinsburg VA Hospital.
- 22....3rd Annual Fall Craft Bazaar, Fort Ritchie Community Center. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 301-241-5085. Still accepting vendors for this event. Free admission to those shopping at the event.
- 22...."Spirits of the Furnace" Event, Visitors Center in the Manor Area of Cunningham Falls State Park. 7:00-9:30 p.m. Tickets must be ordered before event. \$5/person;

- Free/children under 10. 301-271-3676.
- 23....Shooting Match, Indian Lookout Conservation Club, 17107 Riffle Road, Emmitsburg. 1:00 p.m. 410 and 12 Ga. 3010-447-2568.
- 23....Community Harvest Celebration, Fort Ritchie Community Center, Cascade, Maryland. 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- 23....Bingo Bonanza, Emmitsburg Fire Hall, West Main Street, Emmitsburg. Doors open 12:30 p.m., Early birds 1:30 p.m., regular bingo 1:45 p.m. Sponsored by the Vigilant Hose Company Auxiliary. Patty 301-447-6370 or 301-447-2728.
- 23....German Service and Buffet, St. John's Chapel, 8619A Blacks Mill Rd., Creagerstown. 3:00 p.m. Guest speaker, Bishop Herz-Lane, music by ladies quartet "Just Because." Buffet at 4:00 p.m. in Parish House. \$15/Adults; \$7/Children (7-10); Free/6 and under. 301-512-0995.
- 24....Red Cross Blood Drive, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 103 N. Church Street, Thurmont. 2:00-8:00 p.m. 301-271-7872. Walk-ins welcome.
- 28....Annual Community Halloween Party, Fort Ritchie Community Center. 6:00-8:00 p.m. Free.
- 28,29Turkey and Oyster Supper, Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont, MD. Oct. 28—3:00-7:00 p.m.; Oct. 29—1:00-6:00 p.m. \$15.00/Adults; \$8.00/Children (5-10); Free/Children under 5. 301-271-2379.
- 29....Fall Food Festival, hosted by The Thurmont Lions Club, Bell Hill Farm (1 1/2 miles north of Thurmont, along MD 15). 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (or until sold out). thurmontlionsclub.com.
- 29....Gun Raffle and Dinner, Vigilant Hose Company, West Main Street, Emmitsburg. 4:00 p.m. Tickets \$25/ each. Benefit CHS Safe and Sane. Julie Davis 301-447-6811.
- 29....CHS Sports Boosters Halloween Dance, Thurmont American Legion. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. "The Cry Wolf Band" from 8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. \$10/ person advance; \$15/door. No one under 21 will be admitted. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Tickets can be purchased at home sporting events through October 25, or contact Jessica at 301-788-0976 or Denise at 301-447-6816 for tickets. To help raise money for the new sound system in the stadium at Catocin High School.
- 31....Halloween in Emmitsburg. Trick or Treat 5:00-6:30 p.m., line up at Federal and DePaul at 6:30-7:00 p.m., parade starts at 7:00 p.m. 301-447-2401.
- 31....Emmitsburg Halloween Parade. 7:00 p.m. Parade Route: Federal & DePaul to North Seton to Lincoln Ave. to back of VHC for party! Tagging begins at East Main & Federal in parking lot at 6:15 p.m. Games, refreshments, and prizes at party at the Fire Co. after the parade. Judging will include five categories: Prettiest, Ugliest, Scariest, Most Original, and Groups. Sponsored by the VFW 6658, FXE American Legion, Post 121, Lions Club, and Masons.
- 31....Halloween in Thurmont. Trick or Treat 6:00-7:30 p.m.

## november

- 5.....Mountaintop Community Fall Fair and Art Show, Blue Ridge Mt. Vol. Fire and Rescue Co. Fire Hall. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Auction at 2:00 p.m. Free admission. 717-642-5645 or jacksmtn@embarqmail.com.

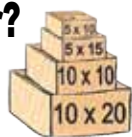
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14750 Sabillasville Rd.

Thurmont- \$362,900

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



**NEW PRICE**

113 Bennett Dr.

Thurmont- \$289,900

**UNIQUE PROPERTY!**

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



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!



16146A Kelbaugh Rd.

Thurmont- \$35,000

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



174 Altamont Ave.-

Thurmont- \$104,900

3 Bedroom, 2 bath condo. Large master suite on 3rd floor with walk-ins and private bath! Fenced yard and condo fees include water and sewer! Third party approval. Call Bonita.

## Lots for Sale

Rocky Ridge- \$79,900

1.73 Acre building lot

with 4 bedroom conv.

perc. close to covered

bridge.

Thurmont- \$129,000

Gorgeous, wooded 3.8

Acres on Baugher Rd,

surrounded by parkland

with 7 bedroom perc

and well



25331 Military Rd.

Cascade/Fort

Ritchie-\$199,900

Commercial property offers so many options! Solidly constructed brick 2 story bldg. ready for occupancy. Appox 2900 sq. ft with a 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment on second floor (currently rented) could also be used as a 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with separate office w/bath. Previously used as a bank with drive through. Call Bonita Smith!



12604 Catoctin Furnace Rd.

Thurmont- \$29,000

Value in land only. Build

on lot and save impact fees!

Property sold AS-IS, seller

will make no repairs. No

well or septic. No Furnace.



13005 Graceham Rd.

Thurmont- \$499,900

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

