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Remembering Pap

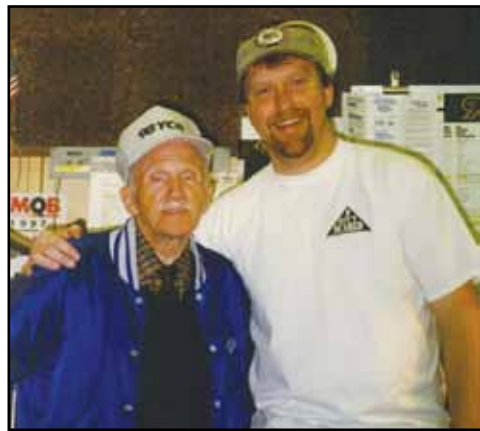
by Jeff Brown, George Wireman's first Grandson

It's so hard to put into words what Thurmont meant to George Wireman, my Grandfather Pap. Some people love cars, boats, places, songs, special people, and pets. Pap deeply loved the town he was born and raised in. He wanted to make sure that everyone he met—big and small, famous or not—who passed through Thurmont knew about its rich history.

Thurmont was his life and he spent his whole life there. For a man 91 years of age, who never had a driver's license and never drove a car, he visited almost all 50 states and traveled to Hawaii four times. How many of us can say that? To say he has seen a lot would be an understatement. He thought it was important to stay active and enjoy what you do. In a recent article, he wrote, "doing what you love is freedom, and loving what you do is happiness."

Officially dubbed the "Town Historian," there is not much about Thurmont or its residents that Pap didn't know. People were always

asking him for pictures, stories, and names, and he always obliged—from the Monocacy Valley Railroad and the Thurmont Trolley to Camp David and Moonshiners in the Catoctin Mountains. From Hobos to Presidents, Pap invited, hosted,



Jeff Brown with his grandfather, George Wireman.

See page 18...
for the continuation of
"Remembering Pap"
and tribute photos of George and
sentiments from those who knew
and loved him...

Emmitsburg After School Clubhouse

by Deb Spalding

It's unanimous! The kids in the Emmitsburg After School Clubhouse Program will all tell you, "It's really a lot of fun!" Crafts, games, dodgeball, Legos, and, yes, even homework are all fun parts of the Clubhouse. The Clubhouse is held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays after school, from October through March at the Emmitsburg Community Center. If there is no school, the program is not held.

Second grader, Dalton Williams, said that even though some time is designated for homework during the program, "The staff are not your

Photo by Deb Spalding
Emmitsburg After School Clubhouse kids are shown working with their on-going Legos projects.

mom." He explained that Clubhouse Supervisor, "Mrs. T" (Erma Tressler), encourages parental interaction to complete homework at home.

Clubhouse first grader, Madelyn

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A Most Unique Tree House—A Bit of Pen Mar History

by Arietta Grimmert

By looking at the house known as the "Seldom Inn" from the road on Pen Mar Road in Pennsylvania, you would never envision the hidden secret it holds inside—a living tree. Lillian Ecton, the current owner, is about to reveal a bit of history about this unique house. Although, I must first start by telling you how and why Lillian ended up here.

In 1964, at the young age of eighteen, Lillian—born and raised in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma—came to this area as an enlisted soldier in the Women's Army Corps and was stationed at Ft. Ritchie. At that time, Ft. Ritchie was a military installation



Painted by Amy Honodel's (previous owner) niece in 1951.

in Cascade, Maryland. After her first tour of three years, she returned to Oklahoma. However, shortly after arriving back home, she reenlisted and was once again stationed at Ft. Ritchie. She was at Ft. Ritchie for three years and then sent to Germany. After her tour of duty in Germany—from 1970 to 1972—she again returned to Ft. Ritchie, where she remained until 1975. In 1975, she was sent to Okinawa until 1977. When Lillian returned to Ft. Ritchie in 1977, she worked at the Army Ops Center at the Pentagon. During that time, she purchased a house in

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Emmitsburg, February 2012

Sustainable Community Application

Emmitsburg might have the opportunity to benefit from the Maryland Sustainable Communities Act of 2010. Efforts have started to apply for programs that would enable the town to get grants and low interest loans for sustainable improvements. Mayor Briggs met with representatives from the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to find out how Emmitsburg might benefit from this state program. Mayor Briggs points out that this program serves as a planning and economic tool geared toward towns and cities that can benefit from improvements to buildings, general beautification, going green with lighting, insulation, and much more. The purpose of the state program is to strengthen existing communities, stimulate local economies, create construction jobs, and reduce unemployment. To read more about these programs, log on to the state of Maryland website at www.mdp.state.md.us.

Downtown Upgrades

Improvements to the downtown area are in progress. New trash

by Michele Cuseo

town hall reports

containers will be installed downtown, thanks to a donation by Mount St. Mary's University. The old containers were twenty-five years old. The walking area in downtown is also getting an upgrade. The American Disability Act (ADA) requires that modifications be made to enable people to cross streets safely. This will include the re-timing of traffic lights, posting of new signs, and treading the walkways for better visibility. Mayor Briggs is also envisioning changes that would include having more social activities and services in town, so people can walk to local areas for enjoyment or business, instead of getting in their cars and driving elsewhere.

For more information about the town of Emmitsburg, log onto www.emmitsburgmd.gov.

Check the Calendar

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

Thurmont, February 2012

What Will I Owe for my Town Taxes?

Thurmont citizens can have their town taxes calculated now for their July 2012 tax bill, instead of waiting until July. Mayor Burns states that all you need is a copy of your July 2011 tax bill, along with your current Frederick county tax assessment, brought to the town office to get this information.

Town Budget Discussions

In preparation for the next budget discussions, Mayor Burns is again encouraging citizens to provide input for possible ways for the town to save money and cut spending to avoid raising taxes. Last year they decided to forego paying for street sweeping as one way of cutting spending. The Mayor stated that Thurmont already has a fiscally conservative budget that doesn't have much "fluff" and any further cuts would affect needed services. He is still hopeful that some creative ideas can be found.

Employee Handbook

Town officials have drafted a comprehensive employee handbook

for town staff and management to be used as a tool for guidance in all aspects of employment with the town of Thurmont.

George Wireman Remembered

Family, friends, town officials, and citizens all around were saddened to hear of the passing of George Wireman, age 91. He will be fondly remembered for his newspaper commentaries, volunteering, lover of trains, lover of history, and so much more.

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

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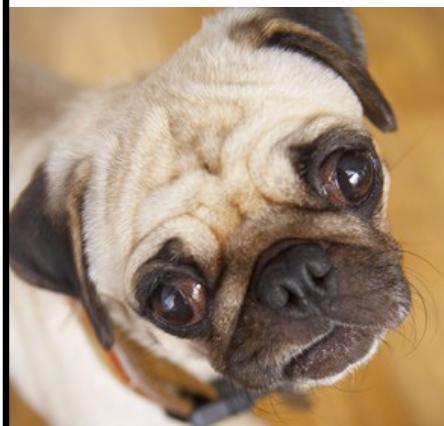


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Thurmont Ambulance Company's Annual Banquet

The Thurmont Ambulance Company #30 held their annual Awards Banquet on January 21, 2012, at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Building on Creamery Road in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The Company's President, Lowman Keeney, served as Master of Ceremonies. He opened by saying, "It may seem that you never get that extra thank you. But, don't forget that you are THE most valuable person to a victim when responding to a call." He reviewed that there

were 26 new members in 2011, and with the increase in members, came an increase in calls. Fundraising for the year grossed over \$85,000, due, in part, to the fact that the Company had the largest Colorfest fundraiser ever, with over 3,000 scoops of ice cream and two full skids of soda served, in addition to a couple of thousand apple dumplings.

The invocation was given by Rev. James Hamrick. Jared Snyder and Dave Place gave a report on a job well done by the Company-

sponsored Boy Scout mentoring program, Venture Crew 270.

DJ Ott, Chief, reported that there were 1,242 calls in 2011, which was 95 more than the previous year, and double the usual annual increase. The most common calls were for trouble breathing and chest pain. The K-9 team ran 20 search and rescue calls. There were 14,509.5 duty hours, which was 2,349 over the previous year.



Thurmont Ambulance Company's 2012 officers pictured top left to right are James Hamrick, Director and Chaplain; Lowman Keeney, President; Jim Humerick, Vice President. Bottom left to right are Shirley Stackhouse, Assistant Secretary; Judy White, Treasurer; Joyce Stitely, Secretary; Dennis Ott, Sr., Assistant Treasurer; and Wilton Smith, Directors. Not pictured are Dennis Ott, Jr., Chief; Becky Ott, Assistant Chief; Amanda Barth, Lieutenant; Amanda Kefauver, Lieutenant; Rose Latini, Sergeant and Jason West, Director.

The Company will host a special raffle for a 2012 Harley Davidson Firefighter Special Edition

Motorcycle, for which the winner will be drawn during Colorfest 2012. Tickets are \$10.00 each and available from any member.

Pictured left, the Chief's Award was presented by Chief, DJ Ott, pictured left, to Rev. James Hamrick, pictured second from left. The President's Award was presented by President, Lowman Keeney, pictured right, to Walt Kelch, pictured second from right.



Photos by Deb Spalding

Top Responders are pictured above top row left to right: Amanda Barth (192), Lisa Eichelberger (190), Jason Schultz (145) absent from photo, Kassie Manahan (133), Becky Ott (133). Bottom row: Travis Unger (122), Brooke Kennedy (102), Barry Shirey (99) absent from photo, Amanda Kefauver (75), Rose Latini (67), and Nicole Shirey (60) absent from photo. Shown with Chief D.J. Ott.

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Also, enjoy 50/50 Bingo and Small Games of Chance!

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EVENT LOCATION. Emmitsburg Ambulance Co.
17701 Creamery Road • Emmitsburg, MD 21727



Go Jump in the Lake

by Joan Fry



Photo by Jim Bittner

On New Year's Day 2012, this peaceful scene from the 1930s was turned into the first Polar Plunge Party at Lake Royer at Fort Ritchie in Cascade, Maryland. Signature drinks, such as the Ice Cube and the Ritchie Royale, were on tap, T-shirts touting the experience were everywhere, and the DJ was sending out some cool tunes.

The party started at noon with a large and hot bonfire, compliments of M & T Bank. Jersey Mike's Sub Shop in Hagerstown was another sponsor. Lakeside Restaurant and Bar was open with complimentary crab soup and hot chocolate, along with a crackling fire in the indoor fireplace.

Just before 1:00 p.m., the countdown began, and before long, the polar people made the plunge. There were 120 participants who collected donations, not all of them plunging. About \$4,500 was raised to fund operating expenses and programming for the Fort Ritchie Community Center (FRCC).

Polar Bear Bill Coyle and Polar Bear Cub Jack Hubbard added to the festivities by posing for photos with visitors.

A Polar Plunge at Lake Royer at Fort Ritchie is fitting to the area's history. According to an ice business publication, Ice and Refrigeration, December 1900, "The Buena Vista (Pa.) Ice Co. recently purchased 43 acres of land near Highfield (Md.), and is now excavating a pond to cover 20 acres from which to harvest ice." The ice business flourished for 22 years before the coming of refrigeration reduced the demand for natural ice. This was before Camp Ritchie (later Fort Ritchie) was established.

What do you think our ancestors would say about plunging into Lake Royer, when they had such a hard time just keeping themselves and their families warm?

If you'd like to "go jump in the lake," mark your calendar now for Tuesday, January 1, 2013. In December, contact FRCC, 14421 Lake Royer Drive, Cascade, MD 21719, or at 301-241-5085, or at www.thefrcc.org. You can also attend classes, join the fitness center, or reserve rooms for rentals or parties all year long.

Country Butchering

On February 18, 2012, the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Co., located at 13516 Motters Station Road in Rocky Ridge, Maryland, is holding a Country Butchering. A Pancake breakfast will be served from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the activity building the morning of the butchering. Orders must be picked up between 6:00-10:00 a.m. on February 18, 2012. Orders must be placed before February 10, 2012. Call Gertie at 301-271-4253; Helen at 410-775-2758; or Paulette at 301-271-4252. See their ad on page 27.

Emmitsburg's Eighth Burns Night

Emmitsburg's eighth celebration of the most lauded poet of Scotland, Robert Burns, will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2012 in JoAnn's Ballroom of the Carriage House Inn, 200 South Seton Avenue. The program begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. A snow date is set for Sunday, February 26, same time and place.

A piper, and guests are encouraged to recite Burns poems or sing his songs. Many typical Scottish dishes will be on offer, including haggis.

The event is a fundraiser for the Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center, 121-123 West Main Street, Emmitsburg, and profits will be applied to Phase II of the EOPCC Building Fund. Tickets are \$50.00 per person, of which approximately \$35.00 is tax deductible. Please contact Bill O'Toole at 301-447-2690, otoole@msmary.edu or visit www.burnsnite.com for more information.

Vera Bradley Bingo Mother Seton School, located at 100 Creamery Road in Emmitsburg, Maryland, is hosting a Vera Bradley Bingo on Saturday, February 11, 2012. Doors open at 5:30 pm and games start at 7:00 p.m. The cost of tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Ticket includes 20 games and door prizes. Raffles and concessions available. This is a bingo you won't want to miss! For tickets or more information, please call Lena at 301-717-8860 or Mother Seton School at 301-447-3161. This event is sponsored by the MSS Home and School Association. See their ad on page 14.

Elvis at the Cozy Restaurant

Come get Cozy with Elvis on February 10, 2012, at the Cozy Restaurant, located in Thurmont. Kevin Booth does a premier tribute to Elvis Presley beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$13.00 (\$1.00 of ticket price goes toward a snack bar or your dinner). Food is an extra cost. For tickets, please call Cozy Restaurant at 301-271-7373 or Joe Eyler at 301-271-2023. Only 130 tickets will be sold.

Emmitsburg Lions "Rock n Roll" Dance

The Emmitsburg Lions Club will sponsor a "Rock & Roll" dance March 24, 2012, at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company Building, 17701 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. The Dance will feature sounds from the 50s and 60s played from 8:00 p.m. till midnight by the "Rock and Roll Relics" band. Tickets are \$15.00 per person in advance and \$20.00 at the door. Tickets are available through Zurgable Hardware or Sharon Hane (301-447-2401).

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Catoctin-Ettes Holiday Show and Award Ceremony



Photo By Steve Wobbleton

The Catoctin-Ettes, Inc., a parade marching corps and competitive baton and pom organization, recently held its annual holiday show and award ceremony to mark the end of their successful competitive season.

All members in the organization preformed dance-twirl style stage routines in baton, multiple batons, ribbon stick and/or pom poms. Soloists also entertained the audience with twirling numbers in various forms of baton twirling, including juggling. In addition, the 2011 competitive color guard performed their routine.

Following the entertainment portion of the evening, awards were presented to cap off the year. Perfect attendance trophies were awarded to all members achieving perfect attendance in performances and at practices. Accumulated, exceptional performance attendance plaques were presented to Kelly Reed, 24 years; Angela Ridenour, 14 years; Amanda Wobbleton, Katie Sharrer, Paula Jean Sharrer, 10 years; Amber Rothhaupt, 9 Years; Kimberlee Ahlers, 7 years; Jordan Eiker, 6 years; Katlyn Lescalleet, 5 years; Rachel Bechler, Brooke Fletcher, Emily Fletcher, 4 years; and Megan Fletcher, Nicole Speak, Abby Adams, Sarah Lane, Abby Lane and Alexis Bond, 3 years.

Leaders were presented with trophies for leadership qualities throughout the year. Those receiving trophies were Danielle Hunzeker, Sarah Lane, Julie Shuyler, Abbie Lane, Jordan Eiker, Amber Rothhaupt, Angela Ridenour, and Kelly Reed. Named for exhibiting outstanding corps leadership was Angela Ridenour.

Members finishing their first year as marching competitors with the corps received plaques. These majorettes were Shannon Coe, Julie Shuyler, Elizabeth Floyd, McKenzie Walker, Rachel Winfrey, Danielle Hunzeker, and Faith Collins.

Each member of the corps received a trophy for having earned the Capital Area Marching Association's Advanced Majorette Corps title, a title won by the corps for over a decade consecutively.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the new queen, Emily Fletcher, voted in to this position by her twirling peers. Emily exhibited the traits felt necessary by the membership to represent the corps as queen in

the coming year. She will enjoy a featured position in the group's hometown parade during the summer. The outgoing queen, Amber Rothhaupt, presented Miss Fletcher with the queens' crown and sash. Members of the court were Caitlyn Purdum and Paula Jean Sharrer.

The group is now accepting new members for its 2012 season and is hosting a free, four-week baton twirling class for beginner twirlers. A free introductory membership is open to all experienced twirlers, as well. For more information or for registration, please call 301-271-4326 or 717-334-5567.

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Emmitsburg Ambulance Company's Bingo Bash and Buck A Bowl/Gun Drawing

On March 10, 2012, the Emmitsburg Ambulance Co., will be holding a Bingo Bash. Doors will open at 4:00 p.m. and games will begin at 7:00 p.m. The cost of tickets are \$35 in advance and \$45 at the door. All group reservations must be made by March 2, 2012.

On March 31, 2012, the Emmitsburg Ambulance Co., will be holding a Buck A Bowl/Gun Drawing. The event will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The gun drawing will be held at 8:30 p.m.

The Emmitsburg Ambulance Company is located at 17701 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

For tickets or more information about either or both of these events, please call Diane at 301-748-6894; Pam at 717-642-9335; or MaryLou at 240-285-3184.

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Gateway Printing Expands

Gateway Printing Inc. (GPI), a local offset and digital printing company, located in Thurmont, Maryland, recently upgraded its arsenal of variable data printing equipment in December 2011. Customer demands continued to rise in the direct mail marketing programs, requiring customized equipment and software to fulfill the upcoming political campaigns, so GPI recently added a high-speed Secap inkjet envelope printer.

According to Ross Smith, President and owner of Gateway Printing, 2012 promises to be the year that printing gets personal, as the Thurmont-based printer expands its variable data printing services. "The era of mass-produced, cookie cutter printed materials is waning," he said. "Our customers want to speak directly to their clients, addressing them by name and reaching out with unique messages, images, and barcodes." Smith added, "This one-on-one print marketing gets more attention and generates better results." Being one of the few digital and offset printing companies in the Frederick area, GPI offers start-to-finish services, from design to printing to bindery. Gateway Printing keeps the cost of variable data printing down by offering competitive pricing and handling everything in-house.

If 2012 is the year you want to expand your profits, make sure you have effective marketing materials. For more information or free quotes, call 301-271-4685 or visit their website at <http://www.gateprint.com>. See their ad on page 6.

Fredrick Business & Professional Women's Club, Inc. Scholarship

The Frederick Business and Professional Women's Club is seeking applicants for its annual scholarships awards. The organization's scholarship will be awarded to women currently enrolled and attending a college-level course study. The requirements include that the women must be a resident of Fredrick County, must show financial need, have professional promise, and have academic achievements and professional qualifications. All applications, college level transcripts and letter of reference must be received by February 12, 2012. Scholarships will be awarded March 20, 2012 for the summer and/or fall semester of 2012. Applications available at www.bpwfredrick.org or on Facebook- Fredrick Business and Professional Women.

For more information, call Cheryl at 301-712-6618.

Mother Seton School Students are Great Spellers



Pictured are the winners of the Mother Seton School Spelling Bee (left to right): Tara O'Donnell—Third Place; Robert Hawkins—Second Place; Stephen Hochschild—First Place; and Michael Kiley—who tied with O'Donnell for Third Place.

Mother Seton School (MSS) students—Grades 4 through 8—competed in the Frederick County Spelling Bee on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, in the school auditorium. The Spelling Bee was sponsored by the Frederick County Public Library. Winners from each class competed in the final contest. Sixth grade student, Stephen Hochschild, won First Place by spelling the word "concerto." Stephen is the son of Joshua and Paige Hochschild of Emmitsburg, Maryland. Eighth grade student, Robert Hawkins, won Second Place. Robert is the son of John and Diane Hawkins of Thurmont, Maryland. As first place winner, Stephen will compete against other private and public school winners in the county-wide Championship Spelling Bee held at Frederick Community College on March 10, 2012. Hawkins will be the alternate if Hochschild is unable to complete. Congratulations to all of the great spellers who competed!

Visit www.mothersetonschool.org.

H&R Block's Grand Re-Opening

by Arietta Grimmert



Photo by Arietta Grimmert

Pictured from left to right: Chief of Police, Gregory L. Eyler; Thurmont Community Ambulance Service: John Han, EMT/Fire Fighter; Brittany Ryley, EMT/Fire Fighter; Jonas Zeigler, Paramedic; Kassandra Manahan, Office Leader; Cindy Wagester, Main Street Manager; Stacie Zelenka, Vice Chair of the Thurmont First-EDC; Deputy Chief of Police, Allen Droneburg, Carolyn Cross, H&R Block District Manager.

In an effort to match convenience with a growing demand for tax services, H&R Block celebrated their grand re-opening of the office on Main Street in Thurmont, Maryland. H&R Block has been at this location since 1974. H&R Block is now offering the current free products: Free 1040 EZ through February 29, 2012; Free Second Look (a review of tax returns for the last three years prepared by other tax services or personal people); and the Emerald Card, which is a prepaid MasterCard through the H&R Block Bank. Clients can load refunds free up to February 4, 2012. After February 4, 2012, there is a one-time fee of \$34.95.

"We constantly strive to provide our communities with greater access

to tax advice and the flexibility to file their taxes however, whenever, and wherever they want," explains District Manager, Carolyn Cross. "We're excited to open for Tax Season 2012 and happily invite local residents to come visit and get to know more about H&R Block and the services we have to offer."

For more information about H&R Block services, please call Kassie at 301-271-7809. There will be four tax professionals on hand to assist, plus receptionists for day or night calls.

There was a raffle held during the grand-reopening. Winners of the raffle were: Allen Droneburg—Food Lion \$25 gift card; Jonas Zeigler—Weis \$25 gift card; and Gregory Eyler—Free Tax Return.

2012 Business Expo Coming Up

The 2012 Thurmont Economic Development Committee Business Expo will be held on March 23, 2012, at Catocin High School, Thurmont. This year's theme is the "Fabulous 50's." Applications will be available online at www.thurmontfirst.com starting January 18, 2012. As always, be sure to register early, as space is limited! Watch for upcoming information about this popular event. See their ad on page 4.

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Twice Is Nice Moves to a New Location

by Arietta Grimmett

Twice Is Nice owner, Jay Angell (pictured right, standing in front of his collection of video games), says games are his best seller, along with baby clothing and baby items. Jay feels that he has made a complete circle, now that his store is currently located in what was formally known (in Jay's younger days) as the Angell's Family Restaurant, owned and operated by his parents, Charles and Lillian Angell.

His entrepreneurship began in the fall of 2008. Jay was out of work at that time, and with the Christmas season fast approaching, his family decided to come together and hold a family yard sale to help financially with the Christmas season. Those who came to his yard sale expressed to Jay that he should continue with this type of business and open his own shop. As a result, Twice Is Nice was opened in November 2008.

On October 14, 2011, Twice Is Nice moved to its present location at 5B Main Street in Thurmont,



Photo by Arietta Grimmett

Maryland, and Jay has not regretted the move. Business has picked up and this past Christmas season was a sell-out. He feels his shop is in an excellent location and is reaching different clientele—from the youth looking for video games to families looking for house wares to an assortment of electronics.

When I asked Jay how he runs his business, he stated that it is “buy, sell, and trade.” It sounded like good business to me. In addition, Jay added that if the baby clothing is not sold within three months, he calls places like the Crisis Pregnancy Center or the Purple Goose and donates the clothing. I give Jay and his shop an A+ for his thoughtfulness toward those who are less fortunate.

business news

JD's Family Restaurant Opens in Emmitsburg

Joe Few of the new JD's Family Restaurant says that he's “putting the family back in family restaurant.” He and his silent partner and sister, Deb Shafer (the J and the D in the name JD's), opened the new family-friendly restaurant at 304 East Main Street in Emmitsburg. This location housed the former Boyle's Store and Main Street Deli. Until now, the location had been

vacant for several years. Joe worked at the former Main Street Deli and also had a restaurant in Libertytown until 2005.

Joe has planned many family-oriented surprises for diners, such as a kid-friendly game room with a pool table; video games and air hockey; an ice cream and smoothie bar with specialty coffees, too; a private dining area for events and parties of up to 40 people; and a comfortable dine-in or carry-out option. Joe said, “Eventually we'll have an outside deck and an up-scale dining room.” Alcoholic beverages are not on the menu at this time.

Employees, Andy Wright, Jessica Ketterman, Jessie Shultz, and Gina Glacken all responded to Joe's “Now Hiring” sign in the window and now comprise Joe's crew. They provide a smile and good service for diners.

JD's broad menu includes breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. A little boy recently told Joe that his were the “best pancakes ever!” During the week, JD's opens at 10:30 a.m., featuring burgers, subs, sandwiches, salads, platters, and dinner served until 9:00 or 9:30 p.m. The restaurant is closed on Tuesdays. Delivery is available from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. until closing, depending on driver availability.

Part of Joe's family-friendly atmosphere includes special discounts for senior citizens, emergency responders, public servants, and military. Stop in to dine or party or call for delivery at JD's soon. For more information, please call 301-447-3840.



Photo by Deb Spalding

Pictured are the staff members at the new JD's Family Restaurant on East Main Street in Emmitsburg. Left to right are Joe Few, Jessica Ketterman, Gina Glacken, Andy Wright and Jessie Shultz.

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A Most Unique Tree House — Continued from cover



Lillian Ecton (left), the current owner of the house, reveals the tree (below), now encased in glass.



Photos by Arietta Grinnett

Greenstone, Pennsylvania. Then, in 1981, she purchased a small cottage, two houses up from the house she currently lives in.

After twenty years in the military, she retired and decided to remain in the Pen Mar area. "I love all four seasons," stated Lillian. She had not experienced the four seasons anywhere else she had been, as they are in the mountains of Pennsylvania. She stated that she loved skiing in the mountains in Germany, but her heart was here in Pennsylvania.

While Lillian was living in the cottage near her current house, she noticed the uniqueness of the house and fell in love with it. She became friends with the previous owners and found out the interesting history behind the house. The house was built in the 1930s, with the back part of the house built around a tree and a large rock. This portion of the house served as the maid's quarters. The rock, since it was too big to move, was used for stair steps into the garage. Next to the garage is the tree, which has been enclosed behind glass. On the left side of

the tree is the maid's quarters. The owners, prior to Lillian, brought their maid and her mule with them when they purchased the house. The builders and the original owners are unknown. The owners prior to Lillian purchased the house in 1947, and over the years, additions to the house were added. Prior to the den being added in the early sixties, the maid's quarters was accessible through the master bedroom. However, after the den was built, the entrance into the maid's quarters (as shown here) became accessible from the den. The additions didn't stop there; the maid's personal stable for her mule was also attached to the house.

Lillian has done quite a bit of remodeling since she purchased the house in 1987, but she could never do away with its history. Walking

After School Clubhouse — Continued from cover

Greco, said her favorite part of the Clubhouse is the Big Box of fun wooden games. Third grader, Bryant Palmer, added, "Kickball is fun outside when the weather is nice."

Despite the program being all fun and games, second grader, Catherine Moorner, said, "There are rules. The big ones are: respect and responsibility. If you break the rules, you get strikes and lectures."

Clubhouse enrollment is limited to twenty participants, and as the program flier states, "This is not a day care program." Emmitsburg's Mayor and Town

Commissioners have been looking at the Clubhouse Program from a financial standpoint in the hopes that consideration can be made to waive the \$35.00 per month participation fee for the program, since enrollment for the previously wait-listed program has dropped to eleven because of it. Historically, the program has been free until last year.

It began as a grant-funded program, managed by Frederick County Parks and Recreation. When Doc Carr was Mayor, the Town



Pictured back row left to right: Julia Moorner, Asst. Director and "Mrs. T" Erma Tressler, Clubhouse Supervisor. Middle row: Kyla Wright, Bryant Palmer, Mac Thomas Moorner, and Ryan Heiss. Front row: Madelyn Greco, Colby Wagerman, Dodge May, Dalton Williams, and Catherine Moorner.

of Emmitsburg co-sponsored the program FCPR. When grant funding was cut, the Town of Emmitsburg assumed the entire cost. Since then, donations have often off-set costs for the program, but not at the present time.

It is apparent in the eager smiles of the kids in the program that they feel it is important to invite friends to join in the fun. For more information, call 301-639-7551 or pick up a flier in the office at Emmitsburg Elementary School.

down the hall—passing the tree, the maid's room, and through the back door where the stable is—proceeding outside and walking out a bit, you can see the tree reaching up from the house. The tree extends about 50 feet out through the roof. Lillian has a tree arborist come in occasionally to assess the tree. Standing there looking at the tree, if you were to drop your eyes down and look into the windows on the side of the house, you would be looking directly into the stable. I cannot leave this story without showing a picture of the maid's room next to the tree. It has been renovated into a quaint little guest room. The "Seldom Inn"



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Emmitsburg Lions Club Celebrates Charter Night

The Emmitsburg Lions Club held its yearly Charter Night event at the Carriage House Inn January 21, 2012. The highlights of the evening were the renewal of the clubs charter, and the announcement of Ms. Sharon Hane as recipient of the



Courtesy Photo

Pictured from left to right are District Governor Stephen Finger, Ms. Sharon Hane, and Club President Clifford Sweeney. District Governor officiated over the clubs charter renewal, and he and the Emmitsburg Lions Club President Clifford Sweeney, presented the "Lion of the Year" award to Ms. Hane.

St. John's Christian Preschool Holds Open House

St. John's Christian Preschool, located at 15 North Church Street in Thurmont provides a program of early childhood education for two, three, and four-year old children where Jesus' loving care is expressed through living, working, learning, and playing together. An Open House will be held on Friday, March 2, with an information session at 9:00 a.m. and a tour of the school at 9:30 p.m. St. John's has been providing early childhood education to the community for 44 years.

St. John's believes that all aspects of learning are significant in the development of the total person. It is hoped that each child will grow and experience the feeling of being loved, wanted, and accepted. The preschool accepts all children regardless of religious denomination or ethnic origin.

At St. John's, attention is given to the development of the individual child with quality learning through a multidisciplinary curriculum. For further information, please call 301-271- 4109. See their ad on page 23.

Free Movie - "Courageous"

Germantown Church of God in Cascade, Maryland, will be showing the film, *Courageous*, on Saturday, February 25, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. *Courageous* is the story of four police officers who have no trouble giving their best on the job, but find that the work of being a father is much more challenging. Germantown Church of God is located at 16924 Raven Rock Road, Cascade. This is a free event. Refreshments will be available. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 301-241-3050.

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Hidden Object Game, "Where Am I?" Photo Game & "Who Am I?" Game Winners Congratulations!

From the January issue of *The Catocin Banner*, Penny Toms was the winner of the Hidden Object Contest (\$25 gift certificate). The airplane was hidden in the AC Express Heating and Air Conditioning ad on page 11. Marie Messner was selected



as the winner of the "Where Am I?" Game (\$10 gift certificate). Last month's "Where Am I?" Photo was taken at Eyler's Valley Chapel. This month's Hidden Object is a kilroy... remember those big-nosed cartoon figures we drew in school?

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



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people making news

2011 Hope Alive, Inc. Volunteer of the Year

Penny Millison was named as 2011 Volunteer of the Year for Hope Alive, Inc., a residential shelter for homeless women and their children, located in Sabillasville, Maryland.



Courtesy Photo

Pictured left is Sue Oehmig, Founder and Executive Director, making the presentation to Penny Millison; on right is Missy Miller, Operations Manager.

Thurmont Grange Officers Installed

At a recent meeting, the 2012 slate of Thurmont Grange Officers were installed for duty.

The Thurmont Grange meets the fourth Monday of each month at the Thurmont Grange Hall. For more information, please call 301-271-2104 or 301-271-7206.



Courtesy Photo

Pictured bottom row left to right are Greta Lambert Flora; Jane Savage, Secretary; Niki Eyler, Gatekeeper; Sharon Stewart, Asst. Steward; Sharon Lewis, Corresponding Secretary; Helen Troxell, Lecturer.

Top row left to right are Maurice Wiles, State Grange Master and Installing Officer; William Zentz, Executive Committee; Clifford Stewart, Treasurer; Milton Mills, Steward; Roger Troxell, Chaplain; Rodman Myers, Master; James Moser, Executive Committee; Robert Wiles, Overseer; Cheryl Lenhart, Pomona; Donna Wiles, State Grange Secretary.

Not present were Sue Keilholtz, Lady Assistant Steward and Sue Sanders, Executive Committee.

Five Generations

In December 2011, Evelyn Forrest, who currently resides at St. Joseph's Ministries in Emmitsburg, and her family of five generations, had their picture taken with Santa.

Evelyn is 87 years young and enjoys playing dominos and bingo with her friends. She just recently was named "Resident of the Month" for February 2012 at St. Joseph's Ministries.

Courtesy Photo

Pictured from left to right: Evelyn Forrest; daughter, Fay Kuhn; great-grand-daughter, Emily Stone; grand-daughter, Susan Robinson; and Santa holding Emily's son, Tryston Stone.



Scooter Raffle Winner



Courtesy Photo

Pictured left to right are The Hubbards and their daughter (seated on scooter) with members of the Thurmont Economic Development Committee - Diana Stull, Joanne Patenaude, Virginia LaRoche, John Nickerson, Stacie Zelenka and Ed Hobbs.

Congratulations to Cheryl Hubbard, winner of the Scooter Raffle, sponsored by the Thurmont Economic Development Committee and Thurmont First Main Street. Cheryl's name was drawn by the town mayor, Marty Burns, at the closing event of "Christmas in Thurmont." She was unable to be reached that evening; however, the next morning, while reading *The Frederick News Post*, she noticed an article about the event and wondered who had won. Shortly thereafter, Cheryl received a call from the Beauty Parlor where she had purchased the winning ticket and heard the good news.

Pictured is Kamdyn Sinchak (4½ months old) enjoying his first snow. Kamdyn is the son of Megan Gonzales and Joe Sinchak of Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania.

Picture was taken on October 30, 2011, during an unusual snow storm that totaled a foot of snow at their house in Blue Ridge Summit.



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senior moments

by Helen Deluca

Hello to all the Seniors of Thurmont and surrounding areas! Good news: We are preparing to put the welcome mat out at the Thurmont Senior Center. The renovation was completed on January 21, 2012. On January 23, 2012, we began working to clean, polish, and put the furniture in place. Thank you to those who came and pitched in to help, it is much appreciated. If all goes well, we will be serving lunch, catered by Cozy, on February 1.

As you pass by, have you noticed the new windows? It's exciting to see the changes to the Center. After we get accustomed to our new home, we will be having a special celebration and grand opening. More information will be coming on the grand opening at a later date.

Here are some dates to keep in mind for the future.

Starting February 6, 2012, every Monday and Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Dave Saylor and Barbara Coolidge will be at the Center to help you with your income taxes. They are volunteers with Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), which is coordinated with the Internal Revenue Service. No appointment is necessary.

The Thurmont Ambulance Co. is planning a Bingo to raise funds for operating the Center. Please keep April 28, 2012, in mind. You will hear and read more in the coming weeks.

In addition, be aware of the new property tax credit for seniors, which was recently passed by the Frederick County Commissioners. The necessary forms may not be available until February.

Your income and assets will determine if you qualify. There is also a town property tax credit available. Ask at the Town Office.

In the past, I wrote about our wish list at the Center. One item on the wish list was new chairs. An estimate to paint and reupholster the 55 chairs we have will cost approximately \$3,000. We found new chairs that are sturdy and come with a 10-year warranty that cost \$20.00 each. We need to replace the 55 chairs we have. We don't use all the chairs every day, but they are needed for special events. So, we are asking you: can you or will you sponsor a chair? The cost is \$20. We will honor your help with a plaque to be placed on back of the chair. You can make your donation in memory of a loved one, in your name only, your company



Photo by Irene Matthews

Thurmont Center Center

name, or remain anonymous. Your \$20 will go a long way in defraying the cost to the Center, and it will be a lasting and useful way to show you care. You can sponsor as many chairs as you like. Send your check to the Thurmont Senior Center, 806 East Main St, Thurmont, MD 21788, ATTN: Helen Deluca. Be sure to include what name you would like on the plaque and also your phone number, so we can reach you if there are any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Our drapes and shades for the new windows are now on order. We needed to replace the drapes that served their purpose for 25 years. We have new windows, so new sizes are needed.

The Center will also be available for special events. If you are interested in renting the Center, please call or visit to get the details about cost and available dates. The added space, new restrooms, tables and chairs, and new look will make an attractive place to have your special event. Call 301-271-7911.

If you have a computer, visit our new website for the Center at www.thurmontseniorcenter.weebly.com. The website is new and more information will be added as we continue to grow.

The Board of Directors and all the faithful seniors that continue to enjoy the lunch program would like to express our sincere gratitude to Ms. Barbara Anderson, Pastoral Director of Saint Anthony's Shrine, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel parishes for the use of the Parish Center through December and January. Our thanks to John Dowling, Neil Hagelin, Sister Val, and the employees of the Cozy Restaurant for their support. Their help made it possible to continue the lunch program while the Center was closed for renovations. Each day our determination to keep the Center open is boosted by the generosity and kindness of so many. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all of them.

What is Qigong? (Say "chee gung")

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Qigong healers train their physical senses to learn how to detect, move, store, and use their energy for their own well-being and for the well-being of others.

The body's energy can be strengthened through proper intake of food, air, drink, sleep, prayer, and meditation. It can also be weakened by a lack of these same things. Suppressed emotions such as anger and grief can become trapped within the body tissues, suppressing the flow of energy and causing blockages. If not dealt with, these blockages can cause serious problems over time.

Qigong healers use their knowledge of the body's energy fields to purge, tone, and balance these energies, so that the body can heal and rid itself of mental and physical traumas.

Qigong is a completely safe, natural, and non-invasive way to good health. With proper training and practice, everyone can learn to do this. Qigong helps lung diseases (bronchitis), liver problems (gallstones), heart disease, spleen disease, kidney problems, chronic fatigue, immune system diseases, headaches, colds, dyslexia, edema, high blood pressure, and many other problems.

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Monthly calendars listing lunch menus and activities are available at the Center, or on the Department of Aging website at www.fredrickcountymd.gov/daa. For information about specific programs, or to schedule a tour, please call the Emmitsburg Regional Senior Center Coordinator, Linda Umbel, at 301-600-6350 or email Linda at lumbel@fredrickcountymd.gov.



Santa with the good boys and girls at the Emmitsburg Senior Center.

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in their own words

Francis Anthony Tortoro, Sr.

Having been born and raised in the small, rural community of Thurmont, Maryland, I have come to appreciate the many benefits that our country life affords—the slower pace of life, the friendliness of the people, and the scenic beauty of the Catoctin Mountain. No doubt that many people upon witnessing the contrast in lifestyle between city life and the Catoctin region decided that Thurmont was, indeed, an ideal place to live and made their move to our area.

Something similar to this experience occurred over sixty-six years ago for my father, Francis A. Tortoro, Sr., and his parents, Frank and Anna Tortoro. My grandfather, Frank, was an Italian immigrant to America in 1869, at the age of five. He became a master stonecutter in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1943. He was approached by Mr. Ernest P. Hammaker of Hammaker Bros. Memorials of Thurmont for employment. Upon accepting the position, my grandfather would stay during the week at Fleagle's boarding home on Church Street. He would return to Baltimore by way of the Western Maryland Railway each Friday for the weekend to be with his family. By 1945, they decided to make the move to Thurmont, and on May 11 of that year, moved into a home along Route 550 and Kelbaugh Road, north of Thurmont.

Upon their arrival to Thurmont, when house hunting in early 1945, they arrived by a Western Maryland steam powered passenger train from Baltimore. What struck my father and his parents most was the mountain scenery—a sight unseen

from the city scope of Baltimore. My father was immediately taken in by the rustic, old-time flavor of the community. As a fan of the Singing Cowboy, Gene Autry, he felt he had arrived in "Gene Autry Country." Of special interest was the Western Maryland Railway station, complete with a hand-crank telephone, from which they called Mr. Hammaker upon their arrival.

There were still a number of horse-drawn wagons in use within the area, particularly by those living on farms, and he would often see them in town. Many of the local businesses also reflected an old-time flavor; among them were The Thurmont Bank, Eby's Shoe Shop, and the Wisotzkey's on the square.

In 1948, my grandparents returned to Baltimore so my father could enroll in the City of Baltimore Barber School; and on August 2, 1948, he officially began his sixty-year career in the barber profession. Within five months, he was eligible to obtain his apprentice license, which he acquired on January 27, 1949.

Prior to the completion of his studies, he obtained his first part-time position as a barber at Nick Lind's Barbershop on the 3200 Block of Baltimore Street on February 25, 1949. Within two weeks following his March 1, 1949, completion of studies, he became a full-time employee.

In addition to his barbershop, Mr. Lind was also a jeweler and owned a jewelry shop up the street from his barbershop. Mr. Lind decided to pursue his jewelry business full-time, and having determined my fathers'



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The late Francis Anthony Tortoro, Sr. is pictured in his former barber shop on North Center Street in Thurmont.

excellent professionalism, quality of workmanship, and many satisfied customers, promoted him to shop manager, a position he held until his family returned to Thurmont in November of 1951, to reside at 22 Church Street.

My fathers' goal was to open his own barber shop. Upon passage of the test for a Qualified Barber's License at the Vaughn Barber School on January 17, 1951, he moved toward achieving his goal. In November of 1951, upon returning to Thurmont, he converted the front room of his parent's Church Street home into a barbershop, which he opened during the last week of 1951, with an official opening of January 1, 1952.

My father married the former Mary Henning, a life-long resident of Thurmont, on April 24, 1955, and subsequently moved his barbershop to our present home in November,

1958. He continued operation of his small one-chair shop until he retired due to declining health at the end of June 2008, at the age of 84, after over fifty-six years in business in Thurmont, and sixty years in the profession.

After retirement, he experienced several health issues, and in October 2010, was diagnosed with beginning Alzheimer's. In December 2010, he was hospitalized and entered the Glade Valley Center in Walkersville, Maryland, where he was a resident until his passing early on New Year's Day 2012—ironically, on the 60th anniversary of the opening of his barbershop on Church Street in Thurmont on January 1, 1952.

Though he never earned a large income, he earned enough to support his wife and two sons. We didn't have any luxuries, but we had everything we needed—the greatest blessing being that both of our parents were always home, something that is most rare in today's society. He enjoyed playing guitar and singing Gene Autry cowboy and western songs. He was a most devoted husband and father, for his family was what he cherished most. He was a soft-spoken, quiet and gentle man, whose example in life I hope to emulate. My family and I have been most grateful for the experience of sympathy by our extended family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and past patrons of my fathers' barbershop. Many memories have been shared with us by those who have known him over the years and whose lives he touched.

—Sincerely, Francis A. Tortoro, Jr.

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Wivell's Annual Christmas Party

The descendants of Roy and Helen Wivell held their annual Christmas party on January 1, 2012, at Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Linda Kahley was the emcee. Everyone was welcomed, and the blessing was led by Mary Wivell and Helen Reaver. Attendance was 169; the family now totals 516. Linda gave an update on the family for 2011. We had two weddings; nine births; and one death, Joseph Wivell, Sr. Linda then acknowledged all the wedding anniversaries, including 40 years for Roy and Rose Wivell, and 60 years for Jim and Lorraine Wivell.

Arlene Putnam then asked for any help on the ancestry of our family. Door prizes were drawn, consisting of Christmas pictures, hats, cookies, candy, and money. Winners were Mary Anne Shields, Karen Oliver, Don Wivell, Joey Wivell, Henry Wivell, Jr., Ashley Merriman, Jenna Wivell, Amanda Wivell, Heather Wivell, Roy Wivell, Jr., Nancy Wagman, Betty Wivell, Jeannine Wivell, Melynn Oliver, Vince Reaver and Chris Wivell.

Special recognition was given to Carrie Wivell for her involvement with the FFA at the National

Convention.

Next was the Nativity Scene, portrayed by the great grandchildren and directed by Cathy Yoder. Karen Oliver read the story of Our Lord's birth. Participants were: Jesus—portrayed by Lyndon Shane Wivell; Mary—portrayed by Elysah Damico; Joseph—portrayed by Colby Wivell; Angels—were played by Kimberly Shields, Nina Matthews and Erykah Damico; Wisemen—Herbie Matthews and Autumn Kuhn and the Shepherds were played by Tyler Wivell and Madison Kuhn. Our singers for the pageant were Arlene Putnam, Karen Oliver, Mary Anne Shields and Cathy Yoder, who led the family in singing "Silent Night."

The family gave a generous donation to the Emmitsburg Food Bank, and several monetary donations were given to those in need. Everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet! Santa was unable to attend this year, so gifts were handed out by several great grandchildren. As always, the family wishes everyone a Happy, Blessed and Prosperous New Year.

— Helen Reaver

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But the JB chicken salad I'd serve to any guest.
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Our special request is such a delight.

Sunday Breakfast is the favorite for Fred.
Hominy, gravy, and toasted bread,
Two eggs over easy are on the side,
Lookout mouth—open wide!

One day a month it's hard to find a seat,
Since the dinner that's served can't be beat,
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— Karen and Fred



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Vigilant Hose Company Annual Banquet

The 128th Annual Banquet of the Vigilant Hose Company was held on Saturday, January 7, 2012, at Mother Seton School. During the banquet, the 2012 Officers of the company were installed. The 2012 Officers include:

Administrative Officers: President, Timothy M. Clarke; Vice President, Arthur J. Damuth; Treasurer, Steven M. Hollinger; Assistant Treasurer, William D. Boyd, Jr.; Secretary, Steven W. Valentine; Assistant Secretary, Thomas Vaughn; Board of Director Members: John A. Glass, John S. Hollinger, Randy Myers, Douglas D. Orner, and Carl A. White.

Line Officers: Chief, A. Frank Davis; Deputy Chief, James E. Click; Assistant Chief, Christopher A. Stahley; Captain, Christopher Ryder; Lieutenant, Keith Hurtt; Lieutenant, Robert A. Rosensteel, Jr.; Lieutenant, Chad M. Umbel.

Fire Police: Captain, Paul Krietz; 1st Lieutenant, Samuel Cool; 2nd Lieutenant, Stephen Orndorff.

Auxiliary Officers: President, Shirley Little; Vice President, Diana Hoover; Treasurer, Jo Ann Boyd; Secretary, Joyce E. Glass; Financial Secretary, Mandy Ryder; Historian, Shannon Cool.

During the banquet, the Auxiliary President, Shirley Little, presented the Vigilant Hose Company President with a check for \$45,000.

Length of Service Awards were presented to the following individuals: 5 Years — John Hoyle, Charles Stuart; 10 Years — Chris Ryder; 15 Years — Paul Krietz; 20 Years — Frank Rauschenberg; 25 Years — John Glass, Bob Rosensteel, Jr., and Dave Vaughn, Sr. (with 25 years of service, these three individuals receive life membership); 30 Years — Hugh Boyle, Steve Hollinger; 35 Years — Herb Click, Jr.; 40 Years — Larry Glass; 45 Years — Mike Orndorff, Roland Sanders; 60 Years — Patrick Boyle; 65 Years — John Hollinger; 70 Years — Tom Hoke.

LOSAP Awards were awarded to the following individuals: Tenth Top LOSAP — Wayne Powell; Ninth Top LOSAP — Bill Boyd; Eighth Top LOSAP — Josh Brotherton; Seventh Top LOSAP — Frank Davis; Sixth Top LOSAP — John Damskey; Fifth Top LOSAP — Ken Shoemaker; Fourth Top LOSAP — Jim Click; Third Top LOSAP — Elyssa Cool; Second Top LOSAP — Doug Orner; Top LOSAP — Cliff Shriner.

Top firefighter responders for fire calls for 2011 include: Tenth Top Responder — Chris McKenna (149 calls); Ninth Top Responder — John Javor (150 calls); Eighth Top Responder — Matt Volchansky (162 calls); Seventh Top Responder — Randy Myers (168 calls); Sixth Top Responder — Jason Powell (171 calls); Fifth Top Responder — Dale Fogle (197 calls); Fourth Top Responder — Josh Brotherton (222 calls); Third Top Responder — Ken Shoemaker (233 calls); Second Top Responder — Alex McKenna (252 calls); Top Responders for 2011 — Cliff Shriner (394 calls).

Top fire police responders for 2011 include: Third Top Responder — Paul Krietz (147 calls); Second Top Responder — Monroe Hewitt (222 calls); Top Responder for 2011 — Sam Cool (269 calls).

Alex McKenna received an award for the individual who completed the most hours of in-house training and training conducted by outside agencies, which includes the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, the National Fire Academy, and Frederick County Fire & Rescue for 2011.

Steve Hollinger was awarded the President's Award for 2011.

Josh Brotherton was awarded the Chief's Award for 2011.

The highest award to be presented at the annual banquet is the Hall of Fame Award. This year the VHC inducted Cliff Shriner into the Hall of Fame.



Vigilant's top firefighter responders for fire calls for 2011: Chris McKenna (149 calls); John Javor (150 calls); Matt Volchansky (162 calls); Randy Myers (168 calls); Jason Powell (171 calls); Dale Fogle (197 calls); Josh Brotherton (222 calls); Ken Shoemaker (233 calls); Alex McKenna (252 calls); Cliff Shriner (394 calls).

Auxiliary President, Shirley Little (shown left), presents former Vigilant President, John Damskey (shown right), with a check.



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Cliff Shriner receives the Hall of Fame Award, the highest award presented at the Vigilant banquet.

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Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company Holds Annual Banquet

The Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company #26 held its 23rd Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 14, 2012. The invocation was given by Fr. John Holliday of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Assistant Secretary, Eric Stackhouse, served as Master of Ceremonies and kept the audience humored and entertained. Emmitsburg's Mayor, Donald Briggs was the guest speaker. He acknowledged honorable individuals who serve in the company.

2012 President, Mary Lou Little, presented the administrative awards, including the Jaime Eyer Volunteer of the Year Award to Mr. Ed Bolin; the Donald B. Byard Humanitarian Award to Mr. Jim Wormley, and the

President's Award to Ms. Angela Javor. She recognized special community members who help the company in various ways. These individuals are Marty Austin, Jaime Austin, Barb Martin, Jenna Ott, Rodney Hutzell, Amy Clingan, Mark Topper, Missy Topper, and Bonnie Eyer.

2012 Chief, David Stonesifer, presented the Company's operational awards, including Rookie of the year to Ms. Kaitlyn Smith, the David L. Copenhaver Driver of the Year Award to Ms. Beth Ruppel, the Thomas L. Topper EMS Provider of the Year to Mr. John Ruppel and the Chief's Award to Mr. Eric Stackhouse.



Operational Officers are pictured left are Lieutenant, Elyssa Cool; Deputy Chief, Chad McNair; Chief, David Stonesifer; Asst. Chief, John Ruppel; Sergeant, Chris McKenna; and Honorary Lieutenant, Ed Little.



Emmitsburg Ambulance Top Responders are pictured left to right: Robert Dinterman, Sr., Penny Stonesifer, Kaitlyn Smith, Melissa McKenney, Chief, David Stonesifer, Chris McKenna, Thomas Ward, Beth Ruppel, Eric Stackhouse, Elyssa Cool. Benjamin Haynes is not pictured.

Pictured right are the 2012 Board of Directors: Angela Javor, Jean Javor, Robert Dinterman and Edward Little (front).



The 2012 Administrative Officers are top, left to right, Vice President, Diane Kelly; President, Marylou Little; Secretary, Kaitlyn Smith; front row - Assistant Treasurer, Beth Ruppel; Treasurer, Pam Bolin; Assistant Secretary, Eric Stackhouse.

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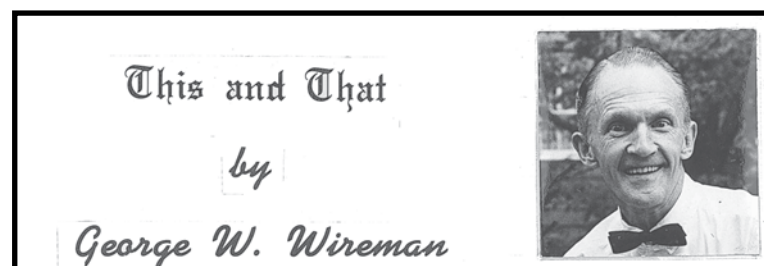
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“Remembering Pap” — continued from cover

interviewed, and acted as a proud tour guide to each one lucky enough to make the trip down Route 15.

I’ll always remember when I lived with Pap for a few years on Carroll Street. There are some special memories in my heart that no one else got to experience and a side of George Wireman that no one else got to see—the times he would stick out his false teeth and chase my brothers and me around the house; the times he put on Lawrence Welk and got out his baton while pretending to conduct the music, as my brothers and I marched through the house in a parade, where my Mom and Dad were the only spectators; or the very loud and very funny Woody Woodpecker impression he would do.

Pap and I would often walk together around town, and he would show and tell me things about buildings and landmarks—what they mean, and why they were there. Once, I asked him how he knew so much. He said, “This is my life and where I live; it’s important for everyone to know where they came from.”

Pap has so many achievements and awards; it would be difficult to list them all. He graduated from Thurmont High School in 1939, and then attended Hagerstown Business College, majoring in Accounting and Business Law. His first job was at The Thurmont Bank, and he retired from Moore Business Forms on December 31, 1985. Then, he really started working.

Among some of the things that I know he was most proud of is the book he wrote about Thurmont called *Gateway to the Mountains*—rare and hard to find, a true treasure; his time as editor of Thurmont’s weekly newspaper *The Catoclin Enterprise*; and his two Saturday Morning talk shows on WTHU “This And That” and “George Wireman’s Thurmont World,” which spanned 30 years. He was also a judge for The Miss United Teenager Pageant Organization for 16 years. Thanks, Pap, for all the beautiful women I got to meet! His love of big band music hit a high note in 1987, when he became the Concert Coordinator for Thurmont’s summer concert series in Memorial Park on Sunday evenings. Everyone knows his love of trains, and I was just one of

many children over the years that enjoyed his awesome model train layout. He truly loved his 14 years as conductor of the tourist railroad, The Walkersville Southern Railroad, where he also participated in the dinner mystery trains there. Most recently, he enjoyed researching and writing articles for Thurmont’s two monthly publications: *The Catoclin Banner* and *The Thurmont Times*. One other moment in time he loved to talk about with great fondness was March 22, 1959. This was the time my mother, Carole Brown, invited President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold MacMillan to Palm Sunday service at Trinity United Church of Christ—and they attended. If you want to know more, buy the book—if you can find it! One last plug for ya, Pap!

Pap was really proud of all of these great moments and times. For me, there is one memory—a special two days with Pap that I will never forget—that I want to share with you.

Pap had his radio show on WTHU for many years. Management changed, ownership changed, and the format changed many times. Eventually, his show went off the air for a few years before returning. When I was 10 or 12 years old, I would occasionally walk to the radio station with Pap and sit quietly in the next room in amazement, watching him do his talk show. I truly think this is where my interest in radio and journalism began. After his show, he would introduce me to the DJ on the air, and I would watch him play music and make announcements. When I found out I could do this for a living—play music I love and have people pay me to do it—it seemed too good to be true. Jumping ahead quite a few years, I graduated from The Columbia School of Broadcasting in Washington, D.C., and began my radio career in 1987. Using the name Captain Connors, I eventually got the 7:00 p.m. to Midnight shift on WYCR in York, Pennsylvania. My show became very popular, and although Pap wasn’t too crazy about the music I played, he told me he listened in from time to time. One Thanksgiving, Pap and I got to talking about radio. He mentioned how excited he was to be back on the air at WTHU doing

Tribute Photos of George Wireman



George Wireman at WTHU Radio in Thurmont, with the producer and guest, taken in 2002.

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Wireman.

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Photo taken in 2001—Pap George Wireman, Jeff’s Mom, Ashley, and Tyler.

Photo by Jeff Brown

his Saturday morning talk show, this time called “George Wireman’s Thurmont World.” I told him how I would love to be on his show sometime. He said, “I’ll make you a deal; you can be on my radio show if I can be on yours.” How could I resist?

One Monday night in May of 1997, Pap came to the studio. We went on the air briefly together; he shared an old joke and gave the weather forecast for the Catoclin Mountains. After explaining how Pap or “Grandpa Connors” got me interested in radio, he jokingly asked me to play some Lawrence Welk. Although I wanted too, I didn’t for two reasons: one, I’d be fired; and two, I don’t think the listeners waiting for the next Backstreet Boys song would have appreciated it.

That Saturday, I drove to Thurmont to be on Pap’s radio show. He took such pride introducing me to his listeners, bragging about my accomplishments and taking full credit for them. I shared a story about my early years at WTHU, and then Pap proceeded with a detailed description of the many changes to WTHU and radio in general over the last 20 to 30 years. Before I knew it, time was up and we were off the air. But there was a moment when he was talking on the air, he winked at me, and I knew this was his way

of saying “this is great, ain’t it?” I fought back tears and thanked him so many times for those two days. I later realized, without getting too technical, that because of the signal strength of WYCR and the huge audience I had at night, and by inviting those listeners to tune in to WTHU that Saturday, Pap had his biggest listening audience ever. He knew what he was doing—always self-promoting. With George Wireman comes Thurmont, which he promoted like no other.

In his very last article he would ever write for *The Catoclin Banner*, he quoted Kenneth McFarland about being successful and enjoying life...

“If you want to be not only successful, but personally happy and permanently successful, then do your job in such a way that puts lights in people’s faces. Do that job in such a way, that when you are out of sight, folks will know which way you went by the lamps you left behind.”

Pap was a big believer in never forgetting the past—it’s part of who we are. Now that he’s gone, how fitting that George Wireman himself, has become a special part of Thurmont’s past that he loved so very much. Good bye, Pap, I love you. Don’t worry, none of us will ever forget, and you’ll forever light up the night with all the lamps you left behind.

Your Sentiments and Memoires of George Wireman

Lori Smith Zentz

Former Publisher, *The Catocin Banner*

George Wireman loved his community—the news, the history, the people. I was blessed to have known him and proud to call him my friend.

George and I started our friendship as neighbors. At the time, he was a writer for the *Glade Times Mountain Mirror*, and I had just started publishing *The Catocin Banner*. One day, I asked him if he would like to write for my newspaper sometime. I was thrilled that he was willing to write for me and to share his love for community news with my newspaper's readers.

George started out writing the column "This and That." It was a sampling of community news mixed with some history. He then approached me with the idea for a photo story called "Then and Now." The monthly column featured a historical photograph, along with a brief history about the subject and a "now" photo of the subject. This column was very popular and one of my personal favorites. I learned a lot about our community through that pictorial column.

George was also the author of another column in *The Catocin*

Banner, under which he used a pen name. George Wireman was the infamous "Roving Ron" and "Traveling Terri." This popular column ran for years in *The Catocin Banner*, never revealing who the real writer was. It was George's and my secret. He wanted to be anonymous. He wanted to walk around town (roving) and see what was happening, to report on it without anyone knowing. If you had a new display in your window, Roving Ron would notice and mention it. If something special was happening, Roving Ron would attend and share his perspective. The column was all about the good things and the good people in our community and really exemplified the heart of *The Catocin Banner*—to report on the good news in our community.

George was *The Catocin Banner's* biggest fan. I think he loved the paper as much as I did; he was always finding news stories for me and introducing me to new people. George was a wealth of information and was a great asset to the newspaper.

I tried to pay George for all he did for the *Banner*, but he would never take a penny. So, I would help him whenever I could to try and repay his kindness to me. I gave him a ride

here and there, helped him with his computer, made business cards for him, created his flyers and programs for his band concerts, and anything else I could do.

There are no words to express my gratitude for having known George and having him in my life. George was more than a writer for my newspaper, he was a friend to me and I loved him like he was part of my own family.

I will miss you, Roving Ron.

Bill and Nancy Rice

One of my fondest memories of George is from the 1940s. During the early years of WWII, George formed a model airplane club here in town. Local boys purchased model airplane kits from Wisotzkey's Store. This group would meet with George a couple nights each week in a room under Wisotzkey's Store on the square. George shared his knowledge of the different types of airplanes with the boys and helped them assemble their planes. When everyone's model was finished, George took us all to the high school (now Middle School) baseball field where we flew the planes. We would wind up the propeller powered by a

rubber band and watch them fly. I may be the only one still living who remembers George for this act of kindness.

John Kinnaird

George will be sorely missed by the residents of Thurmont, missed as both a familiar face seen around town and for his extensive knowledge of local history. George not only related interesting stories about Thurmont's history, but to many of our residents, he was a living part of Thurmont's history. I remember being with Glenn Ramsburg when someone asked if he had known George for long. Glenn answered, "There has been a George Wireman for as long as I can remember." An odd answer until you realize that Glenn was in his twenties when he moved to Thurmont in 1924, and he had known George since he was just a young boy. For the vast majority of today's Thurmont residents, there has always been a George Wireman, and although he is now gone, he will live on in our hearts and minds through his many published works and in our cherished memories.

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tickling our taste buds

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

Hello, again. Usually this time of the year I’m complaining about the cold weather and snow. So far, we’ve had a relatively mild winter, but I’m sure we’re going to get hammered with the wintry mix at some point.

When that time comes, and school is closed, or it’s just too bad to be outside, here’s a fun and easy recipe to try with the youngsters. If you make these cookies with heart-shaped cutters, they make a perfect Valentine’s Day treat.

Stained Glass Sugar Cookies

½ cup butter or margarine, softened
¼ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla or ½ teaspoon lemon extract
2½ cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
Fruit flavored Life Savors

Mix thoroughly shortenings, sugar, eggs and flavoring. Blend in flour, baking powder, and salt. Cover; chill at least 1 hour.

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Roll dough 1/8 inch thick on lightly floured, cloth-covered board. Cut into 3” circle with biscuit cutter or top of a large drinking glass. Use a small cutter to cut a shape out of the center. Place cookies on a cookie sheet that has been lined with parchment paper. Crush the candies and fill the center hole. Bake 6 to 8 minutes or until edges begin to brown slightly and candy is melted. Let cool completely. *Note: Make your Valentine’s Day treats by using heart-shaped cutters and filling center with cherry Life Savers.*

Local Student Places in the Poetry Out Loud Contest

“Taking the most condensed and powerful form of language we have, embodying it and inspiring a room full of people” was the goal for Frederick County high school students who took to the stage January 6, 2012, in the national Poetry Out Loud competition, said Deanna Nikaido. Ms. Nikaido coordinates the Poetry Out Loud competition for the Maryland State Arts Council. Supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, the national recitation contest encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance, and competition.

Each of 10 county-level competitors memorized and recited two poems before an audience, brimming with enthusiastic supporters at the Frederick Arts Council, said Carrie Mehl, FCPS teacher specialist for Secondary English/ Language Arts. Frederick Arts Council executive director Shuan Butcher served as master of ceremonies. Guest judges included representatives from the local theater community, poet Daniel Abbott Armstrong, Lucy School founder and director Dr. Victoria Brown, Quest Visual Theater Education/Outreach coordinator Erica Segal and FCPS curriculum specialist for English/Language Arts and Reading Sue Ann Nogle.

Local Catocin High School junior, Robin Wivell, received Second Place in the Poetry Out Loud competition. Linganore High School senior, Alexa Johnson, received First Place; and Oakdale High School junior, Kaylee Anzick, received Third Place. They will all advance to Region One competition, which includes Allegany, Baltimore, Frederick, and Washington Counties, on February 11, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Poetry Out Loud began in 2005 to help students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence and learn about their literary heritage. For more information, visit www.poetryoutloud.org.

Art Show featuring Local Student Art Works

Timeless Trends Boutique and Janie Moltrup Photography are hosting an Art Show for Students Only! Students ages 14 to 19 are invited to submit their original artworks for consideration and acceptance in a local Art show titled “Expectations.”

The student must create all entries submitted. Each work must be appropriately framed and ready for hanging. The sizes of works can be “8x10” to “20x24” outer frame size.

Each student is invited to submit up to three pieces of work for consideration. This is a juried show. Unfortunately, not all entries are guaranteed a place in the show.

All accepted artists will receive a certificate of recognition for participation in the show, and there will be prizes awarded for the top four student works and for Best in Show. Local professional artists will jury artwork during the month of April.

An opening reception is scheduled for March 31, 2012, at Timeless Trends Boutique, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Participants and guests are invited to bring family and friends to the reception to view their works and meet other artists.

For entry forms and more information, please contact Virginia LaRoche at Timeless Trends Boutique, 21 E. Main Street, Thurmont, Maryland, at 240-288-8226.



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A Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification helps validate proficiency in using Microsoft Office 2010 and meets the demand for the most up-to-date skills on the latest Microsoft technologies. Candidates who pass a certification exam show that they can meet globally recognized performance standards. Earning a Microsoft Office Specialist certification can help you differentiate yourself in today's competitive job market, broaden your employment opportunities by displaying your advanced skills, and result in higher earning potential. Microsoft Office Specialist certification can also lead to increased job satisfaction. Research indicates that certified individuals have increased competence, productivity, and credibility with their employers, co-workers, and clients.

In this tight economy—whether attending college or not—many of our students will begin working right after high school. And, in this highly competitive job market, businesses are looking for employees already trained in Microsoft Office and ready to start work with little additional training. Furthermore, many colleges and universities require incoming students to be proficient in Office 2010 for all classes. Rather than having to waste precious money on tuition for introductory computer classes in college, the students listed have already become Microsoft certified while still in high school, and will most likely be exempt from those courses!

Microsoft Certification Training courses at CHS help prepare students for multiple career paths. Through the FCPS FAST FORWARD program, up to nine college credits are available for students who take MCT I, II, and III.

Congratulations to the following Microsoft Certification Training I students who recently passed the international Microsoft Office Specialist exam for

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school news

First-Class Leadership and Service

Emmitsburg Elementary School counselor, Sarah Olinger-Fawley, recently earned her third First-Class Employee Award.

Principal Kathryn Golightly says that Sarah is a leader in her school. For example, Sarah helped found the Attendance Committee, a volunteer group of staff members who meet regularly to discuss ways to improve student attendance trends. One strategy Sarah uses is to give a special greeting to targeted students each morning to build positive relationships.

"Sarah always goes above and beyond to assist students, parents, and staff," Principal Golightly says. "She is often the first person children interact with in our building and the last person as they head home. She is a remarkable person."

Congratulations to Sarah and all staff earning First-Class Employee awards: Lisa Allen, Jennifer Harbaugh, Charles Kline, Meg Lee, Deborah Lomb, Cathianna Pfrang, Tammy Portner, Tamara Reed, Rebecca Reickel, Donna Saylor, Janine Sherman, Jennifer Shesman, Susan Valenti, and Ximena Elizabeth Villacis.



Courtesy Photo
Pictured is Sarah Olinger-Fawley, Emmitsburg Elementary School Counselor.

First Lego League Qualifier



Courtesy Photo
Pictured are The Robo Knights with their coaches (left to right): Patty Sanville, Ben Sanville, Garrett Mayhew, Marie Mayhew, Alex Mayhew, and Ian Sanville.

On Sunday, January 15, 2012, four Frederick County Home School students used a robot, their brains, and months of research in a friendly competition. Alex Mayhew (age 12) and Garret Mayhew (age 8) of Thurmont, and Ben Sanville (age 10) and Ian Sanville (age 13) of Frederick competed in a First Lego League (FLL) qualifier in the areas of Core Values, Robot Design, Robot Performance, and Project Presentation. As a result of months of hard work, the team called "Robo Knights," won First Place in the Core Values category. The team had a great time and learned a lot. They are all looking forward to next year's FLL Challenge.

The competition, held at The Universities at Shady Grove in Rockville, Maryland, was part of First Lego League's (FLL) 2011 Food Factor Challenge. The name Lego makes one think of the colorful plastic bricks that can be used to build just about anything imaginable. Using Lego's Mindstorms kit is certainly a big part of the FLL Challenge, but students also need to research a particular problem regarding food safety and come up with an original solution. One thing First Lego League stresses is its set of Core Values. Core Values encompasses Teamwork, Gracious Professionalism, and Cooperation. For more information on First Lego League, please visit www.firstlegoleague.org.



Rube's Crab Shack Too!

Birthdays are always a great opportunity to try a new restaurant, and usually celebrating the occasion as a group is an excellent chance to sample other people's menu choices at your table. This month, we visit

Rube's Crab Shack Too at its second location in Emmitsburg, Maryland, on North Seton Ave.

We will touch on the food in a moment, as it would be remiss of me not to mention that Rube's is a great place to throw back a few cold ones while watching the Steelers game! Sorry, folks, but this is a Steelers' joint, though I'm confident no one will hold that against Ravens, Redskins, Cowboys, or Eagles fans.

The decor is typical crab shack chic, with crab-related decorations on the walls, and plenty of table space for folks to "bust open some number one jimmies"—that's crab shack talk for the best crabs you can buy. Rube's will even loan you a mallet to crack the crabs open.

Located at the front of the restaurant is a large U-shaped bar with plenty of drafts on tap, as well as a large assortment of bottled beers. A large screen TV is typically on, showing a sporting event (hopefully, football).

As with any typical crab shack, noise tends to be much greater than most other eating establishments. Unlike a regular seafood restaurant, crab shacks—such as Rube's—pride themselves on local tradition, and they are often frequented by local repeat business, resulting in a much friendlier, casual atmosphere.

Although the main theme of Rube's is crabs, the menu does offer other options, such as steak, as well as chicken and burgers. There is also a small children's menu for the little ones.



Clockwise from the top-left: crab cakes and potatoes as a side; shrimp salad sandwich; crab cake sandwich with fries.

Photos by Aaron J. Heiner

If history has taught the restaurant industry one thing—time and time again—it is this: the more items there are on the menu, the more the quality suffers. With Rube's two-page menu, the kitchen is able to concentrate on quality, not quantity.

For my main entree, I ordered the crab cake platter—with one crab cake fried (boardwalk style) and the other broiled (restaurant style)—along with a side of fries and mashed potatoes, and a Corona. Other sides are available to choose from, as well.

As always, I'll start with the sides, which in this case, were two forms of potatoes. The french fries were standard fare—well cooked, not overly done, nor too soft from undercooking. They did require salting and old bay to meet my particular tastes. The mashed potatoes, on the other hand, were well-salted and buttery.

It was time to judge the crab cakes. Starting with the fried crab cake—also referred to as "boardwalk style"—it was all crab meat, with a minimum amount of filler. It was crispy, well-cooked on the outside, resembling the type of crab cake one might find on the boardwalk of Ocean City, Maryland.

The broiled crab cake—also referred to as "restaurant style"—had even less filler. It was full of lump meat and tasted very good. This style of crab cake is what one would normally find in a more upscale dining establishment, requiring the use of a fork.

Both crab cakes were winners in

Stepping Up



Photo by Carie Stafford

Boy Scout Troop 270 is always available to help out those in need. When Catoctin Mountain Park asked Troop 270 to help with a service project over the Christmas break, the Boy Scouts stepped up to the challenge. The idea of a handicapped accessible campground was started by the Job Corps in the 1980s; however, it was never finished. Being a dream of Debbie Mills of Catoctin Mountain Park to see this special project finished, she reached out to Troop 270 for help.

On December 26, 2011, boy scouts showed up to work the trail to make this dream a reality. Running out of dirt, they came back on December 31, 2011, to complete the task. Troop 270 spent 113 hours building a wheel chair accessible campground at the Spicebush Trail in Catoctin Mountain Park.

Filled with gratitude, Debbie stated, "It was amazing! It is difficult to put my appreciation into words. In fact, I have struggled with the narrative of Thank You notes for the project for many days. Please tell Billy, Dwayne, and everyone in Troop 270 that their work means more than they can imagine. Troop 270 will be honored at the formal ribbon cutting ceremony next spring. However, I am sure they will carry the satisfaction of knowing they helped finish a trail that will give handicapped visitors a new sense of freedom far beyond the ceremony. You are doing an excellent job with a special group of young people."

Recognized at the Catoctin Mountain Park's Annual recognition dinner on November 19, 2011, Boy Scout Troop 270 was presented an award for doing 176 service hours in the park for the 2011 year.

my book, simply for the fact that they had very little filler. A lot of establishments do not give you the option of broiled or fried, so it was nice to be offered the option—in my case, I could chose one of each, which was even better.

Despite the fact that the focus of this lunch revolved around crab cakes, Rube's is mostly known for their "all you care to eat" crabs, as

observed from my table, witnessing several other groups engaged in testing the owner's ability to supply them with an endless amount of crabs.

So, when it comes to great crabs that are fresh and prepared while you wait, quality food, and you wish to support a local crab house, Rube's Crab Shack, Too should be a top choice.

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Who Am I?



Who Am I? Next Issue

Your clues are: *"One of Jake's players; got his 'kicks' at the Mount; always figuring out how to build things; raised south of, and now lives north of, the Mason-Dixon Line; husband of an RN; cancer survivor;*

Bumpsey's Dad; Hall of Fame in Feb."

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

Article and photo by Deb Spalding

Your clues were: *"He's known by his nickname; he's in the food profession; he's a family man; he's Vigilant and has a fling every year."*

Those who guessed correctly were Doris Knott, Cora Cool, Kevin Fox, Joyce Glass, Helen Topper, and Kristen Andrew.

I am Gabe Baker

Gabe Baker was born Guy A. Baker, III to Guy and Betty Ann (Hollinger) Baker of Emmitsburg. He is a family man who is very involved in his five sisters' and thirteen nieces and nephews' lives. He attends as many sporting and family activities as possible,

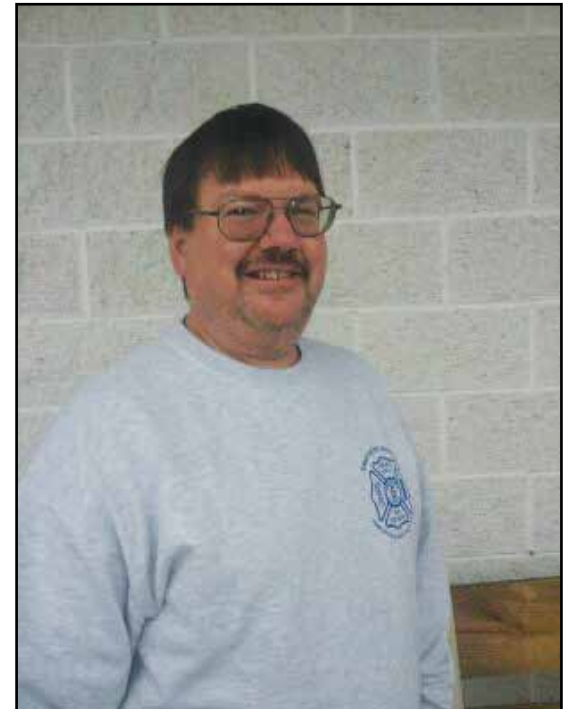
including the Baker's long-standing Sunday gatherings. He said, "I enjoy seeing them."

Gabe was educated in local schools including Mother Seton School, Catocin High and he received a B.S. in Accounting from Mount St. Mary's University. At

Catocin, he played soccer for four years. He's been employed at Jubilee Grocery Store (which has had several different names over the years) in Emmitsburg since he was 18 years of age. He started as a shelf stocker and now serves as Pricing Coordinator. He said, "When I first started, you did it all: stock, clean, and stamp price stickers on each item." He noted the time it took to enter the price of each item in the cash register at checkout compared to the scanning systems of today's check out process.

An active member of the Vigilant Hose Company since age 18, Gabe has served as Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Vice President at different times over the years. He is one of the founding three of the Spring Fling Event that serves as a major fundraiser for the Company. Gabe is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Men's Auxiliary at the Harney VFW.

Gabe is an easy-going person who is very supportive of his community and family. In closing, he said, "The Vigilant Hose Company is all volunteer. Any contribution of time or money is



greatly appreciated. We are always looking for help."

Check the Calendar

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

Road Closure

Exiting the Brookfield and Pembroke Woods subdivisions to go into Emmitsburg is a little easier now. Jim Click and Don Briggs watched as Sharon Hane was the first to drive from the subdivisions onto Irishtown Road. The grade of Irishtown Road does not allow entrance to the subdivisions, but exiting allows residents to avoid Rt. 140 east bound turns, which can be challenging during competitive hours.



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

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Soluble fiber may help lower total blood cholesterol by lowering low-density lipoprotein (bad cholesterol). Beans, oats, flaxseed, and oat bran are food choices containing soluble fiber.

Insoluble food sources include whole grains, brown rice, nuts, vegetables, and fruits.

The U.S Dept of Agriculture recommends daily fiber intake of 25 grams for women and 38 grams for men.

Yours truly starts the day with a bowl of fresh fruit, whole oats with a dab of peanut butter. Sometimes, I replace fruit with a homemade smoothie, consisting of banana, strawberries, fresh pineapple, and almond milk. Delicious!

Dr. Oz, a cardiothoracic surgeon, author, and host of *The Dr. Oz Show*, says, "Eating high fiber foods helps you stay fuller longer, keeps you regular, and boosts colon health."

Remember, fruits and vegetables fill you up without adding a ton of calories, and they provide fiber for your overall good health and wellness!

Professionally Managed Weight Loss Program

Catoctin Counseling Center, located at 112 Main Street, Thurmont, Maryland, is currently accepting clients for our professionally managed weight management program. This follows a successful pilot in our Thurmont office in 2011. The initial results are exciting. Clients are reporting a relief in understanding that weight loss is more than an issue of willpower. Clients gain an understanding that physical processes drive eating compulsivity. This eases the massive amounts of guilt from which obese individuals often suffer.

Research consolidated and presented by Dr. David Kessler (former Commissioner of the US Food and Drug Administration and former Dean of the Yale medical school) in the book, *The End of Overeating*, demonstrated that food is as addictive as cocaine for many individuals. This research indicates that using an addictions treatment model is effective for reducing and maintaining healthy weight. Furthermore, being research-based enables clients to utilize their health insurance to finance treatment. Dr. Kessler's work also describes how the processed food industry and the fast food industry have capitalized on the compulsive nature of the combination of fat, sugar, and salt. We are literally overwhelmed with intense triggers to overeat with supersized portions to raise profits.

Their treatment program utilizes the model outlined by Dr. Kessler and offers group and individual treatment. Further, they utilize mentors who have been successful in weight reduction to help motivate and educate clients. These mentors include individuals who have successfully utilized non-surgical techniques. They also include individuals who have successfully utilized weight-loss surgery for long-term weight management. It is their goal to help clients manage weight without surgical intervention. However, they understand that some clients may need surgical intervention due to the intensity of medical complications resulting from obesity. Research demonstrates that both categories of clients have higher success rates when provided quality support/treatment. Insurance companies are now often requiring a professionally managed weight loss program before approving weight loss surgeries.

In addition to Dr. Kessler's model, the program utilizes mind-body awareness techniques demonstrated to improve positive outcome rates for both addictive issues and anxiety. The reduction of anxiety is important for many

clients, as anxiety drives emotional eating. Sometimes, it is not what you are eating but what is eating you.

The Director of the program is Larry Stouter MS, LCPC, and Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor. For additional information, Larry can be reached at 301-745-6687, extension 207.

FCPS Wear Red for Heart Campaign

February 3, 2012, is Frederick County Public School's (FCPS) Wear Red for Heart campaign. FCPS is participating in the American Heart Association's Wear Red for Heart campaign. Last year FCPS staff donations raised over \$3,000 for the American Heart Association. Employees donating \$5.00 will receive an AHA Wear Red for Heart pin (for women) or band (for men). FCPS employees can dedicate their pledge in honor or in memory of someone. For more information, e-mail FCPS benefits specialist Linda. Stout@fcps.org.

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Pictured (above) are Homecoming Queen and King, Rachel Fogle and T. J. Raubaugh. Pictured (right) are Senior Homecoming Prince and Princess, Evan Lambert and Renee Delauter.

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Catoctin High School 2011 Homecoming King and Queen and Senior Prince and Princess



The Northwestern Frederick County Civic Association to Award Two Scholarships for 2012

The Northwestern Frederick County Civic Association (NFCCA) is pleased to offer an annual financial assistance award for high school graduates of the current year. In order to qualify for the John A. Cliber Memorial Scholarship, the applicant must reside in Northwestern Frederick County, living within the "Sabillasville Elementary School District." This award may be used to finance further education at a college, business school, technical school, or other accredited institution. Applications are available at Catoctin High School Guidance Office or you may request a copy by writing to: NFCCA, PO Box 125, Sabillasville, MD 21780. Deadline for receipt of the completed application is May 1, 2012. The amount of this award is \$1,000.

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by Meghan Jackson

Hello, once again, Cougars! Boy, was January a month! To start off, I hope all of you had a great holiday full of family and laughter. I know I did! As temperatures start to drop, there are more sniffles and coughing. Make sure you keep yourself healthy, not just for you but for your community, as well.

What's been happening around Thurmont you may ask? Well, firstly I want to acknowledge some very special people that we have lost over the course of the month. George W. Wireman of *The Catoctin Banner* passed away January 5, 2012. He was our "This and That" columnist, and he will be missed very much! He lived a long life at the age of 91, and I offer sympathy to his family. Also, Brandon E. Herbert of Thurmont passed away on January 14, 2012. He was a fun-loving soul and he will forever be in our hearts. My sympathy goes out to his family and friends, as well.

On a more positive note, we started our second semester classes! I hope all of you are happy about the new things you are going to learn, now and in the future. Also, the senior superlatives are in! In case you did not know who was selected for what, I will list

them: **Best Dancer:** Ellie Moses and Brad Little; **Best Car:** Amy Szabados and Andrew Weaver; **Best Actress:** Brittany Beene and Jacob Cochran; **Best Dressed:** Erica Grasmick and Darian Vandiver; **Most Athletic:** Hannah Stone and Zach Paguirigan; **Quietest:** Irma Mrkanovic and Travis Adkins; **Most Artistic:** Karly Smith and Shaun Rollins; **Worst Senioritis:** Abby Greco and Troy Houck; **Most Unique:** Stephanie Jenkins and Sean Blumberg; **Prettiest Hair:** Rachel Fogle and Tyler Spisak; **Class Clown:** Abby Dreschler and TJ Raubaugh; **Most Musical:** Brooke Manahan and Patrick Murphy; **Biggest Flirt:** Amanda Dwyer and Tyler Myles; **Prettiest Eyes:** Emma Best and Tyler Silverman; **Prettiest Smile:** Caroline Grossweiler and Evan Lambert. Congratulations to all!

I also want to congratulate the Track and Field team for going to Frederick County Indoor Track and Field Championship—what a great achievement!

This month has been full of events—locally and in the school. Keep it coming Cougars; only one more semester to go!

CHS Safe & Sane

The Catoctin High School Safe & Sane of 2012 will be holding two events in March.

On March 10, a St. Patrick's Day Dance will be held at the Thurmont American Legion. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and the DJ will be hosting from 8:00 until midnight. Tickets are on sale for \$10.00 per person. For more information contact Tina Delauter at 301-748-8553.

On March 24, the committee will hold a Gun Raffle and Dinner at the Emmitsburg Firehall. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and will include a dinner consisting of chicken, potatoes, cole slaw, green beans and dessert. For more information or tickets, contact Julie or Frank Davis at 301-447-6811.

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Veterans — My Heroes

by Jim Houck, Jr.

This month, Jim's Column is written by Jim's 13-year-old granddaughter, Brianna Saylor. Brianna goes to New Oxford Middle School and is in the seventh grade.

Veterans have missed out on births, weddings, and precious family moments to keep our country free. These heroes of mine have sacrificed countless hours to protect me and others they don't even know. Why? This is a question to which there is only one answer: patriotism.

I have an uncle, Ricky Hawkins, who is very close to me and has served in the Army for around six years. Recently, he served in Afghanistan for one year. He has told me before that he is proud of me, and I am most definitely proud of him. He is also proud of the commitment he has made to the United States. My uncle loves what he does for a living and who he is, and he would never change anything he has ever been or done because it is what makes him the person he is today. I know for a fact this is what makes him so much of the intelligent and enthusiastic man he truly is. My uncle Ricky is truly an honorable person.

While on the subject of honor, I would like to say how much of an honorable and respectable holiday Veteran's Day is. Without our veterans, the states would not be what they are today. Veteran's Day is a day of remembrance for those we have lost in wars, battles, and innocence. To lighten a veteran's world on this day, all you have to do is thank them. Just a simple "Thank You," on Veteran's Day can brighten up their whole mood.

Veterans are also very sacrificial. Many veterans have missed a birth of their own child or children. This is something that should not be missed

by the parents of little ones. Veterans may have also lost precious last minutes with a loved one they may never see again. Family memories are cherished, loved, and kept close to the heart. However, during the veteran's service, they may have missed these warm moments. Clearly, veterans have made tremendous sacrifices.

The dictionary definition of "veteran" is "A former member of the armed services.* But, I personally believe that the true definition of a veteran is: a hero, someone who has felt true heartache, astonishingly brave, loving, caring, etc. No amount of words can express how much respect I have for these men and women. Blood, sweat, and tears have been shed by them just to keep people's happiness and freedom.

Emotional and physical aftermaths of the war the veteran served in will definitely show in most. Emotional effects could be things like depression, anxiety, and withdrawal from family and/or friends. Physical effects could be things like a wound, amputated limb, or scar. These are all examples of noticeable changes. However, the unnoticeable aftermaths could have a much more drastic effect. Regardless, people should take care to know these things and try to remain positive about them.

Patriotism has pertained to many different people and many different organizations. Organizations that support the veterans include the VFW, American Legion, and AmVets. These organizations—of which I am a member of two—greatly support our troops and veterans, giving them the honor and respect both groups deserve. If you are a supporter of the veterans, becoming a member of these organizations would be a good choice. Veterans can join, too!

Men and women who have served, or are serving, in the military deserve appreciation. Veterans have made a huge impact on many people's lives, including my own. All in all, veterans are definitely honorable, respectable heroes that we could never live without.

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Secrets and Stories

by Valerie Nusbaum

By the time you read this, my mother will have celebrated her 80th birthday. My brother is flying in from Montana to help us celebrate this monumental occasion. That was supposed to be a secret, but he slipped up and told her. No one in my family can keep a secret—except me. My mouth is like a vault in Fort Knox. Nothing gets out that isn't supposed to get out. OK, I did mention something about the "Jimmy leg" once, but aside from that, I can be trusted completely.

Mom always ends up telling us what she bought us for Christmas and birthday gifts. Then she wraps up the presents, and we have to act surprised. My mother may be bad at keeping secrets, but my dad—bless his heart—was the worst! He would blurt out something that Mom had specifically told him NOT to tell me, and I'd have to then pretend that I didn't hear him, so he wouldn't get in trouble with "The Boss."

Dad was so bad at keeping a secret, that if I had a surprise planned for him or Mom, I would have to lie to him about what it was, since he'd invariably let it slip. Whenever I sent

flowers to my mother, I had to make up some reason for Dad to keep Mom at home so she'd be there to receive them. Once I told him that I was sending a person dressed as a gorilla to the house. The flowers arrived, and Mom was surprised, but Dad waited by the door all afternoon for that darn gorilla. He never got mad, though.

Lately, I've been thinking of my dad even more than usual, and missing him more than ever, so I thought I'd share some memories of him. I hope you'll indulge me.

Dad had a wonderful sense of humor, and he could tell a joke or funny story better than anyone I've ever known. He could also mimic people, and he'd cleverly use their voices in his stories and anecdotes. I can remember him doing a Scottish accent to tell us how Johnny Wydel fell through the ceiling. I can still hear him giving voice to Harmon Ahalt when he told the story about the fire down the street. The story went something like this:

Mrs. Ahalt came into the room and told Mr. Ahalt about the fire. She proceeded to express some concern about the fire spreading to

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

~John Fitzgerald Kennedy

their house, so Mr. Ahalt said, "Feel the wall." She did. He said, "Is it hot?" Mrs. Ahalt replied that it wasn't, so Mr. Ahalt shrugged and said, "It ain't here."

Dad could play the guitar and sing, and he was a pretty good writer. He even wrote a newspaper column for his local paper.

My dad had an old beat-up pickup truck that he would drive around town, and, occasionally, he and my brother would make a supply run to Frederick. They couldn't take the truck (which my brother named "#14") out on the highway too often, because it wouldn't go faster than 35 miles per hour. One day, though, they braved the highway and made it all the way to the parking lot at the Frederick Towne Mall. The boys parked the truck and went inside the mall. When they came back out, old #14 had caught fire and was ablaze. Somehow, they put out the fire and got the truck home, and Dad managed to turn that story into a prize-winning article.

When I was a teenager, there were some beautiful big wygealia bushes in our backyard. My boyfriend, Moosie, who lived a few blocks away, would walk over to our house and cut through the backyard to come and visit me. When Moosie left to head home for dinner in the evenings, I usually walked down to the back fence with him to say goodbye. I came home from school one afternoon to find that Dad had cut down all the bushes, giving him a clear view of the yard all the way to the fence. I don't know why. I wasn't doing anything.

I can remember standing with my dad outside the door of the hall on my wedding day, waiting to walk down the aisle beside him. He was scared to death—and so was I—but he managed to make me laugh. He looked up the aisle at Randy standing there, and Dad said, "It's now or never. I'll create a diversion and you run." This was more a testament to my track record with men than a statement about Randy. Dad liked Randy a lot. I think he even felt a little sorry for him. No one knew better than my poor father exactly what Randy was getting himself into.

I could go on and on with funny stories about my dear old dad, but I'll leave you with this: Dad was a good man and a good father, and I wish with all my heart that I could hear him tell one of his stories again. I wouldn't even mind if he told one of my secrets.

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Frederick County Young Farmers Announce QuarterMania Fundraising Event

The Frederick County Young Farmers will hold their 3rd annual QuarterMania Fundraiser on Saturday, March 10, 2012. The event will be held at the Thurmont Activities Building (on the carnival grounds). Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and games will begin at 7:00 p.m. Soup, sandwiches, snacks, and much more will be available for sale. Admission is \$6.00, which includes one bidding paddle; additional paddles can be purchased for \$2.00 each. There will be no advance ticket sales; however, tickets can be reserved and held at the door with prepayment. Large parties are encouraged to arrive early.

Please call Amanda at 301-788-2254 if you would like to reserve tickets, have any questions, or would like to make a donation to the fundraiser.

Early prize commitments include: Longaberger, Scentsy, Thirty-One, Tastefully Simple, Celebrating Home, Silpada, Lia Sophia, Premier Designs, Mary Kay, Tasteful Treasures, Slumber Parties, Show Barn Bling, Pampered Chef, homemade baked goods, handmade quilts and other various handmade items, restaurant gift certificates, and miscellaneous items from local businesses. We anticipate having approximately 100 prizes for the QuarterMania. Check us out on Facebook—keywords: Frederick County Young Farmers QuarterMania—for updates to prize list.

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body wisdom

by Teresa Dukich, L.M.T.

It's 6:00 in the morning. The alarm sounds. You turn it off and your thoughts begin. Do they go something like this:

Golly, I wish I had another 30 minutes. I wish I had the day off. Saturday can't come soon enough.

Gotta get the kids up and ready for school. Ugh, I still have to pack lunches!

It's cold outside and these blankets feel so nice and warm; I don't want to get up.

Dear God, thank you that I woke up today and that I'm breathing. Oh yes, and thank you that I have a job!

Do you lay there and wonder where you're going to get the money to put new brakes on the car?

Or are you afraid to put your foot down on the floor because you know the pain is going to be terrible?

I'm referring to the burning, prickly pain of plantar fasciitis. Now it's time for a little anatomy lesson.

Plantar refers to the bottom side of your foot. (The top side is dorsal.) Fascia is the lining of tissue that surrounds every muscle in the body.

"Itis" is a suffix meaning inflammation. This condition may come from running, hiking, over-exertion, and, sometimes, bone spurs are the culprit.

After trying more natural approaches to healing, if the pain persists, please seek medical attention. A specific massage technique called "myofascial release" can be extremely helpful. The therapist does specific stretching on the area, while you get to lie resting.

Therapeutic remedies may also include stretching the foot before you stand up—toes toward your nose. Another possible remedy requires a long piece of cloth, towel, or a belt wrapped around the ball of your foot. While keeping the leg outstretched, breathe deeply and pull the cloth towards you. Another stretch is to carefully place the ball of your foot on a stair step, allowing the heel part of your foot to rise and lower. Remember to keep breathing deeply so the area gets fresh blood.

Stretching essentially lengthens connective tissue that has shrunk during rest. That's why it can hurt so much first thing in the morning. You just need to get warmed up from the inside out.

Ice is a simple way to reduce inflammation. Another point to ponder: the middle word in "inflammation" is "flam," meaning flame.

The best way to put out a flame is with a form of water—in this case, ice. I recommend keeping a filled water bottle in the freezer.

Place the frozen water bottle on the floor (on a rug, towel, or carpet) and roll your bare foot over it. The area will be numb in the first minute or so. Actually, walking barefoot in the snow works well, too! Seriously!

Catoctin Varsity Lady Cougars



Courtesy Photo

Back Row: Coach John Woelfel, #24 Tara Woelfel (Sr); #55 Mackenzie Smith (Jr); #35 Kendall Zickefoose (Sr); #30 Caroline Grossweiler (Sr); #10 Kelsey Phelan (Sr), Coach Amy (Murray) Entwistle. Front Row: #11 Amanda Hackney (So); #22 Hailey Craig (Jr); #12 Brooke Harig (Jr); #21 Stephanie Andrew (Jr). Sitting: #23 Erin Phelan (Sr); #15 Courtney Clemans (So).

The Catoctin Lady Cougars Varsity girls' basketball team for 2011/2012 season of the Monocacy Valley Athletic League (MVAL) basketball conference: The Catoctin High School team consists of five seniors, four juniors, and two sophomores. All home games are played at the Catoctin High School gymnasium, located at 14745 Sabillisville Road, Thurmont, Maryland. The Junior Varsity team plays prior to each Varsity game. Junior Varsity games start at 5:30 p.m., and the Varsity game follows at 7:00 p.m. Entry into the game(s) is \$5.00 per adult and \$2.00 per student. The Lady Cougars have five games in the month of February, then on to tournament time. So, come on out and support your local area girls. The following is a list of February games: Friday, February 3—7:00 p.m. at South Hagerstown High School; Tuesday, February 7—7:00 p.m. vs. Williamsport High School, at Catoctin High School; Friday, February 10—7:00 p.m. at Smithsburg High School; Wednesday, February 15—7:00 p.m. at Oakdale High School; Friday, February 17—7:00 p.m. vs. Manchester Valley, at Catoctin High School.

Registration for CYA Lacrosse

Want to play the fastest game on two feet? Catoctin Youth Association (CYA) Lacrosse is registering players for the 2012 spring season. All boys and girls ages 5 through 14 are eligible to participate—no experience is needed. Registration will be held on February 4, 2012, at Thurmont Middle School, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Fees are \$85 per player. However, no child will be turned away due to the inability to pay.

Want to sign up early or by mail? Please visit our website at www.leaguelineup.com/catlax for registration forms. Send to Laurie Wilhelm, ATTN: CYA LAX, 5149 Wigville Rd, Thurmont, MD 21788. Checks should be made out to CYA LAX. If you have any questions, contact Dave at 301-471-7318 or Laurie at 301-748-7597; email: CYALacrosse@gmail.com; or Facebook: www.facebook.com/cya.lacrosse.

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Catoctin Youth Association Cougar Challenge

Congratulations to all of our wrestlers for a fantastic job at the Cougar Challenge on Sunday, December 4, 2011. The following are the Catoctin Youth Association (CYA) results: Champions — Junior 90—Joshua Small; Junior 108—Kane Richardson; Inter: 114—Ryan Taylor. Bantam 45 —Peyton Castellow, 3rd Place; Bantam



Photo by Carie Stafford

Pictured are Matt Hadeed and Ryan Fitzgerald wrestling for the 7U, 65 pound title.

55 — Logan Mulligan, 4th Place; Bantam 60 — Colby Keiholtz, 2nd Place; Bantam 65 — Matthew Hadeed, 2nd Place; Bantam 65 — Ryan Fitzgerald, 3rd Place. Midget 70 — Jason Baust, 2nd Place; Midget 85 — Tyler Grasmick, 2nd Place; Midget 120 — Matt Linker, 2nd Place. Junior 70 — Ethan Fuss, 2nd Place; Junior 115 — Joshua Grasmick, 4th Place; Junior 130 — Nathan Schwartzbeck, 4th Place. Inter: 80 — Alex Taylor, 3rd Place; Inter: 90 — Joshua Small, 4th Place; Inter: 100 — Jarryd Rosenberry, 3rd Place; Inter: 190 — Payne Harrison, 2nd Place; Inter: 190 — Ryan Springer, 3rd Place.

Elite Youth Travel Baseball Program Launches in Northern Frederick County

Founded in December, 2011, the Catoctin Cougars Elite Baseball Club is Frederick County, Maryland's premiere travel baseball club offering two travel baseball Teams at the 9U & 12U age divisions. Participation is not restricted to geographic location. Tryout dates are to be decided (dates will be posted when determined). All are welcome to try out. We play a Sunday game schedule only. The mission of our organization is to provide a talent-focused program designed to showcase the talents of the athletes that represent the Catoctin Elite Baseball Club in a positive fashion, as well as the community we represent. If you are interested in trying out for the Cougars, please contact Ed Lowry at 267-664-5059 or by email at lowry@msmary.edu. Visit and "like" our Facebook page at "Catoctin Cougars Elite-Travel Baseball Club."

Catoctin-Aires Twirling

The Catoctin-Aires are sponsoring a completely free, 4-week twirling course, geared for the beginner twirler ages 5 and up. The course will be held at the Emmitsburg Community Center in the gym on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:15, starting January 23, 2011-February 13, 2012. Classes are taught by qualified teachers and aides.

Batons are loaned free of charge for class time. During the class, beginner twirling skills, body work and marching skills are taught. Certificates are presented at the conclusion of the course for those who successfully complete the program.

This is an excellent opportunity to determine your child's interest and talent for baton twirling with no costs whatsoever!

The twirling corps has been sponsoring this free session each year as a way to make the public aware of this growing and exciting sport. Baton twirling affords an opportunity to learn a skill while providing a physically fit activity for youth. Additionally, this free program serves to introduce young people to the local Catoctin-Aires program.

For more information or for registration, please call Misty at 301-845-0074 or email at 5678twirl@gmail.com.

Catoctin Youth Association Competition Cheerleading

Sign-ups and Parent Meeting for Catoctin Youth Association (CYA) Competition Cheerleading will be held on February 27, 2012, from 6:30-7:45p.m., Thurmont Regional Library, Small Conference Room.

If you are interested and would like more information, please call Penni Wiltrout at 301-748-0765 or Carrie Ridenour at 240-315-5021 or email us at cyacompetitioncheer@hotmail.com or visit us on Facebook at Catoctin Cheerleading.

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2011 State Champion Softball Team Honored

The 2011 State Champion Softball team, pictured below, was honored at Catoctin High School on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, just prior to the Lady Cougars' Varsity Basketball game as a new State Champion Banner was hung in the gymnasium.



This would be the third state title for the Softball Team, having won the title previously in 1986 and in 2006.

After introducing each player and the coaches, a note was read from the team thanking parents, family and friends for their continued support. The softball games are always well attended. Tournament games were no exception, even when some of the games were over 2 hours away. Cougar fans were out in full force supporting the team. Congratulations to the 2011 State Girls' Softball Champions!



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Come and Love your library this February! Love our new gallery partnership with the Delaplaine Visual Arts and Education Center. The first featured artist for the partnership will be Doug Moulden and his exhibit of "Places I Walk." The artist's opening reception is Sunday, February 12, 2012, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. In addition, Mr. Moulden will be presenting a special "Artist Conversation" on Sunday, February 19, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., for anyone interested in his artistic process and ideas. Local artists, art students, and teachers are welcome to attend. Mr. Moulden's exhibit in the gallery will be open to the public every Sunday and Monday from 1:00-5:00 p.m. through April 22, 2012.

You'll be seeing another change this month, as we move shelves and furniture around to make the library more comfortable. On our adult side, we are creating a cozy living room mood, where you'll discover the very newest "blue" dot books that include all the latest releases in both fiction and non-fiction. Library staff has also gotten their favorite authors and titles together, so that whenever you come in and can't quite decide what you're in the mood to read, you'll be able to take a good read right off the "Staff Picks" shelf. Keep an eye on these shelves, since we will be adding new information all the time about book clubs, bestsellers, and more. And, remember, if we don't have the book you're looking for, we can easily order it from another branch in Frederick County or from another Maryland Library. Just ask the staff under the giant question mark to help you order your book.

Public libraries are more than books, of course. You may be interested in using one of our high-speed public computers. All you need to do is have a valid Frederick County Public Library card and pin number, and you're welcome to sit down and get comfortable. Computers can be used for two one-hour consecutive sessions. We sell ear buds now for just 50 cents. If your service is slow at your house, you might want to consider visiting us to log on. It's always free.

February programs for children spell winter fun. Here are a few examples of some upcoming events: February 14 at 4:00 p.m.—Valentine Party for ages 2-8; February 18 at 1:00 p.m.—"Kids & Pets in the White House" for kids in grades 2-5; February 24 at 10:30 a.m.—Cabin Fever Luau for ages 3-6; February 25 at noon—BYOL (lunch) & Movie featuring *Cars 2*.

All library program information can be found at www.fcpl.org. Some programs require pre-registration. For more information about your local library, contact Erin Dingle at edingle@frederickcountymd.gov or stop by the Information Desk. The library is open seven days a week. Mondays through Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sundays 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. 301-600-7212 or www.fcpl.org.

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february

- 1....Mother Seton Learning Center Ribbon Cutting, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg, MD. 10:00 a.m. Join us to dedicate the Mother Seton Learning Center (MSLC). 301-447-3161 or www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 1....Open House, The Clustered Spires Chorus, a member of Sweet Adelines International. Women of all ages and voice parts are welcome to attend. Call Cindy at 301-644-1589.
- 2....Pastors and Church Workers Appreciation Day at Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 10:30 a.m., followed by Reception. 301-447-3161 or principal@mothersetonschool.org.
- 4....Money Bingo, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, MD. 7:00 p.m. 301-271-2666.
- 4....Fried Oyster and Turkey Dinner, Saint John's Lutheran Church, 8619 Blacks Mill Road, Creagerstown, MD. 12:00-5:00 p.m. Cost: \$16/Adults; \$7/Children ages 6-12; Free/Children age 5 and under. Carryouts-\$17. 301-898-7905.
- 4....Registration for CYA Lacrosse, Thurmont Middle School, Thurmont, MD. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Open to boys and girls ages 5-14. Fee: \$85/player. Register early or by mail, online at www.leaguelineup.com/catlax for registration forms. Send to Laurie Wilhelm, Attn CYA LAX, 5149 Wigville Rd., Thurmont, MD 21788.
- 4....Museum and Movie Night, National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 339 S. Seton Ave, Emmitsburg, MD. Double Feature: 4:00 p.m.—*Dolphin Tale*; 5:45 p.m.—*The Way*. Free family event; free-will offering appreciated. 301-447-6606.
- 6,13 Catocin-Aires Twirling Course, free 4-week twirling course, beginner twirler ages 5 and up, Emmitsburg Community Center in the gym. Monday evenings, 6:30-7:15 (started January 23, 2011). Classes taught by qualified teachers and aides. Misty 301-845-0074 or email at 5678twirl@gmail.com.
- 7....Seton Heritage Literary Guild (SHLG), Visitor Center in the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 339 S. Seton Ave, Emmitsburg, MD. 10:00 a.m. Selection, "Friendship of My Soul," by Sister Betty Ann McNeil, DC. Meet on Tuesdays for 3 weeks. 301-447-6606.
- 10...Get Cozy with Elvis! Cozy Restaurant, Thurmont, MD. 6:30 p.m. Kevin Booth does a premier tribute to Elvis Presley. Tickets: \$13/ticket (\$1 of ticket price goes toward a snack bar or your dinner). Food is an extra cost. Tickets: 301-271-7373 or Joe Eyler at 301-271-2023.
- 11...Money Bingo, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, MD. 7:00 p.m. 301-271-2666.
- 11...BINGO Vera Bradley, Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg. Doors open 5:30 p.m.; Bingo starts 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$15/advance; \$20/door. 301-447-3161 or Lena at 301-717-8860. Snow date: Feb 18.
- 11...Money Bingo, Thurmont Ambulance Company, N. Church Street, Thurmont. Doors open 5:30 p.m., games begin 7:00 p.m. 301-748-5359 or 301-271-3820. www.thurmontambulance.com
- 11...The 6th American Cancer Society Benefit Dance, sponsored by Relay for Life Team, Thurmont American Legion, 8 Park Lane, Thurmont, MD. 8:00 p.m.-Midnight. Minimum \$10.00 donation per person. Benefit the American Cancer Society. Must be 21 years old to attend. Doors open 7:00 p.m. Cash Bar. Lisa Reed 240-315-5331 or Lynn Ott 301-447-3060.
- 12...Valentine's Dinner & Concert, Romantic

Evening at ThorpeWood, Inc., 12805-A Mink Farm Rd., Thurmont, MD. 4:00-8:00 p.m. B.Y.O.B. Reserve your table: \$100/person; \$180/couple; \$200 sweetheart table for 2 (close to the music). Reservations 301-271-2823 or email Julie Parlamen at jparlaman@thorpewood.org.

12...Basket & Money Bingo, Woodsboro Fire Co. Complex, 10307 Coppermine Road, Woodsboro. Doors open noon; games begin 1:30 p.m. \$20/advance; \$25/door. 301-401-2824.

15...Mother Seton School Open House, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg, MD. 10:00 a.m.-1 p.m.; 7:00-8:00 p.m. 301-447-3161, www.mothersetonschool.org.

18...Rock n Roll Relies, Thurmont American Legion, Post 168, 8 Park Lane, Thurmont, MD. Proceeds go to Veteran's Programs. Tickets on sale at Bar: \$10/advance; \$12/door. Alice Eyler at 301-271-4411 or Mac McGire at 301-524-1733.

18...Butchering and Pancake Breakfast, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, P.O. Box 117, Rocky Ridge. 6:00-10:00 a.m. 301-271-2666.

18...Money Bingo, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, MD. 7:00 p.m. 301-271-2666.

19...Weller United Methodist Church, an evening of musical harmony with an array of musicians, 101 N. Altamont Ave., Thurmont, MD. 6:00-7:00 p.m. Concert is free and open to public.

19...Jeremy Foundation/MD Outlaws Cheer & Dance Basket & Vera Bradley Bingo, Woodsboro Fire Co. Complex, 10307 Coppermine Road, Woodsboro, MD. Doors open noon, games begin 1:30 p.m. \$20/advance; \$25/door. 301-401-2824.

22...Ash Wednesday Mass, Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg, MD. 10:15 a.m. All are welcome. 301-447-3161.

24...Crab Cake/Fried Shrimp Dinner, Fairfield Fire Hall. Benefit Fairfield High School Class of 2012. Dinner served 4:30-7:30 p.m. \$15/ticket. Tickets (order by February 10): Carole at 717-642-6865; Lisa at 717-642-5424; Laurie at 717-642-5893. Event benefits the FHS Class of 2012 After Graduation Party.

24...Annual Fish Fry, Knights of Columbus and Holy Name Society at St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall, DePaul Street, Emmitsburg. 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

25...Wing Night, Thurmont Ambulance Company, N. Church Street, Thurmont. Doors open 5:00 p.m., meal served 6:30-8:30 p.m. 301-748-5359 or 301-271-3820. www.thurmontambulance.com

25...Last Chance Bonanza, Cascade American Legion, Post 239. Major fundraiser for the Fort Ritchie Community Center. Doors open 5:30 p.m.; Dinner 6:30 p.m.; Dance 9:00-11:00 p.m. Chance to win up to \$1,000. Tickets: \$35.00/couple. Includes dinner, silent auction, dance, and small games of chance. Sponsored by The Sons of The American Legion. Proceeds to the Community Center. Contact Bev Coyle 301-241-5085. Limited spaces available.

25...Emmitsburg's 8th Burns Night, JoAnn's Ballroom, Carriage House Inn, 200 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg. 5:30-8:30 p.m. (Snow date Sunday, Feb 26). Fundraiser for the Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center. \$50/person (approx. \$35 is tax deductible). Bill O'Toole 301-447-2690, ootoole@mismary.edu, www.burnsnite.com.

community event calendar

25...Movie - Courageous, Germantown Church of God, 16924 Raven Rock Road, Cascade, MD. 6:00 p.m. Free. 301-241-3050.

25...Money Bingo, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, MD. 7:00 p.m. 301-271-2666.

27...CYA Competition Cheerleading Sign-Ups and Parent Meeting, Thurmont Regional Library, Moser Road, Thurmont. 6:30-7:45 p.m. 301-748-0765 or email cyacompetitioncheer@hotmail.com.

29...Mother Seton School Open House, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, MD. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; 7:00-8:00 p.m. 301-447-3161, www.mothersetonschool.org.

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2....Open House at St. John's Christian Preschool, 15 North Church St., Thurmont, MD. 9:00-9:30 a.m., Information Session; 9:30-10:00 a.m., Tour of School. Registration: Monday, March 5, 8:00-11:00 a.m.—Registration for Current Students. Tuesday, March 6, 8:00-11:00 a.m.—Registration for new 2, 3, and 4 year-olds. 301-271-4109.

3....Bull Roast, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. All-You-Can-Eat Buffet. Dinner and Games 7:00 p.m.; Live Auction 8:30 p.m.; Dancing until 11:00 p.m. Tickets: \$30/person. Must be over 21 years of age. Tickets 301-447-3161 www.mothersetonschool.org.

3....Money Bingo, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, MD. 7:00 p.m. 301-271-2666.

10...The Frederick County Young Farmers' 3rd annual QuarterMania Fundraiser, Thurmont Activities Building, Thurmont, MD. Doors open 5:30 p.m.; Games begin 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$6.00. No advance ticket sales; large parties encouraged to arrive early. Contact Amanda at 301-788-2254.

10...Bingo Bash, Emmitsburg Ambulance Co., 17701 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg, MD. Doors open 4:00 p.m.; Games 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$35/advance; \$45/door. Call 301-748-6894; 717-642-9335; 240-285-3184. Group reservations must be

made by March 2.

10...Money Bingo, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, MD. 7:00 p.m. 301-271-2666.

16,17...Cinderella's Closet—Just in time for Prom, Town Hall, Walkersville, MD. Friday, March 16—6:00-9:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 17—10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Volunteers and donations always needed. Contact Kathy Briske at kbriske@verizon.net or 301-682-8020.

17...Fourth Annual Mountaintop Community Spring Fair, Blue Ridge Summit, Blue Ridge Fire Hall. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit Amanda Bowders Community Memorial Garden. Collectibles Road Show (\$5 per item), Auction at 2:00 p.m. Vendor spaces: \$10/8' x 10' space (includes an 8' table). Contact Lynn or Duke Martin 717-642-5645.

17...Money Bingo, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, MD. 7:00 p.m. 301-271-2666.

23...The 2012 Thurmont Economic Development Committee Business Expo, Catocin High School, Thurmont, MD. This year's theme is the "Fabulous 50's." Applications available online at www.thurmontfirst.com. Register early, as space is limited! Watch for upcoming information about this popular event.

23,24...AACA - SMR 42nd Annual Indoor/Outdoor Antique Auto Parts Meet, Frederick Fairgrounds, Frederick, MD. (set-up 1:00 p.m. on Thursday 22nd). Gate opens at 6:00 a.m. For more information, contact Robert Clubb at 301-831-0300; Email: smraaca@aol.com; Fax: 301-831-5144.

24... "Rock and Roll" Dance, Emmitsburg Lions Club "Rock and Roll" Dance, Emmitsburg Ambulance Company Building at 17701 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. \$15/advance, \$20/door. 301-447-2401.

24...Money Bingo, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, MD. 7:00 p.m. 301-271-2666.

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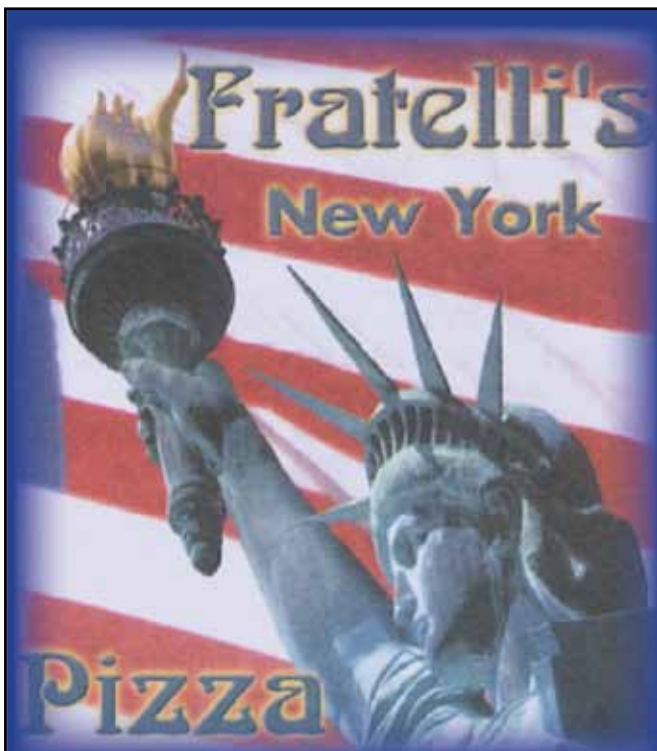
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