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## Tom's Creek United Methodist Church Holds Building Consecration Service

by Deb Spalding

The foundation of faith at Tom's Creek United Methodist Church on Simmons Road in Emmitsburg, Maryland, is solid and growing due to many excited and dedicated parishioners. To celebrate the recent completion of a structural addition to the church, a Consecration Service was held November 11, 2012. The church has grown in faith and structure since its formation by Robert Strawbridge around 1767 as a log church. At the Consecration Service, Frederick District Superintendent, Reverend Terri Rae Chattin, joined presiding Reverend, Tim Kromer, to officiate the service. Reverend Chattin commended, "Our 'wall of saints,' those who have gone before us who helped bring this day to light, are in the bleachers cheering us on. Let's celebrate."

Reverend Chattin put her sermon on hold as the congregation traveled through the new section of the church to the new dining area. She resumed the service and



Photo by Deb Spalding

Tom's Creek United Methodist Church is shown with its new addition (the left wing of the church) during the Consecration Service on November 11, 2012.

the actual Consecration was held. Samuel K. Wivell, contractor for the construction project, along with members of the building committee, stood for the presentation of the new building. The praise choir led the congregation in song as the ceremony

came to a close to be quickly followed by dinner.

The church's new additions and improvements included a grand kitchen, pastor's office, study, music room and so much more.

The weekend before this service,

the congregation hosted over 1,100 people at a dinner. There are many programs and events planned for the general community including breakfasts and dinners, Thanksgiving Dinner, a Drop and Shop Holiday program for kids, and more programs are held throughout the year to help fund the improvements at the church. Church member, Dottie Davis, said, "We've worked so hard, and waited so long for this. Pray God help us get it paid for." With that said, it should be noted that in addition to fund-raising activities, members also offer free programs in community support as well. For example, an AL-ANON Family Group for those affected by someone's drinking meets every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

### Tom's Creek United Methodist Church Consecration Service

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## FFA Pet Photos With Santa



Photo by Deb Spalding

The Catoctin Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter held a Pet Photos with Santa fundraiser at the Tractor Supply Store on Friday, November 16, 2012. The Pet Photos with Santa fundraiser will also be held on Sunday, December 9, 2012, at the Tractor Supply Store, from 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Pet (on a leash or in a carrier) of all makes and sizes are invited to visit. Four cows, chicks and chickens, bunnies, dogs, cats, and human babies posed for the camera in November! They are hoping for a great turnout on December 9, as well! The Tractor Supply Store is located at 7631 Devilbiss Bridge Road in Frederick, Maryland.

Members of the Catoctin Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter are shown with Santa and Max, a Black Labrador Retriever, during their Pet Photos with Santa fundraiser at the Tractor Supply Store on Friday, November 16, 2012.

Pets with Santa will be held again on Sunday, December 9, 2012, at the Tractor Supply Store.

See photos of the 2012 Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show Champions

Lamb, Pig, Goat, and Steer

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Mike "Humpy" Humerick is a native of Emmitsburg, but he's been a fishing and hunting guide in Alaska since 1979...

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## From the Publisher

### Dear Reader:

While *The Catocin Banner Newspaper* is not, by any stretch of the imagination, a political publication, for historical reasons I would be remiss if we didn't note the 2012 Presidential Election that took place on November 6, 2012. President Barack Obama was reelected President of the United States for the next four years.

Our November issue hit the streets the day Hurricane Sandy started to show her temper. Areas of Northern Frederick County took a severe beating from Sandy, with downed trees, flooding, wind damage to structures and power outages. While we were inconvenienced in this area, others were hit worse. I am aware that some members of our community volunteered to go to New Jersey to help there. Good job! You make us proud.

This issue brings with it the annual selection of winners in our "Who Am I?" Contest. Please see page 31 for the winners. I have decided to close the "Who Am I?" Contest and column with this issue in order to make room for new columns, more content and more advertisers as this newspaper grows. We have featured over sixty individuals in the Who Am I?" Column over the last five or six years. It has been a pleasure to share the stories of so many fascinating people.

New this issue, I'd like to welcome Mr. Eddie Kessler and his Spotlight Column, as well as Labella Kreiner with her Catoctin High School report called "Cougar Chronicles." I look forward to the information these two individuals will share each month.

Don't forget to nominate entries for the Holiday Home Decorating Contest by December 11, 2012. We look forward to seeing the festive homes while judging the best decorated home this year. Winners will be announced in the January issue.

May you and your family enjoy the "most wonderful time of the year!" Happy Holidays!

Deb Spalding, *Publisher*

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## Emmitsburg, November 2012

### Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony Monday, December 3

The Annual Tree Lighting ceremony will be held at the town square on December 3, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. Local choirs will sing at both the tree lighting and then at the Carriage House Inn after the ceremony. Everyone is welcome to attend and then walk to the Carriage House for hot chocolate and cookies. Free hayrides will also be available with tours around the town area on a hay-filled wagon.

### Street Lights Going LED

The next town hall will include discussions about the plan for transitioning the town street lights into energy efficient LED lights. The town would save an estimated \$25,000 on their utility bill annually once they were installed. Mayor Briggs said that the town will also receive a 30 percent discount from the utility company as an incentive for installing energy efficient lights. The town will be able to pay for the

by Michele Cuseo

# town hall reports

installation of the lights with the cost savings on the utility bill. It will take between three to four years to see a full savings.

Mayor Briggs said that many other cities and towns have implemented the energy efficient lights with great results to their budgets.

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

## Thurmont, November 2012

### Foodbank, Clothes Closet & Emergency Food Assistance

AT&T claims that the installation of two 3G cell sites in the mountainous areas of Thurmont will improve voice and data signal strength in areas previously difficult to service. The sites are located along Foxville Road in the Catocin Mountain Park. AT&T says that the installations will help customers this

winter during storms, enabling better communication in the area.

During the high level G8 Summit at Camp David this year, AT&T brought in cell sites on wheels—known as COWS. These special mobile cell sites helped boost coverage for the large event.

### Thurmont Winter Preparation

Hurricane Sandy did some minor damage to the Thurmont community. The town fared quite well compared to damage and flooding in other areas.

However, Thurmont did have reports of trees falling on people's homes and some wind damage to homes and businesses. In preparation for this winter's storms, town commissioners are encouraging residents to trim away branches from power lines and to cut down diseased trees to avoid any damage or accidents.

For additional information about emergency preparedness, log on to the state of Maryland emergency management agency website [www.memaryland.gov/](http://www.memaryland.gov/).

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

## Jubilee and EBPA Team Up for the Emmitsburg Food Bank



Last year, almost \$2,000 was raised in the checkout lines at Jubilee Grocery Store in Emmitsburg to benefit the Emmitsburg Food Bank.

Bob Rosensteel of the Emmitsburg Business & Professionals Association came up with the idea to place change collections in the checkouts. With Christmas on the way, he suggested a Santa fundraiser, where you put your name on a Santa for a \$1.00 donation. Santas are displayed on the walls of the store, and it is hoped that the store will soon be covered in Santas.

Stop by to shop December 2 through 15, 2012. See your favorite clerk to help him or her win a prize for raising the most money for the benefit.

Look for Christmas Services and Holiday Events in the Community Calendar on Page 39 and on Pages 6 & 7.

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### Christmas Eve Services

December 24, 2012

7:00pm

Contemporary candlelight service

11:00pm

Traditional candlelight service

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

# The Emmitsburg Community Chorus

by Joseph Kirchner



Photo by Deb Spalding

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus is shown performing at the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg last December.

As we prepare once again to joyfully celebrate a beautiful holiday season, let us take note of one of this area's historic musical treasures, the Emmitsburg Community Chorus. Founded in 1966 by Diehl Ackerman, the group was originally formed as a church chorus consisting of men and women who regularly sang in the choirs of Protestant churches. Originally called The Community Chorus of Emmitsburg, membership in the group increased to include anyone who truly enjoyed music and singing and the name was changed to The Emmitsburg Community Chorus. Under any name, the popular singing group enjoys an illustrious history.

Under the direction of Sr. Jane

Marie Perrot, the chorus had the privilege of singing at the 1975 canonization of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Rome, making it the first lay chorus in history to perform at a canonization. In 2009, the chorus was honored to sing at the Opening Mass of the Bicentennial and Feast Day of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. The chorus has also performed at the Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg on several occasions and at many special events at St. John's Church in Creagerstown.

Directed by Peggy Burrier Flickinger and featuring pianist Lisa Mattia, the Emmitsburg Community Chorus performs a series of Christmas concerts annually before breaking for Spring rehearsals in

mid-February. The chorus performs at the Easter Sunrise Service at the Grotto of Lourdes (Emmitsburg) and helps kick off the annual Emmitsburg Community Day festivities with a patriotic concert every summer. In addition, the popular singing group is happily received by various nursing homes throughout the year.


As the Christmas season rapidly approaches, consider kicking off your holidays with The Emmitsburg Community Chorus for their annual Christmas Concert, "Celebrate the Child" to be held at the beautiful Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on Sunday, December 2, at 4:00 p.m. This year's concert will feature a collection of the chorus members' own favorites, including the traditional "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," A dolph Adam's "O Holy Night," and the beloved classic "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." On the not so traditional side, the chorus will sing "It's a Swinging Christmas" and "Getting in the Mood." Some of the selections will feature soloists Betsy Graham, Mary Barrett-Friend, Chris Kreitz, Felicia Albert, Cheryl Carney and Tom Steigerwald.

Rounding out the concert are a few new selections that are sure to become chorus favorites in years to come. John Rutter's "Angel's Carol" and "What Sweeter Music" present

the Christmas story with beautiful melodies that will stay with you long after you leave the concert! Finally, Lori True and Shirley Erena Murray's "Dream a Dream" incorporates the traditional Dona Nobis Pacem, encouraging all of us to dream of hope, peace and the gift of the Child we celebrate each Christmas!

"Celebrate the Child" is made possible by a grant from the Fredrick Arts Council and admission is free, though free will offerings are heartily encouraged. Come out for a beautiful, festive and faith-filled start to your holiday season! For further information, please contact Betsy Graham 301-898-7821.

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### Emmitsburg Ambulance Co. New Year's Eve Bingo Bash

Emmitsburg Vol. Ambulance Co. will hold a New Year's Eve Bingo Bash on December 31, 2012. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Games will start at 8:00 p.m. There will be four \$1,000 jackpots; all other games paying \$200 each! Tickets are \$50.00 (includes 50 games). For more information, view their advertisement on page 10.

### Lewistown Fire Co. New Year's Eve Dance

On December 31, 2012, Lewistown Vol. Fire Co. will hold their New Year's Eve Dance. Enjoy live music by No Alibi, raffles, door prizes, drinks, and refreshments. BYOB. Tickets are \$30.00 per couple; \$15.00 per person. To order tickets, call 301-271-5399 or 301-639-9019. For more information, see their advertisement on page 18.

### TEDC's 10th Annual Christmas in Thurmont

Thurmont Economic Development Committee's (EDC) 10th Annual Christmas in Thurmont will take place on Saturday, December 1, 2012, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at The Square in Thurmont. Ribbon Cutting will be at 9:00 a.m., with Santa's arrival at 10:00 a.m. There will be stockings filled with goodies for all children, ages 12 and under (first 200 children to visit Santa), as well as free photos with Santa, face painting, live entertainment, cookies, cider, and much more. Christmas in Thurmont is sponsored by Thurmont First/EDC. For more information, visit [www.thurmontfirst.com](http://www.thurmontfirst.com) or contact Stacie Zelenka at 240-446-2846.

### Fire & Rescue Museum Christmas Open House

The Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum and the National Fire Heritage Center will close out their 2012 season by participating in the Museums by Candlelight tour on Saturday, December 8, 2012. The museum building, located at 300B South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg, will be open to the public from noon to 5:00 p.m.; light refreshments will be served. Volunteers will be available to answer questions about the museum exhibits, and to explain the mission of the National Fire Heritage Center.

The museum will be participating in Toys for Tots. Please bring new, unwrapped toys to the museum during the open house on December 8. For more information call 301-898-5578 or 301-788-5768.

### Santa's Workshop

Visit Santa's Workshop on Monday, December 17, 2012, at the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company #13 Activities Building, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. There will be ornament making, light refreshments, a visit from Santa, and much more! For more information, contact Penny Stonesifer at 301-447-6864 or email [frchk0704@aol.com](mailto:frchk0704@aol.com). Children can hand-deliver letters to Santa on this night! This event is free to the public and has been operating since 2002; this will be the 10th anniversary of the event.

### FRCC 2nd Annual Polar Plunge

Fort Ritchie Community Center (FRCC) will host the 2nd Annual Polar Plunge Party at Lake Royer on the Fort Ritchie campus in Cascade, Maryland, on Tuesday, January 1, 2013. Participants are required to raise at least \$25 to support Fort Ritchie Community Center, which entitles them to a long-sleeved polar plunge t-shirt. Spectators are admitted free of charge. Participants under the age of 18 need supervision and a parent or guardian's signature. Prizes will be awarded for individuals and teams raising the most money, best costume, and best body paint. Visit [www.TheFRCC.org](http://www.TheFRCC.org) or call 301-241-5085.

### Save the Date!

Save the date for the 4th Annual EBPA Dance fundraiser on January 19, 2013, at the Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Building. Featuring the Rock N Roll Relics, the dance will be held from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association.

### Special Appearance by Santa at the Guardian Hose Company

Jolly old Saint Nicholas will visit the Thurmont Guardian Hose Company on Saturday, December 8, 2012, from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Santa will greet the children (ages 0-10), listening attentively to their wish lists. The Guardian Hose Company is located at 21 North Church Street in Thurmont. Kids come and visit Santa at the Firehouse! See their advertisement on page 5.

### CHS Sports Boosters Holiday Open House

The Catocin High School (CHS) Sports Boosters will hold its 4th Annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 8, 2012, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the CHS cafeteria. Featuring Cougar apparel, stadium seats, blankets, hats and visors, and miscellaneous novelty items for your Christmas shopping. Free gift-wrapping service will be provided. There will be light refreshments and door prizes. For more information, call Laura at 240-285-4790.

### Mother Seton School Holds Breakfast With Santa & Holiday Bazaar

Santa must have heard that a breakfast menu of pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits, sausage gravy, and home fries awaits visitors at Mother Seton School's Breakfast With Santa & Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 8, 2012. The Holiday Bazaar will feature door prizes, crafters, Santa's Workshop, raffles, and more. Stop by between 8:00 a.m. and noon. Tickets are \$6.00 for ages 7 to adult, and \$4.00 for ages 3 to 6. See their advertisement on page 15.

### Thurmont's 2012 Christmas House Tour

On December 8-9, 2012, visit eight of the town's beautifully decorated homes and businesses (along with the historic Creeger House). All locations will be open for touring on December 8, from 4:00-8:00 p.m.; December 9, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Purchase tickets for \$20.00 in advance from several local businesses or at the Creeger House during the tour. The 2012 Thurmont Christmas House Tour is sponsored by the Thurmont Lions Club and the Thurmont Historical Society. For more information, call 301-606-8680 or visit [www.thurmontlionsclub.com](http://www.thurmontlionsclub.com).

### Emmitsburg Lions Club Annual Children's Christmas Party

The Emmitsburg Lions Club will hold its annual Children's Christmas Party on December 1, 2012, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Vigilant Hose Company building. The event is free and includes crafts, face painting, Khan Du the Magician, as well as hot dogs and hot chocolate. It is also anticipated that Santa and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance.

### Evening of Christmas Spirit

The 24th Annual "An Evening of Christmas Spirit" will be held Monday, December 3, 2012, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in Emmitsburg. Don't miss the Emmitsburg Tree Lighting Ceremony on the square and join in with local choirs for caroling. Starting at 6:30 p.m., Santa arrives at The Carriage House Inn where complimentary hot dogs, cookies, entertainment, and hay rides will be featured. From 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. local choirs and vocalists will be featured in Joann's Ballroom. Canned goods and donations will be accepted for the Emmitsburg Lions Club Christmas Food Drive. This event is sponsored by EBPA and the Town of Emmitsburg.

### Sale of Fresh Cut Christmas Trees

Find the perfect Christmas tree and help your community at the same time at the Thurmont Lions Club Christmas Tree Sale, located in the parking lot of the Ace Hardware store on N. Church Street in Thurmont. Choose a Douglas Fir or a Blue Spruce for only \$35.00. The price is the same as last year, and all proceeds from the sale will be used to support Thurmont Lions Club projects in the community: Monday through Friday—4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; Saturdays—10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Sundays—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

# CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS

## Weller United Methodist Church

On December 16, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., Weller United Methodist Church will be holding their Christmas Cantata. Enjoy wonderful music by their choir, handbell choir, and guitar ensemble. Christmas Eve Services will be held on December 24, 2012: Contemporary candlelight service at 7:00 p.m.; Traditional candlelight service at 11:00 p.m. Join them for worship and learn how you can claim your free gift this Christmas! View their advertisement on page 4 for more information.

## Tom's Creek UMC Drop and Shop

Tom's Creek United Methodist Church will be holding a Drop and Shop Event, where you can drop off your child to go Christmas shopping with them for the day! The event will be held on December 1, 2012, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Also, visit Tom's Creek United Methodist Church on December 3, 2012, to see their Carriage House and Live Nativity.

Their Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship will be held on December 24, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Tom's Creek is located at 10926 Simmons Road in Emmitsburg. For more information, call 301-447-3171 and view their advertisement on page 36.

## Trinity United Methodist Church

Trinity United Methodist Church will be holding their Christmas Eve Worship Services on December 24, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Worship with them on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages is held at 10:30 a.m. The church is located on 313 W. Main Street in Emmitsburg. For more information, call 301-447-3740. View their advertisement below.

## Apples United Church of Christ to Host Richard Troxell in Concert

Apples United Church of Christ on Apples Church Road in Thurmont will host International Tenor, Richard Troxell, for a concert benefitting the Thurmont Senior Center on Sunday, December 9, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the door. Only 100 tickets will be sold.

To make a reservation, call 301-271-7911 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or call 301-271-7583 after hours.

## ThorpeWood Annual Holiday Open House

ThorpeWood's 12th Annual Holiday Open House will be on Saturday, December 8, 2012, from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Relax in front of their roaring fireplace, with a steaming cup of hot cider, as you listen to live music, and enjoy a variety of holiday treats. Kids won't want to miss a visit from Santa. They are again inviting you to bring cookies to share! Their request is for those interested to bring two dozen cookies (only homemade) with a recipe to share. They will collect all of the recipes and make them available in a ThorpeWood Holiday Treats Cookbook.

Local potter, Robert Strasser, is designing a ThorpeWood Ornament, which will be available for sale at the open house and for orders as well. ThorpeWood is located at 12805-A Mink Farm Road in Thurmont.

## Eyler's Valley Chapel Christmas Services

Christmas Services at Eyler's Valley Chapel will be held December 15-20 at 7:00 p.m., December 21-23, 2012, at 7:00 and 8:30 p.m.; and December 24, 2012, at 5:00, 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 p.m. The Chapel is located at 6629 Eylers Valley Flint Road in Sabillsville. Visit EylersValleyChapel.com or call 301-271-1104 for more information.

## Christmas at Graceham Moravian Church

The Graceham Moravian Church will present its annual Christmas concert on Wednesday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. "The Bells of Grace" handbell choir, directed by Dr. Linda Franklin, will perform several solo numbers and accompany congregational singing. A ringer for many years at Graceham

Moravian Church and with the Westminster Ringers, Dr. Franklin has recently assumed leadership of this ensemble. Jessica Bobb is a junior majoring in Biology at Mount St. Mary's University. She is the organist and director of the Hosanna Choir at Graceham Moravian Church.

Lovefeast and Candlelight Services will be held December 24, 2012, at 5:00, 7:00, and 9:00 p.m.; special Children's Message at the 5:00 p.m. service, and the Children's Choir, under the direction of Gwen Kuster, will sing. Bells of Grace will play at the 7:00/9:00 p.m. services; the Hosanna Choir will sing at 5:00/7:00 p.m. Christmas Putz will be presented on Christmas Eve, and on January 4 and 5, 2013, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Showings will be offered every half hour, and are open to all. Graceham Moravian Church is located at 8231-A Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont. For additional information, please contact the church office, or Pastor Sue Koenig at 301-271-2379.

Graceham Moravian Church will hold its monthly, First Monday "Served With Grace" Community Meal on Monday, December 3, 2012, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. This free meal and time of eating and visiting with others is open to all. Future dates are January 7, 2013; February 4, 2013; March 4, 2013; April 1, 2013; May 6, 2013.

## The 7th Annual EBPA Awards Banquet

On Friday, December 7, 2012, the 7th Annual EBPA Awards Banquet will be held at The Carriage House Inn in Emmitsburg. A social with cash bar will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by an all-inclusive dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$32.00 per person and may be ordered at <http://ebpa.biz/>.

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From Our Readers

## YOUR HUNTING PHOTOS

We are inviting tastefully presented hunting photos. Please include subjects' name(s), location, and date.

Photos will be featured in our January issue.

Send us your tasteful hunting photo (with or without a deer in the photo) to [news@thecatocinbanner.com](mailto:news@thecatocinbanner.com)

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



Photo by Irene Matthews

From the November issue of *The Catocin Banner*, Diana Kojac is the winner of the Hidden Object Game (\$25 gift certificate to the advertiser of Diana's choice from the November issue). "Waldo" was in the Mike's Auto Body ad on page 30. This month's Hidden Object is a money tree.

Last month's "Where Am I?" photo was taken at the intersection of North Seton Avenue and Route #15 South in Emmitsburg. Michael Working is the winner of the "Where Am I?" Game (\$10 gift certificate to the advertiser of Mike's choice from the November issue). For the "Where Am I?" Photo Contest, take a look at the photo above and tell us where it was taken. It is somewhere in or around our Northern Frederick County Area, which is defined as Rocky Ridge to Cascade and Lewistown to Emmitsburg, Foxville to Creagerstown and everywhere around and in between. Call 240-288-0108 to leave a message or e-mail [news@thecatocinbanner.com](mailto:news@thecatocinbanner.com). Don't forget to leave your name and phone number.

The annual selection of winners in our "Who Am I?" Contest takes place this month. The 2012 winners are: Kristen Andrew -- \$25.00 gift certificate to the advertiser of choice; Helen Reaver -- \$15.00 gift certificate to the advertiser of choice; and Kathy Haskin -- \$10.00 gift certificate to the advertiser of choice. These winners need to call us at 301-447-2804 to claim their prizes.

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### Test Your Word Power

(Answers on page 38)

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| <p>1. <b>Laudatory</b> (<i>adj.</i>)</p> <p>a) Containing/expressing praise<br/>b) Noisy; deafening<br/>c) Amusing; comic</p>     | <p>3. <b>Callous</b> (<i>adj.</i>)</p> <p>a) Stylish; polite<br/>b) Inappropriate; graceless<br/>c) Insensitive; indifferent</p> |
| <p>2. <b>Peruse</b> (<i>v.</i>)</p> <p>a) To read; examine in detail<br/>b) To strengthen; toughen<br/>c) To delete something</p> | <p>4. <b>Tenacious</b> (<i>adj.</i>)</p> <p>a) Wavering; disloyal<br/>b) Susceptible; responsive<br/>c) Persistent; stubborn</p> |

5. Which word above would work best in this sentence?  
Her father was \_\_\_\_\_ in his opinion; there was no way he was going to change it.

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# BUSINESS news

## Catoctin Colorfest, Inc. Committee Holds Banquet

Each year, the Catoctin Colorfest Committee shares the success of the large event throughout the community with donations of support. The 49th Catoctin Colorfest event was held in October, 2012 during wonderful weather. The annual Colorfest Banquet was held November 13, 2012 at Cozy Restaurant.

The Colorfest Banquet allows for the opportunity to say thank you to the

community and others for their support of the event. Special thanks was extended by Catoctin Colorfest, Inc.

President, Carol Robertson, on behalf of the Colorfest Committee

to the Mayor and staff at the Town of Thurmont, the Thurmont Police Department, the Guardian Hose Company, Thurmont Ambulance Company and event volunteers.

Over the past year, Colorfest donated \$24,247.50 to the community. The Committee replaced the sign in front of the Thurmont Town Office; placed a wreath and planted flowers in Memorial Park in memory of our local fallen servicemen; awarded \$5,500 in scholarships to Catoctin High School students; hosted a Family Movie Night; donated to the Thurmont Lions Club and the Thurmont Food Bank; and purchased live stock (then immediately donated them back for resale) at the Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show. Forty bales of straw were used for Colorfest and then donated to Halloween In The Park, only to be reused again by the Town of Thurmont for landscaping.

A special acknowledgement was presented to Steve and Carol Newmann of Chapel Crafts (Booth 89 during Colorfest.) The Newmanns have participated in Colorfest for 40 consecutive years!

Colorfest will celebrate its 50th Year October 12 and 13, 2013. Any suggestions about how to commemorate this special anniversary are welcome. Visit [www.colorfest.org](http://www.colorfest.org).

## Healing Touch Massage Celebrates First Anniversary



Photo by John Kinnaird

Members of the Thurmont EDC, friends, and family gathered to help Marie Free celebrate the first anniversary of Healing Touch Massage. Owner Marie Free is shown center cutting the ribbon. You can call Marie for an appointment at 301-271-2310, email her at [Marie@HTMassageTherapy.com](mailto:Marie@HTMassageTherapy.com), or visit the website at [www.HTMassageTherapy.com](http://www.HTMassageTherapy.com).

## J & J's BBQ and Seafood

by Deb Spalding

James Conrad and his son, Justin, are both Army Veterans. James served in the 1980s, and Justin completed an 18-month tour in Iraq in 2007. They both served our country with pride.

Now, they both serve barbeque and seafood with pride at their newly opened J & J's BBQ and Seafood take-out restaurant at 19A Water Street in Thurmont.

"Our food is all homemade from scratch with fresh ingredients and the best ingredients—everything, even our sauces. Everything is made the best way we know how," said Justin. From horse radish and macaroni & cheese to sauces for pit beef and seasonings for crab legs and shrimp, these guys put their heart into every dish. They also stay away from processed foods, opting for hormone-free and antibiotic-free meats. James stated, "We use absolutely no genetically modified organisms."

James came about his flair for food in a unique way. Approximately twenty years ago, he was fishing at the Inner Harbor in Baltimore behind the Pier 500 Restaurant. He was working as an inner city missionary at the time. Pier 500's French Chef, Bernard, came out the back of the restaurant and sat down next to James. He had just fired his Sous Chef. He hired James on the spot. James spent three years as Chef Bernard's Assistant Catering



Photo by Deb Spalding

James Conrad (left) and his son, Justin, stand proudly next to their sign for their newly opened J & J's BBQ and Seafood Restaurant in Thurmont.

Chef. Chef Bernard was a teacher for Cordon Bleu in France. On a trip to South Carolina, James met a pit master who taught him and shared his barbeque recipes.

James and Justin have operated several catering endeavors and catering trailers out of their home in Hagerstown. When the location opened in Thurmont, they felt they couldn't turn it down. Justin said, "We make food because we like to eat. There's a big difference between grillin' and barbeque." Their process for Pork Barbeque and Brisket takes 14 hours to prepare; they spend 6 hours preparing their pit beef and ribs. They said Hurricane Sandy has made fresh seafood difficult to get, so they will be expanding their seafood menu as it becomes available.

J & J is open for take-out Tuesdays through Thursdays, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. They are closed on Sundays and Mondays for now. They welcome your feedback, and you can follow them on Facebook. Call 301-271-2407 to order. Stop in soon. James declares, "The Pitt Beef is to die for!"

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## Rocky's New York Pizza

by Joseph Kirchner

For a very long time, Italian food has been America's choice as the number-one ethnic food! If you have a hankering for a wonderful Italian meal, then all you need to do is visit Rocky's New York Pizza in beautiful Cascade, Maryland, offering a host of tasty Italian delights served graciously in a cozy atmosphere.

Rocky's (no relation to Rocky's of Thurmont) was first opened back in 1982 on this same site by Antonio Parascandolo, the father of current manager Marianna, whose husband Francesco is the master pizza-maker. Though this local landmark closed for a time, when Marianna and Francesco returned to their native Italy to further enhance their culinary skills in Naples, Rocky's re-opened in September of this year. Cascade "feels like home" to the managers, who give special thanks to the scores of loyal customers who have returned to Rocky's to enjoy their favorite Italian dishes.

Rocky's is proud to serve various gourmet pizzas (including white pizza and the much-beloved fresh tomato and garlic pizza) in addition to Neopolitan pizza (round and thin crust) and the always-popular Sicilian pizza, which is thick crust and served in squares.



Photo by Joseph Kirchner  
The Rocky's New York Pizza storefront in Cascade

In addition to their signature pizzas, Rocky's also serves up all your Italian favorites: strombolis, calzones, sandwiches, hot subs, cold subs, a variety of delicious appetizers, chicken and veal dinners, and pasta dinners; surely something to whet everyone's Italian appetite! You may bring your own wine or beer to complement the delicious meal you will surely enjoy in this quaint Italian restaurant.

Rocky's New York Pizza is located at 14323 McAfee Road in Cascade near Fort Ritchie's main entrance. Call them at 301-241-3470 during business hours Monday-Thursday from 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Marianna and Francesco are waiting to greet you!

## Well-Fit Owner Receives Tai Chi Certification

Gretchen Smith (pictured far right), owner of Well-Fit Aerobic and Fitness Center in Thurmont, attended a Tai Chi Certification Class in York, Pennsylvania, in October. The presenter was Master Trainer, Troyce Thome (pictured with Gretchen), of California. Troyce has been teaching Tai Chi for over fifteen years. She has traveled to China to study Tai Chi and Qigong in Shoolin and the Wodang Mountains.

Gretchen is looking forward to expanding class offerings to include Tai Chi in the near future. Call Gretchen at 301-271-6926 for more information.



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## Superstorm Sandy/Hargadon Account

by Joseph Kirchner

Hurricane Sandy, called by many “the storm of the century,” devastated much of the Eastern seaboard with strong winds, flooding, downed power lines and fallen trees. Even though far inland, the great storm, nevertheless, affected much of northern Frederick County.



Photo by Joseph Kirchner

The destruction from Hurricane Sandy included downed trees on this shed and on a small “Spring house” on the Hargadon property.

Dr. Mike Hargadon reported that his property on Annandale Road in Emmitsburg was hard-hit by the storm. On Tuesday morning, October 31, 2012, he was surprised to see, upon inspection of his property, that half a dozen trees were down, that one fallen tree had crushed his small “Spring house,” that some of his fencing was destroyed, and that a telephone pole with attached transformer had fallen across his driveway. As a result, Hargadon could not drive until the fallen pole was removed after two days. Though an assessor came out and reported that the damage to his property

was “some of the worst damage he had seen in this area,” making it a “priority,” it would be five full days before electricity was finally restored on Saturday, November 3.

Hargadon and his wife, Jane, were well-prepared to ride out the storm, utilizing a kerosene heater and fireplace for heat and kerosene lanterns, candles, flashlights, and headlamps for light. Though inconvenienced considerably, Hargadon was thankful that many of his neighbors pitched in to help one another in the aftermath of Sandy’s wrath.

## Thurmont Fire-Rescue Helps Homeowners Following Hurricane

Firefighters from the Guardian Hose Company, Station 10 (Thurmont Fire-Rescue), assisted homeowners after Hurricane Sandy struck Frederick County in late October. During and after the storm, firefighters responded to countless calls for service, including helping homeowners that lost power and suffered flooded basements.



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Thurmont Engine-Tanker 104 uses a generator and portable water pump to pull approximately two feet of standing water out from a homeowner’s basement.

## Emmitsburg Lions Club’s Christmas Food Drive

The Emmitsburg Lions Club will hold its annual Christmas Food Drive until December 21, 2012. Food collection boxes will be located at Jubilee, Vigilant Hose Company, Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, and at the Carriage House Inn on Christmas Spirit Night (please: no outdated food items).

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# PEOPLE making news

## Awards Presented During Make A Difference Day Ceremony

Chief Eyler (left) is presented the 2012 Police Officer of the Year award by Thurmont Lions Club President Tim Stuart at the Make A Difference Day ceremony on October 27, 2012.



Chief Gregory Eyler received the 2012 Police Officer of the Year award during the Make A Difference Day ceremony at the Thurmont Regional Library on October 27, 2012. Chief Eyler handles community events, such as Colorfest and the recent G8 Summit, with the "highest level of professionalism." He also has implemented new programs in Thurmont, including: Meet The Chief Night, Neighborhood Watch, Drug Disposal Events, Residential House Checks, and others. Congratulations to Chief Eyler!

Also announced at the Make A Difference Day ceremony was the 2012 Thurmont Volunteer of the Year. Before introducing the nominees, Cindy Wantz of the Thurmont Lions Club said, "Only one nomination wins each year; however, all of these nominees are winners in the eyes of the citizens of Thurmont."

Thurmont Lions Cindy Wantz and Joyce Anthony (left to right) with the nominees who "make a difference" in our community every day: Beulah Zentz, John Dowling, Barbara Coolidge, John Ford, Joann Miller, Gene Doyon, and Fred Mullins, along with Thurmont Lions Club President Tim Stuart. Fred Mullins and Gene Doyon were chosen as the Volunteers of the Year. They work many hours as volunteers for the Thurmont Food Bank. They truly make Thurmont a better place to live.

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## Local Boy Scout Wins National Honor for Essay

Michael Hepburn, a local Boy Scout from Troop 1812, won national honors with his recent essay entitled, "How I Can Show My Patriotism in My Community." Hepburn won the Americanism Essay Contest Award for the Eastern Division - Class III of the American Legion Auxiliary, which is the highest award possible in the nation for his age group.

Hepburn, who attended Boy Scouts of America's National Youth Leader Training this past summer, discussed the meaning of patriotism and how one can act on it within their community. In his winning essay, he noted that, "patriotism is caring about your country and community, and committing to make America a better place." His essay also talked about how Scouting has helped him with his understanding of patriotism by teaching him how to respect others and how to serve the American flag.

An Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for his troop, Hepburn won a cash prize for his essay and donated half of it to Friends of Scouting (FOS). The FOS program provides scholarships for kids to attend camp who otherwise couldn't afford to, along with training materials and programs that allow the Boy Scouts to provide top notch activities and experiences to youth.

For more information about joining all levels of Scouting, please go to www.BeAScout.org or contact John Boyd, Appalachian Trail District Executive, at 240-422-0706 or john.boyd@scouting.org.



Courtesy Photo  
 Michael Hepburn, Boy Scout from Troop 1812, wins the Americanism Essay Contest Award for the Eastern Division - Class III of the American Legion Auxiliary, with his essay "How I Can Show My Patriotism in My Community."

## Local Artist's Work Part of Smithsonian Display

Local artist, John Nickerson, a.k.a. Gnarly Artly, sits next to a t-shirt design he created for the Maryland Food Coop in 1999. It is included in the Food: Transforming the American Table 1950-2000 exhibit at the Smithsonian Museum of American History. The art is part of the section on the counterculture, organic and co-op food movements. The overall exhibit documents the evolution of America's food production, eating, and shopping habits over the last 50 years. It runs through December 12, 2012.



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## Ann Frances Marshall Honored by Stanford University

Stanford University has announced that the 2012 winner of the Marshall D. O'Neill Award is Ann Frances Marshall, formerly a resident of Frederick County and currently a Senior Research Scientist at Stanford, a top-ranked U.S. University. The prestigious award is given for "exceptional and enduring support" of Stanford's scientific research programs. A reception honoring Dr. Marshall was held at the Stanford Faculty Club on November 12. The award includes a cash prize of \$5,000.



Courtesy Photo  
Ann Frances Marshall, winner of the 2012 Marshall D. O'Neill Award.

Dr. Marshall grew up near Mount St. Mary's University, where her father was a professor. She graduated from Mother Seton School, St. Joseph's High School, and from Catholic University, which she attended on a Knights of Columbus Scholarship and where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She went on to earn her PhD at the University of Virginia.

The Stanford News describes Dr. Marshall as a "world-class electron microscopist and an outstanding woman scientist, who, in addition to her research, has mentored and trained generations of graduate students."

The enormous microscope she works with was built in the Netherlands at a cost of more than eight million dollars. Over the years, Dr. Marshall traveled to Holland on several occasions in connection with the building or refitting of the microscope. At Stanford, it is housed in a custom built, climate-controlled room.

Letters from former students now working in research communities across the country, as well as letters from faculty and research colleagues, warmly supported her nomination for the O'Neill award.

Dr. Marshall's mother, a 91 year-old novelist, and several of her siblings, Kate, Elaine, and Donald, still live in the area. Her mother comments, "We seldom understand what Ann does but we're very proud of her for doing it."

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## Guiding Eyes for the Blind Now Accepting New Puppy Raisers in the Catoctin Region

Guiding Eyes for the Blind, known around the globe as one of the foremost guide dog schools, is now accepting new puppy raisers in the Catoctin region, encompassing Frederick and Washington Counties in Maryland, as well as south-central Pennsylvania. The nonprofit has invited area residents to open their homes and hearts in this rare volunteer opportunity to raise a future guide dog puppy.

For someone without sight, a Guiding Eyes dog is a priceless, life-changing gift, providing independence, companionship, and mobility. Puppy raisers come from all walks of life and include couples, families with children, young adults, and senior citizens. They all share a common desire to be a part of something bigger than themselves.

The McCauleys of Thurmont have experienced firsthand the joy and fulfillment that comes with raising a future guide dog. "We love dogs and thought puppy raising would be a great service project," explained Linda McCauley, who saw a local newspaper article about the program a few years ago. "Jim and I have met many wonderful people through our work with Guiding Eyes. It's so rewarding to see the dogs with their handlers and know that you helped make it happen."

Puppy raisers welcome 8-week-old puppies into their homes, along with full support from the nonprofit, including training classes and free vet care. The volunteers love, nurture, and educate the puppies for a fourteen to sixteen month period before sending them off to their calling as a guide dog for a blind or visually-impaired person.

Like sixty percent of Guiding Eyes' puppy raisers, the McCauleys are repeat raisers. They currently share their home with a black Lab named Gibson, their third pup from Guiding Eyes.

The McCauley's first pup, Dalton, graduated as a guide dog in January 2011. He is now working with Liz Bottner, an assistive technology specialist. The family's second pup, Clyde, graduated in April alongside Joseph "JT" Fleeks, a college student at the University of Houston who lost his sight in a tragic driveby shooting. Fleeks majors in psychology and plans to become a rehab counselor for people dealing with the life-changing effects of traumatic injuries.

"Jim and I were very fortunate to see Dalton work with Liz last year," said McCauley. "We keep in touch with both Liz and JT."

Michelle Brier, Guiding Eyes' director of marketing and communications, notes that, "without the extraordinary dedication of our puppy raisers, we would simply be unable to provide guide dogs to the blind and visually impaired."

For additional information on Guiding Eyes' Puppy Raising Program, call 1-866-GEB-LABS or visit [www.guidingeyes.org/volunteer/puppy-raising/](http://www.guidingeyes.org/volunteer/puppy-raising/).



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Puppy raisers Linda and Jim McCauley of Thurmont with Guiding Eyes graduates Liz Bottner (center) and Dalton, the McCauley's first pup from Guiding Eyes for the Blind.

## You Can't Be Grumpy When You're Fishin' With Humpy!

by Deb Spalding

Mike "Humpy" Humerick is a native of Emmitsburg, but he's been a hunting and fishing guide in Alaska since 1979. He lives in Anchorage in the winter and King Salmon, on six-and-a-half acres, in the summer. He travels back to Maryland often. Mike is the son of the late Jack and Eleanor Humerick of Emmitsburg. He grew up one of four children, with siblings, Linda, Tom, and Dorothy.

While serving as a Weapons Loader in the United States Air Force, his twenty-year career took him to Japan, California, Kansas, Georgia, Ohio, Thailand, Vietnam, and, finally, to Alaska. He said, "Alaska captured me the day I stepped off the airplane. I walked to the river and said to myself, 'This is home.'"

Upon retirement from his adventurous career in the Air Force, Mike's new adventures began in Alaska.

Mike's nickname "Humpy" was dubbed by a notorious Alaskan hunting and fishing guide named John Prestege. Referenced by Mike as, "THE best guide ever" in Alaska, Prestege passed away about five years ago. He left a legacy of adventure for many to enjoy. Mike learned the guide trade from Prestege and now runs his own hunting and fishing guide service called Humpy's Charters, where "Fishin's the Mission!" He's eager to share a real Naknek River experience with anglers during his hourly or half-day fishing charters.

Moose, Caribou, bear, all species of Salmon, Rainbow Trout, Dolly Varden, Graylings and more; every day is a new adventure. He's enjoyed the daily bear encounters that are just part of life in Alaska. Mike said, "Bears are a by-product of fish. If you're around fish, you're going to have bears there." He said his moose hunts are always very exciting. "It's just you, God, and the animals."

There have been some hazards to the job of guiding. Mike's had bears tear his tent, a wind storm blew away his camp, and a boat blow over with two 4-wheelers in it. He takes snowmobile excursions from the McClaren River Lodge on the Denali Highway. When the highway closes in the winter, there are 123 miles of great snowmobile runs. Daily runs are about 95 miles.

Mike knows every rock and fish highway in the Naknek River. He has a knack for finding the hot spot for some big fish. He entertains with stories of fishing and hunting in Alaska. He stated, "You can't be grumpy when you're fishin' with Humpy!"

If you have a passion for adventure, Humpy will share a majestic adventure in Alaska. He encourages visitors to arrive in June or July, before the bugs come out. Give him a call at 907-439-4868 to schedule a trip.



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Emmitsburg native, Mike "Humpy" Humerick is shown with a 42 pound Chinook (King Salmon) on the Naknek River in Alaska.

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## Frederick DAR Tours Thurmont Sites of Historical Interest

In October, the Frederick Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution toured Harriet Chapel on Catocin Furnace Road in Thurmont.

The detailed history of Harriet Chapel was given by Reverend Sally Joyner Griffin. Harriet Chapel was named by its builder, John Brien, after his wife Harriet died at age 43 while giving birth to their eighth child in

1827. John Brien was a wealthy Irish immigrant ironmaster who bought the Catocin Furnace in 1820. The ladies also toured the nearby Colliers Cottage, a restored double log cabin, ca 1810. A Ranger from the Maryland Park Service provided an educational talk on the Catocin Furnace (finished in 1776). In addition to pig iron, Catocin Furnace turned out a variety of useful household tools, including the popular ten plate stove. For information about Frederick Chapter DAR, email FrederickDAR@gmail.com or go to Facebook and see FrederickChapterDAR.



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Members of the Frederick Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution stand with Reverend Sally Joyner Griffin in front of Harriet Chapel.

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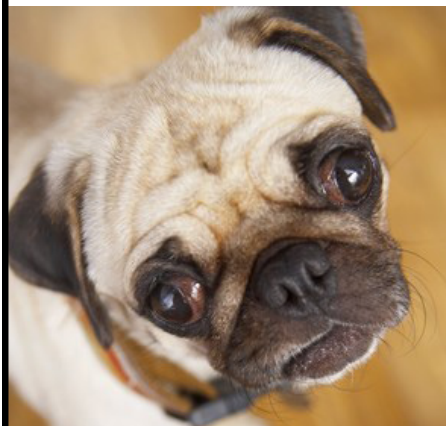
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## Your Place for Poetry & Verse

by L. Claire Cantwell

“Merry Christmas!” “Happy Holidays!” “Happy Chanukah!” These are the greetings we hear in our community during this month. On the bright side of the season, everyone seems a bit friendlier and more charitable. Most are happy to be out and about selecting the perfect live tree or braving crowds for a thoughtful gift. There are dark sides to this time of year, but let’s not focus on the traffic, rude customers, strained family gatherings, or light deprivation, okay? Certainly, none of The Catoctin Banner’s readers will be annoyed by such threats. We’ll all anticipate the lively voices of carolers outside our door, stockings hung on the mantel, a night lit up with glistening outdoor lights, the menorah lit up on the dining room table or the smell of something delicious steaming on the stove. A word associated with the birth of Christ that Christians celebrate on December 25 is “JOY.” One definition as found on answers.com describes it as a noun describing a feeling of “intense and especially ecstatic or exultant happiness.” I wish all of you JOY as you celebrate whatever holiday is within your tradition. And, may you be overjoyed as you read the four poems submitted by these “Catoctin Voices.”

### Christmas Cookies

by Denise Jackson (C) 2005

Days of baking Christmas cookies  
Dozens and dozens galore  
No matter how many I make  
I should always make some more.

Chocolate Chippers, Snicker Doodles,  
Cherry Winkies and green sugar trees  
My kids eat all their favorites  
And beg “...make some more of these!”

### Gingerbread Houses

by Denise Jackson (C) 2005

Gingerbread houses, our new tradition  
A holiday sport in the family kitchen  
Gumdrops, graham-crackers, candy canes and mints  
Bowls of sugar frosting and lots of helpful hints  
Laughter at the table and crumbs down on the floor  
We all agree that this is fun  
So why not make some more?



### A Christmas Must

by Denise Jackson (C) 2005

I must do this and I must do that  
rushing through the stores  
hide the presents... quick  
did I buy that peppermint stick?  
Decorate the house  
hang stockings by the fire  
get the cookies baked  
forget the fact I’m tired.  
Put lights and balls on the Christmas tree  
wince about the budget - multiplied by three  
get the dinner guest list  
be sure no one got missed.  
Are there enough chairs for everyone  
am I sure the shopping is all done  
scrub the walls, clean the halls  
are all the cobwebs gone?  
Then... in the silence of a moment  
I set the manger on the mantle and think  
of Christmases long past -  
I set aside my lengthy list to have a smile at last.  
It’s not the menu or the house  
no one cares about the dust  
it is family friends and Jesus -  
they are the only Christmas must!

(Denise Jackson, of Fairfield, PA, is a published poet and author. She is President of the Gettysburg Poetry Society.)

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### His Majesty

by Constance A. Trump

Did His eyes dance  
at the glitter of the gold  
or His nostrils curl  
toward the scent of myrrh  
and frankincense?

Did He feel the cold  
the love  
the animals’ gaze  
there in that stable  
at Bethlehem?

Did He sigh  
at His mother’s touch  
or squeeze His father’s finger  
holding on as babes do?

And, as He suckled  
for nourishment  
did He know  
even then?

(Constance Trump is a frequent contributor to Catoctin Voices. She is a freelance writer and a member of the Pennsylvania Poetry Society.)

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## Tom's Creek United Methodist Church Consecration Service

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The new building addition at Tom's Creek United Methodist Church is a physical example of their foundation. It is significant to learn that the church has also had a history of spreading the foundation of faith through ministry as well. Several church members at Tom's Creek UMC have become pastors of their own churches. Some were present as guests during this celebration. They are Pr. Bill Wareheim whose ministry is in Hagerstown, Maryland, Pr. Linda Wareheim whose ministry is in Chewsville, Maryland, Pr. Chris Suerdieck who has served as intermittent pastor at Tom's Creek UMC, Paul Rose whose ministry is in Middletown, Elsa Hurst whose

ministry is in Lewistown, Donnie Jane Cardwell who is a retired former pastor at Tom's Creek UMC and Tiffany Kromer, though not in attendance at the Consecration, started a ministry at Trinity United Methodist Church in Emmitsburg.

Sarah Powell, a 13 year-old eighth grade student, helped spread the faith of Tom's Creek in a different way. When visiting her father, a member of Tom's Creek UMC, on weekends, she attends Tom's Creek UMC. She created a video report about the building process at Tom's Creek UMC for her English class project at Fairwinds Christian School in Bear, Delaware.



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From left, Olivia Imirie, Pr. Terri Rae Chattin, Pr. Tim Kromer, Sam Wivell (contractor), Paul Sullivan, Jimmy Hill, Dottie Davis, Andy Hood, Anita Hill, and Brian Trevorror are shown during the Consecration Ceremony at Tom's Creek United Methodist Church on Simmons Road in Emmitsburg.

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## the book nook



### Chapter 4 by Laura Krauss

With the holiday season now upon us, we can't help but find ourselves hustling and bustling through the next few weeks in eager anticipation of the holidays. Somewhere between the media blitz of TV commercials destined to round out our shopping lists and waiting on long lines on Black Friday, there will come a time during the holidays when the true meaning of Christmas will shine through. Until that time arrives, prepare yourself for the joyous and chaotic weeks ahead by slowing down and reading this month's Book Nook selection by author Ted Gup: *A Secret Gift: How One Man's Kindness—and a Trove of Letters—Revealed the Hidden History of the Great Depression.*

In the throes of the Great Depression in December 1933, a subtle 158 word advertisement was placed in a Canton, Ohio, newspaper, illustrating an unusual act of generosity at that time in history. Written under the pseudonym of Mr. B. Virdot, a surprising and overwhelming act of kindness overtook an entire town as it spread from one household to another. The article read as follows:

*IN CONSIDERATION OF THE WHITE COLLAR MAN! Suppose if I were confronted with an economic situation where the bread of tomorrow is the problem of today - there is a question in my mind if I would accept charity directly offered by welfare organizations. I know there are hundreds of men that are confronted with economic problems and think, feel, and act the same way. To men or families in such position the maker of this offer, who will remain unknown until the very end, will be glad if he is given an opportunity to help from 50 to 75 such families so they will be able to spend a merry and joyful Christmas. To such men or families that will request such financial aid, the writer pledges that their identity will never be revealed. Please write: B. Virdot, General Delivery, Canton, Ohio. In writing, please familiarize me with your true circumstances and financial aid will be promptly sent.*

At a time in history when pride often stood in the way of receiving alms or charity from others, the promise of anonymity to the recipients of this kindness resulted in

hundreds of letters being written in response to the article. Soon Mr. B. Virdot found himself writing checks in the amount of \$5.00 each to 150 families, double the amount of the original advertisement because the need was so great in the community. While \$5.00 doesn't sound like much in today's monetary terms, keep in mind the sign of the times and what that amount truly represented.

Little did author Ted Gup know that his very own grandfather, Sam Stone, was the kind-hearted man behind the pen name of "Mr. B. Virdot." A successful Romanian-Jewish immigrant businessman that had battled back from his own bankruptcies in life, Sam provided a respite and glimmer of hope to the hardworking residents in his local community. Many of the recipients of his charitable experiment were families Sam knew from business dealings in the city of Canton.

In June of 2008, Ted Gup received an old suitcase from his mother that once belonged to his grandfather, Sam. In the suitcase were the hundreds of letters written to Mr. B. Virdot requesting a monetary gift to help their family embrace the harshness of the Depression. One by one, each letter was researched by Ted in an effort to find out the ramifications from his grandfather's kindness toward others. What he found was the legacy left behind from a man that he thought he had known his entire life. Ted learned secondhand through his grandfather, "the truest and highest form of giving is that in which the giver expected and got nothing in return."

How would you respond to an anonymous article in a local newspaper offering help during an economic crisis? Would you bother writing and/or requesting help? Better yet, would you offer financial aid if circumstances allowed for it to help your fellow neighbor? In the height of this holiday season, may you remember the words from poet Edgar A. Guest: "He has not lived who gathers gold / Nor has he lived whose life is told / In selfish battles he has won / Or deed or skill he may have done / But he has lived who now and then / Has helped along his fellow man." Blessings to you this festive holiday season!

Please email your thoughts on this month's Book Nook to:

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CYA Varsity Football

## 2012 Catocin Youth Association (CYA) Football and Cheerleading



CYA Cheerleading - Varsity



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CYA Junior Varsity Football

### 2013 CYA Lacrosse Registration Opens

Want to play the fastest game on two feet? Catocin Youth Association (CYA) Lacrosse is registering players for the 2013 spring season. All boys and girls ages 5 through 14 are eligible to participate; no experience is needed. Registration dates and locations: December 15, 2012 and January 26, 2013, Thurmont Middle School, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; January 12 and February 9, 2013, Emmitsburg Rec Center, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Fees are \$85.00 per player. No child will be turned away due to inability to pay.

Want to sign up early? Or by mail? Visit their website at [www.leaguelineup.com/catlax](http://www.leaguelineup.com/catlax) for forms. Send to Laurie Wilhelm, ATTN: CYA LAX, 5149 Wigville Road, Thurmont, MD 21788. Please make checks payable to CYA LAX. For more information or any questions, contact Keith at 301-514-2498 or Laurie at 301-748-7597; email [CYALacrosse@gmail.com](mailto:CYALacrosse@gmail.com); or Facebook~[www.facebook.com/cya.lacrosse](http://www.facebook.com/cya.lacrosse).

### CHS Athletic Boosters

The Catocin High School (CHS) Athletic Boosters Club provides an umbrella group for the various sport committees. The committees and boosters provide financial support for all sports programs, and oversee fundraisers, operate concession stands, provide team uniforms every four years, and provide overall assistance to the program in a variety of ways.

Membership in the booster club is open to anyone interested in supporting Cougar athletes. Membership is just \$5.00. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the school conference room. Please consider joining the booster club to support the athletic programs at CHS.

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# SCHOOL news

## CHS Class of 2013 Safe & Sane Events

The Catoctin High School (CHS) Class of 2013 Safe & Sane Committee announces the upcoming events and fundraisers to benefit the Class of 2013. The Catoctin Safe & Sane Committee is in great need of more parent participation. Come to a meeting and learn how all the pieces come together preparing for and giving the Class of 2013 a wonderful, safe celebration on graduation night.

CHS Safe & Sane proudly presents the "Mr. Catoctin" Pageant on Thursday, December 6, 2012, at Catoctin High School Auditorium, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00/adults; \$5.00/students. Tickets will be available at the door and during all lunch shifts at CHS from December 3 to December 6. Come enjoy an entertaining evening and support a wonderful cause!

There will be a Cash Bingo Bonanza on December 9, 2012, at the Emmitsburg Vigilant Hose Company, 25 West Main Street, Emmitsburg. Doors will open at noon; bingo starts at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance; \$30.00 at the door. (No children under the age of 15; no smoking.) Contact Karen Schildt at 240-285-8076 or Ed Schildt at 240-285-8079.

CHS Safe and Sane 2013 is also holding a cash raffle that will be drawn on December 12, 2012. Tickets are \$5.00 each: \$500 first prize; \$200 second prize; \$100 third prize; \$100 fourth prize; \$100 fifth prize. Hurry to get your ticket for five chances of winning! For more information, contact Ed Schildt at 240-285-8079.

They are still taking orders for Garden Stones, which are a great Christmas present for kids to give grandparents by personalizing them! Call Ed 240-285-8079.

CHS Safe and Sane will be holding a Christmas Pie and Cake Sale: Fresh Baked/ Frozen Pie/Cake Sales: 9" Pies Apple/Cherry/Peach/Blackberry Peach, \$10.00; 8" Cake Red Velvet/Coconut/Chocolate—Peanut Butter/Yellow-Chocolate Icing, \$8.00; 9x13 Cake Red Velvet/Coconut/Chocolate—Peanut Butter/Yellow-Chocolate Icing, \$13.00. Orders by December 10; delivery on December 20. For more information, contact Laura Knott at 240-285-4790.

A reminder that meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the CHS Media Center. Visit their website at [www.catoctinsafeandsane.com](http://www.catoctinsafeandsane.com) for many more events planned for January through May of 2013. View their advertisement on page 5.

## "Thurmont is Reading" a Tremendous Success

Over 3,500 books were donated to local schools as a result of the Thurmont Make A Difference Day Literacy Project coordinated by the Thurmont Lions and embraced by the entire community. Participants included the local businesses and churches, the Thurmont Town Office and the Economic Development Committee, Boy Scouts (who conducted a door-to-door book drive), Girl Scouts, and Thurmont Middle School LEOs. Large contributions were also received from Deborah and Michael Bloom of the Thurmont Quiznos, Friends of the Thurmont public Library, and The Thurmont Thespians. Following the ceremony on October 27, 2012, at the Thurmont Regional library -- the perfect setting for this event -- the books were donated to Thurmont primary, Elementary, and Middle Schools, as well as Lewistown Elementary and Sabillasville Elementary.



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Pictured are donors Michael and Deborah Bloom of the Thurmont Quiznos (left); Sam Miller, Chairman of the event; and Tim Stuart, Thurmont Lions Club President. See more pictures of the Thurmont Make A Difference Day ceremony on the Thurmont Lions Club Facebook page.

## Thurmont Grange Has Words For Thirds

The Grange is a nationwide organization that has community service in mind. On November 13, 2012, the Thurmont Grange went to the Thurmont, Emmitsburg, and Sabillasville Elementary schools and gave each third grader a dictionary. This is an annual activity intended to give our area's third graders their very own dictionary.



Sabillasville Elementary School (left)  
Back row -- Grange members, Joe Royer, Jim Moser, and Sandra Moser, are shown with 3rd Grade Teacher, Mrs. Mapes; Sabillasville Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Locke; and the 3rd Grade Class at Sabillasville Elementary School on November 14, 2012.

Photos by Deb Spalding

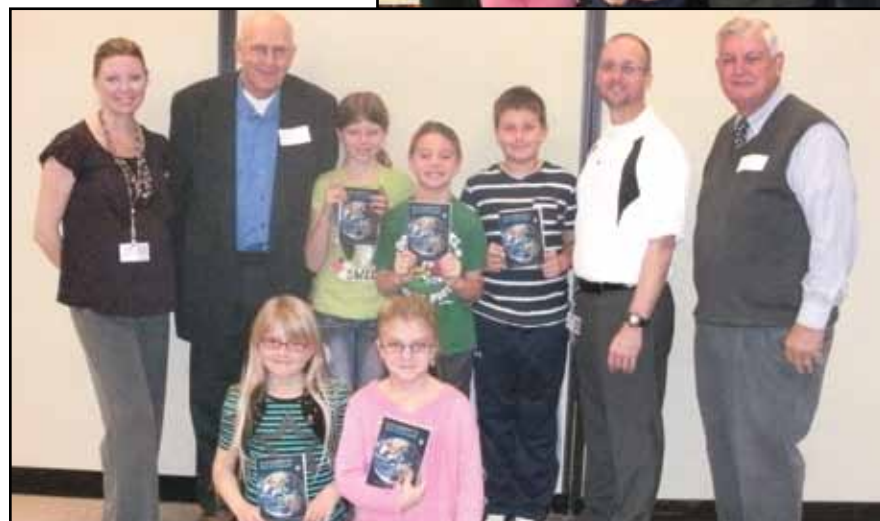


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### Emmitsburg Elementary School (above)

Pictured (left to right): Top row—Mrs. Krantz, Bob Wiles, Cliff Stewart, Mr. Brown; Middle row—Cheyenne Van Echo, Ryan Heiss, Wyatt Davis; Front row—Chloe Wantz and Gabby Barth.

### Thurmont Elementary School (right)

Pictured left to right at Thurmont Elementary School are Kate Kreitz, TES Principal; Wyatt Mullican, third grade student; Joe Moser, Sandy Moser, Virginia Moser and Rodman Myers, Grange members; Breigh Wachter, third grade student; Mrs. Etzler, third grade teacher; Mr. Hoffman, Asst. Principal.



## Donation to CHS Safe and Sane 2013



Dr. John Hagemann of Center of Life Chiropractic donated \$300 to Catocin High School (CHS) Safe and Sane Class of 2013. Dr. John (left) is pictured with Catocin High School senior and patient, Mackenzie Smith.

If you are interested in donating to CHS Safe and Sane, please contact Ed Schildt at 240-285-8079.

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## Catocin FFA at National FFA Convention

Members of the Catocin FFA Chapter in Maryland were one of 45 teams participating in the National FFA Agricultural Technical and Mechanical Systems Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 85th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The team, led by advisor, Brian Hendrickson, was awarded a Gold emblem. Members also competed for individual awards with 165 other participants. Wyatt Farmer received a Gold emblem, Charles Kolb received a Gold emblem, Cody Stitely received a Gold emblem, and Hunter Krantz received a Silver emblem.

The top ten individuals and the national winning team members received cash awards to recognize their success in the event. The cash awards and the agricultural technology and mechanical systems event are sponsored by the Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

The National FFA Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems CDE is a competitive event that allows students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. Activities included in the event are a written exam, a team event, demonstration of problem-solving skills, and hands-on performance activities.

Areas of emphasis include environmental and natural resource systems, machinery and equipment systems, structural systems, energy systems and electrical systems. Each team in the event has competed with other chapters in their state for the privilege of participating in the national event.

The event, held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, Indiana, is one of many educational activities at the National FFA Convention & Expo in which FFA members practice the lessons taught in agricultural education classes.

For more, visit the National FFA Organization online at [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org), on Facebook, Twitter and the official National FFA Organization blog.

## New Scholarship for CHS students

The Guardian Hose Company has created a scholarship to honor James H. Mackley, a long-time member and officer of the Guardian Hose Company. The company is offering a \$500 scholarship for a graduating Catocin High School (CHS) senior planning to continue his or her education in public safety (Fire, EMS, Police, Nursing, etc.).

Applicants will be judged on their activities in the community and leadership in organizations. The application packet is available on the CHS website, in the cafeteria, and in the Career Center.

Deadline for submission is February 15, 2013. Scholarship applications should be sent to: Guardian Hose Company, Inc., Attention: Mackley Scholarship, 21 North Church Street, Thurmont, MD 21788.

## TEPS PTA Events for December

The Thurmont Elementary/Primary School (TEPS) PTA Calendar of Events for December are as follows: December 6 — PTA General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at TES Media Center (Dessert Meeting); December 12 — Schools dismiss 2 hours early; December 24-31 — Schools Closed for Winter Break (Happy Holidays to all!).

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## Mother Seton School Inducts New Vincentian Marian Youth Members into the Seton Council



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Mother Seton School inducted twelve new members into their Vincentian Marian Youth Seton Council on September 27, 2012: (front, left to right) Matthew Imes, Max Kirby, Jane Bramson, Aly Smith, Tommy Laudani, Maya Hand; (back, left to right) Madison Herring, Fr. John Holliday, C.M., Nora Stocksdale, Mark Golibart, Eric Weber, Jude O'Donnell, Megan McGee, and Sister Ann Claire Rhoads, D.C., VMY facilitator.

At a special Eucharistic Liturgy on September 27, 2012, the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg, inducted twelve new members into the school's Vincentian Marian Youth Seton Council.

Vincentian Marian Youth (VMY) is an international youth organization of the Vincentian family. Members of the Mother Seton School Seton Council perform works of service at various outreach locations several times a month outside of school hours, including Seton Center Thrift Shop & Outreach Center, Catocin Pregnancy Center, Gettysburg Soup Kitchen, St. Vincent's Care Center, and St. Catherine's Nursing Center.

After each member recited the Vincentian Marian Youth Pledge, Principal Sr. JoAnne Goecke accepted the new members and Fr. John Holliday, C.M. blessed them.

Inducted into the Seton Council were Jane Bramson, Mark Golibart, Madison Herring, Matthew Imes, Max Kirby, Maya Hand, Tommy Laudani, Megan McGee, Jude O'Donnell, Aly Smith, Nora Stocksdale, and Eric Weber.

Mother Seton School currently has thirty-six total VMY members and eighteen in a year of formation before they can be inducted into VMY as members.

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## looking back – 1871

### Christmas In Thurmont, 19th Century Style

by Jim Rada

Even 141 years ago, Christmas was still a boisterous time in Thurmont (then Mechanicstown). Families decorated trees and children grew anxious about whether they had been good enough to get a good gift as December 25th grew closer.

The *Catoctin Clarion* noted that adults awoke early on Christmas morning as boys lit firecrackers and shot pop-guns in the air.

People traveling to Baltimore to be with family there for the holiday rushed to catch the morning train and, in some cases, the morning stagecoach. "The stage from Emmitsburg, desiring to catch the inspiring notes of Santa Claus, made the trip of eight miles in 33 minutes, the quickest trop on record of Mr. Stout's fast driving. It turned the corner of Carroll Street at peep of day, to be in time for the cars for Baltimore, with trumpet blowing and rattling wheels," the *Clarion* reported.

For those people staying in Mechanicstown, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church was open early and "tastefully trimmed up." It was crowded with people who were attending morning Mass for the holiday.

The church had been built in 1857 as the Catholic community in Emmitsburg expanded. Fr. William McCloskey, a member of the Mount St. Mary's College faculty, had started the effort to build a Catholic Church in Mechanicstown the year before. The church cornerstone was laid on August 30, 1857, amid an assembly of around 1,000 people from all over the area.

"A concourse of at least a thousand persons assembled from all the neighborhood villages and from the farm houses and dwellings that dot the mountains side or lie scattered in the valleys that wind among its hills, witnessed with marked attention and respect the imposing ceremonies, the ecclesiastical procession, the lighted tapers and the sacred symbol of redemption borne publicly before the Priests and Levites to the spot marked for the future offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the New Law," reported the *Catholic Mirror*.

The church continued to draw large crowds, especially for holidays like Christmas. The members were also very supportive of the Catholic colleges in Emmitsburg. After Christmas morning Mass, an

omnibus also left that morning from the church filled with gifts for the students at Mount St. Mary's and St. Joseph College who had remained at school during the holiday season. Their parents sent the gifts that were collected at the church.

Later in the morning, people began filling the streets with holiday cheer. Children blew tunes or just annoying shrill sounds on their tin whistles. Adults walked along the streets admiring Christmas trees in various houses that could be seen through windows. Families made sure that their trees and other displays around the tree bases could be seen easily

"Mrs. Mary Carmack had an elegant trimmed tree erected in the corner of her parlor, loaded with confections and ornaments, a music box imparting inspiring tunes and beautiful life-like dolls," the *Clarion* reported.

People in the region have always seemed to enjoy the holiday even when a war was being fought. Lt. Albert Hunter of Emmitsburg wrote about his first Christmas away from home during the Civil War. "Our folks from Gettysburg, Emmitsburg, and Taneytown gave us a large box of good things for a Christmas dinner, and oh how good it was. Some of the boys were away on patrol duty and we kept a share for them. When that night a rascal of our company, but from New York, stole the good things, we summarily discharged him. The Corporal of the guard took him a mile from camp and told him his life would not be worth a cent if he ever appeared at the Old Mill. I need not to say we never saw him again. Our next camp was at Hagerstown, where we had a splendid time until spring. We had the Fair Ground, and all the conveniences we could ask for, besides a jolly good time in the old barn," he wrote.

Shortly after the Civil War ended, A.W. Cissel noted that each year on Christmas Eve "a parade of sleighs headed over the snow-packed streets toward Graceham." The Moravians celebrated "Watch Night" at the church there since 1758.

Though nowadays getting coal for Christmas is considered a gift for naughty children, at the turn of the century, coal was a gift. On December 14, 1908, the Western Maryland Railway voted to give each regular employee two tons of coal

## Catoctin Ag Mechanics Team Places Second

The Catoctin Ag Mechanics Team placed 2nd in the nation at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 22-26, 2012. Team member placings were: Phil Kolb, 2nd; Wyatt Farmer, 4th; Cody Stitely, gold rating; and Hunter Krantz, silver rating. Coaching the team is Jason Green of Jason Green Electric and a master electrician. Team advisors are Amy Jo Poffenberger and Brian Hendrickson.



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The Catoctin Ag Mechanics Team placed 2nd in the nation out of 45 teams from across the United States (left to right): Hunter Krantz (silver rating); Cody Stitely (gold rating); Wyatt Farmer (4th place); Phil Kolb (2nd place); Jason Green of Jason Green Electric and a master electrician (coach).

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The Western Maryland Railway had been an integral part of Mechanicstown since it had opened in January 1871. As the railroad extended beyond Mechanicstown, it opened markets for the community to the west as well as the east.

The joy of Christmas still continues in Thurmont. "The anticipation and excitement of a child at Christmas has not changed," Cissel wrote in her article "Christmas

Past." "Then as now, tots 'oohed and aahed' over the decorated windows of local merchants and wished for the sled, doll buggy, or train set on display. The shop fronts might change from gaslight to neon, but the wonder remains. In later years, the Lions Club sponsored an annual party at Town Hall with Santa and gifts, open to all town children. The State Theater booked special children's double features, with free matinees for kids."



## Catoctin Choral Teacher Donates 30 Years of Memories

by Erin Dingle, Thurmont Regional Library

“My fondest memories are the wonderfully talented students I worked with at Catoctin High School and the sensational chorus concerts we presented to the public,” recalled Gail Slezak, a Frederick County Public School (FCPS) music instructor for thirty years. And all of those years were dedicated to the students attending Thurmont High School and later Catoctin High School (CHS). During her tenure at Catoctin—beginning in 1969 when it opened through 1995 when she retired—Mrs. Slezak compiled all of the programs, news articles, and photographs featuring the many students in her classes into three large scrapbooks.

This labor of love has recently been donated to the Thurmont Center for Agricultural History at the Thurmont Regional Library. After professional processing into archival boxes at Frederick County Public Libraries Maryland Room, former students will be able to visit this collection at the Thurmont Regional Library to reminisce about their musical experiences and events.

Born and raised in Tarentum, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Slezak sang in choirs and entertained at many community functions while she was growing up. She received her Bachelor of Music Education degree (Magna Cum Laude) from Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio, and her Master of Liberal Arts degree from Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College). Mrs. Slezak later studied music at the Peabody Conservatory at the University of Maryland, and began her teaching career at Thurmont High School in the fall of 1965. When the new high school was built, she moved to Catoctin High School in 1969, and she began clipping and gluing memories of the vocal music department she virtually established.

During her long career, she also offered a variety of course offerings for large and small choral groups, music theory, music history, music appreciation, guitar, hand bells, piano classes, as well as American popular music.

She also served as vocal coach for over twenty CHS musical drama productions, and has fond memories of working with CHS Drama Department Chair, Mike Miller. In addition to serving as CHS music department chair, Mrs. Slezak served on Frederick County music curriculum writing assignments



Courtesy Photo

Erin Dingle, Thurmont Regional Library Administrator, accepts scrapbooks from longtime Catoctin High School Choral instructor Gail Slezak for the Thurmont Regional Library history collection.

and chaired several Middle States Evaluation Committees for FCPS. Throughout, she continued to clip and glue wonderful memories.

In 1995, after teaching for thirty years in the FCPS system, Gail Slezak retired. She put the glue and scissors away, along with her scrapbooks. After visiting the Thurmont Regional Library several times, she realized that it was the ideal location to house these memories, so former students would have access to them. The library was happy to accept them to add to their historical collections in the Thurmont Center for Agricultural History.

Gail Slezak recently retired as Chancel Choir Director at the Frederick Church of the Brethren after forty-two and a half years, but she is still currently employed as a “sub” in two FCPS high schools. A remarkable career preserved in three remarkable scrapbooks.

To find out more about historical preservation and the Thurmont Center for Agricultural History, visit our website [http://www.fcpl.org/information/mdroom/general\\_info.htm](http://www.fcpl.org/information/mdroom/general_info.htm).

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## CATOCTIN CHRONICLES

by Labella A. Kreiner

Hi, my name is Labella Kreiner. I am a freshman at Catoctin High School (CHS), and through The Catoctin Banner I will be aiming to keep our community up to date about what's going on at CHS. For my first column, I thought it would be fun to cover the ending of the fall sports season. Volleyball, cross country, and soccer had marvelous teams that gave their best during every game. During Regional Playoffs, the volleyball team won the first game against Liberty High, 25 to 12; the second game, 25 to 21; and tied the third game of the set. Kristy Erfurd had 18 serving points and 4 aces as her final total. The kill leaders were: Mackenzie Smith, with 14 “kills” (an attack where the ball hits the ground on the opponent team's side); the assist leader was Hailey Albright, with 19 assists; and the dig leader was Grace Levering, with 10 digs.

The cross country track team did amazingly well with their standings this year. The boys cross country team won the 2A West Regional Championship on November 2, 2012. Also, on November 10, 2012, the boys won the State Championship. Beforehand, I interviewed a few of the boys about their fall experience and the championship. David Dorsey said, “This year was up and down. We won some and lost some. Compared to our winning two years ago, this one will be more important.

Members of the Boys Cross Country team warm up before preparing for their state championship.

Photo by Labella Kreiner



How we will stand in the end will be a total surprise.” He added, “We prepared over the summer, running miles. When the season started, it was all about following what Coach [Terri Gibbons] wanted. It was a lot of hard work training for this and we're ready.”

The boys soccer team also did tremendously well this fall. The team had a record of 9 wins, 4 ties, and 2 losses. This was their best overall record since 1995. They scored third in the Antietam Conference, with 5 wins, 1 tie, and 2 losses. That's amazing since they were playing against very challenging opponents. They were the number one seed in the 2A West Region. We are all very proud of this team and their hard work to achieve results such as these.

With the winter sports season at hand, our home basketball teams have been holding tryouts, indoor track and field has started to pick up, and the swim team is starting to prepare for competition. Let's all wish our home teams the best as they prepare for the chill of this year's opponents! Will they be able to warm the chill and bring pride to the hearts of our locals?

Do you have any topics you want to see in future columns? If so, you can reach me at [labella@thecatocinbanner.com](mailto:labella@thecatocinbanner.com).

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# senior moments

by Helen Deluca

Dear Seniors,

It is such a busy time of the year! Take a break to read about all of the happenings coming up at the Thurmont Senior Center.

November was a busy month. Besides the usual activities, Doris Roman's family surprised her with an 80th happy birthday party, we had the Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo, and the Halloween party.

Nurse Steve was cancelled because of the hurricane, and paving was delayed because of the weather. But as you can see, we now have the area finished with four new handicapped parking spaces available in front of the building.

We would like to thank Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish for the use of the Parish Center during the time we had to close the Senior Center and also for use of the Parish Center for our Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all the members of the Knights of Columbus Council 11975 for all their hard work and support.

Did you see our "new" bingo equipment? Thanks to the Graceham Volunteer Fire Dept. and to John Dowling for their combined effort to make the equipment operational. Our craft ladies have graciously made a donation on behalf of the Center to the Graceham Fire Dept.

Now I will fill you in on what's happening in December:

**December 1:** Annual Christmas party. It will be at the Graceham Moravian Church at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$15.00. The Turkey and Oyster Dinner is always so delicious, and we look forward to seeing you there.

**December 4:** Ellie Jenkins from the DoA will be back to help anyone regarding the Medicare Part D Open Enrollment. She was at the Center on November 9, and she presented a lot of useful information. We are hoping

to have her visit our Center on a monthly basis.

**December 9:** On Sunday at 2:00 p.m., Richard Troxell, international tenor, and friends will be in concert at Apples UCC on Apples Church Road in Thurmont. Tickets are \$15.00 with proceeds to benefit the Thurmont Senior Center. Call 271-7911 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., or 271-7583 after hours. Tickets at the door are \$20.00.

**December 31:** New Years Eve. Join us at the Center from 12:00-3:00 p.m. to celebrate the December Happy Birthday party and New Year's Eve. I know what you're thinking: A New Year's party in the afternoon? If you're a senior, you already know how times have changed! Come and join us for a few hours of fun! No charge unless you're making reservations for lunch. Lunch as usual \$5.75, or a donation on the honor system.

Before long, winter will be here, along with ice and snow. If the schools are closed for the day because of inclement weather, the Center will be closed. The Center will also be closed on December 24 and 25.

If you are looking for some unusual Christmas gifts, come to the Center and see what the craft ladies have made for you. Prices are reasonable. The craft ladies will also have their handiwork available at the Christmas Dinner on December 1, as well as during intermission at the Richard Troxell Concert on December 9.

We do try to make your visits to the Center enjoyable. If there is something you have to offer or suggest, please let us hear from you. If you would like to volunteer to serve lunch, we can always use your help!

For more information, reservations, tickets, to rent the Center, or to volunteer, please call the

**Halloween Party**  
Pictured (left to right) are Norman Jean Buice, Tony Cornejo, (can you guess who?), Doris Roman, Sylvia Goodnough, and Janice Synder.



Courtesy Photos



**Thurmont Senior Bingo**  
Pictured (left to right) are Joan Follin and George Anzelone.

Center at 301-271-7911. The Center is open to help you from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you have much to be thankful

for, share that feeling with someone less fortunate. Have a happy, healthy, and prosperous holiday.

## Corrections to Last Issue:

Correction for last month's Senior Moments column: The Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo was sponsored by the Thurmont Senior Center and the Knights of Columbus Council 11975, not the KFC Restaurant.

*"One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly."*

~ Andy Rooney

## Attention Emmitsburg Ambulance Subscription Club Users

The Subscription Club is utilized to offset the cost of any payments, co-payments, and deductibles that you may incur as a result of utilizing ambulance service. The cost to be a member of the Subscription Club for each year is \$25.00 per individual, \$50.00 per household, and \$15.00 per senior citizen.

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# Eddie Kessler's Spotlight

Eddie Kessler is a writer, producer, director, actor and author. As an actor, Eddie appeared in more than nineteen feature films and made-for-TV movies, including *Rocky IV* and *OverThe Top*, both with Sylvester Stallone, and *The Suicide's Wife* with Angie Dickerson. Eddie also starred in the Nevada Power Company's TV commercial as a man whose light of his life has gone out—the heat pump in his home. He produced and hosted the first Leave It To Beaver cast reunion at both Universal Studios in Hollywood, California, and his own TV show, *The Eddie Kessler Show* in 1980. This month, Mr. Kessler will share his insight on various topics. Enjoy!

Hello, I'm Eddie Kessler, hoping everything is bright and shiny in your spotlight. Through this column, I hope to bring you information on a variety of topics from entertainment, travel, and health to new products and exciting innovations. Join me on this fascinating journey!

### New Products You Should Own

I don't have to tell you that Mother Nature and Old Man Winter can be brutal; but, while we cannot beat them, we can prepare for the worst that they have to offer. There's an excellent manufacturing company here in the U.S. by the name of Baccus Global that has licensed some of the best named brands like Black and Decker (Towson, Maryland), Stanley and Vector and others for a wide array of home and auto appliances and power tools.

I am pleased to report on a couple of great new devices that make your life safer and more efficient. They also make some great, long-lasting gift ideas for the holidays. I personally belong to two nationwide emergency motor clubs, AAA and AllState. While they are very good in and of themselves, their roadside calls are not enough. Black & Decker through Baccus Global offer a spectacular new item – the 900A Professional Power Station with 1000 Peak battery amps, 500W Inverter, 2 AC and 1 DC USB port, 120 PSI inflator for tires, and more! 500 instant starting amps

jump-starts a whole range of different vehicles in an array of sizes.

Its internal charging cube works well with household extension cords and no AC charger is needed. The designers were very wise in providing a backlit inflator gauge for increased visibility. It also boasts a keyless on/off switch. There is even a visual and audible reverse polarity alarm that warns against the dangers of improper battery connections!

As they say on TV, "Now wait, there's more!" It will charge cell phones, lap tops, alarm clocks, TVs, fans, drills, appliances... it will even cook dinner by hooking up to a crock pot. It comes complete with its own batteries. The 900A is certain to be one of the wisest investments that you'll ever make.

### Coffee: I'll Drink to That!

From my "Betcha You Didn't Know" files comes some fascinating trivia. According to informed sources, coffee was actually discovered by accident—as most good things are! A herd of goats in Ethiopia wandered off (don't they always?), and the natives had to chase after them. The tribesmen stumbled upon brightly colored red berries. Upon further examination and roasting them, they—like Maxwell House—found them, "Good to the last drop!"

George Washington, a Belgian living in Guatemala, invented instant coffee in 1906. Coffee is the second



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Eddie Kessler (pictured center), is shown with some members of the Leave It To Beaver cast—(left to right) Luke (Tiger) Fafara, Jr. who played Tooley, Frank Bank who played Lumpy, Jerry Mathers, and Tony Dow—after appearing as a spotlight on *The Eddie Kessler Show*.

most traded commodity on earth! Oil is number one!

### New Coffee Appliances for the Holidays

A variety of great Cuisinart Coffee Makers produce delicious cups of coffee. So good in fact that you'll want to put out a sign for your own coffee house! For large settings, there's the 14 cup Glass and 12 cup Thermal Programmable Makers. Each has 24-hour settings so you can wake from slumber to the fresh aroma of great coffee to start your day. Both have either 14 ounce or 12 ounce glass carafes to suit your needs. Just set it and wait.

Cuisinart hasn't forgotten you singles. They have a great looking and highly efficient single-serve appliance, so that you don't waste money on over-brewing. All of these makers come with safety features that won't burn the coffee, the maker, or anything else since the heater plate knows when to shut off. Model is SS-300.

### Eddie Kessler's Bookshelf

Just in time for the holidays, Curtis Publishing and *The Saturday Evening*

Post have released their

Norman Rockwell A Very Magical Christmas (*The Saturday Evening Post*, 2012) edition in large format paper back. It's handsome and suitable for framing. It contains 30 more of some of America's most beloved artists. The Post's covers of its exceptional artists renderings—including Norman Rockwell—were always an exciting delivery event, especially the Thanksgiving and Christmas issues. The book contains 128 pages of insightful and beautiful images to make you smile, laugh, and remember. You'll find it at Barnes & Noble Booksellers for \$9.99.

### Invitation to Readers

Send in your own original saying or quotation and if selected and published, you could win a prize. Here's one to get you started. I'm listing one of my originals. "No matter how early I start the day... it always ends up late!" Send yours to [eddie@thecatocinbanner.com](mailto:eddie@thecatocinbanner.com). This is Eddie Kessler reporting...

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# tickling our taste buds

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

Happy Holidays, everyone! I just can't believe that it's December again...so soon. Didn't we just celebrate Christmas a few months ago? Time sure does fly by. I can gauge how quickly the time is passing by the monthly deadline for my message and recipe for *The Catocin Banner*. It has a tendency to creep up on me—even when I know in advance when it is.

The recipe that I'm sharing this month is a Pampered Chef recipe, using crescent rolls (I should have bought stock in Pillsbury when I started my business!), cream cheese, and cherries. I demonstrated this recipe at a party recently. The combination of flavors is delicious and the finished product would make a very attractive addition to your Christmas morning breakfast. I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday.



## Cherry Cheese Coffee Cake

### Coffee Cake & Filling:

- 2 packages (8 ounces each) refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- ¼ cup powdered sugar
- 1 egg
- ½ teaspoon vanilla or almond extract
- 1 can (20 ounces) cherry pie filling\*

### Glaze:

- ½ cup powdered sugar
- 2-3 teaspoons milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Unroll crescent dough, reserving 4 triangles for decoration. Separate remaining dough into 12 triangles; arrange the triangles in a circle on 15" round baking sheet with the points toward the center and wide ends toward the outside. Using a lightly floured roller, roll dough into a 14-inch circle, pressing seams together to seal, leaving a 3-inch hole in the center. For filling, combine cream cheese, powdered sugar, egg and extract; mix until smooth. Spread cream cheese mixture over dough to within ½ inch of edges; top with pie filling. Using a pizza cutter, cut each remaining triangle into thirds, starting at the wide edge and cutting to the point. Arrange dough strips evenly in spoke-like fashion over filling. Press ends to seal at center and outer edges. Bake 25-30 minutes or until golden brown; cool slightly. For glaze, mix powdered sugar and milk until smooth; drizzle over coffee cake. Serve warm.

\*You may substitute any fruit flavored pie filling for the cherries.

## Scout Pack 270 Annual Toy Drive

Cub Scout Pack 270, following their principle to do a good deed, is launching their annual toy drive to support the Marine Corps Toys for Tots campaign. Last Christmas was made special to many children in Frederick County due to the efforts of the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation under the direction of SSGT Andrew Langlois. Thurmont residents and Cub Scout Pack 270 donated over 300 new unwrapped toys.

Since 1947, the U.S. Marine Corps has been making Christmas wishes come true for children. The objectives of Toys for Tots Campaign are to help needy children throughout the United States experience the joy of the holidays and to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable natural resources: our children. This year, more than ever, they need our help!

Hundreds of drop boxes for donated toys have already begun appearing in stores and other businesses throughout Frederick County. To donate toys, you can bring new unwrapped toys to the Thurmont American Legion Post 168 on the second Monday of December or the Thurmont Scout House. Cub Scouts will also be accepting donations through Sunday, December 9, 2012, at the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Food Lion, and the Thurmont Regional Library. On Monday, December 10, 2012, at the American Legion Post 168, at 7:30 p.m., the Cub Scouts will be presenting the Toys to the Marines at their monthly Pack Meeting.

If you would like to make a financial donation to the Marine Toys for Tots, please visit <http://www.toysfortots.org>. For more information on the Toys for Tots program, visit their website at <http://frederick-md.toysfortots.org> or contact Frederick County's Toys for Tots Coordinator: SSGT Andrew Langlois at 301-401-8654 or Cub Scout Pack T4T's Coordinator Jeanne Norwood by email: [norwoodr827@gmail.com](mailto:norwoodr827@gmail.com) or by calling 301-802-4833.

## United States Marine Corp Toys for Tots at Men's Oasis

Please bring in your NEW Unwrapped toys for ages infant-16 year (boy or girl) to Men's Oasis Barbershop in Thurmont. More than 2,000 kids in Frederick County this year; let's make this year over the top.

## Fire & Rescue Museum Participating in Toys for Tots

The Fire & Rescue Museum, located at 300B South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg, will be participating in Toys for Tots, the United States Marine Corps Reserve program that collects toys for children whose parents cannot afford to buy Christmas gifts. Please bring new, unwrapped toys to the museum during their open house on December 8, 2012. Representatives of the Marine Corps Reserve will be on hand to receive the toys.

For more information, contact Chip Jewell at 301-898-5578 or [cjecc171@comcast.net](mailto:cjecc171@comcast.net); Frank Schmersal at 301-788-5768 or [accobonack@aol.com](mailto:accobonack@aol.com).

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The following business and public sponsored this event this year: Pondscapes, Inc.; Eakins Plumbing; Wolf's Bus Line, Inc.; Bogleys Chevrolet; Mountain View Lawn Services; The Mackley Family; Catocin Mountain Orchard; Graceham Fire Department; Bill's Auto Body; Hillside Turkey Farm, Inc.; Frederick County Bank; Tracey Auto Repair; Cozy Motel Inn, Inc.; Morgan Keller Construction, Inc.; Maple Run Golf Course; Utz Potato Chips, Inc.; Stauffer's Funeral Homes; and all of the golfers that showed up that day.

Again, thank you for your support and the Guardian Hose Company, Inc. will be looking forward to working with you next year on the event.

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### Francis Smith

As a young academician I enjoyed an entire year of poetry, not only in English, but also in Latin, Greek, and German. Even earlier, in my youth, I had been fascinated with and had tried my hand at composition. One of the earliest relics is dated 1946, so the formal training intensified my interest. At first I wrote for my own pleasure until my compeers discovered my talent and challenged me in competition. Thus, my interest grew to become one of my hobbies.

My profession, as a high school English teacher, enhanced my ability as I delved into the intricacies of many poetic styles. Then, during the 1980s, I had the great opportunity to teach several semesters of poetry at Francis Scott Key High School.

They were a hit! We dabbled then, as I still do now, in all styles of poetry.

*It is a winter twilight  
as the setting sun  
slips to the horizon  
then beyond our beloved  
Blue Mountains.  
Daylight fades with the falling sun  
whose polished silver  
lit the undersides of clouds  
thus adding splendor to  
their long drawn bands of grey*

*To the west we see  
the winter fields and trees  
laid bare and lifeless  
all the earth is bored  
with the drab monotony  
of the earth in my view  
Yet we must muse in wonder  
while we await  
the greening of the sprigs of spring!*

### A Thank You

The Emmitsburg Halloween Parade Committee, which includes the Emmitsburg Lions Club, American Legion, VFW, Tyrian Lodge, and EBPA representatives, would like to thank the sponsors of our Halloween Parade for their donations this year!

Because of the conditions after Hurricane Sandy, the children's safety was in question, so the parade was canceled. All monies received have been put into a non-profit account until next year! We're looking forward to having a better parade and party in 2013! Sponsors: Briggs & Assoc.; Palms; Rebecca Pearl Gallery; Carleo's; Ott House; Antique Follies; Emmitsburg Family Barbershop; Total Look; Amy Naill; Cliff & Liz Sweeney; Ali Shriver; My Father's Footsteps; Tyrian Lodge 205; Paul Pit Stop; EBPA; Sleep Inn; E Plus Copy Center; Jubilee; Stateline Guns; C J Trade Appl.; Zurgables Hardware; VFW American Legion 121.

### Celebrating 100 Years!

George Meade Eyer of Thurmont, Maryland, celebrated his 100th birthday in September, 2012, at Frederick Memorial Hospital with the nursing staff, physicians, friends, and family members. Birthday cakes, balloons, and flowers were delivered to his room on the third floor. A large cake in honor of his birthday of 100 years was also delivered.

The children from Emmitsburg Early Learning Center made birthday cards and posters, which were taped to his door by their teacher, who read the article written in the September issue of *The Catocin Banner Newspaper* of Mr. Eyer becoming 100 years old. The children were excited and some said they, "never knew anyone who was 100!"

Meade is presently a resident of St. Catherine's Nursing Center in Emmitsburg.



### Christ's Community Church Services in Emmitsburg

Christ's Community Church meets Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at 303 W. Lincoln Ave. Emmitsburg. For more information contact Pastor John Talcott 717-642-9955 or visit us at [www.cccaog.org](http://www.cccaog.org).

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# the health jeanne

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

In case you missed it, here is a recap of 2012 healthy tips from *The Catocin Banner*!

Starting the New Year with new connections can improve one's physical and mental health. The opportunity awaits each and every one of us! We need each other!

Why is fiber so good for your health? Dr. Oz says, "Eating high fiber foods helps you stay fuller longer, keeps you regular, and boosts colon health."

We hear about fitness at every focal point of our lives. By working out as a couple you share health commitment while spending more time together. "Love is sharing everything."

Calcium is the key for growing bones! Children may not reach their peak potential bone mass if they do not get enough calcium while growing.

Power juicing is pureeing fresh fruits and vegetables and drinking them as a smoothie or juice. Try consuming your daily servings of vegetables and fruits in a beverage!

Water is the best thirst quencher! Choose water instead of cola. Research says you can add about

200 extra calories with a soft drink, besides the unwanted additives.

Summer is the best time of the year to take advantage of fresh vegetables and fruits. The nutritional content is at its highest when freshly picked!

Remind students to start their day with a healthy and nutritious breakfast. Renourishing your body provides food for the brain.

An essential part of a healthy community is random acts of humanity. Catocin communities are blessed with caring and compassionate people.

Reading food labels is a necessity when food shopping. Watch out for food additives. Look for optimal amounts of fiber, vitamins, minerals, and nutrients.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports many Americans consume low amounts of Vitamins B6, Vitamin B12, Vitamin C, Vitamin D, Iodine, and Iron. Checking your nutrients can mean a change of healthiness.

These tips are informational in nature. Yours truly hopes they make a difference in your health awareness!

Wishing you a healthy 2013!

## Literacy Night at Thurmont Regional Library

In November, the Thurmont Primary School hosted Literacy Night at the Thurmont Regional Public Library. National English Honors Society seniors Brian Sweeney and Karina



Courtesy Photo

Norwood (both pictured on right) volunteered by helping primary students with book-themed crafts.

## Community Clothes Closet in Thurmont

The Clothes Closet is housed at Thurmont United Methodist Church in Thurmont. The hours are 6:00-7:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month, and 10:00-11:30 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month.

On Monday, December 3, 2012, they will host the annual Community Clothes Closet Christmas Party, located at the church at 13880 Long Road in Thurmont. Donations are now being accepted for clothes, shoes, toys, games, books, DVDs, household items, linens, towels, etc. (items besides clothes and linens are exclusive for Christmas only). Please place donations outside the Clothes Closet building at our pavilion in the collection box anytime.

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# Who Am I?



## Who Am I? Next Issue

The annual selection of winners in our "Who Am I?" Contest takes place this month. The 2012 winners are: Kristen Andrew -- \$25.00 gift certificate to the advertiser of choice; Helen Reaver -- \$15.00 gift certificate to the advertiser of choice; and Kathy

Haskin -- \$10.00 gift certificate to the advertiser of choice. These winners need to call us at 301-447-2804 to claim their prizes.

In order to make room for new columns, more content and more advertisers as this newspaper grows, we have decided to discontinue this column with this issue being our last. We have featured over sixty individuals in the Who Am I? Column over the last five or six years. It has been a pleasure to share the stories of so many fascinating people.

Article by Danielle Hoff; photo by Deb Spalding

Your clues were: "Born on the same date, time and year; they have a special bond that is clear; working together was their forte, 'til one went a separate way; while one can help you find a home, the other works where animals roam."

Those who guessed the Who Am I? correctly were Amanda Poffenberger, Jean Muth, Eloise Smith, Terri Bryant, Deb Fornwald, Sharon Woerner, Jennifer Knill, Patty Goff and Colleen Tumulty.

## We Are Judy Cochran and Cindy Grimes

Cindy Wood was born 4 minutes before her twin sister, Judy, in Cheverley, Maryland, to Fred Wood, Sr. and Deborah (Maples) Wood. Growing up, the twins loved animals and did well in school. They dabbled in art, horseback riding, and spending time with friends, but the bond they share with each other as twin sisters has kept them close to each other for life.

After meeting her husband, John Grimes, at a high school reunion, Cindy was the first to move away from home. She and John moved to Thurmont in 1992, where they purchased a townhouse. Judy accompanied Cindy and John to the 4th of July fireworks at Fort Ritchie one year and that is where she met her future husband, Will Cochran. He is the brother of one of Cindy's former neighbors.

Cindy worked for a mortgage company before stopping to help Judy at her pet grooming shop that she was running out of her basement. Cindy said, "Real estate started as a

hobby for me. I have always loved looking at and helping others find homes." She secured her Real Estate License in 2006, moving to a full-time schedule with J & B Real Estate in 2009.

Meanwhile, Judy was a stay-at-home mom but had started her pet grooming business, Main Street Groomers, in 2003, out of her house on Main Street in Thurmont. The business was moved to Maple

Drive in 2007, and moved again to a business space at 129 East Main Street in 2008. Today, Judy has three grooming locations: Thurmont, Walkersville, and Middletown.

Their families are very close. Cindy has three children: Brandon who attends Salisbury University, Miranda who attends Frederick Community College, and Olivia who is in the tenth grader at Catocin High School. Judy has four children: Alexandra who is a senior at Catocin High School, John who is a junior at Catocin High School, Erin who is an eighth grade student

at Thurmont Middle School, and Joe who is a seventh grade student at Thurmont Middle. Cindy and Judy help each other day to day. They run each other's kids from here to there as sports, school, and social commitments demand. Their families spend holidays together and take vacations together.

The love of animals that Judy and Cindy developed as children has manifested in their lives today. In addition to the obvious care for animals at the grooming shop, Judy also works a small farm with Angus cattle, sheep, pigs, and chickens. In cooperation with the Frederick County Animal Control, Cindy and Judy both have acted as foster parents for pets in their homes.

As twins, the two do look alike. They finish each other's sentences and they have had clairvoyant moments when one knows that something has



happened to the other before normal communication runs its course.

Cindy and Judy both wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful customers they have had in this area, both in the real estate market and the grooming business. Judy said, "We want to stress that we've enjoyed being part of, and raising our families in, this wonderful community and contribute all of our business success to the wonderful support of our friends and neighbors."



## The Catocin Banner Hosts Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Will your home sparkle and shine in celebration of the holiday season? Be festive, creative, and use your imagination when decorating, then enter *The Catocin Banner's* Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Simply call in to nominate your home or a home you think could win by December 11, 2012. *The Catocin Banner* will judge only the homes you nominate on December 12-14, so leave your lights on for us between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

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

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**THE FEEDBAG**

by Aaron J. Heiner



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On a whim, I decided to try New Win Hing in Orchard Hills Shopping Center in Thurmont. Being cheap, I went with a simple lunch special. Decor is typical carry-out, with only a few booth seats, as well as a few tables. The booth seats are modern and comfortable. There is a good amount of floor space present which gives a nice airy feeling during the short wait.

I tried the chicken cashew lunch special. I hate celery, so I had them swap out celery for water chestnut.

I thought it was nice that New Win Hing would substitute celery for water chestnuts like they did. It was a relatively short wait and I was on my way back home to eat my lunch while watching a DVR full of Doctor Who.

Arriving home fifteen minutes later, I found the food still hot. Upon inspection, I realized that there was a great deal of substance—clearly worthy of being a lunch special and then some.

On the right side of the Styrofoam container was a massive amount of chicken and cashews. Underneath were the water chestnuts I specified, along with a decent serving of carrots. On the left was a fair serving of pork fried rice.

Flavor overall was good, and more than a fair trade-off, considering the sheer amount of food included and the fact that they did not skimp out on either chicken or cashews, as many other places do these days.

Overall, for a total of \$5.15, which included a can of Mountain Dew Rollback, New Win Hing is clearly the best-valued carry-out lunch special I've seen, and by far a better value than what is offered at fast food joints.

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## It's A Contest

by Valerie Nusbaum

When did Christmas become a competition? I've been noticing all the contests that have popped up relative to the holiday season.

My first thought is, "Why do we have to compete and judge each other? Why can't we all just live in peace?"

My second thought is, "Dude, I could totally win that."

Here are some of my favorite holiday competitions:

**Ugliest Christmas Sweater.** Hands down, I've got this. Actually I've got ten of them. I don't like these gaudy, sparkly, overdone knitted confections, but, every year, I receive one from some well-meaning friend or relative, complete with jingling bells and glittery elves. I feel compelled to wear the darn thing, and I invariably get lots of compliments. Apparently, I'm in the minority when it comes to Christmas sweaters.

I do have one that I actually like—a lot. It is years old, but I get it out each season and wear it faithfully. The sweater has a picture of an angry Santa Claus glaring at Rudolph who has crash-landed on top of an outhouse. Santa is shouting, "I said the 'Schmidt' house!!!" Randy bought it for me, but I picked it out.

**Best Christmas Cookie Recipe.** This one is easy. I'll tell you how to win the contest, free of charge. Go to the grocery store and buy a roll of refrigerated sugar cookie dough. Cut the roll in half. Add blue food coloring to one half. Roll out each half of the dough and cut and stack it until you have a rectangular block of alternating blue and white stripes. Slice the cookies and bake them according to the package directions. When they are cool, dip one end of each cookie into melted white

chocolate and add blue sprinkles. Ta-da!

Tell your husband that you've spent all day baking and you're too tired to cook dinner. Your mother-in-law will be amazed at your talent. Just make sure to sprinkle some flour around the kitchen and rub your back a lot. Trust me. Christmas cookies are more about the dazzle factor and less about substance. They mostly all taste like cardboard anyway.

**The Worst Christmas Present I Ever Received.** Whole websites have sprung up regarding this contest. I've looked at some of them, and there are a lot of Christmas sweaters out there. My worst presents include everything that wasn't on my list and anything I didn't pick out. My body just doesn't fit properly into a warm-up suit, and no one needs another nude sculpture.

**The Best Christmas Card Photo.** I'll admit that I love getting photos at Christmas time. It's great to see how people have changed from year to year, and sometimes it's nice to put a face with a name when the senders are not people we know well. Some of these photos are intentionally hilarious. A few years back, we got a card from a male friend of mine. The photo showed him dressed in a Santa suit, complete with wig and beard. He was standing in front of his toilet with his red pants around his ankles. Don't worry. He was wearing festive boxer shorts. His message? "That was a lot of cocoa."

When my brother and I still lived with our parents, we did a photo card every year. My favorite was the one where we dressed Mom as Santa and Dad as Mrs. Claus (in a blonde wig and full makeup). John and I were elves in tights and stocking hats, and our photo depicted Santa

passed out under the Christmas tree clutching a bottle while the rest of us struck horrified poses. As you can see, my problems started when I was very young.

I've saved the best for last, I think. The holiday contest I enjoy the most is...

**The Best Christmas Letter.** Here is an excerpt from my entry in this year's contest:

*Dear Family and Friends,  
If you don't fall in either of these categories, stop reading now. You won't care about any of this stuff and you'll just make fun of us.*

*Randy and I traveled to San Antonio, Texas, this year, and we met a man named Bennie who drove a taxi and wore a vampire cape. Things went downhill from there....Mary was in the hospital....Wanda was in the hospital....Randy still has a job but he's keeping his options open in case one of the reality shows calls him....My business hasn't been doing well, so I am also open to other opportunities. I'd really like to write an advice column. I'd call it, "Stop Whining and Put on Your Big Girl Panties."*

In closing, dear ones, I do want to wish all of you a warm and wonderful holiday season, and remember this: On Christmas Eve if you notice a man peeking in your front windows and that man is wearing a red suit and jingling some bells, do NOT call the police. It is merely Santa's helper roaming our neighborhood as he does every year. He's providing a service to frazzled parents by allowing them to take his photo on their front porches for the kiddies to see in the morning as proof that Santa was, indeed, there. If you look closely at the photo, you'll see a woman hiding in the bushes nearby, because someone has to make sure the crazy man doesn't get arrested.

Merry Christmas To All!

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### Michael Angelo Cuseo, U.S. Navy Commander (retired)

by Jim Houck, Jr.

Born May 14, 1932, in the Norwich Hospital, was Michael Angelo Cuseo. Mike's family lived in Westport, Connecticut, where they took him to reside. Mike's dad was a Connecticut police officer, and was experienced from being a former New York police officer. His dad was also a professional boxer, participating in many fights while a cop in New York. When he transferred to Connecticut, he continued his boxing profession.

Mike's dad had twelve brothers and one sister. Mike's mom was a stenographer as he was growing up in Westport. His mom had three brothers and one sister, and all of his uncles—on both his father's and mother's side—were in World War II. Mike had one sister while he was growing up, and later, when his dad returned from WWII, he was blessed with another sister. Mike said his sister Anita was an interesting person. Anita was quite a horseback rider who trained Olympic horses for a guy named Steinkrauss. He said Westport, Connecticut, was a big wealthy horse town, but the Italian families were the blue collars for the community (firemen, policemen, garbage collectors, bus drivers, school janitors, and ran the stores) that catered to the extremely wealthy people of Westport. Mike's family made a very good living at being the blue collars of the town.

Mike was raised in the suburbs of a town called Greens Farms (reminds him of Emmitsburg). He said he was so skinny and slow as a kid, yet he strived to be an athlete, having no doubt in his mind that he was going to be a star major league baseball player. He also had dreams of being



a star football player, but he said he was just so skinny and slow, it wasn't meant to be—even though he still went out for every type of sports they offered at his school in Greens Farms. Mike said that at best he was mediocre, but they would keep him on the team anyway. The bigger, faster kids asked the coaches why they kept the skinny, slow kid, and the coaches would tell them "that's because he has something you lack." They would ask what that something was, and the coaches would answer "that kid won't quit and he is tenacious, and I need a guy like that, and I wish he had your weight and speed." So, Mike was always kept on the team, even if he was sitting second string. He made first string in junior high school and was the smallest guy on the football team, weighing in at 100 pounds. He said he always got bullied because of his size, but somehow he always got even with the bullies. He said he was also mediocre scholastically, because

he had such a short attention span his mind was always going in several directions at the same time.

Mike quit school the day he turned 17 years old, walking four miles into town to the U.S. military recruiting offices. He wanted to be a Marine for as long as he could remember because of the military history on both sides of his family. He arrived at the recruiting offices at 12:30 in the afternoon, and the only office open was the Navy. Mike told the Navy recruiter he wanted to join the Marines; after the recruiter had a good laugh and settled down, the Navy recruiter told him all the other offices would be closed for an unspecified time. He said the Marine recruiter was on a three-martini lunch. The recruiter then asked Mike if he would like to take a test while waiting. The answer was yes, so the recruiter gave Mike an IQ test and told him he was a genius and that he could get into several electronics programs.

Mike said that being a gullible 17-year-old (1949), he signed on to the U.S. Navy, although he had always wanted to be a Marine and to be some kind of a hero. He was put on a submarine during the Korean conflict, and, after it ended, he remained in the Navy on the submarine for nine years. Mike wanted to be the best at what he did, but at his best, he was mediocre, because he couldn't do things the way he wanted to do them and he would get so angry. The angrier he got, the more determined he got; because after nine years in the Navy he couldn't make first class petty officer. The best he could do was second class petty officer. He was very frustrated after going out for it three times, and, then, lo and behold, the Navy decided to give him a commission as Commander. Now he was an officer and apparently his mediocrity disappeared, because everyone he had worked for thought he walked on water.

Thereafter, everything worked for Mike (I think his ego got the proper boost it needed). Mike said he was the

luckiest man in the Navy, because no one saw his mistakes and everyone saw his accomplishments; he always seemed to be in the right place at the right time.

Mike did military duty all around the world while in the Navy and had many exciting adventures, and he had his family with him most of the time. Mike met his wife Donna while working at a resort when they were both attending college. He said he dated all the girls that worked with Donna before he dated Donna. Mike and Donna were married on July 30, 1955, while going to college in Oakland, California. They have four children: Michele, Teresa, Jeanie, and Vincent. Mike gives Donna all the credit for raising them.

In 1974, Mike and Donna moved to the Emmitsburg area after finding the little farm they now live on. They love it there, especially Mike, because it reminds him of the area he lived as a child—Greens Farm, Connecticut.

Mike retired as Naval Commander in 1984 and started growing vegetables and herbs. He also cuts wood to burn in the winter. He loves to cook, coming from some great Italian cooks, like his grandmother. I got to sample one of his famous sauces at lunch and I admit it was good. Donna said now his head will grow larger than it already is.

I enjoyed my interview with Mike, and I learned a lot of things about him and all of his adventures that I did not have the time to share with you in this issue. However, I will write of his many adventures in future issues of *The Catocin Banner*.

Mike is still skinny and slow, but being 80 years old and recently having a hip replacement, he is entitled to be a bit slow. He loves to talk to friends, neighbors, and strangers, and will tell you all about his thirty-seven years with the U.S. Navy. So, if you meet Mike, shake his hand, pull up a chair, and he will tell you some interesting stories.

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For those of you who missed the fun with The Rock & Roll Relics back in October, here is another chance to have a fun evening with the premier Oldies band in the area. The Rock & Roll Relics will be appearing in our auditorium on December 8, 2012. Advance tickets are only \$10.00, and are available at the Post. Tickets will be available at the door for \$12.00.

We will be having a Christmas Party, along with Ham and Turkey Night, on December 21, 2012; give us a call so that we will have an idea of how many will be attending.

On New Year's Eve, come on down to the Post and ring in the New Year. Bring a dish or a snack to share. Open Juke Box until 1:00 a.m.

We would like to wish all of you a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year!

## VFW Post 6658, Emmitsburg

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DJ Southpaw, Saturday, December 1, 2012, from 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Nonmembers must sign guest book. House rules apply to all. For more information call 301-447-6141.

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Oyster Feed—Stewed, Fried, Steamed, & Raw, Saturday, January 26, 2013, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Tickets: \$25/person (includes beverages and sides). Only 100 tickets will be sold! Must be 21 or older to attend. Non-members must sign guest book. House rules apply to all. For more information call 301-447-6141.

Ladies Auxiliary 6658 & Men's Auxiliary 6658 would like to thank everyone for their support this past year. Thanks to you, we were able to help our veterans, community, and those in need. We wish you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

## Francis X. Elder American Legion Post 121

North Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg

Members Only Christmas Dinner and Program, Tuesday, December 4, 2012. Starts at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 301-447-2274.

Old Fashioned Pig Roast, Saturday, January 12, 2013, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. Tickets: \$15.00/person (80 Tickets to be sold); refreshments included. For more information call 301-447-2274.

## Francis X. Elder, American Legion Auxiliary Donates American Flag

Francis X. Elder, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 121 donated an American Flag to Trout's Restaurant in Woodsboro, Maryland, as part of their National Security Program. Trout's has been dedicated to serving the community since they opened. Andy and Mary Jo Trout have volunteered time, services, and many donations to honor our Veterans.



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Pictured (left to right) are Dorothy Smith, Historian; Penny Adams, President; Mary Jo Trout, Owner; and Andy Trout, Owner.

## Donations

(Photo on right) On November 19, 2012, a check was presented to Phyllis Kelly (pictured on right), Director of The Emmitsburg Food Bank, in the amount of \$500 by Jim Houck Jr. (left), Commander of Squadron 121 Sons of the American Legion, to help assure families in need in our community enjoy a good meal over the Holiday Season.



Photos by Deb Spalding



(Photo on left) ) A check was presented by Jim Houck Jr. (pictured left), Commander of Squadron 121 Sons of the American Legion, in the amount of \$500 to The Emmitsburg Lions Club, and accepted by Sharon Hane (right), Chairperson for the Lions Club Food Drive, a very worthwhile cause for supply and delivery to needy families in the Emmitsburg Community.

(Photo on right) ) November 2, 2012, Tom Joy, Commander of AMVETS Post 7 Thurmont, presented Pastor Sally, Director of the Thurmont food Bank, a check in the amount of \$957.50. The check, a net result of a beef raffle, was chaired by Jim Burns of Post 7. The money was used to provide a good Thanksgiving meal for families in need. The Family of Post 7 (Veterans, Sons of Veterans, and Ladies Auxiliary) give thousands of dollars annually to Veterans and our community and are proud to serve you for God and Country.



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 Expert answers to your health and wellness questions  
 by George Pubel, Anytime Fitness Owner

**Question:** Do you have any thoughts on some of the new functional training equipment on the market—things like TRX bands for example?

**Answer:** Generally speaking, I'm a fan of TRX bands and other pieces of functional training equipment. Things like TRX, the ViPR, and the Rip-Core FX are taking the fitness industry by storm, and for good reason. They're new, innovative, and fun to use. But best of all, they're functional, which means that using them allows you to mimic traditional daily activities, thereby improving movement, balance, coordination, and strength all at the same time. That's pretty cool! The only real concern here is that people may not know how to use these pieces of equipment properly, which could potentially result in injury. There's definitely a learning curve with these products, so it's best to watch the experts first. I also strongly recommend working with a trainer until you're completely comfortable with the training methodology. As always, the goal is to educate yourself so you can get the most out of whatever training you decide to do!

**Question:** How do I manage my food intake during the holidays, especially with all the cakes, cookies, and other goodies seemingly everywhere? Help!

**Answer:** I thought we were going to skirt by without addressing this, but I'm glad you asked. Interestingly enough, the answer depends almost entirely on you. Assuming you're susceptible to sweets and other treats, you really only have three options—go all-out and worry about the ramifications later, avoid them at all costs, or take a reasoned approach and indulge to a modest degree. I think most people would argue that the third idea is the best one. After all, why not treat yourself to a few holiday goodies, especially if you can limit yourself to one or two here and there. And don't forget to continue with your workouts during this time as well. Restricting foods that you truly enjoy will only increase your cravings for them, and make for an unhappy holiday season. Bottom line—it comes down to choice, and you can choose to make healthy decisions or not, but you have to be realistic. Keep variety, moderation, and balance in mind, and reward yourself for being active all year long!

**Question:** Several friends are using websites to track their nutrition and fitness, and they're trying to get me to do the same. Do you think these health and wellness websites are worth the time, money, and effort?

**Answer:** Ultimately, it depends on the individual. However, research has proven that consistent monitoring and added accountability can pay off in the long run when you're looking to make lifestyle changes. This can come in many forms, but one of the most popular these days is certainly through the use of websites. They can be a great tool as you try to change your behaviors, and may be just what you need to maintain your motivation. There are a number of options out there, from basic nutrition or fitness tracking sites to others that offer a wide variety of capabilities in all areas of health and wellness. I have to admit that I'm biased when it comes to this discussion. Anytime Fitness has created one of the most progressive, comprehensive, and fun websites to use if you're looking to facilitate your own health and wellness. It's called Anytime Health (anytimehealth.com)! The site has a diet tracker, an activity tracker, a workout planner that uses over 300 high definition videos, as well as a robust community with a Q&A section, support groups, a contest page, and a site blog. And these features are just the tip of the iceberg. If you get a chance, check it out. You can sign up for a free account that gives you somewhat limited access, and if you like what you see, you can join for a nominal yearly fee.

**About the author:** *George Pubel is the Club Owner. To submit a question for future articles, please contact the author at [ThurmontMD@anytimefitness.com](mailto:ThurmontMD@anytimefitness.com).*

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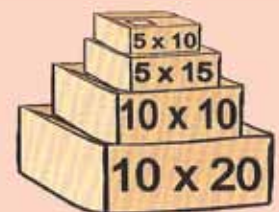


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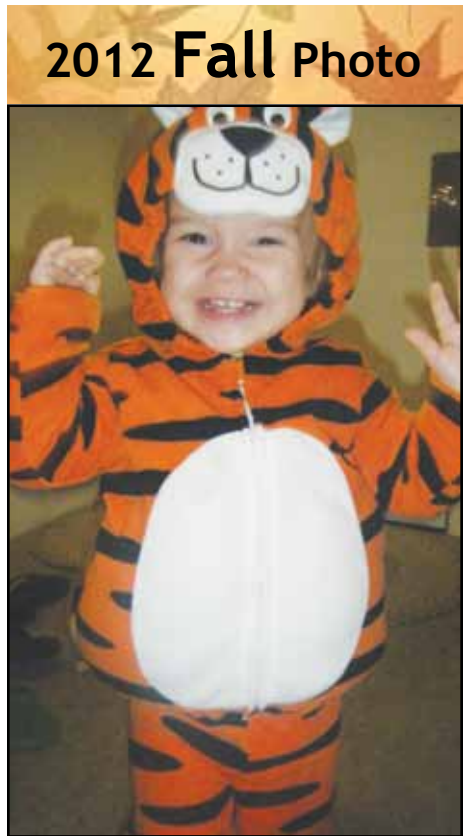
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Avery Brown of Emmitsburg, 19 months old, is pictured on her first time trick or treating. Beth Schultz, Avery's mother, said "Avery had so much fun, and everyone handing out candy in Emmitsburg was so nice; it made it a great experience."

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# books, nooks, programs and more at the library

by Administrator, Thurmont Regional Library/Emmitsburg Branch  
Library, edingle@frederickcountymd.gov

Happy holidays to one and all in Northern Frederick County. Holiday activities for children, tweens, and teens are happening all month at both branches. Visit www.fcpl.org for full details or pick up December's program handout at the library service desk. Just a few of the events your children will enjoy at Thurmont include a Merry Christmas, Merry Crow puppet show, making gingerbread houses, a holiday penny theater, movies and crafts, and more. In Emmitsburg, enjoy the Annual Holiday Tea, a Sugarplum Saturday, and card making.

Starting now at your local libraries, you can take advantage of free help with taxes, employment opportunities, and computer instruction. Through a series of community partnerships, the Thurmont Regional Library and the Emmitsburg Branch Library are offering the following services:

### Job Assistance

A new partnership between Goodwill of Monocacy Valley and the library offers free employment assistance at weekly workshops in Thurmont's small meeting room on Tuesday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Interested citizens can drop in anytime during the session to learn more, or they can call 301-662-0622 (ext. 210) to register through Goodwill. Participants will get one-on-one help with resumes, applying for jobs online, and practical advice about seeking employment in the local area. Goodwill's goal is to solve transportation issues for North County citizens who cannot get to Frederick, and the library was the perfect comfortable location.

### Tax Assistance

The library has partnered with United Way of Frederick County, Mount Saint Mary's University,

Seton Center, Inc., and the Housing Authority of The City of Frederick to create an IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site at the Emmitsburg Branch Library, 300 South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg, in 2013. Specially trained volunteers from Mount Saint Mary's business classes will provide free assistance in the library's Community Room every Wednesday from Noon-5:00 p.m., every week from February 6 through April 10, 2013. Through the IRS VITA program, median to low-income tax payers are able to access free tax prep services for simple returns for individuals earning less than \$51,000 annually. Advance registration required by calling 301-662-0294.

### Computer Basics for Beginners

The Thurmont Library offers an on-going introductory three-part computer class with sessions starting in January, April, July, and October, 2013. Registration is taken at the library information desk or by calling 301-600-7212. During the three-session program, participants get a better understanding of the actual parts of a computer, as well as understanding basic technical terminology. They will learn to use a mouse, search the Internet effectively, and get tips about online safety. At the last session, each participant learns how to set up their own Internet E-mail account and develop an understanding for managing emails. Sessions are taught by library volunteer Mike Mathis, a Senior Business Analyst for Thera/Com, who also has a strong commitment to helping members of the North County area improve their computer skills.

The library will be closed for December 24, 25, 2012; and January 1, 2013. We close early at 5:00 p.m. on December 31, 2012.

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## november

30 ... Holiday Ladies Night, Timeless Trends Boutique, 21 E. Main St., Thurmont. 5:00-8:00 p.m. 800-864-8591.

## december

1 ..... 10th Annual Christmas in Thurmont, The Square, Thurmont. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting 9:00 a.m.; Santa 10:00 a.m. Filled Stockings (12/under for first 200). Sponsored by Thurmont First/EDC. www.thurmontfirst.com.

1.....Drop and Shop Event, Tom's Creek UMC, 10926 Simmons Rd., Emmitsburg. Drop off your child to go Christmas shopping with them for the day! 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. 301-447-3171.

1 ..... Emmitsburg Lions Club Christ Food Drive (November 24 through December 21). Food collection boxes located at Jubilee in Emmitsburg, Vigilant Hose Company, Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, and at the Carriage House Inn on Christmas Spirit Night (please: no outdated food items).

1 ..... Holiday Magic, The Children's Museum of Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 North Market Street, Frederick (Fred. Co. Div. of Parks & Rec.). 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Magic shows at 10:30; 11:30; 12:30; 1:30. Hands-on crafts; visit with Santa in the carriage museum. \$5/Child; \$3/Adult. 301-600-1650 or www.rosehillmuseum.com.

1 ..... Emmitsburg Lions Club Annual Children's Christmas Party, at Vigilant Hose Company. 10:00 a.m. Crafts, Face Painting, Khan Du the Magician, & hot dogs and hot chocolate, plus visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

1 ..... Thurmont Senior Center Christmas Party, Graceham. Noon.

1 ..... Annual Ham, Turkey and Roast Beef Supper with Christmas Bazaar, Elias Lutheran Church of Emmitsburg. 12 Noon. Crafts, home-baked products, White Elephant table. \$11/Adults; \$4/Children 6-12. \$12/Carryout. 301-447-6239.

1 ..... Christmas Craft Fare, sponsored by St. Joseph's Ladies Sodality, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 47 DePaul St., Emmitsburg. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Jane 717-642-1247.

1 ..... Crab Leg & Shrimp Feed, Thurmont Ambulance Company, N. Church Street, Thurmont. Doors open 1:00 & 5:00 p.m., meal served 2:30-4:30 p.m. & 6:30-8:30 p.m. 301-748-5359 or 301-271-3820. www.thurmontambulance.com

1 ..... Christmas Bazaar and Indoor Yard Sale, St. John's Lutheran Church, 8619 Black's Mill Rd., Creagerstown, MD (off of Rte. 550). 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Eat-in or Carryout (no early birds/early sales please). 301-898-5167.

1 ..... Mountaintop Community Tree Lighting and Fun With Santa Event, One Mountain Foundation, Fort Ritchie Comm Center, Cascade, MD. 3:00-5:00 p.m. Free event.

1 ..... Christmas Supper and Bazaar, Elias Lutheran Church, 100 W. North Ave., Emmitsburg. Noon-6:00 p.m. \$11/Eat in; \$4/Children. \$12/Carryout. 301-447-6239 or www.eliaslutheranchurch.org.

2 ..... Advent begins December 2, St. John's Lutheran Church, 15 N. Church St., Thurmont. Sing and Rejoice, 10:45 a.m. Advent candles lit each Sunday until Christmas; services at 8:30 a.m./10:45 a.m., Dec 9, 16 and 23. 301-271-7877.

2 ..... Emmitsburg Community Chorus Annual Christmas Concert, at the Basilica, Emmitsburg. 4:00 p.m.

2 ..... Hanging of the Greens Worship Service "Signs of Things to Come," St. Stephens United Church of Christ, 25445 Highfield Rd., Cascade, MD. All are welcome to come and help us trim the church for Christmas.

2-7.. Fort Ritchie's Charity Week, Fort Ritchie Community Center, Lake Royer, Cascade. Collecting: coats, food, mittens, gloves, pet food, items for nursing homes, and other items for local organizations and people in need in the community. 301-241-5085 or www.theFRCC.org.

3 ..... 24th Annual An Evening of Christmas Spirit, Emmitsburg Town Square then Carriage House Inn, S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. 6:00-9:00 p.m. Free.

3.....Graceham Moravian Church "Served With Grace" Community Meal. 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. 5:30-7:00 p.m. Free meal. 301-271-2379.

4 ..... Old Fashion Bingo, Vigilant Hose Co. Auxiliary, Emmitsburg Firehall. Doors open 5:00 p.m.; Early Birds 6:50 p.m.; Bingo 7:00 p.m. Basic Pkg./\$8. Cash included w/every basket. Refreshments for purchase; free punch/cookies at intermission.

4 ..... Take-a-Tour Tuesday, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 301-447-3161 or visit www.mothersetonschool.org

5 ..... Santa Shoppe, St. Stephen's United Church of Christ, 25445 Highfield Rd., Cascade, MD. Shop open December 5, 12, and 19, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Children ages 0 - 15 can come and shop for gifts for the whole family. The gifts range in price from \$ 1.00 or less. All are welcome.

5 ..... Blue Christmas: Healing Service of Comfort and Promise, St. John's Lutheran Church, 15 N. Church St., Thurmont. Pot luck dinner 6:00 p.m.; service 7:00 p.m. 301-271-7877.

7 ..... 7th Annual EBPA Awards Banquet, The Carriage House Inn, Emmitsburg. Cash bar 6:00 p.m., all-inclusive dinner 7:00 p.m. \$32/person. http://ebpa.biz/.

## community event calendar

8 ..... Rock n Roll Relics, at Thurmont American Legion Post 168, 8 Park Lane, Thurmont. Benefits Veteran's Programs. Tickets on sale at the Bar. \$10/advance, \$12/door. 301-271-4411 or 301-524-1733.

8 ..... Fire & Rescue Museum Christmas Open House, 300B South Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. Noon-5:00 p.m. Light refreshments; Santa visit. Participating in Toys for Tots. Chip Jewell 301-898-5578 or cjec171@comcast.net.

8,9 Thurmont Christmas House Tour, tickets available at various businesses. December 8—4:00-8:00 p.m., December 9—2:00-6:00 p.m. \$20/ticket. Thurmont Historical Society and Thurmont Lions Club. 301-606-8680 or www.thurmontlionsclub.com.

8 ..... Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Bazaar, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. \$6/ages 7 to adult; \$4/ages 3-6; Free/ages under 2. (\$1 to ticket purchased at door.) Picture with Santa/\$5; Santa's Workshop for kids where kids can make and take two craft gifts/\$5. Bake table. 301-447-3161.

8 ..... Christ's Community Church Christmas Bazaar and St. Nicholas Workshop, 303 W. Lincoln Ave., Emmitsburg. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Vendor spaces available. www.cccaog.org or 717-321-5522.

8 ..... 5th Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar, Fort Ritchie Community Center, Lake Royer, Cascade. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Great Food, Door Prizes, Santa, and giving a FREE Membership to the gym at FRCC!

9 ..... Pet Photos With Santa, Tractor Supply Store, 7631 Devilbiss Bridge Rd., Frederick, MD. Bring pets on leash or in carrier. 12:00-4:00 p.m. Sponsored by Catocin FFA Chapter; members assist taking pictures (\$2-\$18).

9 ..... Cash Bingo Bonanza, Emmitsburg Vigilant Hose Company, 25 West Main St., Emmitsburg. Doors open noon; Bingo 2:00 p.m. \$25/Advance; \$30/Door. No children under age of 15. Benefits CHS Safe and Sane 2013. Karen Schildt 240-285-8076 or Ed Schildt 240-285-8079.

9 ..... Basketweaving Class, Fort Ritchie Community Center, Lake Royer, Cascade. 1:00-4:00 p.m. \$30 (includes materials and instruction). Limited space available. 301-241-5085.

10 ... MSS Annual Christmas Program, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 9:30 a.m./7:00 p.m. Snow date: December 17. 301-447-3161 or www.mothersetonschool.org

12 ... Mass for the Feast of Our Lady Guadalupe, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 10:15 a.m. All invited. 301-447-3161 or www.mothersetonschool.org.

12....Christmas Concert, Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. 7:00 p.m. "The Bells of Grace" handbell choir. 301-271-2379.

14 ... The Basement Coffee House Annual Christmas Party/Pot Luck Supper, Elias Lutheran Church, 100 W. North Ave., Emmitsburg. Bring dish/dessert to share. 6:30-9:30 p.m. 301-447-6239 or www.eliaslutheranchurch.org.

16....Christmas Cantata, Weller United Methodist Church, 101 N. Altamont Ave., Thurmont. 10:00 a.m. Enjoy wonderful music by their choir, handbell choir, and guitar ensemble. Christmas Eve Services: Contemporary candlelight 7:00 p.m.; Traditional candlelight 11:00 p.m. Join them for worship and learn how you can claim your free gift this Christmas!

16 ... Accessible Advent, St. John's Lutheran Church, 15 N. Church St., Thurmont. Brief Communion service 2:00 p.m., ground floor Fellowship hall; light refreshments. 301-271-7877.

17 ... Sant's Workshop, Rocky Ridge VFC #13 Activities Building. 6:00-9:00 p.m. Ornament making, light refreshments, visit from Santa, & more! Contact Penny Stonesifer at 301-447-6864 or frchk0704@aol.com. Free event.

24....Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, Tom's Creek UMC, 10926 Simmons Rd., Emmitsburg. 7:00 p.m./11:00 p.m. 301-447-3171.

24 ... Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service with Holy Communion, St. Stephen's United Church of Christ, 25445 Highfield Rd., Cascade, MD. 10:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

24....Christmas Eve Worship Services, Trinity United Methodist Church, 313 W. Main Street in Emmitsburg. 4:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. 301-447-3740.

24 ... Christmas Eve: Family "wiggler" worship, St. John's Lutheran Church, 15 N. Church St., Thurmont. 7:00 p.m., Candlelight Holy Communion 10:00 p.m. 301-271-7877.

24 ... Christmas Eve Candle Light Service, Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, 15116 Foxville Church Rd., Sabillasville, MD. Service 7:00 p.m.. All Welcome. 301-824-7774.

24....Lovefeast and Candlelight Services, Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. 5:00, 7:00, and 9:00 p.m. 301-271-2379.

30 ... St. John's Lutheran Church, 15 N. Church St., Thurmont. One service at 10:45 a.m., Taize Worship (service of chanting, silence and meditation), followed by leftovers party. Bring all cookies, treats and holiday foods leftover from Christmas and finish them off! 301-271-7877.

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13 1/2 Water St.  
Thurmont, MD



7901 Black Road

**Thurmont - \$259,900**  
2 bedroom, 1 bath single wide mobile home with cedar siding and asphalt shingle roof, sitting room addition w/wood stove and laundry/utility room. Spacious front porch and rear deck all on a gorgeous 13.79 beautifully landscaped lot. Large machine shop w/electric & water hydrant right out front. Newly subdivided & recorded so tax record is incorrect!

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217 E. Main St.

### Emmitsburg - \$159,900

Fantastically renovated cottage style colonial with 2 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Nothing to do here! Central heat and air, newer carpet, laminate, Maple Cabinets in Kitchen with Granite counter Spacious Living and Dining room with new pellet stove and lovely rear yard with off street parking!



9141 Longs Mill Rd.

### Rocky Ridge - \$559,900

This spacious farmette offers 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, an expansive living room with hardwood floors and gas fireplace with french doors that walk out to a 20 x 40 in ground swimming pool and maintenance free deck! Custom bath just off the pool w/ gorgeous walk in shower! 5.25 acres, 30 x 60 barn w/ 10 Ft. overhang, fenced pastures, run in shed, manure building and gorgeous views!



10736 Liberty Rd.

### Libertytown - \$149,900

This spacious brick, 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Cape Cod has so much potential! Hardwoods throughout, 2 bedrooms and bath on main level and 2 bedrooms, sitting room and 1/2 bath on upper level. 1 car garage in lower level along with garage addition with large enclosed porch on rear of home. Updated roof, windows and exterior doors. Detached workshop in need of renovation and maintenance. As-Is.



**Under Contract!**

7037 Blue Mountain Rd.

### Thurmont - \$184,900

Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath rancher with updated kitchen, ceramic bath, hardwood floors in dining room, fresh paint and carpet! Newer siding, windows and roof! Owner has made many upgrades including newly installed drain tile and water heater! Lovely porch with vinyl rails and expansive fenced backyard with play set! This is a must see!



17774 Harbaugh Valley Rd.

### Sabillasville - \$339,900

Charming rancher on 11 acres. Privacy and tremendous views. 2 finished rooms with electric over the garage, perfect for studio, extra bedrooms, computer room, etc. Beautiful stone fireplace, 24 x 36 out bldg. Generator also included. PROPERTY CAN BE SUBDIVIDED. Watch the wild life from the sun room.

Call Bonita Smith



13611 Crawford Ave.

### Blue Ridge Summit - \$145,000

This home is set up as a duplex. Could be converted back to a single family home. Owner is getting \$500 a month for 2nd floor apartment. Electric is seperately metered. 2nd floor apartment has electric base board heat, and 1st floor has propane gas. On 1/3 acre lot. Great detached 2 car garage. \$145,000. Call Bonita Smith



9 West Main St.

### Thurmont - \$289,000

This home has been completely remodeled inside with a new kitchen, bathrooms, carpeting, etc. Can also have business in home. Property to right, 7 West Main St. is also included, but needs TLC. Could be apartment or store front. Call Bonita Smith!



125 Cody Dr. #12

### Thurmont - \$155,000

This is a great 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with lots of personal touches. Windows were replaced 2-1/2 years ago, toilets and exhaust fans replaced in both bathrooms, beautiful wood floors, separate storage room. A must see! You won't be disappointed! Call Bonita Smith.



306 East Main St.

### Thurmont - \$349,900

Brick Colonial offers 5 BR/2.5 BA and has been restored and updated! Hardwood floors throughout. Lower level offers a sunny family room and office along with an expansive storage area! Gorgeous Screened rear porch, wrap front porch and in-ground swimming pool!



10655 Bailey Springs Ln. #38

### Waynesboro - \$51,000

Very well cared for 2005 manufactured home on lovely lot in Ashton Heights. Spacious home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, large living room and family room! Fully equip kitchen with separate dining space and laundry/mud room with door to rear yard. Wonderful master bath with soaking tub and separate shower!



2 Welty Ave

### Emmitsburg - \$109,900

Cute 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath end unit townhouse, large bedrooms, laundry on first floor; nice back yard with shed. Replacement windows installed in 2003. This is a nice property for the price. Call Bonita Smith!

# Merry Christmas!

From your friends at J&B Real Estate. We hope you have a happy & safe holiday!

17124 Harbaugh Valley Rd.  
Sabillasville - \$192,500



Nice secluded rancher on 2.25 acres. Enjoy complete privacy on newer deck off living room. Beautiful hardwood floors in living room and dining room. Ceramic tile in kitchen. Wood stove and full bath in basement. Call Bonita Smith!

3 Lots - Wigville Road  
Thurmont



3 gorgeous building lots just minutes from Cunningham Falls State Park. (\$199,900- 13.35 Acres, 6 BR, perc, well) (\$149,900- 5 Acres, 5 BR, perc, well) (\$159,900- 5.57 Acres, 6 BR, perc, 2 wells)

Tower Road,  
Thurmont Area



**PRICE REDUCED**  
3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath rancher, attached garage plus large storage shed/garage, on 1.09 acre wooded lot. Needs a little TLC. Call Bonita Smith

25441 Cascade Road  
Cascade - \$99,900



Nice secluded rancher on 2.25 acres. Enjoy complete privacy on newer deck off living room. Beautiful hardwood floors in living room and dining room. Ceramic tile in kitchen. Wood stove and full bath in basement. Call Bonita Smith!

3 Main Street  
Thurmont - \$149,900



Excellent opportunity to own a retail storefront with 2 one bedroom apartments. Store front and both apartments are now rented, getting approx \$1845 a month income. Possible owner financing. Motivated Seller. Call Bonita Smith



Hemler Road

**Thurmont - \$258,900**  
3 bedroom, 2 bath rancher on almost one acre. Family room with gas fireplace, living room with wood burning fireplace, master bedroom with full bath, club room with wet bar, 3 sheds, above ground pool, brick bar-b-que. Nice peaceful setting.

### Rocky Ridge

**Lot For Sale! - \$59,000**  
1.73 acre Building Lot with 4 Bedroom Conventional perc! Well to be installed by seller prior to closing. Winter views of Loys Station Covered Bridge!! Call today for Plat!