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Firefighting Has Changed, Fighting Fires Has Not

by James Rada, Jr.

While it's easy to see the changes in firefighting equipment over the years when you look at the old hose reels that members of both Guardian Hose and Vigilant Hose companies pulled through the streets to get water to a fire, many people don't realize that fighting fires remains the same. "You put water on the fire until you put it out," says Terry Frushour with Guardian Hose Company in Thurmont. It's everything that goes on before, after, and between those fires that continues to change.

John Hollinger is the oldest active member of the Vigilant Hose Company in Emmitsburg. When he joined in 1946, the company had one engine that carried 90 gallons of water. His father was the driver.

"There were fire phones at a couple homes and a couple business places near the station," says Hollinger. "When a call came in to the local telephone office, they would call these phones and someone would run to the fire hall to ring the bell."

When Wayne Stackhouse joined Guardian in 1969, fire alarms were still handled in a similar way. "The chief was a local barber named Harry Miller," says Stackhouse. "The call would come in to his shop, which was close to that station. He'd come in and set off the siren."

At the time, both communities had a larger in-town business community that employed many more local residents unlike today where our towns are bedroom communities with residents leaving each day to go to work. When the fire alarm sounded, volunteer firefighters were allowed



Photo Courtesy of the Guardian Hose Company

to leave their jobs and rush to the station.

Art Damuth joined Vigilant Hose Company in 1954 when he was still a student at Emmitsburg High School. "The high school principal would let us leave class when the alarm went off," says Damuth. "I would run to the station to be on the first truck out."

Frushour says that they used to be able to get out in about 5 minutes after the alarm sounded, which is considered too long by today's standards. However, back then firefighters would have to drive to the station from work and get dressed. Of course, the turnout gear they had to get into back then wasn't too difficult to get into. When Frushour joined Guardian, he said that he got a pair of rubber boots, a helmet, a coat and gloves.

"I don't think we had any turnout gear when I joined," Hollinger says.

"We did eventually get rubber marine boots." When Austin Umbel joined Vigilant Hose Company in 1963, he said, "I don't even think our gear was insulated."

Firefighters today go out with much more gear that is all designed to protect them in dangerous fire settings.

Though fire is fire, how fast those fires can consume a structure has changed somewhat. According to Guardian Fire Chief, Chris Kinnaird, modern construction materials make it easier for fire to burn compared to older buildings that were brick, stone, heavy timber, plaster and lathe. He also noted that the larger houses that tend to be built nowadays require more water to put out fires. Even furniture burns faster nowadays.

"Furniture used to be stuffed with duck feathers, which would burn—but slower," says Kinnaird. The foam padding used in furniture nowadays burns more easily.

Though fire companies can get on scene faster, it sometimes places the firefighters at greater risk. "Most times, the fire department would get to a fire after the extreme danger of a flashover had passed, but nowadays with smoke alarms and 911 we are getting there before that happens," says Kinnaird.

At least nowadays, if the fire looks like it is going to be a problem, 911 will dispatch additional mutual aid companies to help fight the fire.

"Back then, there was no central alarm," says Hollinger. "If you had a fire and needed help, you had to call Thurmont or Gettysburg, whoever was closer. There was no Rocky Ridge [fire company], no Greenmount [fire company]."

Between fires, fire companies are faced with much more paperwork and regulations than they used to be and on-going training is required.

"You used to do the training yourself," says Damuth. "The older guys would get a fire contained and then turn it over to the younger guys to put it out."

By the time Frushour started in 1975, a firefighter needed a 3-month long basic firefighting course taught by the University of Maryland.

"Now every time you turn around, there's new training," says Frushour. It can take years before a firefighter is considered fully trained.

This can be frustrating for volunteers who are having to give up family time, free time and other activities to serve their community.

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Thanks for giving feedback about *The Catoctin Banner* Newspaper in response to my note in last month's issue. We appreciate your comments and strive to make this newspaper as good as it can be. Since it is a community publication, your contributions of ideas, suggestions, and news are always greatly appreciated. Keep them coming, everyone!

It has been cold, it has snowed, and I look forward to more cold and snow. Since we live on the Mason-Dixon Line—the dividing line between North and South, and thus, cold and warm—Mother Nature often seems to be indecisive about whether or not she's going to give us freezing temperatures and snow. She'll tease us with sub-freezing temperatures in the mornings, but traditionally in recent years, the temperature will rise into the 40s or 50s by lunch time. These patterns are a disappointment to me in this season. Let it be winter and enjoy it, everyone. I remember dog sled races that were held near my parent's house on Tower Road in Foxville in the 1970s. As a kid, it was very Alaska-like to me, with husky dogs pulling sleds and snow! Many would think I'm fibbing, but I am not. As a kid in Foxville, there was a spring thaw where the cold waters rushed to escape the mountain, AND, I actually experienced cabin fever. Just ask my mother! My, how things have changed.

Let's celebrate winter in *The Catoctin Banner*. Send in your snow photos, and we'll do our best to include them in the March issue.

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—Deb Spalding, Publisher

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**9676 Longs Mill Rd.
Rocky Ridge, MD - \$759,900**

Fabulous 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath colonial on 32 beautiful acres! Spacious, sun filled home with 2 story foyer, maple cabinets in kitchen and butlers pantry, hardwoods throughout main level and fully finished lower level. 4 walk in bay windows! Huge master bath and walk in closet! 2 Car Garage, lovely 2 tier deck and gated in-ground pool! Barn, waterers, fenced pastures, etc.

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**16626 Toms Creek Church Rd.
Emmitsburg, MD - \$255,000**

Well Cared for Cape Cod offers living room w/ hardwood floors and woodstove, eat in kitchen with custom oak cabinetry and door to deck! Main level master bedroom, full bath and den (possible 4th bedroom)! Upper level offers 2 bedrooms and a full bath! Hardwood floors throughout! 1 car attached garage and detached garage/workshop/greenhouse! Metal Roof has lifetime warranty! Gorgeous Views!

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**14330 Pleasant Valley Rd
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town hall reports

by Michele Cuseo

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The Town of Thurmont has a useful, and possibly life-saving, booklet available on their town website that is of interest for individuals and families of people with disabilities. The booklet is called "The Grab and Go Emergency Book." It is a booklet template that represents all of the necessary information to help a person with disabilities in an emergency. The booklet starts out with a place to paste a picture of the subject/person, followed by areas to fill in about health history, medications, communication needs, devices, name-address-family members, emergency contact information, and so on. The idea is to have this handy in an emergency situation for anyone who might need to help a person with disabilities. For those interested in creating an emergency booklet, go to the town website at www.townofthurmont.com on the Welcome page to find and print the document.

Future Town Office Handicap Accessible

Town officials have determined that the future town office at 615 East Main Street will need a new handicap accessible ramp and entrance. The current ramp/entrance does not meet the required code. The town will present the specifications for the bid package in February or March. The details will be posted on the town's website.

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

LED Lights

In June 2013 the town of Emmitsburg had LED (Light-Emitting Diode) lights installed into the street lamps that line the main streets. LED lights are known for energy savings in both electric costs and longer use time. Mayor Briggs reports that in only six months time, the LED lighting has saved the town an estimated 42 percent compared with the energy usage from 2012. The town will be conducting a cost comparison once a full year can be used for statistics to share with the community.

Literacy and Community Gardening Program

The Public Library and the Town of Emmitsburg are teaming together to help individuals and families learn and participate in community gardening. The town has created at least eight raised bed garden plots that are 6' by 6' in size, with organic mushroom compost available for public use. In addition, local farmer, Will Morrow of Whitmore Farms, has volunteered to provide professional guidance to gardeners. Special events are being planned from April through August involving the library and community gardens. If enough people are interested in participating, more garden plots will be added. More information about these events will be communicated to the public within the next two months.

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Where Am I? Photo Contest

For the "Where Am I?" Photo Contest, take a look at the photo to the right and tell us where it was taken (you might even know who is pictured). 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.



Last month's "Where Am I?" photo was taken at St. Joseph's Ministries in Emmitsburg. Last month's winner is Angie Welty.

Hidden Object Game

Last month's Hidden Object was a Porcupine. It was located on page 34 in the Catocin Dental advertisement. The winner of the Hidden Object Game is Douglas Fornwald. If the winner has not been contacted, please contact us to claim your prize.

This month's Hidden Object is smiling cell phone character with green gloves and green shoes.

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(Answers on page 38)

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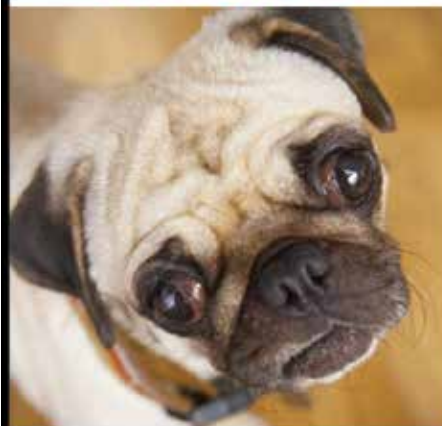
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AROUND town

The Rock and Roll Relics Return To Emmitsburg

On March 29, 2014, from 8:00 p.m.-midnight, the Emmitsburg Lions Club will sponsor an evening of music and dancing at the Emmitsburg Ambulance facility, located on Creamery Road. Highlighting the evening will be the great sounds of the Rock and Roll Relics band. The cost of tickets are \$15.00 if purchased in advance and \$20.00 if purchased at the door. For additional information and/or advance ticket purchases, please call Sharon Hane at 301-447-2401 or Zurgable Hardware at 301-447-2020.

View their advertisement on page 9 for more information.

Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company Country Butchering

A Country Butchering will be held on February 15, 2014, at the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company, located at 13527 Motters Station Road in Rocky Ridge, Maryland. Orders must be placed before February 7, 2014. A pancake breakfast will be served at the activity building, from 6:00-10:00 a.m.

View their advertisement on page 18 for more information.

Inseparable Live Marriage Weekend

Thurmont United Methodist Church and the Marriage Resource Center of Frederick County are cosponsoring Inseparable Live Marriage Weekend on March 14-15, 2014, at the American Legion, located at 8 Park Lane in Thurmont. Advanced Registration is required. Register before March 3 and save \$10.00.

View their advertisement on page 10 for more information.

St. John's Christian Preschool Open House

On Friday, February 28, 2014, St. John's Christian Preschool is holding an Open House. There will be an information session at 9:00 a.m. and a tour of the school at 9:30 a.m. The preschool is located at 15 North Church Street in Thurmont.

View their advertisement on page 8 for more information.

Thurmont Business Expo to be Held in March

The annual Thurmont Business Expo will be held Friday, March 21, 2014, at Catoctin High School. Diana Stull of Diana's Beauty Parlor is the chairperson of this year's Expo. Any business with a 21788 zip code may participate. For information, please email dianasbeautyparlor@yahoo.com or call 301-271-7565. You may also contact Vickie Grinder at vggrinder@thurmontstaff.com. More details in next month's edition!

Chiz Rider Performs at Germantown Church of God

The Germantown Church of God will be presenting a music concert on Sunday, February 9, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., featuring Emmy award-winning trumpeter Chiz Rider. Admission is free; offerings will be appreciated. The church is located at 16924 Raven Rock Road in Cascade, Maryland.

View their advertisement on page 10 for more information.

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View their advertisement on page 16 for more information.

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You won't want to miss Bingo Bash on March 8, 2014, at the Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company (EVAC), located at 17701 Creamery Road in Emmitsburg. Bingo features 22 games (paying \$250 each), three big jackpots, and a meal. Doors will open at 4:00 p.m. Games will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00 in advance or \$45.00 at the door. Tickets must be purchased by March 1 to be entered to win \$100 cash!

View their advertisement on page 8 for more information.

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View their advertisement on page 24 for more information.

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The Vigilant Hose Company's Annual Spring Fling will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at Mount St. Mary's University Echo Field in Emmitsburg. This annual event features horseshoes, great food, live music, 50/50 tip jars, and much more! Tickets are \$60.00 each, which are good for two people.

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BUSINESS news

Lorraine Shorb Photography Studio Opens in Thurmont

by Deb Spalding

Courtesy Photo

Where can you have a “Cake Smash Session” for a one-year-old? Visit the new Lorraine Shorb Photography Studio at 3 East Main Street in Thurmont to schedule yours! A Cake Smashing Session is an interactive photo session, during which, photographer, Lorraine Shorb, uses cake with frosting to entice smiles from toddlers. Even if you’re not celebrating your first birthday, Lorraine is a talented local photographer who uses the lenses of her camera to capture and record the spirit of people... babies, seniors, lovers, students, families, and animals.

Lorraine attended the New York Institute of Photography for training. Her photos exemplify her love for people and nature. She has a positive impact in people’s lives by capturing beautiful moments. She said, “Everyone deserves to feel good in



Lorraine Shorb is shown in front of her new studio, Lorraine Shorb Photography Studio in Thurmont.

their family photo or have dozens of photos hanging on their living room walls that they can look back on and remember the day they had the photos taken.”

The Lorraine Shorb Photography Studio held a Grand Opening on January 18, 2014, and is now open for business Wednesdays through Fridays 5:00-8:00 p.m., Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sundays from 12:00-4:00 p.m., or by appointment. Please call 301-788-9259 or email Lorraine.shorb@gmail.com for more information.

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Longaberger Basket & Vera Bradley Bingo

The Thurmont Lions Club presents Longaberger Basket & Vera Bradley Bingo on Friday, January 31, 2014, at the Guardian Hose Company activities building on the Thurmont Carnival Grounds. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and games start at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. Bingo includes 25 games (includes three specials; ticket price includes a card to each special!), two raffles, tip jars, king tuts, food, and more! For tickets, please contact Jo Ann at 301-271-2924. Bring a used pair of glasses to donate and get an extra door prize ticket!

Looking for Something Fun to Do?

Reference the **Community Calendar** on page 39 to view the calendar for events of interest, including bingos, breakfasts, dinners, programs, benefits, dances, and much more!

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Firefighting Has Changed, Fighting Fires Has Not

— Continued from cover page

Photos by James Rada, Jr.



Fire apparatus and equipment on display at the Vigilant Hose Company in Emmitsburg.

"A lot of people moving into the area don't realize that we're all volunteer," says Frushour.

Umbel says he believes that if you talked to the volunteers, the consensus would be that the volunteer firefighters do what they do to be involved in the community. The volunteer nature of both the Vigilant and Guardian Hose Companies ensures that the firefighters are involved with community parades, fairs, and other

fundraisers to earn the money needed to keep their equipment up to date and pay for their buildings.

Both fire companies continue to earn the needed support to remain volunteer at a time when many companies are switching to paid firefighters. However, they could always use more support.

Find out more about Guardian Hose Company at www.guardianhose.org and Vigilant Hose Company at www.vigilanthose.org.



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COMMUNITY news

Hamrick is New Thurmont Commissioner

by James Rada, Jr.

On one of the coldest days in recent years, nearly six hundred Thurmont residents turned out to vote in the town's special election. When the votes were counted at the end of the day, Wes Hamrick had been elected as the new commissioner for the town of Thurmont.

"I'm not a politician," said Hamrick. "I never claimed to be, and, quite frankly, I wouldn't want to be, but I can be a servant to the people of this town."

Hamrick is a manager with AT&T and a member of the staff of Stauffer Funeral Home. In the community, he is also a member of the Lions Club, Weller United Methodist Church, and the Guardian Hose Company.

Hamrick received 341 out of 589 votes cast or 57.9 percent. The special election was needed when Commissioner John Kinnaird was elected as mayor in October. This left his seat open for two years.

"I have a true love for this town and its people," Hamrick said. Hamrick credits his success to his involvement in the community and the grassroots effort made to help him. He had been approached to run for commissioner last summer, but chose not to. "I was uncertain if I wanted to commit to four years," Hamrick said. "This gives me a chance to test the waters. If I enjoy it, I can go for another four years."

Hamrick said that he hopes to be able to do something about the town's drug problem. He would also like to work with town employees to increase the town's efficiency.



Courtesy Photo

Wes Hamrick, elected as the new commissioner for the town of Thurmont.

Bill Blakeslee, a former commissioner and a former chief administrative officer for Thurmont, received 187 votes.

Randy Cubbedge, the chairman of the Thurmont Planning and Zoning Commission, received 60 votes. Former commissioner Bob Lookingbill received one write-in vote.

The 589 votes cast represent a 16.8 percent voter turnout for the special election. In October, 839 votes (24 percent voter turnout) had been cast to fill three seats, including that of mayor.

Kinnaird swore Hamrick into office at the January 14, 2014, town meeting. Hamrick will serve with Kinnaird and fellow commissioners Bill Buehrer, Martin Burns, and Wayne Hooper.

Emmitsburg Lions Club Celebrates 30 Years of Providing Christmas Food Boxes to the Needy

The year 2013 marks the thirtieth year that the Emmitsburg Lions Club has provided Christmas food boxes to needy families in its community. The food boxes included everything a family needs to make their holiday dinner special. Normally, the

boxes contain a turkey or roaster, stuffing, eggs, milk, pie mix, potatoes, fruit, vegetables, and a lot more. The sizes of the families receiving a food box have ranged from one to ten people. On average, the club provides this service to 55 families made up of 155 persons each year.



Courtesy Photo

Pictured from left are Lion Jim Hahn, Lion Mark Zurgable, Volunteer R.J. Mellor, and Lion Joe Ritz.

Thurmont Grange's Christmas Celebration and Donations Given

On December 4, 2013, Thurmont Grange members shared an evening of Christmas celebration at the Grange Hall. Cliff Stewart played Santa Claus for the children of the Michelle Coblenz and Jeremy Hahn families.

Each family received over \$500 of gift cards and food for the holiday season. Twenty-two area residents received fruit baskets, and twelve care packages were presented to residents at St. Catherine's Nursing Home.

Helen Troxell decorated the Hall, and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ of Rocky Ridge, Stambaugh Electric, Catoclin Mountain Orchard, and members of Thurmont Grange for their donations.

Rocky Ridge 4-H Club

Rocky Ridge 4-H Club members (pictured below) prepared and served dinner at the Thurmont Ambulance Company banquet on January 18, 2014. See more about the banquet on page 15.

Photo Courtesy of Taylor Clarke



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The Late Sterling Bollinger: Devoted Family Man, Businessman, Civic Servant

by Joseph Kirchner

Sterling E. Bollinger of Thurmont, a devoted family man, successful area businessman, and highly regarded civic servant, passed away on December 23, 2013, at the age of 86. A man of many talents, he leaves behind a rich legacy in the Thurmont area.

Born November 17, 1927, in Emmitsburg, Sterling entered the Armed Services following high school graduation. He then attended the University of Maryland, earning a Dairy Science degree that prepared him to start Bollinger Dairy, which he operated from 1951-1958. In 1958, the young entrepreneur purchased and operated Ideal Farms Dairy and Eberts Ice Cream Company. In 1970, Sterling purchased Palmer Insurance Agency in Frederick, Maryland. A lifelong entrepreneur with seemingly boundless energy, he and wife Linda also opened Gateway Candyland and Farm Market in July of 1982, a landmark area business.

In the 1970s, a friend convinced Sterling to get involved in politics. A conservative Democrat, he was elected to his first four-year term as County Commissioner in 1974, a position he would hold for twelve years. Sterling was universally acknowledged by his peers as extremely intelligent, strongly opinionated, fond of a spirited debate, and fearless in his advocacy for whatever cause he supported. He was bold, forthright, and a man of great conviction. Sterling gave prodigiously to the community. He served the Kiwanis Club of Frederick for fifty-nine years and also served on

innumerable civic, social, and business associations, including the Frederick County Chapter of the American Cancer Society; Brute Council Knights of Columbus; the Francis Scott Key Memorial Foundation; and the 4-H program, supporting the Beef, Sheep, and Swine Club of Frederick County.

Sterling was also a founding member of the group referred to as the "Thurmont Mafia," a band of civic-minded friends who met for decades on Fridays at the Shamrock Restaurant to discuss area politics. The group was always high-spirited, debating everything and anything from local politics to current events. Though the discussions often became heated, the mutual respect of the attendees was such that no one ever bore a grudge. Sterling was noted for his good-natured needling of his friends, and always seemed to know exactly which buttons to push to goad his buddies.

As intense as he was regarding his various business enterprises and charitable endeavors, Sterling was known to have a wonderful sense of humor. Aside from the playful kidding he often engaged in, Sterling was not beyond playing a good prank or two. His daughter Maggie (now manager at Candyland) recounts the time her dad told her he "might need to be bailed out of jail," though he would not say what he might have done to deserve this fate. Sure enough, he called her and



Sterling E. Bollinger, Sr., circa 1995.

told her that he needed her to bail him out. After frantically calling all around to find out which jail he was in, her intrepid father showed up at her doorstep! He had not been in jail at all; the entire concocted story was simply a ruse to raise money for charity!

A man of many facets, Sterling was a very successful businessman, a greatly respected civil servant, and a devoted friend to many. But first and foremost, Sterling was a great family man. Today he is survived by his wife Linda, nine children, twenty grandchildren, and twenty-three great grandchildren. Many of his progeny worked in Sterling's various businesses and learned from him a prodigious work ethic and thrift. They also learned to be as generous as possible and to stand for their convictions. Today, Sterling's daughter Maggie calls her dad "the voice in her head," whose presence is still felt strongly, as he leads her by his witness and inspiration. When all is said and done, there is no greater legacy than that.

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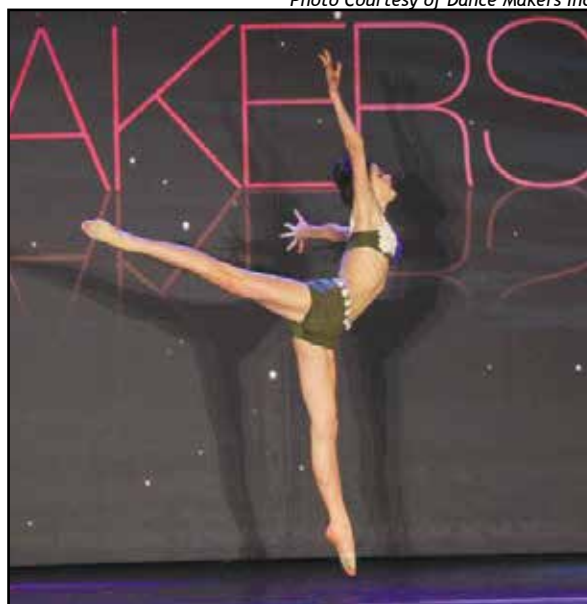
ESP Art in Motion Fundraiser

Experience Art In Motion! The ESP Performing Company Showcase Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Catoctin High School (CHS) in Thurmont. This is a great opportunity to experience the Award Winning ESP Performing Company live on stage in your community. The choreography and dances presented in the showcase have already won numerous awards this season. They are excited to present these performances to the community, as they continue to travel the east coast for competitions and dance conventions.

Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. Concessions will be available, as well as 50/50 drawings and gift basket raffles. Tickets are available for purchase in advance. Student tickets are \$5.00 and adults are \$10.00. Tickets may be purchased by contacting ESP Dance at 301-271-7458, by visiting the studio at 15 Water Street in Thurmont, or by contacting any company dancer. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door on the night of the performance for \$6.00 for students and \$12.00 for adults. Please join them on Saturday, February 8 at CHS and help keep art alive in Thurmont!

Also keep in mind that registration is still open for spring 2014 classes at the studio, culminating with their annual recital at the Weinberg Center on Sunday, June 15, 2014.

In addition to their many dance classes, they are also offering an open percussion class on Saturdays, from 2:00-3:00 p.m., as well as an open mic night once a month. Contact the studio office at 301-271-7458 or espdance.com for further information. Check them out on Facebook at ESP Dance and ESP Performing Company. View their advertisement on page 21.



Meredith Wilson is pictured.

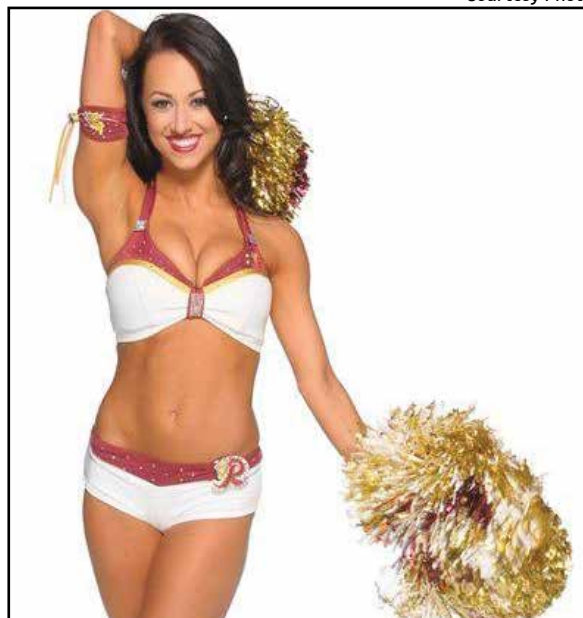
Maigan Torre Selected to Represent Washington Redskins Cheerleaders at Pro Bowl

Congratulations to Maigan Torre of Thurmont (pictured right) who was selected by her teammates to represent the Washington Redskins Cheerleaders at the 2014 Pro Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii. This special honor was announced at a Divisional home game, Redskin vs. Giants, on December 8, 2013, in front of 100,000 fans.

"I was extremely surprised and honored to hear my name announced on the field. Pro Bowl has been a dream of mine since making the team three years ago, and to see it actually happen blows me away. I couldn't believe it was me who they announced, and seeing it on the big screens in the stadium was so surreal. I feel very special to be part of an amazing and talented group of women whom I've admired for so long. I am sure I will love every minute of this experience," stated Torre.

Maigan will be part of an elite group of NFL Cheerleaders, all representing their team in Hawaii from January 20-27, 2014. She will rehearse, perform, and make public appearances in the community, along with speaking at events, such as the Pro Bowl Draft Show and Pro Bowl Block Party, as well as visiting military bases and a children's hospital. The highlight of the week will be standing on the sidelines in the Aloha Stadium to cheer on the NFL players.

Maigan's career with the Washington Redskins began three years ago, and, because of her amazing talent, dedication, and enthusiasm, she has excelled in this position as a performer. Her first year she was awarded Rookie of the Year, and this past season was a co-captain for the squad. She has had the opportunity to travel to many different states and countries, representing the first ladies of football. In addition to her performing at every home game, she has participated in many charitable events and promos in the surrounding communities. Be sure to check out the first ladies of football on Facebook and twitter.



Prayer Beads for Those In Need

Harriet Chapel parishioners continue to make prayer beads for anyone in need. They started out making the beads as an outreach to those with cancer, but the project has really blossomed! The prayer beads have now gone all over the United States, as well as several other countries, as a way to offer comfort and help to those with cancer, to those whose life is difficult or unsettled, to those who are sick or home-bound, or to those who are grieving.

Each set of beads comes with suggested prayers, but it is easy to make up your own prayers. At Harriet Chapel, people gather each Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. for a Morning Prayer service followed by prayer with the beads. Everyone is welcome to participate and/or you can contact the church for a set of beads and a prayer sheet to use at home or to give to someone in need. Harriet Chapel is located at 12625 Catoctin Furnace Road, just south of Thurmont.

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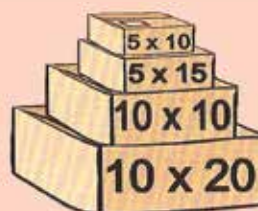


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Vigilant Hose Company Holds 130th Annual Banquet

The 130th Annual Banquet of the Vigilant Hose Company was held Saturday, January 4, 2014, at Mother Seton School. During the banquet, Tim Clarke, Company President, served as the Master of Ceremonies.

The 2014 Officers of the company were installed. They included Administrative Officers: President, Timothy M. Clarke; Vice President, Robert Rosensteel, Jr.; Treasurer, Steven M. Hollinger; Assistant Treasurer, William D. Boyd, Jr.; Secretary, Steven W. Valentine; Assistant Secretary, Thomas Vaughn; Board of Director Members, Gene Fauble, John A. Glass, John S. Hollinger, Randy Myers, Douglas D. Orner, and Carl A. White.

Line Officers: Chief, A. Frank Davis; Deputy Chief, James E. Click; Assistant Chief, Christopher A. Stahley; Captain, Chad M. Umbel; Lieutenant, Joshua Brotherton; Lieutenant, Jason Powell; Lieutenant, Robert A. Rosensteel, Jr.; Lieutenant, Christopher Ryder; Lieutenant, David Wilt; and Sergeant, Douglas Yingling.

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

Auxiliary Officers: President, Diana Hoover; Vice President, Tina Ryder; Treasurer, Jo Ann Boyd; Secretary, Joyce E. Glass; Financial Secretary, Mandy Ryder; and Historian, Loretta Sprankle.

Length of Service Awards were designated by Chief, A. Frank Davis. Those being recognized were: Tyler Hollinger and Elyssa Cool with 5 Years; Vance Click with 10 Years; Scott Maly, Randy Myers, and Patrick Fischer with 15 Years; Dave Wilt and Doug Wivell with 20 Years; Tim Clarke and Steve Valentine with 25 Years (they get Life Membership into the company); Gabe Baker and Karl Kuykendall with 30 Years; Jerry Orndorff with 40 Years; Sam Cool with 45 Years; and Austin Umbel with 50 Years.

Vigilant's Top 10 LOSAP recipients were presented by President Tim Clarke. They included a tie for Ninth with 95 calls each

by Doug Orner and Vance Click; Tom Vaughn Eighth with 97; Derek Rosensteel Seventh with 102; Cliff Shriner Sixth with 109; Jim Click Fifth with 111; a tie at Third by Wayne Powell and John Damskey with 119 each; Gene Fauble Second with 120; and Bill Boyd Top LOSAP with 139.

The Company's Top 10 Responders were recognized by Chief A. Frank Davis. They were: Tenth with 131 calls, Tim McKenna; Ninth with 139 calls, Chris McKenna; Eighth with 145 calls, Tyler Arrowood; Seventh with 157 calls, Vance Click; Sixth with 184 calls, Bob Rosensteel, Jr.; Fifth with 194 calls, Doug Yingling; Fourth with 214 calls, Josh Brotherton; Third with 248 calls, Alex McKenna; Second with 264 calls, Cliff Shriner; and Top Responder with 301 calls, Derek Rosensteel. Top Fire Police Responders were Third with 85 calls, Paul Krietz; Second with 126 calls, Monroe Hewitt; and Top Fire

Police Responder with 200 calls, Sam Cool.

The Training Award for 2013 was presented to an individual who attended the most hours of in-house training and training conducted outside the VHC to include: Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute, the National Fire Academy, and the Frederick County Fire & Rescue Association. This includes department drills and recertifications. This year the training award was presented to Tyler Arrowood.

Jo Ann Boyd and Julie Davis were awarded the President's Award for 2013. Elyssa Cool was awarded the Chief's Award for 2013 and Thomas Vaughn was awarded the Member of the Year Award for 2013.

The highest award to be presented at the annual banquet is the Hall of Fame Award. This year the VHC inducted James M. Kittinger and George Danner into the Hall of Fame.



(left) Service Award Recipients

(bottom left) Tim Clarke with President's Award Recipients

(below) Vigilant Hall of Fame Award Recipients



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Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company Holds 25th Annual Banquet and Award Ceremony Banquet

Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company's (EVAC) Vice President and Master of Ceremonies for the evening, Eric Stackhouse, opened EVAC's 25th Annual Banquet with a reference to life in an ambulance company being like an amusement park ride. He advised listeners to, "keep your hands inside the ride at all times and enjoy the ride!" The banquet was held Saturday, January 11, 2014 at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company's rental hall. Invocation for the evening was given by St. Joseph's Catholic Church's Father Holliday and dinner was catered by The Carriage House.

EVAC President, Mary Lou Little, welcomed attendees and talked about how proud EVAC members should be about their fundraising. EVAC still pays for their own building

and expenses. She said, "Like any family, we're frustrated from time to time, but we are here for our community and together as a team and family, we face 2014 head-on." She reminded us that the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company was started by the Emmitsburg VFW and American Legion 25 years ago. Today, it is notable that EVAC recruits Pre-med students from Mount St. Mary's to learn at EVAC. It is a great cooperative.

Mary Lou Little presented special awards to the following: The Jamie Eyler 2013 Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Jim Wormley; the Donald B. Byard Humanitarian Award was presented to Robert Dinterman, Sr.; and the President's Award was presented to John Ruppel.

Diane Kelly presented LOSAP Awards to #10 Eric Stackhouse, #9 Robert Dinterman, Sr., #8 Diane Kelly, #7 Pam Bolin, #6 Kimberly Bolin, #5 Ed Little, #4 John Ruppel, #3 Jim Wormley, #2 Mary Lou Little, and #1 Beth Ruppel.

Acting Chief John Ruppel recognized EVAC's Top 5 Responders: #5 Alyssa Cool, #4 Rose Mercandetti, #3 Brandon Burris, #2 Tom Ward, and #1 Beth Ruppel. Rookie of the Year was awarded to Rose Mercandetti; Director of the Year was Tom Ward; EMS Provider of the Year was Katie Smith; and the Chief's Award was presented to Ed Little.

2014 Officers were sworn in by Mrs. Judith White, Secretary of the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and

Rescue Association. Operational Officers were: Lieutenants Tina Grimes, Rose Latini, and Eric Stackhouse; Sergeants Beth Ruppel and John Ruppel; Honorary Lieutenant Ed Little. Administrative Officers were: President, Mary Lou Little; Vice President, Eric Stackhouse; Secretary, Vicki Long; Assistant Secretary, Angela Javor; Treasurer, Pam Bolin; and Assistant Treasurer, Beth Ruppel. Board of Directors were Robert Dinterman, Sr., Donna Miller, Ed Little, and Diane Kelly.

Denise Pouget, Chief of Fire and Rescue Services of Frederick County, was the guest speaker for the evening. A memorial service was held for Larry Little.



(left) EVAC Special Award Recipients

(right) Operational Officers

(below) 2013 Top Responders



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Thurmont Community Ambulance Company Holds 2014 Awards Banquet

The Thurmont Community Ambulance Company held their annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 18, 2014, at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company’s banquet hall. The banquet was catered by the Rocky Ridge 4-H (see a photo on page 10). Company President, Lowman Keeney, served as Master of Ceremonies. Invocation was given by Rev. James Hamrick. Venture Crew 270 gave a presentation.

In 2013, the Thurmont Community Ambulance Company placed an ATV and trailer in service; became a training center; received award recognition for a successful recovery of a patient pinned under a tractor trailer along Route 15; and purchased 21.5 acres of land for the Company’s new Activities Complex. Some of the Company’s goals for 2014 include having a minimum of two ambulances staffed on every shift due to a noted increase in call volume. Construction for the Company’s new Activities Complex will begin in spring 2014.

Operational Awards were given by Chief Dennis “DJ” Ott. Top

Responders were: #11 Chris Pigula, #10 James Coyle, #9 Lowman Keeney, #8 Becky Ott, #7 Kassie Manahan, #6 William Ott, #5 Matt Demarais, #4 Rose Latini, #3 Travis Unger, #2 Lisa Eichelberger, and #1 Dennis “DJ” Ott.

The Administration Awards were presented by Lowman Keeney. Rev. Hamrick conducted a memorial service to remember members who passed in 2013, including Glann L. Nikirk, Robert F. Oxendale, and Donna “Dean” Bailey.

2014 officers were sworn in by the Maryland State Fireman Association’s 2nd Vice President, Johnie Roth, Jr. Administrative Officers were President, Lowman Keeney; Vice President, Jim Humerick; Treasurer, Judy White; Assistant Treasurer, Dennis Ott, Sr.; Secretary, Joyce Stitely; Assistant Secretary, Shirley Stackhouse; and Directors James Hamrick, Dave Riffle, and Randy Demarais. Operational Officers were Chief, Dennis Ott, Jr.; Assistant Chief, Rose Latini; Lieutenant, Lisa Eichelberger; Lieutenant, Amanda Kefauver; Sergeant, Kassie Manahan; Sergeant, William Ott, and Sergeant, Eric Stackhouse.



(left) 2014 Operational Officers

(right) 2014 Administrative Officers

(below) 2013 Top Responders



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Gators Bring a Piece of Louisiana to Thurmont

by James Rada, Jr.

Urban legends circulate from time to time about small alligators that become unwanted pets. They are flushed down the toilet or otherwise released into the sewers of big cities, where they grow to unusual length and terrorize the residents.

The truth is that the alligators tend to be collected by animal control groups or turned over to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). Since adult alligators don't make the best pets, those alligators tend to remain with those agencies.

That is, unless an organization like the Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo takes them. The Catoctin Zoo has dozens of alligators in their Gator Bayou. Alligators have been part of Catoctin Zoo since it opened as a reptile park in 1933.

"We've had as many as forty and as few as twenty," said Catoctin Zoo Executive Director Richard Hahn. "Our most-recent one came from the Philadelphia SPCA."

Alligators are typically found along the U.S. coastal waters and inland swamps from South Carolina to Texas. The largest male alligator found recently was just over 14 feet long.

"Our longest one is just under 8 feet," Hahn said. It weighs around 200 pounds.

Being reptiles, alligators tend to hibernate during the colder months of the year, when it's harder—if not impossible—for them to keep their body temperatures warm.

"In Lake Mattamuskeet, North Carolina, they hibernate under the water for about six months of the year. Elsewhere they stop eating and are inactive except for sunning on warm winter days, even in Florida," Hahn said.

The Catoctin Zoo replicates this hibernation cycle for the alligators in the fall each year. The keepers trudge into the bayou and collect the gators. They approach the alligators from the rear and wrap their snouts with electrical tape to avoid being bitten. The gators are then removed from the Gator Bayou to a well-insulated heated area that is not open for public viewing.

"The water is kept above 60 degrees so they can hibernate," Hahn said. "But, boy, do they eat then, and all summer, until fall when the water temps in the swamp exhibit drop back down again just like in the wild."

Photo by James Rada, Jr.



Photo shows the alligators being collected, so they can be moved to winter quarters at the Catoctin Zoo.

During the season when the gators are active, they are fed meat twice a week. Each one gets an average of two pounds of meat at each feeding. They aren't particular about the amount or type of meat they eat, either.

"If they can get it in their mouths, they will eat it," Hahn said.

Though alligators can live to be around fifty-years old, the oldest one in the Catoctin Zoo right now is about fifteen years old.

This group of alligators (which is called a congregation) is just one of the unusual animals that can be seen in northern Frederick County.



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Thurmont Library Serves as Satellite Gallery for the Delaplaine Center

by James Rada, Jr.

Why travel to Frederick to visit the Delaplaine Visual Arts Center when the center is willing to come to Thurmont? The Thurmont Regional Library is one of three libraries in the county (along with the Urbana Regional Library and the Brunswick Branch Library) that serves as a satellite gallery for the Delaplaine Center.

For the month of January, hanging on the walls in the hallway leading from the front doors of the library to the community rooms, you could view the landscape paintings of Sandra Edmondson of Potomac. The exhibit was called "Nature Redux," featuring mainly landscapes, along with a few animal paintings.

A new exhibit starts in February, called "Nature Spirits." It features the work of Brenda Duke Murphy, a children's book illustrator. The illustrations that line the hallway and community room walls are inspired by the spirits and souls of nature. The exhibit will remain at the library through April 2014.

"I'm thrilled to have the art on display here," said Erin Dingle, the branch manager for the Thurmont Regional Library. "It adds an extra feature to the library and shows that there's more here than just books."

The library has displayed art work since it opened in 2008, but it is only in the last year that the



Photo by James Rada, Jr.

Delaplaine Center has taken over the duty of curating the exhibit. This has increased the pool of artists that will display work at the library. The Delaplaine Center curates each exhibit, transports it, and hangs the art work. Each exhibit is rotated between Thurmont, Urbana, and Brunswick, so each library has a chance to display the exhibit for its patrons.

"We are trying to have something new each quarter," Dingle said.

The art work on display is also for sale. If patrons see paintings that they would like to purchase, they can contact the Delaplaine Center to handle the sale. The Friends of the Thurmont Library also receive a small donation from each sale made at the library.

The Delaplaine Center has developed a strong reputation for promoting arts in Frederick County since it first opened in 1986. The main gallery in Frederick, Maryland, gets more than 85,000 visitors annually.

Generosity is Contagious

The winner of *The Catoctin Banner* Home Decorating Contest charitably requested that their \$50.00 prize winnings be donated to the Food Bank. *The Catoctin Banner* will match their donation, and \$100 will be donated to the local food banks.

Boy Scouts of America Scouting for Food Campaign

Scouting for Food is a national food collection effort carried out by the Boy Scouts of America every year during the second week of November. On the first Saturday of November 2013, local Scouting units went door-to-door to hand out plastic bags for community members to place in food donations. In Thurmont and nearby communities, Pack 270, Troop 270, and Crew 270 handed out collection bags between 9:00 a.m.-noon. Scouts returned the following Saturday, on November 9, to collect the donations and then transported them to the Thurmont Food Bank.

In Thurmont, all of the food the Scouts collected during the Scouting for Food campaign went to the Thurmont Food Bank to help feed the average of 800 families a month who visit the food bank. These families depend on their donations of not only non-perishable food, but also household supplies.

The Thurmont Food Bank accepts community donations on Tuesdays, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and Fridays, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. The Food Bank is located across from the Community Park in the Town Office building. On November 9, a temporary collection location for the Scouting for Food campaign was also set up at St. John's Lutheran Church, located at 15 North Church Street in Thurmont.

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Food Bank Update

The Thurmont Food Bank served 438 households in 2013. All together, these households/families received food a total of 3,338 times, each time receiving two weeks worth of food. That's a lot of meals for our neighbors in need! All food was donated by people in our area or purchased with donations from individuals, churches, and business and community organizations. All the labor was done by volunteers; there are no paid employees at the Food Bank.

Please continue to support the Thurmont Food Bank with gifts of these items: Cereals—both "kid" and adult varieties, instant and regular oatmeal, breakfast bars, Pop Tarts; Tuna and canned meats; Soups—dry or canned (especially with pop-tops); Spaghetti/pasta & spaghetti sauce; Baby food and formula; Microwavable meals and canned meals (with pop-tops for families living in hotels or in the camp grounds); Jams/jellies and peanut butter; Fruit—canned, fresh, dried, etc.; Toilet paper; Diapers, wipes, and Depends; Any items in the personal hygiene category.

You can drop off your gifts at the Thurmont Town Hall, located at 10 Frederick Road in Thurmont, during regular business hours Monday through Friday.

The Thurmont Food Bank is located in St. John's Lutheran Church, at 15 N. Church Street in Thurmont. Donations are taken on Tuesdays, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. and on Fridays, from 2:30-5:00 p.m.

Food is given out between 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and between 3:30-5:00 p.m. on Fridays.

The date for their move into the Town Hall is uncertain; the community will be notified before their move.

A Special Visitor to Emmitsburg Early Learning Center

Emmitsburg Early Learning Center (EELC) was visited by Santa and Mrs. Claus on December 19, 2013. Santa had a lot of children come sit on his knee and accept an orange and candy cane. They were a very good group of children and told Santa of the many toys they would like to see under their tree on Christmas morning. The visit was sponsored by VFW Post 6658. The pictures are of but two of the many children that visited with Santa that day.



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Pack 270 Webelos Visit Mount Vernon

by Jennifer Young

On Sunday, January 12, 2014, Den 2 and Den 3 Webelos of Cub Scout Pack 270, Thurmont, visited George Washington's Mount Vernon.

While at the historic site, the boys participated in a tour of the main home, learned the purposes of the many agricultural buildings and outbuildings found on a working plantation, viewed a blacksmithing demonstration, and toured the museum found inside the Visitor's Center. Scouts also had the honor

of participating in a wreath-laying ceremony at George Washington's tomb. The purpose of the trip was to help the Cub Scouts learn about George Washington's role in shaping our nation, as well as about what life was like during the Colonial period.

For more information on Cub Scout Pack 270 or other scouting activities, visit our website at www.cubpack270.com or contact Kathleen Knill at 240-674-3023 for information on joining Cub Scouts.

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It's Academic Team — Jacks of All Trades

by James Rada, Jr.

Huey Long was a flamboyant politician from what southern state?

What is the return of a criminal to a state in which an original crime was committed called?

Find the geometric mean of 7 and 21?

Can you answer those questions almost as fast as you can read them? The students on the Catoctin High It's Academic Team can.

It's Academic, which has been recognized by the *Guinness Book of Records* as "the world's longest-running television quiz program," is now celebrating its 53rd year on the air. The program is sponsored by Giant Food and Morgan State University. The host of the program is David Zahren. Each competition pits three-person teams from three different high schools in the area against each other. Most recently, Catoctin High defeated teams from Aberdeen High School and Havre de Grace High School on an episode broadcast on Jan. 18 on WJZ, Channel 13 in Baltimore. The team will compete again on April 4.

"We won decisively. They excelled. One team started to come back at the end and we held them back," said Coach John Keopke, who has been the team coach for 32 years.

The current Catoctin team consists of 12 students. Though only three students can compete on the televised competitions, more students are able to compete in the county competitions.

"We have the smartest people in the school on the team," Keopke said. "They have to be and fastest, too."



Pictured with the host of *It's Academic*, David Zahren, are Mikel Wildasin, Isabel Miller, and Aaron Metheny.

Senior Aaron Metheny has been on the team for four years, as were his older brothers before him.

Team captain Isabel Miller had friends who participated. She expressed an interest and watched them practice. "I noticed I could answer most of the questions," she said.

Mikal Wildasin said that competing on television "can get in your head the first time, but once you're there and things start, it's not so bad."

The students have to be able to deduce the answer from clues in the question and hit the buzzer hopefully before the moderator finishes reading the question. They earn points for correct answers and lose points for incorrect ones.

Catoctin hasn't won a county title since 1982, though the team lost in sudden death overtime on the last question to Middletown.

This year's Catoctin High It's Academic team: Seniors – Aaron Metheny, Sam Swanson, Isabel Miller, Jacob Small, Garrett Keyser, Graham Nettleton, Mikel Wildasin; Juniors – Savannah Heon, Jacob Mitchener; Sophomores – Robert Hawkins, Justin Cissel; Freshman – Louis Tennent.

CHS SHOP Club Collecting Coupons to Support Military

The SHOP Club at Catoctin High School (CHS) is collecting expired coupons to help support our overseas military families. The manufacturers coupons must be less than six months old and preferably cut out. Please send them to Catoctin High School, Attention: Rebecca Scott. Visit <http://education.fcps.org/chs> for more information.

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Mother Seton School Alumni Keep Parents' Dream Alive by Giving Back

When Tony Little presented to Sr. JoAnne Goecke, D.C., principal at Mother Seton School (MSS), a check for \$7,800, he had one thought: "This would make mom and dad proud." The check he presented came from the proceeds of the Angels Above Alumni Golf

Tournament, an annual event held to benefit the Jack and Shirley Little Scholarship Fund at Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg. The 2013 event was held on October 4 at the Mountain View Golf Club in Fairfield, Pennsylvania.

The tournament began as a promise made to his dying father that Tony and his family would do something to repay the generosity shown the Littles when they sent their six children to MSS in the 1970s and 1980s. Tony, a graduate of MSS in 1978, followed through with that commitment, and with his siblings—Tim, Mary Lou, Pam, Scott, and Ed—launched the golf tournament as a means to raise money for the Jack and Shirley Little Scholarship Fund at Mother Seton School. To date, the tournament has raised over \$50,000 for the fund and has helped numerous families afford the cost of tuition to MSS. "We want to continue to help Mother Seton School grow and thrive, and not have money be an issue (for families who wish to enroll their children)," he said.

"This gift, given with gratitude and genuine care," said MSS principal Sister Joanne Goecke, D.C., "is a beautiful expression of the Christmas spirit."

Tony Little remains humble about his and his siblings contributions. "None of us do this for recognition, only to keep mom and dad's dream alive. For that reason, we will continue our efforts to contribute to the scholarship fund."

The next Angels Above Alumni Golf Tournament will be held on October 3, 2014.



The Little Family donated \$7,800 towards the Mother Seton School scholarship named for their parents, Jack and Shirley Little. The donation came from proceeds from the annual Angels Above Golf Tournament that the family hosts. Pictured from left are Tony Little, Sr. JoAnne Goecke, D.C. (Principal), Pam Little Bolin Little, Ed Little, Kim Bolin, and Mary Lou Little.

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CHS Leo Club Helps Project Hope Thurmont

*Submitted by Wendy Candela, Thurmont Lions Club
CHS Leo Club Advisor*

Catoctin High School (CHS) Leos proudly stepped up to help promote and setup/cleanup for Project Hope's first Annual Winter Formal Dance. This event was attended by area youth, ages 12 to 18, on Saturday Night, December 21, 2013. The Thurmont Carnival Grounds was turned into a winter wonderland, with music and lights provided by a local radio DJ, dancing, games with prizes, face painting, and refreshments!

CHS Leos are supporting Project Hope Thurmont to serve and help our young people with positive reinforcement provided by activities and events, such as this first annual youth dance for the holidays. Project Hope's primary goal is to help those addicted to drugs find resources to get into recovery and to be there as a support team. With these goals in mind, Project Hope is raising funds



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CHS Leo Vice-President Jason Polansky is proudly crowned King of the Winter Formal Dance by Project Hope's President, Jacque Burrier.

to open up a youth center in our area.

For more information and donations, contact Project Hope Thurmont, by emailing Projecthope21788@yahoo.com. Visit their Facebook page at Project Hope Thurmont MD.

Visit CHS Leo Club website to check anytime for updates on our activities and projects at <http://e-leoclubhouse.org/sites/catoctin>.

Who will be the 2014 Teacher of the Year?

Do you know a teacher who goes beyond what is expected? Is there a teacher who has made an impact on your life or your child's life? It's time to recognize these special teachers by nominating them for the Thurmont Lions Club Teacher of the Year Award. Anyone, including parents, students, and fellow teachers, may nominate a teacher.

This award is open to Pre-K through Grade 12 full-time teachers in the Catoctin feeder school system: Catoctin High, Thurmont Middle, Thurmont Primary and Elementary, Sabillasville Elementary, Lewistown Elementary, Emmitsburg Elementary, and Mother Seton School.

One finalist from each of the eight schools will be announced during a reception at Catoctin High School in April. The Teacher of the Year will be selected from these finalists by a committee of community leaders and will be announced at the Thurmont Lions Club's Education Night on May 14, 2014.

Nomination forms are available at www.thurmontlionsclub.com and at the Thurmont Regional Library. Nominations are due by Wednesday, March 26, at 5:00 p.m.

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TMS Leo Club Holds Fundraiser to Help Local Family

The Thurmont Middle School (TMS) Leo Club held a fundraiser selling candy bars in support of Jeremy Hahn, a local resident with cancer. Pictured (right) are Riley Hopcraft, Avie Hopcraft, Mrs. Angie Hahn, Dallis Carter,



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and Danielle Carter. The students presented a check for \$1,013 to Mrs. Hahn to help with her husband's medical expenses.

FCPS Earth and Space Science Lab's Planetarium Shows

The FCPS Earth and Space Science Lab's Ausherman Planetarium offers a variety of programs, open to the public for \$5.00 each. Show times are 5:30, 6:30, and 7:30 p.m., with doors opening at 5:00 p.m. An adult must accompany any child 8th grade and younger. Parents may read the online description to learn whether the 45-minute show is appropriate for their family, as there are no age recommendations for the shows.

Visit <https://education.fcps.org/essl> or call 240-236-2694 for the 2014 Evening Show Schedule and to purchase tickets. Seating is limited. The planetarium is located at 210 Madison Street in Frederick, Maryland, and has ample parking.

Thurmont Lions Club Scholarships

The Thurmont Lions Club is pleased to announce that the TLC Foundation will award three \$1,000 scholarships to graduating Catoctin High School seniors again this year. These scholarships are awarded competitively based on academic achievement, participation in activities, and financial need.

Information and applications for these scholarships are available at the Catoctin High School office and on the Thurmont Lions Club website at www.thurmontlionsclub.com. Completed applications and all documentation must be submitted by April 1, 2014.

Catoctin Cougars Excel At CTC

The Frederick County Career-Technology Center (CTC) has announced the 2013 winners in the annual SkillsUSA awards program.

Congratulations to the following Cougars for their excellent showing at CTC: Tyler Alexander (2nd Place—Tech. Drafting); Morgan Andrew (2nd Place—CSI); Logan Barrick (1st Place—Digital Cinema Production); Emily Coyle (1st Place—Nail Care); Kyle Davis (Honorable Mention—Electrical Contruction Wiring); Mary Douglas (3rd Place—Nail Care); Sophia Eureka (2nd Place—TV/Video Production); Christopher Faulkner (2nd Place—Electrical Construction Wiring); Austin Hahn (2nd Place—Carpentry); Jacob Hanvey (Honorable Mention—Carpentry); Landon Hollinger (2nd Place—Auto Refinishing); Benjamin Lind (2nd Place—Criminal Justice); Ethan McClure (2nd Place—Landscape Car. Development); Robert Norwood (3rd Place—CSI); Lauren Schur (3rd Place—Landscape Car. Development); Corey Smith (3rd Place—Web Design); Ian Stevens (Honorable Mention—TV/Video Production); Samuel Swanson (1st Place—Internetworking); Brady Topper (1st Place—Refrigeration); Landon Wivell (Honorable Mention—Internetworking); Jacob Young (1st Place—Auto Service).

Library Valentine's Day Party

Visit the Thurmont Regional Library, located at 76 East Moser Road in Thurmont, on Saturday, February 15, 2014, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., for a special Valentine-themed Literacy Party. Children will enjoy crafts, story time, face painting, and refreshments. They can make a book, learn about the library, and earn a book to take home. Pre-school vision screenings will be available at no charge. This event is sponsored by the Thurmont Regional Library and the Thurmont Lions Club.

2014 CHS Safe and Sane Activities

The 2014 Catoctin High School (CHS) Safe & Sane Graduation Committee will hold a meeting of interested parents of the graduating class of 2014 on February 12, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., in the media center at CHS. All help is needed to make this a very successful event for the seniors. Event announcements and meeting minutes can be seen on the website at <http://catoctinsafeandsane.com> or visit their Facebook page: Catoctin High Safe & Sane Class of 2014.

Several fun events are being planned for 2014! On February 8, 2014, there will be a Ladies/Girls Night Out at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company. Jewelry will be from Brown's Jewelry & Gift Store. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and games begin at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$30.00 per person and includes a raffle ticket for a chance to win pieces of jewelry. Appetizers, desserts, beverages, and wine will be provided by local wineries. There also will be silent auction items, tip jars, and raffles. You must be 16 years old to attend. Some of the items that you could possibly win are: 14K white gold amethyst dangle earrings, 14K yellow gold peridot earrings, 14K yellow gold opal doublet earrings, 14K white gold hoop earrings, Sterling Silver diamond tennis bracelet, 10K white gold blue topaz and diamond antique-style ring, 10K yellow gold black onyx ring, Sterling Silver blue diamond and white diamond pendent, Sterling Silver fire cast enamel pendent with garnet, 14K white gold pearl pendent, 14K white gold 18" wheat-style chain, 14K white gold round diamond cluster pendent. Please contact Lisa White for tickets (lmwhite88@msn.com) or 240-367-6996 or Laura Imes at imesla@yahoo.com or 301-788-6458.

Other upcoming dates for Safe and Sane Activities are: March 14, 2014 – Crab Cake Dinner, Vigilant Hose Company, Emmitsburg. Dinner will be served from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Carry outs are available. Senior students can help serve dinner. Donations of desserts and sodas are welcome; March 29, 2014 – Sportsman's Dinner, Vigilant Hose Company, Emmitsburg. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and games will begin at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 per person and includes dinner and beverages. You must be 16 years old to attend. Donations of desserts, soda, and water are welcome; April 5, 2014 – Wing Night, Vigilant Hose Company, Emmitsburg. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 per person (\$10.00 for ages 10 and under and Free for ages under 3). Donations of desserts, soda, and water are welcome.



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SPORTS news

2014 Spring Registration for Emmitsburg Baseball & Softball

Spring registration for Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball will be held on Saturday, February 8 and Sunday, February 9, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., at the Vigilant Hose Company, located at 25 E. Main Street in Emmitsburg.

You still have time to register early and receive \$10.00 off your registration fee! To receive your discount, register online through January 31.

View their advertisement below for more information.

CYA Lacrosse Registration Open

Want to play the fastest game on two feet? Catocin Youth Association (CYA) Lacrosse is registering players for the 2014 spring season. All boys and girls, ages 5 through 14, are eligible to participate. No experience is needed. Registration will be held on the following dates: February 1, 2014, from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., at Thurmont Middle School; February 15, 2014, from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at Emmitsburg Rec Center. Fees are \$85.00 per player. However, no child will be turned away due to inability to pay.

Visit their website at www.leaguelineup.com/catlax for forms. Send to Laurie Wilhelm, ATTN: CYA LAX, 5149 Wigville Road, Thurmont, MD 21788. Checks made out to CYA LAX.

If you have any questions, please contact Ryan at 301-418-2338 or Laurie at 301-748-7597; email at CYALacrosse@gmail.com; or Facebook: www.facebook.com/cya.lacrosse.

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Thurmont Little League Spring 2014 Registration

Registration for the Thurmont 2014 Spring Little League and Babe Ruth baseball season continues. Online registration is available at their websites <http://www.eteamz.com/thurmont/> (for Little League) or www.eteamz.com/thurmontbaberuthleague (for Babe Ruth).

This year, they are offering a \$10.00 discount for early online sign-ups through the end of January. Players from Thurmont, Sabillasville, Emmitsburg, Rocky Ridge, Woodsboro, and all of Northern Frederick County are welcome to register.

Tryouts for the Minor and Majors levels will be Sunday, February 23, and Sunday, March 2, at 8:30 a.m. at Catocin High School. Players at these levels must attend one of the two tryouts.

For Babe Ruth players, the \$10.00 discount will continue through the month of February, but the cost will increase in March, as their season starts later than the younger players.

In-person sign-ups are being offered every Friday evening, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the Thurmont Little League clubhouse, beginning on January 31. If you cannot sign-up online and wish to take advantage of our "Early Bird" savings, please contact any Thurmont Board Member or contact Mike Randall directly at 301-271-3958 or email Michael.randall@bea.gov.

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by George Puvel, Anytime Fitness Owner

Question: I've been having a tough time with my energy levels for my 6:00 a.m. workouts. I was thinking coffee might help with this, but it seems like it's always getting mixed reviews. Any cause for concern before a workout?

Answer: First things first. If you're experiencing low energy levels, and you're not necessarily focused on fat loss, try having a small breakfast, or even a bar or a shake, before you go workout. This will definitely provide the much-needed energy you're looking for. However, if you're trying to drop body fat and you'd like to avoid calories that early in the morning, coffee is an excellent alternative. The caffeine in coffee is considered a central nervous system stimulant and will provide a boost of energy, though the effect varies greatly among individuals. Caffeine is actually considered an ergogenic aid, meaning it enhances physical performance. In the right amounts, caffeine has been shown to reduce the perception of effort during a workout, which means your workout will seem easier than it actually is. Not bad for a little cup o' joe, huh? Keep in mind, coffee does increase heart rate, respiratory rate and blood pressure, and it can make you a bit jittery if you're a newbie. Luckily, these effects are relatively mild, especially for healthy folks. In fact, much of the research these days is focused on the potential health benefits of coffee, rather than any health risks.

Question: I was in the gym the other day and I overheard a guy talking about his "No Pain, No Gain" weightlifting philosophy. Do I need to adopt this attitude for my own workouts to see results?

Answer: No, not necessarily. It is true that weight training sessions

can be intense, resulting in micro-tears and subsequent muscle soreness for a day or two afterward. This is completely normal, and as the body heals itself, the muscle fibers gradually become larger and stronger. This is the essence of strength training. However, if he was implying that a workout is only effective if pain is involved, he is flat wrong. Mild discomfort is common at the end of a hard set, as fatigue starts to set in, but actual pain is never a good sign during a workout. If you're experiencing this, it usually means you're severely overworking a muscle or you've suffered an injury.

Question: Do I really need to sweat profusely to get in a good workout, or is this another fitness myth?

Answer: Myth all the way! Sweating and the overall quality of your workout do not go hand in hand. Workout quality depends on the type of activity, the intensity and the duration. Sweating is simply a way for your overheated body to cool itself...that's it. Some people sweat from the very beginning of physical activity and others end up doing 30 minutes before the first bead hits the floor. Your environment, specifically the temperature and humidity, certainly plays a role, but the amount you sweat is very individualized as well. When you're physically active, your core body temperature rises and the body looks for an easy way to dissipate heat. So, the next time you're sweating and someone mentions that you look hot, just tell them, "Really, I was just starting to get cool."

About the author: George Puvel is the Club Owner. To submit a question for future articles, please contact the author at ThurmontMD@anytimefitness.com.

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In Medieval times, girls ate bizarre foods on St Valentine's Day to dream of their future spouse.

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by Jeanne Angleberger, Shaklee Associate for a Healthier Life

The new year is the best time to make changes to your health and body. Why not consider making your heart healthier for life? If you're a smoker, decide to quit smoking in 2014!

There are many resources that can help you with a non-smoking plan. Considering a plan is a good start!

Many people develop debilitating conditions because they smoke or have smoked in the past. It affects just about every aspect of your health. Any tobacco use increases your risk of heart attack and stroke. Even secondhand smoke increases your risk of heart disease by 25 percent or more, according to the Mayo Clinic.

Begin by making some simple goals. Write down three reasons why you want to quit. Make them personal. Get family members or friends to support you.

Pick a start date. Plan a day within the next couple of weeks, so

you can prepare yourself. Have your doctor help you build a quitting program. You may want to consult with a hospital to learn about a smoking cessation program.

You can find the best fit for yourself by calling the national quit line at 800-784-8669. There are toll-free tobacco quit lines available in every state.

The good news is: becoming a non-smoker brings immediate benefits. Within twenty minutes of smoking that last cigarette, your heart rate and blood pressure drops. Within twelve hours, the carbon monoxide level in your blood drops to normal. Within a year, your risk of heart attack is cut in half. After five years, the risk of cancer of the mouth, throat, esophagus, and bladder is cut in half.

So, if your loved one is a smoker, gently remind him or her how much you care for them. Surround them with support and love. Together you will experience a healthier life!

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Sabillasville Elementary School

Sabillasville Elementary sits off of Rt. 550 in Sabillasville, nestled in Harbaugh Valley across from the Scenic View Orchard. A beautiful setting, it is surrounded by operating farms, rural farmhouses, rustic red barns, and wildlife. Bald eagles have been seen perched in trees in front, and deer walk through the playground at night. Its driveway passes through an over-sized pumpkin patch. A commercial greenhouse operates nearby. The Western Maryland railroad track winds its way between the forested Mount Sabilla and the school's playground. Sometimes the laughter and noisy sounds of children at recess and the clatter and whistle from passing train engines coincide. With the magic of a train, I wonder how the teachers keep the distraction to a minimum?

Sabillasville School has an interesting history. From the early beginnings as a log cabin to the present day building, the school has been educating children from this area for over 200 years.

Education of children was clearly a priority with early settlers in this area. In November of 1813, the area became known officially as Sabillasville, and the village residents made plans for a school. According to an Emmitsburg Area Historical Society paper, *A Short History of Harbaugh Valley*, "They gathered together at the Magistrates Office and signed an article of an agreement; each agreeing to give a certain sum towards the schoolhouse for the education of the children."

The log cabin school was built at the northern end of the village and used for public meetings and church services.

Ten years later, the same land became the site for St. Jacobs, the first church in the valley on August 19, 1824. A stone schoolhouse was



The Old Sabillasville School located on the eastern side of Sabillasville was used in the 1927 until the current school opened in 1965.

built and used until 1871. After the move, it was used as a shed to store implements on private property.

One school site was near Friends Creek. During the winter months, when there was very little work to be done on the farms, adults attended classes along side the younger students. Also, a wooden building on Harbaugh Valley Road served as a school until 1927, when a new brick building was constructed at the eastern side of Sabillasville. That building is now occupied by the Walkersville Christian Family Schools. Reverend Cox is the current minister.

Construction on the current Sabillasville site began on July 30, 1964. The school opened in September 1965, with 240

The Foxville School was built in 1924 and closed in 1961. Kids from the Foxville area were sent to Sabillasville School when it opened in 1965.



The Libby Family

I met Amy at the Wine Kitchen in downtown Frederick. We started talking, and I learned that she once lived in Cascade in a house that belonged to the Libby family. The name sounded familiar to me.

"Did they have something to do with Pen Mar?"

"They ran some of the amusements," Amy told me.

Mr. and Mrs. William Libby were very much involved with the amusements at Pen Mar. According to the book *Pen Mar* by Woodring, they owned the building that housed the carousel, which began operation in 1907. The building was located near the Pen Mar dining room.

Included inside the building were a country store, shooting gallery, penny pitch, and funny mirrors. The country store was a game played with a spinning wheel. Players would put their money down on a number and hope the wheel would stop at their number. Sounds more like a gambling game than a country store. Prizes included stuffed animals, glassware, and kewpie dolls.

Another popular amusement at the park was The Little Wabash, a miniature train ride that lasted five minutes. Introduced in 1904, it was owned and operated by Harry Fleigh, a Western Maryland Railroad engineer.

Mountain Business

With the threat of below freezing temperatures, ice, and snow, it was a relief to be able to buy last-minute supplies without leaving the mountain. Sander's Market helped us stock up on supplies, GT's provided gas and snacks, and the Liquor Store provided that little extra warmth. Thanks to all of our small businesses who help us brave the mountain during those extra cold days.

Welcome to Buck Browning, the new executive director of Fort Ritchie Community Center.

Reminder to Mountain Top Seniors: No Mountain Top Senior's luncheon and bingo game until March.

students—including were children from the Foxville area. The former Foxville School, built in 1924, was closed in 1961. Those students attended Wolfsville Elementary School until 1965.

Today Sabillasville Elementary School is the home of Little Cougars, grades K-5. Still a rural school, 93 percent of the students depend on buses for transportation. It is one of thirty-eight elementary

schools in Frederick County. After finishing Sabillasville Elementary, the students attend Thurmont Middle School and Catoctin High School.

As in the past, the school, families, staff, and community continue to share a close connection and dependence on each other for school success. Members from the community and surrounding areas participate in the Northwestern Frederick County Civic Association's annual "The Mountain Fest" at Sabillasville Elementary School. It is held on the second full weekend in October every year. Community meetings and events are also held at the school site.

Kate Krietz is the current principal. When contacting the school, it is the friendly voice of Jane Savage, the administrative secretary, that the caller first hears.

The mission of the school and its staff is: REACH our students with exceptional teaching and caring support, CHALLENGE them to achieve their potential, and PREPARE them for success in a global society.

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Hidden Tears

by Linda Calhoun



Do they see the tears that don't fall?
 Ones buried deep.
 Do they know how they hurt me?
 Giving advice, not knowing.
 Do they see me struggle?
 Each and every step.
 Do they feel my pain?
 Never without.
 Do they call me to say hi?
 The phone never rings.
 Do they write words of encouragements?
 The mailbox stays empty.
 Do they listen to what they say?
 Not what I need to hear.
 Do they love me for me?
 They don't even know me.
 Do I love them regardless?
 In spite of themselves.
 Do I forgive them?
 Always and forever.
 Does my heart still hurt?
 Tears they won't see ~

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Thurmont Artist Wins Two Awards for Her Painting "On the Red Carpet"

Courtesy Photo

The Catoctin Banner featured an article about local artist, Emily Sloviko, in the September 2013 issue, titled "Thurmont Artist Shares Catoctin Nature."

As an update, the painting featured in that article "On The Red Carpet" recently won two awards at the Frederick County Art Association member's show, held at the Delaplaine in Frederick, Maryland. This painting won the Peoples Choice Award and also came away with Best In Show of the 75 pieces of art exhibited.



Emily Sloviko is pictured alongside her award-winning painting, titled, "On the Red Carpet," recently winning two awards at the Frederick County Art Association member's show.

CHS Student Has Artwork Displayed

Congratulations, Rachael Ferraro! She has a piece of art work hanging in the 2014 Reginald F. Lewis Museum High School Juried Art Show. To see a photo of the work, visit the Catoctin High School website at <http://education.fcps.org/chs>.

New Website Connects Local Pet Community

Let's Help Pets is a new website devoted to connecting Frederick County residents with animal welfare and rescue groups in Frederick and surrounding counties. The site features listings of local non-profits and shelters, a blog of pet-related topics, lost and found pets, and an events calendar.

Let's Help Pets is not a rescue or a shelter, but serves as a directory by linking the site's visitors directly to area rescues and shelters. Submissions are welcome, to alert the community to events, lost or found pets, and urgent pleas for foster homes or volunteers.

The website aims to assist county residents seeking to adopt, volunteer or donate to a rescue, while also directing those in crisis to support services.

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Puppy Love

by Linda Calhoun (Writing copyrighted@Linda Elaine Calhoun 2000)

His name was Jerry and he was the cutest, "kewlest" kid in the second grade! He had the outfit ~ rolled up jeans, white t-shirt, and a black leather bomber jacket. His hair was a little long and coal black.

He carried a black comb in his back pocket, which seemed like it was always in motion. I think he had blue eyes, but never ever looked him in the face—only a quick glimpse when he wasn't looking, for I was really shy.

At recess, we would play ball—dodge ball, softball...it didn't matter as long as we had a ball to kick or catch. The biggest kids were always the captains. Being a girl, you always got picked last until you could prove your stuff! Most often, it took only a few games before the boys knew which girls could play, let alone know the rules.

Jerry was always one of the captains, and before each recess, I prayed that he would pick me for his team. I thought, "If he knew I could play well, then maybe, just maybe, I would have a chance to be his girlfriend."

Once outside, we lined up. Jerry's eyes looked over all of the kids. Once he looked past me, twice.... then he pointed to me and said, "YOU"!

Well, I almost stopped breathing. The day I had been waiting for was here. Now to play ball and prove I was worth picking.

Our team played the best game ever and we won.

After he walked up to me and said, "Good game, you really can play for a girl," and... "Do ya wanna, ah, well, ahh...ya wanna be my girlfriend?" I felt my face turn red, then I whispered, "Yes." He then grabbed my hand, and we walked to the red metal doors of the school.

Right before we reached the steps of the school, he stopped and gave me a quick kiss on the cheek. For the second time, my face turned red. I looked around, hoping no one saw, especially the teacher. Whew, no one saw.

Jerry and I had a great week playing ball, then after each game, we always held hands.

It was such a fun week but the following Monday, he had to go ruin it by asking to kiss me on my lips. I promptly punched him in the stomach and said NO! He grabbed his stomach and walked back into the classroom. The teacher asked him what was wrong, "He said, boy can that girl hit"!

Being that Jerry was kinda of a toughie, the teacher figured out that Jerry probably deserved it. So I was not punished.

Recess after that was still fun, even though Jerry never picked me again. But that's okay, I was still able to play ball for "that" was what I really loved the best.

Little Words

by John Knott

When I awake each morning
And the dawn is breaking through
I think of all the wonderful things
And say a prayer for you

I ask for all the good things
That keeps your smile so free
And hope that every morning
You'll say a prayer for me.

Your smile is filled with laughter
A dream world to come true
You hold your head up to the clouds
And the sun comes shining through

I write these words to you my love
To show you how I feel
And now I send them all to you
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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Thank You for Supporting the Benefit Breakfast for Jeremy Hahn

The Trinity United Church of Christ of Thurmont and the Thurmont Lions Club joined together to help the Jeremy Hahn family by sponsoring a benefit breakfast for Jeremy. Jeremy is a 38-year-old young man with a wife and four children (ages 2-13). Jeremy was born and raised in the Thurmont area, graduated from Catoctin High School, and served our country as a Marine. After returning home, he graduated from Barber School and accepted the responsibilities of his father's local barber shop, for which Jeremy has been the sole worker for the past several years. A few months ago, Jeremy was diagnosed with oral (tongue) cancer and was a patient at the University of MD Medical Center for seventeen days, where he underwent an extensive 12-hour surgery with several additional surgeries. He has undergone extensive radiation treatments, which ended on January 6, 2014. Jeremy has no income and the medical bills continue to pile up.

On the day of the Benefit Breakfast, there was a tremendous outpouring of community support, not only from the Thurmont community but the surrounding area as well. There was, once again, proof that Thurmont is a small community filled with generous folks with huge hearts. Jeremy was too ill to attend; however, his mother was speechless and teary-eyed as she glanced around the dining room at the church filled with people there to show their support for Jeremy and his family—and they kept coming! There were approximately 481 breakfast tickets sold.

Promotion for the breakfast included ads in the local papers, circulation of flyers and posters, and a wonderful store front ad on the old library to remind folks of the event. This mural was a donation by local artist John Nickerson.

Also, as a co-host of this benefit fundraiser, additional major funding was also provided by the Frederick County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. All donated funds are being held in a Thurmont Lions Club account and will be used to pay medical bills and other needs of the family—payments will be made directly to the providers. Note that tax-deductible donations are still being accepted by making checks payable to TLF Inc., and mailing to Thurmont Lions Club, ATTN: Jeremy Hahn Fund, P.O. Box 306, Thurmont, MD 21788. Thanks again for supporting this successful event!

— *Sponsors of the Benefit Breakfast*

Thurmont Kountry Kitchen Celebrates 30th Anniversary on February 15, 2014

My, how time flies by when you're having fun; and boy, we have had fun! We've met so many new friends over the years; now they are old friends...ha, ha! We've cried together and laughed together, just like all big families do, and that's how I (Pat) feel—like you're all my big family away from home.

Kids who were babies when we opened the restaurant are coming back with their own babies now. Our granddaughter, who was not even born when we opened the restaurant, grew up to marry one of those babies who used to come in, and now they have two babies of their own. Beth and David have Madison (7) and Jordan (2), and Beth's brother Bruce has two children. We have our first four great-grandchildren.

Most of the kids who worked for us over the years stop back and say Hi, and I absolutely love it. I never even dreamed I'd make it through the first year, let alone thirty years. But praying and crying yourself to sleep at night really does work (ha, ha). Plus, my mom taught me how to make a pot of soup out of a chicken bone. I never did learn to make pies like hers. She definitely was the pie queen. Sherry comes in second.

I invite everyone to stop in and say Hi on February 15, 2014. We're going to run some specials that day. We love you guys!

— *Love, Pat and Roger Ridenour of The Kountry Kitchen, Thurmont, Maryland*

Thank You to Participants, Visitors, Volunteers

The Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc. would like to thank the participants of and visitors to their third annual Traditional Village Christmas celebration, held on Saturday, December 7, 2013, at the Village of Catoctin Furnace. Visitors toured and shopped in the ca. 1810 Collier's Log House, the ca. 1774 stone house, and the Harriet Chapel parish hall.

Visitors enjoyed shopping for the perfect holiday wreath, and sipping hot cider, while they toured the historical landmark. The goals of the event were two-fold: to share the history and culture of the pre-revolutionary village and industry with the public, and to raise funds to further interpretation and restoration efforts within the historic village.

Photos Courtesy of C.L. Harbaugh Photography



Suzanne Kijowski, a member of the Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc., is shown working on her loom.



Nelda Burdette, a member of the Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc., is shown selling books and other society materials.

Members of the society who worked and contributed to this event's success include Chris Gardiner, David Gardiner, Joel Anderson, Elizabeth Comer, Jerry and Nancy Anderson, Beth McGee, Joann Miller, Priscilla Rall, Pat Schoonover, Nelda Burdette, and Lisa Sweeney. We would like to thank the craftspeople who

made the day a success: Marjan Benjamins and Beth McGee—pottery; Suzanne Kijowski—woven items, candles, and soaps; Caroline Twigg—rug hooking; Anita Guthrie—jewelry, and Valerie Nusbaum—potpourri.

A special thank you to the members and friends of the society who made and donated baked goods, to Donna Voellinger and the Thurmont Historical Society for assistance with publicity, and to the PATC for the use of the ca. 1774 stone house.

Join the Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc. on Saturday, May 10, 2014, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. for our Spring in the Village celebration. The Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc. celebrates, studies, and preserves the architecture, landscape, and culture of this pre-Revolutionary village. For more information visit www.catoctinfurnace.org.

— *Thank You, The Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc.*

With Deepest Gratitude

I want to thank my relatives and friends for their prayers and cards during the long illness and death of my beloved husband, Glenn. A special thanks to Dr. J. Krantz for his dedicated care and to the Stauffer Funeral Home.

— *Sincerely, Bonnie Nikirk*

happily ever after

by Valerie Nusbaum

The Facebook Experiment

Last February, after years of vowing that I'd never do it, I set up a page on Facebook. If you are someone who spends hours each day on the social networks, then please read no further. My column will only upset you and make you angry. You might even become angry enough to yell at me in public or throw something at me. If you do that, it will end badly, because Randy will jump into the fray to protect me and he will get hurt. I can't have him getting hurt. He has a kitchen project to finish. Stop reading NOW!

I tried writing a column about Facebook not long after I signed on, but I ended up scrapping it and writing something else that month. I had made the mistake of sending the Facebook column to one of my friends for her opinion, and she proceeded to flay me verbally for making fun of her. I wasn't making fun of anyone. I was simply recounting my recent experiences.

Seriously, I never had any intention of putting myself out there on Facebook or Twitter, or any of the countless other sites where old friends can connect and new relationships can begin. I've kept in touch with a few friends from my old hometown, but in all the years since high school, I haven't thought much about the other people I used to know—other than an occasional, "I wonder..." or "What the heck was that guy's name?"

However, I do have an on-line business to run, and it seems that the social networks are a good place to get some free publicity. With that in mind, I set up a personal page on Facebook, never having any intention of putting details of my life

out there for all to see. That's what this column is for, right? I don't need another venue for people to criticize me. At the same time, I set up a Facebook business page where I could promote my Etsy shop, my show schedule, and debut new products.

My first day on Facebook, I returned home after several hours away and discovered that I had received seventy-one "friend" requests. Some of them were from my legitimate friends, some were from old friends I'd lost touch with, and a few were from people I don't know—at least I don't think I know them. One request was from a woman who positively detested me when we were in school together. I ran into that same woman about three years ago and she refused to speak to me, but then proceeded to say something nasty about my hair to someone I was with. Now she wants to be my friend? Go figure. It's high school all over again.

There appears to be a competition going on to see who can get the most friends and "likes." I'm very competitive by nature, so I've had to restrain myself. It would be easy to get caught up in all that, but it doesn't feel right to me to befriend someone for the sole purpose of adding another tally mark.

With my purpose in mind, I began posting photos of my artwork and trying to direct folks to my shop and other activities, and I did make some sales. Most people were kind and complimentary, but I felt uncomfortable with the whole thing. I posted something, and almost immediately I got feedback. It made me feel "exposed," as though

someone was watching me. I keep telling you this—although I know you don't believe me—but I'm a very private person. Facebook is not a place for people like me.

I've stopped reading other people's posts for the most part because I just don't want to know such personal details about the lives of mere acquaintances. Looking at those posts makes me feel like a Peeping Tom. In the beginning of my Facebook adventure, I was both amazed and horrified by some of the posts I saw. It's odd to me the things that people put out there for public consumption—tangles with the law, marital problems, fights with the neighbors, and the list goes on and on. Don't these people realize that once it's posted, it never goes away? It seems to me that posting that your family is on vacation is a good way to let others know that no one is at home.

An old boyfriend found me on Facebook. The truth is that I hadn't spoken to this man since I was twenty years old, so I don't have a clue about the kind of person he is now. He was a nice young man back then, but I don't believe he'd be someone I would like much today. His comments to me were icky, and I stopped responding. He has since disappeared from my friend list, and I'm not upset. Another lesson learned. People change.

I've decided to keep my Facebook pages up and running. The experiment has paid off and it's been good for business. I'll just be careful what I put out into the cyber universe for all time and eternity. An occasional family or vacation photo is fine, and I appreciate the kind comments I get in return. It's nice to have friends. I have 256 of them.

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by Jim Houck, Jr.

Joe (Tiger) Patrick

TONY WIVELL

OCTOBER 3, 2013 VIA IOS

Met a very interesting man tonight. A man with a mission and despite the anger against our country (or those that run it), he carries forward with a mission of "Love". Love for almost 7,000 soldiers who died for us and the pain he carried all the way from California to the East Coast to honor those faces and their families who still are paying for our Freedom. He will be around all weekend in Emmitsburg for the Annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial. If you see him, shake his hand. He is one of a kind and surprisingly funny as hell. Honored to meet Tiger. Rob Seidel is one of the faces he's carried with him. His little brother was there to find him.

— With Tiger Patrick and Emmitsburg VFW.

BY GABRIELLE FALLETTA

An Operation Desert Storm Veteran honored the lives lost in the Afghanistan and Iraq wars by taking an approximately six-month walk across the United States.

The journey began about 18 months ago, when Joe "Tiger" Patrick II, veteran and volunteer at Ground Zero in 2001, wanted to recognize those fallen in the world trade center by walking from Washington, D.C., to the site in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where the plane went down on September 11, 2001. Patrick then decided that he needed to do more than the approximately 450 mile walk he had completed, and chose to walk across the country.

Before his approximately 3,500 mile trip, Patrick came up with a banner that he would carry with him, that was 25 feet long by 8 feet high that featured the names and pictures of the 6,722 men and women who lost their lives serving the country in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Patrick's journey started in San Diego, Calif., a location he chose to be near the Navy Seal base, where he wanted to honor Navy Seals who were killed and wounded during the war. During May, June, July, August and September of 2013, Patrick walked about 20 miles to 30 miles a day, heading east toward Rhode Island.

Patrick took a short break from walking when he flew back to Rhode Island to coach the Special Olympics, something he has been doing for years.

Patrick soon returned to walking. The whole journey he carried a backpack, and other articles that weighed at least 100 pounds. Patrick continued to walk, stopping at numerous places, including homes of families who lost loved ones, fire houses, and Elks lodges, where he was given true hospitality and honored for his dedication.

"Everybody was just wonderful to him," said Richard Clarke, banquet manager at the South Kingstown Elks Lodge. "And [it] turned out they provided all kinds of moral support."

Now, about two weeks after his return, the VFW Post 916 Ladies Auxiliary and the South Kingstown Elks Lodge 1899 will honor Patrick at a ham and bean dinner at the lodge this Saturday.

"I for one am very very proud to have known the man and be a part of his life," said Clarke.

The dinner will be held at 60 Belmont Ave., Wakefield, on this Saturday, Nov. 9. All who wish to honor him are welcome.

To acknowledge the selfless, patriotic acts of Joe Tiger Patrick, the South Kingstown Town Council has prepared and will present a proclamation to Patrick at the dinner this Saturday. The proclamation designates Nov. 9 as "Joe Tiger Patrick Day."

— Source: Southern Rhode Island Newspapers

I, Jim Houck Jr., was honored to meet Tiger Patrick at the Emmitsburg VFW Post 6658 and hear some of his stories—and he had quite a few—about his travels across country. He was witty and humorous and everyone at the Post seemed to like Tiger's account of why he decided to carry the faces of almost 7,000 fallen Heroes on a banner for miles. I was called at home and asked to do an article and take some photos for *The Catoctin Banner* to be in November's issue, but it did not develop, because after an hour or so of listening to him, he decided to go get the banner so I could take pictures and interview



Photos by Tony Wivell

(left)

Joe (Tiger) Patrick

(below)

Pictured from left are Eugene Lingg, Tiger, and Jack Hoke, looking down at the banner containing almost 7,000 fallen hero's pictures attached to it.



him. I have yet to find out what happened to him, but he never returned. I waited until almost closing time. It was apparent he would not be back. I was not able to connect with him again, because he left town the next day. I researched Tiger and found the article from his home town, and I thought I would let everyone from Emmitsburg, who he touched so deeply with his convictions, know that he made it home safe and is being honored by having a special day named for him.

God Bless you, Tiger Patrick, for touching so many people on your glorious journey to make them aware of just what the Heroes on your "Memorial Panel" meant to you and should mean to all citizens of the United States of America.

Below is some of the research I have done on Tiger, and I hope it informs you to the type of person he truly is.

Joe "Tiger" Patrick II (born July 30, 1963) is a Rhode Island Army veteran. During his almost 10 years in uniform, Patrick served in Operation Desert Storm. After the 9/11 attacks, Patrick volunteered for three weeks at Ground Zero. During the time at Ground Zero, Patrick developed an affinity for firefighters. In 2011, Patrick completed a memorial walk. The purpose was to honor the families and loved ones of those lost, as well as the first responders in the 9/11 attacks. Currently, Patrick is walking across the United States to increase awareness of the U.S. service member casualties resulting from the war in Afghanistan and Iraq, a journey that began in April 2013.

The memorial panel was sewn together after Patrick researched for a year and a half. He reviewed and confirmed the list of U.S. casualties at militarytimes.com and *The Washington Post*. Joe "Tiger" Patrick says the purpose of the panel is to give a "close up view to those lost" and "to provide people with the opportunity to see the faces behind the numbers. The memorial panel weighs over 50 pounds, is rolled up during transport and carried in a 90-pound pack along with the American flag.

Patrick has been involved with the Special Olympics for twenty years. He is a coach and coordinator for Special Olympics, Rhode Island. He interrupted his walk for U.S. service members killed in the war to fly back to Rhode Island for a week to attend the state's Special Olympic Summer Games.

Visit www.facebook.com/FacesOfOurFallen.

— Source: Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

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VFW Post 6658 Upcoming Events

On Saturday, February 1, 2014, from 8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. is Open Jukebox Night—we pay, you play! All are welcome. Non-members must sign guest book. Ages 18+ after 9:00 p.m.; ages 21+ to drink. House rules apply to all.

There will be a FREE Line Dance Class Every Monday, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., beginning on February 3, 2014, and ending April 28, 2014. All are welcome. Non-member must sign guest book. House rules apply to all.

Don't miss the Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, February 8, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. There is a \$5 entry. All are welcome. House rules apply to all.

On Saturday, February 15, 2014, from 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. is DJ Southpaw. All are welcome. Non-members must sign guest book. Ages 18+ after 9:00 p.m.; ages 21+ to drink. House rules apply to all.

Thurmont American Legion February 2014

VETERANS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Each year, the Auxilliary sells poppies to augment their funds. These poppies are always made by American Veterans. There will be a class on how these poppies are made on February 2, 2014, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.—over in plenty of time to get home and watch the Super Bowl. We need **VOLUNTEERS** to go to Martinsburg VA Hospital. Any questions, please contact Alice at 301-271-7960.

NEW GAME, ACE OF HEARTS! The drawing for this progressive game will be at 7:30 on Wednesday evenings.

For our Kids, there is Movie time on the February 16, at 1:00 p.m. This week it will be Despicable 2, with popcorn and soft drinks.

In February, the Cub Scouts are having their annual Pinewood Derby. This is a huge event for the kids; they make and race their car. There are no losers in this race. Come on out and cheer them on.

We are having a Dance! The band First Class will be playing your favorites on February 8, from 8:00 p.m.-midnight. Tickets are offered for sale at our lounge at \$8.00 (the cost at the door will be \$10.00).

Every Friday in February, we will be having music in our party room downstairs: on February 7, Ralph Gann will be entertaining and having Karaoke; on February 15, Bob Leveille and his band, The Crossing, will be playing; on February 21, DJ Big Al will be playing for your pleasure; and on February 28, DJ Jake will be playing all your favorites.

Don't forget that on Wednesdays there is Corn Hole upstairs; come on out for some fun. In March, there will be a tournament with some serious cash offered, so come on out and get some practice.

Bingo is held each Thursday here at the Legion, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Come on out and bring a friend or make a new one.

Let's not forget our kitchen, opening on Thursday and Friday evenings, from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Sons of the American Legion Post 121 Emmitsburg

On Saturday, March 15, 2014, the Sons of the American Legion Post 121 will host an Old Fashion Pig Roast at the Emmitsburg Ambulance building in Emmitsburg, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Menu includes hand-pulled Pork, saurkraut, baked beans, Kaiser rolls, dessert, adult beverage, soda, and water. The event benefits those in the community who are in need.

AMVETS Post 7 Thurmont

The Sons of AMVETS Squadron 7 will be holding their annual Catfish and Chicken Fry on Saturday, March 22, 2014, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 per person. The menu includes fried Catfish, fried Chicken, sides, dessert, soda, and water, as well as can and bottle AMVETS milk.

Bingo: February 5 and 19, 2014; March 5 and 19, 2014.

In Their Own Words — Continued from page 30

Wivell's Annual Christmas Party

The descendants of Roy and Helen Wivell held their annual Christmas party on December 30, 2013, at Mother Seton School. Everyone was welcomed and the blessing was lead by Helen Reaver. Attendance was 165—the family now totals 528. Linda (Wivell) Kakley, emcee, gave an update for 2013. We had six births, no weddings, two deaths—Jeff Wivell and Nick Putnom, one 50th anniversary—wishes to Paul and Nancy Wivell; all other anniversaries were recognized on five year intervals.

Door prizes were drawn. Winners were Dan Reaver, Lisa Weaver, Danielle Hoff, Chelsey Dawson, Helen Reaver, Brent Little, Therese Topper, Victoria Weaver, and Nick Wivell. (Writer regrets any names missed.)

Next was the Nativity Scene, portrayed by the great-grandchildren, directed by Cathy Yoder, and the help of many cousins. The story of Jesus's birth was read by Linda Kakley; Joseph—Sammy Parson; Mary—Taylor Wivell; Angels—Natalie Parsons, Elysah and Elyaah D'Amico, Sydney and Riley Lambert, and Cayden Wivell; Kings—Autumn and Madison Kuhn and Eryka D'Amico; Shepherds—Cameron Kneer, Nerbie Matthews, and Andrew Kuhn. Our lead singers were Carolyn Wivell and April Stockman, who led the Traditional Christmas songs.

Next Santa (Fred Hoff) arrived with his Elf (Janie Hoff) and gave gifts to the children. The family gave a generous food donation to the local food bank and several monetary donations to those in need.

As always the family wishes everyone a happy, blessed and prosperous New Year.

— Helen Reaver

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Tickling Our Tastebuds

by Denise Valentine



Hello, everyone. It seems that “Old Man Winter” has finally arrived. Schools have already been closed a couple of times, and I thought you might like some ideas that you can do with the children (or grandchildren) on those days when it is not suitable to go outside. This may sound silly, but the recipe I’m sharing this month is Rice Krispie Treats. You would be surprised to know how many people can’t make nice, soft, chewy ones. THE SECRET is: do not boil the marshmallow.

These ideas use the Rice Krispie Treats to create fun snacks—they would be perfect for a Valentine’s Day present or holiday party. Happy Valentine’s Day and try to stay warm.



Rice Krispie Treats

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| 6 cups Rice Krispies Cereal | 1 10-ounce bag of marshmallows |
| ½ cup of butter or margarine | *food coloring (optional) |

In large saucepan over medium heat, melt butter or margarine. Add marshmallows and stir constantly just until they are completely melted (do not boil). *Add a few drops of food coloring just as the marshmallows are about melted. Remove from heat and add Rice Krispies. Pat into a greased 9” x 13” pan and cool. Cut into 24 squares.

Rice Krispie Treat Lollipops

Prepare Rice Krispie Treats as directed. After spreading into pan use a metal - 1” deep cookie cutter that is approximately 2” x 2” in size (ex: hearts for Valentine’s Day). Cut as many as possible and then let cool. Separate your shapes and put a stick in the bottom part to create your lollipop. Decorate with melted chocolate drizzle, decorator icing and sprinkles, etc.

Rice Krispie Treat Pinwheels

Prepare Rice Krispie Treats as directed except pat into a 10” x 14” greased pan. Sprinkle with 2 cups of chocolate chips. Place in 350 degree oven for 2 to 3 minutes, just until chips are soft and spreadable. Spread chocolate evenly over rice krispies. Cool in refrigerator for 10 minutes. Starting on the long side, roll like a jelly roll. Cut in slices. (You could also put a stick in these to make a pinwheel lollipop.) Substitute colored melting wafers for different holidays.

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Catoctin Chronicles

by Labella A. Kreiner

2014 Brings New Surprises

January is always one of the busiest months for students at Catoctin High School. We have High School assessments, final exams, semester changes, and a whole bunch of sporting events going on as the winter season comes slowly to a close. But that doesn't slow down our students on their roads to success. From individual achievements to whole team achievements, January has been packed full of amazing success among our students. And that's just a piece of what is to come. Some of the clubs at our school have been yearning to make a difference, and they won't settle for anything less.

Diana Burch is a junior at our school with an amazing talent for singing. Among her peers and swim team mates she's seen as an inspiration. She's hard working and especially dedicated to her youth group at the Thurmont United Methodist Church. It is because of the amazing qualities she possesses that she was able to participate in something spectacular. These past few weeks, Diana auditioned for a chance to be on *The Voice*, a television show similar to *American Idol*, where anyone with a talent for singing has a chance to shine. Soon after her first audition, she was notified that she had passed. Though she didn't pass her second audition and will not be participating on the show, Diana still plans to audition again next season.

The track team competed at Hagerstown Community College for MVALs and ended the night with a great turnout. The boys team placed first, dominating over Smithsburg by 28 points. Many of the boys won their events, scoring the most points through vigorous training and great mindsets.

Patrick Van Der Cruyssen won the 500 meter dash and came in second in the 800 meter run, David Dorsey won the mile and the two mile races, Noah Stone won the finals in the 55 meter high hurdles, and the boys 4 by 400 meter relay (consisting of RJ Tucker, Jacob Larochelle, Patrick Van Der Cruyssen, and Jordan Herman) won by 12.7 seconds. Altogether, with a few second places, the boys had an outstanding night scoring 93 points to end the evening.

The CHS Leo Club is holding a Jeans for Teens fundraiser in order to collect unwanted pants for homeless teens who have to survive outdoors during the frigid temperatures of this winter. By teaming up with a nearby Aéropostale clothing store, the club will be able to send the collected jeans to those in need. The fundraiser kicks off on the 20th. The team knows that there will be an amazing outcome, especially since a lot of students at our school are always excited to get involved in these types of events.

Though the semester has only started, I know that there will be a lot of miraculous things going on up at Catoctin during these next two terms. For more information about the Jeans for Teens fundraiser, visit <http://www.dosomething.org> to get a better understanding of how much this fundraiser will help the community around us. Also, stay tuned next month for updates on the wrestling team, basketball teams, and much more. Thanks for reading and God bless. If you would like to contact me with comments, suggestions, or topics you would like to see in this article, please email me at labellakreiner@hotmail.com.

Venturing Crew 270 Assists in Buffer Tree Planting Project

Venturing Crew 270 dug in and helped the Monocacy Valley chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation in their efforts to add trees and shrubs to waterway shorelines. These plantings help keep soil erosion to a minimum, and also provide food and cover for local wildlife. The Venturers joined Scout troops from Thurmont and Taneytown, planting almost



600 hardwood trees and bushes along the stream on a farm along Longs Mill Road. Ecosystem Recovery Institute provided instruction and guidance, and the job was done in record time.

Venturing is for males and females, ages 14-20 (13 if having completed 8th grade). If you are interested, go to crew270@crew.com. Venturing Crew 270 meets the first and third Sunday at 26 Elm Street in Thurmont.



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looking back — 1905

Catoctin Furnace and Thurmont Lose 17 Men in Train Wreck

by James Rada, Jr.

Editor's Note: This is the final article in a series of three articles about the great Ransom train wreck in 1905.

The first report of the deadly Western Maryland Railroad train wreck to reach Thurmont was on Saturday, June 17. It said that forty to sixty people had been killed. The numbers slowly dropped as more became known, and passengers and crew were accounted for. In all, twenty-six people died and eleven were injured. It was, and remains, the worst accident in the history of the Western Maryland Railway.

"The scenes of agony and distress at the homes of dead victims of the accident cannot be described. They were harrowing in the extreme, and those who witnessed them will never forget the wails of widowed women, orphaned children, and relatives of the dead," the *American Sentinel* reported.

It could have been worse, though. Reports credit the Engineer George Covell of the No. 5 with reducing the casualties, though he didn't survive himself. He applied the emergency air brakes as soon as he recognized the problem. The track was curving at the collision point so that "the force of the impact was much less upon the coaches than it would have been in a direct line. Railroad men say it is extremely probable that if the collision had occurred on a straight track the coaches would have been telescoped and the passengers subjected to frightful loss of life," according to the *American Sentinel*.

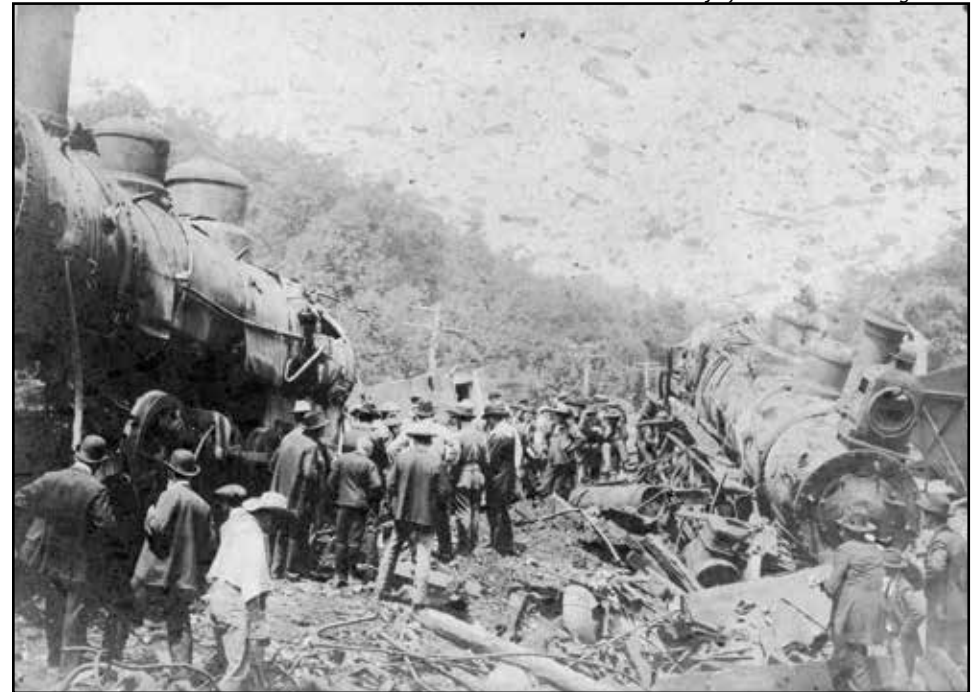
The towns affected the most by the wreck were Thurmont and Catoctin Furnace, having seventeen of their men killed and seven injured. It also left thirteen women widowed and thirty-eight children fatherless, according to *The New York Times*.

"Close family ties and friendships existed among these people. No one was untouched by the tragedy, which left a number of widows and fatherless children and dominated thinking in the village for Catoctin Furnace for years," Elizabeth Anderson wrote in *Faith in the Furnace*.

With such a large number of the dead coming from a small community, many were related. McClellan Sweeney was the father of Frank and William Sweeney and brother of Harry. Charles Miller and Charles Kelly were brothers-in-law, and E. M. Miller was Charles Miller's son.

E.M. Miller, who escaped injury, helped the reporters identify many of the dead and would not take any payment for the service. When he had finished helping the reporters, he turned to them and said, "My father, Charles T. Miller, and my uncle, Charles Kelly, are both in the wreck, and I am sure they are both dead." He said it with dry eyes, but the newspaper report noted that it was apparent he was "stunned and dazed by the magnitude of the calamity," reported the *American Sentinel*.

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Western Maryland equipment clearing a train wreck.

Residents poured out to the local train station in a macabre replay of the townspeople's regular Wednesday ritual.

"Many of the locals would go to the Thurmont station every Wednesday and take baskets with good things to eat," George Wireman wrote about the wreck. "They sent them down the line to their family who were working on the railroad."

On this June night, food was far from their thoughts as residents gathered to await word of whether their sons, fathers, and brothers were among the casualties.

Some survivors arrived after midnight, bringing more accurate and horrifying accounts.

On Sunday, June 18, word spread that a train would arrive with the dead at 7:00 p.m. The train didn't arrive until about 12:30 a.m. on Monday, but the people were still waiting, as was a hearse driven by undertakers Clarence Creager and Elmer Black.

"During that whole of Sunday great throngs of people were at the station waiting for the train that should bring home the silent disfigured forms of those who had gone forth strong and well. It was about 12:30 a.m. when the first shipment of bodies arrived and then came the long procession of hearses and wagons through the town and in the peaceful moon light wended their way to the Catoctin grief stricken homes where the majority of the dead men lived in life," reported *The Catoctin Clarion*.

Seventeen funerals were held in Thurmont over the next two days. Out of respect for the town's loss, all the local businesses in Thurmont closed Monday during the funerals.

Because the dead were all employees of the Western Maryland Rail Road, it quickly became apparent there was no

relief plan to help the families with their loss.

"If there had been, these unfortunate men would have under that system, provided for their families in case of death," a newspaper editorial in *The Catoctin Clarion* noted.

The Western Maryland Rail Road was running its normal schedule two days after the accident, the same day the dead in Thurmont and Catoctin Furnace were being buried. The accident didn't tear up any track, so the only impediment was the wreckage that needed to be removed. For them, business would go on as usual.

The legal authorities in Carroll County, where the wreck happened, decided not to hold an inquest about the accident for which they received a lot of criticism, according to the *American Sentinel*. The State's Attorney decided that the inquest was not needed, because, not only was the cause of the accident known, but those responsible for the accident had been killed in the collision. Just a week earlier, the Carroll County Commissioners had passed an order that the county wouldn't pay for inquests that weren't required. "Under the provisions of these articles inquests are only necessary in the cases of persons who die in jail or when the cause of death is unknown and there is a reason to suspect a felony. Neither of these contingencies are applicable to the wreck case and Mr. Steele considers that it would be an unnecessary expenditure of the people's money to hold an inquest in the case," the *American Sentinel* reported.

Even if the state's attorney had been able to prosecute those responsible for the accident, it wouldn't have brought back the fathers, brothers, husbands, and sons who died on the tracks at Ransom.

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senior moments

by Helen Deluca

Hello to all Thurmont Seniors and surrounding areas!

I don't know about you, but I for one, am glad the holidays are over. The Christmas tree and decorations are put away again, the candy and cookies are finally finished, and the house is getting back to normal. Now, considering the cold weather, it's about time to sit back with a hot cup of coffee—or libation of your choice—and a good book.

We had a small problem at the Senior Center: an ice-making machine broke and water leaked while the Center was closed for the weekend. Thank goodness we have insurance to cover the damage and repairs. The reason I mention this is because it's important that you know our insurance is available because of the money we receive from the Town.

We know that there are some town residents that feel the Town tax dollars shouldn't go to the Center, because the Center is used by out-of-town-limit residents. Surprising, isn't it? Seniors are seniors no matter where they live. Out-of-town-limit residents support our local merchants, churches, schools, and ambulance and fire services, among other things. Why should we discriminate who uses this facility. We are fortunate to live in a community like Thurmont where everyone is welcome. Why does everything have to be political? What happened to "do unto others..." Do you know that seven out of twelve board members here at the Center live outside of the town limits, yet they volunteer and share their talents with everyone.

At our recent Board of Directors meeting, we were pleased to have Mayor Kinnaird join us. One of the matters we discussed was the fact that since the Thurmont Senior Center is no longer part of the Frederick County Department of Aging, we do not receive any funding from the county. This is an issue that everyone—town or out-of-town residents—should question. Why don't we get some funding from the county? Mayor Kinnaird and the Town Commissioners have tried several times to get an answer. All they are asking is that the county provide matching funds. After all, those are our tax dollars, too. We are operating the Center as an independent non-profit organization at half the budget that the Department of Aging had, and we still receive no funding.

Time to get off my "soap box" and tell you more about what's

happening at the Center. An update on the winners of the raffle are: Cartha Johnson won the quilt, David Wiles won \$100, and Norma Jean Buice won \$50.

We would like to make our van more accessible. We need volunteers who might be available one day a week to take seniors grocery shopping or to doctor visits. We always need volunteers. Call the Center at 301-271-7911 if you can be of service.

We welcomed three new members to our Board of Directors. Irene Matthews is our new recording secretary, Eila Tegethoff is our corresponding secretary, and Margaret Cornejo is a new director. Each of them replaced a former director who moved out of the area.

Time to get your calendars out. A reminder for January 28: Nurse Steve will be here at 11:00 a.m. His presentations are always informative and allow time for questions and answers. Coming up in February are the following: VITA Tax preparation will begin on Monday, February 3, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and also on Friday, February 7 (and each Monday and Friday thereafter at no cost to you); February 13 is the monthly birthday party at 12:30 p.m.; February 14 is Valentine's Day pot luck lunch at 12:00 p.m.; Wednesday, February 19 is 50/50 Bingo at 1:00 p.m. (the one who brings the most friends wins a prize); February 20 is Edward Jones presentation about investments with Sean Buoye at 11:00 a.m.; February 25, learn about neuropathy relief at 11:00 a.m. Check the Center for additional events.

There is something new for our monthly birthday party. If you are the oldest senior present celebrating your birthday in that month, you receive a free lunch. If you are the youngest senior present celebrating your birthday that month, you will

(right)
Pictured from left are John Dowling, Dick Glass, Emory Motter (94), Robert Follin, Janice Snyder, Sue Ann Wilms, and Corine Ligsay.



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(left)
The winner of the quilt is Cartha Johnson.

If you ever came to the Center, you may have met Anna May. She came every day for lunch to work the puzzle and to socialize. Recently, Anna suffered a stroke, and her family tells us that Anna can no longer live without assistance. We will try to keep you aware of where she is.

And, finally: Having a place to go is a HOME, Having someone to love is a FAMILY, Having both is a BLESSING. I count mine every day and I SMILE.

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At the risk of sounding repetitive, let me remind you that the Center is a 501(c)(3) organization. Your donations are always helpful and tax deductible. We also want to remind you that the Center is available for rent on the weekends.

A flyer is always available with the monthly menus and daily activities. Always call the Center for more information.

And now for some sad news. In December, a dear friend and lovely lady, who has been coming to the Center for many years, passed away. Our friend, Gene Fox, with her constant smile and her great sense of humor, is truly missed by everyone here at the Center. Gene always said the Center was like a home-away-from-home for her.

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Here comes February, short in duration but filled with special events, especially Valentine's Day! Our activities scheduled for this month are: February 5—Nutrition Minute, 11:00 a.m.; February 7—Birthday Party, noon; February 13—Special prime rib meal; February 14—Punch & cookies for a Valentine's treat; February 20—Information & Assistance on Medicare (Elly Jenkins), 10:00 a.m.-1 p.m.; February 21—Mystery Trip, \$6.00 fee plus lunch; February 26—two speakers, Tracie Reaver on the Maryland Relay, 11:00 a.m., and Alicia Neer on Neuropathy, 1:00 p.m.; Feb. 26— Evening card party, 5:30 p.m. Center is closed on Monday, February 17 for President's Day.

Regular Activities include: Breakfast every Monday & Tuesday, 8:00-9:00 a.m. (reservations required); Bowling on Mondays, 12:15 p.m.; Art Class on Mondays, 1:30 p.m.; Bridge & 500—February 12/26, 12:30 p.m.; Strength Training on Tuesdays/Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.; Pinochle on Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.; Canasta on Fridays, 12:30 p.m.; Cards, Games & Puzzles on Friday afternoons. The Center's "Man Cave" (pool room) is now open on Wednesdays; call Linda if you are interested in joining. A new class in jewelry-making is meeting on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.; call for information.

The senior citizens encourage everyone 50 years of age and older to join their activities at the Emmitsburg Community Center. Persons 60 and over are eligible for the hot lunch program. For information on the lunch program and all other activities, contact the coordinator, Linda Umbel, at 301-600-6350, or email Lumbel@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

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Lúnasa to be Celtic Festival 2014 Band

We'll be bringing tradition back to the annual Celtic concert at Mount Saint Mary's University this year with the hottest acoustic Irish band on the planet, Lúnasa. Not only have we booked this super-popular band that tours all over the world playing "trad" music, we've booked this free performance on St. Patrick's Day, Monday, March 17, 2014. Lúnasa is internationally acknowledged as being the finest Irish instrumental band of recent times. They are renowned for their constant touring, having performed over 1,500 shows across the globe since the band formed in 1997. The band has appeared at internationally renowned venues such as The Hollywood Bowl, National Concert Hall, Dublin and the Sydney Opera House. In 2011, they were invited to appear at the White House. So now you know—this is not a show to miss.

What's It Worth?

The Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library are bringing back the popular fundraiser, What's It Worth? Local antique appraiser Sam Tressler will be joined by others to tell you what your treasures might be worth in the market today. Plan to bring your items (limit four) to the library anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 29. Each item appraised is only \$5.00 and all proceeds support the Friends and your public library.

Book-A-Librarian and Discover All We Have to Offer

Our library staff is always happy to help you when you walk in our

doors, but now you can actually make an appointment to learn something specific through our "Book-a-Librarian" project. Do you have an electronic device for books, but you're not sure where to start with downloading our free online books? Would you like to have one-on-one time to learn exactly how to use our self-check terminals or how to get DVD's out of the locking system. Would you like extra assistance coming up with new authors or genres to read? We have a sheet you can fill out at our Information Desk to make an appointment. It includes fourteen different services we provide. Check one or check all! Ask us about Book-A-Librarian the next time you visit.

You Can Use Our Display Case!

Do you have a unique collection you think our patrons would enjoy seeing? Are you an organization who wants to promote the good things you do? Maybe you are a history buff with items of local interest to share? The Thurmont Regional Library has a beautiful display case in the lobby that we would love for you to use. Just call or email me to make arrangements. Typically a display stays in the case for two months. Showcases have included vintage toys, Thurmont Lion's Club information, Russian nesting dolls, local art, and pottery.

Special Children's Programs

Visit our website at www.fcpl.org or call 301-600-7212.

The library partners with individuals, organizations and businesses to promote positive community interactions. Let us know your ideas for community shares!

january

- 31..... Thurmont Lions Club presents Longaberger Basket & Vera Bradley Bingo, Guardian Hose Co. Activities Bldg., Thurmont. Doors open 5:00 p.m.; Games 7:00 p.m. \$20/advance; \$25/door. 25 games Jo Ann 301-271-2924. Bring used pair of glasses to donate & get extra door prize ticket.

february

- 1..... Weekly Money Bingo, Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Co. Activity Building, 13527 Motters Station Rd, Rocky Ridge. (Every Saturday evening through April.) Doors open 4:30 p.m., games 7:00 p.m. rrvfc@rockyridgevfc.com.
- 1..... It's Game Time! Emmitsburg Branch Library, Emmitsburg. Elementary children w/adult. 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Kickoff Superbowl weekend. Wear team jersey/team colors; bring football cards, trade w/other collectors. Registration required: fcpl.org or 301-600-6329.
- 1..... Read To A Dog! - Wags For Hope, Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. Elementary children w/adult. 11:00-11:45 a.m. All reading levels welcome. *Allergy Alert! The dogs are live animals.* 301-600-7214.
- 1..... Countdown To Groundhog Day! Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. All ages welcome. 2:00-2:45 p.m. Make your own puppet. Register fcpl.org or 301-600-7214. Registration ends: Jan. 29 at 12:00 p.m.
- 2..... Super Sunday Bingo, Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Co., 17701 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. Doors open 12:00 p.m.; Games 1:30 p.m. Pay for what you want to play. Tickets: Mary Lou 240-285-3184; Diane 301-748-6894.
- 3..... Cash Bingo, Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Co., 10307 Coppermine Rd., Woodsboro, MD. Doors open 5:00 p.m.; Games begin 7:00 p.m. Must be 16 years or older.
- 3..... Community Clothes Closet, Thurmont United Methodist Church, Long Rd., Thurmont. Donations of clothing, shoes, linens, etc. welcome (drop box outside building). 6:00-7:30 p.m. 301-271-4511.
- 4..... Take-a-Tour Tuesday, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. & 7:00-8:00 p.m. 301-447-3161; visit www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 5..... Ronald McDonald Visits Library, Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. Children w/adult. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Music, some magic, and lots of fun stories for kids. No registration necessary.
- 6..... Teen Advisory Group, Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. Teen Program. 3:00-4:00 p.m. Help the library w/ teen events, displays, and children's programs. Earn school service hours.
- 7..... Annual Country Butchering, hosted by Catoctin FFA and FFA Alumni Chapter, Catoctin High School, Agriculture area, Thurmont. Meat may be picked up 3:30-7:00 p.m. Items available include sausage (loose or link); pork chops, ribs, pork loins, scrapple, pudding, shoulder roasts, ham roasts, etc. (Rain date: March 7).
- 7..... Ralph Gann will be entertaining and having Karaoke, Thurmont American Legion, Thurmont. 301-271-4411.
- 8..... Cash Bash Bingo, Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Parish Center, 103 Church St., Thurmont. 3:00-8:00 p.m. Doors open 2:00 p.m. Four Cash prize drawings per hour. Grand Prize awarded 8:00 p.m. \$25/person (not sold at door), includes food, drink & music by Back Roads. Tickets 301-447-2367.
- 8..... Safe & Sane 2014 Benefit Ladies/Girls Night Out, Emmitsburg Ambulance Co., Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. Jewelry from Browns' Jewelry & Gift Store. Doors

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- open 5:00 p.m.; Games begin 7:00 p.m. \$30/person (includes finger foods & beverages). Silent auction & raffles. Must be 16 to attend. Lisa White 301-788-6458.
- 8..... Fried Oyster and Turkey Dinner, St. John's Lutheran Church, 8619 Blacks Mill Rd., Creagerstown, MD. 12:00-5:00 p.m. \$16/Adults; \$7/Children ages 6-12; Free/under 5. \$17/Carryouts. Fancy table.
- 8..... Vera Bradley & Coach Bingo, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. Doors open 5:30 p.m., games begin 7:00 p.m. (Snow date Feb. 15) Raffles, door prizes, and concessions. 20 games. \$20/advance; \$25/door. Lena 301-717-8860; www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 8..... "First Class" Playing Classic Rock, Thurmont American Legion, Thurmont. 8:00 p.m.-midnight. \$8/person or \$15/couple (tickets available at their lounge); \$10/person at Door. Proceeds go to children's welfare programs. Everyone welcome, need not be a member. 301-271-4411.
- 8..... Sweetheart Dance, Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. 2:00-3:30 p.m. Celebrate Valentine's Day with your special sweetheart. Dress your best for a special afternoon of dancing and delights. This parent/grandparent & child event will fill-up fast so register early online at fcpl.org or 301-600-7214. Registration ends Feb. 3 at 12:00 p.m.
- 8..... Friends of the Library 'Love Your Library' Open House, Emmitsburg Branch Library, Emmitsburg. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Bring whole family to create Valentine craft. Friends of the Library—find how your family can get involved. No obligation.
- 8..... Free Income Tax Assistance, Emmitsburg Branch Library, Emmitsburg. Adults. 1:00-3:30 p.m. Pre-registration required: 301-662-0294. Feb. 8 and 22; March 1, 8, 22, 29.
- 9..... Country Breakfast, Union Bridge Fire Hall, 8 W. Locust Street, Union Bridge, MD. 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. \$7/Adults; \$3.50/Children ages 6-12; Free/Children age 5 and under. \$7.50/Carryout. www.ubfc8.org or 443-340-9465.
- 9..... Thirty One Bags & Cash Bingo, Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company, 10307 Coppermine Rd., Woodsboro, MD. Doors open 12:00 p.m.; Games begin 1:30 p.m. \$20/in Advance; \$25/at Door. Jean 301-639-3156 or Ruth 301-845-8406.
- 9..... Music Concert, Germantown Church of God, 16924 Raven Rock Rd., Cascade, MD. 6:00 p.m. Music by Chiz Rider. Free Admission. Offerings appreciated. 301-241-3050.
- 10..... Monday Night Bingo, Union Bridge Fire Hall, 8 W. Locust Street, Union Bridge, MD. \$15 (includes 20 startup cards). Doors open 5:30 p.m. Early birds, regular games, specials, quickies, split the pot, plenty of jars & pull tabs. Refreshments available for purchase. Great family fun! www.ubfc8.org or 410-775-7891.
- 11..... Take-a-Tour Tuesday, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. & 7:00-8:00 p.m. 301-447-3161; visit www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 11..... Teens Make Art! Reimagining Thrift Shop Paintings, Emmitsburg Branch Library, Emmitsburg. 4:00-5:00 p.m. Program part of monthly Teens Make Art! series. All materials provided. Register: fcpl.org or 301-600-6329.
- 12..... Meeting of the Northwestern Frederick County Civic Association, Sabillasville Elementary School, Sabillasville. 6:30 p.m.
- 13..... Dungeons & Dragons, Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. 4:00-7:00 p.m. A fantasy role-playing game where players work together. Promotes collaboration, creative problem solving, and literacy.
- 13..... Anime Club, Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. Middle/High school. 6:00-7:30 p.m. Read graphic novels (manga)/watch Japanese animation (anime). Meet other fans, watch a movie and have some popcorn!
- 14..... Coffee House at Elias, Valentine's Day Coffee House, Elias Lutheran Church, 100 W. North Ave., Emmitsburg. 7:00 p.m. Featuring Silver Lining Band & OPEN MIC. Free. 301-447-6239 eliasluth@gmail.com.
- 14..... Amazing Lego Workshop, Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. Children ages 6-10 w/adult. 2:00-3:00 p.m. Registration required: fcpl.org or 301-600-7214.
- 15..... Valentine-themed Literacy Party, Thurmont Regional Library, 76 East Moser Rd., Thurmont. 2:00-4:00 p.m. Crafts, story time, face painting, refreshments. Pre-school vision screenings available at no charge. Sponsored by Thurmont Regional Library and Thurmont Lions Club.
- 15..... Country Butchering, Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Co., 13527 Motters Station Rd., Rocky Ridge, MD. Orders must be placed before February 7, 2014. Pancake breakfast served at activity building, from 6:00-10:00 a.m.
- 15..... Bob Leveille and his band, The Crossing, playing, Thurmont American Legion, Thurmont. 301-271-4411.
- 15..... Crab Leg & Shrimp Feed, Thurmont Ambulance Company, 27 N. Church St., Thurmont. 1st seating noon with dinner 1:00-3:00 p.m.; 2nd seating 4:00 p.m. with dinner 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$30/person. 301-271-3820 or 301-748-5359.
- 16..... Movie time: Despicable 2, Thurmont American Legion, Thurmont. 1:00 p.m. Popcorn & soft drinks. 301-271-4411.
- 17..... Rhyme Time Olympics, Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. Children ages 3-7 w/adult. 10:30-11:30 a.m. & 2:00-3:00 p.m. Test your skills at rhyme-inspired games. Registration required: fcpl.org or 301-600-7214.
- 18..... Community Clothes Closet, Thurmont United Methodist Church, Long Rd., Thurmont. Welcomes everyone. Donations of clothing, shoes, linens, etc. welcome (drop box outside building 10:00-11:30 a.m. 301-271-4511).
- 18..... Free! Monthly Job Assistance Workshop, Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. Adults. 2:00-4:00 p.m. Interviewing, resume writing, online application help & computer training. Presenter: Patie Elsberry, Goodwill of Monocacy Valley, 301-662-0622 x 209.
- 18..... Barbies & Dinosaurs, Emmitsburg Branch Library, Emmitsburg. Children ages 3 and up. 3:00-5:00 p.m. 301-600-6329.
- 20..... S.T.E.M. Afternoon, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 3:15-4:30 p.m. Children grades 3-5. Free event open to public. Registration required. 301-447-3161.
- 21..... DJ Big Al, Thurmont American Legion, Thurmont. 301-271-4411.
- 21..... Soup & Sandwich Carryout, Woodsboro Lutheran Church, 101 S. Main St., Woodsboro, MD. Pick-up 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Soups: Beef Veg., Chicken Corn, Bean. Quart \$5.00; Pint \$2.75; Chicken Salad \$2.75; Co. Ham \$3.50. Bake table. Orders by Feb. 18. 301-271-3309.
- 22..... Bets4Pets Benefit, hosted by Second Hope Rescue and Tip Me Frederick, Lingular Winecellars. Casino night benefits feral & rescue animals. 7:00-10:00 p.m. Snow date: March 8. Tickets must be purchased in advance. bets4pets.com or Barbara 301-845-1061.
- 22..... Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Light the Night team Barkers 4 Blood Cancer

3rd Annual Dance 4 a Cure Zumbathon, Vigilant Hose Co., Emmitsburg. 1:30-4:30 p.m. All skill levels welcome: \$10 donation in advance or \$15 donation at door. <http://pages.lightthenight.org/md/WestMD14/Barkers4BloodCancer>.

- 23..... Turkey & Oyster Buffet Dinner, Union Bridge Fire Hall, 8 W. Locust Street, Union Bridge, MD. \$16/person. 12:00-5:00 p.m. 410-775-2509 or 410-775-2872 or www.ubfc8.org.
- 24..... Penny Power Week, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. Classes collecting "pennies" to benefit the MSS Tech. Fund. Any spare change? Consider donating it to help reach goal of \$5,000. 301-447-3161; www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 25..... Take-a-Tour Tuesday, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m./7:00-8:00 p.m. 301-447-3161; visit www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 25..... 21st Annual FCPS countywide Technology Fair, Francis Scott Key (FSK) Mall, Frederick, MD. Public invited. 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Snow date Feb. 27). See skills middle school students develop in tech. education classes. 301-644-5188.
- 27..... Elias Lutheran Church Yard Sale, 100 North Ave., Emmitsburg. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- 27..... Dramatic Play Thursday - Fairy Tales In Action! Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. Children of all ages. 6:30-7:15 p.m. No registration necessary.
- 27..... Dungeons & Dragons, Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. 4:00-7:00 p.m. Promotes collaboration, creative problem solving, and literacy. No registration necessary.
- 28..... Habla Espanol? A Special Storytime, Thurmont Regional Library, Thurmont. Children ages 2-5 w/adult. 10:30-11:00 a.m. Registration required: fcpl.org or 301-600-7214.
- 28..... Homeschool Heritage Day, Children's Museum of Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 N. Market St., Frederick, MD. 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. \$5. 301-600-1650; www.recreator.com.
- 28..... DJ Jake will be playing all your favorites, Thurmont American Legion, Thurmont. 301-271-4411.
- 28..... St. John's Christian Preschool Open House, 15 North Church St., Thurmont. Information session 9:00 a.m.; Tour 9:30 a.m. 301-271-4109.
- 28..... Elias Lutheran Church Yard Sale, 100 North Ave., Emmitsburg. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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- 1..... Annual Spring Roast Beef, Turkey and Ham Supper and Bazaar, Elias Lutheran Church, 100 W. North Ave., Emmitsburg. 12:00-5:00 p.m. \$11/Adults; \$4/Children 6-12. \$12/Carryouts. 301-447-6239.
- 1..... Mother Seton School Mardi Gras, Carriage House Inn, Emmitsburg. 6:00-10:00 p.m. Cajun menu, cash bar, auction, dancing. \$60/person; \$450/table. 8. Sponsorship opportunities available for individuals/businesses. 301-447-3161; www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 1..... Celtic Spring Fling w/ Live Music by Cormorant's Fancy, St. Joseph's Church Parish Center, N. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. 5:45-9:00 p.m. Pig Roast dinner, auction, desserts, door prizes, dancing. \$35/person (pre-paid admission only). Benefits Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center. Bill O'Toole 301-447-2690; otoole@msmary.edu.
- 3..... Cash Bingo, Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company, 10307 Coppermine Rd., Woodsboro, MD. Doors open 5:00 p.m., Games begin 7:00 p.m. Must be 16 years or older.

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