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Sports, Swimming Pools, and Resolutions

by Deb Spalding

This issue of *The Catoctin Banner* focuses on sports and fitness with feature articles about area athletes and coaches who can serve to inspire us. After all, it's a new year! It is time for resolution. If you sloughed off in pursuit of last year's goals, today is a new beginning.

One of my first summer jobs was that of swimming pool operator.

Though I never had a chemistry class, I passed the pool operator's course. Yet, after the certification, I still felt unsure about achieving balanced water chemistry in order to prevent the pool water from turning green, or worse yet, bleaching someone's swimming trunks (sorry about your son's trunks, Mrs. Peters!). Some of you swam in my pools and you know

that the water did turn green once, it was cloudy sometimes, and the kiddie pool chlorine level did help Mrs. Peter's son's shorts turn from red to pink on my first day; but most of the time it was perfect.

The road to perfect was bumpy. I consulted with some of the best pool operators I could find about how to do it right. The problem with that

was... they all had a different way of achieving consistently clear and balanced water. Despite each of their perfect approaches, each of them had green, unbalanced water at some point in time.

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by Joseph Kirchner

Gibbons Inspires Cougar Runners

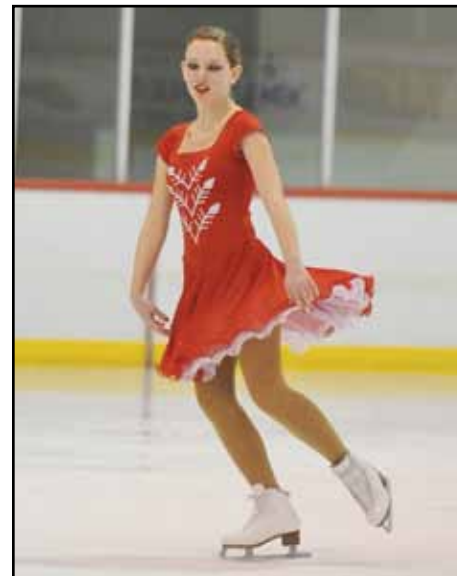
Passion. Enthusiasm. Inspiration. These are the first words that come to mind to describe Teresa "Terri" Gibbons, social studies teacher and track/cross country coach at Catoctin High School. Inspired by her father in her youth, where she played soccer, softball, and swam in Westfield, New Jersey, Terri now pays it forward by inspiring her students and athletes to perform their very best in the classroom and on the track.*



by Joseph Kirchner

Rugby: A Myles Family Tradition

The old popular expression that "the apple doesn't fall far from the tree," explains perfectly Jay Myles, his son Tyler (a freshman on the Mount Rugby team), and his daughter Maggie, a U.S.A. national team member! Their story is a family affair and a love affair—both with the sport of rugby. However, we will have to go back to the beginning to see how these apples fall.*



by Joseph Kirchner

Kirby Sparkles as Ice Skater

As we begin this winter season, many of us turn our thoughts not only to holiday preparations but also to winter sports. Multitudes enjoy the speed and power of skiing and the sheer thrill of bobsledding. But year after year, especially in Olympic years, the most popular spectator sport is figure skating, a sport which combines balance and great technical expertise with sheer artistry. You will find all of these elements on display*



by Deb Spalding

1000 Point Legacy

Brenda (Fisher) Woelfel and her daughter, Tara, both scored in excess of 1000 points in their individual basketball careers at Catoctin High School—Brenda's in 1983 and Tara's in 2012. In recognition, each received the game ball from the game in which they topped the milestone. Both women played three seasons of sports at Catoctin; Brenda was goalie on the Field Hockey team in the fall, played basketball in winter, and was catcher on the Softball Team in the spring; Tara played Soccer in the fall,*

*Read more about these featured inspirational athletes on pages 14 & 15



The Catoctin Banner's 2nd Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest results are shown on page 27.

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Dear Reader:

We hope you’ve had an excellent Christmas, and you are looking forward to a great year in 2013! We have a few surprises in this issue: some features on some individuals who are making an impact in various sports; a one-year anniversary tribute to George W. Wireman; and of course our standard columns and community good news.

I would like to send our sympathies as a community to the neighbors and families of those who perished in the Sandy Hook Elementary school shooting tragedy in Connecticut. May we, as individuals in a free nation, never have to endure such senseless acts again in the future. We also offer condolences to the family of Emma Baker, 9th Grade student at Catoctin High School, who lost her battle with cancer on December 7, 2012. It is always sad to lose a member of our community. The loss of young people, especially.

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

Deb Spalding,
Publisher

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Corrections to Last Issue:

The 2012 Fall Photo featured on page 38 of the December 2012 issue had the last name incorrect in the caption under the photo. The adorable photo of the 19-month-old on her first time trick and treating was Avery Rogers.

In the Tom’s Creek United Methodist Church’s dedication featured in the December 2012 issue, Rev. Chris Suerdieck was identified as the “intermittent pastor.” The correct identification for her while serving this congregation was “interim pastor.”

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Hemler Road

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

**Rocky Ridge
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217 E. Main St.

Emmitsburg - \$159,900

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



13611 Crawford Ave.

Blue Ridge Summit - \$145,000

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



9022 Old Mill Rd.

Rocky Ridge - \$309,900

9.78 Acre Country property with spacious rancher and lots of room for your animals! 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, vaulted ceiling in kitchen and living! Master suite with walk in closet and jetted tub! Fully finished lower level with full bath, 4th bedroom, den, family room w/ pellet stove and walk-out to yard! Shed/tractor building and goat/sheep barn. Shingles need replaced. Must see!



9 West Main St.

Thurmont - \$289,000

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



10736 Liberty Rd.

Libertytown - \$149,900

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



125 Cody Dr. #12

Thurmont - \$155,000

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



NEW PRICE

7901 Black Road

Thurmont - \$239,900

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



306 East Main St.

Thurmont - \$349,900

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



17774 Harbaugh Valley Rd.

Sabillasville - \$339,900

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



10655 Bailey Springs Ln. #38

Waynesboro - \$51,000

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

Happy New Year!

Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy & Successful 2013!

17124 Harbaugh Valley Rd.

Sabillasville - \$192,500



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

3 Lots - Wigville Road

Thurmont



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

Tower Road,

Thurmont Area



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

25441 Cascade Road

Cascade - \$99,000



PRICE REDUCED
Three bedroom one bath cottage, Nice size shed on almost 1 1/2 acres. This home is in good condition for the price. Call Bonita Smith for details!

468 Frick Ave.,

Waynesboro - \$154,900



Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath end unit town house, Beautiful kitchen with lovely cabinets and appliances. great master bedroom with walk in closet and full bath, laundry room on 2nd floor, one car garage. This is a fantastic home for the price.



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town hall reports

by Michele Cuseo

**Emmitsburg
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Emmitsburg Trail Grant Awarded

The Trail Conservancy, a non-profit organization that aims to create sustainable naturally surfaced trails, applied for a grant on behalf of the Town of Emmitsburg. The \$30,000 grant has been awarded to help complete the Emmitsburg Trail, which will be enjoyed by walkers, runners, and bikers. The trail will be located around the Rainbow Lake area. Thousands of hours of volunteer work have already been logged preparing the trail. Many local groups, including Mount St. Mary’s University, Frederick Bicycle Association, local bike shops, as well as many other groups, have supported and participated in preparing the trail. The goal is to prepare from 12 to 23 miles of trail for all to enjoy. The grant money will enable the trail to be completed. The beginner’s trail is estimated to be completed by Summer 2013. An intermediate and advanced trail are also planned. The entire project has transpired without any cost to the town.

Emmitsburg Housing/Living Study

Emmitsburg has been conducting a housing study of the town to help with planning for the future needs of the community. Gathering information from Frederick County statistics, realtors and from the 2010 Census, Emmitsburg has recorded the following: 53% of the houses in Emmitsburg are single-family detached homes; 23% of residential units were constructed between 2000 and 2004, 25% between 1939 or earlier; 9.6 % of households have no vehicle available; 11% of renters pay from \$300-\$499 per month; 28% of renters pay from \$500-\$749 per

month; most residents commute 30-34 minutes to work (Frederick area).

Commissioners will continue to collect related information and use the knowlege to help make common sense policy to best support the community.

For more information about the Town of Emmitsburg, log onto www.emmitsburgmd.gov or call 301-600-6300.

**Thurmont
December 2012**

Town Reading Electric and Water Meters

The Town of Thurmont reads an average of 50 meters per month to check for possible irregularities for water and electric readings. A leaky toilet can end up costing a home owner a hefty water bill. If your home or business shows an unusual amount of usage, either up or down on your bill, you are requested to contact the town. The town will investigate for possible problems and will help find ways to help eliminate future problems. To find out how to conserve on your electric bill and to pinpoint water leaking problems, call the town office.

Doe Harvest Program Helps Supply Food Banks

A program called the Doe Harvest Challenge (DHC) uses deer meat donated from hunters to help supply soup kitchens in local areas. The Challenge also helps farmers by reducing crop damage to improve yields, as well as reducing the State’s overpopulation of white-tailed deer. The Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board helps fund the program. This year, the program received a grant from the Maryland Soybean Board, which will allow for more deer to be donated to local food banks.

Frederick County processors, Shuff’s Meat Market in Thurmont, and Clint’s Cuts in Mt. Airy are participating in the DHC program. Hunters who donate their legally harvested doe to the program are eligible for a prize drawing worth \$200 and a grand prize worth \$500. Hunters can enter the drawing as many times as they donate.

For more information, contact Mike Amoss, Maryland Farm Bureau, 410-922-3426 or 410-922-3426.

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

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Where Am I? Photo Contest



Photo by Irene Matthews

For the "Where Am I?" Photo Contest, take a look at the photo above and tell us where it was taken. It is somewhere in or around our Northern Frederick County Area, which is defined as Rocky Ridge to Cascade and Lewistown to Emmitsburg, Foxville to Creagerstown, and everywhere around and in-between.

Last month's "Where Am I?" photo was taken at St. Anthony's Church that is located at 16150 St. Anthony Road, Emmitsburg. Last month's winner is George Willard. If the winner has not been contacted, please call us to claim your prize.

Hidden Object Game

Last month's Hidden Object was a money tree. It was located on page 12 in the Woodsboro Bank ad. The winner of the Hidden Object Game is Mike Fritz. If the winner has not been contacted, please call us to claim your prize.

This month's Hidden Object is a dolphin.

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Test Your Word Power Recap of 2012 Word Power Words (Answers on page 34)

1. **Venerate (v)**
a) Regard with respect
b) Made one's exit
c) Mock or ridicule

2. **Pretentious (adj.)**
a) Steady; dependable
b) Snobbish; pompous
c) Modest; humble

3. **Altruism (n.)**
a) Pleasing style
b) Safeguard
c) Selfless concern for others

4. **Arbitrary (adj.)**
a) Chosen at random, not by reason
b) Slow moving; inactive
c) Uncharitable; stingy

5. Which word above would work best in this sentence?
It is, she believes, not self-interest but _____ that will facilitate change.

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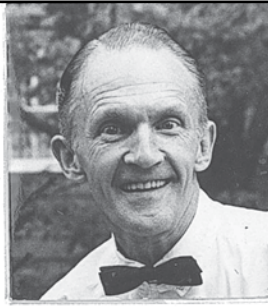
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This and That

by

George W. Wireman



Publisher's note: It was a wonderful surprise to find a box full of George W. Wireman's articles that was dropped off by his granddaughter, Brenda Digilarmo Wastler, to *The Catoctin Banner* headquarters at the E Plus Copy Center Store in Emmitsburg. It was Saturday of the same week when I finally found a moment to go through George's box.

January 5, 2013, will be the one-year anniversary of George's death. Brenda suggested a memorial of sorts for this issue and I agreed. I am hoping to revise George's This and That Column on a monthly basis, and we have some plans underway to archive George's work for the good of all.

To me, one of the most interesting things about publishing a newspaper is uncovering the stories of so many people. These are the same people that we may normally pass on the street without even a glance or a thought. But each has a story to tell. By reading a newspaper, reading a book or listening to the stories of others, you may uncover something about another person that interests you. Looking through George's box, I learned things about George that I never knew and gained a deeper insight into his life.

George's box contains his writing for various publications like the *Catoctin Enterprise*, *The Times Monthly*, *The Thurmont Times*, *Cozy News*, *The Baltimore Sun*, *High Green*, *Thurmont Topics*, *Water Under the Bridge*, and more, as well as some column articles written for "Then and Now," "This and That," "Did You Know?" While there are some early articles from the 1940s, the majority of the articles in the box range from 1988 to 1995. George's articles are timeless. Some are historical, some opinionated, some intended to evoke change. I chose one excerpt from a Review of 1988. Since it is January, I thought it would be interesting to share George's review of January 1988.

Having recently lived through the Mayan Apocalypse prediction of the end of the world, I also selected an article from a religious series called "Faith Is" that George wrote. This article is numbered 105 and titled, "Trusting in Tomorrow." Enjoy!

January 1988

The Catoctin FFA Chapter completed another successful citrus sales campaign. When the total sales were added up, the chapter sold 1,150 cases of fruit. Karen Young was reported as having the largest number of sales, selling a total of 147 cases.

The Second Annual Gingerbread House Contest sponsored by Cozy Restaurant was a very successful event again this year and produced

lots of delightful gingerbread houses made of totally edible products.

The Greater Catoctin Jaycees undertook a major fund raising effort to raise \$3,200 for a new three wheel motorized wheel chair for Mr. Heier, a Muscular Dystrophy patient. Mr. Heier received the wheel chair just shortly before Christmas. Despite the commercialism and economic troubles surrounding us, the true spirit and meaning of Christmas still exists.



Photo by Grace Schramm

George W. Wireman is shown riding in the 2010 Thurmont Guardian Hose Company Parade. George loved a parade. He reported parade-side for several years.

On Sunday, January 10, a Service of Installation was held at Trinity United Church of Christ in Thurmont for the newly elected pastor, Rev. Joan P. Evans.

At a recent meeting of the Thurmont Elementary School PTA, Mrs. Debbie Irons was given special recognition of her dedicated commitment to the Thurmont Elementary PTA and the school. Debbie was presented with a Life Membership in the Thurmont Elementary PTA.

Marion William Rice of Thurmont retired after 41 years of service with the Town of Thurmont.

Mrs. Josie Royer has accepted the position of Coordinator for host families for the Citizens of Stelzenberg, West Germany, who will be paying a visit to their Sister City, Thurmont, in July of this year.

Catoctin Enterprise features a series of articles on Roddy Covered Bridge and begins a campaign to have this tourist attraction repaired.

Faith Is...

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When we walk the walk of faith, we sense a new enthusiasm flowing through our lives at almost every moment. Each and every day our faith becomes stronger, but only when we learn to trust in tomorrow.

Consider if you will, the fact that your course in life, no matter how well it may be charted, may require adjustments along the way. But, if we keep our eyes fixed firmly on the goal, then our future becomes our friend. Remember, we need never be discouraged, for God is there walking beside us in this walk of faith.

Make no mistake about it, it is God who plans your today and all of your tomorrows. Put your trust in Him! True, the storms may rage. The plan may fail to unfold as rapidly or efficiently as we hoped it would. But with strong faith, every

tomorrow is a new opportunity to take a fresh grip on our goal and to catch a new strong hold on our commitment!

Our tomorrows will not fail us unless we choose to throw them away. It is my faith that gives me the enthusiasm and the courage to trust in tomorrow.

Yes, we may make mistakes, but we cannot consider ourselves stupid, for God gives us intelligence and common sense. He expects us to use it wisely. God is always there, reminding us through His Holy Spirit that something good will happen tomorrow.

So, trust in tomorrow! For it is the trust that releases the incredible power, which sustains energy and releases enthusiasm within us!

Faith will enable us to believe that tomorrow will give us time to move our projects forward.

We must be of strong belief that tomorrow will give us the opportunity to take positive action that will prove beneficial to us.

PSALM 23:6 says it all... "Surely good news and mercy shall follow me/All the days of my life."

Each day we should thank God for this incredible power which is at our disposal. Let us use it wisely, remembering that through Him there will always be a tomorrow. Through faith, we know that there is bound to be a lot of good waiting for us behind the next sunrise.

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Sportsman's Calendar Gun Raffle 2013

Every day of the year in 2013, you could have a chance to win a gun or cash prize. Vigilant Hose Company joins with the Brunswick Fire and Rescue Company every year to raise money with a gun calendar fundraiser. Each calendar requires a donation of \$50.00. The excitement of a payoff, should you win, is worth it. Participants must be 18 years of age to purchase a calendar. Winners will be determined by the Maryland evening Pick Four Straight Lottery Number for that day. All firearms regulations must be met before you can receive a gun. Call 301-447-2728.

Get your tickets now for the annual Spring Fling event that will take place on Echo Field at Mount St. Mary's University on May 18, 2013. Call Gabe at 301-447-2212, Chris at 301-447-3081, or stop by E Plus Copy Center in the lobby of Jubilee to purchase tickets.

Lewistown Fire Co. New Year's Eve Dance

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

FRCC 2nd Annual Polar Plunge

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

ACS Relay for Life G.O.L.F. Club Team and Sticktime are Teaming Up Again

On Saturday, February 9, 2013, American Cancer Society (ACS) Relay for Life G.O.L.F. Club Team is holding a Benefit Dance, to be held at the Thurmont American Legion, located at 8 Park Lane in Thurmont. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m.; the dance will be held from 8:00 p.m.-midnight. The Benefit Dance will feature Sticktime. Tickets are \$15.00 each, and will be going on sale on January 9, 2013. There will be raffles and great music; chips and pretzels will be provided. You must have a ticket for admission and must be 21 years old to attend. For tickets, call 240-315-5331 or 301-447-3060.

Emmitsburg's Eighth Burns Night

Emmitsburg's Eighth Burns Night will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2013, in Joann's Ballroom of the Carriage House Inn, located at 200 South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg. The program is from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Snow date is Sunday, February 26, same time and place.

The event is a fundraiser for the Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center, 121-123 West Main Street, Emmitsburg, and profits will be applied to Phase II of the EOPCC Building Fund. Tickets are \$50.00 per person, of which approximately \$35.00 is tax deductible.

We will have a piper, and guests are encouraged to recite Burns's poems or sing his songs. Many typical Scottish dishes will be on offer, including haggis. Please contact Bill O'Toole (301-447-2690, otoole@msmary.edu) or visit www.burnsnite.com for more information. Reservations must be made no later than Saturday, January 26, 2013.

Thurmont Thespians Auditions for Grey Gardens The Musical

Director, Beth Royer Watson, will be holding open auditions for the Thurmont Thespians Spring Musical *Grey Gardens* on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings, on January 6-8, 2013, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the St. John's Lutheran Church Social Hall, located at 15 North Church Street in Thurmont.

The musical will be held on March 15-17 and 22-24, 2013, at the Thurmont American Legion Auditorium. For more information about these auditions, contact the director at 301-416-0864.

AROUND town

Stultz Fitness Open House

Stultz Fitness is holding an Open House on January 5, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend the Open House, call for a free consultation at 717-334-6009. Stultz Fitness is located at 285 Boyle Road in Fairfield, Pennsylvania. View their advertisement on page 10 for more information.

Save the New Date!

Save the corrected date for the 4th Annual EBPA Dance fundraiser on January 26, 2013, at the Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Building. Featuring the Rock N Roll Relics, the dance will be held from 8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA). View their advertisement on page 24.

Emmitsburg Ambulance Co. New Year's Eve Bingo Bash

Emmitsburg Vol. Ambulance Co. will hold a New Year's Eve Bingo Bash on December 31, 2012. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Games will start at 8:00 p.m. There will be four \$1,000 jackpots—all other games paying \$200 each! Tickets are \$50.00 (includes 50 games). For more information, view their advertisement on page 20.

Mother Seton School Upcoming Events

View Mother Seton School's advertisement on page 19 to find out information on their Spaghetti Dinner, New Family Open House, and Take a Tour Tuesday. To schedule a personal tour, call 301-447-3165.

Ornaments created for the Community Remembrance Tree can be picked up on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the Cozy Restaurant (right inside the entrance). Unable to pick up your ornament at that time? Call 301-898-7004 to make other arrangements.



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BUSINESS news

Cow Dog Cottage Doggie Boarding and Day Care

by Deb Spalding

Cow Dog Cottage's resident Pit Bull Mix, Boscoe, is eager to welcome your doggie to his house, while you are on vacation or have to go to work. Boscoe says it's your dog's "home away from home." It's a good alternative to a kennel, with no cages, Boscoe to play with, and lots of space.

Boscoe's family, Ashley and Ruedi Burgherr, and their son, Gavin, maintain the Cottage that is located on Legore Road in New Midway with Boscoe and guest dogs in mind for dog boarding and day care. Ashley was a Vet Tech and dog walker in Takoma Park before moving to New Midway for the country setting and space. She is certified in dog and cat first aid.

The dogs who stay at Cow Dog Cottage enjoy free reign in the large



Photo by Deb Spalding
Ashley and Ruedi Burgherr, owners of Cow Dog Cottage, and their son, Gavin, are pictured with Boscoe.

fenced yard and inside the house as appropriate and determined by weather conditions. If it's a nice day, Ashley can be found outside with the pets most of the time. If the weather is bad, they'll be inside. While guest dogs are visiting, someone is present at the Cottage at all times. Overnights are spent inside the house and guests can sleep anywhere they feel comfortable.

Guest dogs are encouraged to bring their own food, bed, and even a toy or two from home. Guest dogs are required to be healthy and free of fleas.

If you'd like more information, please call 301-845-6718 to make an appointment for your pet to visit the Cottage in order to determine if he or she will be comfortable there and get along well with Boscoe. Visit www.cowdogcottage.com for more information.

Pizza Leone Restaurant

by Joseph Kirchner

Pizza Leone Restaurant is due to open sometime early in 2013, but it has been over thirty years in the making! Giuseppe Monteleone, the enthusiastic owner/manager, was born in southern Italy, the son of a hardworking breadmaker (Bernardo), from whom the son learned the pizza business and his work ethic. The Monteleone family immigrated to upstate New York when young Giuseppe was just seven years old, where Bernardo worked as a pizza-maker. Giuseppe quit school in the eighth grade to work full-time in the pizza business and took over Bernardo's pizza business at the tender age of seventeen. Pizza Leone is the fruit of over thirty years of experience in the pizza business and this will be quite evident in the quality you will find in Giuseppe's latest business venture, his seventh to date.

You will find only the highest quality and freshest ingredients in Pizza Leone's rich menu! Giuseppe will offer both New York style thin-crust pizza with home-made dough and also the thick-crust traditional Sicilian pizza. You will also find at Pizza Leone all your favorite pasta dishes, hot and cold subs made with fresh home-made rolls, a dozen popular "starters," all your favorite pizza toppings, a half-dozen salads (including antipasto, chef salad, and tossed salads), and a wonderful dessert menu, featuring fifty different flavors of shaved ice, pies, cakes, cheesecake and the ever-popular cannoli! If you desire something not on the menu, just request it, and Giuseppe will make it "to order."

Giuseppe, an experienced restaurateur, has learned to always



Photo by Joseph Kirchner

Pictured is Giuseppe Monteleone, owner of Pizza Leone Restaurant, scheduled to open in early 2013.

put the customer first. That is why he will serve only "the best of the best ingredients that money can buy while offering very competitive prices for today's economy," and why he seeks your input for Pizza Leone. What hours would you like Pizza Leone to be open? What items would you like to see on the menu? Contact Giuseppe at Pizza Leone on Facebook and let him know!

Pizza Leone Restaurant is aptly named after the owner. As "leone" means "lion" in Italian, this exciting new restaurant will sport a lion theme throughout. Come and visit Giuseppe and his lions to enjoy high-quality Italian food and look for the daily and weekly menu specials! Pizza Leone also offers "carry-out" service and is located at 1665 Waynesboro Pike in Fairfield, PA. Phone: 717-642-9200.

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EBPA Holds Annual Awards Banquet

by Grace Schramm



Photo by Grace Schramm

Pictured left to right are Pete Miller, Bob Dinterman, Eric Stackhouse, Jean Javer, Pam Bolin, Donna Miller, Diane Kelley, Mary Lou Little, John Ruppel, Beth Ruppel, (front) Sandy Wormley, and Ed Little.

On December 7, 2012, the Emmitsburg Business & Professional Association (EBPA) held their annual Dinner and awards banquet. Members of the EBPA and other local organizations joined together to enjoy a dinner furnished by the Carriage House. Dinner was proceeded with a presentation courtesy of Conjo Studios, enlightening the audience with the history of the Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company (EVAC). The presentation was concluded by various heads of the local businesses and organizations giving thanks to the ever deserving EVAC. Immediately following, Bob Hance and Chris Ohanion presented Mary Lou Little and John Ruppel with the Community Service Award. Mary Lou stated, "It is a great honor to receive this extraordinary award for giving back to the Community that has given us so much. It is a privilege to volunteer and serve in the community that we live in. Thank you for your donations and continued support."

Others whom were recognized during the banquet consisted of Rich

Boyd, Manager of Jubilee Foods. Mr. Boyd was present to accept the Community Support Award for Jubilee's great involvement with the community. Bob Rosensteel, head of the Change for Food program, also received recognition in his efforts. Within three years of starting the Change for Food, Bob was proud to announce they have had over \$23,000 in donations from our local community. Mary Lou had concluded the awards, presenting Bob with another \$733 check, courtesy of the EVAC.



Bob Hance presents Rich Boyd, Manager of Jubilee Foods a Community Support Award.

Thurmont Grange Honors Community Citizens

On behalf of the members of the Thurmont Grange, Grange Lecturer, Helen Troxell, introduced the annual Community Citizen Award recipients during the annual Thurmont Grange

Banquet on November 26, 2012, at the Grange Hall in Thurmont. Each year, this surprise award is presented. This year, John and Marguerite (Maggie) Doll were acknowledged. They are the owners of Gateway Market, Candyland and Liquors in Thurmont. John is the son of Jack and Jane Doll of Frederick, and Maggie is the daughter of Sterling and Linda Bollinger of Thurmont.



Photo by Robert Wiles

Pictured, standing from left, are Maggie's sister, Paula Gills; son Nick's girlfriend, Juliana Ruggerio; son, Nick Doll; son, Chris Doll and wife, Megan Doll; Maggie's sister, Mary Sweeney, and neice, Margo Sweeney. Maggie and John Doll are seated.

Married in March 1975, they have two sons, Christofer and Nicholas, and two grandchildren, Jameson and Eva.

John graduated from Thomas Johnson High School and went to work for C&P Telephone, retiring after twenty-five years to work with Maggie at the market. Maggie is a life-long resident of Thurmont and a graduate of Catoctin High School.

Before going to work for her father at the market, she did clerical work, worked in retail, and drove a school bus for Frederick County. In 1993, Maggie and John purchased the business from her father and have continued to own and operate it since.

Maggie and John are very supportive of, and active in, the community. Both coached Little League Baseball for several years and were active in the Catoctin Booster Club. Maggie also coached Catoctin High School Tennis and has been active with her class reunions. In their spare time, John enjoys fishing and Maggie enjoys being with her grandchildren.

This couple has gone above and beyond normal contributions of community service, helping several Catoctin High School clubs, the Guardian Hose Company, Rocky Ridge 4-H Club, the Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show, and many others.

Thurmont Town Commissioner John Kinnaird presented a Proclamation from the Town of Thurmont to John and Maggie.

Recognition was given to several individuals for membership milestones. Dawn Moser received a 50-year membership certificate; Paul Mathias and Sidney Moser were recognized for 55 years; and Virginia Moser, Joe Moser, and Eugene Myers were recognized for 60 years.



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Pictured left to right, back to front, are Joe Moser, Rodman Myers, Dawn Moser, Virginia Moser, and Sidney Moser. Thurmont Grange President, Rodman Myers recognized members for membership milestones.

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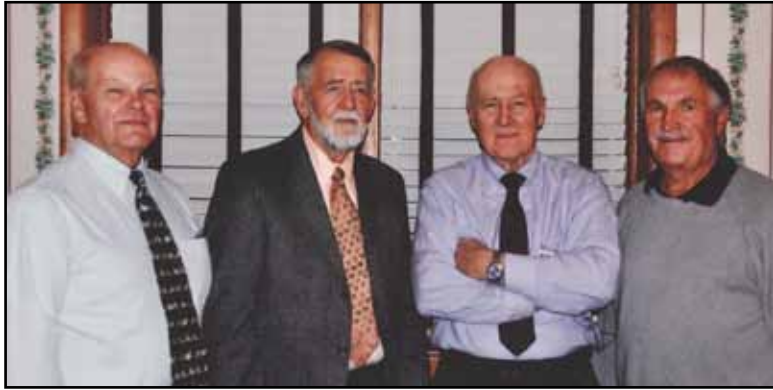


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PEOPLE MAKING news

Lewistown Ruritan Club Hosts Guest Speaker

Mr. Bill Pritchard with the Frederick County Veterans History Project recently presented a power point depiction of the Veterans History Project on the annual Lewistown



Courtesy Photo
Pictured from left are Ron Demory, Ruritan President; Bob Stanley, Ruritan Tech Support; Bill Pritchard, guest speaker; and Harold Staley, Ruritan Program Chairman.

Ruritan Club Ladies Night Dinner at Mountain Gate Restaurant. Pritchard is part of the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress and helped to interview some of the Frederick County veterans for this project. The mission of the Veterans History Project is to collect and archive the personal recollections of U.S. wartime veterans to honor their service and share their stories with current and future generations. His presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

Lewistown Ruritan Club Donations

The Lewistown Ruritan Club recently donated a total of \$4,000 to local organizations.



Courtesy Photo

Pictured from left are Ron Demory, Club President; Harold M. Staley, Lewistown Elementary PTA; Charles Smith, 4H Camp Center; John Poston, Thurmont Library; Gail Boggs, Lewistown Methodist Church; Elza Hurst, Thurmont Food Bank; and Dick Baseley, 4H Therapeutic Riding Club. Also receiving donations were Catocin High School (CHS) Safe and Sane and the Lewistown Volunteer Fire Company.

Post 121 Presents Award of Lifetime Membership

On December 4, 2012, at the Francis X. Elder American Legion Post 121, Joyce Rosensteel, a member of Auxiliary Unit 121, was presented an Award of Lifetime Membership by Auxiliary President Penny Adams. Joyce was completely surprised and elated at receiving the award. Over the years, Joyce has contributed bountifully of her time for the good of the American Legion family, veterans, and her community. Joyce is a very deserving member and everyone is proud of her.



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Thurmont Fire-Rescue Girl Scouts Presentation

by Firefighter Lev Ellian (GHC Thurmont Fire-Rescue)



Photo by Firefighter Thomas Minnick (GHC Thurmont Fire-Rescue)

Firefighter Christopher Kinnaird II shows Girl Scout troop members the gear and equipment used by firefighters.

On November 14, 2012, the Guardian Hose Company (GHC Thurmont Fire-Rescue) conducted a fire safety awareness program and demonstration for a local Girl Scout Troop.

The Girl Scouts learned about smoke detectors, escaping from a house fire, and calling 911. After the presentation, the troop members

were given coloring books, stickers, and other fire safety-related materials for kids.

Firefighters from the Thurmont Guardian Hose Company routinely conduct public education presentations and demonstrations at local schools and for youth organizations at the fire station.

An Evening of Christmas Spirit in Emmitsburg

The Emmitsburg Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was held at the Town Square in Emmitsburg to kick off the holiday season on December 10, 2012. Folks made their way to the Carriage House Inn, where an evening of entertainment, refreshments, and fellowship was enjoyed by an estimated 700 people who visited

the activities throughout the evening. The Carriage House's Bob Hance said, "Eight hundred hot dogs and thirty gallons of hot chocolate were consumed. Wow!"

Various choral and community groups performed and helped out with the event. Some of the entertainment included performances by the St. Joseph's Crack Pots, the Fairfield High School Knight Tyme Impressions Show Choir, Mother Seton School's Choir, the Emmitsburg Community Chorus, and several more. Brian and Jeff Glass hosted hay rides and Frank Schmorsol represented Santa Claus, as he's done for many years.



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Cliff Sweeney of the Emmitsburg Lions Club accepts a donation from Chris O'Hanian of the EBPA during the Emmitsburg Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

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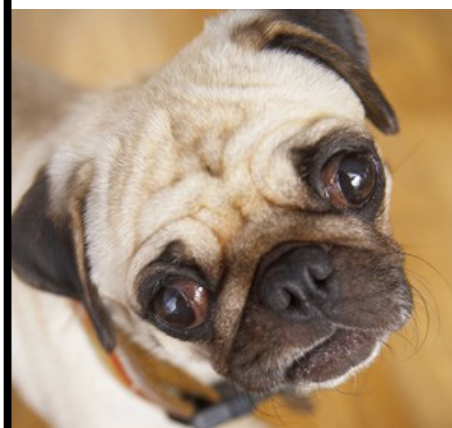
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SPORTS news

Sports — Continued from cover page

So what does sports inspiration have to do with pool water you ask? The lesson behind the story is that each of us takes a different path and each of us faces our own mucky water along the way.

Fast forward 25 years... despite wearing a bathing suit every day of the summer for about 10 summers in those younger years, I wouldn't be caught in one now unless I become more fit. I've tried the drops and the pills and even stutter-started working out a few times, but these approaches haven't worked. I've even gained a little more weight.

Bottom line, like the water chemistry in a swimming pool, our bodies need to be balanced with vitamins, minerals and nutrients. If we seek to lose weight, it is important to balance the body's chemistry, like a pool's water, so that more problems are not created. Luckily, there are holistic practitioners in our surrounding area who address the balancing of nutrients in our bodies.

Changing the things we eat will make a difference, too. The book, "Eat To Live" by Joel Furrman teaches us how to eat correctly for health and weight loss. The most

important actions we can take that result in weight loss, across all body types, are to eat natural foods and to maintain a rigorous and scheduled fitness routine.

With that said, let's get to work in 2013, folks! Gretchen Smith of WellFit Aerobics & Fitness in Thurmont said that at WellFit, "Achieving weight loss and inches lost is easy to program for a person. It's shaving a tenth of a second off of a sprinter's time or adding an inch to a vertical leap that is the bigger challenge." Let's take her words in favor of the masses that we can lose the weight. It is also good to know that elite athletes have options to hone their skills to the finest degree.

George Puvel, at Anytime Fitness in Thurmont, answers your questions in his monthly "Fitness Matters Column" in *The Catoctin Banner*. He provides fitness solutions. We also have resources for health and fitness at Mount St. Mary's University, Stultz Fitness, Fort Ritchie Community Center, local programs through Frederick County Parks & Rec, and more.

If it's your time to fulfill a health and fitness resolution, start now!

CYA Lacrosse Registration Opens

Want to play the fastest game on two feet? Catoctin Youth Association (CYA) Lacrosse is registering players for the 2013 spring season. All boys and girls from age 5 thru 14 are eligible to participate; no experience is needed. Registration will be held at Thurmont Middle School from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on January 26, 2013, and at Emmitsburg Rec Center from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on January 12, 2013 and February 9, 2013.

Fees are \$85.00 per player. However, no child will be turned away due to inability to pay. Want to sign up early? Or by mail? Visit their website at www.leaguelineup.com/catlax for forms. Send to Laurie Wilhelm, ATTN: CYA LAX, 5149 Wigville Road, Thurmont, MD 21788. Checks payable to CYA LAX.

For more information, contact Keith at 301-514-2498 or Laurie at 301-748-7597; email CYALacrosse@gmail.com; or Facebook~www.facebook.com/cya.lacrosse.

Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball Registration Opens

Registration for Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball will take place on Saturday, January 26, 2013, as well as on Sunday, January 27, 2013, at the Emmitsburg Firehall, located at 25 West Main Street in Emmitsburg. Registration will be open from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on both days. Online registrations are also available at www.ebbsb.com.



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Don Joy Inducted into Maryland Senior Olympics Hall of Fame

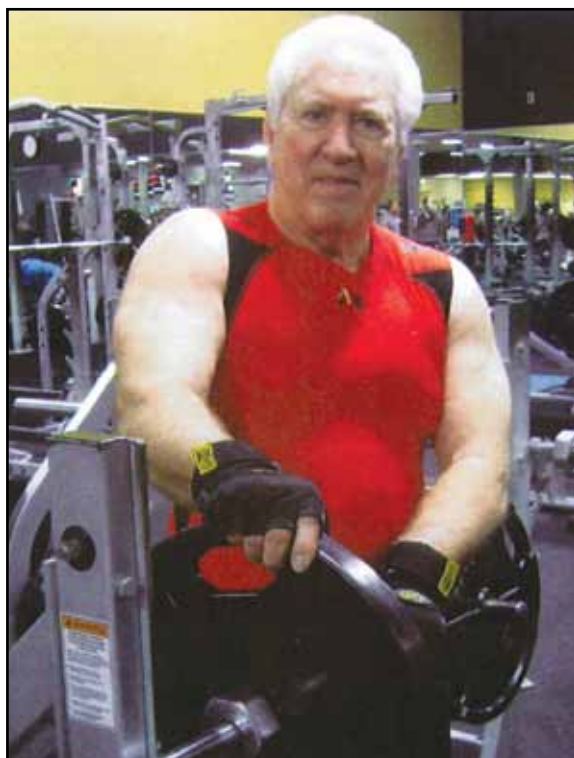
by Danielle Hoff

When noticing the biceps that 80-year-old Don Joy, pictured right, has maintained since a young age, you can't help but say, "Look at those guns, folks!" Don was born in Emmitsburg along with his eight brothers and three sisters. He stays fit with frequent visits to Gold's Gym in Westminster, Maryland, where he enjoys some heavy-weight lifting. Even at 80 years old, Don continues to compete in power sports just as he's done since he was 55. Don and his wife, Bernadette, have four children and five grandsons, all living in Westminster.

Don graduated from Emmitsburg High School, received a Bachelor of Science degree from Mount Saint Mary's University, and graduated from the University of Baltimore with a Juris Doctor degree in Law. For most of his career, he was involved in the U.S. Government, and for fifteen years, he worked in the insurance industry. After thirty-one years, he retired from the Health Care Financing Administration as a Senior Contract Specialist.

Don has loved sports for most of his life. He has accomplished many great and honorable achievements throughout his years. One of his latest achievements was his induction into the Maryland Senior Olympics Hall of Fame. In September 2012, Don not only set the Maryland State Bench Press Record for his age group, but he also set the National Bench Press record with a lift of 281 pounds. Don stated, "I can lift more now than when I was 55!" In 2009, he was inducted into the Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame.

All through Don's life, he has had many memorable sports highlights. In 1949, he set the school record in basketball at St. Joseph's High School in Emmitsburg, with 345 points in one season. The next year, he set the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) record in basketball with 52 points in one game. Then, in 1951, Don set a new record in an intramural meet at Mount St. Mary's University



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by throwing a basketball 360 feet. During a Little League Baseball game, Don struck out 16 batters in a single baseball game, earning him the nickname "Fireball Joy." Don played and managed softball for over fifty years, leading several of his teams to win national championships.

Through a twenty-five year period, starting at age 55, Don has won more than 100 trophies and plaques in weight lifting. Don's best lifts were at age 65—lifting 370 pounds, age 69—lifting 360 pounds, and age 75—lifting 335 pounds. He has won over 100 gold and silver medals in the Maryland Senior Olympics in shot-put, race walk, discus, weight throw, hammer throw, and softball championships. At the Westminster Family and Recreation Center, Don won the bench press competition and the best lifter over the age of 70 for four straight years, and at age 76 he was awarded "Comeback Lifter of the Year."

Still, to this day, Don continues to attend Gold's Gym for his regular workout routines, along with his son who enjoys working out with him. Don stated that there were many instances where he and his son have attended and competed in the same weight-lifting competition. When Don was asked how long he planned on continuing his competitions and weight lifting, he stated, "I don't have any plans to stop."

CHS Girls Basketball Fundraiser

The Catoctin High School (CHS) Girls Basketball is holding a Crabe Cake Dinner fundraiser on January 31, 2013, at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall in Emmitsburg, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00. Contact a girls basketball team member or call 301-271-2830 for tickets.

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Gibbons — Continued from cover page



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The Catoctin High School Boy's Cross Country Team is shown after winning the State Championship in Fall of 2012.

Born and raised in Westfield, Terri is the oldest of five children, a natural leader and one, her siblings will tell you, who "likes to boss people around." Combine that with the fact that her family was "always involved in athletics," and you have the makings of a future coach. When in high school, Terri joined the track team and "tried everything—throwing events, jumping, sprinting, hurdling..." but was made a middle distance runner in her junior year by her coaches.

She attended Mount St. Mary's University as a walk-on at 400 meters, but her coaches moved Terri to run cross country in the fall and distance events in the indoor and outdoor track seasons. Notably, Terri improved greatly as a runner and earned a scholarship her junior year at the Mount. In her senior year, the future coach made all Northeast Conference in cross country and also set the 3,000 meter steeplechase record in her graduate year (since broken).

After graduation, Terri became assistant coach for cross country/track and field at her alma mater while teaching social studies at Catoctin High. Former athletic director Tom Sherald urged her to take over the Cougars running sports, which at that time were rather small programs that had yet to fulfill their potential. For the past five years, Terri (the only woman in Frederick County to head a varsity boy's team) has grown the running sports tremendously and her teams have achieved phenomenal success in competition.

Terri attributes the growth of the Cougar running sports (her boy's cross country team has grown from nine runners in 2008 to the current thirty, and the indoor and outdoor track programs also increased

considerably) to two main factors: roughly half of her runners come from CYA running programs and she heavily recruits "in-house," having developed great working relationships with many other coaches, who urge their athletes to run under Terri for off-season conditioning. According to coach Gibbons, the "in-house" network has produced some of the Cougar's most valuable runners. Terri also admits that she is not shy about approaching her own students and asking them to consider running for the Cougars!

Under Terri's leadership, Cougar running has enjoyed great success! In 2010, her boy's cross country team was the MVAL, regional and state champions. Terri's girls were MVAL indoor conference and county champions this year and the boy's cross country team won the West Regional meet this year. In early November, the boy's cross country team, paced by David and Kevin Dorsey, became the 2A State cross country champions on the very difficult Hereford course. David became the first individual state champion in Cougar history, finishing in 16 minutes, 25.2 seconds. Kevin (David's twin brother) finished in a very close third place, clocking 16:48.9. Sophomore Zach Gascho (who was hoping to place in the top twenty) ran a great race, finishing ninth in 17:15.6. Senior Tim Nordan and sophomore Garrett Buckley (who also wrestle) placed in the top fifty. Rounding out the great Cougar effort were sophomore Eric Myers and junior Zach Sparkman.

From youth sports in Westfield, New Jersey, to running at the Mount and now to coaching at Catoctin High, Terri Gibbons' life trajectory seems to have brought her to a perfect place to share her

wonderful talents and special brand of enthusiasm. Having built a strong foundation at Catoctin High, passionate coach Gibbons has no intentions of slowing down. With the

help of her experienced assistant, Val Grim, and her unwavering recruiting effort, the future is limitless for Cougar running programs!

Myles — Continued from cover page

The Myles cover photo showed little Maggie on the rugby field with her dad.



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Maggie Myles is shown carrying the ball during a U-20 USA Rugby game against U-23 National Rugby Allstars.

Back in the '70s Jay's father Don (known to many of you as Mayor Briggs of Emmitsburg) played rugby for the elite Washington Rugby Club and started the Frederick Men's Rugby Club. Jay played for his father's team when he was just nineteen and came to love the sport. Jay also became quite successful, training under Roger Utley, at that time the coach of England's national team. In 1989, Don began coaching rugby at the Mount, where he built a very successful program and was joined by Jay as his assistant coach. Now, after learning for over a decade from his father/mentor, Jay is the head coach of the Mount's men's and women's rugby teams, as well as assistant coach of the West Carroll Marauders Rugby Club based in New Windsor, Maryland.

To the uninitiated (and I include myself here) rugby is simply a brutish sport for the rough and tumble guys, and evokes a rather negative image of "party guys" and boisterous behavior. Jay, who learned from the best, seeks to transform this negative image of rugby culture and instills in his athletes a very disciplined, committed approach to the sport he loves. Rugby players at the Mount are required to do 6 a.m. runs (nothing undisciplined about that!), to attend 4 p.m. training sessions, and to conduct themselves as ambassadors for the sport.

Discipline and respect are important to Jay because they are imbedded in his philosophy that rugby is "the most selfless sport."

You cannot speak to Jay for long before he tells you that "the most beautiful part about rugby is that everything that you do is to put your teammates in a better position," and that "none of us is stronger than all of us." As a coach he demands that his athletes (both men and women) be absolutely committed, be supremely conditioned and be active supporters of their teammates.

With this type of intense focus and love for the game, it is no wonder that for Maggie (Jay's 17 year old daughter) rugby is "second nature." After all, she grew up with the sport, watching her dad play from the sidelines when she was just five years old, and mimicking the theatrics of her grandfather's coaching! She loved rugby at first sight and started passing and kicking the ball when the ball was almost as big as she was!

But loving something and having the talent to do it are really two separate things. In Maggie's case, however, the combination of nurture (her family's devotion) and nature (her natural physical ability), combined with her intense focus and tenacity, has led her to astounding success in her beloved sport. But we must go back to the beginning.

Maggie began playing organized rugby for the West Carroll Marauders, playing touch rugby at the tender age of twelve. At thirteen, she made the move to tackle rugby (which she loved!) and played in most of the Marauder's games. (The Marauders are one of the best national teams, an elite unit that has

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been to the Nationals the past four years and is currently ranked sixth in the U.S.)

Maggie's ascent has been meteoric. At just fourteen, she was selected to play for the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union All-Star team, being the youngest player on that squad. At fifteen, she was chosen to play for the Mid-Atlantic Rugby Football Union (again the youngest player on the team) who won the nationals against the U.S.A. Eagles. It was in this, her first taste of elite competition, that Maggie decided to go as far as the sport of rugby can take her and that she was first noticed by the U.S. National Team coaches. Two years ago, Maggie played for the Under-17 U.S.A. National Team in a weekend tournament in Florida and she was also chosen for the Under-20 National Team, where she trained for 10 intense days at the Olympic

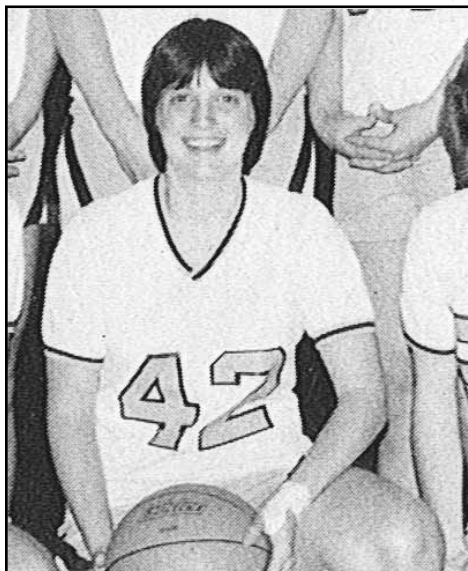
Training Center in Lake Placid, N.Y. this past summer.

Her phenomenal success belies that Maggie is small by rugby standards. At 5 feet, 6 inches and about 130 lbs., she is significantly undersized for those who play her position at an elite level, who typically go about 6 feet and 160-180 pounds. Yet Maggie comes from great family stock. She knows and loves the sport intensely and she possesses the sheer determination and tenacity of a true champion.

The future is exceedingly bright for Maggie, who is in the name pool (under consideration) to play in the Nation's Cup for the U.S., and also in the 2016 World Cup and ultimately the 2016 Olympic Games. With her family tradition, her pedigree, and her relentless tenacity, Maggie seems poised to accomplish her lofty goals!

1000 Point Legacy — Continued from cover page

The Woelfel cover photo showed Brenda and Tara at a recent CHS Girls Basketball game.



Brenda Woelfel is shown in a team photo that was taken from the Catoctin High School 1983 yearbook.

basketball in winter and Tennis in the spring. Both were captains on their basketball teams. Tara said her favorite sport is Soccer and she currently attends Gardner Webb University in North Carolina on a soccer scholarship seeking a B.S. in Business with a minor in Criminal Justice.

It is notable that the other two members of the Woelfel family, dad John, and son, Derek, also attended CHS and both played basketball; John also played soccer and ran track and, Derek ran cross country and track. Brenda and John have made sports and fitness an important part of their family's foundation. Starting at a young age, both kids joined their parents to run for fitness. The Woelfels completed their first race as



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Tara Woelfel is shown in action during a high school basketball game.

a family when Tara was 4 and Derek was 9—the Spirit Race in Gettysburg.

While each of them have day jobs (you might have noticed Brenda at the Thurmont Post Office – she's been there for 28 years), Brenda, John and Derek all coach sports. Inspired by her own high school basketball coach, Cindy Thompson, Brenda started coaching Tara's basketball team when Tara was in second grade. Brenda also coached field hockey and track at CHS. This year, Brenda coaches 9th Grade Girls Basketball with Derek at CHS while John serves as the Assistant Girls Varsity Basketball Coach at CHS. Brenda said, "I enjoy being with the kids, teaching the right way to play the game."

Kirby Sparkles — Continued from cover page

The Kirby cover photo showed Caitlyn Kirby ice skating during a competition.



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The Sparklers Ice Skating Team is shown. Caitlyn is fourth from right.

in the synchronized skating programs of the Sparklers, female skaters who practice out of Skate Frederick, and one of whom is Thurmont's own seventeen year-old Caitlyn Kirby.

Urged by her mother Kristie (who has generously served as a "team mom" for the Sparklers for the past seven years), Caitlyn took up skating as a young girl in the fourth grade. Kristie signed up Caitlyn for group lessons in ice skating at Skate Frederick, where the young skater began by mastering basic ice skating skills. In less than a year, young Caitlyn was asked to join the Sparklers synchronized ice skating preliminary team, the first step in what has proven to be a very successful progression to her current status on the more advanced open juvenile team.

Caitlyn has been dedicated to her demanding sport now for seven years. During this time, she has practiced year-round on early Saturday morning sessions, in privately coached practice sessions, and in the necessary team practices to master the teamwork, speed, intricate formations, and challenging step sequences required in synchronized skating. At times, it has been an exhausting journey, but nevertheless, one characterized by many thrilling moments and wonderful success!

At the tender age of eleven, Caitlyn competed for the first time with the Sparklers at the 2006 Dr. Porter Synchronized Classic in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where she admits to being "very nervous." That is surely a natural reaction to being watched carefully for the first time before a large, cheering crowd and,

of course, a panel of judges! Caitlyn and the Sparklers would compete many more times in the ensuing years before reaching a great breakthrough in January 2009, where they medaled for the first time, taking fourth place in the Colonial Classic in Lowell, Massachusetts! Since that high moment, the Sparklers have enjoyed marked success, medaling in many competitions for the past several years. Undoubtedly, the Sparklers achieved their greatest moment by taking a silver medal in the Eastern sectional championships held in Lake Placid, New York, in February 2011. In their latest competition, at the Cape Cod Classic in Massachusetts, the Sparklers impressed the judges with a wonderful performance, placing third out of ten teams.

Caitlyn, who is just one of two "original Sparklers," has found her journey in synchronized skating extremely rewarding, "It has been a lot of fun to compete and travel. We have a huge cheering section every time we step on the ice!" Caitlyn, now a senior at Catoctin High School, hopes to continue in synchronized skating and to enjoy even greater success with the Sparklers, who have a very bright future indeed!

Are you interested in becoming a Sparkler? Please call Cary Summerlin at 301-662-7362, ext. 34, and visit the website <http://sparklers-synchro.com>. (The Sparklers are a U.S. Figure Skating Synchronized Skating Team representing the Frederick Figure Skating Club. They are looking for skaters of all ages and levels to join in the fun of this wonderful sport!)

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SCHOOL news

CHS Students Appear on *It's Academic*

It's Academic, the nation's high school quiz program, showcases outstanding, high-achieving teenagers. A big congratulations to the Catoctin High School *It's Academic* team! The team consisted of Will Dower, Mikel Wildasin, and Isabel Miller. Their coach is John Koepke.



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CHS *It's Academic* Team—(from left) Mikel Wildasin, Will Dower, and Isabel Miller—is pictured with Dave Zahren, host of Baltimore's version of *It's Academic*.

Thurmont Middle School Leo Club News

The energetic members of the Thurmont Middle School (TMS) LEO club have been busy so far this school year. They started the year with a walk-a-thon that raised \$850 that was donated to the American Cancer Society. Working together with the TMS language arts classes, they donated over 500 food items for the Thurmont Food Bank. They also participated in a book drive to benefit students in local schools. Upcoming fundraising events include the 2nd annual "Hoops for Heart" to benefit the American Heart Association and the "Catoctin Cares" project to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The Thurmont Lions Club is proud to sponsor the TMS LEO club. Special thanks goes to the school advisers, Sandy Zimmerman and Mary Quealy, for their dedication and time.

The students in the club are Rachel Burns, Avie Hopcraft, Madyson Spisak, MacKenzie Weagley, Brayden Nave, Christian Doolittle, Noah Barth, Alyssa Hartwich, Amelia Myers, Joseph Cochran, Skylar Sanders, Jordan Finneyfrock, Taylor Kaufman, Brianna Tingler, Emily Robinson, Brittan Sweeney, Alex Bollinger, Hannah Belt, Erica Baker, Josh Small, Dani Carter, Dallis Carter, Cheyenne Scobie, Dakotah Goff, Rocco Patrick, Lauren Ames, Annastasia Mortenson, Shayna Gerring, Taylor Fair-Smith, Samantha Grimes, Claire Jacobs, Nathan Schwartzbeck, and Elizabeth Dougherty.



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Pictured (from left) are Noah Barth, Nathan Schwartzbeck, Alyssa Hartwich, Taylor Kaufman, and Josh Small with some of the food that was donated to the Thurmont Food Bank

Catoctin Athletes Sign to Play College Sports



Courtesy Photo

Three Catoctin High School senior athletes recently signed their National Letter of Intent to play baseball and softball in college. They are (pictured above, left to right) Alex Kennedy, who will play baseball at Mount St. Mary's University; Kaylee Krietz, who will play softball at Davis and Elkins; and Seth Schubert, who will play baseball at Mount St. Mary's University.

CHS Offers Microsoft Certification Training

Catoctin High School (CHS) offers three Microsoft Certification Training courses that allow students to not only earn up to nine college credits for free, but international industry certification in Microsoft Office applications.

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

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

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

Congratulations to the following Microsoft Certification Training I students who recently passed the international Microsoft Office Specialist exam for Word 2010: Tyler Alexander, Madison Beavin, Rebecca Bittner, Cameron Bolyard, Dylan Crowder, Trevor Ellenberg, Collin Fannin, Carley Flora, Brandon Fogle, Sam Forrest, Rebecca Garner, Mark Goff, Ashley Grimes, Brandon Hasselhoff, Alexis Hess, Bobby Hood, Dakota Houck, Peyton Laramore, Nick Lewis, Shelby Maly, Nicole Mavridis, Cole McBreen, Phillip McMannis, Jacqueline Merki, Caleb Olson, Megan Paul, Macy Randall, Harley Rubeck, Aron Strong, Justin Study, Aaron Stull, Brian Sweeney, Owen Tokar, Emilee Valentine, Taylor Washek, Josh Weishaar, Codi West, Ben Wetzel, and Joshua Wilber.

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If you are planning to purchase any electronic devices this holiday season, Thurmont Middle School (TMS) media center wants to make you aware that they will be introducing a collection of e-books in January.

This e-book collection will allow Frederick County Public School (FCPS) students who have access to any device with an IOS or Android operating system to download and read popular books on that device.

The collection will support Ipad, newest generation Nooks, and Kindle Fires (although a work-around is necessary with this device).

If you are planning on making a purchase and would like to know if it will be compatible with our new e-book collection, feel free to contact Mrs. Shesman at jennifer.shesman@fcps.org.

The library will also have four Kindle Fires available for our students to check out if they return a signed parent permission slip. More information about our Kindle Fires will be available in January.

Reaver Honored as Distinguished Volunteer

As many people in Northern Frederick County know, the name Reaver is synonymous with generosity. On November 9, 2012, Sheridan "Dan" Reaver was named a Distinguished Volunteer by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) at Hollow Creek Golf Club in recognition for his volunteer efforts at Mother Seton School (MSS) in Emmitsburg.



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Mr. Reaver, a 1975 MSS alumnus and parent of MSS alumnae, continues to be active at Mother Seton School serving on the Board of Directors and Facility Committee. "Dan exemplifies the spirit of generosity and caring he learned in his early years from his parents and as a student at MSS," said Sister JoAnne Goecke, D.C., Principal of Mother Seton School. "It is a joy and a blessing to witness the impact of how such a strong foundation nurtured at a young age can grow into such a prominent and generous leader in the community and at Mother Seton School," continued Goecke.

Reaver was joined at the Distinguished Volunteer Recognition Luncheon by his wife, Anne Reaver, his parents, Ed and Helen Reaver, and Sister JoAnne Goecke, D.C. "It was an unexpected honor to receive the Distinguished Volunteer Award," said Reaver. "Thanks to the generosity of others, my siblings and I were able to attend Mother Seton School. I am glad that I am able to give back to the school and continue Mother Seton's mission, especially helping those in need to receive the same education that I received," continued Reaver.

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TEPS PTA 2013 Calendar of Events

The following is the TEPS PTA January Calendar of Events: **January 1**—School Closed for New Year's Day; **January 2**—Schools Reopen; **January 3**—PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at TPS Media Center; **January 21**—Schools Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; **January 22-23**—Schools Closed; **January 26**—Winter Carnival, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at TPS; **TBD**—Book Club with Ms. Reynolds.

Practicing Good Citizenship at Mother Seton School



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MSS students recognized for demonstrating Christian Citizenship: (from left, front) Lucian Ridenour, Finnian Tayler (Pre-K), Chelsea Asiedu, Elena Crutchfield, Gianna Lowry (Kindergarten), Adam Knox, Michael Hohenstein, Luke Ifred (1st grade); (from left, second row) Emma Reed (2nd grade), Hannah Cavey, Libby Kiley (3rd grade), Natalie Bosche (4th grade), Daniel McCarthy, Quinn Alley (5th grade); (from left, back row) Mrs. Terri Zigler (MS Learning Center Director), Samantha Mariano, Alyssa Rae Fostik (6th grade), Noah Wivell, Edison Hatter (7th grade), Hannah Reed, Kara Roberts (8th grade), Sister JoAnne Goecke, D.C., Principal, Mother Seton School.

Working to promote a positive environment at Mother Seton School, the School Climate Committee initiated the Christian Character Traits program at the end of October. The goal of the program is to encourage students to become positive role models both in school and in the community. Each month, the school focuses on a different Christian character trait, and students, who demonstrate that character trait consistently throughout the month, are recognized. The Christian Character Trait for November was Citizenship. Students discussed what citizenship means and what it means to be faithful to God and a good citizen to our nation. Congratulations to the students recognized for demonstrating Christian Citizenship in November.

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Thanks a Bunch

by Valerie Nusbaum

The beginning of this new year is a great opportunity for me to say thank you to all of you for your continued support. I'm always pleasantly surprised when I meet someone who recognizes my name from this column in *The Catoctin Banner*. I'm even more pleasantly surprised when someone takes the time to compliment me on my writing or my humor. I don't even mind when some of you tell me that I'm warped.

For example, Randy and I recently participated in an event sponsored by The Catoctin Furnace Historical Society. We met quite a few Banner readers there, and we thoroughly enjoyed hearing all of their thoughts and comments. A very nice lady named Beverly stopped by to tell us how much she enjoys reading about our adventures. Beverly even suggested that I should give Randy an opportunity to write a rebuttal. Not gonna happen, Beverly! That's called "self-preservation."

One of the ladies asked if Randy finds out in advance what I plan to write. Naturally, he fibbed and said that I never share it with him. That's just not true. I always show him my finished column before I submit it. Sometimes, he points out that I've neglected to include one of his boo-boos. Randy's standard response is that whenever I get stuck for something to write about, I start following him around begging him to do something stupid. Again, not true. I don't need to follow him

around. I can just wait and listen for a crash and some cursing.

We talked with Carla Beck, too, and it turns out she's our neighbor. One lady described my writing as "funny." Someone else said it was "entertaining." Another lady said that she can identify somewhat because she had a husband. I genuinely appreciate all your comments, but especially the positive ones. I also enjoy seeing the expressions on your faces when you meet Randy and realize that he looks pretty normal. Some of you seem a little afraid to engage him, but I promise you he's a nice guy.

One of my favorite stories took place a few years ago at Colorfest. I was wearing a name tag, because I was working. I walked up front to the information booth to pick up our permit, and when Diane saw my name she started laughing and said that she'd read about me in the newspaper. Then she told me that I was not at all what she expected. Diane, I was afraid to ask what you meant by that!

Someone else I met recently said that it must be awkward for me to have my whole life out there in writing. Rest assured, I only write about what I'm comfortable having people know. I never write about religion, politics, or serious health issues. I never discuss anything that Randy and I consider personal. My column is intended to be light humor, and I write it with my tongue firmly in my cheek. Four out of every five

readers get that. I tend to poke fun at myself and my family, because other people might be offended if I poked fun at them! I also have to be mindful that *The Catoctin Banner* is a family/community newspaper. I need to make sure that my subject matter is suitable for young readers. Randy's language can be pretty salty when he hurts himself, so sometimes I'm forced to misquote him. That's called "poetic license." If I were writing a piece for *Cosmopolitan* magazine, the article would most likely have a different tone and I could print it just the way he says it!

While I'm discussing *The Catoctin Banner*, I have to give a shout out to Deb Spalding who is so much more agreeable than the last publisher I worked for! Seriously, Deb, I hear so many favorable comments about your newspaper. The community is reading it and taking part. Thanks for all you do.

Jennifer Shesman recently went to the trouble of writing an email to say that she enjoys reading my column every month. Whenever I receive an email or a written note, I do respond in kind, but I'm sending out an extra thank you here in print.

Thanks again to all of you. I can deduce from your responses that there are a lot of married women out

there who share my burden. Let's be honest, ladies, having a man around isn't all that bad. Granted, some days it's easier to find the humor than other days.

Yesterday, I spent a good fifteen minutes searching for the wrinkle relaxer spray bottle. I knew that Randy had to have moved it, because I had asked him to get a box down from the closet shelf and I knew that I always kept the spray bottle on that same shelf. I finally gave up looking and called him at work. He denied all knowledge of the bottle, said he'd never touched it and managed to sound offended. I felt a bit guilty and started doubting myself, thinking I must have moved it somewhere. That's when I found it hanging from the sleeve of my bathrobe where it had fallen when Randy had moved the box. That's fifteen minutes of my life I'll never get back.

Next month, I'd love to do a question and answer column. So, if any of you have any questions for me, please email them to vlrln@verizon.net. That's a real email address, I swear. I'll be happy to answer your questions about our life, or offer advice on anything and everything. I'm completely untrained and unqualified.



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A Century of Eagles

by Carie Stafford

On August 1, 1912, Arthur Eldred from Long Island, New York, became the first Boy Scout to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. He was the first of many young men to achieve this accomplishment over the next 100 years.

Over 115 million boys have come through Scouting, with over two million achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, a 4 percent increase in scouting. Those Eagle Scouts accept the obligation to continue to "do my best to make my training an example and my status and my influence count strongly for better Scouting and for better citizenship in my troop, in my community, and in my contacts with other people."

Past and present Eagle Scouts have taken the values learned in Scouting and brought them into all areas of today's world. Some of the most notable Eagle Scouts have one thing in common: they live a life of achievement and continue a leadership role from a young age into adulthood.

Some of the most recognizable Eagle Scouts are: Gerald Ford (U.S. President), Neil Armstrong (first man to walk on the moon) and thirty-seven other astronauts, William Bennett (former U.S. Secretary of Education), Michael Bloomberg (Mayor of New York City); William C. DeVries, MD (transplanted first

artificial heart); Stephen Spielberg (director), Ryan Stout (stand-up comedian), and John Tesh (musician and actor), just to name a few.

Studies have shown that Eagle Scouts are more engaged in the world around them to include all areas, community service, church, club memberships, outdoor recreation, education and health fields (Baylor University study).

One of the requirements of achieving the Eagle rank is to "devise, plan, execute and manage a community-service project." Some of these projects may be small, like building picnic tables for a church, or they can be big, like building a playground at a Russian orphanage. Despite the size of the project, it is one of the biggest contributions to a community, with over 100 million hours of service projects completed so far and an estimated 3 million more each year. Becoming an Eagle has become a goal to boys starting as young as Cub Scouting.

Michael S. Malone is an Eagle Scout who has written a book on Eagle Scouting called *Four Percent* (WindRush Publishing; 2012).

Congratulations to all Eagle Scouts as they celebrate the 100th Birthday of Eagle Scouting.

Pinewood Derby Not Just for Cub Scouts

by Kathleen Knill

January has always been a fun time for scouts, as they build their Pinewood Derby cars for race day. But wait, who said Cub Scouts get to have all the fun? Cub Scout Pack 270 of Thurmont invites you to join us for our First Annual Open Class Derby, Saturday, January 26, 2013. This year we have added an Open Class to our Pack Race. Open class is open to everyone—past and future scouts, friends, siblings, parents, grandparents, and kids of all ages.

Anyone interested in racing a derby car has the choice of selecting a finished car at the Race, or bringing your own car to race. To make a car, purchase an Official Derby Car kit and follow the instructions. Kits are available locally at HobbyTown USA (919C North East Street, Frederick, MD <http://www.hobbytown.com/Frederick-MD/>) or regionally at any BSA Scout Shop.

To find out more about the Pinewood Derby, visit the BSA website at <http://pinewoodderby.org/>.

Open Class participants may register by visiting the Pack 270 website at www.cubpack270.com downloading and completing a registration form, and submitting

the form to Kathleen Knill by e-mail kathleen.knill@cubpack270.com or by phone 240-674-3023. Open Class Registration Form deadline is Monday, January 21. For more information on the Pack 270 Derby Race, contact Derby Coordinator Brian Seiss at kbtt96@yahoo.com.

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by Labella A. Kreiner

Catoctin Chronicles

Helping Those in Need this Holiday Season

Happy holidays everyone! Feels like just yesterday we students started going to school and prepping for our first tests and quizzes. Among all of the assignments that needed to be completed, we organized a variety of fundraisers to benefit the local and non-local families in need. In our school, we have two major clubs that fundraise in order to help those in need: S.H.O.P Club (Students Helping Other People), and as most of you know, the Catoctin High Leo Club. These two clubs are off to an amazing start and have set up various fundraisers to bring the happiness of the holidays to those who cannot afford to have the enjoyable experience they deserve this holiday season.

First, S.H.O.P Club; this amazing club has hosted multiple fundraisers throughout the year. This past month, we have completed a food drive and have sold Sheetz coupons to friends, family, and coworkers, all to benefit those in need. The food drive was successful, and we managed to load 12 shopping carts full of food to distribute evenly between the Emmitsburg and Thurmont food banks. Low income families depend on these food banks for the food they need to feed their families for the holidays. The money we collected from selling the Sheetz coupon books will be spent on toys and other fun things for children in need in the community, as well as super storm Sandy victims. This way, even though much was lost, these families can still enjoy a wonderful holiday season this year.

The Catoctin High Leo Club has also been doing well, as it holds its own fundraisers. First, we had a clothing drive where we collected 13 sweatshirts, 7 nap caps, 6 water resistant coats, 5 sets of gloves, 4 winter dress coats, 2 blankets, 2 woman's winter coats, and 1 winter coat and scarf. And that was only the first drop off! The second drop off was three times the amount of items for those in need! We are very thankful to those who supported us and donated to the cause. We hosted a toy drive as well for the Family Tree Foundation; however, it was still going on at the last meeting, so the number of toys donated has not been issued yet. Also, once a month for the next three months, we will be cleaning up around the railroad tracks and might be planting flower seeds around it in the spring. With that being said, if you are able to come out and help or can donate seeds for the cause, contact me at anytime.

I hope everyone in our community enjoys a wonderful holiday season and can visit with loved ones from near and far. Together, we can change our community this holiday season with your help! The students are willing to put forth the effort and time to make our community a better place for everyone. So, let's team up and make this upcoming year one to remember! If you have any suggestions for fundraisers or a topic you want to see posted, contact me at labellakreiner@hotmail.com.

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Michael Douglas Jones, from Damascus, Maryland, has exhibited widely in the D.C. metropolitan area. Jones has had solo shows with the Delaplaine Visual Arts Center, Frederick Community College, VisArts Gallery, Washington County Arts Council, and the Venable Neslage Gallery. He has participated in many group shows, including the Arlington Arts Council Gallery, The Artists Gallery, The Bridge Gallery, Marin-Price Galleries, and DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

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Fedora Cafe, Thurmont

"With food this good, don't keep it under your hat!" is the word at the Fedora Cafe, located in Thurmont. Personally, I was hoping for Free Fedora Panini Fridays, but suspect that the owners would rather I keep that idea under my own hat.

It was on a chilly November Thursday afternoon when I stopped by for lunch on my way up the mountain to *The Catocin Banner* Newspaper's World Headquarters.

First thing one will notice is the wall adorned with famous fedoras, paying tribute to the likes of Al Capone, Michael Jackson, and the Blues Brothers. Tables and chairs are simple wood fixtures, and several floor-to-ceiling windows illuminate the dining room well.

An older gentleman with a fedora manned the counter, while a younger man in a matching hat was in the kitchen. Briefly looking over the menu board, I settled on something that appeared filling and wouldn't break the bank at the same time.

Today's lunch fare consisted of a Chicken Hawk Panini, made with fresh chicken breast and cheese with tomato and BBQ sauce (\$5.50), Doritos (\$1.00), and a Mountain Dew (\$1.50), a lunch totaling about \$8.50.

A few other patrons were eating as I waited. A short time later, my Panini arrived with a side of carrots. I have to admit, I've seen many things come with Paninis in the

past, but carrots were certainly a first. Normally, sandwiches, including a Panini, are served with a pickle.

With that said, the sandwich itself was quite enjoyable. When all is said and done, I found the Panini to be quite good, and I found a few other items on the menu board that I'm more than willing to try on subsequent trips through Thurmont. One thing is for certain, it is nice to have an alternative to the slew of fast food joints in town.



Chicken Hawk Panini

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Pictured above, Santa entertained Robert Maichle during the Holiday Celebration at Cascade Elementary School on December 15, 2012

Photo by Jim Bittner

Pictured right, on Saturday, December 15, 2012, the Cascade Legion Post 239 was abuzz with families eating breakfast together. Children patiently waited to sit on Santa's lap and receive an early Christmas gift. Some began using them immediately. This annual activity is supported by Post 239 and the Legion Auxiliary.

Photo by Joan Fry



Local Amvets Bring Christmas Spirit

The local AMVETS decorated St. Joseph's Ministries annual Christmas tree. They also visited with the residents, bringing them gifts and going on outings.

Pictured from left are John Matthews, Gene Lingg, Paul Sutton, and Tom Joy.

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Statistics on New Year's Resolutions

Approximately 40-45% of American adults make one or more resolutions each year. Among the top New Year's resolutions are resolutions about weight loss, exercise, and to stop smoking. Also popular are resolutions dealing with better money management and debt reduction.

How many of these resolutions are maintained as time goes on? Past the first week, 75%; past 2 weeks, 71%; after one month, 64%; after 6 months, only 46%. While a lot of people who make New Year's resolutions do break them, research shows that making resolutions is useful. People who explicitly make resolutions are ten times more likely to attain their goals than people who don't explicitly make resolutions.

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Christmas in Cascade

The Cascade PTA and the Sons of the Cascade American Legion, Post 239, sponsored the annual Holiday Celebration at Cascade Elementary School on December 15, 2012. The PTA sponsored Bingo at the Legion in April with a portion of the proceeds used for the celebration.

GT's Deli, Sander's Market, and other businesses and people in the community donated snacks and drinks and other essentials. Smithsburg Fire Department had their fire truck available for hands-on inspection by the kids.

Craft centers included creating pine cone/peanut butter bird feeders, a coloring contest, creating tree ornaments, a ring toss, and a 'spin-for-candy wheel'. Santa presented individual gifts to each child present. A wonderful afternoon was had by all.

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looking back – 1821

Hunting Wolves in the Catoctin Mountains

by James Rada, Jr.

While you would be lucky to find a wolf in Maryland nowadays, in the early 19th Century, Frederick County farmers kept their eyes peeled for lurking gray shapes stalking their livestock.

In 1821, Captain Harman and his good friend, Christian, left Catoctin Furnace one morning with their hunting dogs. They hiked into the Catoctin Mountains hoping their dogs would catch the scent of a wolf.

Wolves have been hunted for nearly 13,000 years for sport, their skins, and to protect livestock. It's uncertain as to whether the two men were hunting wolves for sport or to protect the livestock of farmers in the area.

Harman and Christian had walked about four miles when the dogs returned with their back hair standing up and their tails erect, signaling that they had either caught the scent or found some other sign of a wolf.

The men followed the dogs and found the lair of a male wolf. Harman sent Christian over a ridge

and down the hill about 150 feet to search out the entrance to the lair.

"Down and down he went, among the crags and fissures of the rocks, came to a large opening into which he crept, sliding along on his abdomen and slipping his faithful rifle by his side," according to the *Catoctin Clarion*. "After he got in about 100 feet, he was confronted with one of the largest female wolves ever caught or killed in these mountains. Death stared him in the face in the most hideous form; he could neither advance or recede, or use his rifle."

A female gray wolf generally runs around 80 pounds, so this wolf probably weighed closer to 100 pounds, about the size of a male wolf.

It rushed toward Christian, but instead of attacking him, it scrambled up a rock chimney.

Christian yelled up to Harman, "Here comes a wolf as large as a yearling calf." And it was, according to the *Catoctin Clarion*.

Harman, who was an "unerring

shot," shot the she-wolf as she emerged from the chimney. The wolf fell back into the hole and Harman and Christian were forced to track her back into her lair where they killed her and eight pups.

The danger from wolves, in terms of livestock loss, was so great in the 19th Century, that bounties were often offered for wolf hides. At the time of this hunt, some places would offer \$1.00 per hide. It was a good-sized bounty. In the 1820s, \$1.00 could purchase 14 pounds of beef or 3.5 pounds of nails.

By the 1870s, 100,000 wolves were killed annually in the United States. In Maryland, gray wolves had virtually disappeared by the turn of the 20th Century, according to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

"Some species disappeared from Maryland, and a few of these even became extinct range-wide. Elk, bison, wolves, and cougars have disappeared from the state,



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Scandinavian Grey Wolf (Canis Lupus)

while the carrier passenger pigeon and Carolina parakeet are now extinct," according to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources website.

Since Harman and Christian were known to get together for hunting wolves and bears, it is likely they continued such hunts after the success of this hunt.

Author's Note: The quote from Lt. Albert Hunter in last month's column came from John Miller's Civil War research in the area that he wrote about for the Emmitsburg Area Historical Society. Thanks John!



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Your Place for Poetry & Verse

by L. Claire Cantwell

What will the New Year bring? Will it be the same old rut or an exciting revelation? Resolutions will be announced and attempted, but will they make a difference? How many resolutions did any of us accomplish last year? Of all the speculation, one aspect is certain...there will be CHANGE of some sort. Many complain of being stuck in place, running the rapidly rolling hamster wheel, riding the carousel that never stops spinning or enduring the "same ole, same ole." However, those with life experience will attest that there's one thing we can all count on to occur at some time or another (and often when we least expect it!) and that is CHANGE. The writers this month have a unique perspective of CHANGE. One describes a life-threatening situation in which they had no control of the outcome. Other writers comment on the change of the landscape (or even one's mood) caused by the weather and, merely, the sun's position in the sky. Whether your life is being positively impacted by CHANGE or you are coping with a life-altering event, I hope your attitude is enriched by these Catoctin Voices.



What Will Be, Will Be

by Joan Bennett

Heart was racing, the race of life.
Once again she was under the knife
Third time's a charm, so they say
Within six months, she did pay!

And what will be, will be.

Anesthesia gives such pain relief
Upon awakening though, no release
Trapped in the body oh so broken
Soothing words were now bespoken

But what will be, will be.

Nurses anxiety rising toward morning
Her vitals were soaring with fearful warning
All family and friends had gone for the night
Leaving in medical hands her ultimate plight

So what will be, will be.

"Want to call anyone?", they asked.
"No", she said, "I surely will last."
They need their sleep to go on
God and I are just fine alone

Til what will be, will be.

They had to call the specialist in
And roll her down into the den
Where pictures many were carefully taken
But she was calm, nor was she shaking.

Cause what will be, will be.

Life was up for grabs that night
She was willing to go, without a fight
Pulmonary embolism the question was
No death that night, dawn came a buzz

God said "What Will Be, will be!"

(Poet Joan Bennett is a member of the Gettysburg Poetry Society. She wrote this piece in remembrance of the night she survived a risky surgery.)

Untitled

3/1/95

by "Olaf" aka Francis Smith

Just a bit
south of Mary's Mount
the Blue Ridge
dips a little
and there the sun
decides to settle;
a golden halo
crowns the dark hillock
Saint Anthony's resting places
west of Route 15.

All the else is
gray or mauve
charcoal or amethyst.

The traditional
silver lining
look how it now
glows with gold
full of promise
for a grande
good night.



"Change"

by Imogene Hunt

The grassy fields,
have been gnawed
down to the dirt.

That dirt, now a drab-grey,
the tired color of
post-autumn trees.

Those trees have shed their
glorious leaves, which have
been scattered by the wind,
a wind that has changed into
swirling icy-shards, telling
me, that winter is near.

(Poet Imogene Hunt resides in Gettysburg and is a previous contributor to Catoctin Voices.)

Untitled

1/89

by "Olaf" aka Francis Smith

This morn
I ope'd the draperies
of my living room
blue spacious dark
and let in the winter
sunrise
gold cold light
there is no warmth
cobwebs of my mind
dispel as the darkness
disappears under the furniture
shadows slide under the sofa.

(Francis Smith, of Emmitsburg and Taneytown, is a previous contributor to Catoctin Voices. This poem was chosen from his book, Sunrise Sunset, Selections from the Olaf Collection.)

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Your Hunting Photos



Featured on pages 24 and 25 are the hunting photos sent in to us by our wonderful readers. We would like to thank everyone who participated. We received more photos than we could include in this issue, so if you do not see your hunting photo, please look for it in the February issue of *The Catocin Banner*.



John Freniere of Emmitsburg is shown hunting by the Potomac River in Seneca.

"Vegetarian" –
 that's an old Indian
 word meaning
 'lousy hunter'.

— Andy Rooney



Colin Webb of Thurmont (12 years old) is shown in Sykesville, Maryland, on Youth Day, November 11, 2012.



Kellie and Jr Cool are pictured with Kellie's first deer, a spike, on Youth Day in Thurmont on Saturday, November 10, 2012.



Hunting photo was taken in Sabillasville on September 22, 2012. Troy Millison is pictured with his son, Phillip, with Phillip's first squirrel at age 10 (same age as his father when he got his first squirrel).



Gage Stup on his first hunt with his father, Geoff Stup.



Danny Eyler, pictured with his daughter Katie, with his first big buck of the season, 8 point taken with a bow.



(Left) Justin McAfee (14 years old), a 9th grader at Catoctin High School, is shown with his first buck, an 8 point, with a bow, on September 25, 2012.



(Right) Jacob Dumbroski (14 years old) is shown with his first deer, a 10 point, in Harford County - Thomas Homestead, on November 11, 2012.



Joanne Lingg is shown with an 8 point buck taken with a bow in early October 2012.



Jaymes Phillips



Dave Reckley has been an avid hunter for over thirty years. He hunts locally near his home in Thurmont, as well as in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. The hunting photo was taken in West Virginia in November 2012.



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Morgan Tom's first deer harvested in Ohio youth season in November 2012.



Kylie Weant is shown with a 9 point.



Hunting photo was taken by Warren Duvall on April 25, 2012, in Garrett County, Maryland.

A LAUGH OUT LOUD

An avid hunter went on a safari with his wife and mother-in-law. One evening, while deep in the jungle, the wife woke up and found that her mother was gone. Rushing to her husband's tent, she told her husband that her mother was missing and insisted on them both trying to find her.

The hunter picked up his rifle and started to look for his mother-in-law. In a clearing near the camp, he saw that the mother-in-law was backed up against a huge boulder, a large lion stood facing her. The wife cried to the husband, "What are we going to do?"

"Nothing," said the husband. "The lion got himself into this mess, let him get himself out of it."

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Christmas in Thurmont

Smiling kids and good times were the main features of 2012's Christmas in Thurmont, sponsored by the Thurmont Economic Development Committee.



Photos Courtesy of John Kinnaird

The big smile on little Emily Stottlemeyer (left) tells the whole story.

The Thurmont Economic Development Committee (EDC) would like to extend a very special "Thank You" to all who attended Christmas in Thurmont, as well as to all the hard-working volunteers. Please support your local Thurmont businesses this holiday season and always!

The 2012 EDC raffle winners at Christmas in Thurmont were: 42" 1080p HDTV, Scotty Lewis; Trek 3500 21 speed Sport Hardtail Mountain Bike, Eric

Hamerick; \$100 cash, Devin Stine. All were Thurmont residents and Devin and Scotty were present at the drawing! It was another fun part of the day, and a "Big Thanks" to all who tried their luck by purchasing tickets.

Special Thanks to all the stamping locations and sponsors: *The Catoctin Banner*, E Plus Copy Center, Hobb's Hardware, Thurmont Historical Society, Thurmont Lion's Club, Kinnaird Memorials, Catoctin Colorfest, Inc., Ace Hardware, Bollinger's Restaurant, Timeless Trends Boutique, Twice is Nice, That Rebel Place, Gateway Florist, Jay & Virginia LaRaoche, John & Karen Kinnaird, The DeWees Family, Irene Matthews, Stauffer Funeral Home, Powell Insurance, Thurmont Barber & Styling, Main Street Groomers, Thurmont Eye Care, Fedora Cafe, The Beauty Parlor, PNC Bank, Maple Run Golf Course, Thurmont Tattoo, Simply Asia, Quiznos, Kountry Kitchen, Verizon, Tec Junkies, Gateway Candyland, Thurmont Regional Library, Catoctin Mountain Trains & Hobbies, Jim & Carolyn Stull, Browns' Jewelers, Sheetz, Morningstar-A Perfect Gift, Gnarly Artly, J & J BBQ, Intowne Barber, Silver Bakery, Fratelli's New York Pizza, Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Heart & Hands, The Cozy Restaurant & Inn, Catoctin Mountain Orchard, Food Lion, Barb Barbe, Pondscapes, Catoctin Mountain Spa & Tub, Judy Mach, LMT, Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo, Elizabeth Lee.

(Right) Santa and Mrs. Claus visit with Megan Dewees during Christmas in Thurmont 2012. Be sure to visit www.thurmontfirst.com to see all the photos of Santa and his friends.



(Left) The opening ceremony at Christmas in Thurmont 2012. Be sure to visit www.thurmontfirst.com to see all the photos from Christmas in Thurmont.

Thank you to everyone for being a part of the 10th Annual Christmas in Thurmont

Wishing You a Happy New Year!

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Traditional Village Christmas Thank You



Photo courtesy of Carlton Harbaugh Photography

Annie Malone helps Lisa Sweeney design the perfect wreath while Beth McGee, Sheri Kuhn, Dianne Martz, Chris Gardiner, David Gardiner, Jerry Anderson, and Caleb Derexson enjoy the Traditional Village Christmas in the ca. 1810 log house on Saturday, December 1, 2012.

The Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc. would like to thank the participants of and visitors to their second annual Traditional Village Christmas, held on Saturday, December 1, 2012, 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.

Custom-made wreaths were decorated while visitors shopped for hand-made Christmas gifts. 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 replace the cedar shake roof on the ca. 1810 Collier's Log House.

Members of the society who worked and contributed to this event's success include Chris Gardiner, David Gardiner, Alex Gardiner, Jacob and Carla Beck, Joel Anderson, Elizabeth Comer, Anne Comer, Harold Craig, Mary Ethel Michael, Glenn Rickard, Jerry and Nancy Anderson, Beth McGee, Beverly Hoke, Lisa Sweeney, Adrien Tudor, Joann Miller, and Mary Rae Cantwell. We would like to thank the craftspeople who made the day a success: Marjan Benjamins, Beth McGee and Jeremy Ritenour – pottery; Suzanne Kijowski – woven items, candles, and soaps; Dawn Cramer and Cindy Rhoderick (East Street Beads) – beaded jewelry; Sheri Kuhn – small sewn items; Cam Miller – photographs and prints of local scenes; Dianne Martz – pots with perennials; Anita Guthrie (Mei Custos Angele) – jewelry; Valerie and Randy Nusbaum – original water colors, home-made potpourri, and wooden items; and Veronica Nehemias – table-top serving stands and garden spires.

A special thank you to the Catoctin Mountain Orchard for their generous donation of cider; to Esterly Antiques of New Market for furnishing the log house with period antiques for the event; to the members and friends of the society who made and donated baked goods; to Carlton Harbaugh for photographing the event; to Annie Malone for designing and making wreaths, to Donna Voellinger and the Thurmont Historical Society for assistance with publicity; to the PATC for the use of the ca. 1774 stone house; and to Mayne's tree farm for supplying the wreaths, roping, and centerpieces/swags at cost.



Pictured from left are Virginia LaRoche, Stacie Zelenka, Delegate Kathy Afzali, Thurmont Mayor Martin Burns and Thurmont Police Chief Gregory Eyler.

Ground Breaking Ceremony for New Catoctin Church of Christ Held in Thurmont



Photo by Dennis Norris

Pictured in front, from left, are Grace Marine, Ercil Heim, Ellen Winzer, Johnna Gregory, Mary Long, and Ruth Henderson.

The Catoctin Church of Christ has been meeting in rented space at Gateway Candyland and Market for years. The congregation started in 1996 with 15 in attendance and now ministers to over 80 people. As the church grew, the Church Elders knew they were outgrowing their rented space.

Contrary to a normal church's set-up, decisions at The Catoctin Church of Christ are made by the Church Elders; Glenn Murray, Jeff Yocum and Dennis Norris. In June of 2008, they settled on land at 140 N. Carroll Street in Thurmont with plans to build a new church. They raised \$350,000 through free will gifts and contributions for the church and paid for the land in eighteen months.

The congregation gathered for a Ground Breaking Ceremony on Sunday, December 16, 2012 at noon at which time Ellen Winzer and Mary Long shared the important duty of scooping the first shovel of dirt for construction of the new church. The excited congregation cheered the occasion.

The Catoctin Church of Christ's Minister, Richard Long said that the church "is an evangelical church built on the biblical foundations that faith in God's plan for our salvation is the great commission of Jesus Christ to share his gospel with every fellow human being." To be part of it, call 301-271-4102. Worship service is held every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome.

Chestnut Trees Come to Thurmont

Representatives of the American Chestnut Foundation visited Thurmont on November 28, 2012, and helped plant ten Chestnut trees. Six were planted at Woodside Park and the others in the Blue Ridge Cemetery. Half of the saplings planted are pure American Chestnuts and the others are a blight resistant hybrid. The American Chestnut was once a dominant species in the mountains above Thurmont, but with the introduction of the Chestnut Blight, the majority of the local trees perished. The American Chestnut Foundation donated the saplings and is hoping to successfully reintroduce the chestnut to this area.



Photo by John Kinnaird

Shown with members of the town crew are American Chestnut Foundation members Mark Vollard (far left), Gary Carver (second from right), and Ron Kulpers (far right), James Becker (not present).

Looking for Something Fun to Do?

Check the **Community Calendar** on page 35 to view the calendar for events of interest, including bingos, breakfasts, dinners, programs, benefits, and much more!

The Catoctin Banner's Holiday Home Decorating Contest Winners Announced



Photo by Grace Schramm

The Dinterman home, winners of *The Catoctin Banner's* Holiday Home Decorating Contest — 111 Bosc Court, Thurmont won First Place; 4 Tippet Drive, Thurmont won second place.

Congratulations to the winner of *The Catoctin Banner Newspaper's* 2nd Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest: The Dinterman Family won with their creatively decorated home at 111 Bosc Court, Thurmont that featured "dripping icicle" lights. Second place was awarded to the residents at 4 Tippet Drive, Thurmont.

We received calls asking us to give a "shout-out" to Bosc Court as one of the best lit streets in Thurmont! Thanks to all who took part. Happy Holidays to all...let your lights shine!



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our neighborhood veterans

by Jim Houck, Jr.

A Soldier's Christmas — A Letter from the Past Speaks to Today

Although set over sixty years ago in the era of WWII, the sentiments expressed by the soldier seem very fitting for this approaching Christmas season when many families will miss sons and daughters who are serving far from home. While written from the perspective of a Christian celebrating the birth of Christ, the message is in many regards a universal message of hope and of the power of love.

The Last Christmas Tale

We hear from many readers serving their country, including those in harm's way. This WWII-era Christmas tale is offered with warmest Christmas greetings—and heartfelt prayers of gratitude—to each man and woman serving something bigger than themselves.

Greater love has no one than this; that he lay down his life for his friends. — John 15:13

It's Christmas Eve, 1945, and the tiny church is filled to capacity. Candles cast a soft glow in the dimly lit sanctuary. An elderly man steps to the pulpit and clears his throat slightly, gathering the attention of all in the room. "Our pastor asked me to read you this letter, written by his son last Christmas Eve."

The room grew absolutely still. Quietly, the deacon began to read:

*Bastogne, Belgium
24 December, 1944*

Dear Dad,

Your letter dated 22 November arrived awhile ago. I'm saving it to open on Christmas. You cannot imagine what a gift it is to get mail here. Some guys who get no mail ask us to read ours out loud, just so they can hear from home, even

if it isn't their home.

There are only six of us left now from the old gang. The rest are wounded, missing, or buried here on the other side of the world. The new guys seem so young, though most of them are only a year or two under us in age. They'll be old too, soon enough. It's so cold we can't stop shaking; our water freezes almost before we can drink it! Rockport seems so far away to me now. What I wouldn't give to be baking on its summer beaches again!

A stir near the rear of the auditorium caught the deacon's eye, causing him to pause and look up. Near the back of the room, an old man leaned on his cane as he struggled to his feet. Expecting him to leave the pew, a young couple stepped aside to let him out, but he merely nodded and stood in place. Another man one row back also stood. Then another, and another, until eventually every man in the congregation was on his feet. The reader at the pulpit turned to the pastor, who looked across the crowd, deeply moved by this show of respect for his son. Then he continued to read:

All those years you gave sermons on Christmas, I never really understood how a person could love somebody enough to give his life for them. But these guys, Dad! I know it must sound silly, but you don't live and fight with someone without growing to love them. I know there are bigger reasons why we fight wars, but for us here on the ground, it's about protecting each other, simple as that. For the first time in my life, I understand there's something worth dying for, and that's the guy in my foxhole. I've seen men scared beyond belief do amazing things when their buddies are in trouble.

Tonight I heard singing across the fields where the Germans are camped. I didn't know the words, but the music was familiar. It's hard to believe the soldiers over there are singing "Silent Night" in their language, being the enemy and all. Still it makes me wonder if they aren't doing the same thing we are, fighting not for Hitler and his minions, but for their own buddies next to them. It almost makes me wish we could shake hands and just go home. But we can't, and we know it.

No disrespect, Dad, but I'm not sure anyone can understand the story of Christmas better than the soldier. If he can give up a chance to see life through, just because his friends are in trouble, then certainly God can love us that much. Surely that explains how Jesus could give up His place in heaven to come to earth.

As the reader paused to draw a breath, the sniffs and sounds of muffled crying could be heard throughout the room, but little else. He continued:

Not all of us are Christians here, Dad, and I'm sorry for that. Death comes so quickly to some that I just know they didn't have time to prepare to meet their Maker. I know it worries you that I'm here. When I signed up, I was so sure nothing could happen to me! Now what I want most is to be warm again; to be someplace quiet and safe. I want to get married, drive a new car, and all those things it feels like I'll never do now. I don't want to leave this world, nobody here does, but every day it looks more and more like most of us will. I want you to know, Dad, never before has Christmas meant so much to me. The story of the baby Jesus gives me hope in a place where there's very little reason to have hope.

I know if I don't make it, I'll be buried over here, and it makes

me sad to think you won't even be able to visit my grave. But what joy we share knowing there will be a day when we all can see each other again in a place where we never will be sad or hurt or sorry again. So that's my Christmas present to you, Dad. Know that this Christmas, I understand better than ever before all those things you tried so hard to teach me. Give my love to Mom. I'll write again when I'm able.

Love, Tommy

Not a dry eye could be found in the sanctuary that evening, one full year after that letter had been written. The men continued to stand out of respect for the pastor's son, and the ladies bowed their heads, showing their respect, as they prayed quietly for the pastor and his family. The pastor continued to sit through this quiet salute, absorbing the love of his people for him and his son.

After a few moments, a man seated to his left stood and stepped to the podium to lead the congregation in carols. As he did so, the congregation erupted in applause. Perhaps only on the first Christmas night did the appearance of a father's son cause more joy.

—Randy Kilgore

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and has a Happy, Joyous and Prosperous New Year 2013.

community veteran event board

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Men's Auxiliary VFW 6658, Oyster Feed—stewed, steamed, fried, and raw, Saturday, January 26, 2013, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. \$25.00/person (includes beverages/sides). Tickets available at Post.

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Francis X. Elder American Legion Post 121, 105 N. Seton Aveune, Emmitsburg— 301-447-2274

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 121, in conjunction with regular members and ALA are holding an Old Fashioned Pig Roast on January 12, 2013, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. (doors open at 2:00 p.m.). \$15.00/person (sides and beverages included). Tickets available at the Post or see a member).

Thurmont American Legion Happenings, Post 168

Happy New Year! The holidays will be gone, not much more than a memory and a big credit card bill. We do have a few things going on here at the Post. Every Thursday from 7:00-9:00 p.m., we have Bingo. Come on down and play—ya gotta play to win! On Friday, January 11, 2013, Ralph Gann will be doing Karaoke, and on January 25, DJ JAKE will be doing Karaoke. We all have a good time, some of you can really sing, and others....

On January 26, 2013, in our Banquet Hall, the local Cub Scouts will be holding their PINWOOD DERBY. This is a big deal for the kids; they make little cars and then compete to see who has the fastest. There are no losers in this event—all the Kids are WINNERS.

Our monthly meeting schedule is: the Sons of The American Legion will be on the 10th, on the 15th we have the Legion meeting, and the Ladies Auxiliary will be meeting on the 17th. Don't forget bingo; and, in February, Sticktime will be here.

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Pets of Interest by Carie Stafford

SABER SAMMY, RETIRED U.S.M.C.

— FOREVER A HERO —

As November came to a close and people turned their attention to the upcoming holidays, a memorable holiday passed—Veteran's Day. It's important to take time to actually celebrate the reason for the holiday, which is to remember those military members who have served and those who have given their lives, so that people today can enjoy the freedoms for which the United States of America so proudly stands. The following Pets of Interest article was printed in the October, 2011 issue of *The Catocin Banner*:

There is a special Veteran who has given so much for so many in battle, during training, and in retirement. He does not speak the English language, but we can still understand what he needs. His name is Saber Sammy F265, and he is a retired U.S. Marine working dog, previously attached to the Saber Unit 1 Battalion 1 Marines at Camp Pendleton.

Sammy retired in July of 2011 and came to live with Debbie Higgins, the mother of the Marine that Sammy saved during battle, who later succumbed to his injuries. (Pets of

Interest article in the October 2011 issue of The Catocin Banner.)

Sammy was there when he was needed and retired to live with the person who needed him. You see, a Veterans job is never done. Yes, there are stories to tell and memories to relive, but they are here for so many purposes, to remind us of the sacrifices that take place day after day that people don't see.

Sammy has had a wonderful retirement and was a firm believer in PT (physical training) on a daily basis. He was a representative for Veterans in over four parades, participated in training exercises at Aberdeen, participated as a military escort in three funerals; made special visits to over seven churches; was a monthly visitor to Walter Reed Army Hospital to visit other Veterans; was an honored visitor to the U.S. Marine Corps. Museum; participated in Rolling Thunder; participated in Bonanza in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, on Veteran's Day; participated in Ashberry Park for cystic fibrosis awareness; and was recently the K-9 during Thurmont's



(Left) Saber Sammy, Retired U.S.M.C. Sammy retired in July 2011.

(Below) Saber Sammy, featured in the October 2011 issue of *The Catocin Banner*.

Photos by Carie Stafford

National Night Out in August 2012.

Sammy has been an inspiration to many and a true comfort to his companion, Debbie.

On October 30, 2012, Sammy suffered a stroke that caused neurological damage to his brain. His time had come to be with his first handler LCPL James Higgins, Jr. With honor, dignity, and grace, in all that he did and all he aided, Saber Sammy F265 was a hero. Thank you for your service, Sammy; the honor was ours to have had you as a part of our lives. Semper Fi.

Saber Sammy F265 was purchased by the Department of Defense to become a military working dog. His primary mission was to serve and protect the men and women of the United States military.



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Tickling Our Tastebuds

by Denise Valentine

Hello, everyone! The recent surges of cold weather got me to thinking about "comfort food." There's nothing better on a cold evening than a good, hot meal. I'm embarrassed to say that meals during the week are a "hodge podge" of leftovers, carryout, or a quick stop at a fast food place after a meeting or a basketball game. Sunday evening is a special night, as the family comes home and we have a full dinner. I usually prepare a meat, potato, and a vegetable or two. They all like meatloaf, and it's something I can prepare during the day and put in the refrigerator until it's time to cook it. I hope your family enjoys this quick and easy "comfort food."



Meatloaf

- 2 pound lean ground beef
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 3 slices of bread, cut in very small cubes
- ¼ cup of ketchup
- 2 tablespoons of steak sauce
- 2 tablespoons of minced onion
- ½ cup mozzarella cheese, shredded
- ¼ cup of red or green pepper, chopped – optional
- 1 clove of fresh garlic, pressed - optional

Place all ingredients (except for the cheese) in a large mixing bowl and blend together (use your hands—it's much easier). Place in an 8" x 8" square baking pan. Pat the mixture into a square in the center leaving a 1 inch space around the edge. Cover with aluminum foil and bake at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes – remove foil and bake an additional 15 minutes. Drain off the grease. Sprinkle with the cheese and return to the oven just long enough to melt.

***For a large group you can double the recipe and place in a 9" x 13" baker. Allow an additional 15 minutes baking time.

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senior moments

by Helen Deluca

To all of you Seniors out there. I want to tell you that this article is very fitting to the season. It is a time of giving, sharing and receiving.

The Center Christmas party at the Graceham Moravian Church was a very pleasant afternoon. A delicious dinner with 90 seniors present, with entertainment by Peggy and John Offutt, favors by Pauline Duble, and some great door prizes put everyone in a festive mood. Also present were Mayor Burns, Commissioner Bill Buehrer, and Town Administrative Officer Bill Blakeslee. Mayor Burns presented a check from the Town to Patt Troxell, president of the Board of Directors, to offset operating costs of the Center (picture below). Needless to say we are most appreciative. We also had



Courtesy Photos

an auction at the dinner. A beautiful wicker and wrought iron sleigh was donated to the Center and was filled with a variety of gifts. John Dowling who served as our auctioneer did a fine job of bringing in a generous bid from Winnie Gernand on the sleigh. A red nosed reindeer also brought in another generous bid. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your support. Drawings for the quilt, and cash prizes were also made. The quilt was awarded to Barbara and Roger Roderick, \$100 awarded to Deb Spalding, and \$50 to Mrs. Reed.

Another very special event was the sold out concert given by Richard Troxell at Apples Church on December 9th. Richard and several very talented people entertained a SRO group for more than three hours. What a fantastic show they offered with all the proceeds to support the Thurmont Senior Center. How many ways are there to say "Thank You!!!"

We would also like to express our gratitude to all those who made donations who choose not to have their names given. Also to Jenny

Freeze at Cozy who gets the lunches to the Center and works so hard to keep all of us happy.

Now, take the time to mark your calendar for these upcoming events: December 31—New Year's Eve party at 12:00 p.m. You're a senior now so the party is at 12 noon! Lunch as usual is \$5.75 or donation. Call a day ahead for reservation. Entertainment, cake, and games will follow lunch; January 11, 2013—11:00 a.m., presentation regarding the pros and cons of reverse mortgages; January 16, 2013—12:00 p.m., a pot luck lunch, general meeting, and January birthday party; January 23, 2013—brown bag bingo after lunch. To play brown bag bingo, please be generous with your donations to the Thurmont Food Bank.

If you have indulged too much over the holidays, join us for the Yoga class on Monday at 10:00 a.m., or video aerobics at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Unfortunately, the fashion show was scheduled too late to include in the last issue, so I will include more in the next month. Don't forget to tell your friends that this beautiful Center is for rent on the weekend. For the fee of \$150 plus a refundable deposit of \$50, it's an ideal place for your next special event.

Welcome to our new Board Members, Kathy Dowling, and Sam Miller. You may have seen a new face at the Coordinator's desk. Meet Kaylor Knepper who is quickly and efficiently learning to be our new Coordinator.

And now I want to share this very special letter with you:

December 1, 2012

This year I had the wonderful opportunity to join the Senior Center as a volunteer. Since I had my own personal medical issues and had to retire from work, I have never volunteered nor did anything outside of the home. I heard about the Thurmont Senior Center and wanted the opportunity to see what it was about. I went there for lunch and talked to others and ended up signing up to volunteer. I am so happy I took the opportunity to volunteer. Everyone welcomed me with open arms and I have met a lot of wonderful people that make me feel a part of a family at the Thurmont Seniors. My own family says I smile more now that I have become a volunteer with the seniors. Being at Thurmont Senior Center has made me feel good about myself, has made

me more confident and given me joy to give my time to others in the community. I look forward to getting more involved with additional activities as my health allows me to.

To me, it's a great feeling to help others. I love that I am rewarded with appreciation through kind words, smiles and hugs.

As a token of my appreciation to the Center I am making a donation and hope that others will see the benefits and do the same. It's through donations and volunteers that keep the Center going and I believe it is a great place for all seniors to come and feel at peace. It's also great to know that there are people that care and appreciate the small things in

Irene Matthews (three from left) makes a donation from the "Sunshine Corner Senior Crafters" to Doris Roman (center), the Center Treasurer. The donation was forwarded to the Graceham Volunteer Fire Company, with gratitude for their unused bingo equipment donated to the Center. With the expertise of John Dowling, the equipment has been refurbished and we are planning to have monthly bingo parties at the Center in the near future.



Emmitsburg Senior Center

Visits from Santa come a little early every year for the Emmitsburg Senior Center. On December 14, 2012, participants of the Center joined together to celebrate their yearly Christmas Party. For over twenty-five years, seniors have been delighted to have a home-cooked dinner, enjoy time with friends, and have a special visit from St. Nick. While Santa made his rounds visiting every table that morning, one gentlemen by the name of Smitty Smith made a special request. "Santa, will you bring me a new Harley?" Instead, Mr. Smith received a candy bar. His friends continued to joke with him around the table.

Another party-goer is a lady by the name of Gloria Joy. Gloria is a regular at the center who enjoys "seeing everyone, the company, and the games as well!"

The Emmitsburg Senior Center wasn't the only group that day having a good time. The Emmitsburg YMCA headstart program neighboring the Senior's enjoyed a visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus as well. The

life that Senior Center has to offer. I heard a quote one day that said "you only get what you give". Everyone should carry that in their heart.

Warm Wishes for a great holiday and a prosperous New Year at the Thurmont Senior Center."

This letter expresses all that we, who volunteer at the Center, want to accomplish. There is nothing more I can add except to say it leaves all of us with our hearts full of peace and gratitude. We, the Board of Directors, and volunteers, welcome all of you to share what we have to offer.

Our sincere wishes to all of you and yours for a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.



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Santa deemed Smitty Smith "naughty" during the Emmitsburg Senior Center's Christmas Party.

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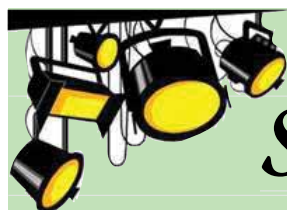
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Eddie Kessler's Spotlight

Kessler Business Review **Learn & Buy Pottery From An Expert**

We are fortunate to have a leading pottery expert and business in the Frederick County area. Owner, Tamera Martinez, of "The Little Pottery Shop" in Frederick, provides beautiful hand-decorated, carved, cut, dried, and glazed items that range from the elegant to the casual. Ms. Martinez' pottery compliments any room and makes great gifts.

I took Tammy my precious ceramic San Francisco Music Box "Soda Sipper" that I had fractured. Tammy had the patience of a saint and was able to restore it to its original beauty. So, I encourage you to shop, learn and take your cherished keep-sakes to this remarkable lady. I think she's a gift to us all – and an original in our County!

In addition to providing a fun place to shop; she is offering pottery classes for hands-on instruction in six week sessions. Visiting professional pottery artist workshops feature Kevin Crose with his intro to "throwing large forms"; Ellen Shankin speaks on "altered pots" and Dick Lehman and Bill Schran teach "crystalline at Cone 6". Denise Joyal instructs on "soda firing"; Kristen Kieffer on "Altered and ornaments"; Fon Chon on teapots and Steven Hill.

To sign up, call 301-620-7501 or go online to www.tmpottery.net.

Eddie Kessler's Bookshelf **"Trials and Tribulations of Murder"**

In a Cumberland, Maryland federal prison, Jeffrey MacDonald has been convicted and sentenced—despite numerous trials, his plea of innocence, and an eye-witness that

provided clues to set him free.

Academy Award-winning film maker and former private detective, Errol Morris, has written and published through The Penguin Press, a revealing book on the MacDonald case. It's entitled, *A Wilderness of Error*.

This tragic case has been languishing for forty years, and, Morris, through his own personal investigation, found blatant mistakes and deliberate transgressions on the part of self-effacing, ego-driven prosecutors who lied and hid valuable evidence in order to secure the conviction of Jeffrey MacDonald.

On the morning of February 17, 1970, in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Green Beret doctor, Jeffrey MacDonald called police for help. When they arrived at his post home, they found the bloody bodies of MacDonald's wife, who was pregnant, and two of his young daughters. They were battered to death and the word "pig" was written in blood on the headboard in the master bedroom. As Mr. MacDonald was being lifted into the ambulance (he, too, had been attacked), he stated that a band of drug-crazed hippies had been the culprits of the crime. MacDonald described a woman wearing a floppy hat. An eye-witness also stated that such a woman was seen in the vicinity.

This tragic murder case has been the focal point of a made-for-TV movie, and a number of best-selling books, including Joe McGinniss' *Fatal Vision*, who, according to Jeffrey MacDonald, lied to create a book that would tell MacDonald's side of his story—proclaiming his innocence—but instead viciously attacked him and turned everyone against him. The TV movie did the same. Author, Janet Malcolm's *The Journalist and*

the Murderer was a hit miniseries.

Now, Errol Morris, through his investigations, has shed new light on a flawed prosecution of "an innocent man." He does this through photographic evidence, eye-witness accounts, shocking interviews, and police mistakes. Readers will find this remarkable reworking of this true crime thriller both fascinating and frightening. By book's end, you'll learn two very different narratives, and the fact that criminal justice and the media are not what they claim to be.

The book is priced at \$29.95 from Penguin Press, which has now been merged with Random House Publishers in New York. Mr. MacDonald has been provided hearing and the support of the support of the Innocence Project.

Eddie Kessler's More Than Meets The Eye **"Foods for The Eyes"**

You've heard of "eye candy," but did you know about ten eye-healthy foods? Well, I'm listing them for your edification. They include: eggs, a great source of Vitamins A, B-12 and D, along with zinc and lutein; nuts, they're packed with Vitamin E and Omega-3 fatty acids; oranges, they are juicy and dripping with Vitamin C; Butternut Squash, they are loaded with Vitamin A; lean red meat, packed with zinc to help prevent macular degeneration.

Flaxseed oil is invaluable for its Omega-3 content to fight "dry eye." Green Peas contain Vitamins A, C, and E; avocados are loaded with lutein and Vitamins A, C, B6 and E; Kale is oozing with lutein and zeaxanthin; Red Peppers have tons of beta-carotene. Add tomatoes, which are full of lycopene and Vitamin C for an eye-opening zeal. Carrots are my favorite, but some people question whether they are all they claim to be. Personally, I believe they are great for the eyes and they taste great, too.

Try some of these eye-healthy ingredients in soups. Try Noodles

& Company soup for a wonderful home-made taste. Carrabbas Italian Grill has a Mama's Chicken Sicilian Soup filled with great vegetables. Tell them Eddie sent you!

Kessler Product Review **A Heritage of Quality-Made Luggage**

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Where Community & Ideas Connect

by Erin Dingle, Administrator, Thurmont Regional Library/
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Happy 2013 and welcome to a new year for new ideas at the Thurmont Regional Library and Emmitsburg Branch Library.

Our resolution and goal for this year is to encourage any and all community organizations to think about how the library can play a role in your activities. The library is already actively engaged with a variety of groups such as the Thurmont Lion's Club, Thurmont Economic and Development Committee, local law enforcement, public and private schools and pre-schools, the arts community and homeschoolers. We would like to discover ways to support your organization this year.

Here is just one example. Are you a Scout leader in the community? Some troops have discovered that libraries are the perfect location for troop meetings and activities. We make our locked display case available for troops to showcase special projects for the community to see, and we offer free meeting room space with plenty of free parking for large events, such as an Eagle Scout ceremony. Perhaps you would like your troop to earn a badge with the help of a librarian? Stop by or call us at 301-600-7212 if you'd like to develop a plan, if you feel your troop would like to visit or use resources at either the Thurmont or Emmitsburg branch library. This is how your public library can connect to your community activity.

For this New Year, both North County library branches have full calendars of excitement and learning for area children. Be sure to visit the library website program listings at www.fcpl.org to see what's coming up. Here's something new! Every Saturday in January and February, drop in and spend time at either branch between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to participate in a self-paced Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) activity. It will be available all day in the Children's area and will be a great reason to get out and do something fun on a cold day. One week it might be magnets or measurements or number problems, but one thing is certain: we guarantee that it will always be fun.

Other activities to keep winter brains active include practice sessions for the county spelling bee, unique activities at our evening Starlight Family Stories on Tuesday nights (perfect for working parents), and something every Friday morning, where little ones will learn Spanish, enjoy literacy through active play, or celebrate the magic of music. Monthly print-outs of programs are always available in the branch. Be sure to ask for one.

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- 30 ... Cumberland Valley Model Railroad Club Open House, 440 Nelson St., Chambersburg, PA. 12:00-5:00 p.m. Z,N,TT,HO,S,O,G & Standard gauge. The world's smallest electric train- T scale Thomas the Train & Lego layouts. Nonprofit org. Free admission/handicap accessible. 264-3081; 263-6447; www.cvmrrc.com.
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- 4.....Coffee House, Lewistown United Methodist Church, 11032 Hessong Bridge Rd., Lewistown. 301 898-7888.
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- 12....Open House, Stultz Fitness, 285 Boyle Road, Fairfield. 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 717-334-6009.
- 13....All-You-Can Eat Country Breakfast, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center, Thurmont. 8:00a.m.-1:00p.m. \$7/Adults; \$3/Children ages 4-10; Free/ & Under. 301- 447-2367.
- 14....Like to sing? The Clustered Spires Chorus, a women's barbershop group, invites women of all ages and voice parts to a Guest Night, Trinity United Methodist Church, 705 West Patrick Street, Frederick, MD. 7:00-9:30 p.m. Rehearse regularly on Monday evenings/ guests are always welcome. Clusteredspires.org or Diane 301-662-1084.
- 15....Take-a-Tour Tuesday, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Future Tour date: January 15. 301-447-3161 or visit www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 18....Turkey/Ham/Pot Pie Dinner, Ladies Auxiliary Post 6819 VFW Harney, 5803 Conover Rd, Taneytown, MD. 6:00-9:00 p.m. \$7/meal; carryouts available. 301-447-2477.
- 19....CHS Safe N Sane Wing Nite, Vigilant Fire Company, Emmitsburg. \$15/ person DJ, Silent Auction
- 26....EBPA Rock N Roll Relics Dance, Emmitsburg Vol. Ambulance Co. Bldg., 17701 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. 8:00 p.m. - Midnight. 301-401-7287.
- 26....Pinewood Derby, Cub Scout Pack 270 Thurmont. Open to everyone. http://pinewoodderby.org/http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/CubScouts/Activities/Adults/derbies.aspx. Register by visiting the Pack 270 website at www.cubpack270.com (deadline Jan.21). Info., contact Brian Seiss at kbtt96@yahoo.com.
- 27....Spaghetti Dinner at Mother Seton School. Noon-5:00 p.m. All You Can Eat Spaghetti. \$7/Adults & children over 10; \$4/ Children 3-10; Free/ages 2 and under. PLUS Open House 1:00-3:00 p.m. Attend new information session at 1:30 p.m. and your kids eat for FREE at Spaghetti dinner from 2:00-3:30 p.m. 301-447-3161 or www.mothersetonschool.org
- 31....Crab Cake Dinner, at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall in Emmitsburg. 4:30-7:30 p.m.

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February

- 9.....Cash Bash, Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Parish Center, 103 Church Street, Thurmont. Doors open 2:00 p.m.; cash awarded every 15 minutes from 3:00-8:00 p.m. \$25/ticket. Music by Back Roads. 301-447-2367.
- 9.....American Cancer Society (ACS) Relay for Life Golf Club Team's Benefit Dance, Thurmont American Legion, 8 Park Lane, Thurmont. Doors open 7:00 p.m.; dance 8:00 p.m.-midnight. Featuring Sticktime. \$15.00 (on sale January 9). You must have a ticket for admission; must be 21 years old to attend. For tickets, call 240-315-5331 or 301-447-3060.
- 10....Orders collected for Rocky Ridge Butchering, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire

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- 16....CHS Safe N Sane Adult Dance, Thurmont American Legion, Park Lane, Thurmont. \$15/couple, \$10/ person. DJ and Silent Auction.
- 16 ... Butchering, Rocky Ridge Fire Company, Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge. Pick up orders 6:00 to 10:00 a.m.
- 25....Emmitsburg's Eighth Burns Night, Joann's Ballroom, the Carriage House Inn, 200 South Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. 5:30-8:30 p.m. (Snow date: February 26). Benefit EOPCC. \$50/person. 301-447-2690 or otoole@msmary.edu or www.burnsnite.com. Reservations must be made no later than Jan. 26, 2013.

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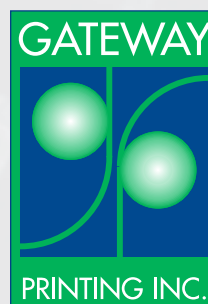
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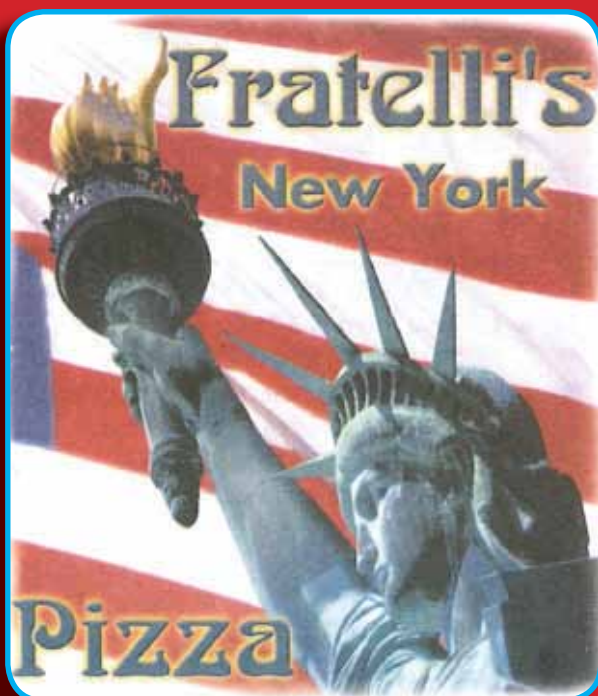
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