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Catoctin High School Baseball STATE CHAMPIONS



Catoctin High School's Varsity Baseball team is shown celebrating their victory at Ripken Stadium against North Carolina. This win was Catoctin's first Class 2A State Baseball Championship Title.

Teamwork, smart choices, good plays, and top notch pitching by members of Catoctin's baseball team stacked up to earn the school's first-ever Class 2A State Baseball State Championship Title. Catoctin beat the Eastern Shore's North Carolina Bulldogs 4 runs to 2 at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen, Maryland, on Saturday, May 25, 2013. Good job to the top notch coaching team of Head Coach Mike Franklin and Assistant Coach Les Fisher. After fourteen years of coaching, Coach Franklin grabbed the brass ring on this—his fourth—trip to the state championship. The Cougars finished the season 11-1.

Like the crystal blue skies that day, Catoctin's team wore light blue, light gray and white, and seemed to carry sunny smiles and cool demeanors. If they were stressed, it didn't show. Team members supported each other with chants and gestures in a sportsman-like manner. Coaches Franklin and Fisher seemed to be having a good time with smiles and open communication. At one point, a majestic American Eagle soared over the field.

Things got interesting in the top of the second inning when second baseman, Seth Schubert, abandoned a run down at first base, opting for a throw to catcher, Joey Johnson,

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Catoctin High School Softball STATE SEMI-FINALISTS



Photos by Deb Spalding

Catoctin High School's Varsity Softball State Semi-Finalists team is pictured in College Park, Maryland on Friday, May 24, 2013.

Catoctin High School's Lady Cougar Varsity Softball Team traveled to College Park, Maryland, on Friday evening, May 24, 2013, to face Easton in the Class 2A State Championship game. Cougar fans were bundled in hoods and blankets to face the unseasonably windy and chilly weather. Temperatures were much colder than Maryland's normally hot and humid Memorial Day Weekend weather.

Having won the State Championship three times previously, most recently under the coaching leadership of Jessica Valentine in 2011 as a Class

1A school, Catoctin was entering this game with a 21-2 record.

The Cougar's opponent, the Easton Warriors, entered the contest with a record of 21-3. They have won the state title six times since 2000. Both teams were primed to show their talents for a spirited contest at the beginning of the game. Cougar senior, Stephanie Andrew, could be heard rallying the team.

With the Warriors up to bat first, the Cougars were immediately shaken after performing a series of fielding mistakes. It was out of character when many of the Cougars

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Take a Local Vacation at Gettysburg



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From the Publisher

Dear Reader:

This issue is bursting with good news. Take a look to see how our Catoctin High School (CHS) sports teams fared this spring in championship contests; see how much fun you could have vacationing locally in Gettysburg, PA; glimpse a few seldom-mentioned mountain top businesses; read about yourself, your friends, or your relatives in this issue of *The Catoctin Banner*. It was fun attending many of our local events and activities that have taken place recently. This month, I sold some jar tickets during the Spring Fling; reminisced and sang along with the CHS Choir and Band for the singing of the CHS Alma Mater; and attended our Girl's Softball and Boy's Baseball State Championship games.

It is with honor that I celebrate the ten year anniversary of E Plus Copy Center & Promotions. On June 3, 2003, I opened the store "where the carts used to be" in the lobby of Jubilee Grocery Store in Emmitsburg. Lorne Peters, one of Jubilee's owners, suggested that I move the copy center store I had started in Thurmont to the space in Jubilee's lobby. He wanted convenience services for his customers. Ten years later, I'd say that Lorne was right. It's been a slow-building business, but it is coming into its season. While we (my brother, my mother and I) ran both locations for a while, it became clear that the Emmitsburg location was the stronger of the two, so we closed the Thurmont location.

When we took on the job of publishing *The Catoctin Banner* about seven years ago, the day-to-day running of my business became a little overwhelming since I haven't always had the resources to make things easy. Everyone knows that there are challenges with any business venture. So, we adapted. I am proud of the good we have done. Today, with the help of many people, especially Grace Schramm Eyler, Danielle Hoff, Michele Tester, my mother, as well as many part-time team members, we've become pretty good at managing the cycle of publishing, as well as meeting our customers' graphic design, printing, copying, and shipping needs. See our ad on the back cover to take advantage of some discounts for our anniversary.

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Deb Spalding, Publisher

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town hall reports

by Michele Cuseo

Emmitsburg May 2013

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Town commissioners voted to increase the water rate for those using over 10,000 gallons per month. The current rate fee of \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons will increase to \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons for those using 10,000 gallons or more starting July 1. For households using less than 10,000 gallons, the current rate of \$2.40 per 1,000 gallons will still apply. The increase was considered necessary to pay for the new wastewater treatment plant.

Town Budget Proposals

Mayor Briggs and commissioners presented a \$1.6 million general fund budget that assumes keeping the property tax rate the same at 36.5 cents per \$100 assessed value.

The recommendations for the budget also included a 2 percent cost-of-living increase for town staff, worth a total of \$12,800, and \$10,000 for the Downtown revitalization project.

150th Gettysburg Reenactment Update

This event is anticipated to be the largest and most significant Civil War reenactment in America to date. Close to 10,000 Reenactors are expected to participate in the reenactment in Gettysburg on July 4-7. Estimates of visiting tourists, TV crews, vendors, and so on, are rumored to be close to 1 million people. Hotels, motels, bed and breakfast businesses, and camp sites are booked to the max. With Emmitsburg in close proximity to this major event, the traffic and overflow are expected to impact our area.

For more information about the reenactment activities visit www.gettysburgreenactment.com

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

Thurmont May 2013

Thurmont Officials Take Action to Fight Drug Abuse

Town officials have been working on solutions to fight drug trafficking and use in Thurmont. Heroin is of particular concern after the deaths of two young people in our area. Starting in June, the town will be using a drug-sniffing dog, trained by a town police officer to help in searches. Mayor Burns said he would like to have frequent checks at Catoctin High School and perhaps other schools for drugs. The town would need permission from the principals of the schools. At a special meeting on May 16, many citizens gathered to listen and discuss the issues with local law enforcement and town and county officials. Parents were encouraged to be more involved with their children, and more aware of possible issues, check backpacks, etc. A program to gather unused/unwanted prescription drugs has also been quite successful, with approximately 160 lbs. collected in April by the town police dept. Each year, the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration sponsors community events where local residents can drop off unwanted or unused drugs and medications.

Town Reviewing Budget

Thurmont officials are still reviewing all budget requests that were put on the table for the next fiscal year. Some items under consideration are waste water treatment expenses, maintaining current equipment, repairing bridges, new snowplowing trucks, town park maintenance expenses, and a secondary line from the Potomac Edition substation to the town. Officials must prioritize expenses due to revenue restrictions. Citizens are welcome to voice their preferences to town officials.

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

For the "Where Am I?" Photo Contest, take a look at the photo to the right and tell us where it was taken. It is somewhere in or around our Northern Frederick County Area, 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 Catoctin Veterinary Clinic in Thurmont. Last month's winner is Betty Lou Dawson.

Photo by Irene Matthews



Hidden Object Game

Last month's Hidden Object was a spool of thread. It was located on page 3 in the Craig's Mower and Marine Service advertisement. The winner of the Hidden Object Game is Barb Knott. If the winner has not been contacted, please call us to claim your prize. This month's Hidden Object is a pink elephant with wings.

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(Answers on page 38)

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a) Vivacious; animated
b) Sensible; proper
c) Careless; hasty | 3. Diligent (adj.)
a) Hardened; unfeeling
b) Lacking in restraint; loud
c) Persistent; attentive |
| 2. Perplexed (adj.)
a) Fault finding; critical
b) Anxious; frantic
c) Confused; uncertain | 4. Notoriety (n.)
a) Deceptive maneuver
b) Well-known for unfavorable act or quality
c) Trait of dignified seriousness |

5. Which word above would work best in this sentence?
He neither sought nor enjoys the _____ that his scandalous book brought.

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Emmitsburg Hosts Community Heritage Day Events

With four million visitors expected to visit Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, this year for the 150th Anniversary of the great Civil War battle, the small town of Emmitsburg is using the opportunity to celebrate its own involvement in the Battle of Gettysburg. "The Lions Club celebrates Emmitsburg Community Day every year on the last Saturday in June, and it is always a great success," said Cliff Sweeney, Emmitsburg Lions Club President, "but this year we were inspired to expand the event to include much, much, more." For the past thirty-one years, the Emmitsburg Lions Club has hosted a Community Day to benefit the charities and scholarships it supports. The day is considered a highlight in the small town, and it has consistently been well-attended by locals.

This year, the Lions Club and many of the town's organizations, businesses, and institutions have come together to create a weekend heritage event to celebrate Emmitsburg's roll in the Civil War. "The men and women of the Vigilant Hose Company (VHC) are excited to be helping the community remember and celebrate its proud heritage," expressed VHC President Tim Clark.

"Emmitsburg has a rich history," said Mike Hillman of the

Emmitsburg Area Historical Society, "and the personal accounts from Emmitsburg about the Battle are some of the most compelling." In particular is the story about the Great Fire of Emmitsburg, just a few weeks before union troops enter the town, that began suspiciously and burned nearly two-thirds of the town.

There are also accounts of personal sacrifice from the Daughters of Charity, who served as nurses to the soldiers from both sides during the war. "The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton will offer our Civil War history tour Miracles Amid the Firestorm, which discusses the Sisters personal accounts of the days leading up to the Battle of Gettysburg," said Rob Judge, executive director at The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

"Walking tours of Emmitsburg and The National Shrine of the Grotto of Lourdes are also scheduled, in addition to the Miracles Amid the Firestorm tour at the Shrine," stated Don Briggs, Mayor of Emmitsburg. "In addition, the Frederick County Fire/Rescue Museum and Heritage Center is open from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial and To Lift a Nation monument is open for visitors from 1:00-3:00 p.m." Due to heightened security, those

visiting the Memorial are required to present a photo ID.

For those who are not into history, plenty of fun activities are also planned for the whole family, including the all-you-can-eat breakfast at the Vigilant Hose Company; the old-time field games; the walking path workout; the annual Sheriff's Bicycle Ride; the Car, Motorcycle, and Truck Show; the All-Star Little League baseball game; the Lions Club barbeque, vendors and crafters; and the music all day at the community bandstand. "We are fortunate to have top-notch local bands to play for us: the Home Comfort Bluegrass Band, the Let There Be Rock School Frederick bands, Silver Lining, and the Bubonics," expressed Patrick Joy of the Knights of Columbus, Bruté Council, who are sponsoring the bandstand. "We have many different styles of music from bluegrass to rock and roll to appeal to teens," added Joy.

Health and safety are of primary concern at the event, so the Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company (EVAC) members are proud to offer their services with a First Aid Tent to take care of patron's emergency needs and to offer free blood pressure checks. "Our members are proud to be part

of this event," said EVAC President Mary Lou Little. "We hope people will come by and take a look at our Ambulances on display, and get their blood pressure checked." A Fire Injury and Prevention Tent will also be on site to hand out safety information along with a fire engine display for visitors.

Finally, there will also be a town-wide yard/sidewalk sale, followed by the Parade at 6:00 p.m. and the magnificent fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. "The fireworks are always fantastic here in Emmitsburg," stated Emmitsburg local, Linda Pembroke. "I look forward to them every year."

This event is the Lions Club's most important fundraiser for the organization's many charities and scholarships. The Lions supports programs such as eye glasses and eye examinations for the poor and scholarships for disadvantaged students. For Cliff Sweeney this is the highlight of his year, "This is our town at its best. We come together to celebrate our past and give to the future."

For further information and details regarding Emmitsburg Heritage Days, please visit www.setonheritage.org or www.emmitsburg.net. The parade contact is John Sanders at 301-447-3638.

Emmitsburg Heritage Day

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AROUND town

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Play Sunday & Monday Night Bingo at Beth Sholom Community Center, located at 1011 N. Market Street in Frederick, Maryland. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., with Bingo starting at 7:00 p.m. Bring in their advertisement for a FREE Jackpot! Their Holiday Bonanza kicks off June 9 and July 1, 2013. View their advertisement on page 24 for more information.

Everywhere Fun Fair 2013 Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held July 25-27, 2013, at Monocacy Church, located at 13517 Motter's Station Road in Rocky Ridge. View their advertisement on page 33 for more information and contact numbers.

Friends, Family & Fun in the Park

Join Christ's Community Church, located at 303 West Lincoln Avenue in Emmitsburg, for their Friends, Family and Fun in the Park event. The event takes place on June 7, 2013, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. View their advertisement on page 27 for more information.

Party of All Parties

On June 15, 2013, Party of All Parties will be held at the Thurmont Carnival Grounds in Thurmont. Proceeds will benefit the Mike Grimes Kidney Fund. Donations are gratefully accepted. Great vendors, raffles, and cash and carry items. View their advertisement on page 3 for more information.

Tom's Creek UMC Festival

Join Tom's Creek United Methodist Church (UMC) for their Festival, to be held on Saturday, July 13, 2013, from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Bring the entire family for a wonderful, fun event, featuring home-cooked food, silent and live auction, live music, vendor booths, pony rides, and so much more! View their advertisement on page 27 for more information.

Emmitsburg Community Heritage Day

Come enjoy the fun on Saturday, June 29, 2013, at Emmitsburg Community Heritage Day, being held at the Emmitsburg Community Park. This event is the Lions Club's most important fundraiser. For further information and details regarding Emmitsburg Heritage Days, please visit www.setonheritage.org or www.emmitsburg.net. This event features vendors, history tours, fireworks, yard sale, parade, and much more. Visit www.setonheritage.org or www.emmitsburg.net. Pick up a brochure at area businesses. View their advertisement on page 6 for more information.

Looking for Something Fun to Do?

Check the Community Calendar on page 39.

E.S.P. Rocks Dance Recital

The ESP Dance and Music school in Thurmont Maryland, will complete its spring semester with the recital "E.S.P Rocks" on June 16, 2013, at the Weinberg Center, located on 20 W. Patrick Street in Frederick, Maryland.



The recital will be a performance by the students of ESP Dance and Music, LLC and the ESP Performing Company, LLC. The studio is located at 15 Water Street in Thurmont, and was founded in 1970 by Linda Elower-Sicilia.

Tickets for the recital are available and can be purchased online at www.weinbergcenter.org at the Weinberg box office.

Elower-Sicilia Productions (ESP) of Dance and Music, LLC is accepting registration for new and current students for the summer and fall semesters. ESP offers classes ranging from ballet, tap, jazz, and lyrical to hip hop and acro dancing. Classes are offered for students as young as three, as well as for adults. A six-week summer session will be offered July 8-August 17, 2013, and the fall semester will begin on August 26, 2013.

Registration for the summer and fall semester for new and current students is open and can be completed on line at www.espdance.com or by calling 301-271-7458. View ESP Elower-Sicilia Productions advertisement on page 3.

Cash Bash

Come to the Cash Bash on Saturday, June 15, 2013, from 6:00 p.m.-midnight, at the Thurmont AMVETS, located on 26 Apples Church Road in Thurmont. All proceeds will go to Patty Pollatos Fund (PPF), Inc. for Stacey Godlove, as she battles high-risk Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS). Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Music by DJ Micha & Rob Hagans, plus dinner, raffle, tip jars, and more. View their advertisement on page 15 for more information.

Emmitsburg Community-Wide Yard Sale

The Community-Wide Yard/Sidewalk Sale will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2013, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., all around the town of Emmitsburg. View their advertisement on page 9 for more information.

Friday Night Lights at Thurmont Eye Care

Stop in Thurmont Eye Care, located on Main Street in Thurmont, on Friday, June 28, 2013, from 4:00-8:00 p.m., for their Friday Night Lights event. Listen to live music, enjoy an open bar and catered food, local vendors, and meet new friends and local business owners! View Thurmont Eye Care's advertisement on page 23 for more information.

Mountain Heritage Day – Civil War Theme

The Thurmont Economic Development Committee is holding a big event on June 15, 2013, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at the Creeger House, 11 N. Church Street in Thurmont. Visit www.thurmontfirst.com.

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BUSINESS news

Businesses Around Town

by Ann Marie Bezayiff

Harbaugh's Produce and Greenhouse

Traveling North on 550, at the curve in Sabillasville, a green fluorescent sign caught my eye. It had been recently taped to a pole on the corner. It advertised green house plants: baskets and flowers with an arrow pointing right on Harbaugh Valley Road. Making a right turn, I drove past farms and open spaces for about a mile and a half before turning into an impressive setup. Rows of greenhouses were filled with plants, herbs, and hanging baskets (I bought two beautiful full baskets for my porch). Trees and shrubs lined the outside walkways. I wandered over towards a brick home and discovered an arbor made of aged tree branches and a landscape stuffed with flowers. Behind the house was the sound of ducks honking for attention.

After the small crowd of customers—many from Pennsylvania—finished their purchases, the owner shared his love for his place with me. He has

lived and worked on the land for sixty-nine years, taking over the 160 acres at the age of seventeen, after his father died. This is definitely a working farm, well cared for, and a Western Maryland landmark.

Summer Hours: April-October, Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information, call 301-241-3032.

Bargain Hunters Thrift Shop

On my way back from Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, I finally stopped by to check out this thrift shop on Tracey's Corner in Blue Ridge Summit. There were nice things inside. The second-hand items were clean and ready to use. The prices were very reasonable. This is definitely a place for household items. For more information, call 717-794-2300.

Yankee Fans

If you're a Yankee fan, it's worth a visit to the Thurmont Bar & Grill, located on Main Street in Thurmont. Signed photos, memorabilia, and sports clothing line the walls and shelves. There's even a Christmas tree decorated with Yankee bats and balls. If you have time, order one of their handmade cheeseburgers, served plain or ask for all the extra toppings.

English Muffin Toast

If you decide to order breakfast at Bollinger's Restaurant, ask for their English Muffin toast. It's not always available, depending on the number of loaves the cook makes. It's served in thick pieces and lightly toasted. Good eating! Bollinger's Restaurant is located at 210 N. Church Street in Thurmont.

Thurmont First Main Street Flea & Farmers Market Starts Saturday, June 15

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p.m., at the Guardian Hose Company Carnival Grounds in Thurmont, on the Boundary Avenue side. There will be NO Farmers Market on July 13 due to the Guardian Hose Company's Carnival.

Please call Karen Kinnaird at 301-271-4811 to register as a vendor or if you have any questions. Applications are also available online at www.thurmontfirst.com or at the Thurmont Town Office, located at 10 Frederick Road in Thurmont.

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Office Solutions Plus

by Deb Spalding

Dr. Mark Palmisano is originally from Baltimore, Maryland, but has spent his last twenty-seven years in Frederick practicing as a Clinical Psychologist. Having recently retired, he and his entrepreneurial son, Cullen, jumped into a new business adventure. Cullen identified a vacant space at 5B East Main Street in Thurmont as a good location and bought out a shipping store that was closing in Glenwood, Maryland. As a result of these efforts, Office Solutions Plus opened in April 2013.

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Photo by Deb Spalding

Pictured is the owner of Office Solutions Plus in Thurmont, Mark Palmisano.

originate FedEx Express or Ground shipments and accept pre-labeled FedEx packages. Their store is accessible from the main FedEx website.

In the future, the Palmisanos intend to provide computer stations with fee-based public internet access.

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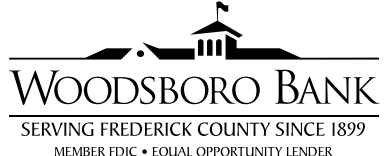
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COMMUNITY news

Follow up to the Pa\$\$port to Wealth Initiative

The Passport to Wealth Initiative that was held the week of April 6–13, 2013, by the United Way of Frederick at Mount St. Mary's, included a "Saving is \$mart" poster contest that was won by Ashley Coffman. Ashley is pictured (left) with Emmitsburg Mayor Donald Briggs (far left) and Thurmont Mayor Martin Burns (right). Passport to wealth is a program to promote financial literacy in northern Frederick County, Maryland.

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Walk To Stand Against Drugs

As a community, we have suffered the loss of too many students to drugs and alcohol. The SHOP (Students Helping Other People) club at Catoctin High School is sponsoring a walk to show a united front against drugs. The Walk to Stand Against Drugs will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. The walk will start at Catoctin High School and end at the Thurmont Community Park.

While they do not have the pavilions rented out, you are welcome to bring food and have a picnic at the end of the walk.

The walk is free; just come show your support! If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to: CHS SHOP CLUB. They will be donating all collections to the Mountain Manor Treatment Center.

Find them on Facebook: Walk to Stand Against Drugs. Contact Rebecca Scott with any questions at Rebecca.scott@fcps.org.

2012 Journey To Excellence Gold Unit Award

by Kathleen Knill

Cub Scout Pack 270 of Thurmont, Maryland, achieved the Journey to Excellence Gold Unit Award for 2012. The Journey to Excellence Award is the Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) performance recognition program designed to encourage units, districts, and councils to continually improve their programs and challenge both youth and adults. The award earned by Pack 270 honors excellence in providing a quality Cub Scout program.

The Journey to Excellence Award has three levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. To meet the Gold level, Pack 270 had to complete 10 of the 13 Journey to Excellence requirements and receive a completion score of at least 1,500 points. Pack 270 scored 1,775 points and completed 13 out of 13 requirements. The requirements examined how well the Pack performed in areas such as community service projects, outdoor activities, leadership training, advancement, and encouraging new Cub Scouts to join the Pack.

The leaders of Pack 270 are especially proud of everything the Scouts have done over the past year. From derbies to camping and hiking trips, to planting trees in the national park, Pack 270 Cub Scouts have stayed busy and earned not only medals and patches for their accomplishments, but a 2012 Journey to Excellence patch to wear proudly on their uniforms.

Cub Scouts is one of the membership divisions of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The Cub Scouting program focuses on developing character, leadership, citizenship and personal fitness through games and activities. Cub Scouting is open to all boys who are 7 to 10 years of age or in the first – fifth grades. Pack 270 includes youth from Thurmont Primary, Thurmont, Sabillasville, and Lewistown Elementary Schools. The Pack is sponsored by American Legion Post 168 in Thurmont. During the school year, the Pack meets every third Monday at the Legion Post at 6:30 p.m.

Walking the Walk

Armand Young is a "man on a mission," according to Vigilant Hose Company (VHC) President Tim Clarke. "I wanted to make a change and a difference in this world," said Young on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, while staying in town at the Vigilant Hose Company's firehouse.

Armed with several cameras and camcorders, along with mementos from his walk, Young has walked 5,911 miles thus far, having started his journey at the Santa Monica Pier in California and travelling all the way across country to Ground Zero in New York City. "And, now he is on his way back," said Clarke.

Easily spotted by a large bamboo pole he carries, he stopped by the Vigilant Hose Company—Emmitsburg's all-volunteer fire department. Young said he hopes to spread kindness during his travels. He often dedicates a given mile in the name of someone who has made a difference. His first mile upon leaving Emmitsburg was dedicated to the memory of long-time VHC member, Dave Vaughn, who passed away only a few days before Young arrived in town.

According to Clarke, "His first mile took him down South Seton Avenue and the Old Emmitsburg Road." A topic of numerous news articles, radio, and TV news stories, plus YouTube videos, more can be learned about him by doing an Internet search of his name or a Google search of Human Kindness Walk. He is visiting as many places as he can and asks everyone he meets to pass on an act of kindness.

He told everyone he met here that he's doing it for all those lost during the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. More than 225,000 signatures are on that pole that travels with him, likely making it the most signed artifact in U.S. history. Young has collected flags, patches, fire department pins, and insignias along the way.

He started the walk more than twenty months ago. He recently proposed to his girlfriend and together they will end up living in Charles Town, West Virginia. Before the trip, Young quit his California job as a massage therapist, sold his home, gave away his life's savings, and started walking.

"Every step I take is for a soldier that can no longer walk, and every

Photo by Bob Rosensteel, Sr.



Armand Young is pictured at the Vigilant Hose Company, one stop on his journey.

mile I go is in honor of the 9-11 victims and as an act of kindness," Young said. Young said he spends time in each community along the way, hoping to spread kindness and to have a positive impact on an individual or family.

So far, he said he's helped 416 needy families find homes or pay their rents. Young has slept in firehouses, and several groups have donated a night's stay at various motels. While he walks, firefighters help transport his heavy backpack from place to place.

Young's biggest goal is to change people's lives. "For every life lost in the terrorist attacks, I'm trying to do an act of kindness in their name," Young said. He makes others promise to do the same.

Back when Young was a massage therapist, he had a number of well-known Hollywood names as clients. "He does not ask for donations, but in addition to having him as a guest at our community's fire station, VHC members also took him to see the National Fire Heritage Center and Frederick County Fire/Rescue Museum here, plus treated him to lunch at the Ott House where he met many from the area, as well as fire personnel from the National Emergency Training Center," reported Clarke.

Young developed his admiration for firefighters years ago by working as a wildland firefighter with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. He can be reached via his cell phone at 641-351-1082.

Thompson to Bowl on PBA Tour

Chad Thompson, son of Richard and Tina Thompson of Cascade, Maryland, is signing his PBA contract to bowl on the PBA tour. This is a PBA 24 contract that limits him to get started on the tour. He will be going to a PBA development camp this summer in Buffalo, New York. He will then be bowling in a few Regional tournaments around the area to get accustomed to the rigorous competition and bowling. He is a senior at Shippensburg University and has bowled in college for two years.

He will be receiving a degree in marketing this fall. Thompson has bowled in youth tournaments and leagues since he was ten years old, bowling at Sunshine Lanes, Dual Lanes, Terrace Lanes, and many other bowling allies throughout Pennsylvania and Maryland. He bowled in a PBA sport shot the last four summers at Dual Lanes and finished 2nd last year. In addition, he has bowled in the PJBT tour for about five years, a 21-and-under tournament held every Saturday or Sunday—it has some of the best 21 and under bowlers in the state of Pennsylvania and surrounding states. He has bowled in three Junior Gold tournaments—the pinnacle of youth bowling; the last one was bowled in Las Vegas. He is supported by his pro shop owner CBI Pro Shop, owned by John and Michele Carter of Sunshine Lanes. He goes to church in Sabillasville at United Church of Christ.

He is looking for some sponsorship from any local business to get started with his professional career. You can contact him at tinric9@msn.com or ctt10000@hotmail.com for any question or inquires you might have.



Photo by Richard Thompson, Chad's father

Pictured (standing, from left) are Harry Stitely, Tina Thompson, Doris Stitely, and Chad Thompson (sitting). Harry and Doris Stitely are Chads grandparents and are from Johnsville, Maryland.

FCPS Speaks to Lewistown Ruritan Club

Joe Dattoli, Director, Facilities Services Division Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS), recently spoke to the Lewistown Ruritan Club regarding the construction and renovation projects for the schools in Frederick County.

Pictured from left are Russ Thompson, Ruritan Program Committee and Joe Dattoli, Director, Facilities Services Division FCPS.



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FSU Presents Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award to Dr. Jesse Kettermann

Frostburg State University (FSU) presented the 2013 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award to Dr. Jesse Kettermann at the 142nd commencement ceremony on May 18, 2013, in the Cordts Physical Education Center.

Kettermann graduated from Catocin High School. He earned masters degrees from FSU in business administration and education in 1998 and 2001. He has served in various capacities during his fourteen years at FSU, formerly as director of Student Development and assistant and associate director of Residence Life, and presently as assistant vice president for Student Services and dean of students. Kettermann received a national award as Mid-Level Student Affairs Professional of the Year by NASPA: Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education and was named a member of The Daily Record's VIP List due to his outstanding professional accomplishment, civic involvement, and impact of achievement before age 40. He was elected treasurer of the Association for Student Conduct Administrators and serves as the secretary for the Frostburg Business and Professional Association. Kettermann works with his fraternity, Kappa Alpha Order, and was inducted into its Hamilton Court of Honor. He holds a Ph.D. in educational leadership from Touro University International. He and his wife, Lynn, support a number of scholarship funds, including the newly established Buckheit-Kettermann Family Scholarship.

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Emmitsburg Carnival at Mother Seton School

The Emmitsburg Carnival, sponsored by Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg, was held the week of May 20-25, 2013. It was enjoyed by all!



Photo by Deb Spalding

The family-friendly event featured rides, entertainment, and good food. For thirty-one years, this event has been Mother Seton School's biggest and most successful fundraiser.

Shown strategically lining up their water guns to win the prize are (from front to back) Samantha Orndorff, Gena Eiker, and Morgan Andrew.

Emmitsburg Community Heritage Day Donation

At a recent Emmitsburg Lions Club Meeting at the Carriage House Inn in Emmitsburg, the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company donated funds to the Emmitsburg Lions Club to use during Emmitsburg Heritage Day.

Pictured from left are Pam Bolin, Ed Little, Mary Lou Little, Beth Ruppel of the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, with Cliff Sweeney of the Emmitsburg Lions Club.



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**17 Easy St.
Thurmont - \$195,000**

This lovely 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath end-unit townhome in Albert Courts offers a large living room with bay window, sunny kitchen and dining area that lead to extra large deck, and family room in lower level with walk out to patio and a one car garage!



**13 Ironmaster Dr.
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SCHOOL news



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“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”

Shelby Hahn Visits with Lewistown Elementary Students

Shelby Hahn visited Lewistown Elementary School's first grade class on April 18, 2013. Hahn is a senior at Catoctin High School and Maryland Alt. Dairy Princess, and she has been visiting schools to talk about the Dairy Industry and the goodness of milk. Hahn talked with the students about a Cow on your pizza and how milk gets from the cow to their tables. She also read a book titled *Clarabell*, which she then left with the class for the whole school to enjoy. She reminded the students to have three Dairy products every day.



Courtesy Photo

Shelby Hahn shown talking to first grade students at Lewistown Elementary School on April 18, 2013.

Thurmont Lions Club Scholarships Awarded

During the Thurmont Lions Club Education Night Ceremony at the Cozy Restaurant on May 8, 2013, graduating seniors Robin Wivell, Laken Weaver, and Taylor Gordon received scholarships. Ashley Smith again received the renewable Lion Victor Jagow Scholarship. These very deserving students not only achieved outstanding academic honors, they also spent many hours performing volunteer work, along with participating in a wide variety of activities.



Photo by Alban Little

Pictured from left are Catoctin High School Principal Bernie Quesada, Robin Wivell, Laken Weaver, Taylor Gordon, Ashley Smith, and Lion Tim Stuart.

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Frederick Students Place 2nd Nationwide



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Pictured from left are Marcus Bosche, Garrett Walker, Josh Airey, Morgan Howell, Katelyn Kosar, Taylor Shank, Abby Duncan, Gabe Weigelt, and mentor Phil Arnold. Not pictured: Steven McCracken.

The Frederick ACE (Architecture, Construction and Engineering) team, featuring students from Frederick County Public Schools, placed second nationwide in yesterday's seventh annual Construction Industry Round Table (CIRT)-ACE Design Competition. The team presented its winning project, *Universal Design Home Retro-Fit*, at the National Building Museum in Washington D.C. on Tuesday, April 30, 2013, arriving by limousine from the FCPS Career and Technology Center (CTC).

During the competition, students presented design projects before a panel of distinguished judges composed of CIRT members. The judges analyzed the team spokesperson's ability to make a coherent, well planned, and clear presentation on the design/construction approaches that address the project's objectives and respond to competition elements in the challenge. In the presentation round, judges evaluated the three finalist teams on two major elements: quality of presentation and competence of the overall entry.

The Frederick ACE team members are Project Manager Garrett Walker from Oakdale High and the CTC, Josh Airey from Linganore, Marcus Bosche from Catoctin High, Abby Duncan from Brunswick and the CTC, Morgan Howell from Walkersville and the CTC, Katelyn Kosar from Linganore, Steven McCracken from Oakdale, Taylor Shank from Catoctin and the CTC, and Gabe Weigelt from Catoctin. The CTC students' Architectural Computer-Aided Design (CAD) instructor is Phil Arnold, who also serves on the ACE Board of Directors.

The Frederick ACE Chapter won first place at the national level in 2008 and 2011.

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Service of Blessing to for the Catoctin High School Class of 2013

The Emmitsburg Council of Churches and the Catoctin High School (CHS) Safe & Sane Committee invite all Graduates and their families to join them for a service of blessing to start off Graduation Week for the Class of 2013. Special guest speaker will be Monte Leister, and a reception will follow.

This event will take place on June 2, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at Elias Lutheran Church, located at 100 W. North Avenue in Emmitsburg.

For more information, please call Allyson Rohrbaugh at 410-756-6485 or Pastor Jon Greenstone at 301-447-6239.

Catoctin Student Receives Local and Regional Awards

Savannah Steinly, age 17, was recently chosen as the Catoctin High School LEO of the Year. She also received the Lions District 22-W and Multiple District 22 LEO of the Year awards. This district represents Lions Clubs in Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia. She is now a candidate for the International LEO of the Year award. Savannah has been a LEO since 7th grade and has participated in many fundraising events to benefit local and national organizations. As President of the LEO Club and participant in district LEO meetings, she has demonstrated leadership skills.



Photo by Alban Little

Savannah Steinly (left) is pictured with LEO advisor Laura Day.

Outstanding Students Receive Awards



hours. The Lion of the Year Award for the most volunteer hours performed by a graduating senior was awarded to Nichelle Upton (shown left) who completed 720 hours.

Each year, the Thurmont Lions Club recognizes the students who perform the most volunteer hours. These awards were presented on May 8, 2013, during the Thurmont Lions Club Education Night Ceremony at the Cozy Restaurant. The Junior Lion of the Year award for the most volunteer hours performed by an 8th grade student was presented to Emily Robinson (shown right) who completed 302

Catoctin High School Teacher Receives Award

Photo by Alban Little

Kati Heefner (pictured right), a teacher at Catoctin High School, was honored as the 2013 Thurmont Lions Club Teacher of the Year during the Education Night Ceremony at the Cozy Restaurant on May 8, 2013. Ms. Heefner was nominated by two students, a fellow teacher, and her principal. Her students said that she "goes above and beyond the call of duty each and every day."

Teacher Amy Jo Poffenberger said, "Regardless of the challenges, Kati remains positive for each class and motivates her students to be the best they can be." According to Principal Bernie Quesada, "The improvements and initiatives that Kati has been part of, led, or advised in the last three years is simply amazing, and to say that she has had a positive impact on our school is a tremendous understatement."



Thurmont Middle School LEO of the Year

Alex Bolinger, age 12, was chosen as the 2013 LEO of the Year during the Thurmont Lions Club Education Night Ceremony on May 8, 2013. Alex spent many hours as a volunteer at LEO and Lions Club events and local community service events, as well as fundraisers for national organizations. She also volunteered at Thurmont Primary School and Thurmont Regional Library.



Alex Bolinger (center) is pictured with Brienne Superczynski, LEO Club Chairperson (left) and George Bolling, District 22-W LEO Chairperson (right).

Photo by Alban Little

Catoctin High School SGA Donates to One Fund Charity of Boston

On Friday, May 3, 2013, the Catoctin High School Student Government Association (SGA), along with Kati Heefner (Adviser), Taylor Joy (President), and Dustyn Icard (Treasurer), signed a donation to the One Fund Charity of Boston, Massachusetts. This donation of \$300.00 came from all of the profits from the student vs. staff volleyball game held at Catoctin High School. This donation is for the relief efforts for victims of the Boston Bombings. The SGA students felt the need to help, and they value the importance of not only making a difference in their own community, but also helping other people and other communities as well.

CHS Bring Your Tractor to School Day, May 10



Photos by Deb Spalding

Pictured are David Goldberg, Wade Douglas, and Travis Conner.

Mother Seton School Students Walk to Raise Money for Charity

The Tunja Children's Center in Bogota, Colombia, is about to receive an unexpected gift thanks to the efforts of Mother Seton School (MSS) students in Emmitsburg. The school's annual Walk-a-Thon, held on April 26, 2013, raised over \$3,400 for the charity, which is administered by the Daughters of Charity who provide assistance to at-risk children. The Daughters of Charity are also sponsors of Mother Seton School.

Each year, the school holds a Walk-a-Thon that includes students in all grades, from Pre-K through 8th. Students raise money for that year's chosen charity by gathering pledges based on the number of miles they walk. One lap is two miles, and most of the older students walk between five and six laps. The route begins at the school then loops around the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, down South Seton Avenue and back to the school. Volunteers are stationed along the route to stamp pledge cards to verify miles walked, as well as to provide safety checks and water breaks.

The perfect weather this year contributed to the students' success in raising the money, but even in extreme cold or hot weather (as in previous years), the Walk-a-Thon remains a favorite of MSS students. "Definitely the Walk-a-Thon!" 4th grader Olivia Sica said, when asked "what was the most fun activity her class does all year?" Turning this enthusiasm into real dollars to help those in need is what makes the Walk-a-Thon one of the school's best-loved events.

Courtesy Photo



MSS 2nd graders walk with Sister Meg Kymes, D.C., to raise money for charity in annual Walk-a-Thon.

FCPS at Your Fingertips

Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) has launched an app for mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets to put school information at the public's fingertips. The app is available free for Android and iOS devices.

"Consolidating various forms of media in one place, the FCPS App allows the Frederick County community to get the information they need and encourages everyone to participate in open dialogue with the school system. FCPS launched the app as part of the district's effort to increase family and community involvement, following the National School Public Relations Association audit conducted earlier this school year," says Michael Doerrer, FCPS Communications, Community Engagement and Marketing director. This is just a beginning for the new app, and we welcome public feedback via email to thepromise@fcps.org or by using the app's "Contact Us" feature.

To download the FCPS app to your mobile device, visit <http://tinyurl.com/FCPS4iOS> for iOS or <http://tinyurl.com/FCPS4Android> for Android.

13 Earn Gold Medals

In statewide SkillsUSA competition, thirteen Career and Technology Center (CTC) students from Frederick County public schools earned first-place gold medals. They qualify to represent Maryland in National SkillsUSA Championships, on June 24-28 in Kansas City, Missouri, competing against the best students from every state and territory in the United States. Fourteen students earned second-place silver medals, and six earned bronze in the statewide competition.

Catocin High School is proud to announce CTC students who placed in the top three at the recent State SkillsUSA Competition: Sam Swanson—1st in Internetworking (CISCO); David Gros—1st in Web Design (Advanced Web Design); Damian Welch—2nd in Digital Cinema (TV Multi Media); Cliff Morris—2nd in Welding Fabrication (Welding); Tiffany White—3rd in Customer Service (Academy Health Prof 2); Wyatt Farmer—3rd in Criminal Justice (Criminal Justice).

Anyone interested in helping fund the winning students' travel to national competition may contact Greg.Solberg@fcps.org or Martha.Lowry@fcps.org or call 240-236-8500.

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MSS Book Club Hosts Chat with Local Author

How often do you get a chance to personally tell an author how you feel about their work? Even rarer is the opportunity to have an active discussion with an author about one of their books. At Mother Seton School (MSS), students got the opportunity to do just that. On April 10, 2013, MSS's Mother-Daughter Book Club hosted a Skype session with the respected children's author Lisa Graff. Ms. Graff's books are included on the reading lists for nine states. She currently is teaching Children's Literature courses at McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland.

The mothers and daughters read Ms. Graff's *A Tangle of Knots* for their April selection. The novel is set in a magical world where people are born with a special talent for something. Eleven-year-old Cady is a lonely orphan who can immediately recognize the perfect cake for each person she meets. Her recipes, included in the book, are actually family recipes from Ms. Graff.

Each of the mothers and daughters were able to personally ask questions of the author, not only about the book but about writing and the life of an author. The students were excited and encouraged by her advice about the writing process and where writers get their ideas.

Ms. Graff was amicable and endearing, even introducing the girls to her cat, Henry! The mothers in the club even went so far as to bake several of the cake recipes from the book to share with the group. Additionally, Ms. Graff sent the girls autographed book cards.

The book club was so enthused with *A Tangle of Knots* that they selected another of Ms. Graff's books, *Umbrella Summer*, as their May selection.



Courtesy Photo

The Mother Seton School Mother-Daughter Book Club recently had the opportunity to participate in a Skype chat with author Lisa Graff.

SPORTS news

CHS Boys Varsity LAX Wins Conference

Photo by Lisa Rednowers



2013 CHS Varsity Boys LAX Team

The Catoctin High School (CHS) Varsity Boys Lacrosse team won the Antietam Conference, which is part of the MVAL League, and made it to the second game of playoffs, beating Brunswick in overtime, and then losing to Oakdale. This marked the first time in Catoctin High School history to make it past the first round of playoffs and win the Conference, with a record of 8-6 for the season—their first winning season since 2005.

In addition, this year they had four players make All Conference first team. Way to go, Corey Jochim, Noah Propps, JD Wilhelm, and TJ Bryant!

CHS Baseball Senior Night

Courtesy Photo



Catoctin High School (CHS) Senior Night held on May 6, 2013, at CHS versus Smithsburg

Pictured from left are Coach Mike Franklin, and seniors Conner Cool #25, Joey Johnson #10, Seth Schubert #12, Alex Kennedy #11, Jon Carroll #7. Alex Kennedy has had the most wins as a pitcher in Catoctin History currently, with 16 wins.

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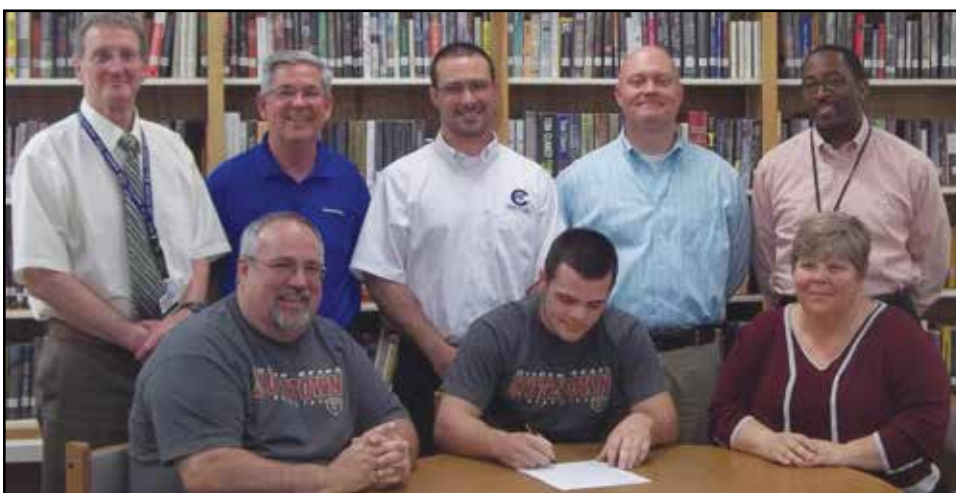
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Pen Mar Challenger League Holds Opening Day 2013

During the Pen Mar Challenger League's Opening Day on April 27, 2013, in Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania, the F&M Bank of Chambersburg had an annual fundraiser. This year, the Pen Mar Challengers were the benefactor. The Challengers are ages 4-21 with special needs.

For more information, please contact Stacie Massett at 240-344-5093.

Photo by Deb Spalding



Pictured from left are: (Back Row) Assistant Principal Jan Witt, Athletic Director Kevin McMullen, Wrestling Head Coach Ryan Green, Principal Bernard Quesada, Assistant Principal Marcus Allen; (Front Row) Ed Schildt, Collin Schildt, and Karen Schildt.

Schildt Signs Letter of Commitment to Wrestle

Catoctin's Collin Schildt has signed a letter of commitment to wrestle at Kutztown University next year for the Golden Bears. Kutztown is a top 20 Division II program, finishing 14th nationally in 2012-2013 and ranked as high as 7th at one point during the season.

Collin finished his high school career placing second at the Maryland State Championships and compiled a school record of 143 career wins as a Cougar. He was selected to the First Team All Conference and First Team All Area, as well as First Team Maryland All Academic Team this past year.

Collin plans to study Criminal Justice while attending Kutztown University.

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CHS Baseball STATE CHAMPIONS

who took an impact with the North Carolina runner, Nathan Reed, who was advancing from third base, for the out. After that, Catoctin's pitcher, Alex Kennedy, maintained a consistent pattern of strike outs that seemed to hit at all the right times.

The game was fast paced, especially with Catoctin's pitcher, Alex Kennedy, striking out batters at

all the key moments. Kennedy is one of five seniors graduating this month, along with Conner Cool, Joey Johnson, and Seth Schubert.

All of the players showed outstanding presence and talent on the field. Without these seniors, Catoctin's team still stands on a great foundation of talent and high expectations for next season.

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Pictured right, Alex Kennedy, Catoctin's pitcher, throws one of many strikes.



Pictured left, Joey Johnson, Catoctin's catcher, hits the ball for a single.



Team members are shown receiving their awards.



CHS Softball State SEMI-FINALISTS

Catoctin's Kristy Erfurdt receives the ball for an attempt at an out on third base.

Photos by Deb Spalding



(left) Dedicated Cougar fans, Sherry Topper and others, weather the unseasonably cool weather to support their Lady Cougars.



dropped the ball. Junior, Courtney Clemons, could be heard coaxing her teammates to get in the game. Sadly, her efforts were to no avail since the Cougars faced the Warrior's talented pitcher, Savannah Miles, once they got up to bat. Her devious Rise Ball mixed with an intermittent Change-Up resulted in a disappointing success rate for Cougar batters. The Cougars' normally hard-hitting line-up entered a cycle of frustration, both in the field and in the batter's box. Even with a triple by Kaylee Kretz and a double by Ginna Morris, the Cougars couldn't work up a rally. Thus, the Warriors secured a 10-0 shut-out over Catoctin in the fifth inning.

"It was tough to watch," said Valentine. "They fought hard; they wanted this win so bad, and they have worked hard all season to get here. It was the wrong game for the wheels to fall off. This game was in no way a reflection of the talent and ability that this team has. We all have bad days, this was one of them."

It would be unfair to this talented Cougar team to allow this game to trump a fabulous season. As State Finalists, they have made us proud! They finish the 2013 season with 21-3 record, and bring home the Antietam Conference Championship with a 13-0 record over conference opponents. They claimed the 2A West Region Championship with a 4-3 extra-inning win over rival Middletown, as well as numerous quality wins throughout the season, including two over county-power team Walkersville—one of those victories coming in the Region Quarterfinals.

Most importantly, the program will see four graduating seniors moving on to either two- or four-year colleges to continue their education. Kaylee Kretz has signed her NCAA National Letter of Intent to accept a scholarship to play softball at Division II Davis & Elkins in West Virginia; she will play for Catoctin Alumni Kim Stiles. Mackenzie Smith has signed her acceptance letter to play softball at Division III Shenandoah in Virginia. Stephanie Andrew will continue her softball career at Frederick Community College. Katie Kinna is slated to attend McDaniel College in Maryland.

Valentine speaks very highly of her seniors and the dedication they have shown to the program. "Every year another class of kids graduates. Every year they leave their mark on this program and add to the tradition of excellence. These four have accomplished tremendous things in a Catoctin jersey. They make me extremely proud, and they will be missed."

While the Cougars will feel the loss of talented seniors, Kretz, Andrew, Smith, and Kinna when they graduate this year, upcoming seniors Ciara Walters, Kristy Erfurdt, Courtney Clemons, Brooke Ridenour, and Rhianna Drieu provide a solid foundation for next season.

"The seniors are moving onto bigger and better things, and the ones that are coming back have something to fight for now. Runner-up is not the best feeling in the world; hopefully, this experience will only drive them to work harder and want it even more."



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Road Trip

by Valerie Nusbaum

When our nephew, Andrew, told us that he was getting married near his home in Florida, Randy and I looked at each other and said, "Road trip!" Randy says that driving relaxes him. I wish I could say that his driving has that effect on me. I'm an overly cautious driver. People who are in the car with me sometimes wonder aloud whether they'll live long enough to get where we're going. When Randy is driving, I just wonder if I'll live.

We have a GPS, and we've named her "Betty." Randy argues with her a lot, and he spends an inordinate amount of time reprogramming her and cursing. Sometimes, he goes the wrong way just to annoy her. It's usually my job to navigate, read the maps and road signs, and to find us an alternate route when "Betty" sends us the wrong way.

Randy does have an unerringly good sense of direction. If we go someplace once, he can always remember how to get there again. I'm lucky to remember which state we're in.

I remind myself of a whiny two-year-old when we travel, alternately complaining that I'm hungry, thirsty, tired, and in need of a bathroom. Randy, on the other hand, is part camel. He could travel for twelve hours without stopping. He can't understand why I don't just eat the snacks we pack and drink bottled water, so we don't have to stop at all. All that aside, we were looking forward to the trip.

We needed to drive from Thurmont to Panama City Beach in Florida and to be there in time for Andrew and Stephanie's wedding on Saturday, May 11. We decided to leave home on Tuesday, May 7,

giving us plenty of leeway to sightsee.

The weather wasn't cooperating. An hour after we left home, the rain started. It got progressively worse as the day wore on. Traffic was heavy all the way through Virginia. We spent hours on I-81 playing chicken with the big trucks while we sang along with Barry Manilow to every song he's ever recorded, mostly because I couldn't listen to Randy sing "Wabash Cannonball" one more time. FYI: Virginia has the cleanest rest areas. I know, because we stopped at every rest station in seven states.

Our goal was to get to Roanoke by 1:30 p.m. on the first day. However, there was a horrific accident on I-81 which resulted in a ten-mile backup that had us sitting still for over an hour. We'd probably still be there if Randy hadn't done a bad thing and turned us around, driving backwards to the closest exit ramp. We got off the highway and took a twenty-mile detour, finally getting back on I-81 ahead of the accident. I sincerely hope no one was seriously injured. We lost at least an hour and a half.

We'd had enough of the highway for one day, so we decided to take the Blue Ridge Parkway. There was no traffic, but the rain made the winding road slippery and driving was slow. We did see some incredible views, mostly covered by clouds and mist, and we managed to lose another hour. There was a gorgeous sawmill that we drove right past. Who wants to stop and take photos in the rain?

We finally stopped for the night in Mooresville, North Carolina. The next morning, we tried to find Lake Norman. That's part of the fun of a road trip: making little side trips to

see the sights. We couldn't find the lake, even though it's the largest body of water in the state. Luckily, we could see it from the road.

It's a lot of fun getting free stuff when we travel, and the South is a great place to do that because the people are gracious and friendly. There was free pizza the first night, and chocolate chip cookies the next. Everybody included breakfast. Florida welcomed us with fresh-squeezed orange juice and peanuts. We heard the phrase, "Have y'all signed our guest book?" at least a dozen times.

We also like reading the billboards. The South has some great ones. Apparently J.R. offers a little bit of everything for sale. We saw one sign advertising a nasty Buffet. Someone had a little fun and whited out the "D" and the "y" in "Dynasty." We read a billboard advertising legal moonshine for sale somewhere in Alabama, but Randy was driving and wouldn't stop.

Randy and I enjoy trying the local cuisine, too. It's great for us to get away from the same old things we eat at home. We stopped at Sprayberry's Barbecue in Newnan, Georgia, where we ate traditional Southern vinegar-based barbecue sauce. Randy's meal came with Brunswick stew. That was a new experience for him. You should ask him about it when you see him. We also drank lots and lots of iced tea. The waitress even gave us to-go cups. More free stuff.

We stayed in Columbus, Georgia, the second night. The next morning, we visited the Chatahoochee River Walk. We got a free bag and lapel pins, but we didn't have time to stay for the hot dogs. Randy was mad.

We stopped at every roadside market I saw. We bought peanuts—boiled, raw, in the shell, fried, and honey-coated—and just for good measure, we got some cashews and pecans, as well as Peach soap, salsa, and fresh baked goods.

We made it to Florida in time for the rehearsal dinner on Friday night.

Now, you know it's going to be a good wedding when the first thing the bride does is hand you a packet of pills. "Take two tonight and the other two in the morning," Stephanie urged us. "We don't want anyone getting seasick." Oh, did I forget to mention that the kids were getting married underwater in full scuba gear?

I gave Stephanie the same advice that everybody gave me when I married a Nusbaum: "Run!" She didn't listen. Neither did I, and it's worked out pretty well.

The wedding made the Channel 7 news in Panama City. There was a great shot of Randy boarding the dive boat, and a lovely interview with the bridal couple. It's always a good trip when we make it on TV.

The reception on Saturday night was held at the couples' home, and it couldn't have been nicer. We also had a chance to spend some time with our niece, Christine, and to meet her baby daughter, Daelyn. We had to leave early, because we're old and we needed to get up early and hit the road.

On the return trip, we spent the night in Greenville, South Carolina. The hotel gave us free drinks, dinner, and popcorn and sodas, with little goody bags for the road.

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