

Emergency Management is Business at EMI in Emmitsburg

by Deb Spalding

On April 16 and 28, flood waters surged in response to Mother Nature as she dropped what seemed, at times, like solid sheets of heavy rain on residents in the eastern half of the United States. In the northern Frederick County, Maryland, area, we experienced a deluge that resulted in new lakes where fields had been, submerged roads and bridges, a mud slide and the threat of tornados. The weather made travel, and in some cases, staying at home, treacherous.

During the deluge on April 16, Christopher Black of Catoctin Orchard in Thurmont, who is also a volunteer firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician, posted updates of rain accumulation and water rescues on the internet. In one of his threads, he said, "Over 4 inches so far in Thurmont and still raining!!! We had .7 inches in 20 minutes...that's 2.1 inches in an hour!!!!"

In the referenced storm, local reports suggest that a total of 4 to 5 inches of water (Chris reported a total of 5 inches) swooshed through our area. It seemed rescue personnel were everywhere with lights and sirens blaring as they ventured out amidst the storm to help.

On the morning of April 28, many were awakened just before 5:00 a.m. by well-meaning friends and family, or by the tornado siren in Emmitsburg, spreading the word that we were under a tornado warning. Within our homes, we determined our emergency plan of action and hoped we didn't

have to use it.

In the moments, months, and years leading up to these dates, the Emergency Management Institute was developing educational materials that define emergency response protocol for use when a disaster occurs. Since April 1, 1951 when the Emergency Management Institute (then named the Civil Defense Staff College) was created in Olney, Maryland, hours and hours of planning had been invested in this purpose. After moving the agency from Olney to Battle Creek, Michigan, it was again relocated in 1980 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, and renamed the Emergency Management Institute (EMI). It is now part of

the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In the early years at Emmitsburg, staff affectionately nick-named the agency the "Federal Eternal Meeting Agency," because it seemed that they were forever in meetings to do the job required.

The mission of EMI is to train and educate emergency personnel to effectively and efficiently execute a response to disasters regardless of whether the disaster is natural or man-made in origin. Today, the fruits of those "eternal meetings" have resulted in nearly 22 million emergency management courses completed by students. With the ease of on-line courses, nearly 2 million courses were completed in FY 2010 alone.

Students who have learned

from the EMI program are present throughout our country and live in our hometowns. You may be one of them, and more than likely you know one of them. They are the people who plan our actions in the event that an emergency occurs. While they may even turn on the sirens and execute rescues or render aid during

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Pictured left, a threatening cloud formation passes over Emmitsburg on April 28; above, Vilma Milmo, Acting Superintendent of EMI, gives a presentation during the 60th Anniversary of EMI in Emmitsburg on April 12; below, State of Maryland Highway personnel clean up the mud slide on Route 550 west of Thurmont; far left, flood waters swirl around Roddy Road Covered Bridge on April 16.

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Hidden Object Game and “Where Am I?” Photo Game

Congratulations! April's *Hidden Object* and “Where Am I?” Game Winners were Lacey Andrew (\$25 Gift Certificate) and Irene Matthews (\$10 Gift Certificate). No one guessed the number of eggs correctly; therefore, everyone who guessed was entered in the drawing. Lacey and Irene are asked to pick an advertiser from this issue from which they'd like to receive their gift certificates.

Last month's “Where Am I?” photo showed a stretch of Big Hunting Creek, specifically named Camp Peniel. It is located along Route 77, west of Thurmont next to the National Park Administrative Office and Chimney Rock Trail entrance.

Camp Peniel was formerly the location of a church camp owned by the Church of the Brethren in Hagerstown. The stone foundation of what is now the park office was part of the camp's dining hall. Around 1960, the camp land was purchased by the National Park Service.

This month's Hidden Object is a spool of thread.

For the “Where Am I?” photo contest, take a look at the photo directly below this box and tell us where it was taken. It is somewhere in or around our Northern Frederick County Area. Our area is defined as Rocky Ridge to Cascade and Lewistown to Emmitsburg, Foxville to Creagerstown and everywhere in between. This particular land mark is a bit obvious, but ties in with a 150th Anniversary. Name the tower. Call 301-693-9503 to leave a message or e-mail news@thecatocinbanner.com. Don't forget to leave your name and phone number. Please only leave game messages on the message line. Call our regular number with all other inquiries.

“Where Am I?” Contest



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Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary!
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Don't Miss Activities at Breezy Hill Stables

Life Horse Family Fun Day will be held on May 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Breezy Hill Stables, located at 15117 Mud College Rd. near Thurmont. This event is free and open to the public and will be held rain or shine and is sponsored by Life Horse. Directions to Breezy Hill Stables: Take Rt. 15 north past Thurmont. Turn right onto Orndorff Road. At stop sign, go straight. After about 1 mile, you will come to a Y, Orndorff goes off to the left and Mud College goes straight, stay on Mud College Road. Barn is about 1/2 mile on the left. Call 301-447-2663 with questions. See their ad on page 7 for more information.

Children aged 4 years and older are invited to participate in Summer Camp at Breezy Hill Stables. Camp sessions will be held June through August from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 301-447-2663 for more information or visit www.breezyhillstables.com. See their ad on page 7 for more information.

His Place Car Show

Don't miss the 2nd Annual His Place Car Show on May 14 on the grounds of Mother Seton School. The car show is a benefit for Mother Seton School and the Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center.

The entry fee is \$10.00. Cars, trucks, and hot rods are welcome to take part in a fun day of awards, door prizes, music, and food. Dash plaques will be given to the first 200 cars to arrive. Registration is 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; judging from 12:00-2:00 p.m.; awards at 3:00 p.m.

For information, call Bill Kuhn at 800-529-5835 or stop by His Place, Inc. at 20 Creamery Way, Emmitsburg. Rain date is Sunday, May 15.

Tom's Creek UMC Golf Tournament

On May 20, the Tom's Creek United Methodist Church will hold a Golf Tournament at Mountain View Golf Course in Fairfield, Pennsylvania, to benefit their building fund. Business sponsors are encouraged at \$50.00/hole. Tee time is 9:00 a.m. with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m. Register by May 14 by mailing \$65.00 per person or \$260.00 per team to Rodney Hutzell, 1750 Burrier Lane, Detour, MD 21757. Prizes and door prizes follow the tournament at the Tom's Creek Church Property on Rt. 140 at Four Points Road. A light lunch will be provided.

Thurmont Community Ambulance Service—Annual Open House

The Thurmont Community Ambulance Service, Inc., would like for you to help them celebrate National EMS Week 2011, by attending their annual Open House on Saturday, May 21, from 12:00- 5:00 p.m., 27 North Church Street, Thurmont.

Please plan to attend this informative, fun-filled day with the entire family! Light refreshments will be provided, blood pressure screenings, educational handouts, and more! Practice calling 911 by using the 911 simulator provided by State Farm Insurance! Discover the importance of wearing a seat belt by taking a ride on the seat belt convincer provided by the Maryland State Police! See what the Town of Thurmont's public safety has to offer! And many more activities and events! For more information, please contact 301-271-7550 or 301-748-3101. Parking is available at Mt. Carmel Church.

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Splash Park on Hold

Town Commissioners did not approve funding for the proposed splash park for the pool.

The splash park was initially proposed to replace the baby pool that has had many problems with leaky pipes and expensive repairs. The splash park would feature spray jets and a large mushroom fixture.

Due to budget cuts from the state for the project, the town would have to fund it themselves. A winning bidder has already won the bid to build the park. The commissioners did consider an amendment to fund the project with town funds. Getting the required permits in time to get the park installed was problematic. The commissioners did not want to delay the opening of the pool for summer.

In addition, some commissioners had a hard time justifying using the town's funds on a splash park. Commissioners ultimately decided to keep the funds for the town as rainy-day funds. They hope to be able to move forward with building the park for next summer.

Water Ban Ordinance Approved

Town officials approved a water ban ordinance for the town that prohibits outdoor water use between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. year round. Violators will receive a warning for the first offense, a \$25 fine for a second offense, and a \$50 fine for all subsequent offenses.

May Events in Emmitsburg

The Lions Club Annual Barbeque and Yard Sale will be held on May 14, 2011. Along with barbeque dinners for sale, there will be yard sale vendors. The event will be held on South Seton Avenue off of Rt. 15 and across from the Getty Station. The Yard sale starts at 8:00 a.m.

by Michele Cuseo

town hall reports

and continues through 5:00 p.m. Barbeque dinners will start selling at 11:00 a.m. and continue until they sell out.

The annual Mother Seton School Carnival will be on the Mother Seton School grounds off Creamery Road. The carnival starts on May 23, and continues through May 28. The carnival will feature rides, games, food, and entertainment nightly.

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

Emmitsburg Community Garden

The Town of Emmitsburg now has a Community Garden in Community Park for citizens to use. Plots are 10' by 5' and only require a nominal deposit to reserve. Please spread the word to your family and friends. If interested please contact the Town office at 301-600-6300.

Thurmont, May 2011

Change to Community Alert System -- Nixle to CAS

Nixle has been used by the Thurmont Police Department for providing the community with an alert system for public safety announcements, police/community events, and media releases. Beginning on April 29, Nixle will be discontinued. This is a result of unforeseen costs from the charging agencies for Nixle. As a replacement, citizens can access the original alert services of the Community Alert System (CAS). To participate in this

program, please email the police department at thurmontpolice@frederickcountymd.gov.

Provide your name and email address. Your information will be added to the CAS distribution list, so you can receive information about events and other community information.

Thurmont Budget Has Positive News

The Mayor and Commissioners planned to do without the \$85,000 in highway user revenue that was allocated to them by the state until they knew for sure it was coming. Because of numerous budget cuts looming with state grants, the town didn't want to spend or depend on money they might not receive. However, the state did come through and now the town has \$84,750 that can be used toward local road projects and other needs.

Safe and Sane Benefit-Play Golf

Safe and Sane is an annual celebration for our graduating High School Seniors. It is an all-night party after graduation that is intended to keep them safe. Fundraisers are held throughout the year to fund the celebration. This year, your golf game fun can benefit the seniors. On May 14 and 15, Maple Run Golf Course will donate \$5.00 for every Catocin Safe and Sane voucher presented. Those who participate will be entered for a prize. Standard pricing applies, scheduled tee times recommended prior to noon. Contact Maple Run to schedule at 301-271-7870. Contact Michele at shelleburg@yahoo.com to get your voucher.

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

Thurmont Main Street Flea and Farmers Market—Vendors Wanted

The Thurmont First Main Street would like to invite you to participate in the 2011 Thurmont Main Street Flea and Farmers Market.

The markets will run Saturdays from May 28 through September 24 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Boundary Avenue entrance to the Guardian Hose Company Carnival Grounds. There will be NO Farmers Market on July 16 due to the Guardian Hose Company's Carnival.

We are asking a nominal one-time fee of \$20.00 per vendor for the whole season. If a Flea Market/Yard Sale vendor would like to participate for only one Saturday, the fee will be \$5.00 per Saturday.

New this year will be local musicians playing on certain Saturdays.

Food Market vendors please contact us as soon as possible, as the Frederick County Health Department needs a list of food vendors that are going to participate.

Please call Karen Kinnaird at 301-271-4811 or John Kinnaird at 301-271-2273 or 301-606-9458 to register or if you have any questions. Applications are also available online at www.thurmontfirst.com or at the Thurmont Town Office, 10 Frederick Road, Thurmont.

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A.R.T. Festival

The third annual Art Revealed along the Trail (A.R.T.) Festival will be held on Saturday, May 21, and will begin at 10:00 a.m. near Memorial Park on Main Street in Thurmont. This free event is sponsored by the Thurmont Lions Club. No matter what time you arrive at the festival, something exciting will be happening:

- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Take a leisurely stroll along the beautifully refurbished trolley trail and enjoy the wide variety of creative displays featuring fine art created by local artists and local art students. Check out the exhibits by the Catoclin Mountain Park (featuring Smokey the Bear), the Catoclin Wildlife Zoo, the Guardian Hose Company and the Thurmont Police. Get your children involved with activities including face painting, balloons, strolling clowns and a creative art project. When you get hungry, choose from hot dogs or chili dogs, nachos or trail mix, watermelon or delicious desserts (and so much more). Try your luck in the raffle for Longaberger baskets and other prizes. Also, pick up free tickets for door prizes to be awarded every hour. Join in the "Stroll through the park" and discover clues to a puzzle.

- 11:00 - 1:30 Entertainment begins near the Gazebo in Memorial Park with "The Coachmen," a local band popular in the 1960s and reunited in 2010.

- 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. Thurmont Thespians will perform.

- 2:00 - 2:30 p.m. Entertainment continues with the Catoclin High School Show Choir.

- 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. The Elower Sicilia Production Company dancers will take the stage for the final performance of the day.

For more information, please visit the Thurmont Lions Club website <http://www.thurmontlionsclub.com/>.

Local artists in and around Frederick County are invited to display and sell their work in a beautiful outdoor setting. There is no fee required to participate. If you are interested in participating, please complete the form available at the Thurmont Lions Club website: <http://www.thurmontlionsclub.com/>.

Lions Club Chicken Barbecue and Yard Sale

Delicious chicken barbecue, cooked the way only the Emmitsburg Lions Club can do it! And, this year, we are giving you a chance to buy or sell with a yard sale, scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the same day as the barbecue.

The chicken barbecue and yard sale will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011. If you reserve a table space, you can begin selling at 8:00 a.m. and go until 5:00 p.m. We will begin selling chicken dinners at 11:00 a.m., and won't stop until they are all sold! Each dinner comes complete with half a chicken, fresh roll,

applesauce, and potato salad.

The barbecue and yard sale will be held on South Seton Avenue near Route 15, across from Getty's Gas Station. Come early and bring your money (for the yard sale) and your appetite (for the BBQ)! We will make sure you don't leave hungry.

Forget the kitchen on Saturday, May 14, and come support the many community projects the Emmitsburg Lions Club conducts throughout the year.

If you want to reserve a table for the yard sale—just \$5.00—call Zurgable Hardware at 301-447-2020.

Brashear's Memorial Atlantic City Bus Trip

The 2nd Annual Gregory A. Brashears, Jr. Memorial Atlantic City Bus Trip will be held May 14. Tickets are limited and on sale now by calling 301-748-6007. The bus leaves Thurmont Plaza at 7:15 a.m. sharp and returns at 11:00 p.m. Participants must be 21 years old.

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New Groomer at Catoclin Vet

When you enjoy cutting hair and love animals, what better job is there than a pet groomer? After practicing on her sister's rabbits and the family's many pets, Shannon Martz decided to complete a pet grooming internship at Hampstead in Carroll County and focus on grooming dogs and cats.

How did this Frizzleburg, Maryland native find her way to Catoclin Veterinary Clinic? Shannon, a Frizzleburg, Maryland native, recently bought a house in Thurmont with her fiancé, Zach Boone. Along with their two dogs, Bunkie and Diamond, they are enjoying their new home and have received a warm welcome from neighbors and customers at the Catoclin Veterinary Clinic. The couple is planning a September wedding.

Shannon is available Mondays from 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Fridays from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; and Saturdays by appointment. She welcomes walk-ins for nail clipping



Photo by Carie Stafford

Catoclin Vet's new groomer, Shannon Martz, is pictured.

(\$10.00), and determines the pricing of grooming by weight and hair. Call 301-271-0156 or 443-375-7787, for an appointment. She'll have your four-footed family member back to you as soon as she is done—no waiting all day to get your pet.

Check the Calendar

Be sure to check the calendar on page 27 for bingos, breakfasts, dinners, programs, benefits and other events of interest.

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MedImmune; Mount Saint Mary's University; SAIC-Frederick; and many more.

The 2011 Frederick Procurement Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, 40 South Carroll Street, Frederick. Parking is available at the City All Saints Street Parking Garage located next to the Delaplaine.

There is no charge for this event; however, registration is required. Please include your email, name, title, and company name in your RSVP to dgoff@cityoffrederick.com. You will receive a confirmation email within 24-48 hours. If you do not receive one, please call 301-600-6360.

Ode to Kashmir the Tiger

The Catocin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo in Thurmont announced that Kashmir, their seventeen year old tabby tiger, has passed away. Kashmir, pictured below left with Sheba, had been struggling with a variety of health issues for several months and was under veterinary care. Zoo Director Richard Hahn said, "It is a sad thing when an animal, any animal, dies even though we know that this is the path for all living things. But somehow it seems more when it is a large, charismatic animal."

At seventeen years of age, Kashmir may have been the oldest living tabby



tiger ever. Tabbys are the product of a mating of two tigers carrying the white gene. This color variation is very rare and has weaknesses similar to some breeds of domestic dogs. Although the Zoo still cares for an eight year old pair of white tigers, Kashmir will be missed by many of the CWP&Zoo's members and guests.

Lakeside at Fort Ritchie—An Officer's Exclusive Now Open for Casual Dining



Photo by Deb Spalding

Pictured left to right are Mark Carbaugh, Stephanie Crunkleton, Mary Middleton, Mark Lynch and Jessica Crigger.

The Officers Club on the former Fort Ritchie Army Base in Cascade, Maryland is now open to the general public as Lakeside at Fort Ritchie. Lakeside is a family-friendly, affordable and casual dining opportunity that promises, "...a lot of food, a lot of fun, a lot of drink and sun on the deck," says management partner Mark Lynch.

Lakeside's owner/managers -- Mark Lynch, Mary Middleton and David Iskra -- have been gradually opening the lake-side restaurant since September. The scenery at the facility is awesome, especially as the sun sets over the mountains and reflects on Lake Royer.

Mark Lynch is a former Air Force photographer who has also owned event and photography studios in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He grew up in Walkersville and worked with his family to host annual craft shows at the Frederick Fair Grounds. He has lived in Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania, for the past seven years and also manages the Lodge at Blue Ridge Summit where approximately 80 weddings will be held this year. The Lodge, which formerly housed the event facility and an upscale restaurant will now be utilized exclusively for events -- primarily weddings, but also conferences, reunions, and meetings or parties.

Mary Middleton also has a background in photography, which she utilized as a free lance journalist. For 15 years, she managed care for individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia at a special care facility in Massachusetts. Originally from Laurel, Maryland, she has spent the last five years in the Cascade area.

David Iskra is the cuisine artist on Lakeside's management trio. Originally from Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, family brought him to Frederick County. He studied Restaurant Management and Exercise Science. Mary calls him, "...an absolute artist in the kitchen." She added that he smokes his special recipe for ribs at Lakeside. You'll read about his food in the Lakeside menus and taste his passion in the recipes and meals he prepares. David said, "I like food."

Rick Cook from Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, is the chef in the kitchen who gives life to David's creations. Servers Jessica Crigger and Stephanie Crunkleton are on hand to ensure that your dining experience is memorable. Stephanie, who was born and raised in Cascade and now teaches at Maugansville Elementary School said, "I hope it [Lakeside Restaurant] helps breathe life back into the Fort."

The staff and management at Lakeside host a happy hour buffet with free appetizers from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Fridays. Stop in anytime at Lakeside Restaurant where a nostalgic atmosphere is heaped among feasts and friends. Gift certificates (plastic cards) that were purchased at the Lodge at Blue Ridge Summit Restaurant are being honored at Lakeside. Reservations for parties of seven or less are not necessary, but please call to reserve space for eight or more diners so that seating can be planned. Visit lakesidefortritchie.com or see their ad on page 13 for more information.

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The following Catocin High School Class of 2012 Safe & Sane events help raise funds for a post-graduation event for the graduating seniors.

The **Safe & Sane Gun & Cash Raffle** will be held May 14 at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall on Creamery Road. Tickets are \$25.00. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. Raffles begin at 4:00 p.m. Dinner is catered by Cozy. You must be 18 to attend this event. Contact John at 301-447-6261 (leave a message) or email Michele at shelleburg@yahoo.com.

The **CHS Safe & Sane Golf Weekend** will be held May 13-15 at Maple Run Golf Course. Standard course pricing applies. Present a Safe & Sane voucher to be registered for a prize and \$5.00 will be donated to the Safe & Sane. Contact Michele at shelleburg@yahoo.com to get

your voucher. Call 301-271-7870 to schedule your tee time.

Safe & Sane Dine Out/Help Out Dinner will be on May 20 at Mountaingate Restaurant in Thurmont. All Day. Present a Dine Out/Help Out card at the time of your purchase and Mountaingate will donate 10% to the Safe & Sane. Contact Lisa for your Dine Out/Help Out card 240-367-0100 or email ESPTaximom@aol.com.

A **Baccalaureate Service** will be held on Sunday, May 29, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church, Emmitsburg. This is an inter-faith service for CHS graduating seniors and their families.

Safe & Sane Committee Meetings will be held May 11 at 7:00 p.m. at CHS and May 26 at 7:00 p.m. at CHS.

Sabillasville Elementary School Spring Carnival

On Saturday, May 14, the Sabillasville Elementary School Spring Carnival will be held at the school from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., rain or shine. The school is located at 16210-B Sabillasville Road in Sabillasville. This event is open to the public. Event wristbands are \$5.00. Food and refreshments are available for an extra cost. Activities include a dunk tank, moon bounce, Cecil the Clown, face painting, various family games, prizes, cotton candy, popcorn, pizza and more! The Sabillasville Elementary School PTA hosts this event. If you have questions, please contact Missy Worth (SES PTA President) at 301-241-4384 or kountrykids@netzero.com.

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Reunions

•Catocin High School Class of 1976 is planning their 35th class reunion. Please call Donna Gills at 240-818-2964 or Gwen Kuster at 301-845-2540 or email dgills1@verizon.net for more information.

•Planning is starting for a 40th reunion this summer for the Catocin High School Class of 1971. If you are interested in helping or have a contact update, please call Maggie Doll at 301-606-8908 or email gatewaycandy@hotmail.com.

•The annual reunion for the descendants of William H. Long will be held on Sunday, June 19, at the Thurmont Community Park. Lunch at 1:00 p.m. For more information, call 301-271-2981.

•USS Navy and Marine Corps Reunion Info.: Navy and Marine Corps who served on the USS Columbus CA-74/CG-12 from 1944 through 1976 and the USS Columbus (SSN-762) past and present are invited to contribute to and/or attend the reunion that will be held from September 21-24 at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, VA. Please contact Allen R. Hope, President: by mail—3828 Hobson Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46815-4505; phone—260-486-2221 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST); fax—260-492-9771; or email Hope4391@frontier.com. If you are unable to attend but would like to share memories, please contact us.

ESP Golf Tournament Fundraiser

The Elower-Sicilia Productions (ESP) Performing Company, LLC (a non-profit Performing Dance and Music Company), will host their annual spring golf tournament on Friday, May 13, 2011, at the Maple Run Golf Course in Thurmont, Maryland. The tournament is open to the public and will raise funds for the ESP Performing Company. Proceeds will help fund the Company performers' competition, convention and registration fees throughout the year and for the June 2011 National Convention at the Kalahari Resort in Ohio. The cut off for registration is Monday, May 9, 2011.

The format will be a Captain's Choice Scramble with a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start and a buffet lunch at the Cozy restaurant immediately following the tournament. The fee of \$65/person includes registration, greens and cart fees, the lunch buffet at Cozy, two beverages per golfer on the course, special contests and prizes for the longest drive on a designated par 5 and for the closest to the pin on a designated par 3, a putting contest with a 50/50 cash giveaway, various other gifts, and prizes for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. Mulligans will be available at \$5.00 each with a maximum of 2 mulligans per player.

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August 8 - 11: Mini Camp, Ages 4-7	9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - All Disciplines
August 15 - 19: Ages 8 & up	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. - All Disciplines

Emmitsburg Baseball & Softball League 2011 Opening Day

Players, coaches and families were in attendance for the Emmitsburg Baseball & Softball League kick-off activities on Saturday, April 9, 2011. A parade of league members marched through the center of Emmitsburg on a journey to start off the season. At the ball park, Catocin High School student, Maggie Kaetzel, opened the ceremony by singing our National Anthem. Jeff Little, President of the league presided over the ceremony. He started off by paying tribute to the late Leo "Jack" Topper and Herbert H. Click, Sr., who both contributed greatly to the league during their lives. A tree was planted by the family of Leo "Jack" Topper in the park in his memory. As a surprise, all league hats have J T embroidered on them also in memory of Jack Topper.

To round out the ceremony, League Officers were introduced, last season's championship teams (The Red Sox who were champions of the Northeast Conference Major League Division for Cal Ripken Baseball and the Orioles who were Player-off Champions of the Northern Conference Minor League Division for Cal Ripken Baseball) were acknowledged and teams were introduced.



The Guy McGlaughlin Volunteer Award

The Guy McGlaughlin Volunteer Award was given to Don Byard. He volunteered his time to help begin the Emmitsburg Little League Baseball organization in 1955 and helped to grade and plant sod that was donated from Mount Saint Mary's College (the grass sod came from the land where the Old Gym is today). He was the first baseball manager of the Giants team and held that position for 25 years—until 1980. During that time, he managed All-star teams that played in the District Tournament.

After coaching the Giants, he umpired games several times a week for the next 23 years. Between umpiring games, he started and had over-sight of the minor league players with the help of a few parents. With a firm, yet gentle approach, he taught the fundamentals of the game to as many (and sometimes more than) 60 kids, who listened when he spoke.

Don cherished the privilege of coaching his sons—Terry, Mike, and Chris—while he was the manager of the Giants. He volunteered his time to the kids of the community who wanted to play baseball, and enjoyed seeing them play for 48 years. (Don was unable to attend the ceremony.)

Pictured left, the family of the late Leo "Jack" Topper are pictured by a tree planted in his memory next to the Emmitsburg Little League Fields.

Pictured below left, hats are thrown in the air to kick off the 2011 Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball season.

Pictured below right top, Jacob Wivell shows enthusiasm for the season.

Pictured below right bottom, Maggie Kaetzel sings the National Anthem to open the ceremony.

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Thurmont Little League Holds Opening Day Ceremony

Despite several cancellations due to rain, The Thurmont Little League's Opening Day was held successfully with sun and dry weather on Saturday, April 30. The Little League's Orioles and Pirates teams took their places on the baseball diamond, the Color Guard raised the opening day flag and a special recognition was extended to one of Thurmont's own baseball lovers, the late Tommy West.

On September 11, 2010, the first annual Tommy West Memorial Bike Ride was held, with the start of the ride beginning at the Thurmont Little League fields. This 80-mile bike ride has hundreds who participate, all to honor the memory of Tommy West who was a motorcycle and scooter enthusiast, but most of all a lover of baseball. The monies raised by this memorial ride were generously donated to the Thurmont Little League to help children who may otherwise be unable to play due to financial hardship.

Tommy West's son, Johnny West, make the donation of \$4200.50 on behalf of members of the Tommy West Memorial Fund including Billy Newcomer, President; Barb Messner, Secretary, Wayne Ott, Treasurer, Johnny West, Ed Smith, Rick Plunkard and Donna West. League President, Mike Randall, received the donation along with League Vice President, Jim Stein. Donna West threw the opening pitch with Orioles team member, Tyler Degrage, catching.

The Tommy West Memorial Fund will be hosting another bike ride on June 11. Raffle tickets are on sale now at the concession stand at the Thurmont Little League fields for the Tommy West Memorial Fund, \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00.



Pictured top left, left to right, Johnny West shakes hands with Jim Stein as Mike Randall holds the check. Members of the Tommy West Memorial Fund look on.

Pictured above, Donna West throws the first pitch of the season to catcher Tyler Degrage.

Pictured below, As Collin Stitely slides into 2nd base, Josh Savario questions the umpire's call.

Pictured left, the Orioles and Pirates teams are announced.

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American Legion Post 121 Celebrity Bartenders



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Melissa Gelwicks, Willis Johnson and JoAnn Britt don't seem to mind being jailed as Jim Houck (the jailer) stands vigil.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 121 in Emmitsburg held their Annual Celebrity Bartender Day on Saturday, April 9 and a great time was had by all persons that attended. Celebrity bartenders included Marty Williams, Board President and Chaplin of Post 121, Michelle Saylor, Ladies Auxiliary Unit 121 President, Rich Boyd of Jubilee Foods, Helen Topper with PNC Bank, Kerry Shorb with My Father's Footsteps, Valerie Kemp with Scotty's Ride, Bob Hance with Carriage House Inn, Ali with Red's Tavern, Alexis, Lyndsay and Katelyn with the Ott House, Emmitsburg Town Commissioners - Clifford Sweeney and Christopher Staiger, Brittany and Andy Trout with Trout's Towne Restaurant, Cindy Marthers with Mountain Liquors, Josh Parks with Anheuser Busch, Steve Blank with American Legion Post 282, Dale Adams with S.A.L. Post 121, Dianne Walbrecker and Rich Kapriva with the Emmitsburg Lions Club, Deb Spalding with E Plus Copy Center & Promotions, Jaime Keller

with Curves of Thurmont, Patrick Joy with Knights of Columbus, Vicki Fraley with Kennies Market, Emmitsburg's Mayor Jim Hoover, Diana Hoover with the Vigilant Hose Company's Ladies Auxiliary, Tony Wivell and Brandon Campbell with the VFW, Wanda Valentine with Spigler Petroleum Equipment and Mary Jo Trout with Trout's Towne Restaurant.

A grand total of \$4,717.00 was collected and will be or has already been distributed to the Emmitsburg Little League, the Emmitsburg Lions Club Food Drive, the ARC of Frederick County and the American Legion Post 121 Emmitsburg Building Fund. A special thanks from the officers and members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Unit 121 to all who helped make this such a special event. Also thanks to event committee members, Mary Jo Trout, Sharon Hane, Connie Kapriva, Anne Bland, Michelle Saylor and the many volunteers involved with the event.

The Coachmen Return

On May 21, the Coachmen will participate in the Thurmont Lions Club Art Revealed along the Trail (A.R.T.) Festival.

The Coachmen are a bunch of high-school buddies with similar musical interests. They got together in April, 1965, and played for their first dance at St Joseph's High School in Emmitsburg. The band usually played for dances in the Thurmont area. Their favorite memories are of the dances that followed the Thurmont High School basketball games and when their friends gathered to dance at the Thurmont Elementary School auditorium. The Coachmen also played regularly at the "Rex Hall" in Blue Ridge Summit. It was not unusual for 400 kids to show up and have a great time!

The Coachmen are still comprised of all the original members: Jim Little (bass guitar), Dominick Sicilia (lead vocals), Gary Jagow (drums), Bill Sheehan (guitar), Rocky Birely (sax), and Albie Little (organ).

The guys reunited to honor their former manager, Dad, and friend—Vic Jagow—last May after 43 years. They agreed that it was so much fun for a bunch of 'old geezers' to play rock-n-roll music that they must do it again! So, one year later, the Coachmen will be playing music from the Top 40 charts of the mid-60s at the A.R.T. Festival. If you missed their performance last year, make it a point to come hear the guys play once more!

THE COACHMEN THEN and NOW

The Coachmen pictured then in 1966 are—In the windows—Albie Little and Gary Jagow; Bottom row—Rocky Birely, Bill Sheehan, Dom Sicilia (by this time, Jim Little was in the service).



The Coachmen pictured now left to right are Rocky Birely, Albie Little, Dom Sicilia, Bill Sheehan, Jim Little, and Gary Jagow.

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Local Dog Makes Good

By Bernadine Handley

Thurmont can now proudly boast of having its own gold-medal Olympian in the community. Buster Beverage came through with flying colors in the 10-meter sprint at the Basset Hound Olympics held on April 15 at Ocean City, New Jersey's Boardwaddle event. He was awarded his gold medal as his owners, Cathy and Roy Beverage, were presented with his framed certificate.



Courtesy Photos

The Boardwaddle is held annually and benefits the Tri-State Basset Hound Rescue. It draws basset hounds and their owners from many areas, near and far. It consists of the Olympics, held in a community park, with several categories: 10-Meter Sprint, 15-Meter Hurdles, High Jump and Obstacle Course.

However, the boardwalk waddle, held the next day, draws the most interest. The mile-long waddle is colorful and fun, with most of the waddlers dressed in costume. This year, Cathy and Roy's hounds were admired by many along the route. They wore costumes portraying characters from "The Wizard of Oz" -- costumes created by Joan Jenkins of Frederick. Beatrice was a beautiful Dorothy in her blue and white checked gingham outfit, complete with shiny ruby-red slipper-spats; Pookie was a clever scarecrow, donned in denim; Buckets was a non-ferocious lion with a ferocious-looking mane; and Buster was a charming tinman, complete with a funnel hat and silver outfit. Even the "Oz" human family dressed and paraded as the Good Witch Glinda



(Cathy's brother Frank), the Bad Witch from the West (Cathy), Auntie Em (Cathy's mom Bernadine), and "Uncle Em"/Uncle Henry (Roy).

It was a fun affair. Buster hopes to make the trip again next spring to defend his title. Incidentally, Buster has not let his fame go to his head, but it certainly has gone to his tail, as he wags and greets friends with what seems to be extra enthusiasm.

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Dine Out for EOPCC

Dine at Red's Tavern in Emmitsburg on Friday, May 13, for lunch and dinner from 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and 10% of the kitchen tab will be donated to the Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center.

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Courtesy Photo

Pictured left to right are: Angela (Kramer) Fitz, Mary Kramer, George F. Kramer and Christy (Kramer) Gregory. Michael Kramer from California is not pictured.

A luncheon was served at the Carriage House Inn in Emmitsburg with family and friends. Mr. Rick Thomas and Mr. Larry Herr of the F.A.A. presented the award in recognition of Mr. Kramer's contribution for building and maintaining the safest aviation system in the world through practicing and promoting safe aircraft maintenance for more than 50 consecutive years. East Coast Helicopter is now owned and operated by George F. Kramer, the late Mr. Kramer's son and partner.

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EMI... continued from cover

tornados, earthquakes, avalanches, mud slides, volcanoes or floods, the critical importance for these people is knowing what to do when an emergency happens so that everyone survives.

Ironically, a few days before the April 16 weather, a significant milestone - the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of EMI - was celebrated at FEMA in Emmitsburg. It was held in conjunction with the kick-off of the National Preparedness Directorate Training and Exercise Conference for which representatives from most states in the United States, the Tribal Community, Chili and Guam were in attendance.

After a welcome from Vilma Milmo, Acting Superintendent of EMI, the history of the Emergency Management Institute was conveyed via video presentation developed by EMI Historian John Hoyle, and Producer Pete Vogel. While viewing the presentation, one could hear giggles and see random jabs around the room as attendees recognized themselves in the video. In some cases, they were wearing fashions and hairstyles of an earlier time. It is from these people that nationwide protocol in emergency situations has been meticulously developed.

Milmo was then followed by Timothy W. Manning, the Deputy Administrator for Protection and National Preparedness. Deputy Manning was appointed by President Barack Obama to prepare and protect the nation against, prevent, respond to, and recover from, acts of terrorism and natural disasters. He invested twenty years of active front-line fire fighting, EMS, hazardous materials handling and mountain rescue experience before being appointed to the position.

The first class he attended at EMI was a hazardous materials-handling class early in his career as part of a job he held with the state of New Mexico.

When reflecting on that time, he said he was, and still is, striving to "be as good as I can be at what I am doing." He said that as a student, he never imagined he would be in charge of EMI and he considers his role a great honor.

EMI is continually growing stronger with more and more programs and classes, while developing international partnerships. FEMA supports EMI with partnership development in places like Russia, New Zealand and Australia.

Unfortunately, emergencies don't care about money, but in order to continue their mission, EMI is subject to Federal budget allocations to match funds from an Emergency Management Performance Grant that dates back to the 1950s.

Budget decisions by Congress were in progress during the conference. Martha Braddock, Policy Advisor to the State Directors International Association of Emergency Managers, and Matt Cowles, Director of Government Relations to the Emergency Managers Association, were keeping close tabs on the progress of the budget meetings. Braddock said, "This is a key time for us." In Fiscal Year 2012, EMI is asking for an increase to \$11.9 million to continue new development of international collaboration. With funding, they will provide course expertise in other languages and expand FEMA's presence in the world.

EMI courses are open to anyone who would like to learn how to plan effective response during a disaster. So, the next time the wind blows in a way that suddenly catches your attention or you're faced with the decision of forging a flooded road, you will know what to do if the situation turns to disaster. As the saying goes, "You can't handle what is done to you, but you can determine how you handle it." The EMI is making sure we're prepared.



The Windy and Wet Adventures of Thurmont Heritage Days 2011

Despite the inclement weather on April 16 and 17, the Thurmont Heritage Days Festival carried on with most all of its planned activities. Guess you might say that heritage, weather, and people make up the things we come to celebrate of yesteryear. Sometimes it all happens in the present and can cause the same problems we faced in getting to our modern lifestyle.

April 15 started off as a cool, rainy morning with an undecided option as whether to have the Thurmont Heritage Days Festival or not; but at 8:10 a.m., it was clear that the bad weather was coming,

with buckets and buckets of rain. The coffee was on and the Creagerstown St. John's Church was ready with food for all, but the wind picked up and only a few crafters dared to set up. The rides didn't show up, and the tractors didn't come. Saturday was a rain-out—and rain it did, to the tune of over four inches. The hope was that Sunday would clear and be warmer, so home everybody went. Two brave men hauled stone into the gate entrance to help with mud problems for Sunday, and it sure did make a difference.

On Sunday, it was cloudy with some wind, but at 10:20 a.m., a loud boom was heard and the big white tent was down, along with some people. The church moved their food stand into the barn where they were safe, but then all the tents were being blown down one by one. First the train station, then the check-in tent was blown on top of a large hit and miss engine that was running upside down, then it started on the last tent of the announcement table, and then it was gone. One crafter lost their tent due to so much heavy rain, but the rides all started and people were riding the ponies. Free food was given to all those who helped rescue the food and people from the tent.

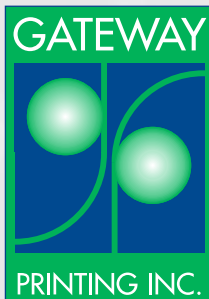
Elvis was coming at 3:00 p.m., so awards were given to tractors—large and small—along with the small engines. The King and Queen contest was won by King Paul Brown and Queen Ronda Gosney, both of the Heritage Group. The Senior Farmer Family of 2011 was David and Margie Harman and sons and the Young Farmer Family of 2011 was Lee and Becky Chaney and daughters. All were given flowers and certificates with their honoring.

The ladies were in heaven when Elvis (Kevin Booth) took the stage with screams and clapping. He sang, kissed the ladies, and gave out scarves to the same. Even though the wind was so strong, trying to blow Elvis's speakers off of the stage, his performance was terrific. A break was had when he had a clothes change and the show continued on.

Results of Heritage Days Judging were: contestant for King and Queen: Elizabeth Winchester, 19, of Thurmont; Matthew Cutman, 22, of Mt. Airy; Cork Brown of THD; Ronda Gosney of THD. John "Cash" Whittaker—1st Place for Best Restored Implement; Cork Brown—2nd Place for Best Restored Implement; Paul Brown, Jr.—1st Place for Most Small Engine on Display. Larry Livingston—1st Place for Hit & Miss Engine, Best Restored; Skip Price—2nd Place for Hit & Miss Engine, Best Restored; Shawn Pugliese—3rd Place for Hit & Miss Engine, Best Restored. Christopher Krantz—1st Place for Best Restored Tractor; Charles Brown—2nd Place for Best Restored Tractor; Faith Brown—3rd Place for Best Restored Tractor. Alex Jame—1st Place for Small Garden Tractor; Phil R. Lloyd—2nd Place for Small Engine Tractor; Tom Griffith—3rd Place for Small Garden Tractor. Charlie Brown—1st Place for Most Large Tractor on Display; Tyler Wolf—2nd Place for Most Large Tractor on Display; Tyler Wolf—2nd Place for Most Small Tractor on Display.

Craft, Flea Market, and Yard Sale Event

An old time crafter, flea market, and yard sale is planned for May 21, at the Heritage show grounds on Eyler Road. There is a \$15.00 set-up fee. There will be free rides for the public in the tram, train, and covered wagon. For more information call 301-271-2023 or 301-271-7729. Please call in advance to reserve your spot of 20x25 feet.



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The Saturday Strolls will once again bring local businesses and an ever-increasing number of visitors together on Main Street. Local businesses are invited to participate through a sponsorship of the event or by setting up a display during one or all of the Saturday Strolls. This is a great opportunity to display and sell your products and services right in the heart of Thurmont's Main Street.

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Walkersville Southern had its beginning on March 2, 1991, when a group of rail enthusiasts and volunteers gathered in the parking lot near the engine house on Pennsylvania Avenue in Walkersville. Armed with chainsaws, hedge trimmers, clippers, mowers, and several motor cars, they were ready to reclaim the tracks that were once the Pennsylvania Railroad that ran from York, Pennsylvania through Walkersville into Frederick, Maryland. There had been no rail service between Walkersville and Frederick for over 20 years. Hurricane Agnes in 1972 saw fit to take down the bridge over the Monocacy River.

Since that March meeting in 1991, many work crews and hours were spent clearing the track that Mother Nature had covered since 1972. In 1996, the bridge over the Monocacy River was rebuilt, and the line was extended south to Route 26. The rest is history.

Today, Walkersville Southern offers a wide variety of special excursion train events, designed for your enjoyment and pleasure. Celebrate a family birthday or anniversary. Charter a train or a caboose for your own private party. There are special dinner trains, the first and third Saturdays of each month April through October at 6:00 p.m. There is something for everyone at Walkersville Southern, regardless of age. For more information, visit www.wsrr.org or call 301-898-0899.



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April 17 marked the 25th Annual Egg Hunt held on Palm Sunday for children up to 10 years of age at Gateway Market and Candyland in Thurmont. This year, a special \$25.00 egg was hidden for each age group.

The \$25.00 dollar winners were Devin Brewer (7-10 age group), Madison Baker (5-7 age group), and Trevor Staub (1-4 age group). There were several other money winners. Because of the flood the night before the hunt this year, children were finding eggs and also catching TROUT in the gutter that had flooded out of the stream.



Courtesy Photos

The folks at Gateway Candyland and Market held their 25th Annual Egg Hunt on April 17. Above, a group of kids get the okay from the bunny on their egg finds. Pictured right, some kids at the egg hunt fetch eggs from some pools of water that accumulated from heavy rain. They even caught some trout in the flooded pools of water.



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The Sweeney's in Thurmont invited the community for an egg hunt at their house. Even the bunny helped find some eggs. A fun time was had by all.



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Big sister, Natalie helps L.J. Pavlosky find his eggs during a neighborhood Easter egg hunt.



Pictured right, Molly Weiss hides a paper mache egg filled with vegetable treats for the monkeys at the Catocin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo.



Savanah Riley and Angel Kessler hunt for eggs during the neighborhood Easter egg hunt Easter morning.

An Egg Hunt That is a Real Zoo—For the Animals Too

The Catocin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo in Thurmont likes to share their annual egg hunt with their animals. On Thursday, April 13, children and friends of the Catocin Zoo got together and made large paper Mache eggs. These eggs were then filled with special treats specific for each animal and then “hidden” in each animal’s exhibit area



Photo by Jeff Downing, Assistant Director of Zoological Husbandry

on Saturday morning, April 16. The animal exhibits were evacuated so that children could enter and hide the paper Mache eggs along with some decorated hard boiled eggs safely. When the animals were let back into their exhibit areas, their sense of smell drew them to the treats that were hidden in the paper Mache eggs.

Visitors and children were able to observe the animal’s exceptional sense of smell that allows them to identify their meal, which in this case was inside the egg.

Haboob, the baby camel, received his favorite treat, raisin bagels. The monkeys received raw vegetables; the Sun Bear received a fruit and vegetable mix; the macaque groups received exotic and delectable fruits, and the wolves and tigers received raw meats.

To see what other treats are in store for the animals this year at The Catocin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo, visit their website at www.cwpzoo.com.

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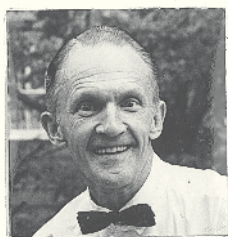
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This and That

by
George W. Wireman



Some Thoughts on Jan Gardner

It was a warm evening in July of 1998. Traffic was heavy on East Main Street in Thurmont. People lined the sidewalks, eagerly awaiting the annual firemen's parade, one of the many attractions of carnival week.

Rather than view the parade from Main Street, I walked out to Blue Ridge Avenue, where I enjoyed watching the many units as they arrived and took their assigned position in the parade line-up. As I talked with some of the members of the Westminster Band, County Commissioner David Gray of Walkersville, came over to join the conversation. With David were several candidates running for public office in the up-coming November election.

Participating in parades was a "must" for candidates seeking public office, for it gave them special recognition and the opportunity to meet the public who they desired to serve. One of the candidates with David was Jan Gardner of Frederick.

Jan was seeking a seat on the Frederick County Board of Commissioners. After the introduction, Jan was quick to inform me about her desire to become a county commissioner and outlined some of the strong issues of her campaign program. I was deeply impressed by Jan's interest in Frederick County government.

In the weeks that followed our first meeting, Jan Gardner traveled throughout the county and made a lasting impression upon the voters where ever she appeared. On



Photo by Deb Spalding

George Wireman is pictured with Jan Gardner.

occasions, Jan and I would meet at some public event, and she never failed to recognize me. Her campaign for County Commissioner was very successful, and she won the position of County Commissioner. Jan served as commissioner for three terms and was President of the Frederick County Board of Commissioners during her last term.

Since our first meeting in July of 1998, Jan and I have become very close friends. I have learned a lot

about her, and through her, I have learned to appreciate the pros and cons of county government.

Jan Gardner was born in Oil City, a small community in northwestern Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Leo and Eleanor Hrinya, who still live there. Her mother is a retired teacher and librarian. Her father worked in the glass industry, mostly in the mold shop for specialty bottles. Jan has an older sister and two younger brothers. She often remarked about having a wonderful childhood and close family relationships. Jan has been very successful in her adult life and owes it to the fact that she

grew up in a loving family, where she knew she was loved and valued unconditionally.

For several years, Jan worked for the Quaker Oats Company in food manufacturing, both at a plant near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and in the corporate offices

in Chicago. While working at Quaker Oats in Harrisburg, she met her husband, John Gardner. They have three children: John, Rachel, and Mallory.

Jan Gardner ran for public office as a result of her interest and concern in addressing school overcrowding. Today, Jan is very proud of the fact that school overcrowding has been greatly reduced during her time as county commissioner.

Serving as County Commissioner,

Jan is proud of a number of accomplishments, one of which was improvements to the county library system, including the new regional library in Thurmont. Leaving the position of County Commissioner was a tough decision for Jan, but she enjoyed meeting people throughout the county. Helping people solve problems—big and small—was important to Jan Gardner.

For the past four years, it has been my pleasure to be Jan's special escort at a number of local events, including the Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show. In case you haven't learned the latest bit of information regarding Jan Gardner, I am pleased to report the following: As of February 22, 2011, Jan Gardner has accepted a position working for United States Senator, Barbara Mikulski. Jan is Barbara's new State Director and is responsible for managing her in-state staff and offices, as well as constituent services. Jan reports that the job is exciting, very interesting, and actually fascinating. What more can I say—CONGRATULATIONS, JAN GARDNER!!

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Your clues were, "Fifty-three years of volunteer service; bank employee; well-known family man; carnival lover."

Those who guessed correctly are: Susan Hilton, Machaela Kelly, Dolly Long, Donna Sweeney, Mike Valentine, Pauline E. Grimes, Denise Lasser, Rodman Myers, Larry Little, Marian Pelkey, Ken Grandstaff, Plummer Fraley, Jaime Frushour, Deb Fornwald, Suzie Free, Beverly Frushour, Marie Long, and Mary Wilhide.

I am Donnie Stitely

As I pulled into Donnie Stitely's driveway and looked around, I could see a swimming pool, a baby swing, a pavilion, children's toys, and a large picnic table on his deck. I could easily conclude that Donnie Stitely is a man who loves to spend quality time with his family. He reinforced this assumption when he said that he believes family is the most important part of life. His favorite thing to do with his family is have picnics at his house where everyone can eat together and have a good time.

When Donnie has every member of his family over at his house, it is a party of 24. He has five children, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

When I walked into Donnie's home, I saw bright-colored bags packed and ready for a trip to Orlando, Florida. Donnie and his wife were going to their grandson's softball game that evening and leaving for Florida the next morning. Their plan was to go to Universal Studios and Sea World with some of

their family members. Donnie is a huge fan of theme parks, fairs, and carnivals. He has traveled to Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Illinois for fairs and has been to Dollywood three times. His favorite theme park is Hershey Park, where he loves to ride his favorite rollercoaster: The Stormrunner. Mrs. Stitely showed me various souvenir



photographs of Donnie on roller coasters at different theme parks. A good friend of Donnie's owns Majestic Midways, so Donnie used to help him with setting up rides for carnivals. Donnie volunteered for many years at the Thurmont Carnival for the Guardian Hose Company, which he joined in 1958. He joined because his Uncle was a member, and he eventually worked his way up to becoming the President for 20 years and the Carnival Chairman for 45 years. At one point, Donnie even lived right behind the Thurmont carnival grounds on Carroll Street, along with Bob and Dick Willhide and Bill Zentz. This group of young men was known as the "Carroll Street Gang."

Through the Guardian Hose Company, Donnie also volunteered as a fire fighter, dedicated time to administrative work, and was part of the Fire Police. For work, he started out working at the Thurmont Bank and retired with Bank of America. However, Donnie seems like he was always able to balance work and play. He is a festive person and loves to decorate for the holidays. The inside of his home was adorned with Easter bunnies, eggs, baskets, and a sign that said "Happy Easter!" When the family comes over for Easter, Donnie has an Easter egg hunt for the children and puts money

in the eggs. His favorite holiday is Christmas, and it is also his favorite holiday for decorating. I was shown a photo album of the Stitely home when it is decorated for Christmas, and I was quite impressed. Donnie told me they have 74 large plastic bins full of Christmas decor in their attic—that's not counting the outdoor decorations! Donnie loves to have the family over for Christmas, and, for him, it really is the most wonderful time of the year.

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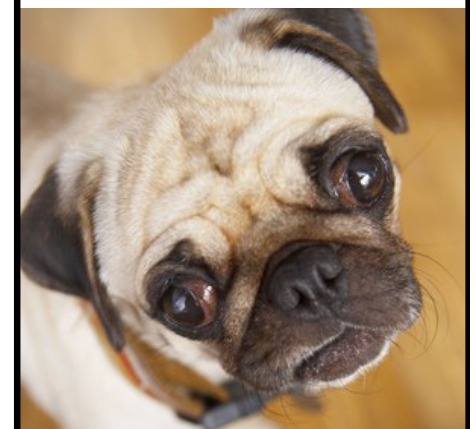
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tickling our taste buds

by Denise Valentine,

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

I often find that children like to create special things for their moms for Mother's Day. It may be a hand-made card, a handful of fresh-picked flowers or a craft made from scraps of paper or material. Regardless of which gift is given, a mom will treasure any item that is presented by her children. Since this is a food column, I chose to share with you a quick and simple, but scrumptious, donut-type treat that is great with coffee, tea or milk. Dads may have to help the little ones, but with this recipe, there will be no problems.

Happy Mother's Day!

Buttons and Bowknots

2 cups of buttermilk baking mix	1/3 cup of milk
2 tablespoons of sugar	1 egg
1 teaspoon nutmeg	1/4 cup butter or margarine,
1/8 teaspoon cinnamon	melted
1/2 cup sugar	

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Mix thoroughly baking mix, 2 tablespoons sugar, the nutmeg, cinnamon, milk and egg. Beat vigorously 20 strokes.

Round up dough on lightly floured cloth-covered board; knead 5 times. Roll 1/2 inch thick. Cut with floured doughnut cutter.

To make Bowknots, hold opposite sides of each ring with fingers and twist to form a figure "8." Place "holes" (Buttons) and Bowknots on ungreased baking sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes. Immediately after baking, dip each Button and Bowknot into melted butter, then into sugar.

***Recipe taken from Betty Crocker's Cookbook

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Dr. Elizabeth Krouse, organist for the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine

National Park Foundation First Bloom Project Breaks Ground at Catoctin Mountain Park

Eighty Fourth grade students from Robert Moton Elementary School in Westminster, Maryland planted a native wildflower garden at the Catoctin Mountain Park on April 26 culminating the park's First Bloom program. The National Park Foundation's First Bloom initiative provides an opportunity for fourth to sixth grade students to engage with local national parks. The Robert Moton students, many of whom had not previously visited a national park, have had the chance to learn, hands-on, about the environment in a living classroom during three field trips this school year.

This unique educational experience included multiple hands-on activities led by park rangers. Since September 29, the students have been learning about invasive plants and the impact of human actions on the natural environment. They participated in traditional and on-line research about native plants at the school during the winter, then created a garden design after considering the growing characteristics of native wildflowers available through commercial nurseries.

Pictures from First Bloom field trips, garden designs and student reflections will be provided at the park displayed at the Park Visitor Center through Memorial Day. Please vote for the Catoctin garden design at www.first-bloom.org. Catoctin Mountain Park is one of 394 units administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. The park Visitor Center, located on State Route 77 three miles west of Thurmont, Maryland, is open daily from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Correspondence should be addressed to: Superintendent, Catoctin Mountain Park, 6602 Foxville Road, Thurmont, MD 21788. Our website address is www.nps.gov/cato. General information can be obtained by calling the Visitor Center at 301-663-9388.

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ESP offers classes in ballet, tap, lyrical, hip-hop, and acro-dance. Classes are offered for students as young as three and also for adults.

The ESP of Dance and Music, LLC studio was founded in 1970 by Linda Elower-Sicilia. Elower-Sicilia has dedicated her life to sharing her passion for dance and educating dancers in the art form, and providing a positive influence on students' lives. Linda also founded the ESP Performing Company—a non-profit, touring performing dance company. Kara Sicilia is the current ESP Performing Company Director.

ESP's dance education, as created and designed by Linda, and as developed and evolved with her three daughters—Kela Sicilia-Marceron, Kyra Sicilia-Fry, and Kara Sicilia—focuses on technique, positive attitude, and respect. ESP has a history of training outstanding dancers. Many ESP students have gone on to pursue successful dance careers as teachers, directors, and performers with agent representation, including performing in movies and on cruise ships. Many more students have received scholarships to professional dance schools such as Alvin Ailey American Dance Center, Point Park Intensive, Broadway Dance Center, Millennium, Edge, and Tap Kids. Still others have received scholarships and performed with Choreographers Carnival and in Debbie Allen's productions at the Kennedy Center. Some students now dance with professional dance companies, including the Arsenele della Danza dance workshop in Venice, Italy, and the Odyssey Dance Theatre in Utah. One student is now a Washington Redskins cheerleader—a Redskinette.

ESP's Performing Company is recognized for its excellence and technical training nationwide. In 2005, the ESP Performing Company qualified and was selected for Team USA to represent the United States in the "World Showdance" and hip-hop championships in Germany. In 2009, the ESP Performing Company was the only Maryland dance school invited to represent the State of Maryland with other states and 35 foreign countries in the international dance event.

ESP faculty includes an extremely talented and nationally respected staff:

Kela Sicilia-Marceron graduated from the visual performing arts program at Thomas Johnson High School and Frederick Community College before transferring to Mount Saint Mary's University. Kela's performances as a dancer and singer include among others performances, performing with the Tap Sounds Underground and the Clifton Drum Trio in a show at the Valentine's Theater in Ohio, and performing in the National Institutes Production "Phat City" at the Kennedy Center for President Clinton. Kela has received numerous voice and dance scholarships and has studied in Los Angeles and New York. Kela was also a member of a Washington D.C. professional dance company and is a Power Pilates certified teacher. Nationally, Kela is known and respected as an award-winning choreographer with numerous national choreography awards.

Kara L. Sicilia graduated from Frederick Community College, is the Director of the ESP Performing Company, and directs ESP's tap program. While Kara's dance foundation was built at ESP, she continued her dance education with some amazing dancers, such as Rhonda Miller, Yvonne Edwards, Baakari Wilder, Vincent Bingham, Mike Minery, Gregg Russell, Keith Clifton, Mark "Biz" Burke, and Mark Goodman. Kara was a member

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of two professional dance companies: "Step Aside" and "ARA Tap," both in Washington D.C. She received numerous scholarships and awards, including a scholarship received directly from the dance legend, Al Gilbert. Kara also studied in Los Angeles and New York, and she, too, is known and respected as an award-winning choreographer with numerous national choreography awards.

Kyra Sicilia-Fry graduated from Frederick Community College, and received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Towson University and Hood College. Kyra is a Carroll Manor Elementary School Teacher and teaches ESP's 2-3 year old pre-dance class at the studio. For many years, Kyra was the ESP Office and Operations Manager and Business Director. Before becoming a full-time school teacher, Kyra excelled in ballet and acrobatics.

Ashley Trout-Boyer has been a member of ESP so long, that like Kela, Kara, and Kyra, you might say she was born into the studio family and always has been a part of the studio family. Ashley is ESP's Performing Company Mentor and Coach.

Joan Hane, Acrobatics; Lauri Harley, Pre-dance and Lyrical; Maigan Torre, Hip-Hop and Jazz; and Struther White round out the base faculty at ESP. Guest teachers: Megan Adelsberger, Katie Beliveau, Patrick Cubbedge, Becca Martin, and Taylor Rice—plus an amazing group of Master Class Faculty from around the country—complete the staff. New to the summer faculty is Shannon Doyle, who will be teaching "cheer dance."

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Things I Learned From My Mother

by Valerie Nusbaum

In honor of Mother's Day, I thought I'd share with you some things my mother taught me.

Mom taught me the usual stuff that all mothers teach their children, such as always wear clean underwear in case you're in an accident, and not to make ugly faces because your face could get stuck that way. I never quite understood the underwear advice, because if I were to be in an accident, it wouldn't matter whether my underwear was clean before it happened. My mom also taught me some things that other mothers may neglect to share with their kids.

Because my mom did this, I know that it's okay to terrify small children. Whenever I misbehaved as a child (which apparently was often), my dear, sainted mother would tell me that she wasn't really my mother at all. She was Marla the Moonmaid. Mom would make scary faces while she related how my real mother was off dancing on the moonbeams, because she needed to get away from me. I learned from all of this that it must be fine for adults to make awful faces. Adult faces do not get stuck.

I've learned that a woman should never lie about her age, but it is perfectly permissible to lie about her height. Mom and her friends installed a height chart at the local Roy Rogers restaurant, so that each of them could see how tall she was. I thought it was odd when Mom told me that she is 65 inches tall. You see, I'm 66 inches tall and Mom is a good head shorter than I am. She swore it was true and she pestered me about it until I went with her to Roy Rogers and measured myself. What I discovered is that I'm six feet tall according to the measuring stick—that's because the stick is six inches off the ground.

I was six years old when my mother was pregnant with my brother. For some reason, she got it into her head that she was having twins. She decided that their names would be John Allen and Judith Ann, and we would call them "Jody" and "Judy." Mom excitedly informed everyone that the babies' initials would spell "JAZ." It turned out to be just one baby—a boy—and my poor brother was forever saddled with the nickname "Jody," because I

just assumed that's who he was. It's good to know that Mom put the same thought and effort into naming me. I remember being told that I laid in the hospital nursery for three days, known only as "Baby Girl Zombro," until Mom finally came up with something to call me. I'm happy to tell you that my initials spell "VLZ." From this, I learned that girl babies are more difficult to name than boy babies, unless, of course, twins are involved.

Mom taught me that one should always exit a room the same way one enters. I know this because when Mom locked herself out of the house, she broke in through a basement window, unlocked the door from the inside, and climbed back out the window.

Some years ago, Mom decided that she didn't want a credit card, so she cut it up. Then she decided that she might use it someday after all, so she taped all the little pieces back together and put it in her wallet. I don't think she ever actually tried to use it at a store, but the lesson I learned from that day is that sometimes it's better to just not say anything.

Once, Mom was helping out in the kitchen while visiting Randy and me. I learned that I don't own a decent knife, nor do I have a suitable soup pot. Actually, now I have five suitable soup pots, because Mom keeps buying them for me and then forgetting that she's already bought one.

I've learned all these things from my mother, but what I really should

have been paying attention to is her gift for making others feel special. Mom's generosity knows no bounds, and her kind heart is something I should be striving to emulate. When everyone else in my life (before Randy came along, that is) let me down, my mom was always there for me. She still is, and I know I'm lucky even if I don't always remember to tell her. She's a handful, but I wouldn't have her any other way.

I'm speaking for all of us who are fortunate enough to have good relationships with our mothers and to have our moms with us into adulthood—when I say this, I feel for those of you who haven't been so lucky. I'd be happy to loan you my mom for a while, but you'll have to give her back. Trust me, you'll be ready to.

"Jesus Chooses Us" Vacation Bible School

"Jesus Chooses Us" will be the theme for Vacation Bible School at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Utica. This will be a joint effort between St. Paul's and the staff of Mar-Lu-Ridge. The dates for Vacation Bible School will be June 19-23, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All children ages 4 years old through Grade 5 are welcome. To register, please call 301-898-9454 and leave your name and phone number. St. Paul's is located at 10621 Old Frederick Road, Thurmont.

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Healing Touch Massage Opens in Thurmont

Healing Touch Massage recently opened locations in Thurmont and Frederick where they offer a range of massage techniques. Owned by Marie Free, a massage therapist since 2003, Healing Touch Massage offers seated chair massages, Swedish and Integrative massage techniques.

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Girl Scout Troop 81200 Holds Neighborhood Yard Sale

Spring is here and that means...Yard Sale Time! If you're doing "Spring Cleaning" and need a place to have a yard sale, Cadette Girl Scout Troop 81200 has the space for you to set up and sell your goods. The yard sale will be held on May 6 and May 7, at East Hammaker Street in Thurmont, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Crafters are welcome to participate as well.

Spaces are \$5.00 per space (8x10). Tables are available for rent at \$5.00 per table (limited number available). This event will be held rain or shine. All proceeds benefit Cadette Girl Scout Troop 81200 Silver Award Project.

Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital (GSCNC) and Troop 81200 are not responsible for loss or damage to items. Send name, address, contact phone number, and payment to GSCNC Troop 81200 at 115 E. Hammaker St., Thurmont, MD 21788. Please note the number of spaces and tables, if needed.

The Big Sweep

Rain and bad weather did not stop Boy Scout Troop 270 and Girl Scout Troop 81200, who joined forces in picking up trash on Roddy Road from the intersection of Apples Church Road and Eyler Road through the covered bridge to Rt. 15 in April.



Photo by Carie Stafford

dude, it's catocin

by Julia Shipley

Ah, that fresh spring air after all the rain we have had has washed all the "ickyness" of winter out of Thurmont. Many of the spring sport goers aren't very happy about this, though. With so many games getting rained out, it seems as though the season is shortened this year. Unfortunately, spring sports aren't the talk of this month. PROM is what seemed to be on everyone's mind. Prom was on Friday, April 29. May I speak for all upper classmen (and all underclassmen that were honored by invites) that I was pumped for Prom! I was extremely curious to see what the SGA (Student Government Association) had cooked up for this year's theme. Everyone was excited to attend and it seemed we all had a lot fun.

The blood drive this month had a lovely turn out, consisting of students and teachers alike who gave blood to The Red Cross to support the saving of lives. Unfortunately, I tried and failed to give blood. Because I don't bleed, it furthers my case that I am, in fact, a vampire. Much blood was donated and delicious cookies and juices were provided by the organizers of the fundraiser: the SHOP club (Students Helping Other People). Without the constant diligence of their members, I'm sure a few donors would have passed out. Thanks, again, to everyone who was able to give blood.

Following up on last month's brief glimpse at the drama department, many supporters turned out to see their spring production of "Once on This Island," the real story of the "Little Mermaid." Elaine Shray, the lead who played Ti Moune, sang her heart out every night—along with the rest of the cast—to put on a spectacular show of love, joy, heartache, and pain. Thank you to all who came out to see the production.

If you didn't come see it, you should go to one next time—you'll be glad you did. Also, kudos goes out to the pit band that rocked the pants off the audience.

Continuing with the theme of art, Catocin's first annual Art Scape took place in April. Many sculptures, drawings, paintings, and photographs were displayed on tables and on the walls. Performers from the drama department, the dance team, the choir, the band, and the indoor colorguard and percussion ensembles performed in the middle to dazzle the adoring fans and parents who came out to support the event. The tappers were a-tappin and the dancers were a-dancing in various styles, depending on the piece. Mad props to Nick Trapane for his life-size sculpture of a man making a sculpture; it blew my mind. Alexander Dowes performed a stern monologue, and the percussion ensemble followed up with the similar theme of "Kirby." Colorguard finished up the night by performing to the song "Dark Blue," by Jacks Mannequin. Thanks to all who came out to support the arts.

Oh goodness, can you believe that school is nearly over? That very soon there won't be any school? I can't wait, to be fair. And, to all of you taking AP tests: good luck! Peace out for now, Catocin.

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Mother Seton School Students Shine in Religion Bee

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Mother Seton School's Annual Religion Bee for grades four through eight was held Tuesday, April 19, 2011, in the school auditorium. Christopher Shatzer, an eighth grade student, won first place by knowing who helped Jesus carry his cross on Good Friday. The answer was Simon of Cyrene. Second place was won by Thomas Plummer, a seventh grade student, and third place was won by Elizabeth Buchheister, a fourth grade student. Mrs. Kaitlyn Nell, fifth grade teacher and moderator of the Religion Bee, was surprised that 90 questions were asked during the Bee. "I had to go get more questions in the middle of the Religion Bee, because the students were so knowledgeable and answered all of the questions I had prepared," said Nell. "That has never happened!"

Winners from each class competed in the final contest. Congratulations to all of the students who competed in the Religion Bee!



Pictured above are Winners of the Mother Seton School Religion Bee: (Back left to right) First Place, Christopher Shatzer; Second Place, Thomas Plummer. (Front) Elizabeth Buchheister, Third Place.



Pictured above are Classroom Winners of the Mother Seton School Religion Bee: (left to right) Sarah Szukalski, grade 6; Samantha Mariano, grade 4; Carrie Reaver, grade 6; Elizabeth Buchheister, grade 4; Jude O'Donnell, grade 5; Eric Weber, grade 5; Meredith Hane, grade 7; Christopher Shatzer, grade 8; Thomas Plummer, grade 7; and Clare Pugh, grade 8.

Guardian Hose Company Carnival

The Annual Guardian Hose Company Carnival will be held from July 11 through 16 and features rides, good food and entrainment for everyone.

Ride-all-night tickets can be purchased at the fire hall beginning June 4, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and every weekend until the carnival. Ride-all-night tickets can also be purchased at the local banks beginning June 4; the cost is \$13.00 (a savings of \$7.00). Once the carnival begins, the cost is \$20.00. Pre-sale ride tickets can also be purchased on the carnival grounds on July 9 and 10 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Rides are provided by Penn Wood Amusements.

Superb entertainment will be offered: Monday – Rock & Roll Relics, oldies; Tuesday – Catocin Promise Band, Christian; Wednesday – Leghorn, classic rock; Thursday – Just Friends, variety; Friday – Allen Brown and Friends, traditional country and gospel; Saturday – Knight Brothers, variety and gospel.

The annual parade will be held on Thursday, July 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Numerous chance prizes will be raffled off including a scooter, cash and other prizes. Any questions should be directed to Bob Oxendale, Secretary at 301-271-3943 or Wayne Stackhouse, President at 301-271-7117.

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Mother Seton School Partners with Catocin Forest Alliance

As a Maryland Green School, Mother Seton School (MSS) strives to work with other community agencies to bring about opportunities to enhance the school wide Green School mission. Elizabeth Prongas, Catocin Forest Alliance (CFA) Board Member, member of their Education and Conservation Committee, and MSS Green School Committee member, recognized a great opportunity for the two organizations to partner.

Working with MSS Art Teacher, Karolyn Myers, and the MSS Art Angels, students in grades one, five, and six recently created three-dimensional centerpieces shaped like trees using recycled sign boards. First grade students added tissue paper for the tree canopy and learned the parts of a tree. Fifth and sixth grade students also discussed the importance of maintaining the national, state, and community parks. An action figure was created to go with each centerpiece to represent the importance of students interacting with the outdoors. The centerpieces will be on display for several of the CFA events. "The Catocin Forest Alliance is privileged to be involved with Mother Seton School and support their Green School program," said Prongas.

Mother Seton School promotes learning, preservation, and deep appreciation for the earth's environment and wildlife. On September 21, 2011, MSS will once again recognize World Peace Day as a school and community event. The 2011 theme will be "Protect and Preserve Our Environment."

The mission of the Catocin Forest Alliance is to preserve and promote the health of the Catocin Mountain forest to benefit present and future generations. To learn more about CFA, visit www.catocinfoalliance.com or call 301-271-4459.



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First Grade Students at Mother Seton School help to create centerpieces for the Catocin Forest Alliance. The centerpieces will be used in several upcoming events. Pictured (left to right): Sam Scovitch, Caitlin Marron, Madeline Shea, Jacob Hartness, Aoife Nelson, Katherine Bowlby, Raphaela Smalldone, Elizabeth Kiley, Emma Wivell, Sarah Mulqueen, Taylor Reisinger, Timothy Wahl, Thomas Wiles, Matthew Knox, Matthew Wetzell, and Benjamin Jacobson.

Sponsored by the Daughters of Charity, Mother Seton School traces its beginnings back to a small school begun in 1810 by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first native-born resident of the United States to become a canonized saint. MSS provides affordable, faith and family centered education for Pre-K through Grade 8. With proven academics, over one-third of all Middle School students scored in the 95th percentile in reading and/or math last year. Scholarships and daily bus transportation to the modern Emmitsburg campus are available and Mother Seton School is currently accepting applications for fall. Please visit www.mothersetonschool.org for more information or to donate to scholarships for children in need. Mother Seton School – cherishing the past, building the future...one life at a time.

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TMS Leos Respond to the Challenge from Helen Keller

In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions Clubs to become "Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." The Thurmont Middle School Leo club has answered that challenge.

In March, the students in the club met Jason Polansky, a freshman at Catocin High School. Jason described himself as a normal kid who "just can't see." Jason talked about his life and friends, his hobbies and activities. The Leos learned that Jason's parents, Susan and Ed Polansky, belong to the non-profit organization: Maryland Parents of Blind Children. This group works to promote blindness skills to ensure a future of maximum independence for blind children. The Leos were so impressed with Jason that they voted to donate \$200 to Maryland Parents of Blind Children. According to Nancy Dutterer, the liaison between the Thurmont Lions Club and the Leo Club, "Jason is a very positive and inspiring person. The Leos enjoyed having him very much."

In April, the Thurmont Middle Leo Club attended a presentation about Leader Dogs for the Blind by Len Quinn, Lions Club Past District Governor. Quinn became legally blind in 1998, and received his first Leader Dog, Mikey, in 2001. After Mikey retired, Ginger, a golden retriever, took his place. After learning how leader dogs are chosen, socialized, trained, and then given to their blind "handlers," the students watched Quinn and Ginger demonstrate how they work together as a team. The sign on Ginger's harness reads "Do not pet me. I am working," and it is through the harness that Ginger communicates with her handler. The students were then given the opportunity to put a mask over their eyes, hold onto Ginger's harness, and let her be their "eyes." After the presentation, Hannah Barth gave Lion Quinn a donation of \$150 from the Thurmont Middle School Leo Club for the Leader Dog program.

For more information visit <http://www.leaderdog.org/>. To learn more about the Thurmont Lions Club, visit <http://www.thurmontlionsclub.com/> or call Nancy Dutterer at 301-271-6965.

Supporting Therapeutic Riding Program

Soggy weather did not prevent people from coming out to Gateway Candyland & Market to support the Therapeutic Riding program on Sunday, May 1. Fourteen year-old Margo Sweeney of the Rocky Ridge 4H club is working on her last clover award for the 4-H. The diamond is the highest clover award, and to earn this award, many projects are required, including a community service project. Margo is a volunteer at the Therapeutic Riding program at Silverado Stables in Lewistown, and she knows first-hand what is needed to make this well-deserving program continue. She arranged with Gateway to host a Dipping Day. All profits from the ice cream sales during the time frame of 12:00-7:00 p.m. are donated to the Therapeutic Riding program.

Margo would like to thank sponsors to this project: Devilbiss Construction, Frederick Plumping & Heating, and Krietz Auto. Most of all, a special thanks goes out to the Rocky Ridge 4H group, friends, and family who braved the weather to help make this event a success.



Courtesy Photo
Jason Polansky at a meeting with the Thurmont Middle School Leo Club.



Photo by Carie Stafford
Braeden Miller, a therapeutic rider, receives face painting from Ashley McAfee.

school news

Town of Emmitsburg Celebrates Earth Day and Arbor Day with Mother Seton School

In recognition of Earth Day and Arbor Day 2011, Emmitsburg Town Commissioner Glenn Blanchard; Town employees Dave Wantz and Chris Wantz; and Mother Seton School Principal, Sister JoAnne Goecke, D.C., along with some pre-kindergarten and third grade students, planted a tree at Mother Seton School (MSS) on Wednesday, April 20, 2011. MSS will be on Easter break on Earth Day, April 22 and Arbor Day, April 29.

The first Arbor Day was in 1872 and was started by J. Sterling Morton in Nebraska. According to the Arbor Day Foundation, "During the 1870s, other states passed legislation to observe Arbor Day, and the tradition began in schools nationwide in 1882." Earth Day was started in 1970 by Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin and has grown into a world wide environmental movement.

MSS is very grateful to the Town of Emmitsburg for continuing the traditions of Earth Day and Arbor Day and encouraging students to embrace a lifelong responsibility for the earth's resources.

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Emmitsburg Town Employee, Chris Wantz, spreads a little loose soil on the newly planted tree in honor of Earth Day and Arbor Day. The tree is a gift to Mother Seton School from the Town of Emmitsburg.

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by Jeanne Angleberger
Shaklee Associate for a Healthier Life

Are friends an essential part of a healthy lifestyle? Most people may not think about it, but probably would agree that they are important to their life.

There are health benefits of having a strong social network. Calling a friend to talk when you're experiencing a bad day can give you a different perspective. Even boost your immune system to help protect you from depression and anxiety.

Our circle of friends may change when we become adults. Relocation may be a reason to find new friends. The work place always generates friends. After all, you're spending a lot of time with your co-workers. However, our childhood friends can still remain, but you may have less contact with them.

Some people may ask, "Where have all the friends gone?"

Everyone is a stranger until you meet them! You may have a lot in common with the person you see at the coffee shop. You just don't know it yet! So, start talking! You could Google your old best friend from

high school. We fall out of touch for numerous reasons. If they were a good friend then, they might even be a better one now.

Do something new. Share your passion with others. You're bound to find potential friends.

Alter your habits. You know people tend to fall into ruts. It's unlikely that they will meet anyone new. Take a new class or join a club. Yours truly suggests joining a gym.

A good conversation starter is giving someone a compliment. Think of how you feel when someone says something nice.

Remember, friendship is many small things—it can be a friend bringing you a pot of Chicken Soup when you're ill, it can be a friend babysitting for their neighbor on short notice, or a friend just listening when you need to talk. Ultimately, being a friend means enjoying the time you spend together and not expecting a payback.

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Catoctin High School Students Meet the Governor

Maryland's Governor Martin O'Malley invited each high school in the state to send a female and male student and one adult chaperone to a Youth Inaugural conversation at the University of Maryland, College Park, in the Stamp Student Union Grand Ballroom in February 2011.

Governor O'Malley and Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown were inviting students to discuss how they can have a voice and a role in the future of their education and the state. Each student was allowed to submit a two-sentence answer to two questions: (1) What is the greatest challenge you face in pursuing your educational goals? (2) What do you believe is the greatest challenge facing the State of Maryland?

An excited William Dower (grade 10) and Stephanie Adams (grade 10) were picked from a list of students, by lottery, to attend the Youth Inaugural Conversation, escorted by David Gadra, social studies teacher/work-study coordinator.

William's answer to the first question was "the cost of college tuition." With the decrease in the economy and the increase in daily living expenses, affording college tuition is difficult. One of the biggest hurdles high school students have to face in pursuing higher education is the cost of tuition vs. daily living—it is arduous.

William's answer to the second question—after pondering over many things and coming to the realization that most problems not only influenced Maryland but the whole nation—was a problem he decided would be the greatest challenge Maryland's future faces: the current economy. Thanks to the huge unemployment rate and increase in foreign competition, the future is unclear as to whether today's students will be able to find work.

Governor O'Malley stated that Maryland is the only state not to have its college admission prices rise in recent years, and about 11 percent of Maryland's budget goes to higher education.

Stephanie's answer to the first question was "her dislike of the No Child Left Behind law." Her feeling is that this law hinders teachers on what they can teach and the levels they are able to perform at due to the restrictions of the law. Mostly, it keeps students, who would normally excel at a higher level, from pushing further due to the restrictions of how far a teacher is able to instruct.

The second question was tough for Stephanie to answer, as well, with so many problems in the state matching those of the nation. Stephanie decided her answer would be "how Maryland's education compares to the rest of the world, especially developing countries such as China."

Governor O'Malley agreed with her concern of how we measure up to other countries of the world and showed charts and data. The comparison to China was difficult due to their education being government based.

Both Stephanie and William were excited to be a part of the Youth Inaugural conversation and found the Governor and the Lt. Governor to be friendly and avid listeners to the well thought-out answers by our young people.



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Pictured (left to right): Stephanie Adams, 10th grade student; David Gadra, Social Studies teacher; and William Dower, 10th grade student from Catoctin High School.

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The 3rd Annual John's Wheels for Wishes Poker Run will be held on Saturday, July 30, departing from Eunice's Restaurant at the corner of Biggs Ford Road and Route 15 at 11:00 a.m. Registration is \$20.00 per driver, \$15.00 per rider, non-riding participants are \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child (12 and under).

Each year, this benefit helps a family in Thurmont. The folks at John's Wheels for Wishes are accepting nomination letters now from families that may be in need of financial support due to terminal sickness, etc.

This year's ride features fun for the whole family through parts of Maryland and Pennsylvania ending at Lawyer's Barn in Thurmont, where music, raffles, an after-party, and cookout will be held. Pre-registration will be held through July 10 by mailing registration to 13719 Jintown Road, Thurmont, MD 21788.

Emmitsburg Community Day & Parade

Gear up now for the Emmitsburg Community Day that will be held Saturday, June 25 at the Emmitsburg Community Park. This year's theme is "Today's Youth, Emmitsburg's Gateway to the Future." During the day accomplishments by youth will be highlighted and youth musical events will be held in the bandstand all day.

Along with the traditional races and games in the morning, the popular horseshoe tournament and closest-to-the-pin golf will be held in the afternoon. Special this year, the Tommy West Memorial Car Show will be held. The swimming pool will be open to all guests and members for free all day.

The Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association will host the Community Day Parade. Any organization or business serving the greater Emmitsburg area is invited to enter a float or walking/marching unit. A new category for children and families has been created. Decorate your bicycle or wagon and be a part of the fun. Classic Car buffs are also invited to participate. Inquiries from marching bands will be most welcome. Parade registration is open through June 17. Forms are available on the EBPA.biz website or contact John Sanders at 301.447.3638.

The day will conclude with a finale of fireworks. Join in for fun to help make this year's Community Day the biggest and best ever. Donations are appreciated in order to help support the costs of the day's festivities which include the fireworks display. Submit donations to the Emmitsburg Lions Club at P.O. Box 1182, Emmitsburg, Maryland, 21727.

body wisdom

by Teresa Dukich, L.M.T.

All of our joints provide movement for us. With the exception of the spine and the sacroiliac (where the hip bones meet the sacrum), our joints are classified as synovial joints or diarthrosis. A Synovial joint is the most common and movable joint in the body of a mammal. Movement happens at the point of contact on articulating (moving) bones. The space between the bones is filled with a liquid that surrounds the capsule of any synovial joint. This fluid, known as synovial fluid, has a consistency similar to that of an egg yolk. It is transparent, slightly yellow, and viscous (thick and syrupy). Its main ingredient is hyaluronic acid. Blood is supplied to this inner synovial membrane by surrounding arteries near the joint, and nerve function is derived from muscles acting near the joint.

There are two membranes at the articulating (moving) joint: (1) the outer fibrous membrane that usually contains ligaments; and (2) an inner

synovial membrane that stores and secretes the precious synovial fluid. This fluid keeps the bones from rubbing together by lubricating, absorbing shock, and nourishing the joint. It works on demand without mental command and allows ease of motion. It prevents the bones from actually touching each other, minimizing friction and damage.

As with any other part of a complex mammal, imbalance may occur. Too little release of synovial fluid may result in a dry joint that creates pain upon movement. Too much release of this fluid may result in inflammation. Both conditions would require medical attention. As a massage therapist, it is not in my realm of practice to diagnose. As a contributor to *The Catocin Banner*, it is my intention to educate. References: Wikipedia, www.righthealth.com, www.WebMD.com, www.answers.com, and the Oxford Dictionary of Sports & Medicine.

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One Mountain Foundation Hosting the Blue Ridge Theater Guild

The One Mountain Foundation hosted the Blue Ridge Theater Guild in their production of Agatha Christie's "The Unexpected Guest" in April. When Michael Starkwedder (played by Rynn Curry), a stranger, runs his car into a ditch in dense fog in South Wales, near the coast, and makes his way to an isolated house, he discovers Laura Warwick (played by Emily Sanders) standing over the dead body of Richard Warwick (played by Jim Beck), her wheelchair-bound husband, gun in her hand. She admits to murder, and the unexpected guest offers to help her concoct a cover story. But was it possible that Laura Warwick did not commit the murder after all? If so, who is she shielding? One had to see the show to know who did it. And it wasn't the butler!

This is the fourth season of the One Mountain Foundation hosting the Blue Ridge Theater Guild on the Cascade/Blue Ridge Summit mountaintop. The Guild is a talented and award-winning local non-profit theater production company, with this production directed by Tom Rogers of Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania.

The Board of Directors of the One Mountain Foundation would like to thank Tom Rogers for a very entertaining evening and for use of the cast pictures. Thanks also to the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant for a delicious dinner on Friday and Saturday evenings; to Jannine Shatzer, Alice Humphrey, and Heather Carter for preparing the fabulous light fare on Sunday; to the Blue Ridge Garden Club for their floral decorations; to the Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue Squad for use of the hall; to American Legion Post 239 for use of their tables; to Nina Rouzer and Alice Humphrey for organizing and coordinating all the myriad of details needed to ensure an enjoyable evening by all; and to the One Mountain Foundation Board members who helped throughout.

A special thanks to all who attended and enjoyed the fun-filled evening. The dinner theaters are important events for the One Mountain Foundation and for the mountaintop community. Proceeds from the event go to support the theater guild and the One Mountain Foundation, both of which are recognized by the IRS as 501(c)(3) charitable organizations. The next dinner theater production will be "The Night is My Enemy," to be directed by Doris Merson, and will be held on September 30, 2011 and October 1-2, 2011, at the Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue Squad Hall. See you there.

Gettysburg Kicked Off 150th Anniversary

A celebration to kick-off a five-year commemoration in observation of America's most famous Civil War battle, the Battle of Gettysburg, was held on April 29 and 30 in Gettysburg. Norris Flowers, President of the Gettysburg Convention & Visitors Bureau said, "Over the next five years, we expect many more events, special observances, expanded programs and tours, and large battle re-enactments – a commemoration few will forget." For a list of events planned for Gettysburg's 150th anniversary commemoration, 800-337-5015 or visit www.gettysburgcivilwar150.com.



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Children and Teens at the Thurmont Regional Library
by Janet Vogel, Children's Services Supervisor, Thurmont Regional Library

May means the beginning of the Summer Reading Program and the beginning of many special library programs. Kids and teens can register now for a chance to win a variety of great prizes! Our theme this year is "One World, Many Stories," so be on the lookout for multicultural books, programs, music, and more throughout the summer.

One way to tell stories is through Sign Language. Join us on Friday, May 20, at 10:15 a.m. for a Baby Sign with Kit. Help your little one communicate with you and jump start language development with signs! This introductory class is perfect for children ages 6-35 months and their parent or caregiver, and will be fun and friendly. Getting started is as easy as waving bye-bye!

May also brings some special family events—Family Game Day. Come play Diego Chutes and Ladders, Candy Land, Pictureka, and all of your family's favorites, and pick up a book or movie for the evening. We provide the games, you provide the fun!

Excited about the new Kung Fu Panda movie? Watch the original on the library's big screen at Lunch & a Movie on Saturday, May 21, at 12:00

p.m. Bring a pillow or a blanket and your lunch and gear up for some Kung Fu fun before you see the sequel in theaters.

Born to Play is back this month and is a great way to meet other parents and caregivers, while the children play. Join us at 10:00 a.m. on May 19 and 27. We have toys, games, and imagination starters for ages 6 months–5 years; set up in the Imagination Zone until 11:30 a.m.

Teens! Register to make a Mother's Day gift box on Saturday, May 7, at 2:00 p.m. We'll provide the supplies, you provide the imagination. Now you won't have to worry about what to get mom this year!

Don't forget to mark your calendars now for the Summer Reading Club Kickoff party with free Rita's Ice on Saturday, June 18, and Magician Roger Lindsay on Saturday, June 25. Visit our website (<http://www.fcpl.org/information/branches/thurmont/>) or call the Children's Department at 301-600-7214 for more information about upcoming programs. Our regular programs continue throughout the summer along with many special events!



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- 6-7 . Apples Church Yard Sale, 7908 Apples Church Rd., Thurmont. 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Benefits ACS GOLF TEAM Relay for Life Team.
- 7 Bingo Bash, Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. \$45/door. 301-748-6894.
- 6,7 . Neighborhood Yard Sale, E. Hammaker St., Thurmont. 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Sponsored by Cadette Girl Scout Troop 81200.
- 7 Life Horse Family Fun Day, 15117 Mud College Road, Thurmont. 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 301-447-3663.
- 11 .. May Procession, Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg. 10:45 a.m. Mother Seton School invites you to our May Procession in honor of the Blessed Mother. All invited. 301-447-3161.
- 11,12 .. Open House, Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg. 7:00-8:00 p.m. 301-447-3165 or www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 13 .. Spaghetti Dinner, Elias Lutheran Church, 100 W. North Ave., Emmitsburg. 4:30-7:30 p.m. Pastor Jon's famous homemade spaghetti sauce, salad, bread, and dessert. \$7.50/person or your generous donation. Carryouts available. 301-447-6239. Benefits Mission to Kenya.
- 13 .. GOSPEL Coffee House at Elias Lutheran Church, 100 W. North Ave., Emmitsburg. 7:00 p.m. "Thomas Sligh and Treasures of the Heart Minsitries" and Emmitsburg's own "Children's Praise Choir" with other Special Guests! Come for a really great time! Preceded by Spaghetti Dinner. 301-447-6239.
- 13 .. ESP Golf Tournament, Maple Run Golf Course, Moser Road, Thurmont. 9:00 a.m. shot gun start.
- 13 .. Dine at Red's Tavern, 135 Chesapeake Avenue, Emmitsburg, for Lunch and Dinner from 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. 10% of the kitchen tab will be donated to Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center.
- 13-15 .. CHS Safe & Sane Gold Weekend, Maple Run Golf Course, Thurmont. Standard course pricing applies. Present a Safe & Sane voucher to be registered for a prize and \$5.00 will be donated to the Safe & Sane. shelleburg@yahoo.com to get your voucher. Call 301-271-7870 to schedule your tee time.
- 14 .. 2nd Annual His Place Car Show, benefits Mother Seton School and Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center. Entry fee is \$10.00. Cars, Trucks, and Hot Rods welcome. Fun day of awards, door prizes, music, and food. Dash plaques given to the first 200 cars to arrive. Registration is 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Judging from 12:00-2:00 p.m.; Awards at

- 3:00 p.m. Bill Kuhn 800-529-5835 or visit His Place, Inc. 20 Creamery Way, Emmitsburg. Rain date May 15.
- 14 .. Annual Creagerstown Community Dinner, Saint John's Lutheran Church Parish House, 8619 Blacks Mill Road, Creagerstown. 12:00-5:00 p.m. \$14/adults; \$7/children ages 6-10; free for children 6 and under. Carryouts/\$15. Pot Pie \$4.50/quart. Proceeds for street lights and upkeep of cemetery.
- 14 .. The Safe & Sane Gun & Cash Raffle, Emmitsburg Ambulance Company on Creamery Road. Tickets \$25. Doors open 3:00 p.m. Raffles begin 4:00 p.m. Dinner is catered by Cozy. You must be 18 to attend this event. John 301-447-6261 (leave a message) or Michele at shelleburg@yahoo.com.
- 14 .. Yard Sale, Graceham Moravian Church Youth Mission Team, 8231 A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Fill a bag with clothes for \$5. Food available. Benefit Annual Sr. High Mission Trip. Rain or shine.
- 14 .. Emmitsburg Lions Club Chicken Barbecue and Yard Sale, South Seton Avenue, near Route 15, across from Getty's Gas Station. 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Chicken dinners will begin being sold at 11:00 a.m. Each dinner comes complete with half a chicken, fresh roll, applesauce, and potato salad. To reserve yard sale (table (\$5.00), Zurgable Hardware 301-447-2020.
- 14 .. Cash Bingo, Thurmont AMVETS Post 7, 26 Apples Church Road, Thurmont. Doors open 5:00 p.m., bingo starts 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$30/advance, \$35/door. Tickets available at Post 7, Mary 717-968-5026 or 301-748-7097.
- 14 .. Family Game Day, Thurmont Regional Library, Moser Road, Thurmont. All Day. All ages w/adult.
- 15 .. Quartermania, Woodsboro Fire Co. Complex, 10307 Coppermine Road, Woodsboro. Doors open 12:30 p.m., bidding starts 2:00 p.m. Tickets \$5/advance, \$8/door. Benefit Woodsboro Ladies Aux. 301-401-2824.
- 15 .. Spring Concert, "Singing Worship", Incarnation United Church of Christ, 124 West Main Street, Emmitsburg. 3:00 p.m. Featuring musical groups representing all churches of the Emmitsburg community. Entertainment will include: Children's choir and a teenage choir, a handbell choir, solos, an ensemble, an original composition for the occasion, a praise band, and a combined choir directed by Cheryl Carney from Elias Lutheran Church. Benefit the Council of Churches Kenya Mission trip in July 2011.
- 15 .. Community Country Breakfast,

community event calendar

- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall, Thurmont. 7:30 a.m. - noon. Adults/\$6, children 4-10/\$3, 3 and under free.
- 16 .. Fine Arts Night. Come and enjoy Mother Seton School's Young Artists and Musicians. 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. The MSS Band and Chorus will perform and awards and certificates will be presented. Artwork displayed throughout the school. 301-447-3161 or www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 20 .. Tom's Creek Golf Tournament, Mountain View Golf Course.
- 20 .. Mountain Gate Dine Out/Help Out Dinner, Thurmont. All Day. Present a Dine Out/Help Out card at the time of your purchase and Mountain Gate will donate 10% to the Safe & Sane. Contact Lisa for your Dine Out/Help Out card 240-367-0100 or email ESPTaximom@aol.com.
- 21 .. A.R.T. Art Revealed along the Trail, Thurmont Trolley Trail, East Main Street near Memorial Park, Thurmont. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. www.thurmontlionsclub.com.
- 21 .. Thurmont's Main Street Saturday Stroll (in coordination with the Thurmont Lions Club, Art on the Trail). 12:00-4:00 p.m. Food, drinks, prizes, games, music, and a walking tour of Thurmont.
- 21 .. Cow Bingo, Mountainside Farm, 15038 Kelbaugh Road, Thurmont. Games start 11:00 a.m. Benefit Western Maryland District American Legion Auxiliary, VAVR Fundraiser. 301-271-3117 or 307-271-7960.
- 21 .. 44th Annual Gettysburg Outdoor Antique Show, held on Carlisle, Chambersburg, Baltimore and York Streets, along with Lincoln Square, all in Historic Downtown Gettysburg. 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Rain or shine.
- 21 .. Spring Fling, Vigilant Hose Company at Mt. St. Mary's University Echo Field.
- 21 .. Thurmont Community Ambulance Company Open House.
- 21 .. Lunch and a Movie, Thurmont Regional Library, Moser Road, Thurmont. 12:00 p.m. All ages w/adult. Kung Fu Panda (PG). Bring your lunch and a pillow or blanket.
- 22 .. Jeremy Foundation Basket/Money Bingo, Woodsboro Fire Co. Complex, 10307 Coppermine Road, Woodsboro. Doors open Noon, Games start 1:30 p.m. Tickets \$20/advance, \$25/door. Benefit The Jeremy Foundation. 301-401-2824.

- 22 .. Lewistown Ruritan Chicken Barb-B-Q, U.S. 15 North & Fish Hatchery Road.
- 23-28 .. Mother Seton School Carnival, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. Rides, games, food, and entertainment available each night. Sponsored by Mother Seton School. Visit www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 25 .. "The Storytime Show with Miss Jenni" 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. Pre-schoolers pre-register 301-447-3165 or email: development@mothersetonschool.org.
- 29 .. Baccalaureate Service, St. Anthony's Shrine, Emmitsburg. 7:00 p.m. This is an inter-faith service for CHS graduating seniors and their families. Pastor John Rudolph is the guest speaker. Student volunteers are being sought to read scripture, sing, usher, etc. Contact Faith: fneumannmd@msn.com or Rachel: mrolson6@gmail.com.
- 31 .. Circus, Woodsboro Fire Co. Activities Complex. Show Times 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 adult, \$6 child/advance, \$15 adult, \$7 child/circus day. 301-845-2978.

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- 4 Guardian Hose Company Yard Sale, Thurmont. 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$25/10x10 spaces; \$35/10x20 spaces. Contact Lori 301-748-3944.
- 4 Thurmont High School Alumni Association Dinner, Lewistown Volunteer Fire Hall. Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Dinner starts 7:00 p.m. 301-271-7614.
- 5 ... Car Show, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 9 Rabies Clinic, Thurmont Community Park, 5:00-8:00 p.m. \$8/animal, preregistration not required, rain or shine, animals must be properly contained or leashed. 301-600-1717.
- 11 .. Strawberry Festival & Yard Sale, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 17015 Sabillasville Road, Sabillasville. 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 301-241-3287.
- 11 .. Spring Festival, the Picnic Woods adjacent Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, Stottlemeyer Road, Foxville. 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 301-271-7961.
- 12 .. Lewistown Ruritan Chicken Barb-B-Q, U.S. 15 North & Fish Hatchery Road.

monthly calendar

1st Sunday of each month....Woodsboro Fire Co. Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Mondays.....Bagged leaf & grass curbside pickup at 6:00 a.m. for Thurmont residents.

1st Monday.....Avid Readers Book Club, Thurmont Library. 6:30 p.m. 16 and older.

2nd Monday.....Dragons and Droids, Emmitsburg Branch Library. 4:00 p.m. Ages 8-12.

3rd Tuesday.....Explorer's Club, Thurmont Regional Library. 7:00 p.m. Grades 3-5.

3rd ThursdayBreakfast at Bollinger's Restaurant, Employees of Claire Frock Company. 9:00 a.m.

3rd ThursdayJoin ThorpeWood's youngest friends each month for a morning of stories, crafts and nature-related activities. Storytime is held from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Children 2-5 years of age. Registration e-mail: info@thorpewood.org or by calling 301-271-2823.

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