

# The Catoctin Banner

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by Chelsea Gorka

Every year in October, the Catoctin region springs to life with the bustle of people visiting from near and far. This year was the 49th year of the Annual Catoctin Colorfest in downtown Thurmont. With a turnout of thousands and thousands of people, Colorfest is an example of how what initially started as a small nature walk in 1963 can evolve into a nationally recognized juried arts and craft show almost fifty years later.

Officially starting at 9:00 a.m. on October 9, 2012, people were trying to get a look at all the crafts as early as 7:30 a.m. that morning. Vendors from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, as well as several other states came into town to offer their merchandise. With unique treasures at every tent, it is a thrill to try to find the most unique wares and best deals each year. Upon entering the Thurmont Town Park, the smell of the "oh-so-good" festival food wafted into our airways. Fried snickers, apple dumplings, French fries, and crab cakes tempted even the most stoic of tastes. Walking past the food vendors into the actual park presented new temptations as a worldly array of crafts beckoned. From American Doll clothing and painted art to handmade wooden carvings and toys, there was something for every visitor to enjoy.

Vendors selling Christmas décor seemed to be a favorite among the crowd this year. One couldn't help but notice the amazing dance performances in the middle of the park, as large crowds gathered around the makeshift stage. Locals walking through the immense crowd stumbled upon friends and neighbors among swarms of visiting strangers.

Trying to make your way through the crowd on Saturday was

## 2012 FESTIVALS Festivals Around Town



Photo by Chelsea Gorka

Crowds of visitors flooded the streets of Thurmont in search of unique crafts and great bargains during the 2012 Colorfest, Inc. Arts & Craft Show in Thurmont.

a tad tricky. With dogs, strollers, and portable shopping carts attached to what seemed like every moving body, the streets filled up very quickly. Thankfully, we were blessed with a beautiful weekend, with the sun shining and the crisp air keeping all the visitors motivated to stay warm by moving forward.

During Colorfest, Deer Field United Methodist Church had a really awesome idea this year: when you paid their fee for parking, they gave you a coupon for \$2.00 off at their food stand.

Of the two days, Sunday seemed to be the day to be out and about. The crowds had died down a bit, and the experience had a more relaxed feeling to it, allowing you to stop and

look at each vendor without having to dodge hips and elbows at each counter.

Many people, even some local citizens, may not have realized that Colorfest, Inc. was not the only festival taking place in our area during the weekend of October 13 and 14, 2012. New this year was the Fall Fest at the Thurmont Carnival Grounds, hosted by the Thurmont Guardian Hose Company. Amish-made furniture, along with jewelry stands, set up in convenient rows, occupied parents and adults. An enormous slide and a merry-go-round called out to the younger patrons. Friendly faces—both human and K-9—were quite content and observant, taking in all the tables

and knick-knacks. Sweet kettle corn scented the air and the essence of the fall season was in full effect.

Down the road in Rocky Ridge, a smaller and more relaxed atmosphere entertained those at Ridge Fest. Quaint set-ups with various odds and ends lined the tables under the pavilion in Mt. Tabor Park. Children lined up to slide down the infamous wooden slide, where they whirled down over and over again, grinning from ear to ear. Apple butter is a staple of this small-town festival.

Finally, at Sabillasville Elementary School, just up Route 550 from Thurmont, Mountain Fest and their annual Car Show was a popular stop for fun. What started as a quiet country get-together has grown into a large gathering of several hundred people. Featuring a bouncy house for the kids, the atmosphere was very family-orientated. When you walked into Sabillasville Elementary School, the wafting smell of fresh-baked bread, pies, and muffins surrounded you, and you knew the church bake sale was under way. The Car Show featured different models and year makes, varying from Model Ts to 2012 Mustangs. Coming in all colors, shapes, makes, models, and years, there was a car there for everyone to admire. Horse rides and an Emu petting zoo made the trip interesting for all ages, along with a live band and much-loved ice cream!

If you missed any of these exciting and bustling festivals this year, don't worry! They come around every year. Mark your calendars for next October, and be sure to set aside a bit of extra spending money for shopping, for great food, and for just plain fun!

### The Catoctin Banner Hosts Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Let your Lights Shine  
this Christmas!

See page 3 for details.

2012 Thurmont & Emmitsburg  
Community Show Champions  
See list on page 18.



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## Thurmont Community Remembrance Tree

There is still time to create an ornament for the Remembrance Tree. Just pick up a specially created disk (for a \$3.00 donation) at the Thurmont Branch of PNC Bank or call 301-898-7004. Personalize your disk with photos, drawings, personal messages, or any other creative expressions of love in honor of someone special. Return your customized disk to the PNC Bank before November 15, 2012. Each returned ornament will be placed in a clear plastic 5" globe by the members of the Thurmont Lions Club and hung on the Remembrance Tree, which will be dedicated on December 1, 2012, during Christmas in Thurmont. See the January issue of The Catocin Banner for the date and time that your ornament—complete with globe—can be claimed. The Thurmont Lions Club or its members are not responsible for loss or damage. Ornaments not claimed will become property of the Thurmont Lions Club. For more information, visit [www.thurmontlionsclub.com](http://www.thurmontlionsclub.com).



**Start Pulling Out Your Holiday Decorations!**

## The Catocin Banner Hosts Holiday Home Decorating Contest

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

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

## 2nd Annual TEDC Raffle

This year the Economic Development Committee (EDC) is raffling three great prizes, so every ticket purchased has three chances to win: 1st Prize—42" 1080P HDTV; 2nd Prize—Trek 3500 21 Speed Sport Hardtail Mountain Bike (sized to the winner); 3rd Prize—\$100.00 cash. Tickets can be purchased at local businesses (\$1.00 for one or 6 for \$5.00). The winner will be chosen during Christmas in Thurmont on December 1, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit Thurmont Economic Development and provides support for community building events and activities in Thurmont. For more information on ticket sales, please contact Bill Gorman, Director EDC, at 301-471-1004 or John Nickerson, Chairman EDC, at 240-529-7814. [www.thurmontfirst.com](http://www.thurmontfirst.com). Thurmont First, Inc. is a 501 C 3.

## Preparing for Winter Health Challenges

Hospice of Frederick County is holding an in-service on Monday, November 26, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. When winter comes around, many of us experience weight gain, seasonal depression, holiday stress, and weakened immunity. Find out which foods are purported to help or hinder these conditions, as well as the latest buzz on supplements and herbs that might have a positive impact. They will also tap into other natural modalities that may play a role in prevention and healing.

This no-cost program is held at the Hospice office, located at 516 Trail Avenue, Suite C, Frederick. Registration is required by Monday, November 19, 2012, by calling our Volunteer Coordinator at 240-566-3038 or email [delizabeth@fmh.org](mailto:delizabeth@fmh.org).

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**Tuesdays  
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Thurmont**

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McDonald's in  
Walkersville**



## Emmitsburg, October 2012

### Possible Park & Ride for Emmitsburg

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) has contacted the town, asking if they are still interested in a park & ride for Emmitsburg Commuters.

The project previously had been nixed due to budget cuts. Town Manager David Haller states that it might take years before the park & ride could materialize. A park & ride would alleviate a current parking issue with commuters parking along the Silo Hill Parkway Road.

### Change to Commissioner President

The Town Commissioners voted for a change of position for Commissioner President and Vice President, with a close vote of three voting for the change and two

by Michele Cuseo

against the change. Chris Staiger, standing President, will be replaced by Glenn Blanchard; and standing VP, Commissioner Cliff Sweeney, will be replaced by Tim O'Donnell.

Both Staiger and Sweeney will still serve as active Commissioners. Voting for the change were Commissioners Blanchard, Sweeney, and O'Donnell.

Voting against the change were Commissioners Staiger and Joy. In addition, Staiger will serve as liaison for the Citizens Advisory Committee, and O'Donnell as liaison for the Parks Committee.

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

# town hall reports

## Thurmont, October 2012

### Foodbank, Clothes Closet & Emergency Food Assistance

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Food Bank donations are being accepted at the Town Hall and many other areas in the Thurmont area, including our local grocery stores. Emergency food assistance is available through the St. John's Lutheran Church on North Church Street; phone 301-271-4554. The Clothes Closet charity is also accepting donations for clothing (only) at the Methodist Church on Long Road.

### Cub Scouts Propose Bridge for Town

The Thurmont Cub Scout, Pack 270, Den 1, proposed an idea to town officials that will involve building a bridge. The Scouts want to make it easier for people to get from Memorial Park to the American Legion Hall. Building a bridge was one of the ideas suggested. The town commissioners approved the idea and will also pay for the required

building permits. The Scouts will need to provide the town with detailed drawings.

### Thurmont Drafts Ordinance to Ban Synthetic Drugs

Thurmont commissioners voted unanimously to draft an ordinance to ban the sale and use of synthetic drugs in the town of Thurmont. The sale of synthetic drugs, referenced as bath salts, incense, or spice, is legal elsewhere. The use of these products has been a concern voiced by local law enforcement due to the damage they say it is doing to our youth. Commissioners are working on the details of the proposed ordinance that will include financial penalties and the right to check the sale of items in local businesses. The enforcement of the ordinance would affect both businesses and individuals. If adopted, Thurmont would be the first municipality to have such an ordinance/law in Frederick County.

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

## Halloween Trick or Treating Times

Emmitsburg — 4:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.; Parade starting at 7:00 p.m.

Thurmont — 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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**Private 2.4 Acre Setting with Stream - \$324,500**

**209 East Main Street, Thurmont \$135,000**  
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**SOLD!!**

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**217 E. Main St.  
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**9141 Longs Mill Rd.  
Rocky Ridge - \$559,900**

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



**13611 Crawford Ave  
Blue Ridge Summit - \$145,000**

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



**7037 Blue Mountain Road  
Thurmont - \$184,900**

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



**17774 Harbaugh Valley Rd.  
Sabillasville - \$339,900**

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



**7901 Black Road  
Thurmont - \$259,900**

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



**306 East Main St.  
Thurmont - \$349,900**

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



**9 West Main Street  
Thurmont - \$289,000**

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



**PRICE REDUCED  
Tower Road,  
Thurmont Area**

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



**Open House:  
Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 p.m.**

**125 Cody Dr. #12  
Thurmont - \$155,000**  
This is a great 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with lots of personal touches. Windows were replaced 2-1/2 years ago, toilets and exhaust fans replaced in both bathrooms, beautiful wood floors, separate storage room. A must see! You won't be dissapointed! Call Bonita Smith.



**3 Lots - Wigville Road  
Thurmont**

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



**306 East Main Street  
Thurmont - \$349,900**

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

**17124 Harbaugh Valley Rd.  
Sabillasville - \$219,000**



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

**516 W. Main Street  
Thurmont - \$224,900**



**UNDER CONTRACT**  
This lovingly cared for home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, eat-in Kitchen & separate Dining Room. Stone fireplace in Living Room and spacious lower level Family Room with walk out to rear yard (over 3/4 acre). Deck, shed, carport, view of Bentz Pond and just minutes to Rt. 15 and the State and National Park! A must see!

**10655 Bailey Springs Lane #38  
Waynesboro - \$51,000**



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

**25441 Cascade Road  
Cascade - \$107,000**



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



# AROUND town

## Get Your Raffle Tickets

The Lewistown Volunteer Fire Company is holding a raffle: First Prize—Samsung 43" Plasma Flat Screen TV; Second Prize—Stihl MS 250 18" Chainsaw with hardcase; Third Prize—\$100 Sheetz Gift Card. Get your tickets at Bill's Auto Body, located at 12240A Creagerstown Road in Thurmont. Prizes will be awarded at the Lewistown Volunteer Fire Company's Supper on Saturday, April 13, 2013 (do not need to be present to win). For more information, call 301-898-5080. View their advertisement on page 29.

## Bingo Bash at Emmitsburg Ambulance Co.

A Bingo Bash will take place on Saturday, November 10, 2012, at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, located at 17701 Creamery Road in Emmitsburg. Doors will open at 4:00 p.m.; Games will begin at 7:00 p.m. All inclusive 9 pack includes 22 games paying \$250.00, and three \$1,000.00 jackpots, as well as a meal! Tickets are \$35.00 in advance and \$45.00 at the door. All group reservations must be made by November 2, 2012. Tickets must be paid by November 2 to be entered for the \$100.00 cash. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 301-748-6894. View their advertisement on page 19.

## Emmitsburg Halloween Parade

Emmitsburg Halloween Parade will be held on October 31, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. Tagging begins at Federal, near De Paul Street, at 6:30 p.m. The parade Route will be: Federal & DePaul to North Seton, to School Lane at Paul's Pit Stop, follow to cross Lincoln, to back of Vigilant Hose Vol. Fire Company for a party—games, refreshments, and prizes! Judging will include five categories: Cutest, Ugliest, Scariest, Most Original, and Groups. Sponsored by the VFW 6658, FXE American Legion, Post 121, Emmitsburg Lions Club, EBPA, and Tyrian Lodge #205 (Masons).

## Thurmont First/EDC 2012 Christmas Parking Meter Project

Help decorate Thurmont for the holidays. This season's theme will be Holiday Fun and will consist of candy canes, gingerbread houses, books, ornaments and bells (while supplies last). Each ornament is \$10.00 and may be picked up after November 7 at Kinnaird Memorials, located at 6 Boundary Avenue, Thurmont. Decorated ornaments should be returned to Kinnaird Memorials by November 27. They will be mounted on the parking meters by Christmas in Thurmont (December 1) and will remain up through December. There will be a silent auction book for bidding at Timeless Trends Boutique.

For more information, call Stacie Zelenka 240-446-2846/pspondscapes@msn.com or John Kinnaird 301-271-2273/john@kinnairdmemorials.com.

## Country Butchering and Pancake Breakfast

Country Butchering and Pancake Breakfast will be held on November 17, 2012, at 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, the morning of the butchering. Orders must be picked up between 6:00-10:00 a.m. on November 17. Pancake breakfast served 6:00-10:00 a.m. Orders must be placed before November 10. Benefits Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Compny. To place your order, call 301-271-4057; 301-271-4253; 410-775-2758; or 301-271-4252. View their advertisement on page 29.

## Emmitsburg Hosts 4th Annual Wattle Waddle

The 4th Annual Emmitsburg Wattle Waddle will be held on Thanksgiving Day morning, November 22, 2012, beginning in the Emmitsburg Community Park behind the Town Library. A 5-mile run through the scenic back roads of Emmitsburg and weaving along the base of College Mountain will begin at 8:00 a.m., followed by a 1-mile fun walk through the town at 9:30 a.m. This year's event features the return of the "Widdle Waddle" obstacle course for children, music, concessions, espresso bar, and door prizes. Runners will receive awards by major category and for best Thanksgiving-themed costume. Proceeds benefit Hope Alive. For more information and to register, go to [www.EmmitsburgTurkeyTrot.com](http://www.EmmitsburgTurkeyTrot.com)

## Timeless Trends Holiday Open House

Join Timeless Trends Boutique in Thurmont for their Holiday Open House on November 10, 2012, from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Mention their ad, and you'll receive a free gift with purchase. View their advertisement on page 12.

## 50's & 60's Dance

Dance with the Retro Rockets at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Hall on November 3, 2012. The 50's & 60's Dance will be from 7:00-11:00 p.m. BYOB. Dance will benefit the EOPCC. Tickets are \$15.00. Call Cliff at 301-447-1712. View their advertisement on page 13.

## Special Appearance by Santa at the Guardian Hose Company

Jolly old Saint Nicholas will visit the Thurmont Guardian Hose Company on Saturday, December 8, 2012, from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Santa will greet the children (ages 0-10), listening attentively to their wish lists. The Guardian Hose Company is located at 21 North Church Street in Thurmont. Kids come and visit Santa at the Firehouse! See their advertisement on page 15.

## Thurmont's 2012 Christmas House Tour

The 2012 Thurmont Christmas House Tour will feature seven beautiful homes, the Thurmont Historical Society's Creeger House, and three featured local businesses—all decorated for the holidays. All eleven locations will be open for touring on December 8, from 4:00-8:00 p.m.; December 9, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 and available in advance from local Thurmont merchants, including Brown's Jewelry and Gifts, Hobbs Hardware, Timeless Trends Boutique, and Gateway Market Candyland & Liquors, as well as from members of the two sponsoring organizations: Thurmont Historical Society and the Thurmont Lions Club. Tickets may also be purchased during the "Christmas in Thurmont" celebration on December 1, or at the Creeger House on December 8 and 9. Visit [www.thurmontlionsclub.com](http://www.thurmontlionsclub.com) for details.

## TEDC's 10th Annual Christmas in Thurmont

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

## Sale of Fresh Cut Christmas Trees

Find the perfect Christmas tree and help your community at the same time. The Thurmont Lions Club Christmas Tree Sale begins Friday, November 23, 2012, in the parking lot of the Ace Hardware store on N. Church Street in Thurmont. Choose a Douglas Fir or a Blue Spruce for only \$35.00. The price is the same as last year, and all proceeds from the sale will be used to support Thurmont Lions Club projects in the community. Trees will be available for purchase at the following times: Monday through Friday—4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; Saturdays—10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Sundays—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## CHS Sports Boosters Holiday Open House

The Catocin High School (CHS) Sports Boosters will hold its 4th Annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 8, 2012, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the CHS cafeteria. Cougar apparel (youth sizes from 2T – XL also available), stadium seats, blankets, hats and visors, and miscellaneous novelty items will be available for your Christmas shopping. Free gift-wrapping service will be provided. There will be light refreshments and door prizes. For more information, please call Laura at 240-285-4790 or Michelle at 301-676-9971.

## Home for the Holidays

Get some holiday shopping done at Home for the Holidays, located at 753 McGauglin Road, Fairfield, Pennsylvania, on November 8-10, 2012. Home for the Holidays will feature crafts, wreaths, country decor, and much more! For more information, call 717-642-8167. View their advertisement on page 3.

## Art Reception Hosted by Donald Frame

Photographer Donald Frame will be hosting a reception featuring fine art nature photographs from The Catocin Collecton and city scenes from his Frederick In Focus collection on Saturday, November 3, 2012, at McGuire Fine Arts, 110 North Market Street in Frederick, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.



## Something's "Out Of Order" in Washington?

The Thurmont Thesians present *Out Of Order*, a wild and woolly political farce, written by Ray Cooney, and directed by Spence Watson, in the American Legion Auditorium at 8 Park Lane in Thurmont. The performances will be the first two weekends of November 2012.

Show times are at 8:00 p.m. for Friday and Saturday performances on November 2-3 and 9-10; and 2:00 p.m. for the Sunday matinees on November 4 and 11. All tickets are \$15.00 and include free desserts and refreshments during the intermission (except for the Saturday, November 10 performance). The performance on November 10 will be the Dinner Theatre night, catered by Cozy Restaurant, with dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 8:00 p.m. Reservations for all shows and the Dinner Theatre can be made by calling Mrs. Urian at 301-271-7613. Dinner Theatre admission is \$35.00, with a cash bar available prior to the show and during intermission.

*Out of Order* takes place at the Jefferson Hotel in downtown Washington, where Republican Senator Richard Wiley from Pennsylvania has secretly arranged to meet a lovely young staff assistant to the Democratic Senate Leader for a liaison, while he is supposed to be in a late-evening Ethics Committee meeting. Plans for their adulterous evening go almost immediately awry when they discover a dead body apparently trapped by their room window sash. The senator immediately phones his chief of staff for emergency assistance in covering up the story and the merriment begins.

The plot takes many twists and turns, as the mysterious sticky window continues to go up and down, providing a never ending source of surprise and laughter.

Starring as the ethically challenged Senator Wiley will be Justin Hockley from Gettysburg. Long-time veteran Bill Collins of Thurmont co-stars as George



Rachel Burkhardt (left), Justin Hockley (center), and Bill Collins (right) in a scene from *Out of Order*, playing at the Thurmont American Legion Auditorium November 2-4 and 9-11, 2012.

Pidgen, the senator's enabling chief of staff. Rachel Burkhardt returns to the Thurmont Thesians, following her graduation from Catholic University this summer, to play Ms. Jane Worthington, a staff assistant to Democratic Senator Harry Reid, while newcomer Kyle Tirak plays her cuckolded husband, Ronnie Worthington. Also featured are Kelli Donaghue of Woodsboro as the senator's wife, Pamela; and Christine Nigida of Fairfield, Pennsylvania, as Nurse Foster, caretaker to Mr. Pigden's mother. The Jefferson Hotel staff in on the shenanigans are the night manager played by Holly Rife of Sabillasville; the room service clerk played by Paul Smaldone of Emmitsburg; and the night chambermaid played by Michele Driver of Thurmont. Rounding out the cast is Norman Gibat from Sabillasville, who plays the "apparently dead" Jack Baker, a reporter for the scandal tabloid newspaper, *The Star*.



Michele Driver as the Chambermaid with Justin Hockley as Senator Richard Wiley in a scene from *Out of Order*, playing at the Thurmont American Legion Auditorium November 2-4 and 9-11, 2012.

## Emmitsburg Lions Club Bake Sale

The Emmitsburg Lions Club will hold a pre-Thanksgiving Day Bake Sale on November 17, 2012. The Bake Sale will start at 8:00 a.m. (until sold out) at the entrance to the Jubilee grocery store. The Lions Club uses the bake sale proceeds to help support some of its charitable activities in the Emmitsburg community.

## Garfield UMC Quilt Auction

A beautiful hand-quilted quilt will be auctioned at Garfield United Methodist Church's (UMC) annual Bazaar on Saturday, November 3, 2012. The quilt, which is a "bargello" geometric quilt in soft shades of turquoise and purple, is a large queen-sized quilt. It was quilted by the late Jeannette Kuhn, Ellan Spring, Pat Eccard, Jenifer Bear, and Joyce Reeder.

Garfield's Bazaar will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the church, located at 13628 Stottlemeyer Road, Smithsburg, Maryland. In addition to the quilt show, there will be crafts and food for sale. The quilt auction will be held at 4:00 p.m.



Courtesy Photo

"This is the last quilt [above] that Jeannette worked on, and we finished it as a tribute to her," said quilter Pat Eccard. Jeannette Kuhn died of leukemia in December 2011; she was a life-long member of Garfield U.M. Church, and a quilting legend in the Wolfsville area.

## Mountaintop Community Tree Lighting and Fun With Santa Event

The One Mountain Foundation will hold its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mountaintop Community Tree Lighting and Fun with Santa activity from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on December 1, 2012, at the Fort Ritchie Community Center and the Parade Field in Cascade, Maryland. The event is free and open to the public.

A large Evergreen on the east end of the historic Fort Ritchie parade field will be decorated with hundreds of lights. Various children games and activities will be held, with prizes awarded to game winners, musical selections performed and led by students from the Cascade Elementary School, and the lighting of the Mountaintop Community Tree. Santa will be available for photos and to hear "wishes" from the children. Refreshments will be served.

This event will rekindle memories of similar events from years past in the community and on the Fort Ritchie property. The PenMar Development Corporation and the Fort Ritchie Community Center are additional co-sponsors of the event. More information about the One Mountain Foundation may be found on the OMF website at [www.onemountainfoundation.org](http://www.onemountainfoundation.org).

## Old Field Woodworking Christmas Open House

On November 17, 2012, Old Field Woodworking will be hosting a Christmas Open House, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., featuring handcrafted and original designed furniture. They are located at 13333 Graceham Road in Thurmont. View their advertisement on page 33.

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## 52nd International Gift and Rug Festival

On November 6-10, 2012, Fairfield Mennonite Church in Fairfield, Pennsylvania, is hosting its 52nd International Gift and Rug Festival. This year's Festival features a wide selection of fairly traded jewelry, soap, carvings, handmade paper, linens, pottery, home décor, Oriental rugs, and Christmas decorations. There will be over 400 Oriental, Persian, Tribal, and Bokara rugs, ranging from 2x3's to 12 x15's—some reduced up to 50 percent due to over-stocking.

Each item comes with a story—a brass necklace made from exploded bomb shells, an angel made from orange peels, door mats from recycled flip flops, a decorative bowl made from recycled washers, and pottery from Vietnam. Every purchase helps a refugee, a displaced person, a flood or earthquake survivor, a street urchin, a homeless man disabled by land mines. Every purchase provides for schools, sanitation systems, and clean drinking water.

Little did Fairfield Mennonite anticipate that its first festival in 1961 would help create the fair trade movement and Ten Thousand Villages, the 2nd largest fair trade organization in the world! Edna Ruth Byler, whose husband worked for the Mennonite Central Committee, post-WWII, marketed handiwork made by displaced and refugee women. Over the years, she accumulated exceptional items in her basement shop she couldn't sell. Fairfield Mennonite Church offered those lovely items to Adams County shoppers, and, within five years, several other Mennonite churches were hosting successful sales for Mrs. Byler.

Fairfield's "International Gift Festival" helped motivate the Mennonite Central Committee to bring its expertise, influence, and resources, transforming her one-person gift shop to an international marketing organization. Today Ten Thousand Villages has over 200 stores and 150 festival sales in the United States and Canada, with sales in the millions!

Fair trade provides fair living wages for artisans, workers, and farmers, establishing pockets of economic stability around the world. While profits are factored into fair trade prices, fair trade's focus is providing fair living wages for all, not excessive profits for investors and CEO's. Fair trade promotes schools, health care, clean water, better housing, micro-financing, recycling, green practices. The majority of fair trade co-ops are operated by women who are communally oriented.

The Fairfield Mennonite Church is located at 201 West Main Street in Fairfield, Pennsylvania. Festival times are: November 6-9—11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; November 10—9 am to 5 pm. No entrance or parking fees. The church is handicap accessible. For more information call 717-642-8936, email fmc606@centurylink.net, go online to facebook or www.fairfieldmennonitechurch.org.

## 14th Annual Red Helmet Ride In Memory of Fallen Firefighters

by Chelsea Gorka



Photo by Chelsea Gorka

Red Helmet Riders seen on South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg on October 6, 2012.

Hundreds of motorcycles made a short journey from Walkersville to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland on October 6, 2012 for the 14th Annual Red Helmet Ride. Over an hour before the bikes arrived in Emmitsburg, locals started to come out and sit on their front stoops appreciating the crisp fall day and the bustling around town.

The Red Helmet Ride was formed to commemorate fallen firefighters and their families. While it would seem to be such a solemn day, smiling faces and joking tones filled the air, as people reminisced about their friends and family members who gave their lives in sacrifice in the line of duty. Fire departments from as close as Howard County, and as far away as Chicago, made Emmitsburg their home for a short period of time.

A dull roar of motorcycle motors preempted the appearance of the riders. The lights of the police escort could be seen and the noise started to get louder and louder as the street

started to hum with anticipation. The streets were lined with civilians and firefighters alike as traffic came to a halt. Soon, motorcycles and their riders filled the street, zooming past the Vigilant Hose Company Fire Department and all the people.

Some riders wore red helmets; others, their department's logos on their backs; and still others, offered a wave and a bright smile on their way to the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial.

Once there, the riders held a wreath laying ceremony in memory of all fallen firefighters. For so many people, family, friends and colleagues, this day brings them together to remember the heroes. Emmitsburg may seem like a small rural town in America, but it holds so much more meaning and importance when you see how much it means to so many people from all around. The Red Helmet Ride requires just a small amount of time to commemorate and appreciate our fallen heroes.

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

From the October issue of *The Catocin Banner*, Patty Toms is the winner of the Hidden Object Game (\$25 gift certificate to the advertiser of Patty's choice from the October issue). The flying bat was in the C & K Grooming ad on page 26. This month's Hidden Object is "Waldo."



Photo by Irene Matthews

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

**Correction from last issue:** The last name of the winner of the "Where Am I?" Game was spelled incorrectly. Bob Krietz was the winner of the "Where Am I?" Game from the October issue.

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## Test Your Word Power

(Answers on page 34)

- Deplore (v.)**  
 a) Abandon, leave out  
 b) Render unstable; doubt  
 c) Condemn; regret strongly
- Beholden (adj.)**  
 a) Alarming; shocking  
 b) Grateful; morally obligated  
 c) Unpleasant; disagreeable
- Besiege (v.)**  
 a) Surround w/ force; harass or crowd  
 b) Go between; indecisive  
 c) Liberate; release
- Censorious (adj.)**  
 a) Severely critical; faultfinding  
 b) Balanced; settling  
 c) Having limits; measurable
- Which word above would work best in this sentence?  
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Pictured (left to right) are Mike Hemler, Gladys Hemler, Tracy Boyd, and Bruce Boyd.

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### Thanksgiving Day Facts

The first Thanksgiving feast lasted three days, providing enough food for 53 Pilgrims and 90 Native Americans. The feast consisted of fish (cod, eels, and bass) and shellfish (clams, lobster, and mussels), wild fowl (ducks, geese, swans, and turkey), venison, berries and fruit, vegetables (peas, pumpkin, beetroot, and, possibly, wild or cultivated onion), harvest grains (barley and wheat), and the Three Sisters: beans, dried Indian maize or corn, and squash.

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## Ken Den Alpaca

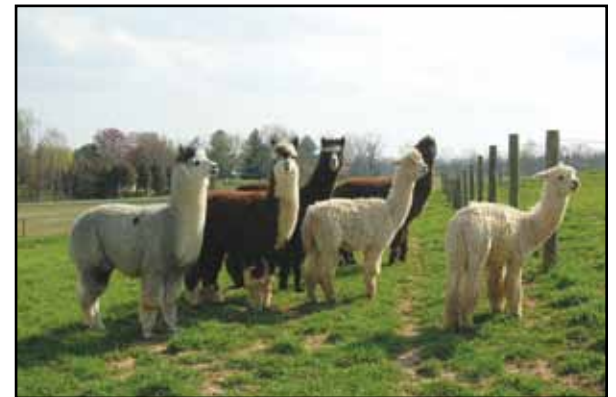
by Chelsea Gorka

Just off of Route #15 North on Roddy Road, the first farm on the right is Kenny and Denise Favorite's KenDen Alpaca Farm. In 2008, Kenny took Denise to The Great Frederick Fair, where she fell in love with the alpacas. Soon after, they purchased nine alpacas from a farm in southwest Virginia. Now, they have expanded their alpaca family to house thirty-seven alpacas, including their original nine.

According to the Favorites, there are two main reasons for raising alpacas: for breeding and sales purposes and for the fiber of their coat. Denise said, "We got into raising alpacas for fiber production. We wanted to produce a product on a small acreage farm."

There are two different breeds of alpacas: the Huacaya who have a crimped and fluffy coat, and the Suri who have small pencil-like dreadlocks. Surprisingly, the breed type doesn't affect the feel of the end product fiber. Alpaca fiber is a green product. It is also hypo-allergenic, fireproof, waterproof, and lanolin free. Unlike cotton and wool, alpaca fiber is substantially softer and not itchy. Unfortunately, there are not enough of these animals in the U.S. to support a clothing industry, yet.

Kenny and Denise contribute to the ever-changing clothing and fashion industry with their alpaca fiber. Every spring they shear their animals and send most of the fiber to a fiber mill. At the mill, the fiber is processed into socks, gloves, hats, mittens, and blankets. The Favorites in-turn sell the final product out of their home. Some of their fiber is



Courtesy Photo  
Kenny and Denise Favorite's alpaca farm, KenDen, was established in 2008.

sent to Singleton's Fiber Processing in Frederick, Maryland, to be processed into rovings and yarns, which is then sold to local spinners.

Alpacas are very timid, docile and curious creatures. They are actually small camels, being a member of the camelid family along with the African two-humped camels and Llamas. Alpacas come from South America, where Incas considered them royalty. Many people fall under the misconception that the alpaca are like their spitting cousins, the Llama. Kenny and Denise, however, were very adamant that they have witnessed the alpacas spit at each other, but they have never been spit at by their alpacas. "They are our babies," Denise smiled.

Alpacas also love small children, as kids are about the same height as the alpacas are, thereby they do not view the kids as a threat. The Favorites allowed me to hand-feed their alpacas, and to say that the animals are gentle would be an understatement.

They have a prized alpaca, Mozart, whose fiber is a steel gray color. He placed fourth at the 2009 A.F.C.N.A. Continental Fleece Show. His gray coloring is very rare and sought after by many breeders, making the Favorites very fortunate to have Mozart.

Softer than cashmere, and chemical-free, Kenny and Denise's products appeal to a wide variety of people. Hunters seem to like the socks due to the warmth and skiers love the chullos, scarves and gloves. KenDen Alpacas is open 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on the weekends or by appointment at 301-271-3399.

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## Gateway Market and Candyland Hosts Family Funday

Gateway Market and Candyland in Thurmont, along with Fratelli's Pizza, Mike's Auto Body, and Windsor Customs hosted a Family Funday on September 23, 2012, at Gateway Market and Candyland to hand out ChildPrint ID Kits free of charge. These kits are of great value if your child were to get lost or stolen.

Family Funday also hosted a balloon artist, face painting, air brush tattoos, and games. In addition, children were able to put a hand print on the hood of a race car to be run in a national race. The Thurmont Guardian Hose Company hosted a Chicken BBQ. Fun was had by all! You can still pick up your ChildPrint ID Kit at Gateway Market during business hours.



Courtesy Photo  
Pictured (from left) are John Doll, Maggie Doll (Gateway), and Chris Windsor (Windsor Customs).

## Silver Bakery Reopens

Gyula and Mihaela Priester were very touched by the community's support during Mihaela's brief illness that resulted in the closing of the business for several weeks. The Silver Bakery in Thurmont is open, again. Thank you for your support! Ours is truly a wonderful community!



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## Seton Center Gets "All Shook Up" with Donation

As part of the 2012 Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show, the Thurmont Thespians presented a \$600.00 check to Seton Center, Inc., a non-profit outreach program located in Emmitsburg.

"Each year the Thurmont Thespians donate the profits from their summer youth/teen production to a youth-oriented charity, as an outreach to the community from St. John's Lutheran Church in Thurmont," said Beth Royer Watson, Director of the Thurmont Thespians. "We are delighted to donate \$600.00 from our summer show, *All Shook Up*, to the Seton Center for their ongoing work with young people of Frederick County," continued Watson. Other charities benefiting in the past include Autism Research; Special Olympics; The Food Bank; Hope Alive; Catocin Recreation Center; and, last year, the Ronald McDonald House in memory of Sammie Puvell.

Receiving the check for Seton Center were Sister Meg Kyme, D.C. and Sister Salvatrice Murphy, D.C., Executive Director of Seton Center. "It is exciting to see so many young people putting their talents and interests to work on behalf of the community," said Murphy. "Not only have the Thurmont Thespians contributed to the cultural enrichment of the community through their dramatic arts, but their donation to Seton Center, Inc. shows that they are committed to creating and maintaining a stable, vibrant community," continued Murphy. Seton Center's Outreach Programs provide services for people in need, primarily in northern Frederick County. Services include emergency and temporary financial assistance with rent, heat, utilities and prescriptions; referral and information services; supportive counseling; advocating for the needs of the poor; and other services. Seton Center's Outreach Services serve approximately 10,000 people a year.

## Scotty's Ride

On September 29, 2012, more than 225 motorcycles and 350 people rode for 110 miles for the annual Scotty's Ride Benefit. Hosted by Kerry and Valerie Shorb, over \$11,000 was raised, making it the second best year to date.

There were three children who benefited from the event this year. They

were present to meet the bikers at the event in Emmitsburg. With over \$50,000 donated in total over the years, Scotty's Ride is helping more and more children every year. A special thank you to all the supporters, family, and friends who help make the ride a success. For more information or to make a donation, call 301-471-2045 or go to [scottysride.org](http://scottysride.org).

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# BUSINESS news

## Red's Tavern

by Aaron Heiner

Situated on Chesapeake Avenue in Emmitsburg, across from the baseball fields, is Red's Tavern. The folks at Red's provide homemade food in a family-friendly atmosphere.

It was during a stormy night in October when I stopped by to speak with the Red's Tavern team and some of their patrons. I was greeted by Tina Kuhn, the General Manager of Red's Tavern, and shown to a seat, appearing to be the only empty seat left in the house. I don't think I've ever seen a fully-booked tavern, especially on a Tuesday night—Red's must be doing something right.

"It's hard to find something that everyone loves [to eat]," Kuhn said. Yet, it became fully apparent that almost everyone settled on the Pan Fried Chicken Special. "[Along with Pan Fried Chicken Tuesday's,] we have Friday Steak Night," Kuhn added, "offering an eight ounce New York Strip, and for \$3.50 you can add shrimp."

Kuhn, who takes great pride in the two weeknight specials, had worked with Red's Tavern's owner, Bob Hance, at the Carriage House Inn for fourteen years, joining the Red's Tavern team this past March. Bob Hance, owner of the Carriage House Inn for over thirty years, purchased the current tavern six years ago. "I purchased the bar in October 2006, as One More Tavern," Hance said. "We operated it under the same name before changing it to Red's Tavern," he added. "The bar had a reputation of having good food," expressed

Hance, stating that his nearly four decades in the hospitality sector had prepared him for owning a bar. He then added that when he made some changes this past March, the success of the bar grew. But, with success comes challenges. As the reputation continues to increase, Hance notes that he is looking toward the future. "The first thing I would like to add is to the parking. In the future, the tavern could expand into catering."

As Tina Kuhn and I talked, Danny Chisholm, the Assistant Manager—locally famous for his alter-ego as Red's Tavern's "Chicken Man"—appeared from the kitchen dressed as a chicken and presented a young customer with his Pan Fried Chicken dinner.

Barbara Cutler, who typically drops by Red's Tavern once a week, had stopped in with her son, Ethan, for the chicken dinner. "I like to eat the [fried] chicken, because chickens like to run around all crazy," the young Cutler boy said. "The food here is really good, because it's homemade," Ms. Cutler added.

Chisholm became the Assistant Manager this past March, after being laid off from the asphalt industry, following the passing on of its owner. Initially, Chisholm was a regular customer, who started out by volunteering to pass out menus for the tavern. He was subsequently hired to assist Kuhn with the day-to-day operations of the restaurant. "One thing we really do that keeps us busy is offer local delivery,"



Photo by Aaron Heiner

A typical packed house during Tuesday's Pan Fried Chicken Night at Red's Tavern.

Chisholm said. Kuhn would agree, as it appeared she was constantly on the phone taking orders.

After dinner, I dropped by the kitchen to visit the shift cook, Sandy Miller, who joined the team four months ago. "We make homemade bread pudding and apple cobbler," Miller stated, when asked about the desserts. "We also make brownies, cupcakes, pies, and cakes." Miller went on to state the one thing many folks may not know is that the kitchen also makes pizza.

Aside from diverse offerings from the kitchen, Red's Tavern provides a wealth of amenities to keep customers entertained including NFL Big Ticket on DIRECTV on three different big screen televisions; Happy Hour from 3:00-6:00 p.m., featuring \$1.25 select beers, bowls of free snacks, and free table pool; as well as regular pool tournaments (\$5.00 entry fee).

Taking advantage of both dinner

and the amenities was notable regular, Craig Sanders, who stops by three times a week. "I like the chicken, but I also like the steak and shrimp," Sanders said, as he prepared for the Secret Squirrel drawing. "I also really like Danny's Grandslams [breakfast] on Saturdays, before heading out to hit the yard sales."

Red's Tavern is open for breakfast Saturdays and Sundays from 7:00 until 10:30 a.m. They are open seven days a week, from 10:30 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. The kitchen closes at 8:00 p.m., with a bar menu available after 8:00 p.m. Red's Tavern is located at 135 Chesapeake Avenue in Emmitsburg.

Kuhn closed by stating, "People come here as customers and leave as friends." I left Red's Tavern with three words in my mind (and on my note pad): *family, friendly, welcoming.*

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# PEOPLE making news

## Montgomery Gentry Works Out at Well-Fit

Troy Gentry and band members of the country music group, Montgomery Gentry, worked out at Well-Fit Aerobic and Fitness Center on September 20, 2012, before their big performance that same night at the Great Frederick Fair. Montgomery Gentry are best known for their top singles: "Something to be Proud Of," "Lucky Man," "Where I Come From," and "My Town."



Courtesy Photo

Well-Fit Member, Alice Eyler, is shown working out with Troy Gentry (left) and his band members before their performance at the Great Frederick Fair on September 20, 2012.

## Catoctin Freshman Competes in First Half Marathon

Susanna Lertora, a freshman at Catoctin High School and member of the Catoctin Cross Country Team, competed in her first half marathon at the Baltimore Running Festival on October 13, 2012. At age 14, she was among the youngest participants. The race had over 10,000 runners, and she was one of only sixteen girls of the same age completing the race, placing 6<sup>th</sup> amongst this narrow age group. The Baltimore course is extremely hilly and challenging, even for the most seasoned runner, making her finishing time of 2 hours and 13 minutes excellent for her age and training level.

Susanna decided she wanted to train to run a half marathon after watching her mom, Jessica Lertora, complete the Frederick Half Marathon earlier this year. She was also inspired by her former Catoctin Youth Association (CYA) coach John Steiner, who was instrumental in training her for the race. "The race was much easier than I expected, and I plan to run a full marathon before I finish high school," said Susanna. Her mom, Jessica, who ran the race with her, stated, "Susanna has inspired me to run just as much as I have inspired her. I am not only happy with how well she did, but thrilled about seeing her accomplish a goal she set out to achieve. More importantly, I believe she will be a life-long runner and athlete, and that we will see great moments of accomplishment from Susanna's running in the future."



Courtesy Photo

Susanna Lertora (left), a freshman at Catoctin High School, stands proudly with her mother, Jessica Lertora, after competing in her first Half Marathon at the Baltimore Running Festival on October 13, 2012.

## Thurmont Thespians Receive Award

The Thurmont Thespians were awarded a Frederick County Arts Council Community Arts Development Grant for the 2013 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,500, according to Acting Frederick Arts Council Executive Director, Suzie Miller. The grant recognized the Thurmont Thespians continuing outstanding work in promoting live community theatre in Frederick County.

## Seton's Sea Services Pilgrimage

by Kent G. Sieg

A recent Sunday in early October proved to be a remarkable day. Not just because it was a typically lovely day in western Maryland, but because it also marked a very special occasion: The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton held its Annual Pilgrimage for the Sea Services. This is an event held every year to honor the men and women who have served in the maritime services of the United States, including the Navy, Coast Guard, merchant mariners, and Public Health Service.

This year's event was held on Sunday, October 7, 2012, at the Mother Seton Shrine, because of her connection to the sea. When she was proclaimed a saint in 1975, John O'Connor (then Navy's chief chaplain and later cardinal) had the Pope designate her as the Patroness of the Sea Services. She also has a direct connection to the Navy through her sons. William served for almost seventeen years in the Navy and ultimately attained the rank of lieutenant. Richard shipped on a naval vessel that plied the coast of Africa. Unfortunately, he died of fever contracted in present-day Liberia. From that time on, as a result of the travails of these young men, Elizabeth Seton has been identified with the sea services, and



Photo by Elizabeth Lohr

Ceremonial honor guard present colors at the Seton Shrine on October 7, 2012.

her intercession for the safety of those in the military.

The stirring ceremony was held in the massive and awe-inspiring Basilica. A multi-service color guard, with representatives from all military branches presented colors. Lectors and the choir came from the U.S. Naval Academy. Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo, who heads the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, presented a stirring homily. Many other high-ranking spiritual and military leaders were in attendance.

This year was particularly poignant. James Watkins, a Navy admiral, who was instrumental in having the celebration first established after Mother Seton was canonized, and who also was central to having it reinstated in 1998 after a few years of its discontinuance, had passed away in the intervening year, and was honored for his work. Following the service, a free dinner was served in the lunch hall of the convent. It was a meaningful and worthy occasion, one that brings even more recognition to this area of the state.

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### Thanksgiving Day Fun Facts

Benjamin Franklin thought that the national bird should be the turkey.

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## His Place, Inc. Mechanic Wins 2012 Sidewinder Sprint Car Series

by Chelsea Gorka

Seth Kearchner has come a long way from racing his go-kart as a 10-year-old boy. In October, he earned the championship title in the 2012 Sidewinder Sprint Car Series, cinching five wins for the season. Up to 24 sprint cars qualify for each main event, and Seth has always made it through the 8-lap qualifying round to earn a spot in the 20-lap main event.

He laughed as he said, "The faster you go the more they handicap you," meaning that the qualifying round, depending on where he placed, would determine his starting position for the main race. Consistent front runners, such as Seth, are placed deeper in the field to keep things exciting for fans, despite good qualifying efforts, hence the "handicap." Seth said he typically starts between sixth and twelfth position. His fans don't mind, though, telling him they have seen him win in worse predicaments.

Seth's love of cars and all things automotive started out very young, as his father, George, was a mechanic. A family friend introduced him to racing go-karts. From then on, Seth was constantly fiddling with go-karts in order to master how they worked and what made them go faster. After high school and college, Seth built a stock car in a two-car garage, doing all the fabrication and research by himself. Upon mastering go-karts, he moved up to racing stock cars. In 2007, in his second season of racing, he came short of the championship by only 4 points out of 25 races. In 2011, his first full season of sprints, he missed the championship by 9 points and earned four wins.

Racing is a large expense, but it keeps Seth challenged to create new set-ups and parts to get the desired result—wins! During the long 35 sprint race schedule from March to October, Seth is viewed by his fellow racers as "the guy to beat." Between working at His Place Inc. in Emmitsburg and spending time with his 4-year-old son, Lincoln, racing is his life. "It's a lifestyle," Kearchner said. He goes to work, works on cars all day for a living, and then shifts gear in the evening hours to work on his sprint car. His son, Lincoln, is always eager to help him, grabbing a hand-full of wrenches and ratchets, climbing onto the creeper and rolling around the car.

To race Sidewinder sprint cars, the driver must be at least 16 years of age and, together, the car and driver must weigh 875 pounds or more. With him in it, Seth's car weighs right around 900 pounds. His 2008 1000cc Yamaha R1 engine musters just under 200 horsepower, proving that the engine can crank out some speed in the small-framed sprint car. Kearchner travels across the state of Pennsylvania to oval dirt tracks, where speeds reach near 100 miles per hour while racing full throttle into the turns—sideways! The large wings on this type of car help keep it under control to handle the tight turns at incredible speeds and "G" forces.

Being a one-man pit crew, typically, with friends helping out when needed, Seth brings an advantage to his racing circuit, as he attended Pennsylvania College of Technology, specializing

in automotive technology with an emphasis on motor sports. He said that being a mechanic gives him an upper-hand, knowing exactly how these cars run and what makes them act up. Some weekends Seth runs his car Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and Seth's body feels the effects afterward! He said that racing the sprint car is very physical, with no power-assisted steering or brakes, often operating in extreme temperatures just inches from the 200 degree motor. "Halfway through the first race of the season, my arms feel the size of watermelons. You have to struggle to hold onto the wheel to the finish. It keeps me in great physical and mental shape," stated Seth.

Seth's budget needs to grow, so he can upgrade to a bigger sprint car once the current one is sold. Sponsors are invited for his 2013 season. A few of his many sponsors who play a huge role in Seth's sprint car racing career are as follows: His



Courtesy Photo  
Seth Kearchner stands proudly next to his sprint car, earning the Championship Title in the 2012 Sidewinder Sprint Car Series in October.

Place Inc. houses the car year-round; NAPA Auto Parts of Taneytown, Maryland, helps with supplies and parts to keep his truck and trailer in good working condition; DB Communications contributes cabling, phones, and all-around networking talents; and Delco Signs decorates his eye-catching sprint car each year. For more information about Sidewinder sprint cars, visit Sidewindersprints.com. For more information about Seth, race results, upcoming events, or to purchase a Seth Kearchner racing t-shirt, visit Marriedtomotorsports.com.

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# catocin voices

## Your Place for Poetry & Verse

by L. Claire Cantwell

Three poems arrived for this month's issue. Interestingly, and perhaps due to the upcoming Presidential election, no poems were submitted about Thanksgiving. I took the liberty to search for a poem on the public domain and have chosen one by a journalist and verse writer born during the Civil War. We have much to be thankful for indeed, including the upcoming election, whereby a free people set out to engage in the democratic process of voting for a leader to guide a free nation. The poems submitted are uniquely different, yet related in a sense: these poems could only be written by Americans. One vividly describes the controversial subject of insurance companies, healthcare and takes on greed with bows and arrows. Another remembers a sad anniversary date of inexplicable horror still vivid in our collective memories. Lastly, in honor of Veteran's Day, I choose my son's poem about a bitter battle fought during WWI in France. Don't forget to vote, thank a veteran, remember JFK, thaw the turkey safely, and take the time to read these Catocin Voices.

### A Tribute to President Kennedy written by the late Jackie Fox, November 23, 1963

Today President Kennedy is dead  
From an assassin's bullets in throat and head.  
Today we weep and pray in sorrow  
And also wonder about tomorrow.

His vibrant body is no more  
It has now passed through the door  
Of the chamber of Almighty God  
His one, his only and beloved God.

There was no hope, no hope at all  
From the very moment he began to fall.  
The doctors did as best they could  
But still God had it as He would.

Today we mourn the President's passing  
But still we may hear others asking  
"What will happen now that he is gone  
Will Lyndon do as he'd have done?"

Oh would it have been myself instead  
That caught the wounds in throat and head  
That he might have remained alive  
To help us with our daily lives.

I would gladly have given my life for him  
Had I been there, ready to protect him  
Had I known of this fiendish plan  
That took the life of this great man.

Today his body lies in repose  
In Washington, where officials go.  
Many have gone to pay last respects  
To respect the dead and encourage the next.

But still there is a task at hand  
The task of governing this famous land.  
L.B.J. has taken this job  
With an oath, a pledge, and probably a sob.

And so it is this very day  
A truly great man has passed away.  
In the wake of this, his last sad day  
He leaves Lyndon Johnson to guide our way.

(Mr. Fox (1948 - 1991) was a teacher and musician from Sabillasville. His mother is Mrs. Gene Fox of Thurmont.)



### Thanksgiving by Henry Coyle (public domain)

We thank Thee, Father, for Thy care,  
For countless blessings that we share,  
For all life's trials, pains, and pleasures,  
And all its labors and its treasures.  
We thank Thee for Thy blessed light,  
The sun by day, the moon by night,  
For summer's heat and winter's blast,  
For gloom and shadows o'er us cast;  
For hearts with love for Thee imbued,  
For tongues to speak our gratitude,

For all Thy blessings from above,  
For everything we owe Thy love.  
For restful slumber and the gleams  
Of Paradise we see in dreams,  
For hope that ever upward springs  
To Thee, O God, on Faith's strong wings;  
For peace and plenty — grace untold,  
And blessings rich and manifold—  
Our thanks and praises now are given  
To Thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven.

### Robin Hood is Gone by Katy Giebenhain

No hatchets, candle fat, Saracen bows.  
No windchimed sunlight  
shaking the leaves like hair,  
the whiiiiiiht of launched arrows,  
bawdy, creative justice.

None of that.  
This is how the sacking's done:  
one by one by one.  
It's paper terror,  
the American NO  
the daylight-dying status quo.

Personified,  
a health insurance company rides  
into the forest, right now  
with an armed escort, good weather,  
the confidence of true thieves.  
Robin's gang is gone.  
How the sacking is done:  
claim by claim by claim.  
What we're up against —  
all of us

Picture wagon wheels. Picture  
what's in their path.  
is darker, stickier.

(Editor and poet, Katy Giebenhain writes from Gettysburg, PA. Her poem first appeared in the blog, "Better Living through Beowulf.")

### "The March from Ypres Woods"

by Tommy Cantwell

There were so many, many men that fell  
The ground beneath heavy boots did swell  
Their blood formed little pools along the dirt road  
Brave survivors wearily dodged the crimson flow  
Rains finally came to wash sweat and grime away  
But heartbreak remained within, thicker than clay  
Soldiers marched past enemy and comrade dead  
No time to honor, bury, search for loot, or be fed  
When few feet gained became miles and miles behind  
When sleep became the only yearnings of their minds  
Breathing was as forced labor for battle-bruised lungs  
Their wish was to sleep, dream again of being young  
As gray skies turned black and the landscape settled still  
They collapsed numb in soggy trenches, thinking nothing's real.

(Tommy Cantwell is a freshman at Catocin High School. He is studiously fascinated with WWI.)

Make way for clean kills, legal kills,  
assassins at photocopiers.  
New feudalism settles in, makes  
normal the way  
sacking is done today:  
trick by trick by trick.

The darksome statesman, hung with weights and woe,  
Like a thick midnight-fog, mov'd there so slow,  
He did nor stay, nor go;  
Condemning thoughts—like sad eclipses—scowl  
Upon his soul,  
And clouds of crying witnesses without  
Pursued him with one shout.  
Yet digg'd the mole, and lest his ways be found,  
Work'd under ground,

Where he did clutch his prey; but one did see  
That policy:  
Churches and altars fed him; perjuries  
Were gnats and flies;  
It rain'd about him blood and tears, but he  
Drank them as free.





## the book nook

### Chapter 3

by Laura Krauss

Nestled on the shelves of two bookcases in the corner of my bedroom is a small library of books, many of which have been collected over the years since my early adulthood. They are organized by categories: fiction, non-fiction, mysteries, romance, and instructional, just to name a few. I often find myself perusing the titles when my busy world gets the best of me. In today's environment of digital "everything" there is still nothing like opening up the pages of a good book, even if it is one that I have read countless times before.

Self-improvement books, by nature, are a dime a dozen. You can find them written for almost any topic. Their repetitious messages of glaring positivity seem so simplistic that it's no wonder they are often forgotten over time. We take the lessons for granted, especially if we are not living them out each and every day. This past month, I challenged myself to overcome some negativity I had been feeling towards a situation at work. I believe to have found the insight I needed in the pages of several "oldies but goodies" and would like to share it with you.

Leadership is a topic I have read numerous books about over the years. Whether it was helping me captain a soccer or lacrosse team in my youth, serve as a mentor in a volunteer organization, or manage a staff of employees, the pages within these books have motivated and inspired me. Whenever I read a self-improvement book, very few pages are spared from my pen or highlighter. The best part is going back months or years later and seeing what was written in the pages between those book covers. Often times, the intended message takes on a new meaning, as I correlate the author's passage to whatever situation is most current in my life. These books have acted like journals over the years, and I am grateful to look back at them, relearn a lesson once forgotten, and smile at the opportunity I've been given to overcome a new challenge.

In between two of my all time favorite books in my library (Dale Carnegie's *How to Win Friends and Influence People* and David J. Schwartz's *The Magic of Thinking Big*) is this month's book selection: *Wooden on Leadership* by John Wooden and Steve Jamison. It contains the best observations from legendary UCLA basketball coach John Wooden, as he explores the

fifteen fundamental leadership qualities or building blocks of his famous Pyramid of Success. John Wooden believes that "you can't separate who you are from your leadership." He affirms that "your own personal example is one of the most powerful leadership tools you possess. Put it to good use. Be what you want your team to become." Wooden often shared the following anonymous adage with his student athletes: "There is a choice you have to make in everything you do. So keep in mind that in the end, the choice you make, makes you."

I found this message to be critically important in my professional career, especially as of late. When I returned to work after my maternity leave this past summer, I was welcomed by a new boss. My previous manager had passed away surprisingly and unexpectedly less than a year ago, and our company had been trying to fill her void for several months. While I only worked with her for a short time before she died, she was by far one of the best managers during my decade-long tenure in corporate America. She was one of the reasons I was so eager to learn a new industry and get back to work after my failed business venture. Suffice it to say that no matter who our company found as her replacement, there would be new learning curves for us all. The challenging part today is having confidence in a young leader who self-admits his lack of knowledge and is fearful to try new things. Wooden states, "Regardless of the profession, a leader who lacks full knowledge will soon be exposed. It's difficult to get people to follow you when you don't know what you are doing."

Wherever I volunteer or work professionally I find it essential to gravitate toward the leader of the company or organization. I share John Wooden's belief that "Mentors are available at all stages of your leadership life—early, middle, and late. Seek them out and listen; absorb their knowledge and use it." While personal greatness should be measured against one's own potential, "personal greatness for any leader is measured by effectiveness in bringing out the greatness of those you lead." I believe in the hidden potential of everyone—and if that doesn't work, remember the following quote from Abraham Lincoln: "I never met a person from whom I didn't learn something, although most the time it was something not to do."

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

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## 2012 Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show Results

### 2012 Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show Champions

Fresh Fruits – Martha Hauver (Bartlett Pears); Fresh Vegetables – Donald Stanley (Watermelon); Home Products Display – Roxanna Lambert; Canned Fruit – Linda Franklin (Nectarines); Canned Vegetables – Bob Wiles (Salsa); Jellies & Preserves – Dawn Hobbs (Strawberry Jelly); Pickles – Bill Meredith (Dilly Beans); Meat – (Canned) – Ann Welty, (Mincemeat); Baked Products – Bread – Christine Wisner (Pumpkin Bread); Cake – Sherry Flohr (Coconut Cake); Pie – Betty Meredith (Apple Crumb Pie); Sugar Free – Roxanna Lambert (Blueberry Muffins); Sewing – Rae Rippeon (Cross Stitch); Flowers & Plants – Carol Hocking (Silk Arrangement – Special or Holiday); Arts, Painting & Drawings – Robert Bittner (Painting); Crafts – Charlotte Dutton (Wood-Hand crafted duck); Photography – Randy Srba (Digital Photo); Corn – Robert McAfee (Hybrid Corn); Small Grain & Seeds – Dallas McNair (Shelled Corn); Eggs – Nancy Grimes (Brown Eggs); Nuts – Charlie Saylor (Shellbarks); Poultry & Livestock – Laura Dutton (Breeding Rabbit and Offspring); Dairy – Gavin Valentine, (Ayrshire Calf); Dairy Goats – Olivia Dutton; Hay – Charlie Saylor (Mixed Hay); Junior Department – Kallan Latham (Sewn Vest); Junior Department Baked Product – Sheridan Chaney (Frosted Cake); Youth Department – Olivia Dutton (Drawing Scratchboard) Youth Department Baked Product – Jeremy Ramage (Pie); Beef – Noah Ruby; Sheep – Lauren Schur; Swine – Kristi Long; Market Goat – Rachel Boggs; Decorated Animal Contest – Jessica Martin (Ayrshire calf); Pet Show Champion – Janielle Little.

### Horseshoe Pitching Contest and Log Sawing Contest Results

Winners in the 32nd annual Robert Kaas Memorial Horseshoe Pitching Contest were: 1st—Jeff Miller and Roy Wivell, Jr.; 2nd—Dale Kaas and Dick Glass; 3rd—Donnie Kaas and Richard Willard.

The 32nd annual Log Sawing Contest was held with the winners as follows: Children's Singles: 1st —Bradley Richards (19:29:31); 2nd —Men's Singles: 1st —Dustin Hahn (4:36:19); 2nd—Brandon Marshall (6:22:78); 3rd—Hunter Krantz (9:18:78); Children's Division (14 years old and younger): 1st—Megan Millison and Brandon Marshall (2:42:41); 2nd—Robert Hahn and Ray Martin, IV (2:31:06); 3rd—Cadin Valentine and Robert Albaugh (5:31:38); Men and Women's Division: 1st —Ashley Ridenour and Derrick Zimmerman (2:33:41); Ladies: 1st—Stacey Ridge and Cathy Ruby (2:10:91); 2nd—Kelly Neff and Tammy Keeney (3:37:84); 3rd—Kayla Neff and Kendra Keeney (5:13:60); Child and Adult: 1st —Grace Blanchard and Glen Blanchard (3:48:84); 2nd—Gavin Valentine and Emah Ridge (3:54:28); 3rd—Jennifer Martin and Jessica Martin (6:15:50); Men's Division: 1st—Justin McAfee and Jeff McAfee (1:10:09); 2nd—Kenny Keeney and Chip Long (2:18:88); 3rd—Daniel Myers and Brandon Marshall (2:35:88).

### Decorated Animal Contest Results

The winners of the 2012 Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show Decorated Animal Contest were: Goats – 1st —Laura Dutton; Dairy – 1st—Jessica Martin; Sheep – 1st—Jaimilyn Snyder; Chicken – 1st—Rianna Chaney; 1st—Sheridan Chaney; Rabbits – 1st—Olivia Dutton. The judges selected Jessica Martin as the Grand Champion and Jaimilyn Snyder as the Reserve Champion. Each of the contestants received a ribbon, and \$59.00 in prize money was divided among the six contestants.

### Pet Show Results

The 2012 Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show sponsored a Pet Show on Saturday, September 8, at Catocin High School. Chairmen for this event were Dave Harman and Dave Johnston. Judges were Nancy Houston and Jenny Humphrey. They selected a Black Lab dog owned by Janelle Little as Grand Champion of the show. She received a gift certificate to the Thurmont Feed Store and a rosette ribbon. They selected a dog owned by Arielle Mumm as Reserve Champion of the Show. She received a rosette ribbon and a gift certificate to Main Street Groomers. The Thurmont Feed Store also provided dog, cat, and rabbit food for those participating at the show. Winners are listed as first, second, third and honorable mention respectively: Cat With Prettiest Eyes—Tina Mumm, Hannah Kaas; Cat With Longest Whiskers—Tina Mumm, Hannah Kaas; Cutest Cat—Tina Mumm, Hannah Kaas; Best Trained Pet—Janelle Little, Lauren Ames, Mary-Glenn Crutchley, Matt Roberts, Katie Dorsey, Debbie Harbaugh; Dog With Wiggliest Tail—Paige-Maree Woods, Eric Ligsay, Kaitlyn Larson, Amy McAfee; Prettiest Dog (25 lbs. and under)—Arielle Mumm, Carrie Long, Natalie Johnson, Eric Ligsay; Prettiest Dog (25 lbs. and over)—Jenny Roberts, Debbie Harbaugh, Katie Dorsey, Mary-Glenn Crutchley; Best Costumed Pet—Arielle Mumm, Danielle Michael, Katie Dorsey, Liz Hoover, Natalie Johnson; Pet With Most Spots—Dalton Wetzel, Ann Sanders, Mary-Glenn Crutchley; Largest Pet (by height)—Danielle Michael, Kaitlyn Larson, Jenny Roberts; Most Unusual Pet—Dalton Wetzel, Janelle Little, Danielle Michael, Liz Hoover, Rachel Larson; Smallest Pet—Janelle Little, Rachel Larson, Heidi Toms.

### Barnyard Olympics Results

The 2012 Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show's Barnyard Olympic Competition was held on Sunday, September 9, at Catocin High School. Serving as chairmen were Dave and Jared Harman. Participants' race against time in a course designed to do farm chores, such as gathering eggs, placing ears of corn in small wheelbarrows, and carrying bales of straw.

Winners are listed as first, second, and third place, respectively: Ages 5-6—Jonathan Wastler, Peanut Yates, Myra Yates; Age 7-8—Joel Miller; Ages 9-10—Laura Dutton, Addison Eyler; Ages 11-12—Catlyn Neff, Chase Neff; Ages 13-14—Olivia Dutton, Jamie Snyder. Selected as Grand Champion was Catlyn Neff and Reserve Champion was Chase Neff. Each received a rosette ribbon.


### Lost

Mary Larrivee entered a colored pencil drawing of a lighthouse scene in the 2012 Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show. She won first place in the junior division. Her drawing is missing. If someone accidentally picked it up or happens to find it, please email Mary's mother, Kathy, at jklarr5@comcast.net. Thank you.

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## Community Show Thank You

by Cheryl Lenhart

The sponsoring organizations of the annual Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show including the Thurmont Grange, Catocin FFA and Catocin FFA Alumni would like to thank those individuals who helped in the 56th year of the event in September. The attendance during the event was excellent and community support was great during the entire event. We would like to extend a special thank you to community businesses for advertising and sponsoring the Community Show Booklet.

Approximately 38 community organizations participated in the opening flag ceremony, which began with a bagpipe procession by Bill, Alexander and Andrew Douwes. During the ceremony, members of the Guardian Hose Company and the Girl Scouts were honored in conjunction with their 125th and 100th anniversary, respectively. Wayne Stackhouse, representing the Guardian Hose Company, and Judy Smith, representing the Girl Scouts announced the 2012-2013 Catocin FFA Ambassador, Shelby Hahn, a senior at Catocin High School. Many county and local officials were present during the Friday evening program.

Special thanks to the exhibitors who entered a record number of entries. Over 140 new exhibitors participated this year. This is a reflection of how the show has grown over the years.

Approximately 288 baked products entered and sold for a record baked goods auction. The grand champion cake, (a coconut cake), was made by Sherry Flohr of Rocky Ridge and purchased by Mountain Gate Family Restaurant for \$900.00; this cake was resold to benefit the Catocin FFA Chapter's trip to Indianapolis, Indiana for the National FFA Convention. The cake was then purchased by Gateway Farm Market for \$300.00. Monies received from the silver offering, totaling \$720.00 were donated to the Anthony Weddle family of Thurmont.

Bob Valentine, Livestock Chairman of the Community Show was pleased with the results of the Livestock Auction and Show. Josh Flohr, a student at Kansas State University and former FFA member of Catocin High School, judged the Beef, Sheep, Swine & Goat Show. The livestock sale on Saturday evening was well attended and the sale averages were: 12 beef (\$1.97 lb.); 12 sheep (\$2.94 lb.); 26 swine (\$2.25 lb.); and 5 goats (\$160.00/head).

The Dairy and Goat Show was also held on Sunday and judged by Katie Albaugh of Walkersville, Maryland.

The Community Show is viewed as a learning experience for many 4-H and FFA youth, who later exhibit at the Frederick Fair, Maryland State Fair and other shows and sales.

Special thanks to Lindsey Puvel, a senior at Catocin High School, who sang the Star Spangled Banner and led the audience in God Bless America on Friday during the program. Special thanks to the many individuals who helped with the petting zoo, Barnyard Olympics, pony rides, horseshoe pitching, log sawing and martial arts programs; the Thurmont Grange Turkey & Ham Dinner; the Catocin FFA Alumni Bar-B-Que and the Beef, Sheep and Swine show and sale.

Special thanks to all of the department superintendents and the many volunteers who helped to take entries, haul tables and help in any way to make the show excellent and, also, to the many commercial exhibitors, including the Thurmont History display by John Kinnaird, Helen Mackley for her antique button display and the Thurmont Library for sponsoring their annual book sale and to the many other commercial and animal displays that make our event community oriented.

Thanks to the Thurmont Thespians who performed several vocal selections on Saturday evening and the Catocin Aires, who performed on Sunday afternoon during the Show.

Special thanks to Cozy Restaurant for sponsoring a free meal ticket to all department champions. Many thanks to our food stand vendors, the Catocin High School Band Boosters, Hobby Horse Concessions, the Catocin High School Junior Class and the Thurmont Lions Club for having food stands throughout the show. We would also like to thank all of the individuals, businesses and families for sponsoring show awards, for purchasing baked goods at the cake sale and for supporting our livestock show and sale.

In addition, we would also like to thank Bernie Quesada, Principal of Catocin High School and the entire faculty, cafeteria and custodial staff for their cooperation and understanding during the show.

The Community Show is an agricultural education event and is a total community effort. Many community citizens volunteer many hours to make the show one that our area can be very proud of. Visitors comment on the large amount and quality of entries. These efforts are appreciated by the show sponsors – Thurmont Grange; Catocin FFA Chapter, Catocin FFA Alumni, The Maryland State Grange and the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board.

Photos by Deb Spalding



The Girl Scouts of America were honored during the opening ceremony of the Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show on September 7, 2012, for their 100th Anniversary.



The Thurmont Guardian Hose Company was honored during the opening ceremony of the Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show on September 7, 2012, for their 125th Anniversary.



Shelby Hahn was named the 2012-2013 Catocin FFA Ambassador.

Catocin FFA Members display a cake from which auction proceeds will help them attend the upcoming National FFA Convention.



The 57th Community Show dates are September 6, 7 and 8, 2013, at Catocin High School in Thurmont, Maryland.



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# SCHOOL news

## Thurmont Middle School LEO Club Receives International Award

The Thurmont Middle School LEO Club was chosen for the 2011-2012 Lions Club International LEO Club Excellence Award. This dedicated group of students participated in several service projects, including the



Courtesy Photo

Pictured are Lion President Tim Stuart; TMS Principal Jennifer Powell; LEO Labella Kreiner; LEO Taylor Kaufman; District 22W LEO Chairman George Bolling, and Past District Governor Stephen Finger.

Catoctin Cares fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Hoops for Heart fundraiser for the American Heart Association, and the Sean Rascoe Memorial Scholarship Program. They also worked with the Thurmont Lions Club at fundraising events that support our local community.

According to George Bolling, District LEO Chairman, "This was the second year in a row that the TMS LEOs received this award, reflecting their success in serving others in the local community. Only one LEO Club in each Lions District receives this award annually. Lion Robin Keeney serves as the adviser for these super LEOs, and Honorary TLC members Sandy Zimmerman and Mary Quealy serve superbly as the Club's faculty advisers for 2011-2012."

## S.H.O.P. Club Coupon Drive for Military Families

S.H.O.P. (Students Helping Other People) Club at Catoctin High School is sending coupons out to military families this year. Manufacturers allow military families to use coupons that are expired up to six months on bases across the globe. They have adopted a base in Italy to send expired coupons to. If you have any coupons that are expired or you don't need, please bring them to the high school and ask that they be given to Rebecca Scott. S.H.O.P. Club will be collecting these throughout the year to send to the families of our servicemen and women. The coupons cannot be to a specific store; they have to be from the manufacturer. This year, we ask that you only bring in clipped coupons. This is a great way to give back to our service men and women and their families.

## TEPS PTA's 2nd Annual Holiday Happenings Extravaganza

by Laura Krauss

Thurmont Elementary Primary School (TEPS) PTA would like to invite the local community to participate in our 2nd Annual Holiday Happenings Extravaganza on Friday, November 30, 2012, from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Thurmont Primary School. The holiday fundraiser is a fun-filled evening, complete with family-friendly events, including Pictures with Santa, Story Time, Arts and Crafts, a Bake Sale, and an opportunity to purchase holiday gifts for family and

friends. In addition, there will be 50+ raffle prizes to win, including a few mystery prizes (last year's mystery prizes included a Kindle and an iPod Shuffle). This event is open to the entire community and admission is the same as last year: \$3.00 per person without a TEPS PTA membership, and \$1.00 per person with a TEPS PTA membership. Thanks in advance for supporting TEPS PTA's annual holiday fundraiser, and we hope to see you there!

## CHS Class of 2013 Safe & Sane Events

The Catoctin High School (CHS) Class of 2013 Safe & Sane Committee announce the upcoming events and fundraisers to benefit the Class of 2013.

CHS Safe and Sane 2013 is holding a Dinner Dance on Saturday, November 10, 2012, from 6:00 p.m.-midnight, at the Thurmont AMVETS, located at 26 Apples Church Road in Thurmont. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 per person (includes dinner, dancing, and silent auction; featuring music by DJ Adam Jacoby. Cash bar will be available. For more information or tickets, please contact Laura Knott at 240-285-4790.

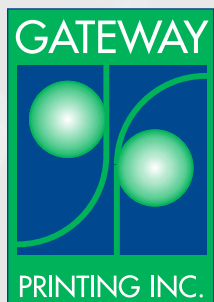
There will be a Cash Bingo Bonanza to be held on December 9, 2012, at the Emmitsburg Vigilant Hose Company. Doors will open at 1:00 p.m.; Bingo starts at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance; \$30.00 at the door. Contact Karen Schildt at 240-285-8076 or Ed Schildt at 240-285-8079.

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

A reminder that meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the CHS Media Center. The Catoctin Safe & Sane Committee is in great need of more parent participation. Come to a meeting and learn how all the pieces come together preparing for and giving the Class of 2013 a wonderful, safe celebration on graduation night.

## TEPS PTA Events for November

The following is the TEPS PTA November Calendar of Events: November 1—PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at TPS Media Center; November 5—Schools Closed; November 6—Schools Closed for Election Day; November 12-16—American Education Week; November 20—Grandparents Day; November 21-23—Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Break; November 30—Holiday Happenings, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at TPS; TBD—TES Math Night at Food Lion.



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## Amy Delauter Earns Honor Citation

Amy Delauter received the Honors College Citation in a recent ceremony in the Memorial Chapel on the University of Maryland's College Park campus. The Honors Citation signifies the successful completion of Honors course work, which includes Honors seminars, special Honors versions of introductory courses, and a first year colloquium. The University of Maryland's Honors College is a highly selective, nationally recognized academic program for talented undergraduates at the University of Maryland.

## Ruritan Club Awards Scholarships

The Lewistown Ruritan Club awarded a total of \$6,000 in scholarships to fourteen students at the annual Ruritan picnic in August 2012. The funds for these scholarships were raised by the Lewistown Ruritan members' fundraisers.



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Scholarship recipients and the schools they are attending are (from left): Amanda Holler, Shenandoah University; Sara Gartrell, Hood College; Emily Yeager, Hood College; Bailey Rae Wright, Hood College; Troy Matlock, Marshall University; Sara Baseley, McDaniel College; Garrett Baseley, Capital College; Karen Crum, Hood College; Amanda Cole, Hood College; Kayte Lambert, Shepherd University; Anna Staley, Frederick Community College; and Jessica Lambert, Hood College. Not present for photograph: Shelby Ledger, Indiana University (PA); and Rebecca Richards, Asbury University.

## 2013 National Merit Scholarship Commendations

Congratulations to Catocin High School (CHS) Students, Will Dower and Robin Wivell, for being named Commended Students in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, were presented to the students by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2013 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2013 competition by taking the 2011 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

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## Call for Nominations

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Complete eligibility and nomination criteria, process information and selection guidelines are available at <http://www.fcps.org/awards><\_tmp\_url\_0\_>. Nomination packets are due to the Communication Services office, 191 S. East Street, Frederick, MD 21701, by 3:00 pm on Friday, January 11, 2013.

## Boy Scouts and Thurmont Lions Club Work Together

Local students will be enjoying more books because of the joint effort of Boy Scout Troop 270, along with their parents and the Thurmont Lions Club. As a part of the 2012 Thurmont Make A Difference Day project, the Boy Scouts distributed bags to Thurmont residents on

September 29, 2012. One week later, those same scouts picked up bags and bags of books to

be donated to local schools. Special thanks go to the parents who drove the boys all through town, helping them collect the books. The Thurmont Lions Club sponsors Troop 270, and the two organizations have a great working relationship. Recently, the Lions Club provided the materials to replace the old storage shed that the scouts were using for their camping supplies and equipment. The scouts and their parents built the shed next to the Scout House on Elm Street.



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Scouts stand in front of the shed, which will be used to store the books until they are sorted and donated to the schools (left to right): Marcus Bosche, Josh Bostian, Devin Stafford, Trevor Bostian, Peter Wright, Jared Snyder, and Danny Dutrow. Missing from picture is Tommy LaDonte.

## Blessing of the Animals at Mother Seton School

Deacon John Hawkins from St. Anthony's in Emmitsburg and Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Thurmont bless "Cinnabun" and his owner, Ryan Daneiley, from Rocky Ridge, at the annual Mother Seton School (MSS) "Blessing of the Animals" on October 4, 2012. This school tradition is held every year in honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the beloved universal patron saint of animals. This year, Deacon Hawkins blessed cats, dogs, snakes, snails, hermit crabs, hamsters, horses, a goat, and even a sugar glider. Assisting Deacon Hawkins were MSS servers, Matthias Buchheister and Sean Vietri. All MSS students were able to visit with each pet attending the blessing.



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# looking back — 1876

## Thurmont's Alligator Population

by Jim Rada

Nowadays, seeing exotic animals in Thurmont is no big surprise. The Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo has around 400 wild animals on display across 50 acres.

However, 136 years ago, Thurmont's animal population was lots of cows, pigs, dogs, cats, chickens...and one alligator.

Andrew Sefton was one of Thurmont's leading citizens in the 19th Century. He arrived in Thurmont, which was then known as Mechanicstown, in 1831. The town at that time had a population of around 300 people, according to Sefton. Not only was there no Catoctin Zoo, the town had no churches (though the United Brethren in Christ Church was under construction) and no street lights.

Sefton wrote, "The streets were lit up at night from the doors and windows of the merchants' shops, which made them very brilliant."

He listed the town and nearby vicinity as having seven tanners, two blacksmith shops, a tilt hammer, grand stone, polishing wheel and turning lathe, all propelled by water power, one wool and cloth factory, two shoemaker shops, three tailors, three weavers, one gunsmith, one silversmith, two wagon and coach shops, two mill-wrights, three cabinet maker and house carpenter shops, one saddler, one hatter, one doctor, three stone and brick masons, three hotels, and a match factory.

After living in town for about 18 months, Sefton was able to purchase

a piece of property on East Main Street. Sefton quickly set to fixing up the property.

Around that time, he also married Elizabeth Weller, the daughter of Jacob Weller, B.S., on March 18, 1833.

"We at once occupied our newly repaired and windows home and have been living in the same house ever since. We have had seven children born to us in this house, five sons and two daughters, all of whom are living, and at this time they are living in four different States of the Union," Sefton wrote in the *Catoctin Clarion*.

In 1876, one of the Seftons' sons, Joseph, was traveling in Florida. On his journey, Joseph thought he had found the perfect gift for his father. He bought it, had it boxed up and shipped to his father.

It arrived here in mid-October. Sefton opened up the box and found that his son had sent him an alligator. It was a young one that was about two feet long and was "greatly admired by the many—male and female—who have gone to see it," according to an article in the *Catoctin Clarion* in 1876.

American alligators are found in the southeastern United States. Louisiana has the largest alligator population. They live in freshwater as ponds, marshes, wetlands, rivers, lakes, and swamps. As reptiles, they need warm temperatures to regulate their bodies, and an environment that doesn't freeze over.

"Mr. S. is very anxious to keep it alive, but those who understand

the nature of these animals say it will be impossible to do so, as the climate and water of this state are not adapted to the culture of alligators," the *Catoctin Clarion* reported.

While Sefton's alligator was only two-feet long, large adult alligators can grow to around 13 feet and weigh 800 pounds. They can also live to be more than 70 years old.

"Should it live and grow to be a big one, no doubt there will be a scarcity of babies and small boys in this neck of the woods some day, as it is said they have a peculiar faculty for clawing up children and [African Americans]," the *Catoctin Clarion* reported tongue-in-cheek.

There's no reference in the newspaper as to how long the alligator lived, but there also wasn't



Courtesy Photo

Pictured is one of Catoctin Zoo's small alligators during their annual gator round up, when the alligators are taken from the swamp area to a winter facility.

a long list of missing children from town a few years later.

Andrew Sefton died in 1887.

Though the Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo has a large alligator swamp, the alligators can't remain there year round. Each year, the zoo features a Gator Round Up in late October or early November. Visitors can come and watch the zoo keepers collect the alligators and transport them to their winter quarters.

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# IN THEIR OWN WORDS

## Dear Family & Friends

It is hard to believe that we have passed the two year anniversary of the death of my dear brother, Michael. It is my hope that some of you will join me in my efforts to raise funds to benefit others in need, in Michael's memory. I sincerely desire to make this an on-going annual event.

I know I speak for Michael's immediate family with regard to our thankfulness in enjoying his sobriety for a couple of wonderful years prior to his death. Had it not been for the generous scholarship that he received through the efforts of my mother, Judy Smith, Michael would have never had the opportunity to participate in the inpatient recovery program at Avery Road Treatment Center, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility in Rockville, Maryland. He was without insurance and did not have the financial means for such a program. After completing his inpatient program, Michael spent another few months in a halfway house in Rockville before settling in with our family for a little over a year. We were truly blessed to see him happy, healthy, sober, and drug free. If you have ever had firsthand experience with someone you love being enslaved to drugs and alcohol than you know exactly what I'm talking about. If not, there are no words to express the pain one feels witnessing this type of addiction and detachment. I can tell you that my firsthand experience can be expressed by saying a recovered person is a changed person. Michael was blessed, as were we with such an amazing change. It was a beautiful metamorphosis.



It is my wish that through Michael's death, one who desires a changed life would have a chance... just like Michael did! I have decided to conduct a raffle in Michael's memory. Those of you who were

close to him know that he was an outdoorsman. He loved hunting, fishing, mushroom hunting, skiing (both water and snow), and many other outdoor activities. This raffle will be a reflection of his love of the outdoors. A recipient of the proceeds from the raffle will be Hope Alive, Inc. Founded in 2002,

Hope Alive, Inc., located in rural Sabillasville, Maryland, is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian ministry serving homeless women and children. Their residence can accommodate up to 25 people. Hope Alive offers a four-phase program and comprehensive support services to address the issues at the root of each family's homelessness. Hope Alive's resident families can stay for up to two years while learning new skills and working toward self-sufficiency. The foundation of Christian faith and love, a strong emphasis on children's services, and the "whole person" approach to recovery in a loving home environment make Hope Alive unique. If you are interested in purchasing or selling tickets for this cause, please email me at [mikeymakesadifference@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeymakesadifference@yahoo.com). Tickets are available at Ace Hardware in Thurmont or E Plus Copy Center in Emmitsburg.

I pray you will consider joining me in creating something positive through the loss of Michael's life!

—Warm regards, Tamara Manahan

## Mr. Harrington Donates to St. Catherine's Garden

Mr. Earl Harrington of Emmitsburg recently completed a stay at St. Catherine's Nursing Home in Emmitsburg. During his stay, construction of a new courtyard garden for the residents was completed. Mr. Harrington donated a wind mill, as well as some terrapin and cat garden ornaments in appreciation of the quality care he received. He said he did it, "for the nice and courteous people here." He added, "If you're not family when you get here, you will be when you leave."

Mr. Earl Harrington is shown with Rhonda Scheller, a receptionist at St. Catherine's in the new courtyard garden at the facility.



## Thank You/Memorial Tribute Angela Rigby

Angela was killed in an auto accident on Friday, September 14, 2012, by a drunk driver. The community outpour has been overwhelming, and the only way I know to thank everyone is by doing a letter of thanks.

Angie's cousin wrote, "The world was a better place. Angela Marie Rigby was a lifeline for some, a daughter, mother, sister, cousin, niece and true friend to many, but she was also a light in this world whose presence will be missed."

Gratefully acknowledging and thanking everyone for your kind expressions of sympathy during the recent death of our loved one who now watches over us from the heavens above.

To the overwhelming numbers that came out to pay tribute during the service, 500 names were signed in the guest book alone, lines of people that were two blocks long waiting to express their sorrow and show their love one last time to a life that was taken away too soon by a drunk driver. Dasani says "thanks to those who wore bright colors to celebrate her mom's life." "An additional heartfelt thank you to those who paid tribute by candlelight and flowers in front of her salon RED, WHITE and BEAUTIFUL, again showing the support and love from the community."

Special thanks to Monahan's Funeral Home for the excellent service and care given, to Reverend Norm Hartz and his kind words and prayers as he spoke of Angie and all her accomplishments, and to Daddy John Dowling during the Eulogy. "Dad, we know it was hard to stand up and address the crowd, but you served her proud, and Wayne your voice is of that of an angel."

We also would like to thank Ventura's of Fairfield for the unending supply of food brought to the house and then supplying and serving food during the reception/celebration, and thanks also to Dunlap's Restaurant for the delicious desserts. Thanks to all for the unending supply of cards being sent, additional food dropped off, as well as the lovely flowers.

We've had numerous questions about the trust that has been set up for Angie's Daughter, Dasani A. Shields. Contributions can be made at any PNC Bank. It's an educational fund and last 4 digits of the account are 6552. Or you can send a check made out to Dasani A. Shields, sent to William or Brenda Rigby, 4950 Fairfield Road, Fairfield, PA 17320.

A dear friend wrote: Angie taught her daughter to be strong and to be like her. She taught us to love our family and friends. She makes us want to be better. She gave us a granddaughter, an infectious smile, a wit and no matter how many mistakes you make in life you can right your wrongs and be an inspiration to many. Angie would tell you I didn't take the easy road, but in the end I did take the right road!

Please remember her often and never forget that she believed in the freedom that she fought for and she believed in being an individual and being beautiful in unique and special ways. We each have our place in time, and if we live right, we change that place and that time for the better.

Love your family and friends, touch an animal's life, and always remember to celebrate and enjoy life with a designated driver...the life you save may someday save yours.

—Brenda, Bill, Bobby Rigby & Dasani Shields

## Dear Thurmont/Emmitsburg Community

Many thanks to the attendees of the 2012 Community Show for their support of the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Basket Raffle to benefit San Mar Children's Home—\$558 was raised to support the "girls of San Mar" (50% of whom come to San Mar from Frederick and Washington Counties).

The raffle could not have been a success without the many local sponsors—mostly small businesses—that provided merchandise or gift cards. Local businesses are always hit hard by requests to support non-profits; and they rarely say no, instead rising to the challenge of giving back to the community that supports them.

San Mar would like to thank the following: Carols' Avon and Fuller Brush (Carol Boller); Dee's Hair Salon; Hobb's Hardware; Weis Markets, Thurmont; Weis Markets, Boonsboro & Hagerstown; Food Lion, Smithsburg and Hagerstown; Martins, Hagerstown; and Timeless Trends.

Please say thank you to these businesses with your business. And don't forget to look for the San Mar Basket Raffle 2013, Thurmont/Emmitsburg Community Show (in the old gym).

—Sincerely, Sabrina Massett & Lynn Folk, San Mar Cyclists and Volunteers



# senior moments

by Helen Deluca

I have much to tell you this month. Some of it is sad news, but most of it is exciting and optimistic.

Phil Band, one of our board members passed away recently. We send our deepest sympathy to his wife, Mitzi, and their family; and we look forward to Mitzi joining us again in the future.

As I told you, Shannon, our Center coordinator, has moved from the area. If you are interested in the position, you are retired and have some computer skills, and you are looking for something to do with your spare time, call the Center at 301-271-7911 to set up an appointment. We would like to hear from you.

You may have noticed on the sign in front of the Center that the Center is closed to allow for paving of the parking lot. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church was gracious enough to allow us to use the parish center again, so we did not have to disrupt our lunch program. We appreciate having the additional handicap parking spaces added to the lot. With the renovated interior and now the attractive parking area, the Center is an ideal place to rent for your next

party, shower, reunion, or any special events you have coming up. Call or come into the Center to see all that is available for your use at a reasonable rate.

The Board of Directors received a new lease for the Center from Mayor Burns and the Town Commissioners. Not that we were worried that we would be evicted; it's just comforting to know that we have a "home" for the next ten years and beyond. The Town has donated the building to us for the legal fee of \$1.00 per year, and we—the Board of Directors and Volunteers—are dedicated to making the Center a place for all seniors, young and old, to enjoy.

Like all independent non-profit organizations we face the challenge of operating expenses, and in our case, maintaining the lunch program for seniors. I will tell you now how grateful we are for your support. Your donations, your support at the Community Show, our yard sale, our Colorfest booth, and the raffle tickets. All of these things really help toward maintaining the Center. We are hoping to have a sell-out crowd for our spaghetti dinner and cash bingo on Saturday, November 3,

at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center; \$30 in advance for the entire evening; 20 cash games at \$100; with a small jackpot of \$250; and a large jackpot of \$500. Jar tickets and 50/50 will be available. Doors open at 3:30 p.m.; dinner from 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Bingo at 6:00 pm. Dinner tickets at \$10, or Bingo tickets at \$20, can be purchased separately.

In next month's issue, I will have more information for you regarding a concert featuring Richard Lee Troxell. As many of you know, Richard Lee is a world-renowned opera star and entertainer, and he will be giving this concert with proceeds going to the Senior Center. The concert date is set for December 9th, so mark your calendars now.

During Colorfest weekend our attention was called to a yard sale sign that said "proceeds to support Thurmont Senior Center." We looked to see what it was about. We were delighted and pleased to learn that Kelsey Hurley, an 18-year-old freshman studying nursing at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia, was having a yard sale at her home with the proceeds to benefit the Thurmont Senior Center. Kelsey organized the yard sale as part of her community service hours to qualify for a scholarship available through the Rocky Ridge 4-H Club. All of the families in the area and 4-H members donated items to the sale. Kelsey is one busy young lady. In addition to her college courses, she also volunteers at St. Catherine's Nursing Home. We are looking forward to meeting Kelsey and hearing more about her plans for the future.

On Wednesdays, after lunch, a free comedy show is on the schedule. If you like to play cards, Tuesdays and Fridays are always a good day. Join the Canaries on Mondays. What a great choral group they are!!! Yoga on Mondays, and video exercise on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Or join the knitting group that meets every other Tuesday. There is always

something to do. If you would like to help serve the catered lunch from Cozy, we could use your help. You pick the day! On October 30, 2012, nurse Steve will be at the Center at 11:00 a.m. to check your vital signs, and to make a presentation after lunch.

Coming up in November (in addition to the spaghetti dinner and Bingo), on November 9, 2012, Ms. Ellie Jenkins from the Department of Aging will be at the Center at 12:30 p.m. to give you all the information you need regarding the open enrollment for Medicare Part D. Immediately after lunch, Ms. Jenkins will make her presentation and answer any questions you may have, or to arrange for further counseling, if necessary.

Always remember to call the Center at 301-271-7911 for information regarding upcoming events, or to make reservations for lunch. Lunch is \$5.75, or pay by the honor system. Just know that you are always welcome.

Did you hear about the woman who accompanied her husband to the doctor for his annual visit? The doctor took the wife into the waiting room and said to her, "I don't like the way your husband looks." She replied, "Neither do I, but he is handy to have around the house." I hope that leaves you with a smile.

**Spaghetti Dinner and Cash Bingo** -- Sponsored by Thurmont Senior Center and KFC restaurant, on November 3, 2012. Tickets are \$30.00 (entire evening); \$10.00 (dinner only); and \$20.00 (Bingo only), and may be purchased separately—20 cash prizes of \$100, small jackpot of \$250; large jackpot of \$500. Jar tickets and 50/50 tickets available. Plenty of parking and handicap accessible at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center, 103 N. Church Street in Thurmont. Proceeds to benefit Thurmont Senior Center. We reserve the right to lower payouts if less than 200 tickets are sold.

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## Constitution Week Program at Thurmont Regional Library



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Local students attended the Thurmont Regional Library's two Constitution Week programs, sponsored by Frederick Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, on Friday, September 21, 2012. Librarian Marlene Bordner held a Constitution Signing, teaching the students about the Preamble, Proclamations, the Constitution, and the signers. Benjamin Franklin made an appearance and shared about life in 1787. Also present was Constitution Week Chairman, Anna Peterson, in Colonial dress. Students had the opportunity to make tri-fold hats with two feathers, play with wooden and fabric toys, write with a quill pen, and churn butter that they enjoyed on corn muffins. On display were books for children and adults about the Constitution and history. Visit them on Facebook at "Constitution Week Sept 17-23" and Frederick Chapter DAR.

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Your Subscription Club Brochure should be arriving in your mail anytime from late October through the end of November. Please watch for your brochure to arrive, so you can join the club that will save you money.

If you do not receive your Subscription Club information by mail, please call the station at 301-447-6626 ext. 105 or stop by and pick one up. If you live outside the Emmitsburg area, you will contact your first due Ambulance Transport Company for any information you may need about the Subscription Club Program.



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# tickling our taste buds

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

Hello, everyone. I am sorry to say that I was unable to obtain the recipe for the cake that was picked as the Champion for this year’s Community Show. It was a Coconut Cake and, obviously, delicious. As I pondered what recipe to use instead, I thought about that Coconut Cake, and how it would make a great dessert for your Holiday dinner. So, you know how on TV sometimes a favorite episode of a program from years ago is shown? Well, I went back in time. I am going to share a Coconut Cake recipe with you that won Champion at the Community Show in past years. “Erma Black” was a name that everyone knew when it came to baking. When it was time for the Community Show, she had an entry in nearly every category. I talked to her son, Wayne, to get permission to print Mrs. Black’s recipe. It is taken from her cookbook titled, “The Run of the Mill Recipes.” In the front of the cookbook, she states that she had been entering in the Community Show since 1969, and had won over 100 blue ribbons—with 13 Champions. Mrs. Black passed away in 2003, but her niece, Maxine, carries on the family tradition by entering in nearly every category each year at the Community Show. I started helping with the baked products department at the Community Show in 1975 (my freshman year in high school), and I will always remember Mrs. Black with her cheerful smile, as she proudly entered her baked products.



## Grand Champion Coconut Cake

- |                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3 cups sifted cake flour  | 2/3 cup Crisco             |
| 4 teaspoons baking powder | 1 ½ cups sugar             |
| 1 ½ teaspoons salt        | 1 cup milk                 |
| 5 egg whites              | 1 teaspoon vanilla extract |
| 6 tablespoons sugar       | 1 teaspoon coconut extract |

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt twice. Beat egg whites until foamy. Add 6 tablespoons sugar slowly and beat until mixture stands in soft peaks. Cream Crisco and add 1 ½ cups sugar, gradually. Cream until light & fluffy. Add flour alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating well after each addition. Add beaten egg whites and flavorings. Beat about 1 minute. Grease and flour 2 (9 inch) layer pans or a 13 x 9 inch pan and line with waxed paper. Pour in batter and bake 30 to 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

\*\*\*Mrs. Black did not include an icing recipe. You may choose to make a butter cream icing, 7-minute or ermine icing recipe, but the secret to a good coconut cake is real coconut. (Grate a fresh one or purchase frozen fresh coconut in the freezer section of your grocery store; defrost completely and pat dry.)

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## Boy Scouts of America Scouting for Food Campaign

What is “Scouting for Food”? Scouting for Food is a national food collection effort carried out by the Boy Scouts of America during the second week of November. On the first Saturday of November (November 3, 2012), local Scouting units will go door-to-door to hand out plastic bags for community members to place in food donations. In Thurmont and nearby communities, Pack 270, Troop 270, and Crew 270 will hand out collection bags between 9:00 a.m. and noon. Scouts will return the following Saturday (November 10, 2012) to collect the donations and transport them to the Thurmont Food Bank. Pick-up will begin at 9:00 a.m.; Scouts have asked that all donations be placed in a visible location, such as on a porch, sidewalk, or driveway.

In Thurmont, all of the food Scouts collect during the Scouting for Food campaign will go to the Thurmont Food Bank to help feed the average of 800 families per month who visit the food bank. These families depend on the donations of not only non-perishable food, but also household supplies. Look for a list of suggested donations to accompany the Scouting for Food collection bag. Bags will be tied to door handles or placed inside screen doors. Scouts will not ring doorbells and are not permitted to enter homes.

The Thurmont Food Bank accepts community donations on Tuesday, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and Friday, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. The Food Bank is located across from the Community Park in the Town Office building in Thurmont. On November 10, a temporary collection location for the Scouting for Food campaign will be set up at St. John’s Lutheran Church, located at 15 North Church Street in Thurmont. The temporary location will be open for community donations from 10:00 a.m.-noon. Look for Food Bank collection boxes throughout the year at local businesses and schools.

## Scout Pack 270 Annual Toy Drive

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

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

Hundreds of drop boxes for donated toys have already begun appearing in stores and other businesses throughout Frederick County. To donate toys, you can bring new unwrapped toys to the Thurmont American Legion Post 168 on the 3rd Monday of November, 2nd Monday of December or the Thurmont Scout House; Elm Street, on the 1st & 3rd Monday, 2nd & 4th Tuesday & Wednesday in November. Cub Scouts will also be accepting donations now through Sunday, December 9, 2012, at the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Food Lion, and the Thurmont Regional Library.

On Monday, December 10, 2012, at the American Legion Post 168, at 7:30 p.m., the Cub Scouts will be presenting the Toys to the Marines at their monthly Pack Meeting.

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

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## 2012 Christmas Ornament Sale

Thurmont Lions Club is now taking orders for the 2012 Thurmont Christmas Ornament, featuring a new original image by artist Rebecca Pearl. “Angels by Night” depicts a night scene of Memorial Park decorated for the holidays. The ornaments are \$10.00 each, plus tax. Only 350 will be sold, so please reserve yours early. You will be notified to pick them up in November, so you will have plenty of time to decorate them or give them as gifts. Also available is an artist proof from which the ornament design was taken. This print, which will be the same number as your ornament, is priced at \$60.00. Only 50 artist proofs will be sold. To reserve your ornament and/or print, call Joann Miller at 301-271-3913.



## Great Turnout for Furmont Days



Photo by John Gnarly

Pets and their owners compete in the Furmont Days Doggie Musical Chairs competition on October 20, 2012. Sponsored by Catocin Vet Clinic and the Thurmont Economic Development Committee, the annual pet festival at the Guardian Hose Co. Carnival Grounds featured vendors, a K-9 demonstration and the ESP young dancers, along with many contests like Best Pet Costume, Waggiest Tail, Least Obedient Dog, and Best Pooch Trick, all judged by Mayor Martin Burns and Commissioner John Kinnaird. List of winners and more pictures on the Main Street Thurmont Facebook page. They would like to thank all their hard working volunteers!

## 2012 Fall Photo



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Natalee Wolfe enjoys the beauty and fun of the fall season at Summers Farm.

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# the health jeanne

by Jeanne Angleberger, Shaklee Associate for a Healthier Life

Have you recently considered looking at America's nutrient report card? It is a huge reminder of daily nutrients that the body needs.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports many Americans consume low amounts of these nutrients.

Vitamin B6 is needed for protein synthesis, healthy skin, and nerves and immunity. Foods, such as turkey, fish, beans, whole grains, potatoes, and bananas are good sources.

Vitamin B12 provides healthy red blood cells. Get your supply from fish, poultry, beef, pork, fortified cereal, dairy, and eggs.

Vitamin C gives you antioxidant protection, healing wounds, immunity and healthy gums.

Oranges, grapefruit, kiwi, cantaloupe, tomatoes, red peppers, broccoli and cabbage are super Vitamin C foods!

Vitamin D is getting a lot of attention, because it supports bone

health and immunity. It can help reduce inflammation, too. Simply spend 15 minutes outside in the sun. Tuna, salmon, and even fortified orange juice supplies this important vitamin.

Another important nutrient is iodine. We need it to make thyroid hormone. It can lead to thyroid problems if it is deficient. The CDC recommends foods like seaweed, shellfish, yogurt, eggs, and iodized salt.

Iron is needed to transport oxygen to the cells and tissues. A deficiency can lead to anemia. Eating beef, turkey, tuna, beans, bread, and cereal can provide this in the daily diet.

Yours truly shares this information so everyone can better understand the potential effects of healthy eating verses unhealthy eating—there is a difference!

Every day we have the opportunity to improve our eating habits. It is totally up to you!

## Mr. Weller's Love of Trains

by Joseph Kirchner

I have often thought that treasures abound around every corner, if we only have eyes to see them. This notion was positively affirmed in my recent visit to one of this area's true treasures: the cheery, bright-eyed Leo Weller of Sabillasville. Born in October 1928 in Jimtown, just outside Thurmont, Leo never strayed far from his happy roots, spending his entire life in the greater Thurmont area. As often happens, the seeds of a lifelong love were planted in Leo when he was but a youth. His father, you see, worked on the Western Maryland Railroad, thereby affording the young Leo with the much-coveted free pass to ride the great steam engine trains from the Thurmont Railroad Station, just a scant two miles from his boyhood home. When still too young to pursue this passion on his own, his parents would often walk the enthusiastic young lad to the train station—or even travel by horse and buggy—where he would wile away the hours, watching the great passenger and freight trains come and go. Later, in his teens, Leo would walk there by himself to enjoy the sights and sounds of the bustling train station. These were the happiest moments of life in the heart of an impressionable lad in a much simpler time than our own.

Not content to relive the joy of these moments in his imagination alone, Leo bought a Marx wind-up train set from a neighbor at the age of sixteen. He would never have suspected at the time that this would



Photo by Deb Spalding

Leo Weller has spent hours working on his hobby train layout featuring points of interest in Thurmont, Graceham and Rocky Ridge. He's shown pointing to a miniature replica of his 1956 Ford pick-up truck in the driveway of his childhood home in Graceham. In the background, miniature figurines are hunting rabbits in a field on the Zinkhan Farm.

be the first step of an avocation that he would cherish for the next six decades! A few years passed, and Leo met and then married the love of his life, Mildred, to whom he was married for fifty-seven years before her recent passing this July. It was in the very first year of his marriage back in 1953 when Leo's mother gave him a beautiful, yet surprising, Christmas gift—an American Flyer train set!

This precious gift reignited Leo's love of trains. He quickly went to work in the basement of the house that he and Mildred had built together to construct an actual miniature replica of the areas of his youth, with, of course, the old Thurmont Train Station and the great steam engine trains of his childhood memories. If you have the happy occasion to visit Leo's basement today, as this appreciative writer has, you will witness an amazing sight: an eighty square-foot replica of the Thurmont area circa 1950, in miniature, down to the finest details, including The Thurmont Railroad Station, the house where Leo was raised, and even places where the younger Leo worked, such as Moore Business Forms.

A lifelong project borne of his early love for trains, Leo's layout is, by his own admission, "never done." Even after sixty years of painstaking care, dozens of trains, and countless hours of pleasure, Leo still enjoys building his beloved town and setting up the trains, which never fail to warm his heart with the sounds and sights of his beloved youth. "Trains have been my 'vacation' in life when things get really bad, I work on my layout and I always feel better."

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# Who Am I?



## Who Am I? Next Issue

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

You can submit your answer in either of two ways: call 240-288-0108 and leave a message (with spelling of your name and phone number) or send an e-mail to [who@thecatocinbanner.com](mailto:who@thecatocinbanner.com). Correct answers will be entered into a contest for prizes at the end of the year. Each month's winners will be revealed in the following month's issue. Each month a new "Who Am I?" will be featured, plus we will reveal the answer to the previous month's local mystery figure.

Article by Danielle Hoff; photo by Deb Spalding

Your clues were: *"Security officer at the Academy for 21 years; St. Joe's grad, Army Vet; pitched a no-bitter in the Emmitsburg Fast Pitch Softball League."*

Those who guessed the Who Am I? correctly were Joyce Keilholtz, Curly Umbel, and John Little.

## I am Jerry Joy

Jerry Joy was born on July 5, 1935. He was born and raised with his ten brothers and sisters on South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg, right across the street from where Paul's Pit stop is currently located. He has always thought that he has very fortunate to live his life in such a great town. His parents were Hubert and Gertrude (Sebold) Joy. His siblings are Gloria, Bob, John, Joe, Dolores, Ken, Don, Rosemary, Mike and Pat. Bob, John, Dolores, Ken and Pat are now deceased. From the eight sons in the family, seven served in the Armed Forces as Pat was severely handicapped with Downs Syndrome.

Jerry graduated from St. Euphemia's Grade School that was located on Depaul Street. It was the same school that his mother graduated from many years earlier. His move to high school was very simple since St. Joseph's High School was just across the street from St. Euphemia's. He very much enjoyed his four years at St. Joe's. He says his classmates and all of the other students were great kids.

Jerry played baseball and basketball all four years that he was

in high school. He said that he would have enjoyed other sports but they only had those two sports to offer at St. Joe's. His coach of both sports for the four years was an outstanding gentleman by the name of Dr. John Dillon, who was an instructor at Mount St. Mary's College. Many years later, Dr. Dillon would become the president of the Mount.

After he graduated from St. Joe's, Jerry entered Mount St. Mary's College where he enjoyed playing on the soccer team on the starting squad. Later, he decided that college life was not for him, so he and the Mount separated.

The United States was deeply involved in the Korean War at that time, so Jerry decided to go to Frederick and talk to an Army Recruiter. After much thought, he decided to enlist in the Army Security Agency.

While in the Army, Jerry married his high school sweetheart, Dorothy Orndorff. Dorothy's parents were Maurice and Irene (Wivell) Orndorff. Jerry said when he and Dorothy first started dating, he occasionally shared a meal at their house and he said, "I couldn't believe that I could eat as

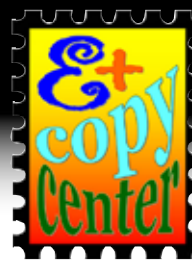
much meat and other food as I wanted, and I could put away quite a lot." Jerry states that they were blessed by the Lord many times through the years, but the greatest of all his blessings were the births of their six children; three girls and three boys: Denise, Perry, Barry, Lori, Patrick, and Tammy. Carrying on the Joy name—at the latest count—were twelve grandkids and six great-grandkids.

Following his discharge from the Army, Jerry was hired to work at Fort Detrick, which, at the time, was known as the Biological Warfare Laboratories. Following retirement from Fort Detrick, Jerry was pleased to accept a job at the Mount with the position of Purchasing Agent. He sadly had to leave the Mount and all the outstanding personnel because of health reasons, but he states that he has not forgotten any of them. Eventually, he returned to work when



he was hired by Wells Fargo, the security contractor at the National Emergency Training Center which had just recently opened. He worked as a security officer at NETC until his retirement at the age of 65.

Jerry was, also, a regular blood donor to the Red Cross until he was advised to stop, as he was on quite a few medications. At the time of his last donation, he was working on his nineteenth gallon of donated blood.



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Upon entering Unique Bar and Grill recently, I was greeted by a few local customers. I chose to order the "Unique Burger," which is a 6 oz. burger, with ham, bacon, cheese, and your choice of toppings—all for only



Photo by Danielle Hoff

\$4.50. Only a few minutes later, my food arrived. I was very impressed with how fast it was ready. Although there were only a couple people in the restaurant when I first walked in, soon about ten or so people came in to throw darts.

My burger was served hot, with a side of potato chips, and cooked exactly the way I like it. The burger

was so big that I had to cut it in half just so I could eat it. The total cost for my meal was just under \$5.00, plus tip, with a water to drink.

While I was waiting for my food, I looked up and noticed something I have never seen before—money was sticking out of the ceiling tiles. I discovered that this is a "unique" tradition that started in the late 50's, when two friends placed a friendly bet on a game, placing their quarters in the ceiling; the winner would return later to claim the money. This started a tradition that is still in place today. Now, everyone joins in and adds money to the ceiling. Every February, they pull all the money out of the ceiling tiles, and Unique Bar and Grill donates the money to a charity. So, when you visit Unique Bar and Grill, don't forget to ante up and participate in this "unique"

tradition—it's for a worthy cause! This year, all proceeds will benefit Alzheimer's.

For anyone new to town, or for someone just looking for somewhere to stop and grab a good bite to eat, stop in to try Unique Bar and Grill.

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## Meanderings on a Crisp Fall Morning

by Valerie Nusbaum

Since so many people have asked me how the potpourri experiment turned out, I have to start out this month with a brief recap. Our potpourri sold surprisingly well, and Randy and I were pleased with the overwhelmingly positive comments we received on our products and display. Will we make and sell the potpourri again next year? That remains to be seen. It was a lot of work. We learned a lot and it was fun, but it was a LOT of work. I do feel compelled to mention that if you detect a pleasant odor coming from Bill Blakeslee's office, it's probably our apple/cinnamon blend.

If you'll indulge me a bit further, I'd also like to give a shout out to the City of Thurmont staff and the local police department. Those folks all work extremely hard before, during, and after Colorfest weekend. Randy and I drove down Frederick Road on the Monday after the event, and all the trash had been picked up and things were totally back to normal. Thanks to everyone for keeping our fair city clean and safe all year long.

I'm sitting at my desk this morning gazing out the window. The sun isn't up yet, but the sky is starting to lighten and I can see shades of pink and blue. Randy is on his way to Boston for a quick business meeting. I'm at home today with no shows to prepare for and a ton of paperwork to catch up. Plus, my house is on the verge of being condemned by the Board of Health. My intention is to clean at least one bathroom today and vacuum up the big chunks—none of this sounds very interesting.

Yesterday, I had an early physical therapy appointment. I've been

seeing a therapist for a month or so. I know a lot of you would suggest that I should be seeing another kind of therapist, but that's just mean.

Anyway, I somehow managed to dislocate my shoulder last winter by turning off a lamp. That is the truth. There were no other people involved in the altercation—just me and the lamp. The lamp no longer lives here. I should have seen my doctor or the orthopedist right away, but I mistakenly believed that I had just pulled a muscle and it would heal. The crushing pain whenever I moved my right arm should have given me a clue that something else was wrong, but I can be dense sometimes. By the time I finally saw a doctor I was pretty far gone. My shoulder was completely frozen. I'm now sentenced to months of torture and abuse and a series of stretches and exercises that I know were developed by the Marquis de Sade or my younger brother as payback for me making him eat a worm when he was four. You see, my brother is a physical therapist, but since he lives in Montana, he isn't much help. I guess I should thank the folks at Amber Hill Physical Therapy here in Thurmont for helping me to loosen up.

After my therapy session yesterday, I met up with a client to deliver a large piece of artwork. He seemed pleased with his purchase, and I was off to my next scheduled activity.

I picked up my mother and we set out for our annual leafing expedition. Usually, we take up a picnic in the mountains, but it was a little too chilly and windy for that, so we stopped off at Wendy's for lunch. We like Wendy's. The people are nice, the service is good, and the salads

are always fresh. Plus, they know me there, and I never have to ask for my guacamole on the side.

After lunch, I drove Mom through Catocin Mountain Park, and we marveled at the beauty of nature for an hour or so. We stopped at Pryor's Orchard and bought some apples. Mom bought a bottle of sparkling grape juice for Randy and me. Our eighteenth wedding anniversary was October 15, and our parents insisted that we celebrate it. This year, Randy and I were so tired from the potpourri frenzy that we just rolled over and waved at each other, but I digress....

Mom had never seen a pumpkin cannon, so I drove her down to Lawyer's farm and let her watch people shoot pumpkins at targets for a while. I tried to get her to shoot one, but she didn't want to get any on her. Then it was back to Brunswick to take Mom home, and back again to Thurmont for me. Mom and I had a nice day, and I'm glad we were able to have that time together.

When I got back to town I stopped at Weis Market to pick up a few groceries, and I remembered to get a dozen eggs, even though I hadn't written "eggs" on my shopping list. I was proud of myself until I got home and opened the fridge, realizing that I had bought a dozen eggs last week, and another dozen the week before. I will be handing out hard-boiled eggs for Trick or Treat this year. I'm planning to dye them lovely shades of orange and black. We have some Kool-Aid dye left over from the potpourri.

One more thing: Randy and I have made reservations at a restaurant for Thanksgiving dinner this year. Our parents are invited, and I hope they'll be receptive to the idea. We all know that Randy likes leftovers. This may not go well for me. Please keep me in your prayers.



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## Local Veteran Organizations

by Jim Houck, Jr.

The "Holiday Season" is here, and I thought I should try to give everyone an idea of what happens at our local veteran organizations and all the good things they do for our veterans and communities.

We are proud to organize functions that bring in funds we can use to aide veterans and community members truly in need of help. We have donated free meals at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year. We have donated generously to our local food banks, trying to make sure no one goes hungry. Starting at Halloween, we collect toys for the Marines' "Toys for Tots" program, where new unwrapped toys can be dropped off at our Post Home to be delivered to needy children at Christmas. At the same time, we have drop-off boxes for "In Kind Donations" for our Veterans health care systems (like Martinsburg, W.V. VA Hospital) for certain toiletries, books, magazines, lap blankets, clothing, and other



miscellaneous items. These items are used for the comfort and enjoyment of our veteran patients receiving care. We make quarterly visits to nursing homes; and, on Veterans Day, we have open house and refreshments for those attending.

I am now going to give a listing of our Posts and upcoming functions. I hope you can make plans to attend the functions, because we are a non-

profit and all of the net proceeds go to many veterans, needy children, and families in our neighborhood.

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### Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6658 Emmitsburg

- November 10, 2012—DJ.
- November 14, 2012—Bingo.
- Friday, November 16, 2012—Ham and Turkey give-a-way, from 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., Ham or Turkey given every 1/2 hr., Meat Trays and Oyster Raffles.

- Starting November 1—Shuffleboard every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.—sign up now.
- Starting November 1—Line Dancing every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.—sign up now.
- December 8, 2012—DJ.
- Friday, December 21, 2012—Ham and Turkey give-a-way, from 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., Ham or Turkey given every 1/2 hr., Meat Tray and Oyster Raffles.
- January 26, 2013—4-way oyster feed \$25.00 per person, sides and beverages included.

### AMVETS Post 7 Thurmont

- November 14, 2012—Auxiliary Bi-Weekly Bingo.
- November 17, 2012—Son's Annual Shrimp Feed and Karaoke.
- November 21, 2012—Ham and Turkey give-a-way Night.
- November 28, 2012—Auxiliary Bi-Weekly Bingo.
- December 1, 2012—Hope for Life Raffle (aids the homeless and jobless).
- December 9, 2012—Children's Christmas Party, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- December 12, 2012—Auxiliary Bi-Weekly Bingo.
- December 19, 2012—Auxiliary Bi-Weekly Bingo.
- December 20, 2012—Ham and Shrimp give-a-way Night.
- December 31, 2012—New Year Dance w/ Population 3.

I hope everyone reading this can make at least one of the functions at each Post; and, if they can do this, there will be some very happy veterans, kids, and families in our neighborhoods.

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### Francis X. Elder American Legion Post 121 5 N Seton Ave., Emmitsburg

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### VFW Post 6658 (on the square) Emmitsburg

November 10, 2012—Disc Jockey; November 14, 2012—Ladies Auxiliary Bingo; November 16, 2012—Ham and Turkey give-a-way by Mens Auxiliary, every 1/2 hour from 6:00-10:00 p.m.; every Tuesday—Line Dancing starting at 7:00 p.m.; Every Thursday—Shuffleboard starting at 7:00 p.m.

### AMVETS Post 7 26 Apples Church Road, Thurmont

November 3, 2012—125 Club Dinner and Drawing, 5:00-9:00 p.m.; November 14, 2012—Auxiliary Bi-Weekly Bingo, doors open at 5:30 p.m.; November 17, 2012—Sons of AMVETS Annual Shrimp Feed, 4:00-7:00 p.m., Karaoke 8:00 p.m.-Midnight; November 21, 2012—Ham and Turkey give-a-way night; November 28, 2012—Auxiliary Bi-weekly Bingo.

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### Check the Calendar

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## books, nooks, programs and more at the library

by Administrator, Thurmont Regional Library/Emmitsburg Branch  
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Free employment help is coming to the Thurmont Regional Library and just in time for the holiday season. If you need help such as getting a resume together or filling out online applications, you are invited to join Goodwill of Monocacy Valley in the library's small meeting room on Tuesday afternoons between 2:00-4:00 p.m. Sessions will be offered each week through December 18. Interested patrons must call 301-662-0622 (ext 210) to register through Goodwill.

Christmas in Thurmont is long anticipated by area children and, on Saturday, December 1, 2012, families can enjoy all kinds of fun activities happening all over town, courtesy of Thurmont First. The library joins the fun with our annual Holly Jolly holiday event starting at 10:00 a.m. Stop by to get your Christmas In Thurmont First map stamped to be eligible for special prizes, donated courtesy of local businesses. At the library, all ages can enjoy make 'n' take crafts, face-painting, a holiday movie at noon, live music at 1:00 p.m., and Mr. Claus himself at 2:00 p.m., reading *The Night Before Christmas*. Bring your camera!

Writers wanted! Adult and teen writers and want-to-be writers are invited to "Come Write Into the Library," between 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on November 10, 2012, as part of NaNoWrMo—National Novel Writers Month. Writers from around the area will gather here to jump start their novel. The library provides snacks, coffee, pencils, outlets, and time for you to think and write and join other writers during the NaNoWrMo event. See more here: <http://www.nanowrimo.org/>.

Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library are planning for next year and are extending an open invitation to library supporters to join them at their final meeting of the year on

November 13, 2012, at 6:45 p.m. For a small commitment of time, the payoff for Friends members is insuring that the Thurmont Regional Library continues to offer the programs and activities that are important to our community. Call Erin Dingle at 301-600-7201 to find out how you can help.

Take note of a few of our special programs coming up that school-aged kids will want to register for today at [www.fcpl.org](http://www.fcpl.org):

Dog Lover's Book Club – Thursday afternoons (through November 15, 2012) for kids in grades 3-7. A special trip to visit the local vet's office is planned.

Mythbusters – Monday, November 5, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. Jamie and Adam on Discovery Channel's *Mythbusters* have set out to prove or disprove hundreds of urban legends. We'll test our own urban legends.

Merry Christmas, Merry Crow – Wednesday, December 12, 2012, at 2:30 p.m. A holiday story about a clever crow and the joy of giving gifts. Design an ornament plus make a bird feeder for our feathered friends. And "bird food" snack mix included.

Annual Gingerbread House Decorating Day – December 15, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. All materials will be provided. Register early for this holiday favorite.

For all ages (no registration), mark down these dates for our very popular all day drop-in programs in November 2012: Make 'N' Take Crafts (11/7 and 11/21); Barbie & Ken Dress Up Time (11/21) and LegoTime (11/9, 11/23).

Library Closed: Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11 and Monday, November 12; Thanksgiving Day, November 22.

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# october

- 31 ... Emmitsburg Halloween Parade & Party, 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by VFW 6658, FFE American Legion, Post 121, Lions Club, EBPA, and Masons Party at Fire Hall.

# november

- 1 ..... All Saints Day Mass, the Basilica of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, 333 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. 10:15 a.m. All are welcome. 301-447-3161.
- 1-3 .. Revival Services, Full Gospel Pentecostal Church, 17228 Eyler's Valley Rd., Emmitsburg. 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be evangelist Kasey DeJesus with the Power From On High Ministries. Call Deana Mckendrick at 717-762-0709.
- 2 ..... Christian Coffeehouse, G-rated open mic, at Lewistown United Methodist Church, 11032 Hessong Bridge Rd., Lewistown. 7:00 p.m. 301-898-7888. All are welcome to attend, all are welcome to participate.
- 2,3,4 The Thurmont Thespians present *Out Of Order*, American Legion, 8 Park Lane, Thurmont. Nov. 2-3—8:00 p.m.; Nov. 4 (matinee)—2:00 p.m. Tickets: \$15 (include free desserts/refreshments during intermission, except for Nov. 10). Reservations: Mrs. Urian at 301-271-7613 (Dinner Theatre admission (Nov. 10) \$35).
- 3 ..... Oyster and Country Ham Dinner, Faith United Church of Christ, 9333 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick. 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. \$15/adults; \$7/ages 6-12. Carryouts \$16. 301-271-7573.
- 3 ..... Yard Sale, Lewistown Fire Hall, 11101 Hessong Bridge Road, Thurmont. Tables available \$10/each. 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Breakfast and Lunch food available. 301-898-9988 or 301-639-3156.
- 3 ..... Turkey and Oyster Supper, Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, Tom's Creek Rd., Emmitsburg. Noon-5:00 p.m. \$16/Adults; \$7/Children 5-10; Free/ages under 5. \$17/Carryouts. 301-447-2403.
- 3 ..... Catocin High School Class of 1997 15-year Reunion. For details, email catocinhighclassof97@gmail.com.
- 3 ..... Garfield UMC Quilt Auction, Garfield United Methodist Church's Annual Bazaar, 13628 Stottlemeyer Road, Smithsburg, MD. Quilt will be auctioned (large queen-sized). 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- 3 ..... Spaghetti Dinner & Cash Bingo, Sponsored by Thurmont Senior Center and KFC. \$30 (entire evening); \$10 (dinner only); \$20 (Bingo only). Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish center, 103 N. Church St., Thurmont. Benefits Thurmont Senior Center.
- 3 ..... Art Reception, Photographer Donald Frame, McGuire Fine Arts, 110N. Market St., Frederick. 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 4 ..... Catch the Grace Contemporary Worship Service, Every Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. (Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25), Elias Lutheran Church, 100 W North Ave, Emmitsburg. 301-447-6239.
- 4 ..... Thomas Johnson Birthday Tea, The Children's Museum of Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 N. Market St., Frederick, MD 1:00-4:00 p.m. \$3/person. 301-600-1650 or www.rosehillmuseum.com.
- 4 ..... Incarnation UCC in Emmitsburg holds concert of "Early Christmas Presents," 214 W. Main St. Original Christmas compositions by John Martin. 3:00 p.m.
- 5 .... "Served with Grace" Dinner, free community meal served the first Monday of each month, at Graceham Moravian Church, 8231 A Rocky Ridge Rd. (Rt. 77), Thurmont. 5:30-7:00 p.m. Ministry open to all. 301-271-2379.
- 5 ..... Community Clothes Closet, Thurmont United Methodist Church, 13880 Long Rd., Thurmont. 6:00-7:30 p.m. (first

Monday ea. month). 301-271-4511/office@thurmontchurch.org.

- 6,20 Daytime Grief Support Group, Hospice of Frederick County's Bereavement Program, 516 Trail Avenue, Suite A, Frederick. 2:00-3:30 p.m. No cost. 240-566-3030 or email at lkinna@fmh.org or dwatterson@fmh.org.
- 6-10 52nd International Gift and Rug Festival, Fairfield Mennonite Church, PO Box 158, Fairfield, PA. Call 717-642-8936 or www.fairfieldmennonitechurch.org.
- 9,10,11 .. Thurmont Thespians present *Out Of Order*, American Legion, 8 Park Lane, Thurmont. Nov. 9-10—8:00 p.m. (Nov. 10, Dinner Theater catered by Cozy Restaurant, dinner 6:30 p.m. & show 8:00 p.m.; Nov. 11 (matinee)—2:00 p.m. Tickets: \$15 (include free desserts/refreshments during intermission, except for Nov. 10 performance); Dinner Theatre admission is \$35 (cash bar available). Reservations: Mrs. Urian at 301-271-7613.
- 10 ... White Elephant Auction, at the American Legion Post 121, Emmitsburg. 7:00 p.m.
- 10 ... Cash Bash, hosted by Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Anthony Shrine Parishes, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Parish Center, 103 Church St., Thurmont. 3:00-8:00 p.m. Doors open 2:00 p.m.; money prizes awarded every 15 minutes, starting at 3:00-7:45 p.m.; grand prize \$3,000 awarded at 8:00 p.m. \$25 (not sold at door). Includes cash prizes (do not need to be present to win), food, and drink. Music by Back Roads. 301-447-2367.
- 10 ... Fried Oyster, Turkey and Country Ham Dinner (served buffet style), Lewistown Fire Hall, 11101 Hessong Bridge Rd., Thurmont. 12:00-5:00 p.m. \$16/Adults; \$7/Children 6-12. \$17/Carryouts. 301-898-9988.
- 10 ... Dinner Dance, Thurmont Amvets, 26 Apples Church Rd., Thurmont. Benefits CHS Safe and Sane 2013. 6:00 p.m.-Midnight. Doors open 5:30 p.m.; Dinner 6:30 p.m. \$25/person. 240-285-4790.
- 10 ... All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast, Thurmont United Methodist Church, at Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont. 6:30-10:30 a.m. \$7/Adults; \$5/Children; Free/age under 5.
- 10 ... 4th Annual Fall 5K Run/Walk (rain or shine) Mother Seton School at Mount St. Mary's University Waldron Stadium. www.active.com. Must register by November 5 to receive free gift. bridgemccarthy@hotmail.com.
- 10 ... Sportsman Raffle, hosted by Catocin Youth Association Competition Cheerleading, Vigilant Hose Co. Emmitsburg. \$25/person. Doors open 6:00 p.m.; Dinner 7:00 p.m. Contact Penni Wiltrout 301-748-0765 or Carrie Ridenour 240-315-5021.
- 11 ... "Hands of a Child" service activity for children and teens, Incarnation UCC, Emmitsburg. Make Christmas cards to be placed in food baskets given out by the Emmitsburg Lions Club and Seton Center. Service learning, community service credit for students and Scouts. 2:00-4:30 p.m. (pizza party after activity). Susan Allen, 301-447-6891 or susansings@hotmail.com.
- 11 ... Shooting Match, Indian Lookout Conservation Club, 17107 Riffle Road, Emmitsburg. 1:00 p.m. 410 and 12 ga. shoots - no sleeved or modified guns allowed. Shells furnished. 301-447-2568.
- 12,26 Evening Grief Support Group, Hospice of Frederick, 516 Trail Avenue, Suite A, Frederick. 5:00-6:30 p.m. No cost. 240-566-3030.
- 12-16 Mother Seton School Annual Book Fair. 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. 301-447-3161 or

# community event calendar

- www.mothersetonschool.org. Supports the library program at Mother Seton School. All are welcome.
- 13 ... Workshop—Coping with the Holidays, Hospice of Frederick County's Bereavement Program, 516 Trail Avenue, Suite C, Frederick. 6:00-8:00 p.m. No cost. Registration by November 9: 240-566-3030 or email lkinna@fmh.org or dwatterson@fmh.org.
- 13 ... "Take-a-Tour Tuesday," Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg. 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, MD. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Financial aid available. Future Tour date: December 4. 301-447-3161 or visit www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 15 ... The Silver Fancy Garden Club holding an Open House, Emmitsburg Public Library. Light refreshments at 12:30 p.m., followed by an auction of materials related to gardening and flower arranging. Public invited.
- 16,17 ..... Seton Center Thrift Shop \$5 Bag Sale, 16840 Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. The Thrift Shop of Seton Center, Inc., is a nonprofit sponsored work of the Daughters of Charity. Nov. 16—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Nov. 17—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Information or make donations, call 301-447-6102, setoncenterinc@doc.org, or www.setoncenterinc.org.
- 17 ... Country Butchering and Pancake Breakfast, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge. Orders picked up 6:00-10:00 a.m. on Nov. 17.; Pancake breakfast served 6:00-10:00 a.m. Orders must be placed before Nov. 10. 301-271-4057, 301-271-4253, 410-775-2758, or 301-271-4252.
- 17 ... Fall Indoor Yard Sale, Fort Ritchie Comm. Center, 14421 Lake Royer Drive, Cascade, MD. 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Reserve spot \$15. Deadline to register Nov. 10. 301-241-5085 or www.thefrc.org.
- 17 ... Pre-Thanksgiving Day Bake Sale, Emmitsburg Lions Club, at entrance to Jubilee grocery store, Emmitsburg. 8:00 a.m. (until sold out). Proceeds help support charitable activities in the Emmitsburg community.
- 17 ... Christmas Open House, Old Field Woodworking, 13333 Graceham Rd., Thurmont. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Handcrafted/original designed furniture.
- 17 ... Christmas Bazaar, Woodsboro Fire Co., Activities Bldg., 10307 Coppermine Rd., Woodsboro. Crafts, homemade goodies, slippery pot pie, & more. Call Mary to rent table 301-401-2824. Call 301-845-2978 (by Nov. 14) to order quarts of pot pie. Sponsored by Woodsboro Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary.
- 17,18 ..... 5th Annual Foothills Artists Studio Tour, Fairfield area, PA. Nov. 17—9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Nov. 18—10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. www.willowpondherbs.com or 717-642-6793.
- 18 ... Jeremy Foundation/All-Star Fusion "Frenzy" Basket & Vera Bradley Bingo, Woodsboro Fire Co. Complex, 10307 Coppermine Rd., Woodsboro, MD. Doors open 12:00 p.m.; Games 1:30 p.m. \$20/Advance; \$25/Door. 301-401-2824.
- 20 ... Memorial Mass for Deceased at Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. 10:30 a.m. Come pray with the children and present a candle in their memory. 301-447-3161 or www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 20 ... Community Clothes Closet, Thurmont United Methodist Church, 13880 Long Rd., Thurmont. 10:00-11:30 a.m. (third Tuesday ea. month. 301-271-4511/office@thurmontchurch.org.
- 21 ... Thurmont Senior Center General Meeting

& Pot Luck, Thurmont Senior Center. Noon.

- 22 ... 120th Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner, Lutheran Parrish Hall, 8619 Black's Mill Rd., Creagerstown, MD. 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Roast Turkey, Country Ham, Vegetables, Dessert. \$16/Adults; \$7.50/Children (7-10); Free/under age 7. \$17/Carryout. Benefits Creagerstown Lutheran Church. 301-898-7905.
- 22 ... 4th Annual Emmitsburg Wattle Waddle, Emmitsburg Community Park (behind Town Library). 5-mile run 8:00 a.m.; 1-mile fun walk 9:30 a.m. Benefit Hope Alive, Inc. www.EmmitsburgTurkeyTrot.com.
- 24 ... Christmas Tree Lighting, Town of Thurmont.
- 26 ... Preparing for Winter Health Challenges, Hospice of Frederick County, 516 Trail Avenue, Suite C, Frederick. 9:00-10:00 a.m. No cost. Register by Nov. 19. 240-566-3038 or delizabeth@fmh.org.
- 26 ... Hospice 101, General Hospice & Volunteer Program Information, Hospice of Frederick County, 516 Trail Avenue, Suite C, Frederick. 5:00-7:00 p.m. No cost. Register by Nov. 19. 240-566-3038 or email delizabeth@fmh.org.
- 30 ... Christmas Craft Fare, sponsored by St. Joseph's Ladies Sodality, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 47 DePaul Street, Emmitsburg. 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. (December 1—9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.). Free parking & handicapped accessible. Jane at 717-642-1247.
- 30 ... Advent Season with congregation of St. John's Church, 8619 Black's Mill Rd., Creagerstown. 7:30 p.m. Hosting Emmitsburg Community Chorus. Free will offering. Worship 9:00 a.m.; Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m.; Faith Followers (kids) at 10:15 a.m.

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