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Thurmont "Thinks Pink" for October

by Deb Spalding

Thurmont will "Think Pink" and glow pink, too, as light bulbs around the town shine pink for the month of October. But, that's not all. Thurmont's Main Street is pleased to announce their inaugural "Think Pink" event!

Thurmont Main Street, in partnership with the Town of Thurmont, is joining in the campaign to help promote awareness of breast cancer and raise funds for research. Modeled after a Bel Air, Maryland, Main Street program that was started a few years ago called "Give Cancer the Pink Slip," Thurmont's program is based upon a huge partnership with businesses offering a discount on certain days, on certain items, or for a certain amount of time to shoppers in October. A percentage of sales during each business' promotion will be donated to the Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund for cancer research. The Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund at Frederick Memorial Hospital was established in 1999 by Jeff and Patty Hurwitz, after Patty's diagnosis of breast cancer. The Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund is a fund of Frederick Memorial Hospital, a private, not-for-profit, community hospital with a 501 (c) (3) tax status. All contributions to the fund are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Visit



Photo by Deb Spalding

The Thurmont Town staff are shown wearing their pink apparel in preparation for their Think Pink fundraiser throughout October. Pictured from left are: (front row) Tracy Schur, Wanda Stottlemeyer, Debbie Ecker, Becky Long; (back row) Brad Weddle, Jim Humerick, John Kinnaird, Lori Kaas, Gary Hodges, and Lee Hanvey.

pinkribbonfrederick.org/about/ for more information.

Businesses will be involved by not only hosting a coupon campaign, but also by displaying pink ribbons, decorating pink, and letting their pink light bulbs glow. This is an event that most certainly contributes to the cause that affects each of us, a loved one, or someone we know. Town residents and business owners can pick up a pink light bulb at the town office during

business hours, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. The cost of the bulb is \$1.00, with all proceeds also going to the Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund. On Wednesday, October 1, 2014, businesses and homes will officially light up the town with pink lights at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is asked to have their pink lights turned on each night during the month of October, from 8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Town of Thurmont offices and buildings will also be illuminated

with pink floodlights during the month, and Town Staff will be sporting pink shirts every Friday.

As Thurmont residents and business owners paint the town pink from all ends in October, there are some additional improvements to downtown on Main Street taking place. Jim Humerick, Thurmont's Chief Administrative Officer, said, "We have a lot going on. In about five or six months, downtown will look completely different." Some of the improvements on the Main Street corridor are taking place because of grants that Thurmont's Main Street Manager, Vickie Grinder, obtained to fund improvements, including benches, bike racks, and trash receptacles.

A Downtown Revitalization Project that includes sidewalk replacements is well under way. New decorative street lamps, benches, trash cans, bike racks, and parking meters posts will be installed.

After October's dazzle of pink and the colors of autumn, think forward to November for the Thurmont Fall Gallery Stroll on Friday, November 7, 2014, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Local artists, entertainment, wineries, and food will entertain, as attendees are able to witness the recent improvements close at hand. Artist, Rebecca Pearl, will unveil her latest Thurmont print; and artist, Yemi, will also be at the Stroll.

Don't Forget to Vote in Emmitsburg Election



Cast your vote on September 30, 2014, for a new town commissioner and mayor.

See page 11 to read article and find out where and when you can vote.

Were You There? Thurmont & Emmitsburg 2014 Community Show

The 58th Annual Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show was held on September 5-7, 2014.



Read James Rada's
article and see additional
Community Show photos on
Page 24



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Dear Reader:

First, I'd like to admit to an error that I made in last month's issue. I was under the impression that an item was hand carried into our store by a reliable source; so, despite it being an odd item, I included it in our "In Their Own Words" section. It turned out that the item came in through the mail anonymously. My sincere apologies to the Freeze family at Cozy. The item misrepresented them as taking a vacation that they did not take and will not be taking. This item has been removed from our online edition.

Next, I'd like to welcome you to our October issue. With our fall festivals at hand, it is interesting to be a part of the buzz of activity as we prepare to unite as hosts to the thousands who visit, and to heave a tired sigh of relief once things return to normal.

In this issue, James Rada, Jr., has written about our local election candidates in The Town of Emmitsburg. He's also written about Frederick County's Board of Education candidates. Elections are upon us shortly, so please vote. Your choices can and do make a difference.

Jim has also written about two fabulous people, Glenn Moxley and Kim Flabbi, at Catoctin High School, who both won an award this year in the Frederick County Public Schools system. Congratulations to Glenn and Kim!

Read about The Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show on page 24. This issue features a quick overview and some photos, but next month's issue will list the winners for the show.

Our cover showcases Thurmont's plan to "Think Pink" in October, as many of Thurmont's businesses and shoppers contribute to finding a cure for breast cancer.

Peeking forward to November's issue, we have a grand celebration planned for our Veterans. You'll want to be part of that.

As always, I urge you to patronize the advertisers who reach out to you through *The Catoctin Banner*. Our mission would not be possible without their support.

—Deb Spalding, *Publisher*

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This spectacular 5 bedroom, 4 full bath colonial has so much to offer! 2 master suites (one on main)! Upper level master has a luxury bath and enormous walk in closet! Great deck & fenced yard!



Sabillasville, MD - \$139,900

Cute 2 bedroom home in great condition. Nice country kitchen, Laundry has been moved to first floor, large back yard with shed. Great front porch for evening relaxation.



**6347 Debold Rd.
Sabillasville, MD - \$424,900**

This amazing home has 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths w/ gorgeous Cherry hardwood floors on main level, a stone fireplace & cathedral ceiling in living room! Incredible views from wrap around front porch!!



**16111 Sabillasville Rd.
Sabillasville, MD - \$224,900**

Beautiful Cape with yesteryear charm but many modern updates including new roof, & central A/C and heat pump installed 2008. Beautiful views all on almost 2 acres! A must see!!



**13917 Graceham Rd.
Thurmont, MD - \$102,000**

This colonial offers spacious kitchen, dining and living room on main level with half bath, laundry and mud room! . Roof less than 10 years old, new water heater, larges shed, 1/2 acre of ground in lovely little Graceham!



**Myers Road
Rocky Ridge, MD - \$140,000**

Two bedroom mobile home on almost 5 acres. Detached 3 plus car garage with water and electric. Property is partially fenced. Mobile home was renovated couple of years ago. Nice property.



**22 Pleasant Acres Dr.
Thurmont, MD - \$284,900**

Gorgeous and so well cared for! This 3 bedroom, 2 full bath rancher offers spacious kitchen, dining & living rooms, fireplace, 9ft ceilings & hardwood floors. 2 car attached garage, 1 car detached garage & a lovely yard!



**10198 Briarstone Ct.
Frederick, MD - \$265,000**

This spacious split foyer offers 4 bedrooms, 1 & 1/2 baths, gorgeous custom kitchen with Corian counter tops and large breakfast area with door to covered deck to enjoy the beautiful farm view! Oversized detached garage & 2 sheds! This is a must see!



**9629 Gravel Hill Rd.
Woodsboro - \$224,900**

Wonderful Cape Cod offering 3 bedrooms, 1 & 1/2 Baths, and a office/den/nursery! Hardwoods floors throughout (under carpet). Roof replaced in 2009! Expansive lower level with walk up. Great covered rear porch, front porch and 2 car garage!



**117 Rouzer Lane
Thurmont - \$214,900**

Gorgeous, private lot! This 3 bedroom, 2 full bath colonial sits in a park like setting surrounded by trees and flowers! Expansive deck for entertaining, shed, brand new roof (April 2014), HVAC system new in 2012! New Water Heater!



**148 N. Altamont Ave
Thurmont - \$142,000**

Nicely appointed and recently updated this 3 bedroom, 2 full bath, piggy-back style townhome is just adorable! light! Quaint fenced front yard and 2 assigned parking spaces! Shed & convenient to Rt. 15! Also available for rent at \$1,250 per month.



**131 Cody Dr. #24
Thurmont - \$158,900**

Sought after 2nd floor condo in Albert Courts! 2 bedrooms, 2 full bath & elevator in lobby!



**15210 Sabillasville Rd.
Thurmont - \$449,900**

Unique, secluded property! 28+ beautiful wooded acres, main house w/ 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Tenant house has open floor plan with large master suite on main level!



**15429 Kelbaugh Rd.
Thurmont - \$89,900**

Charming vintage brick colonial. 2 bedrooms, 1 full bath (on main level), lilacs. Easy access to Rt. 15. Third Party Approval Required. As-Is.



**123 Bosc Ct.
Thurmont - \$362,000**

Meticulously maintained and gorgeous! 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, lower level w/ bar, full bath & walk out to fenced yard w/ pool and huge deck for entertaining! View!



**13626 Catoctin Furnace Rd.
Thurmont, MD - \$154,900**

Spacious home on over 3/4 of an acre, currently 3 separate units. Could easily be returned to a single family. Great rental history! AS-IS.



**394 Seven Stars Rd
Gettysburg - \$329,900**

This lovely Colonial set on 1.87 acres offers 3 bedrooms & 2 & 1/2 baths! Updated flooring including new carpet, ceramic tile and laminate! Great room with gas fireplace, Living room/office with French doors & main level laundry. Lovely front porch overlooking flower garden and small fish pond. Expansive unfinished lower level with walk out to rear yard. Some woods w/ a small trail! A must see



**12 Robindale Dr.
Emmitsburg, MD - \$153,900**

USDA ELIGIBLE! This 3 bedroom 1.5 bath duplex has so much to offer. Updated roof, windows, siding, exterior doors, water heater and attic fan! Wonderful yard, shed and deck for entertaining!



**27 Blue Ridge Ave.
Thurmont, MD - \$199,900**

Come enjoy convenient in-town living in this comfortable rancher! 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, living room w/ wood burning fireplace and hardwood floors, sunny kitchen w/ breakfast room & spacious dining room with hardwood floors! Great screened porch on rear of home that leads to 2 car garage. Storage room and lovely lot w/ mature trees & shrubs! Easy access to Rt 15! A must see at under \$200,000!

Beautiful Lots!



**Old Frederick Rd./Loy Station
Rocky Ridge - \$49,900**

Affordable 1.73 acre lot with endless possibilities! 4 bedroom conventional perc! Seller will drill well at this price prior to closing. Winter views of the Loys Station Covered Bridge and short walk to Loys Station Park. Easy commute to Rt. 15. Come build your dream home! Take advantage of this affordable price, this won't last!



**3 Gorgeous Building Lots
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• (\$149,900 - 5 Acres, 5 BR, perc, well)
• (\$159,900 - 5.57 Acres, 6 BR, perc, 2 wells)



**16.2 Acres Lot Ward Kline Rd
Myersville, MD - \$160,000**

Lovely, wooded 16.2 acre building lot with well (8 gallons per minute) and 7 bedroom perc. Build your dream home and enjoy nature! Secluded setting with abundant wildlife including deer and turkey. Log road cut in to top of lot. Call for Plat.

Thurmont

Halloween Activities – October 25 and October 31

Halloween in the Park activities will take place on October 25, 2014, at the Thurmont Community Park. Activities will start at approximately 6:30 p.m. that will include snacks and treats for the kids, along with a Haunted Park theme. The regular trick-or-treating for the kids will still be held on October 31, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Town officials ask that people who want to participate turn on their porch lights. Also, parents are asked to take precautions with kids around the current sidewalk construction that is taking place along the main streets while trick or treating.

Town Approves Purchase of Land for Community Park

Town officials approved plans to purchase land to enlarge the Community Park area. Land surrounding the area east of Route 15 and on the south side of Hunting Creek will be purchased from the current land owner for \$6,000. The purchase will be paid for via funds received from the Program Open Space that awarded Thurmont with \$20,000 to improve the green space area for the town.

town hall reports

by Michele Cuseo

Dog Park Planned at East End Park

Other funds for the Program Open Space will be spent on a dog park, located at East End Park. Construction will start soon on a 7,000 sq. foot fenced-in area. Two separate areas will be set up to accommodate small dogs in one area and larger dogs in another area. The dogs will get to enjoy some structures built for climbing. Dog litter receptacles will be provided, along with benches and tables for the owners of the dogs.

Colorfest is Almost Here – October 11-12

Thurmont will again host the largest arts and crafts show in the state of Maryland, Colorfest. Town officials want to give all residents a heads-up to prepare for the crowds coming our way for Colorfest. The ambulance and fire companies, local dance studios, boy scouts, girl scouts, and many more will participate with fundraisers. Many yards sales will also be set up that week and weekend. For any permit questions involving the Colorfest, please call the town office.

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

Emmitsburg

Approval on Water Bill Ordinance

Town officials approved an ordinance that would address issues with excessive water bills or questionable meter readings for citizens and/or businesses. If a citizen receives a water bill that is excessive, they can now appeal their bill to the town. Based on details of the appeal, a person or business might be allowed to pay their average water bill amount (average of past three years) instead of the excessive bill they received.

Silo Hill Gets New Playground

Playground equipment that is ADA (American with Disabilities Act) compliant will be installed at the Silo Hill playground area. The playground is funded through a grant to the town. The playground equipment will be installed within the next couple of months.

Bulk Trash Pick-up — October 11

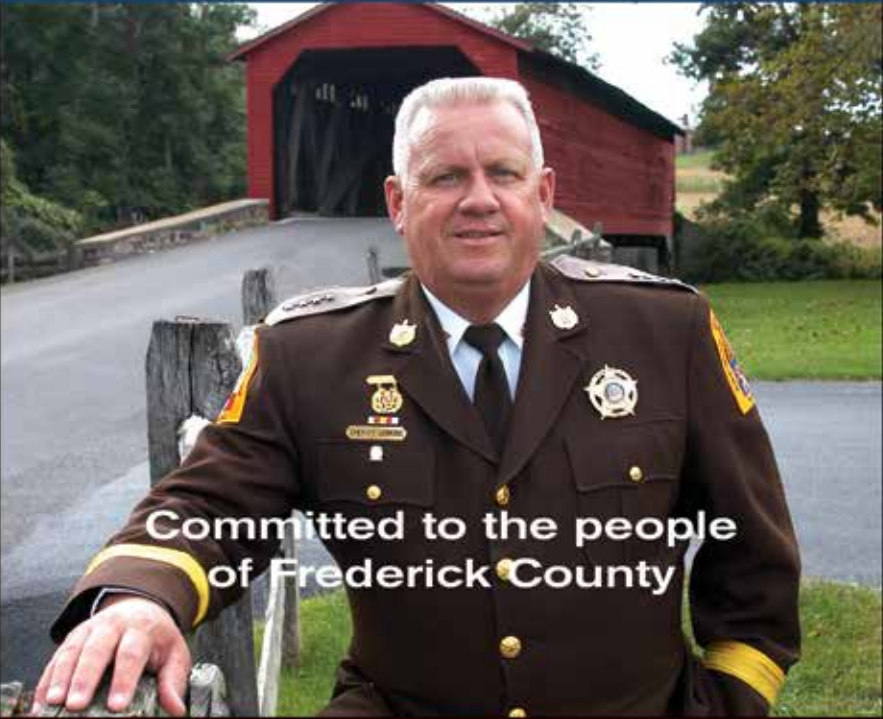
Bulk Trash Pick-up is on Saturday, October 11, 2014. Acceptable items: (2 items max per household) dehumidifiers & humidifiers; washers, dryers, dishwashers, stoves, ovens, etc.; tables, chairs, sofas, toilets, tubs and sinks, exercise equipment; pianos, computers, cabinets, and dressers; furnaces, lawn furniture, water heaters, picnic tables and carpet (max. 3 rolls); air conditioners, refrigerators and freezers (must have certified tag of Freon removed NO TAG = NO PICK UP); lawn mowers (remove gas and oil); gas grills (remove propane tank).

Light in the Park Fall Fest — October 3

The Community Fall Fest “Light in the Park” is Friday, October 3, 2014, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. This event is a family-oriented celebration, sponsored by local churches. Event features free food, free Moon bounce, photo booth, face painting, a barrel train, and other family treats. For more information, call 301-447-4224.

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Each month, you're invited to participate in our Where Am I? Photo Contest and Hidden Object Game. The winners of each game are announced in the next issue of *The Catoctin Banner* newspaper. Winners are given a gift certificate to the advertiser of their choice. To participate, call 240-288-0108 or email news@thecatoctinbanner.com to record your guesses by the 15th of each month. Please don't forget to spell your full name and leave your phone number.

Where Am I? Photo Contest

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



Photo by Irene Matthews

Last month's "Where Am I?" photo showed a wood carving on Kelly's Store Road in Thurmont.

Last month's winner is Lizzi Wilson.

Hidden Object Game

Last month's Hidden Object was a multicolored beach ball. It was located on page 23 of the St. John UCC Spaghetti Dinner advertisement. The winner of the Hidden Object Game is Cathy McLean. If the winner has not been contacted, please contact us to claim your prize.

This month's Hidden Object is a stack of coins.

Note: Hidden Object is always hidden in one of our advertisers.

If you see your name listed as a winner, please email us at news@thecatoctinbanner.com with your name, address, and the name of the advertiser from which you would like your gift certificate, and we will send you your prize! If you do not have access to email, please call us at 240-288-0108 and leave us a message with the above information. Thank you.

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Test Your Word Power

(Answers on page 46)

1. Inscrutable (adj.)

- a) Fashionable; stylish
- b) Ordinary; second-rate
- c) Not easily understood; mysterious

2. Adept (adj.)

- a) Very skilled; expert
- b) Rigid; serious
- c) Constant; permanent

3. Taciturn (adj.)

- a) Inspiring approval, praiseworthy
- b) Reserved in speech; habitually silent
- c) Spirited; animated

4. Absolution (n.)

- a) Remission, forgiveness
- b) Necessity; preoccupation
- c) Prosperity; affluence

5. Which word above would work best in this sentence?

Tommy's father was _____ at teaching him difficult math problems by breaking them down into fun activities.



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Lacie's 9th Annual Legacy Memorial Walk

Saturday, October 18, 2014

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Registration begins at 10 a.m.
Walk starts at 11 a.m. (Rain or Shine)

\$10.00/participant
(Lunch Included)

Lots of fun activities!

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All proceeds will be donated to NTSAD for research and education of Tay Sachs Disease in Memory of Lacie Wivell

For more information, please email Rick and Lisa at lisawivell@yahoo.com or call 717-642-6989




Mountain Fest

Mountain Fest, featuring the Eyler Family's famous pit beef and fresh cut French fries, will be held at Sabillasville Elementary School on October 11 and 12, 2014, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Saturday and 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Good food, artisans, handcrafters, superb vendors, local music, and other entertainment will take place in a gorgeous mountain setting, with lots of elbow room and friendly folks. Free parking and easy access make this event in Sabillasville a highlight of the Catoctin Highlands Colorfest weekend.

Sunday includes the annual car show, which has had over 120 marvelous vehicles on display. The car show will be canceled if there is any rain in the forecast for Sunday. The Mountain Fest happens regardless of the weather.

Sabillasville Elementary School is located at 1621-B Sabillasville Rd. (Rt. 550) in Sabillasville, Maryland. This event is sponsored by the Northwestern Frederick County Civic Association that celebrates its 40th Anniversary with this season's activities. Proceeds benefit the NWFCCA's scholarship fundraiser.

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Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Association Events

The Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Association is holding a Yard Sale and Chicken BBQ on October 4, 2014. Spaces are available for \$10.00; rent tables for \$5.00. There will also be a Cash Bingo held on October 5, 2014. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. Games will begin at 12:45 p.m. View their advertisement on page 42 for more information on these and other Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Association October events.

Guardian Hose Company Fall Festival & Holiday Bazaar

Spaces are available at the Thurmont Carnival Grounds for crafters for the Fall Festival on October 11-12, 2014.

A Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2014, at the Thurmont Carnival Grounds in Thurmont. Crafters and Home Party Demonstrators are wanted. Spaces are \$25.00 for a table (\$20.00 for each additional table). View their advertisement on page 23 for more information on these two upcoming events.

EVAC Bingo Bash

The Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company (EVAC) is holding a Bingo Bash on November 9, 2014. Doors will open at 4:00 p.m. Games will begin at 7:00 p.m. Bingo features twenty-two games, three \$1,000 jackpots, and a meal. Tickets are \$35.00 in advance, and \$45.00 if purchased at the door. View their advertisement on page 33 for more information.

St. John's Lutheran Church

On November 9, 2014, St. John's Lutheran Church is sponsoring The Blue Grass Chapel Band, at 7:00 p.m. The church is located at 8619 Blacks Mill Road in Creagerstown, Maryland. Refreshments will be served following the music. View their advertisement on page 10 for more information.

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Lacie's Legacy 9th Annual Memorial Walk

Bring the whole family out for Lacie's Legacy 9th Annual Memorial Walk on Saturday, October 18, 2014, at Carroll Valley Park in Fairfield, Pennsylvania. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. The walk will start at 11:00 a.m. Event will feature silent auctions, raffles, door prizes, and more! The cost is \$10.00 per participant (lunch is included). All proceeds go to NTSAD for research and education of Tay Sachs Disease in memory of Lacie Wivell. View their advertisement on page 5 for more information.

Lawyer's Farm 1st Annual Farm Fundraiser in Memory of Jan

The 1st Annual Farm Fundraiser in memory of Jan will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2014, from 12:00-7:00 p.m. All maze admissions and pumpkin cannon ticket sales will be donated to the American Brain Tumor Association. Event will feature free face painting and hot chocolate. View their advertisement on page 48 for more information about this event.

CHS Baseball Alumni Vinny Healy Memorial Golf Tournament

The Vinny Healy Memorial Christian Outreach Fund and Catoctin High School (CHS) Baseball Alumni are pleased to announce the 1st Annual Catoctin High School Baseball Alumni Vinny Healy Memorial Golf Tournament.

The event will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014, at the Carroll Valley golf course in Fairfield, Pennsylvania. Registration will be from 9:00-9:45 a.m., golf will begin at 10:00 a.m. All proceeds will go to the Vinny Healy Memorial Christian Outreach Fund. This fund is used to help many needy families and organizations in the area.

The Healy family would like to recognize and thank this year's tournament sponsors: The Norris Auto Group, One Call Concepts Inc., Precision Automotive, Tommy West Memorial, Lamberts Cable Splicing, Utilquest, and W.F. Delauter and Sons. They would also like to thank the following companies that are participating in some way: Criswell Chevrolet of Thurmont, hole in one sponsor; Carroll Valley Golf Course for tournament prizes; Dick's Sporting Goods; Gnarly Artly; The Ott House; Greystone Golf Course; Lighthouse Golf Course; Ruddo's Golf; Sheetz; and their many volunteers.

The cost is \$360 per foursome and is open to all participants. Registration will be cut off at thirty-six teams of four, and they expect to sell out quickly. They have many fun games planned with prizes, so you don't want to miss this event. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, donating door prizes, or playing in the tournament, please contact Vince Healy at vinnyrsride@hotmail.com. View their advertisement on page 10.

4th Annual ESP 5K Run at Mount St Mary's

ESP Performing Company is proud to announce their 4th Annual Fall 5K Fundraiser. The run will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg. ESP is looking for runners and walkers of all fitness levels for this year's event. Registration is currently open online at www.sites.google.com/site/espautumnrun; at ESP Dance studio, located at 15 Water Street in Thurmont; or through any ESP Performing Company member. If you have any questions, please contact David Mitchener at dmitch13@hotmail.com or 240-315-4379.



Photo taken by Andrea Mitchener at the 2013 ESP 5K Run at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg.

Once again, a portion of this year's proceeds will be donated in memory of Pamela Gray Hobbs to the Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund at Frederick Memorial Hospital. Last year, ESP Performing Company was able to donate \$900, and they are hoping to donate even more this year. Register by October 10, 2014, and receive an ESP Fall 5K custom Gnarly Artly T-shirt. ESP loves supporting the community, as well as performing for all types of local community events. Keep them in mind for your next community affair.

"Pulling the community together for this event—old and young alike—is such a wonderful thing. To be able to raise funds for such a worthy cause and donate to the Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund is the icing on the cake," expressed Erin Felichko, ESP Performing Company parent volunteer.

ESP is also looking for businesses to help sponsor the event. If interested, please contact ESP Dance Studio at 301-271-7458 or contact any ESP Performing Company member. View their advertisement on page 19 for more information.

51st Annual Catoctin Colorfest

The much-anticipated Catoctin Colorfest will be held the weekend of October 11-12, 2014. The hours of operation are 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. each day. Admission is free. Breakfast will be available from various food vendors starting at 7:00 a.m. This yearly event features nationally recognized arts and crafts. Demonstrations by various crafters will take place throughout the two days, including broom making, wood turnings, and wood carvings of flowers. Shuttle Bus service is available both days. View their advertisement on page 6.

Morning Star Family Church's Youth Fall Retreat

The Youth Fall Retreat will be held on October 24-26, 2014. Call 301-271-3633 and view their advertisement on page 9 for additional information.



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BUSINESS news

Dunkin' Donuts/Baskin Robbins Opens in Thurmont

by James Rada, Jr.



Pictured from left are employees, Matt, Danny, and Jean; manager Nick Cononie; owners, Mike Kaminski and Brent Fauntleroy; and employees, Sheri, Patricia, Michele, and Chasity.

Traffic at the new Dunkin' Donuts/Baskin Robbins in Thurmont is steady as residents walk-in and drive-thru for a sweet treat. The new business opened its doors at the end of August, but its official grand opening will be on Saturday, September 27, 2014.

As popular as the new store has been, it's surprising that there hasn't been a Dunkin' Donuts/Baskin Robbins in Thurmont sooner.

"We looked at the area five or six years ago, but we weren't too happy with the location we had," said co-owner Brent Fauntleroy. "So we backed away and then got busy opening other stores."

Fauntleroy owns and manages six locations with his business partner, Mike Kaminski. Together, they own four combo locations, one Baskin Robbins, and one Dunkin' Donuts. The other stores are in Frederick, New Market, Taneytown, and Hyattsville.

Fauntleroy was named Combo Operator of the Year for Dunkin' Donuts/Baskin Robbins last year. Before becoming a business owner, he worked for Giant Foods as a produce manager for twenty-one years.

"I used to manage seven to nine employees and now we have over one hundred between all our locations," Fauntleroy said.

He made the jump from produce to doughnuts and ice cream at the urging of Kaminski. He had wanted to own a Dunkin' Donuts since he

was a kid, but he needed someone to help him run the business and convinced Fauntleroy to become his partner.

"Thurmont has been waiting for our store," Fauntleroy said. "It's a treat. Everyone needs a treat."

Besides doughnuts and ice cream, you'll also find coffee, smoothies, ice cream cakes, bagels, and breakfast sandwiches. At any given time, you can choose from more than three dozen varieties of doughnuts and two dozen flavors of ice cream.

Fauntleroy says the store has already become a popular spot for Mount students. In addition, he's considering opening earlier during the week to better serve his early morning customers before they head down US 15 on their way to work.

"I may start opening at 4:30 a.m.," he said. "There seems to be a demand there."

Currently, the store is open 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Pivot Physical Therapy

by Ashley McGlaughlin

Available at school, or even in the clinic, athletic trainers help student athletes return to the field from injuries. From a simple muscle strain to a torn ligament, athletic trainers work with the patients one-on-one to regain strength and range of motion.

Licensed and Certified Athletic Trainer, Kristi Voigt, is sent by Pivot Physical Therapy to supervise the student athletes at Catocin High School. One athletic trainer supervising the injuries of multiple student athletes at a high school is difficult to schedule around. This is why student athletes usually go to the doctor, clinic, or therapist to get treatment. Here in northern Frederick County and surrounding areas, as well as in nearby Frederick, people of all ages go to Pivot Physical Therapy.

"Many injuries come from wearing the improper equipment. A lot of cleats and sneakers are more for show rather than support," Kristi Voigt explained. Improper equipment leads to shin splints, knee problems, and even fatal issues may occur. Physical therapists bring us outstanding information. Athletic trainers tell students to go to a rehab



Pictured from left are Dawn Krietz (Physical Therapy Assistant), Karina Padgett (student intern), Kristi Voigt (Licensed Athletic Trainer), Ashley Johnson (Clinic Director) in the Pivot Physical Therapy Clinic, located in Emmitsburg.

clinic even if they have a strain. What a lot of people don't realize is that even a simple strain of a muscle can cause loss of strength, motion, and function. In most all cases, it's better to send them to be safe.

Pivot Physical Therapy, which used to be known as Maryland Sports Care & Rehab, is a progressing business. Their goal is to provide professional healthcare for individuals with injuries on a one-to-one basis. They treat any injury; from breaking a bone, to recovering from an illness. Every visit, patients have an evaluation. That evaluation explains to the therapists what needs to be improved; this let's every patient have a history folder to see the improvements made, and to see what specialized activities are for them to accomplish. The equipment that Pivot offers is especially made to restore strength. This opportunity allows the patient to get back to a healthier lifestyle.

Pivot Physical Therapy is also known for their supportive guidance during and after an injury happens. A local student at Catocin, and student intern for athletic training, Kareena Padgett, reported that, "This place [Pivot] has helped me get on my feet quicker; everybody who works there is so supportive throughout your injuries." Along with other athletic trainers who work with patients, Kristi Voigt mentioned personally, "I care very much for the kids I work with." A positive attitude and caring therapists lead to a healthier outcome, and get people back on their feet.

Visit www.pivotphysicaltherapy.com for more information or call the Emmitsburg Pivot Physical Therapy at 301-447-1670 to set up your appointment today!

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Cozy House of Curiosities

by Deb Spalding

Patricia Miller (pictured right), a seasoned collector of rare finds, has opened The Cozy House of Curiosities Antiques, Gifts and Collectibles in Sabillasville, Maryland. Collections of glass ware, vintage hats, vintage aprons, kitchen ware, and various other treasures are awaiting the curious customer in this cozy farm house in the country. You will notice the "open" flags as you pass the corner at Brown Road on Route 550. When the flags are out, Pat's shop is open.

Pat's not a newbie in this business. She started selling her collections about twenty years ago by renting space in the Emmitsburg Antique mall. Then she owned a business by the same name in a rented house (the "purple house") near Cozy Inn in Thurmont. Now, in the farm house she formerly lived in before building a new home near it, you'll find antiques, gifts, and collectible items that reflect her long-time collecting interests.

A lot of her inventory is from her own collections. Pat loves glass ware, and that's a big attraction in the



Photo by Deb Spalding

shop, with collections of Fire King, Fenton, Bake light, and Jadeite. You can't miss the numerous salt and pepper shakers, figurines, Depression glass, ball creamers and pitchers, and granite ware. "Peanut butter glasses are popular right now," said Pat. She even has a number of toys, linens, and Barbies on display.

Pat, who has raised three children, said, "Now it's time to do this. This is what I love!"

The Cozy House of Curiosities is located at 16609 Sabillasville Road in Sabillasville, and is open weekends or by appointment by calling 301-241-3500 or 301-241-2095. Email houseofcuriosity1@comcast.net for more information.

Thurmont Lions Club 2014 Christmas Ornament

The Thurmont Lions Club Christmas Ornament for 2014 is currently in production and will be ready this fall. This ornament is the sixth in a series of Christmas ornaments that have been sold by the Thurmont Lions Club. This beautiful ornament depicts one of the oldest historic buildings in Thurmont and is titled "Weller's Tavern." This large, beautiful stone house was built by Jacob Weller in 1805, and served as the first inn and tavern in Thurmont for many years. The house is currently the private residence of John and Carol Ford and is located on the corner of West Main Street and Altamont Avenue in Thurmont.

The ornament features the artwork of the very talented, local artist, Rebecca Pearl. As in the past, this ornament is a limited-edition treasure, with only 350 made, and at \$10.60 (including tax), is expected to sell out quickly. This ornament truly makes an excellent, thoughtful Christmas gift or host/hostess present.

If you are interested in ordering an ornament for 2014, contact Lion Joann Miller at 301-271-3913 or email your order along with your name and phone number to pjmiller45@comcast.net.

Reference their advertisement on page 13.

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COMMUNITY news

More Than Just a Hand Out

Seton Center, Inc., located at 16840 South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg, is a sponsored ministry of the Daughters of Charity that assists primarily northern Frederick County's low and middle income families meet their needs by offering emergency financial and supportive human services and programs.

But there's more to Seton Center than meets the eye. While Seton Center offers support to those in financial need and a place to purchase items affordably in their Thrift Shop, they also receive calls asking if they provide opportunities for required community service hours. As the last remaining social service organization in northern Frederick County, it is only right and befitting of their mission that they most certainly do so.

Many times there are major hurdles in offering meaningful service for those required to volunteer. But Seton Center is in the business of removing stumbling blocks and leaping over such hindrances. Dependability is the biggest obstacle, as many folks experience difficulty in finding adequate child care or reliable transportation. However, when location and determination meet, it is possible to overcome these challenges. Kimmie Smith and Andy Wright (both are pictured above) are shining examples of who those seeking compulsory community service are NOT. Kimmie, a single



Courtesy Photos

mom of three children, and Andy, a father of an intact family with four children, came to Seton Center in need of community service hours to receive social service benefits.

Like many, Andy and Kimmie found themselves in the temporary circumstance of joblessness. First, they made sure to responsibly provide for their children by applying for Temporary Cash Assistance. But contrary to the stereotypical thoughts about social benefit recipients, these dedicated parents also followed up immediately to partner with Seton Center to fulfill their volunteering requirement. Because Seton Center is located in the small town of Emmitsburg where they live, both Kimmie and Andy are able to be present, day in and day out, for their service. And they don't just show up. As responsible members of our community, they are always on time and serve with excellence. They freely offer their creative ideas, talents and intellect to assist the Thrift Shop staff in providing a clean and well-organized retail space.

Even while fulfilling their required service hours, Kimmie and Andy

don't rest from their pursuit of life-sustaining employment. On September 4, Kimmie proudly announced it was her last day volunteering with Seton Center, as she was hired for a full-time position in Emmitsburg. Andy continues to follow all job leads while volunteering. Additionally, he is making the most of the services and programs offered by Seton Center to resolve health issues, improve life-skills, and make sound financial decisions.

While Seton Center will happily provide Andy and Kimmie with superb job references, they'll certainly miss their contributions as they achieve their goals. They not only provide volunteer service, but both have bravely broken the stereotypical "what's in it for me" mind-set. Through their examples of determination, Kimmie and Andy have broken down barriers, become an important part of Seton Center's family, and set an example of hope for others.

If you'd like to support Seton Center, Inc.'s mission to empower low- and middle-income families, please call 301-447-6102 for more information.

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Grand Champion Market Steer Shown by Tate Bittner



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Tate Bittner showed the Grand Champion Market Steer (pictured above) at the 2014 Maryland State Fair. The steer weighed 1,300 pounds. Tate is the son of Jen and David Bittner of Westminster; grandson of Mary Ellen and Dick Bittner, and great grandson of Mary Lawyer, all of Thurmont.

Seton Center's Pa\$\$port To Wealth Program

Seton Center, Inc., located at 16840 South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg, is a sponsored ministry of the Daughters of Charity that assists the poor. Their mission is to assist low-to-middle income families, primarily in northern Frederick County, to meet their needs by offering emergency financial and supportive human programs and services.

Through Seton Center's Pa\$\$port To Wealth program, and in partnership with PNC and Woodsboro Banks, a series of seminars on financial management is once again being offered, all free and open to the public. There is no need to pre-register. Participants only need to sign-in when they attend any or all of the following seminars: **Fraud Prevention** on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Library at 300 South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg; **Foundations of Money Management 1** on Monday, November 3, 2014, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at Emmitsburg Library at 300 South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg; **Foundations of Money Management 2** on Monday, November 10, 2014, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Thurmont Regional Library at 76 East Moser Road in Thurmont.

For more information, you may call Seton Center, Inc. at 301-447-6102.

Food Bank Back to School Night

On September 16, 2014, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church hosted a Back to School Night for Thurmont's Food Bank kids. School-aged children were treated to healthy snacks, games, puppet shows, school supplies, vision screening, door prizes, and so much more.

The Social Ministry Group would like to thank the following community sponsors for their donations and support: Rocky's Pizza, Fratelli's, Celebration's Catering, Weis Markets, Dr. Molly Carren from Thurmont Eye Care, Dr. Richard Love from Catoctin Dental, Renovations Salon and Day Spa, Catoctin Zoo, M & T Shear Magic, Inc., Thurmont Barber & Styling Shop, Wegman's, Lawyers Farm, Edward S. Andochich, Dr. Lori L. Andochich, and the Thurmont Regional Library.

The children left with smiling faces and words of thanks. It was an awesome experience.



Don't Forget to Vote in the Emmitsburg Election

by James Rada, Jr.

With the Emmitsburg town election to be held on September 30, 2014, residents will have a chance to vote for a new town commissioner and mayor to represent them.

Current town commissioner Chris Staiger has chosen not to run for re-election. Joseph Ritz, III and former commissioner Patrick Joy will be seeking votes to fill Staiger's open seat for a three-year term.

The mayor's seat was also open this election, but current Mayor Don Briggs is running unopposed.

Ritz has lived in Emmitsburg nearly all of his life and serves as the church organist at St. Joseph's Church.

"A few years ago, I started thinking about this, and I want to serve the community," Ritz said.

Two issues that he said he would like to see addressed by the new board of commissioners are getting an additional entrance into Emmitt Ridge II, which currently has only a single entrance, and dealing with the youth drug problem.

"I want to serve them, so people know there's someone to hear their

concerns and listen to their ideas," Ritz said.

Joy wasn't sure if he would run for a commissioner's seat again, but when he heard that Staiger wasn't running, he threw his hat into the ring.

"If Chris had stayed, I probably wouldn't have run," Joy said. "But I feel there needs to be someone on the board focused on finance and rules."

Joy also feels that the town staff will need to be kept focused on service and being responsive to residents now that Dave Haller is retiring.

"The town staff is the day-to-day face of the town, and the community has to believe that they are there for them," said Joy.

He said that he also wants to see the town square finished without dipping into the town's reserve funds.

The town election will be on September 30, from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Registered voters can cast their ballots at the town building at 22 East Main Street.

80th Birthday Celebration for Long-Time Thurmont Resident

Dorothy Plumer turned 80 years old on August 29, 2014. Dorothy, a long-time Thurmont resident and active community member, enjoys a good laugh and having fun. At her 80th birthday celebration, one hundred people were in attendance, and everyone had many laughs at the special photo booth.

Pictured are: (back row) Julie Roop Tingle; (front row) Lauren Roop Berkhouse, Dorothy Plumer, and Whitney Crist Blickenstaff.



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Who Will Be the Thurmont Volunteer of the Year for 2014

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Sabillasville Pastor Retiring

by Joan Fry

Pastor Janet I. Comings will retire from the ministry on October 31, 2014. Everyone is invited to her official retirement service at St. John's United Church of Christ in Sabillasville, Maryland, on October 19, 2014, at 11:15 a.m. Associate Conference Minister, Marie Bacchiocchi, will preside. Pastor Comings will be preaching. Her last Sunday to preach at St. John's will be October 26, 2014. She is also pastor at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Sabillasville.

Pastor Comings was installed at St. John's on September 16, 2001. She has always been reliable, conscientious, and willing to go the extra mile for regular members and attenders of both churches, as well as local families who were in need of her specialized assistance. Well-known in the community, she could be seen putting up flyers at local businesses for church-related activities and going door-to-door with information concerning St. John's and St. Mark's events.

Her passion is cooking. She was instrumental in cooking suppers once a month for Hope Alive in Sabillasville and the homeless shelter in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, with the help of church members.

She has always been diligent concerning her pastoral duties, providing exciting programs for the youth and Christian social

opportunities for the community, such as monthly senior lunches at St. Mark's, free bingo evenings at St. John's with free supper and prizes, Vacation Bible School for the community, and bi-monthly joint Bible study. These events were open to everyone.

On Saturday, October 25, 2014, there will be a joint sendoff gathering for those who wish to attend. Drop by St. John's Parish Hall in Sabillasville (across from the church) anytime between 3:00-6:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Pastor Comings will be greatly missed.

Photo by Jim Bittner



Pastor Janet I. Comings, who was installed at St. John's United Church of Christ in 2001, will be retiring from the ministry on October 31, 2014.

Consitution Week Proclaimed at Thurmont Town Meeting

Photo by Chapter member and professional photographer, Pamela Rowlette



Pictured from left are: (back row) Bill Buehrer, Wayne A. Hooper, Mayor John A. Kinnaird, Wes Hamrick, Martin Allen Burns; (front row) Ramona Osborn, Katie Hannah, Joanne Baum, Janet Thompson, Anna Peterson, Lorraine Davis, Ida Lu Brown, Pati Redmond, Karen Myers, Pamela Rowlette.

The Frederick Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Week Committee was present for a workshop at a public meeting in Thurmont. The Mayor of the Town of Thurmont proclaimed Constitution Week and urged citizens to read and study the Constitution. Chairman Anna Peterson shared questions and answers about Constitution Week.

“Pink Heals” Stop in Thurmont

by Carie Stafford

Photo by Carie Stafford

When a caravan of hot pink trucks roll into town, people take notice. On September 5, 2014, at the 7-Eleven in Thurmont, a pink tour bus named “Ann Marie,” a pink fire engine named “Elaine,” and a Ford SUV named “June” stopped in. These are just three of the five trucks that tour the United States, bringing awareness to that age-old demon, cancer. Yet there is so much more that these trucks represent.

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Meet the Candidates: Frederick County Board of Education

by James Rada, Jr.



As the general election in November approaches, *The Catoctin Banner* asked candidates for some of the offices in Frederick County to talk to our readers. This is the fourth in the series as the candidates for the Frederick County Board of Education weigh in. While all of the candidates were contacted to participate, Jonathan Carothers, Elizabeth Barrett, and April Miller did not respond to repeated e-mails.

Brad Young

Why are you running for the board of education?

I am running for re-election to the Board of Education because of my life-long commitment to education and wanting to see that Frederick County continues to be the a first-class school system utilizing the assets and resources that we have to the best possible outcome. I am a product of Frederick County Schools. My wife and three children are also all graduates of FCPS. I have dedicated a lot of my life to education. I have an A.A. from Frederick Community College, a B.A. from University of Maryland and an M.B.A. from Frostburg State University. I am a CFP, Certified Financial Planner and a CTFA, Certified Trust and Financial Advisor. I attend trust school through Cannon Financial Institute and National Graduate Trust School held at Northwestern University. I have taught Junior Achievement for over 15 years in FCPS, I served on the advisory Council of the Academy of Finance at the Career and Technology Center and I have been a coach at Walkersville High for nine years. I served 15 years on the board of Frederick Community College, six years on the State Board of Community Colleges and seven years on the National Board of Community Colleges. I served as the chair of all three organizations. I also served six years on the Board of the Universities at Shady Grove in Rockville. I have taught as an adjunct Professor at Mount Saint Mary's University for the past 10 years and I have coached

softball at Hood College the past five years. I also taught Sunday School for my daughters for 10 years.

What are the biggest issues that you see concerning education in the Catoctin High feeder system?

My biggest concern right now at Catoctin and other schools is the spread of the use of drugs including heroin. Drug use is becoming a major problem in schools and Catoctin is no exception. We have to continue to work with the parents and students to discourage the need for this activity. I am a strong believer in the benefits of athletics and other extracurricular activities to engage our youth and use their energies for positive outcomes. I believe this is a winnable battle but only if the community is engaged. Catoctin has a great history of successful sports programs and this has made a positive impact on many youth in that community.

Why should parents in the north end of the county vote for you?

They should vote for me because they know they will have someone that knows their community and is accessible when they have issues. I spend a lot of time in that area and live just in Walkersville. I currently have a summer intern at my financial planning practice that is a graduate of Catoctin and I currently coach several Catoctin graduates at Hood College in the softball program. I understand the differences in our county and I promise to always represent the needs of each community. You can always reach me at 240-674-0515.

How can you ensure that the board of education funds are spent effectively?

I am uniquely qualified to serve on the board because of my financial background. I own and run a financial planning practice and investment management company. I teach Corporate and Personal Finance at the Mount. I am the only board member that has that financial background which is severely needed on the board. In my first term, I have helped to reduce several areas of the budget that were needed. I have also worked to make the budget more honest in how it is presented and where money is spent. I have worked to make sure we are funding needs like technology and that we fund promised benefits like OPEB. Past boards were irresponsible in allowing these items to be not funded in the budget. I have been responsive to citizens and employees ideas and complaints about where money is being wasted. I will continue to make sure that we spend every dollar where it is best utilized for our students!

Colleen E. Cusimano

Why are you running for the board of education?

I am a mother of three children who have attended Frederick County Public Schools - with one remaining and two graduated. Living in Frederick County and sending our children to the local schools has meant that my husband and I have always had a vested interest in making sure that our schools are providing the best education for students.

After years of volunteering in my local schools, I also had the experience of working as a technology professional at the FCPS Central Office from 2008-2010. My greatest inspiration to run for the board came from those two years of seeing that what was happening behind the scenes was not in line with what was communicated to parents and families. I saw wasteful spending, poor management decisions that cost our children time and opportunity.

My experiences running for the Board in 2010 and 2012 gave me some great opportunities to learn much more about our educational

programs, our efforts toward success for our most disadvantaged students, state and federal laws that affect our ability to make decisions and provide for our students locally, and funding and budgeting for our schools.

What are the biggest issues that you see concerning education in the Catoctin High feeder system?

The biggest issues that I see for our school system overall are the unyielding demands coming from state and federal embracing of "innovative education initiatives". Our friends in Washington and Annapolis have come up with a whole new approach on education, and have found ways to foist the responsibility, with unattainable deadlines, onto our local education systems. There has been very little voice from established education professionals in this endeavor - giving the greatest input to corporate leaders and special interest groups.

As Frederick County has historically been a high-achieving school system, I don't believe we need these intrusive demands requiring us to change virtually everything we do at every grade level. It has put a tremendous burden on our schools, on our teachers, and most unforgivably - our students.

The Catoctin High feeder system has been a great base of schools with terrific family involvement and parent participation. I hope to see that continue for many years, as I feel that parents are a child's first and best teachers. Our schools partner with parents and families to provide a complete education for our kids.

Academically, I believe that our children will continue to achieve their goals and excel. I hope to see the school system continue to grow the opportunities for college-bound and career-bound students as they move through high school. I am deeply concerned at the growing drug problem that we've experienced. I believe we need to provide education for our kids, activities that provide alternatives to these destructive ones, and find interests that make our adolescents and young adults hopeful for their future.

Why should parents in the north end of the county vote for you?

My husband and I moved to Frederick County just as we were

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getting married and dreaming of starting a family. We both were raised in Prince Georges County and had been inside-the-beltway for our whole lives. We loved the focus on farms, faith and family that we found here. We had seen the big-city school systems that grew so big and complicated, they closed the door to parents and families. We wanted to raise our children in a community and in schools where the family mattered.

Although we live in the southern end of the county, we have grown to love all of Frederick County. In the 24 years we've been here, much has changed. I am not afraid of change. But when it comes to education, I continue to believe that parents know their children best. I have received tremendous advice and assistance from teachers and administrators in guiding my children through school. In the end, the outcome can only be successful if we are partnered, with respect for the role we all play.

I want to make sure that our children are provided a high-quality education, with resources and materials that are factual, tested and proven successful. I want to make sure that every child is able to learn in a clean, healthy and happy school environment. I hope that all of our students find interests, make friends, and have an educational experience that benefits them as a whole person. I believe there are a number of threats to those ideals right now, and threats to our local schools being able to have control over the educational experience of our children. I have worked to hold the line on our high quality of life, and high quality of education. I plan to continue to work hard toward those goals.

How can you ensure that the board of education funds are spent effectively?

The first thing we must do is get a better process for budget planning. Our current Board of Ed has recently taken steps to bring back the comprehensive budget reporting for board members that was done away with many years ago. With flat budgets across all sources - state, federal and local; and with exponentially growing demands, our board must have a more detailed view of where our dollars are going and what our spending priorities are.

The second thing we must do is to make that comprehensive budget reporting available to the public. The best way to ensure that our funds are spent effectively is to be open and clear about what is

spent, how it is spent, and why. In my communications with people all over the county, there is a lack of understanding that decision-making is being stripped from our community. If the state mandates that we do something, then we meet that requirement even if it costs something we find more valuable locally.

Ken Kerr

Why are you running for the board of education?

As a lifelong educator, I am at a point in my career where I can make a real difference in public education. All of my years of training, experience, and my own education have prepared me to run for this office at this time. I am running because there is no better place for me to help shape the future of Frederick County than through education.

What are the biggest issues that you see concerning education in the Catoctin High feeder system?

Like all schools in Frederick County, Catoctin High feeder system schools face continued challenges when our schools are funded at 2009-era levels under Maintenance of Effort. Further, Thurmont Middle School and Catoctin High School are now wireless. We need to develop seamless ways to ingrate technology in every classroom for every student. Importantly, we need to remain proactive from the elementary schools to the high school in addressing the preventable issue of drug use in northern Frederick County; continuing important partnerships with towns, police, and parents are key in this regard. The Catoctin High School feeder system is unique in that it serves such a large portion of Frederick County. To meet the needs of all students and families, schools such as Sabillasville Elementary School need to remain open. Though small in population, schools like Sabillasville ES are an important, invaluable asset to the community at-large.

Why should parents in the north end of the county vote for you?

I want to listen to your point of view so we can engage in conversations that collaboratively problem-solve educational issues. Together with you, I want to increase the learning and achievement of our K-12 students. As a board of education member, I pledge to be responsive and results-driven. I

will support ideas and initiatives that are proven to benefit students. Supporting the students in our schools is critical to a community's success. I would like nothing other than the ability to support the students and families of whose children attend Emmitsburg, Lewistown, Rocky Ridge, Sabillasville, and Thurmont and would truly appreciate your vote to elect me to the board of education. Thank you very much for your consideration.

How can you ensure that the board of education funds are spent effectively?

Every budgetary decision should begin with the question: "How does this expense improve and expand student learning." If there is no answer, that particular request does not get funded. We are in the business of educating the children of Frederick County, that is where the budget priorities are. That is where we need to focus. The FCPS budget is 10 times larger, but essentially similar to FCC's budget. As someone involved in creating that budget, I am in a good position to use that basis of knowledge.

Mike Ferrell

Why are you running for the board of education?

There are many reasons which led me to running. The board of education remains one of the most important elected positions within the county and is responsible for a budget which is approximately 50 percent of the tax revenue generated by our county. The board of education is also responsible for ensuring our school system is effectively managed and our children have every opportunity to achieve a first rate education.

The board of education must have individuals who understand economic principles; strategic planning and have multiple levels of experience which ensure sound decisions will be made with your tax money. I have a number of exceptional skills combined with education and experience which fit perfectly into the board of education. My 37-year military career engrained a devotion to public service which I will continue into private life.

I have the corporate experience, the education, the leadership experience, the passion and the devotion which will lead to effective and unbiased decisions. I am passionate about every aspect of

this position and will dedicate every minute to ensuring the Frederick County School System is looked upon with envy by all others in the State of Maryland.

What are the biggest issues that you see concerning education in the Catoctin High feeder system?

Issues will change and identifying the biggest issues impacting an area of the county remains an opinion. In my opinion drugs continue to be a concern I feel is having a detrimental impact on this area as well as others in Frederick County. We have a big problem with heroin and it seems to be growing.

Common Core is a topic which is impacting every student and I stand behind my thoughts that this curriculum is a big problem for all our students. We are also seeing an increase in children whose first language is not English and how this is negatively impacting the student/teacher relationship.

These are a few in my opinion and I understand how quickly a new issue can rise to the top of the list or one which is hot now can quickly be resolved. The key is to listen to the faculty, students and parents to ensure any issues are being addressed.

Why should parents in the north end of the county vote for you?

I am committed to our students as the number one priority. For too long we have heard and read about the needs and requirements of everyone in the school system except the students. It's time the board of education starts putting the student's needs and requirements at the front of the line. We must work to repeal Common Core, we must make every effort to ensure the safety of our students and school staff, we must ensure those who require special needs have exceptional facilities and staff to effectively provide a quality educational experience and we must find ways to ensure all children are treated fairly in every aspect of their educational experience.

I pledge to each parent that I will be open and available to your concerns and that I will listen and provide you with answers to those concerns. I will always put your children first and unlike the candidates endorsed by the Frederick County Teachers Association (FCTA) will make decisions based on what is best for the students and then address the teacher's issues. To show

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the level of commitment and desire I have promised to donate my first year's salary to a program which helps to provide for underprivileged students and will continue to do so as possible.

You will not find a more dedicated and capable candidate who will ensure your child's interests are at the forefront of every decision. As every parent is a taxpayer, I will also commit to evaluating our budgets for fiscal responsibility to limit any possibilities of tax increases due to irresponsibility.

How can you ensure that the board of education funds are spent effectively?

The board of education utilizes basically 50 percent of every tax dollar paid by Frederick County citizens and businesses. We must ensure every tax dollar is spent effectively. I will scrutinize our expenditures to ensure the elimination of wasteful practices. There are a number of ways which we can eliminate undue spending. I will look to find ways to contract out services and equipment if it proves to save money in the budget. I feel we should look at solar panels on the board of education properties to see how we can reduce utility costs and possibly generate revenue through summer months. I would look at board of education properties to see if underutilized properties could be better managed. I would also find ways to partner with corporations to provide assistance in technology and services. A number of school systems around the country are benefitting from these relationships. We need to look around the country and see what the best practices are and how we could implement them to eliminate waste and be good stewards of tax revenue. As always the first step is gathering all essential information and talking with those involved to

ensure decision are not made for the wrong reasons. There are many ways to eliminate waste and it will take an individual who is willing to put in the long hours and make the difference. I will make that difference.

Richard Vallaster

Why are you running for the board of education?

Education is the cornerstone of every great community and our teachers are the seeds of job creation in developing and educating our children. I personally have seen the triumphs and struggles in communities all across the country where education has succeeded and failed. Through my experience on numerous boards, consulting with colleges, universities and Pre-K—12 schools around the country, I understand the challenges of FCPS on many levels. As a local entrepreneur, I am excited to serve the community I have grown up in, live in and in which I chose to raise my family.

What are the biggest issues that you see concerning education in the Catoclin High feeder system?

Flat funding obviously is a system wide issue that will continue to place pressures on shrinking our footprint, reducing our services and increasing class size. We need to continue to implement technology effectively and efficiently so all our students have equal access to becoming productive graduates. We also need to face (and prevent) the loss of community gems like Sabillasville elementary. It is essential to partner with families to understand and support the unique communities that feed Catoclin High. We also must address the growing instances of drug use among our north county students.

Why should parents in the north end of the county vote for you?

My family moved to Thurmont shortly after graduating high school and I have operated a small business in Emmitsburg for 10 years until this past November. I have worked at the Mount and often attend events and carnivals in Emmitsburg, Rocky Ridge and Thurmont. I have personally spoken on behalf of education to the Thurmont mayor and commissioners and made my first stop with teachers and staff from many north county schools after announcing my candidacy. This continual outreach is important to understand the unique characteristics and challenges faced. I constantly worry that the north county can be overshadowed by wealthier areas such as Urbana and Middletown. If elected, I will continue to remain a fixture in the community to make sure your voices are heard.

How can you ensure that the board of education funds are spent effectively?

Efficiency in board operations and planning is the first step in spending funds wisely. The current board has dissolved many knowledgeable subcommittees designed to review the expenditures of FCPS. The board's job is to set policy and look at the entire system; I want to bring back these committees of highly qualified individuals along with board representation to be more effective in decision-making. It is impossible for any board member to be an expert in every facet of our school system. With proper planning, clear objectives and a plan, the system will operate at peak performance. The community has heard for years about the "waste" in the system and four years later, there has been no tangible evidence of this. I am always truly amazed how the staff continues to find ways to cut and increase efficiencies in the system. The board must remain focused on moving the

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Meet the Candidates: Frederick County Sheriff

by James Rada, Jr.



As the general election in November approaches, the Catoctin Banner asked candidates for the some of the offices in Frederick County to talk to our readers. This is the fifth in the series as the candidates for the Frederick County Sheriff weigh in.

Chuck Jenkins (R)

Why are you running for county sheriff?

Frederick County is my lifelong home. I have loved serving this county and its citizens for eight years as sheriff and a total of twenty-four years under three previous sheriffs. It has been an honor and a privilege to lead and manage an outstanding law enforcement agency after having been a part of building the same agency. I know the importance of being a sheriff that is accessible and responsive to the people, and I understand the complex public safety issues facing our community. It's my goal to ensure that Frederick County remains a safe place to live and that we maintain our excellent quality of life.

What are the biggest issues that you see concerning the north end of Frederick County?

The biggest problem facing the northern end of Frederick County is the same problem faced in the other areas throughout Frederick County. It is the surge in heroin use and the increase in crimes associated with illegal drug activity such as thefts and, to a lesser degree, burglaries. Thefts from vehicles and destruction-of-property incidents are crimes of opportunity that are also committed throughout other regions of the county.

How can you as sheriff ensure a smooth working relationship with the Thurmont Police?

We currently enjoy a very good and cooperative working relationship with the Thurmont Police Department, and I can ensure that continues through my good relationships with Chief Greg Eyler, the Mayor of Thurmont, and the town commissioners. In fact, I spend a quite a bit of my personal time in Thurmont at activities with my family, and the community knows who I am. A great example of the ongoing cooperation was the 2012 G8 Summit, and the fact that we routinely back Thurmont Police Department on calls for service, and assist in any way we can when requested.

With the bulk of the county's population nearer Frederick, how can you ensure that sheriff's deputies can adequately cover areas in the north end of the county?

We are constantly reviewing

our patrol staffing and deployment matrix to assure we have our patrol areas covered as effectively as possible with the appropriate manpower. We review call volume in relationship to local population in any given geographical area to determine patrol staffing. Our crime mapping of hotspots allows deputies to constantly know in real time where problem areas are located, and provide the increased presence when needed or requested. We serve the Town of Emmitsburg with our Resident Deputy Program that provides for additional presence and coverage in northern Frederick County. The Sheriff's Office also provides very effective traffic enforcement efforts on northern county roads, keeping our roadways as safe as possible.

What can the sheriff's department do to improve the safety in the north end of the county?

Frederick County is a very safe county to live in, with a crime rate of about one-half of the national average per capita (or 1000 persons). Currently, the Sheriff's Office is attacking the heroin crisis with a multi-faceted approach that includes strong and effective enforcement and interdiction efforts, coupled with awareness and educational initiatives in the form of public meetings in our schools and communities. Those meetings include presentations from Frederick County Public Schools, the health department, the States Attorney's Office, and the Board of County Commissioners in a collaborative effort. I am confident that our efforts in enforcement and awareness will have an impact on the heroin surge and the overall illegal drug problem, and then we will see an overall reduction in criminal activity.

Karl Bickel (D)

Why are you running for county sheriff?

I am running for Sheriff because I could not stand by and watch another Frederick County child die knowing I could do something to prevent it. With over 40 years of experience in law enforcement, and the former Chief Deputy of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, I bring the practical experience,

education and training that the office of sheriff needs to stop the detention center suicides, deaths of unarmed civilians at the hand of our deputies, and to turn the tide of heroin-related deaths. Your vote for me is a vote for a Sheriff that puts well-trained, motivated officers on the roads and streets prepared to deal with our growing and diverse community and the problems it faces.

What are the biggest issues that you see concerning the north end of Frederick County?

The critical issue in the region is the heroin epidemic that was ignored by the current sheriff as it emerged, until record numbers of people started dying from overdoses: 10 deaths in 2012, 21 in 2012, and 11 in the first three months of 2014. As a result, the sheriff's office is years behind in dealing with the problem and the associated 23 percent rise in serious crime.

The first thing to do is save lives by sending all deputies to Narcan training and then equipping them with it. Narcan is a drug that is easily administered and reverses the effects of an opioid overdose, whether heroin or a legal prescription drug. It is unconscionable that the Sheriff is just now starting to talk about training our deputies in Narcan.

The next step is to get the addicted into treatment and put together a robust community education and awareness program. We must get the entire community involved. Vigorous enforcement measures must be taken to keep the illicit drugs out of the community and prevent, mitigate, and respond to the crime associated with heroin abuse. This

will be accomplished by building and strengthening partnerships between the sheriff's office, Thurmont police, state police, and federal authorities, as well as community stakeholders.

How can you as sheriff ensure a smooth working relationship with the Thurmont Police?

As your Sheriff, I anticipate a very smooth working relationship with the Thurmont Police department, having worked successfully with Chief Eyler in the past. In addition, we both know the value of collaborative partnerships in addressing crime and public-order problems. As your Sheriff, the centerpiece to our operational philosophy will be problem solving through the use of collaborative partnerships.

Strong partnerships among local agencies and community stakeholders attracts federal, state, and private foundation funding. As your Sheriff, we will no longer turn away outside funds made available to improve Frederick County. Securing non-county funding is good for all departments and the taxpayers. Working together, the Sheriff's Office and the Thurmont Police Department can enhance operations and develop best practices for other departments to emulate.

With the bulk of the county's population nearer Frederick, how can you ensure that sheriff's deputies can adequately cover areas in the north end of the county?

It's all about how the Sheriff manages the resources under his command. Right now, the sheriff's

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office is top heavy in its command structure and its use of specialized units. A reexamination of the use of personnel resources with an anticipated redeployment of resources - particularly personnel resources - would enhance coverage in the north county.

As your Sheriff, I would have a command staff person with geographic responsibility for the north county. Their responsibility would include deployment issues, partnering with allied agencies, and working with community stakeholders to identify and respond to specific concerns and problems within the north county. Furthermore, I plan to improve the use of technology throughout the Sheriff's Office in an effort to enhance services and free up additional resources that can be redeployed to the north county area.

What can the sheriff's department do to improve the safety in the north end of the county?

Introducing an electronic filing system for minor crimes and printing of officer reports online will improve the safety and security of the north end of the county. This will free up valuable personnel resources to focus on covering areas of the county that have historically been under staffed. Rebuilding the trust among communities and stakeholders will empower members of the community to assist in identifying trends and emerging issues before they become full blown issues; putting "community" back into community policing!

Finally, we should strengthen the collaborative relationship between the Sheriff and its partners in the Thurmont police and north county stakeholders to better address the heroin epidemic and rise in serious crime. The use of proven technology will help with early detection of emerging problems and developing the best response to improve the safety and wellbeing of all citizens.

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(right) The Canaries are pictured at the White House in 1991.



(left) Members of the Canaries Singing Group are pictured finishing a performance in the 1980s.

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The group made history in 1991 when they performed at the White House. Patt Troxell has served as the group's director for many years. "It's so refreshing to watch the people interact with us. It's just amazing. You'll see them tap their foot and sing along," said Troxell. The Canaries perform in nursing homes, senior centers, assisted living facilities, parties, and special occasions.

If you like to sing, you are welcome to participate. "We're in desperate need of canaries. Did you know it's only the male canary who sings? We need males too," Troxell added.

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SPORTS news

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Competitive Middle School Travel Team Tryouts: Boys—October 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m. and October 19, 6:00-8:00 p.m.; Girls—October 16—5:00-7:00 p.m. and October 18—5:00-7:00 p.m.

Competitive Travel Teams Tryouts for U12 (5th/6th): Boys—October 23, 7:00-9:00 p.m. and October 26—6:00-8:00 p.m.; Girls—October 23, 5:00-7:00 p.m. and October 25, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Elementary Basketball (K-5th) In-person Sign-ups: October 15 and 16 in Thurmont Elementary School lobby, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Recreational U14 & U16 In-person Sign-ups: October 22 and October 23 in Thurmont Middle School gymnasium, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Please check out our website at www.leaguelineup.com/cyabasketball for more information and online registration.

CHS Field Hockey Discount Cards

Several businesses in the Catoctin area support the field hockey program at Catoctin High School (CHS) by honoring a discount for goods and services in their business ALL YEAR for people who purchase and carry a CHS Field Hockey discount card! The discount cards are the main fundraiser for the field hockey program and are very popular due to the businesses who honor their discounts throughout the year. Each discount card costs \$10.00 and all discounts are valid through December 31, 2015.

A list of the businesses honoring discounts follows (all of these local businesses are long-time supporters of this program): Ace Hardware, Carleo Italian Pizzeria, E Plus Copy Center & Promotions, Gateway Candyland, Hobbs Hardware, Main Street Groomers, Ott House Pub & Restaurant, The Palms Restaurant, Peking Palace, Rocky's Pizza, Subway, and Zurgable Bros. Hardware.

To purchase a discount card, seek out any of the current field hockey players OR visit E Plus Copy Center & Promotions, Ott House, or The Palms in Emmitsburg; or Gateway Candyland or Hobb's Hardware in Thurmont. Call Coach Heather Gray at 301-788-0427 with any questions.

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Expert Answers to Your Health and Wellness Questions

by George Puvel, Anytime Fitness Owner

Question: I have been following a training program to prepare for my first 5k running event. I'm ready to race, but I want to enter an event that will benefit an organization in my community. Any suggestions on how to begin searching for an event?

Answer: Entering a local fitness event (running, biking, swimming, etc.) that benefits a cause is such a great way to give back. Begin by searching for "nonprofit" organizations in your local area. These types of organizations will most likely have a variety of events, such as races, fundraisers, and community gatherings to support their company mission. American Red Cross, your local Alzheimer's Association, March of Dimes, and Goodwill Industries are examples of these types of nonprofit organizations. Many organizations have races of varying lengths and modalities, from running to walking to biking and beyond. Some of the most popular races for causes include: Team in Training (www.teamintraining.org), Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure® (www.komen.org), or the BikeMS series (www.nationalms.org). Entering a race to support a cause that you believe in is a great way to stay motivated and a perfect way to

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To submit a question for future articles, please contact the author at ThurmontMD@anytimefitness.com.

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SCHOOL news

Catoctin High Has the Best Support Personnel in the County

by James Rada, Jr.

Two employees at Catoctin High School were recognized as the best in their fields among support personnel in Frederick County Public Schools.



Kim Flabbi, a Catoctin High program assistant and instructional assistant for special education, was named the Frederick County Instructional Assistant of the Year. Then, Flabbi and all of the support personnel category winners were considered, and Flabbi was named the Frederick County Support Personnel of the Year.

"I had no clue about it," Flabbi said. "Mr. Quesada [Catoctin High School's Principal] nominated me for it."

Besides being nominated by Principal Bernard Quesada, letters of recommendation from a student and teachers were also submitted.

Flabbi is a 1977 graduate of Catoctin High School and has worked there all but one of her twenty-four years as a Frederick County Public Schools employee.

"I don't think I can see myself working anywhere but here," expressed Flabbi.

Besides being an instructional assistant, Flabbi served as Catoctin's former head hockey coach for ten years, former assistant softball coach for seven years, Spirit Club advisor for six years, Junior Class advisor for three years, and Catoctin Crazy's Club advisor for two years.

Flabbi said that one of the reasons she loves her job is because of the students.

"The days when we're here but there are no students are the longest days of the week," Flabbi said.

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Catoctin's head custodian, Glenn Moxley, was named Frederick County Custodian of the Year. The 1981 graduate from Catoctin High has worked at the high school as a custodian for 32 years.

"I like working with the people here and making sure the building looks good for students," Moxley said.

When he started working at the school, Earl Miller was the head custodian. Miller gave Moxley some advice that he continues to remember as he goes about his work. "He told me that we should keep the school looking good because first impressions always stick," Moxley said.

It is something that he has strived to live by throughout his career.

Both Flabbi and Moxley were awarded statuettes and gift cards along with their titles. They were also recognized at a school luncheon.

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Student Meets with Congress, Senate, and USDA

Lewistown Elementary School fourth grader, Nik Contreras, is passionate about the NBA. That's not unique until you realize it's not the National Basketball Association but rather the National Bison Association that has sparked Nik's curiosity!

According to Principal Shirley Olsen, Nik and his parents traveled to the Michigan Bison Bash, a one-day educational meeting. Nik attended lectures on the outlook

of the bison industry, food processing, and bison veterinary medicine. Nine-year-old Nik is a junior member of the NBA, and the first junior member of the Eastern Bison Association. On September 11, 2014, Nik headed to the Capitol, with other NBA members, to meet with members of Congress, the Senate, and the US Department of Agriculture.

Nik's mother, Cindy Burnsteel, is a division director at the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine. She says that through the NBA, Nik has had many opportunities to visit bison herds and meet with the herd managers one-on-one. Nik has visited seven bison ranches, including five privately owned ranches and two public herds: Antelope Island in the Great Salt Lake and Custer State Park bison. "NBA members and the herd managers have treated him as an equal and answered any questions he had," she said. Nik hasn't met a bison producer who doesn't want to talk to him about bison. Nik says, "Eat bison!"

Principal Olsen states that Nik's learning, when combined with the work he does in the classroom, will prepare him to be college and career ready.

"His experiences before our country's legislators and USDA staff with NBA members will enrich his classmates' learning," Olsen adds.



Nik is shown at the train station in downtown Frederick the morning he left to meet with legislator and USDA members.

Eleanor Metz Wins Scholarship from Catholic Order of Foresters

Catholic Order of Foresters, headquartered in Naperville, Illinois, awarded \$31,250 in tuition reimbursements to COF youth members attending Catholic kindergarten through high school. Eleanor Metz of Emmitsburg was 1 of 125 winners randomly selected from a drawing to receive a \$250 award for the 2014-2015 school year. A member of COF's Henni 142, Eleanor, daughter of Edward and Andrew Metz, attends Mother Seton School.

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Mother Seton School Appoints New Assistant Principal

Mother Seton School announces the appointment of Sister Joan Corcoran, D.C. as the school's assistant principal. The position had been previously held by Mr. Gordon Love before his retirement in 2012. "I'm very happy to be joining the school team," Sr. Joan said in a statement. "I look forward to working with Sr. Brenda, the teachers, staff, and parents in offering our children a quality, faith-based education."

Sr. Joan was born and raised in Syracuse, New York, as one of seven children. A product of Catholic education, she went on to receive a B.A. in Business Administration from SUNY at Fredonia. Before joining the Daughters of Charity in 1982, she worked in the corporate world, but a desire to teach led her to change her career focus. She received a Master's degree in Elementary Education from the College of St. Rose in Albany, New York, and embarked on a ten-year teaching career. In addition to teaching at the grade-school level, she worked in parish ministry and served in Brooklyn, New York, helping adults earn their GED.

Sr. Joan has extensive experience as a vice principal and principal, leading schools in New York and Delaware. Last September, she was assigned to the Seton Center in Emmitsburg, which provides supportive assistance to low-income families. She will continue to volunteer her time there in a limited capacity.



Sister Joan Corcoran, D.C., joins the Mother Seton School family as the assistant principal.

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Catoctin High Safe and Sane 2015 News

The Catoctin High School Safe and Sane 2015 Committee would like to thank everyone for their support of the Crab Raffle. Congratulations to our ten lucky winners! Enjoy those crabs, courtesy of Trout's Supreme Seafood in New Market. We would also like to thank all of the attendees, volunteers, and donors to our Sportsman's Bingo for making that a huge success. A special thanks to the Lewistown Volunteer Fire Department for their incredible support and hospitality.

We have two more raffles with amazing prizes; tickets are now available. Don't miss out on these fantastic opportunities.

New Raffle: Two fabulous vacation destinations: each for seven nights lodging and includes \$500 cash for airfare or spending! Trip 1: Hilton Grand Vacation Club on the Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada, November 29-December 6, 2014 (\$2,300 value); Trip 2: Marriott Desert Spring Villas II, Palm Desert, California, December 6-13, 2014 (\$2,000 value). Tickets are \$30.00/single chance or \$50.00/two chances. Your two chances can be one per destination, two to Vegas, or two to Palm Desert. Only 250 tickets will be sold for each destination. Winners will be announced on October 13, 2014. Please contact Cheryl Phelan for tickets at bochph@aol.com or 301-524-3106. Please see their Facebook page for more details and resort photos: Catoctin High Safe and Sane 2015.

New Raffle: A beautiful Catoctin t-shirt quilt, handmade by Kellie Beavin. Tickets are \$5 a chance. Drawing will be held Saturday, December 6, 2014, at our Dance and Silent Auction. Photos are available on our Facebook page: Catoctin High Safe and Sane 2015. Contact Kellie to get your tickets today at kbeavin40@yahoo.com.

Golf Tournament: Saturday, September 27, 2014, at Mountain View Golf Club in Fairfield, Pennsylvania. Fantastic prizes, including a \$10,000 cash hole-in-one! Scramble format and 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. Registration form is available online at www.catoctinsafeandsane.com. Contact Lori Zentz for more information at lmzentz@comcast.net or 301-271-3148.

Colorfest Parking: We are still in need of volunteers to assist with parking cars at the Weis parking lot during Colorfest weekend. Please contact Vicky Simmel if you can donate some time at vsimmel@gannonassociates.com.

Crab Cake Dinner: Friday, November 14, 4:00-7:00 at the Vigilant Hose Company, Emmitsburg. Tickets are \$15 and include two crab cakes, baked potato, green beans, drink, and dessert. Dine in or carry out available. Please contact Terri Little (ptjlittle@aol.com) or Doug Wivell (dwivell5@gmail.com) for tickets!

Dance and Silent Auction: Saturday, December 6, 2014, 8:00 p.m.-midnight, at the Thurmont American Legion. Musical entertainment will be provided by Redline. Tickets are \$15.00 each or \$25.00 per couple and include light refreshments and cash bar. We are asking for tax deductible donations for our silent auction. Please contact Shelly Toms (shelltoms@aol.com), Renee Fraley (reneefraley@aol.com), or Cheryl Phelan (bochph@aol.com) for more information or to make a donation.

The next planning meeting will be Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Catoctin High School Media Center. All 2015 parents are encouraged to attend.

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The 58th Annual Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show

by James Rada, Jr.

The 58th Annual Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show was held at Catoctin High School in Thurmont on September 5-7, 2014. This annual Community Show is the largest in the State of Maryland.

Karen McAfee spent a long day on September 5, 2014, at Catoctin High School in Thurmont. During the morning, she helped check-in youth department entries for the 58th Annual Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show. The entries needed to be sorted by class and displayed.

At noon, her role became that of a judge, walking around the gymnasium and judging the entries.

After that, she continued helping get things ready for the opening of the show. By 7:00 p.m., as the halls filled up with people, she looked around with satisfaction at a job well done.

"I love the people here," McAfee said. "I was born and raised in Thurmont, and I've been coming to the Community Show since I was born. It's a big, family show."

During the Community Show's opening exercises on Friday evening, Tommy Grunwell, the former morning show host of WFMD, was the keynote speaker.

"I was walking around a little while ago, and I could see how much effort goes into this," Grunwell said.

With the approaching bicentennial of the Battle of Fort McHenry and the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," much of Grunwell's

comments focused on the American flag and the National Anthem.

Dr. Theresa Alban, superintendent of Frederick County Public Schools, also made a few remarks when she was introduced.

"The pride in this community is evident in so many ways," stated Alban.

For more than half a century, the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show has been highlighting the role of agriculture in northern Frederick County and spotlighting the talents of area residents. More than \$12,000 in prizes were awarded to the hundreds of exhibitors.

The weekend's events featured livestock auctions, a petting zoo, music, pony rides, pet show, horseshow pitching contest, log sawing contest, baked goods auction, decorated animal contest, and more.

Members of the Community Show also said goodbye to one of their own this year. The contributions of Jean Myers could be seen throughout the weekend. Myers had worked with her husband, Rodman, for years organizing each year's show, including this year's. She passed away at the end of June.



Mrs. Herrmann, Colby Runge, Skyler Holman, Michaela Stull, and Taylor Garner dip ice cream during the opening ceremonies of the Show.



Jared White (pictured center) officiated, as Logan Willard and Dustin Hahn participated in the log sawing contest on Sunday.

Craft entries at the Community Show.



Kathy Foster with Thurmont Child Care is shown at her business booth on Friday evening.



Look to November's issue for Community Show winners.



Rodman Myers served as Master of Ceremonies during the opening ceremonies of the Show.

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Josie Kaas is shown with her Siamese cat, Ben, during the pet show on Saturday.



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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

With Sincere Gratitude

The Thurmont Lions Club would like to thank the Thurmont community, all the participants and visitors that were present at the "Crowning Jewels" unveiling held on Saturday, August 23, 2014, at the Guardian Hose Activity Building on East Main Street in Thurmont. Even though it was a rainy day, everyone enjoyed the complimentary hot dogs, brownies, and ice cream provided by the Lions Club. Those present witnessed the unveiling of five additional murals that were added to the Trolley Substation. The event was sponsored by the Thurmont Lions Club to celebrate their 85th Anniversary serving the Thurmont Community.

This truly was a community project, reflecting the power of a partnership between two service groups: the Thurmont Lions Club and the Acacia Masonic Lodge #155 of Thurmont, the Town of Thurmont, private citizens, area businesses, and government to create a legacy for the town of Thurmont and visitors alike for many years to come.

As part of this continued celebration, commemorative items are available in local businesses in Thurmont. Those businesses include Timeless Trends Boutique, Gateway Farm Market, Brown's Jewelry Store, Catoctin Mountain Orchard, Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Catoctin Mountain Train & Hobbies and Springfield Manor Winery & Distillery. Commemorative items include Limited Edition 85th Anniversary prints and a limited number of Artist Proof, including all six murals, single prints of each mural, etched Thurmont ornament and 2013 Rail History ornament and glasses.

A very special "Thank You" to the Thurmont Masonic Lodge for their \$5,000 challenge, to Main Street Manager Vicki Grinder and Shirley Long for their work on obtaining grant monies from the Community Legacy Grant, to everyone who contributed to the project, and to the leaders of the Town of Thurmont and the Maintenance Staff under the direction of Jim Humerick and Butch West.

If you have not stopped and seen the murals, come out and see them! They are a part of Thurmont History.

— *Thank You, the Thurmont Lions Club Community Mural Committee*

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The coaches, parents, and players of the 2014 12U 46/60 Cal Ripken Maryland State Champions would like to express their appreciation to the many businesses, friends, and community for their support and donations. The generosity provided the team the opportunity to travel to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament in White Plains, New York. Your willingness to help ensured that our hometown team proudly presented a competitive team for all of Maryland. You also helped to create a once-in-a-lifetime experience, as many on the team were visiting New York City for their first time. The generous support of individuals like you makes it possible for our organization to exist and makes the Emmitsburg community a great place to live. Thank You again for your investment in the youth of the Emmitsburg 12U AllStars.

— *The Parents and Coaches of the Emmitsburg 12U AllStars
Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball League*

With Sincere Gratitude

The 2nd Annual Vinny's Ride was held on Saturday, April 19, 2014, and was a great success. Vinny's Ride is a motorcycle/car poker run held the 3rd Saturday in April. This year, we added a Cornhole tournament to the event. All proceeds from this event go to the Vinny Healy Memorial Christian Outreach Fund. This fund is used to help many needy families and organizations in our area. We would like to thank the following businesses and families who were in some way sponsors of this event: Food Pro, The Ott House, Gnarly Artly, the Watson family, Jimmy Medairy, Garfield United Methodist Church, Morningstar Family Church, Mt. Zion UMC in Myersville, and Saint John's Church of Christ in Sabillasville. There were far too many participants and volunteers to list, but we would like to thank them all for their support. We hope to see you all again next year! God bless all of you and your families!

— *Vinnys Family & Friends*

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by Jeanne Angleberger, Shaklee Associate for a Healthier Life

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Yours truly enjoys the crunchy taste of kale chips. They are

satisfying, minus the saturated fat and sodium. Below is a simple recipe.

Wash the kale. Drain well. Remove leaves from stems. Toss leaves with extra-virgin olive oil. Sprinkle with your favorite seasoning, tossing well to coat evenly. Yours truly prefers reduced-sodium seafood seasoning and pepper. Spread leaves onto paper-lined baking sheet. Bake 20-35 minutes in 250 degree preheated oven. Check them after 20 minutes. If still soft, bake 10 minutes longer, until kale leaf edges are slightly brown and crispy.

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Catoctin FFA Happenings

by Johnny Kempisty

Photo by Johnny Kempisty

The Catoctin FFA Chapter was proudly involved in the 58th Annual Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show. The Catoctin FFA Chapter Secretary, Megan Millison, was selected as the FFA Ambassador for the Community Show for 2014. The FFA Ambassador represents the Chapter at the Community Show, attends show events, and hands out awards. It is an honor to be selected for the position. Candidates must go through a series of interviews and are selected from a panel of Community Members.

The FFA Chapter also raised money for their National Convention trip in late October to Louisville, Kentucky. Earlier this year, the Catoctin FFA Chapter attended the Maryland State FFA Convention, held at the University of Maryland in June. There, they competed in Career Development Event (CDE) competitions, in which members demonstrate their knowledge and skills in agricultural applications in a wide variety of subjects. The Catoctin FFA Chapter had two teams that placed first, and will be going on to compete at the National FFA Convention. Those teams were the Ag Sales Team: Megan Millison, Ashley McAfee, Stephanie Kennedy, and John Kempisty; and the Parliamentary Procedure team: Dusty Hahn, Kayla Umbel, Justin McAfee, Morgan Moreland, Hannah Barth, and Kayleigh Best. Also, the livestock judging team that competed at the Howard County fair placed first and will also be going to the National Convention. The livestock judging team included Aislinn Latham, Brietta Latham, Margo Sweeney, and Ashley Ridenhour. Attending the National Convention to receive their American degrees are members, Elizabeth Shriver and Daniel Myers. Delegates, Nicole Milbourne and Jacob Shriver,



Pictured are past FFA ambassador, Ashley McAfee (left), and current FFA ambassador, Megan Millison (right).

will also be traveling with the teams to Nationals.

To help raise money for the trip, the Chapter sold popcorn, cow-pie bingo tickets, Boscov discount coupons, and raffle tickets to win a farm scene painting by local artist Robin Shire during the Community Show.

To further benefit the National FFA Trip, the Catoctin FFA Chapter will be hosting a Crab Cake Dinner on October 17, 2014, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall. Tickets are \$15.00 a person and include two crab cakes, baked potato, green beans, coleslaw, roll, and dessert. For tickets, contact Amy Jo Poffenberger at 301-676-6732 or Sandy Umbel at 240-285-6695. The Chapter will also be parking cars at Colorfest on October 11-12, 2014, at the Co-op feed store in Thurmont to raise money for the Chapter and their trip to Nationals. Additionally, the Catoctin FFA Chapter will be running a food booth at Brookfield Pumpkins on September 27-28 and October 4-5, 2014. Come out and support your local FFA Chapter.

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The 35th Anniversary of the Horseshoe Tournament at the Community Show



Photo by Deb Spalding

These folks (pictured above) were on hand on September 7, 2014, to participate in the 35th Annual Horseshoe Tournament at the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show, held at Catoctin High School: Gary Miller, Richard Brown, Roy Wivell, Rich Willard, Gary Hoffmaster, Anne Shubert, Jim Shubert, Carl Willard, Gary Willard, Dave Wivell, Justin Willard, Johnny Buhrman, Jeff Snyder, Dick Glass, Dale Kaas, Jeff Helfrick, Donnie Kaas, Jason Kaas, Scott Hurley, and RussieKaas.

Tournament winners were: 1st Place—Rich Willard and Jeff Snyder; 2nd Place—Dick Glass and Roy Wivell; and 3rd Place—Dave Wivell and RussieKaas.

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Catoctin Colorfest weekend is approaching and one creative local business that will be set up is the Gnarly Artly Design Shop. They will be selling colorful custom screen printed men's, women's, and kid's clothing. Look for Gnarly Artly in their traditional location on Frederick Road, near the Thurmont Town Office.

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looking back – 1924

Robert Wilhide Went Hunting and Never Returned

by James Rada, Jr.

Robert Wilhide woke up early on Saturday, September 20, 1924, and it wasn't even a school day. It was his hunting day, though. He dressed, ate breakfast, and told his parents that he would be home later that afternoon. Then he grabbed up his rifle and headed into the mountains to hunt squirrels.

When the fourteen-year-old boy hadn't returned by late afternoon, his parents began to worry. They gathered a group of friends and neighbors and started out to try and search for him. Unbeknownst to them, among the searchers was a man who may already have known that young Robert was dead.

The search on Saturday evening ended unsuccessfully after a few hours due to darkness.

On Sunday morning, the Wilhides gathered about thirty family and friends and resumed the search for Robert. However, the search party was hampered in its efforts by heavy

fog and rain. And another day passed with no sign of Robert.

"The boy's parents are almost frantic over his disappearance and many false rumors concerning the boy's alleged reappearing have been going around in Thurmont," the *Frederick News* reported.

The search resumed Monday morning, and the search party had grown to around one-hundred people.

On Monday afternoon, the search moved further west, higher into the Catoctin Mountains. Maurice Stimmel, Robert's uncle, followed his two dogs as they seemed to catch a scent that led them toward underbrush about two-hundred feet off the main road.

"He was found lying on a pile of brush, face down, with his head resting on his arm and a gun shot wound just below the heart. His gun with an empty shell in it was found about fifty feet from the body," the *Catoctin Clarion* reported.

The gun was found lying on the other side of a log that was more than six inches in diameter. On the other side of the log and a few feet away was a nest of yellowjackets. In addition, the heel of Robert's left hand had been shot away.

"It is surmised that he walked into the nest of bees and in the excitement of getting beyond their reach he stumbled and the gun slipped from his shoulder; although still holding on to the muzzle, the hammer struck the log and exploded the shell," according to the *Clarion*.

After he had been shot, the guess was that he may have started for the road, hoping that he could flag down help. Covering only about a quarter of the distance, he had collapsed and died.

Dr. M.A. Birely was brought in to examine the body. He said that Robert had been dead about forty-eight hours. This may have given the Wilhides some peace, since they would have realized that Robert was most certainly dead before they even realized he was missing.

Robert's body was taken to M. L. Creager and Son Funeral Home, where it was prepared for burial.

On Tuesday, September 23, Judge R. E. Cadow summoned an inquest jury, which met in the Wilhide's home. After hearing the evidence and testimony, the jury returned a verdict of "accidental death," according to the *Clarion*.

Robert was buried in Weller's Cemetery on September 24. Nearly

one hundred of his classmates attended the funeral.

Though it seemed that the story ended here, it didn't. Whether from guilt or suspicion, William Wilhide continued questioning the circumstances of his son's death. Had Robert gone hunting alone? Was his death truly accidental? He got the state's attorney, William Storm, to open an investigation.

The investigation began circling around conflicting statements made by one of the searchers, Osba McAfee, a World War I Veteran who suffered from post-traumatic stress syndrome.

Though McAfee denied it, Robert apparently told some friends that McAfee had invited him to go hunting.

The other suspicion about McAfee came during the search. "When searchers approached the spot where the body was discovered, it was said that McAfee would tell them he had searched that locality and that the body was not there," the *Frederick News* reported.

It may have been McAfee's denials of shooting the boy before suspicion had even centered on him that caused the investigation. Ultimately, McAfee was taken into custody and questioned for two days before being released.

The final decision was that Robert had died from an accidental self-inflicted shot, as had first been determined, and he was finally laid to rest.

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happily ever after

by Valerie Nusbaum

Selling Our Souls

Several people have asked me recently if Randy and I are still making potpourri, and if we will be selling it at the Catoctin Colorfest this year. Yes, we're still making potpourri. I *hope* we'll be selling it at Colorfest. We will be there and set up to sell. Whether anyone buys it or not remains to be seen.

Randy and I have been in the arts and crafts business for more than twenty years. It's an on-going adventure for us, as well as a constant source of amusement and frustration. We've made and sold almost everything we could think of. Our current product line includes our organic potpourris and sachets, watercolor prints, and polymer clay and beaded jewelry pieces.

Randy hit upon the idea to make something consumable, and it was a good one. The potpourri has been pretty popular, and we've had repeat customers. Potpourri can be tossed out and replaced. I sell a lot of watercolor prints, but people only have so much wall space.

We've refined the potpourri process, which basically means that Randy is doing most of it. I'm responsible for the packaging and pricing, and I make all the sachets and ornaments. I was forced to include a disclaimer on the potpourri label, advising customers not to eat it. That should be obvious, but there's always someone who asks us if it's edible.

We try to produce at least one new fragrance each year. Last year, I

came up with "Potpourri for Ravens Fans." It was a purple, grape-scented concoction, sprinkled with black feathers. I couldn't label it as "Baltimore Ravens" potpourri, and I couldn't use any of the official team logos on the packaging. I know other people do that, but it's not legal. I'd be the one who got caught and dragged out of a craft show in handcuffs.

The whole Ravens thing got very confusing. It was late in the day on Colorfest Sunday. I had spent three wet, chilly days in the park and I was tired. A little bespectacled man came into our tent and started peppering me with questions. Did I mention that I was tired and had dealt with so many people that one more seemed like overkill? Anyway, the man zeroed in on the Ravens potpourri. He wanted to know if there were a lot of ravens in our area. Then, he asked if a lot of local people were big fans. This went on for fifteen minutes, and he left without buying anything. I waited on some paying customers, and then the man was back with more questions. I did my best to be polite. Randy, of course, was nowhere to be found. Finally, the man broke down and bought two bags of the Ravens Fan potpourri—one for each of his daughters. It wasn't until later that evening that it dawned on me that he didn't have a clue about the Baltimore Ravens. He actually thought the potpourri was created for people who like the birds. I wonder what his daughters thought.

As I mentioned, these things usually happen when Randy isn't around. At least the guy who bought the Ravens blend was pleasant. Sometimes, people don't seem to be aware that the comments they make are hurtful. Some people are self-appointed critics. We hear things like "Eeww. That stinks." and "That's too expensive. I'll get my friend to make one for me." or "I'll buy it for \$3.99 at Walmart."

Most people are friendly. Some of them give us "helpful" suggestions. Others seem to want to sneak into our tent. They pretend not to notice us and won't make eye contact. Then, there are people who have to touch and examine every single thing they see. This presented a problem a few years ago, because those people were picking up all my sachets and trying to shove them up their noses to smell them. I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy something that's been on someone else's nose. Now, I individually package every single item and I have designated samples. My favorites are always the folks who don't want to buy anything, but feel compelled to try and give us some hope. They turn to walk out and say, "I'll be back later." We know we're never going to see them again. Randy has gotten

so tired of hearing people lie and say they'll come back, that he's started saying, "Come here and give me a hug now, because we both know we're never going to see each other again."

Craft shows are a hard life, and we put up with a lot in order to make a little extra money. Our days usually start well before the sun comes up. We've already spent months making and packaging our inventory, and then we have to load the truck with displays and products. After driving to the show site, the set up can take hours and we have all kinds of weather to deal with. We spend eight hours trying to be charming, so we can sell enough to cover our space fee and materials cost. Then, we either have to do it all again the next day or we spend several hours tearing down the displays and tent and loading and unloading the truck again. It's exhausting work, and I'm getting too old for it.

I've done eleven new paintings this year, including one titled "Festival in the Fall," which depicts an outdoor fall craft show. In the painting, there's a little man in bib overalls standing in a tent selling potpourri. His wife is nowhere to be found.

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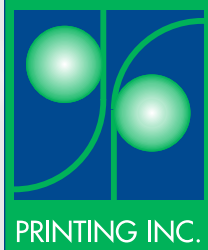
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by Labella A. Kreiner

Catoctin Chronicles

Autumn Begins

This past month has been filled with exciting events surrounding the beginning of the fall season. Our sports teams have trained relentlessly the past couple of months to prepare for the games and competitions ahead.

The Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show was a great success, and many of our students participated and were supported by the members of our community.

The great Frederick Fair was held September 13-20, 2014, with many of our students participating in the 4H, FFA, and individual competitions. Homecoming is Saturday, September 27, 2014, with the theme "A Red Carpet Affair." Discussions regarding prom have already begun. There is a lot to be look forward to this month.

Catoctin held their annual Spirit Week throughout the week of September 22-26, 2014. Catoctin students dressed to match the themes created by our student government. Monday's theme was Maryland Pride Day, where students sported their favorite Maryland apparel; Tuesday was Tie Dye Day; Wednesday was Hawaiian Day; and Friday was Catoctin Spirit Day, in celebration of the Homecoming Game that evening. It was amazing seeing all of our students showing their school spirit by dressing up to match the different themes each day. Some of our students went all out by wearing the most apparel matching each theme. It was truly a sight to behold.

Our Web Design students have begun taking on the project of uploading our daily bulletin into

a video, utilizing the PowToon program, and posting it on our school's website every morning. This is a great way for student's parents to stay updated with daily news and upcoming school events. In addition, some of our teachers have used this as a fun alternative to begin class in the morning as a reminder to students of what is coming up in our school.

In October, our football teams have a lot going on. Our freshmen and junior varsity boys will be dueling against Brunswick, Urbana, Middletown, Frederick, and Governor Thomas Johnson. Our Varsity team will be battling against Williamsport, North Hagerstown, Boonsboro, and Smithsburg. Though the beginning of the season has been rocky for all of the teams, there is no doubt that by the end of this month, these mighty cougars will be crushing their opponents.

With Colorfest coming up, some of our students will be active volunteering in the community. The Thurmont Leos will be teaming up with the Thurmont Lions Club to help serve food out by the Community Park. Also, there will be many of our students out working with the vendors; so be sure to go out and support our students during one of the most festive times of the year here in Thurmont.

Our Catoctin Literacy Magazine has begun accepting applications from our creative students. This is a great opportunity for students with artistic talents, as it enables them to have another way to express themselves through word and image. The theme decided for

Ruritan Club Awards Scholarships

The Lewistown Ruritan Club awarded a total of \$7,000 in scholarships to seventeen students at the annual Ruritan picnic in August 2014. The recipients and the schools they are attending are: (back row, from left) Randy Green, Ruritan Scholarship Chairman; Mathew Lenhart, FCC; Jordon Trey, Bloomsburg University; Troy Matlock, Shepherd University; Alexandra Wright, WVU; Bailey Wright, Hood College; Nicholas Rogers, FCC; Garrett Baseley, Capital College; Charles Jenkins, Jr., Mount St. Mary's University; and Ron Demory, Ruritan President; (seated, from left) Ayla Gould, Costal Carolina College; Anna Staley, Shepherd University; Elaine Sexton, Frostburg University; Shelby Ledger, Indiana Univeristy of PA; Carly Stull, Elizabeth College; Katye Lambert, HCC; and Hannah Yeager, Saint Mary's College of Maryland. Not pictured are Mathew Gartrell, FCC; Lucas Baseley and Jessica Lamber, VA-MD College of Veterinary Medicine.

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this year's magazine is "Dreams," with no limitations as to where to go with the theme. The editors have requested both visual and literary entries, and plan on opening the visual applications to all students instead of keeping them reserved for our visual art classes alone.

As always, thank you for supporting our students by staying informed. Also, thanks to everyone who came out to the Community Show to support the businesses and families in our community.

Next month will bring the closing of the fall athletic season,

so remember to stay updated on our school's scorings and rankings. There's no doubt that more excitement awaits us in the future. Again, thanks for reading and supporting our students. For more frequent updates and information, check out our school's webpage at www.education.fcps.org/chs/ and our school's twitter @CatoctinHS. I pray everyone has a fantastic October.


If you have any suggestions or comments about this article, please feel free to email me at labellakreiner@hotmail.com.



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The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Annual Pilgrimage for the Sea Services

The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton will welcome visitors on October 5, 2014, at 3:00 p.m., for its annual Pilgrimage for the Sea Services. Members of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, and the United States Public Health Service, along with family members and friends, will gather at the Basilica in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The event is held each year to honor Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton as Patroness of the Sea Services and ask for her intercession for all the men and women serving in our nation's Sea Services.

The only event of its kind in the United States, the Sea Services Pilgrimage draws hundreds of visitors to the Shrine for a Mass and reception. "We are blessed to have the Sea Services Sponsorship Committee, underwrite and help organize this special event," said Rob Judge, executive director of Seton Heritage Ministries. The committee is instrumental in coordinating the annual event and spreading devotion to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton as the Patroness of the Sea Services, and we are honored to have Admiral William

Fallon, U.S. Navy (Retired) and his team leading a renewed effort to further this great devotion."

Fallon, a four-star admiral, served for 41 years in the U.S. military and his last assignment was a Commander, U.S. Central Command from March 2007 to March 2008. The Sea Services Pilgrimage was previously chaired by the late Admiral James D. Watkins, who in 1977 successfully petitioned the Vatican to establish Saint Elizabeth Ann's patronage of the Sea Services.

"It is my honor to serve as chair of this committee, assisted by Vice Admiral Bill Earner," said Fallon. "Admiral Watkins laid the foundation and inspirationally led the committee for over 30 years. It is our desire to bolster participation in the pilgrimage and devotion to our Patroness through greater outreach to our active duty ranks. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton is a beacon of hope for the men and women serving our country at sea."

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's link to the sea services stems from the U.S. Navy service of her two sons, William and Richard. Her deep concern for William, who was

appointed midshipman on the fourth of July in 1817, is evidenced in the many letters she wrote him during his 17 years of service. In February 1818 he reported for duty aboard the USS Independence, and in July, he was assigned to the USS Macedonian, which sailed from Boston around Cape Horn to Valparaiso, Chile. While he was on this voyage, his mother died on January 4, 1821. Mother Seton's letters to her sons at sea showed a mother's concern in startling clarity. Elizabeth Ann would worry that she didn't know where they were at sea and if they were okay. "Now men and women at sea can know they have a Saint watching over them. They can entrust their loved ones to her care," said Admiral Fallon.

The Naval Academy Catholic Midshipmen Choir will provide music at the Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop Robert Coyle from the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Bishop Coyle served twenty-five years on Active and Reserve Duty as a Chaplain before his retirement from the Naval Reserve in 2013. He had many assignments, including service with the 3rd Marine Division on Okinawa, Japan, in the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, and in the Middle East with Operations Southern watch and Enduring Freedom, as well as Command Chaplain at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. In 2008, he was named by Pope Benedict XVI

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The Ceremonial Honor Guard presents colors at last year's Sea Services Pilgrimage.

a Chaplain to His Holiness. Bishop Coyle is also a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. His Episcopal ordination took place in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the Feast of Saint Mark on April 25, 2013.

To add a dignified and patriotic sentiment at the Mass, the Military Ceremonial Honor Guard from Washington, D.C. will present the Colors with an Honor Guard from the Knights of Columbus. Deacons and altar servers will be provided by seminarians from Mount Saint Mary's Seminary. For more information, contact 301-447-6606 or visit www.setonheritage.org.



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Putting Training into Action with MCI Drill

by Carie Stafford

On Sunday, August 24, 2014, Venturing Crew 270 was walking down Main Street in Thurmont when the sound of crunching metal was heard from the Thurmont Carnival Grounds.

Upon arriving, the Venturing Crew found one vehicle on its side and another next to it with front end damage. There were several injured people outside and inside the two vehicles: thirteen patients and eight Venturing Crew members. Venturing Crew 270 relied upon their first aid training and went about helping the people that were injured the best they could, using only the supplies they had in their first aid kit.

Kelsey Stafford, President of the Venturing Crew, took charge and instructed crew member Chris Beard to call 911. Making sure the scene was safe for the group to advance, they went about triaging, bandaging, holding C-spine traction, and assisting the walking wounded safely away from the area of the crash until EMS (Emergency Medical Services) arrived.

This was the scenario of an actual MCI (Mass Casualty Incident) drill. Trainings such as these are needed for EMS personnel to practice their skills like they would in a real emergency situation. "Train like you fight and it becomes second nature when the real world happens," stated Jamie Drawbaugh of MFRI (Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute).

Since the inception of Venturing Crew 270 in 2007, there had not been an MCI drill in Thurmont. This training not only helps the Venturing Crew with their training requirements, but it assists the EMS departments with essential training.

The successful coordination and planning of this recent MCI drill goes to Becky Ott, EMT at Thurmont Ambulance Company

(right) Pictured from left are: Kelsey Stafford, President Venturing Crew 270; Keegan Coolidge (standing), Boy Scout Troop 270; Leo Coolidge, victim; Rose Latini, EMS Incident Commander; Chris Beard, Venturing Crew 270; Emily Coyle, victim (back boarded).



(left) Emmitsburg Ambulance Company 26 crew John and Beth Ruppell, EMT-B, providing a secondary assesment on a car crash victim with c-spine traction held by Jared Snyder, Venturing Crew 270, and Devin Stafford, Venturing Crew 270, assisting with the back board to package the patient.

30. As a trainer, she has taught Venturing Crew 270 Wilderness First Aid and recently reviewed the new Jump Start Triage system. Putting those trainings together, the Venturing Crew was able to achieve positive comments, such as "exceptional job," "calm and in control," and "great communication and discipline" from evaluators and emergency medical and fire personnel present at the drill.

During the drill, each area, Venturing Crew 270, Emergency Medical Services and Fire Services were assigned evaluators. The object of the evaluators was not to criticize but to take note of things that could have been done better or smoother. It was a "good learning experience for everyone," stated Assistant Fire Chief, Charlie Brown, of the Thurmont Guardian Hose Company 10.

Assistant Fire Chief Brown had no idea what Venturing Crew 270

was all about. "I am impressed with the amount of knowledge the Venturing Crew had about first aid, and I am pleased to see the younger generation involved in the EMS field."

Jamie Drawbaugh of MFRI and an evaluator of the fire side of the drill stated, "I was very impressed with the extent of care the Venturing Crew did with the limited amount of experience they have." "It was a good drill, well organized, and a learning experience for all involved. Great job."

Venturing Crew 270 would like to thank all those involved in making this MCI drill a success:

Thurmont Ambulance Company 30, The Guardian Hose Company 10, Emmitsburg Ambulance Company 26, and Graceham Fire Department Company 18. Dispatchers: Tracy German of Frederick Co. 911 and Jeremy Heflin and Kristy Dutrow,

Supervisors at the Frederick Co. 911 call center. Evaluators: Master Firefighter/Paramedic Chuck Farkas, Montgomery County; Ann Messner, retired Chief of Emmitsburg Ambulance Company 26; Jamie Drawbaugh, MFRI; and Kiona Black, Department of Fire and Rescue in Frederick Company. Moulage artists: Sarah Pysell, EMT-P Thurmont Ambulance Company 30, and Ann Messner. Volunteer patients were EMS personnel, family members, and friends.

Venturers participating in the drill were: Chris Beard, Trevor Bostian, Keegan Coolidge, Jacob Dumbroski, Alex Mayhew, Jared Snyder, Devin Stafford, and Kelsey Stafford

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by Jim Houck, Jr.

Edwin Valentine Superczynski Fire Control Missile Technician 2nd Class (FTM2)

Ed was born March 19, 1941, in Buffalo, New York, to Emily and Edwin A. Superczynski. Two younger sisters, Linda Susan and Catherine, completed the Superczynski family. The family resided on the East side of Buffalo in a Polish Community where Ed started grammar school at a Catholic School called Transfiguration, from grade one through eight; he graduated from Transfiguration Grammar School in 1954. While in grammar school, Ed said his class went on a camping trip to Allegheny State Park. The thing that stands out in his mind about that experience is that he and the other kids had a race to see who could eat the most. Ed ate sixteen ears of corn on the cob and, when he got home, spent several hours in the bathroom.

He also had a job while in grammar school that he kept hidden from his dad: pin setting at the local bowling alley. His dad was against Ed working there due to the risk of getting hit by a flying pin or a ball thrown by one of the drunken bowlers. Ed also helped a farmer at a local farmers market until he discovered the farmer expected him to work for literally nothing. After loading the farmer's truck and riding with him to the farm and then unloading the truck, Ed was paid the sum of one quarter of a dollar for his efforts, so he didn't look for work there anymore.

Ed spent his next four years at Hutchinson Central Technical High School, which was basically a technical school. He studied electrical engineering, where he helped maintain and build radios. He dabbled in the arts, like drawing and painting. I saw some of the paintings he has done, and they are really good.

Ed graduated from high school in 1958. Ed's hobbies were fishing and hunting. He said he and his father hunted rabbits and pheasants, and pretty much whatever was in season at the time. They ate what they killed, because his mother and grandmother

would cook great meals from the game. But, Ed preferred fishing. He enjoyed fly fishing; he even tied his own flies and got pretty good at it.

Ed worked at a few jobs while in high school. He got a job at a local five and dime store as a stock boy. In his junior year, he worked at a classy downtown Buffalo restaurant, McDoels, as a busboy for about a year and a half.

Ed told me he wasn't all that interested in driving a vehicle, so he was eighteen before he took the test for his driver's license. Having no vehicle of his own, he drove his father's car. After he got his driver's license, Ed went to work for Western Electric—a part of Bell Atlantic—as a cable repairman. This was around 1960.

Ed had a friend who was in the U.S. Navy who told him stories about going out to sea and seeing exotic places. Being a fisherman, Ed thought, "Oh boy, that's for me! I could fish off the boat." Well that didn't quite work out, but was the main reason he joined the Navy in 1961. He signed up for four years and reported to boot camp at the Great Lakes Naval Base. Ed had two weekends he could take liberty: the first one he took in Milwaukee, the second in Chicago. He said that was pretty much his first opportunity to see different places.

After boot camp, he went to Fire Control Technician School in Bainbridge, Maryland, which was his first indoctrination to Maryland. Ed got off the train in Perryville, Maryland, and then headed to the naval base for A School to learn what it meant to be a Fire Control Technician. Most of what he learned was computer stuff. That's where they thought he could fit in and, at that time, there were analog computers.

After Ed finished A School, he went to C School for a specific computer system that he had to be familiar with. Ed finished C School and was assigned to the USS Albany CG10, a ship that was being built.

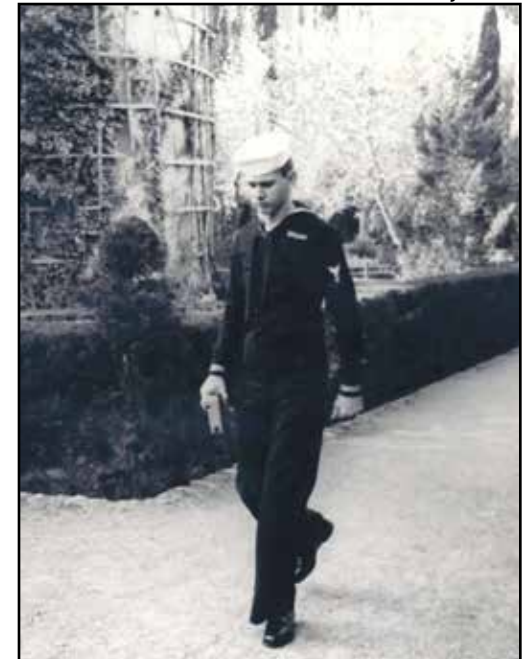
There were several other Albany's for various purposes. But after they modified the USS Albany CG10, it was one of the first all-missile cruisers and the largest missile carrier in the world at that time. Ed said that when he got on the ship, he had to learn their computer system. The ship's computer enabled you to get information from the search radars and guidance radars so that when there were planes, you could guide the missiles to bring them down.

The USS Albany was eventually commissioned, so Ed was a plank owner on that ship. Once commissioned, it was allowed to do some serious type tours and some longer cruises. While he was on board that kind of ship, they had different contractors come on board to show them how to work things and how to repair the computers. Eventually—and it took a couple of years—they came up with a digital computer that was so huge it took up a couple of walls on the ship. Ed now thinks that you could probably get more memory out of a small home computer these days than that huge computer. Ed became acquainted with the various contractors that came on board and, eventually, went to work for one of them when he got out of the Navy. Ed was discharged from the Navy in February of 1966 and returned to Buffalo, New York.

Ed met Patricia Lewdowski in Buffalo in 1962 on one of his furloughs home. He got to see her occasionally for dates when one of his Navy buddies would drive them home on a short when they had leave. They got married in July 27, 1963. He and Pat had a one-week honeymoon, because Ed had to leave on a cruise in early August 1963. They didn't see each other until June 1964 at Hampton Roads, Virginia, and only for quick visits, since, while she was there, Ed had to go on some short cruises that prevented them from seeing much of each other.

Pat was supposed to be in Hampton Roads until his tour of duty was over. The ship was supposed to go into dry dock to get some stuff done to it, and it was to be there for quite a while. The Navy changed the plans. The ship didn't go into dry dock, so Ed was sent on other cruises.

Ed and Pat's son, Denis, was born



Courtesy Photo

Edwin Valentine Superczynski

on April 28, 1965. Ed left on a cruise in May of 1965, so he only got to see his son for a couple of weeks. Pat and son, Denis, returned to Buffalo in June 1965. Ed was to get out in October 1965, but he got extended because they didn't have enough people trained in his rate, so they took off on a cruise. While on the extended cruise, Ed tried to figure out how he was going to transport the things he had bought at different ports of call to his home. He had purchased things like china, silver, a china cupboard, and various other things while in Amsterdam, Switzerland, and other ports. He needed to get these things back home, and it turned out that when he got extended, he could carry those things home with him. He was grateful to the Navy for that. Ed, after being extended, finally mustered out in February 1966, and returned to Pat in Buffalo.

Ed and Pat had a daughter, Cheryl, born in 1968. Ed was working for Bell Aerospace as a technician, just outside of Buffalo, and some of the work he did there was for space rockets and lunar excursion vehicles. Ed said he enjoyed working, but he had to wait thirty days to join the union. When he was there his thirty days, he joined the union and, shortly after, they called a strike. Ed was walking the picket line with his placard, drinking coffee, and eating doughnuts with everyone else. Finally, the company and union got together and they got their nickel raise. Ed was struggling to pay the rent and needed to buy a new stove and refrigerator. He had lost so much

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Special Veteran's Day Worship Service

On Sunday, November 9, 2014, Trinity United Church of Christ will hold a special Veteran's Day Worship Service and Recognition. The service will be held at 101 East Main Street in Thurmont at 11:00 a.m., with a luncheon immediately following the worship service. Anyone is invited to attend, with special recognition being given to those currently serving and Veterans who have previously served in any branch of the United States Armed Services; as well as any named persons who are deceased and had previously served their country.

The purpose of this very beautiful service is to thank the living and to honor the deceased Veterans in our communities for their dedicated and loyal service to our country. Honored guests are Dale Williams, speaking; Sheriff Chuck Jenkins, reading Veterans names; Honor Guard; patriotic music, including "Taps" and the musical group Solid Ground bringing patriotic music; and Larry Clabaugh, patriotic readings. The AMVETS Post 7 of Thurmont Color Guard will be participating.

If you would like to participate, please call the church at 301-271-2305 to indicate your interest and to give us some information as to when you served, the branch of service, where you served, and any other information you would like to share. This will all



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be printed in their program for the day.

They would love to have you share in this beautiful service that is being prepared to celebrate our Veterans. Please RSVP by October 15, 2014; this is important, so all names can be listed in our program.

Thurmont AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post 7

You won't want to miss two fun upcoming events taking place in October 2014: October 11—Colorfest Breakfast and Lunch, AMVETS Post 7 Thurmont, 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; October 18—Ladies Night Out Jewelry, AMVETS Post 7 Thurmont, 4:00-7:00 p.m. Call Mary McKinnon at 717-968-8026 or Ruth Joy at 301-305-2859.

Cascade American Legion Post 239 Ladies Auxiliary

We have lots of fun events planned for the month of October! Check out our website at www.post239.org or find us on Facebook.

The 2nd Annual Spa Day will be held on October 5, 2014, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Come join us for a day of pampering: nails, hair, makeup, massages, and pictures. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is by donation and all proceeds donated to Cumberland Valley Breast Cancer Awareness.

Mr. Cascade will be held on October 11, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. That's right—Mr. Cascade! Switching it up this year! Come out and support our "men" and our Veterans at the Martinsburg VA center. Dance immediately to follow.

The Kids' Halloween Party will be on October 25, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.

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Edwin C Creeger Post 168, The American Legion, is gearing up for October, and our Octoberfest. We still have a couple of vender spaces available. If anyone is interested please call Bob at the Post at 301-271-4411.

With fall now upon us—mowing and gardening has stopped—now would be a good time to come on out on Monday evenings for some friendly Wii Bowling, with reduced drink prices. If we have enough interest, a league could be formed. Next month, the Sons of the American Legion are sponsoring a Corn Hole Tournament, with cash prizes; check at the post for more information. NFL, for all of you who enjoy watching your favorite team play on any given Sunday, but can't find it on your TV, come on by the Legion and watch it. We have the NFL Sunday Ticket and can get any game that is played.

Last month, we held our annual picnic with more than 270 members in attendance. An invitation was extended to 12 of our members who had 60 or more years of membership for them and a guest to attend the event. Out of the 12 invited, 5 members and guests were in attendance. They were honored along with those who didn't attend, by our Second Vice Commander, Larry Clabaugh. With a full house, we had plenty of crabs, crab soup, chicken and lots of FUN.

In addition to the entertainment that Octoberfest brings, we will be having music on Friday evenings; DJ Jake on the 3rd, Ralph Gann on the 10th, The Crossing (live band) on the 17th and Big Al on the 24th. Bingo is every Thursday from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Veteran's Day is observed on November 11th. This is a day set aside to honor those who gave their life in the name of freedom and liberty. On that day, there is a bus trip, leaving from the Amvets parking lot, to Washington DC. You will visit the laying of the wreath at Arlington National Cemetery, the Viet Nam Wall, the WW11 and the Korean Memorials. The unbelievably low price for this trip is only \$10.00 and this includes lunch and drinks on the bus.

In addition to the Bus Trip, Veteran's Day will be observed at the Trinity Church of Christ, on Nov 9th, with a special worship service and a luncheon to honor those who have served and those who are serving in our armed services. Please call the church to RSVP at 301-271-2305.

American Legion Post 168

Friday nights are music nights with DJ Big Al, Karaoke with Ralph Gann, DJ Jake, or DJ James. See our Facebook account for updated information on who is playing!

There will be a Cornhole Tournament on September 27, 2014. Double Elimination tournament with prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Call Rob Fogle for more information at 240-285-2197.

Vendor spaces are still available for Colorfest, October 11-12, 2014. Many craft vendors on hand. Lots of food and a beer garden all available for the weekend. Contact the Post if you would like to volunteer! Call 301-271-4411 and ask for Bob Brennan.

Monday nights are Wii Bowling nights and Football nights. Come out for a fun, entertaining evening!

Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m., drawing for Ace of Hearts; Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m., Bingo; Friday nights at 8:00 p.m., music and dancing; Sunday afternoons, football specials including "Buckets of Cheer" and pizza specials. The Post has the football package, so come to the Post and root for your favorite team!

In celebration of Veteran's Day and to honor all our Veterans, Post 168 will be hosting a bus trip to Vietnam and other Memorials on November 11. Refreshments will be available. Call the Post or check out our Facebook page for more details.

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senior moments

by Helen Deluca

Hello, everyone! Where does the time go? Here I am, again, to tell you what's coming up in October at the Thurmont Senior Center (TSC). Seems like I just told you about the Square Dance planned for September 27, and here it is time for you to come and join us. Come one, come all, to the TSC on the 27th to square dance, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Bob Meunier will do the calling, light refreshments will be available, and admission is by donation.

We, the Board of Directors and volunteers, try very hard to make the TSC a relaxing and fun place to be, and we must be doing something right! We see new faces all the time and that's what we want, but we also need more volunteers. Due to aging, relocating, or health issues, we need replacement volunteers for the kitchen and volunteer drivers to deliver home meals and/or to pick up those needing a ride to the Center. Are you available two to three hours once a week? We sure would appreciate hearing from you. Call us at 301-271-7911 if you can help.

Patt Troxell is looking for more vocalists for the Canaries. The Canaries are a group of seniors—men and women—who meet to sing and entertain on Mondays at 12:45 p.m. They are quite good and even entertained at the White House several years ago. You don't have to be an Elvis or Cher, just join in and sing to be happy.

Get your calendars out to see what's coming up in October 2014 (in addition to all of our regular activities): Wednesday, October 1—presentation by the Thurmont Police on fraud prevention, 10:30 a.m.; October 9-10—indoor yard sale, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Please remember to drop your donations for the yard sale at the Center. Your support is always needed and appreciated; October 15—presentation by Judy White of the Thurmont Fire Department, 10:30 a.m. Included will be a visit by Smokey Bear; October 15—50/50 Bingo, 1:00 p.m. All are welcome; October 22—gift card Bingo, sponsored by Debbie from Country Meadows, 1:00 p.m.; October 28—

Pictured is the "Crazy Leg" table, created by John Dowling.

The table is 1st prize in the Thurmont Senior Center's annual Christmas raffle.



Courtesy Photo

Nurse Steve, 10:00 a.m.; October 31—Halloween party and awards for the best costume, 11:00 a.m. Last year Emory Motter came as Elvis Presley (Emory is a handsome 93). Get the picture? What a good feeling to see everyone laughing and just having fun.

A gentle reminder in case you missed last month's news. We have something new: a group of knitters will be meeting the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m., and starting in October (the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month), Carol Long is starting a club for quilters. No cost for either group. You can reach Carol at 301-271-2186 or leave a message at the Center if you need more information.

For our raffle, the "crazy leg" oak table (pictured above) is first prize. Second and third prizes are \$100 and \$50 to be awarded at the Senior Christmas dinner. Speaking of Christmas, you can still order the Thurmont T-shirts and sweatshirts at the Center. You have a choice of two designs and several colors. They make lovely Christmas gifts.

As you may have heard by now, the TSC is planning an Open House on November 8, 2014, from 12:00-4:00 p.m. It is an afternoon dedicated to honoring the Veterans and their families of

Thurmont and northern Frederick County. Qualified personnel will be present to answer and to help with any questions Veterans may have regarding their or their spouse's benefits, medical care, and other issues. Live entertainment and refreshments will be available.

Discharge papers or other documentation are all that is required for a very informative and entertaining afternoon. If you or your organization would like to participate or contribute in any way, please call the Center at 301-271-7911 or call me at 301-271-0543.

As always, you can pick up the monthly menu and activities flyer at the Center. Look for the tri-fold brochure that tells you more about what the TSC has to offer. The brochure was designed by Teresa, our coordinator. Great job! Many thanks, Teresa!

At the end of the day, do you sit back and count your blessings? Do you think about those less fortunate than yourselves? There is someone out there who needs you. When you volunteer, it's like taking a dose of medicine...you feel good all over. Give it a try!

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by Chris O'Connor



From the Rockies to the Catoclin: A Naturalist's Odyssey

Many moons ago, Jack Olszewski, who now lives in Cascade, Maryland, formerly lived on a 3,600 acre ranch in Frutta, Colorado, where he would saddle up one of his two favorite horses, Shadow or Comanche, then join a group of friends armed with revolvers for self-protection from rattlesnakes. They'd ride up through the forest of aspen and alder in the Colorado mountains to above the tree line, then camp for days at a time to search for remnants of dinosaurs and fossils.

Sun-filled days of digging around at altitudes of nearly 10,000 feet, and cold nights sleeping under the shimmering star-filled canopy of the western night sky, helped instill a respect and fascination with the gifts that Jack believes Mother Earth provides us all. He augmented his knowledge while still a pre-teen by joining digs, working alongside scientists at the Dinosaur National Monument in Moffatt, Colorado.

Jack speaks ever-fondly about the birds and subterranean minerals, gems, and the flora and fauna with which we share the earth. His extensive portfolio of beautiful photographs is testimony to his travels and the time he's spent observing the wonders of nature.

He didn't have to travel far for one picture, though. At the home he shares with his wife, Holly, and their beloved Maine Coon cat, Casey, in Cascade, Maryland, he merely had to point and shoot out the kitchen window to snag a photo of a black bear climbing a corner post on the deck to pilfer seed from a bird feeder.

Another phase of Jack's winding trek from childhood took him from the ranch and his mountain stomping grounds to the suburbs of Milford, Connecticut, when he was a young teen. His consolation for leaving the expansive acreage he knew in his youth, was to meet a boy whose father was a paleontologist at Yale University. He later met a former Oregonian, Jim Peart, who owned The Black Rock Lapidary in Milford.

The men taught Jack yet more regarding the study of prehistoric

creatures, minerals, and stone cutting. As he became more proficient cutting stones in his early twenties, Jack partnered up with Jim Peart, availing both the opportunity to supply jewelers hither and yon with their finished pieces.

Jack, who is half-Cherokee, grew increasingly in touch with his Native American heritage. He became more involved with the Lakota Sioux and spent much time in South Dakota at the Rosebud Indian Reservation. There, he studied under a Lakota medicine man named Crow Dog where he learned pipe healing, a variation of which he recently took part in demonstrating at the Indian Harvest Circle Thanksgiving Ceremony on September 12, 2014, at Synergy Massage and Wellness Center in Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania.

While at Rosebud, Jack was bestowed his Lakota name, Tahka Inyanka or Running Deer. Jack Running Deer was active in the American Indian Movement that focused on righting injustices visited on Indians, such as broken treaties and the re-occupation of Wounded Knee.

A six-and-half-month-long trek from Maine to Georgia with his friends on the Appalachian Trail rounds the circle back to the East Coast, where Jack met his future wife Holly in 1980. Jack was employed with Connecticut's Department of Environmental Protection where he learned still more about plants and animals and part of the Bald Eagle Project.

Another bend in the road of Jack's odyssey was when he was afforded the opportunity to participate in the rehabilitation of birds of prey after befriending a woman who had an aviary. For over two decades, he helped rehabilitate birds, from falcons and hawks to owls and eagles, some of which were not releasable because of traumatic injuries. Those birds were used for educational demonstrations.

One bird still holds a special place in Jack's heart, a Golden eagle from South Dakota that could never be released. She was a lofty 47 inches tall with a 7-foot



Jack Running Deer and Holly Red Shoes Woman Olszewski.

wing span. It took Jack two years of patience and kind, good care before she would settle on his gloved hand, a necessity for her to be part of educational programs. He still marvels that a raptor whose strength behind razor-sharp talons sufficient to impale prey through flesh and bone never pierced his gloved hand.

Soon, another path in Jack's professional career took him in what might seem a completely different heading: work in the aerospace industry at Perkin-Elmer and a variety of projects, including working on the Hubble Space Telescope.

Jack's retirement from the corporate world in 2006 is what brought him and Holly to Cascade, where they could be near some of their family. Here, he continues to educate and inspire generations of nature lovers in the ways of our furred and feathered neighbors, and wow many with the wonder regarding ancient fossils and sparkling minerals.

Jack is ever-accessible, continuing to volunteer at Renfrew Park in Waynesboro and at Gettysburg Battlefield, heading bird/nature walks. Jack Running Deer and his wife, Holly Red Shoes Woman, enthusiastically visit schools and other venues to portray Native American culture with the emphasis on the Lakota Sioux.

They show and sell all manner of crystals, minerals, and fossils at many craft show venues in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

It is our good fortune that the child who began his picturesque journey in the Colorado mountains has settled here in the Catoclin, and that Jack is happy to selflessly share his encyclopedic knowledge with anyone who thirsts for knowledge like he has always done. He's ever humble.

Many who've met him regard him as a gift from nature and a friend to man.

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Emmitsburg Senior News

by Susan Allen

For those who love autumn, October offers pleasures a-plenty. This year, we've already begun to enjoy the cool nights and warm clear days, and look forward to the short period of very warm days known as "Indian summer." We watch the mountains for the onset of bright swathes of colorful leaves. Colorfest anyone?! We also await the silvery sparkles of frost on the grass, and the spider webs on the last planting of peas and lettuce in the garden. And kids of all ages can hardly wait for the spooky celebration of Halloween that closes out the month. For all these and more, we thank heaven for October.

As you might expect, lots of our activities this month are fall-themed. On October 1, 2014, we've scheduled a trip to the Emmitsburg Farmers' Market. We will be leaving at 9:30 a.m. and returning at 2:00 p.m. We follow up with a celebration of Octoberfest on October 7, 2014, featuring a special meal and activities. Looking way ahead to Christmas, we have two craft classes: October 8 and 29, 2014, making holiday favors. Fall

bingo arrives on October 15, 2014; bring prizes that are red, yellow, or orange. Best of all, we're having a costume party with the children from Head Start on October 31, 2014. HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Regular Activities include our Walkers' group (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays) at 9:00 a.m.; Bowling (Mondays), meet at 12:15 p.m.; Art class (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays) at 1:30-3:00 p.m.; Strength Training (Tuesdays and Thursdays) at 10:00 a.m.; Bridge (October 8 and 29, 2014) at 12:30 p.m.; Canasta (Fridays) at 12:30 p.m.; Cards, Games & Puzzles (October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2014).

The senior citizens encourage everyone fifty years of age and older to join their activities at the Emmitsburg Community Center. Persons sixty years of age and older are eligible for the hot lunch program.

For information on the lunch program and all other activities, contact our coordinator, Linda Umbel, at 301-600-6350, or email Lumbel@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

Mount St. Mary's University Earns High Ranking from U.S. News & World Report

For the first time in its history, Mount St. Mary's University cracked the top twenty in the 2015 edition of *U.S. News & World Report's* rankings of the nation's best colleges.

The Mount was selected nineteenth among one hundred and thirty-five institutions categorized in the North region, placing the Mount second among Maryland's eight other public and private regional universities.

It marks the fifth-straight year Mount St. Mary's was selected among the North region's top twenty-five colleges and universities.

The Mount also earned a place in the magazine's "Best Colleges for Veterans" category, ranking third in the North region—one spot better than a year ago.

"We are honored to be recognized once again as a standout institution in the North region, and we are proud to be part of this select group of schools from across the nation," said University President Thomas H. Powell. "Rankings like these are the direct result of a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication from our students, faculty, and staff, and our unrelenting commitment to providing the very best academic experience."

U.S. News rankings are based largely on undergraduate academic reputation, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, assessments from peer institutions, student selectivity, financial resources, and alumni giving. The Mount tied Villanova University and CUNY-City College for the top spot in alumni giving, at twenty-three percent annual participation.

"I'm thrilled Mount St. Mary's continues to be recognized by *U.S. News & World Report*," says Michael Post, the Mount's vice president for enrollment management. "However, visiting a campus and meeting the community that puts the heart of these rankings into action is always the best measure of an institution, so parents and students should use rankings like these as just one of many tools when evaluating colleges."

The exclusive *U.S. News* list, which includes rankings of more than 1,300 schools nationwide, is available at www.usnews.com/colleges.



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These businesses will be donating from in-store promotions for the month of October to the The Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Our Neighborhood Veterans—Continued from page 31

until the strike was called off; it was hard to recuperate from the loss.


Ed had just gotten back to work when one of the other local unions at the plant called strike and they had to respect their picket lines, so he was out of a job again. Ed was looking for a job and happened to spot an ad in the paper about a place taking interviews at a downtown hotel, so he went over for the interview and talked with them. They knew him from the USS Albany because they were the engineers that he dealt with. He got a job through them and moved, by himself, to Maryland in 1966 to see how things were in the area. He stayed at a Howard Johnson Hotel and all expenses were paid by the company. Things were working out really well.

Ed saw how things were. He went home and he and Pat packed all their stuff and sold the stove and refrigerator, and drove to Maryland. Just prior to getting that job, Ed had bought his first vehicle, a 1966 Volkswagen Bug. Ed's father-in-law drove his car back with them because they had a lot of stuff to unload when they arrived at their apartment in Aspen Hill, near Silver Spring, Maryland. Their apartment was only three blocks away from the company he was going to work for. The company sent Ed to Boston to work on the ship he was on and he ran tests on the equipment they were rebuilding. He was in Boston for about nine months. While there, Ed made several trips back to the apartment and his family in Maryland. He and Pat eventually bought a house in Rockville, Maryland. That is when Ed moved Pat and the kids to just outside of Boston in a little village named Winchester. The apartment they lived in was very modern, but the electric kept going out and things were weird.

The telephone still had three or four party lines. They needed some appliances, so they rented a washer by telephone. When the washer was delivered, it was one with the roller wringers on it. Ed said the first winter there they had thirty-six inches of snow and everything was shut down. Their neighbor had a Bunsen burner and that is how they heated their infant daughter's bottle of milk. Ed was with the Vetro Company for twenty-six years, and for his service at twenty-five years, they gave him a beautiful grandfather clock that stands in his dining room. The company lost their contract and Ed was out of a job after twenty-six years with them.

Ed retired in 2010 and he and Pat and their daughter, Cheryl, and granddaughter, reside at a house they bought in 2005 in Thurmont, Maryland. Ed belongs to AMVETS Post 7 in Thurmont and is 1st Vice Commander. Pat joined the AMVETS Auxiliary Unit 7, and they participate in a lot of activities for Veterans and community. Ed is very proud of his kids and grandkids, Casey, Nate, and Taylor. Ed has accomplished a lot in his life and, at age seventy-three, he has just recently gone back to work part-time at Mount St. Mary's University. He is very happy with what he does.

Ed Superczynski is a very interesting person. I know I have not scratched the surface of his life. He is a very knowledgeable and talented individual. If you should stop by the AMVETS Post 7 and see him there, reach out and shake his hand and thank him for serving our country. Tell him you are coming sometime to hear him play the mandolin with the Catoctin Hollow Boys and you will probably get a big smile from him. God Bless You, Ed Superczynski!



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by Jim Houck, Jr.

I was so excited when I received a letter from National Sons of AMVETS inviting me to our Annual National Convention being held in Memphis, Tennessee. I had always wanted to attend a National Convention, but it seemed like something always came up preventing it. I checked my calendar and it seemed that all the things I had booked for that time frame could be changed. I received a phone call from our Department of Maryland Sons of AMVETS commander, Ed Stely, and he asked if I would like to attend the convention and share a hotel room with him, as his wife, Carole, was unable to attend the convention. I said yes, I would be honored to attend and share a room. Ed said he would take care of all the arrangements necessary for our stay. He called me later and told me all arrangements were made and we would leave on August 9.

This past February and unknown to me, Tony Wivell, whom I consider a good friend, asked Deb Spalding, the owner and publisher of *The Catoclin Banner*, a community newspaper for which I write a column about veterans, if he could use my column's space in March's issue for a surprise story he had written about me. Deb told him yes and when the March edition came out, I looked for my veterans story as usual, but was very surprised when I read what was in my column.

I was so honored to find out they thought I was deserving of all the wonderful words written about me. I then received an email from Deb Spalding saying that she received an email from Dennis Solis, webmaster for National Sons of AMVETS web site, asking permission to use the

story on the web site. Deb said she gave him permission and I opened the website and sure enough there it was.

I then got word that the story was being used in our national newsletter. I started receiving word from several places that I had been nominated for National Son of the Year 2014. I found this incredible, because I was awarded Son of the Year 2014 by AMVETS Post 7 and also Maryland State Son of the Year 2014 at our Maryland Convention. I was deeply honored to be nominated for National Son of the Year.

Finally it was August 9, and I was on my way to meet Ed at AMVET Post 10's parking lot in Hagerstown, Maryland. Sons of AMVETS Squadron 7's 1st Vice, and my good friend, Dick Fleagle, was my driver. Dick was using my vehicle to deliver me to meet Ed and his vehicle. We arrived around 5:15 a.m. and shortly thereafter Ed arrived. We transferred my luggage to Ed's vehicle and exchanged goodbyes and safe trips with Dick and were on our way.

Ed and I made a few rest area stops and food stops on the way, but after 13 1/2 hours of driving, we arrived at our hotel in Memphis, Tennessee. We took our luggage to our room and we were tired from the drive, so we rested for about an hour before we went to find a place to eat supper. We returned to our room after a bite to eat and then settled in for the night.

The next day being Sunday, and registration not being until Monday, we decided to go to Graceland and take the tour. We met up with friends that were also there for convention and decided to go to Graceland together. Ed, Rusty Baker and his

wife Joanne, Brenda Stauffer, and I, loaded up in Rusty's van and he drove us to Graceland. I have to say I enjoyed everything there immensely, and I am sure all my friends did too. I know that Brenda enjoyed being there, because Ed and Rusty had to get on either side of her and escort her out of one of the gift shops. Eventhough it was time to leave, she did not want to go. When we got back and parked the vehicle, we went to our hotels to rest and then Ed and I found a place to have supper and then returned to the room to rest for Monday.

Monday morning, we received a phone call from Rusty wanting to know if we wanted to get some breakfast and do a little sightseeing before registration that afternoon. We met at their hotel lobby and decided to find breakfast on Beale Street, since we had heard how great the food was there. So we asked the lady at the information desk how to get to Beale Street. The lady said go six blocks up Main Street and we would find it. We walked and walked and figured we had walked at least six blocks but we hadn't found it yet. A man on the street (we had been warned about the street people) approached us and asked if he could help us. We said we were looking for Beale Street and he said, well follow me as that is where I am heading now. We again walked and walked and finally we were there. The man then told us he was living on the streets and he said he needed a shower and it cost \$7.00 at the mission, we said we didn't have any money and he said ok and led us to a restaurant called Miss Polly's. I saw Rusty walk over and slide him a few dollars and I did the same and he thanked me and off he went. We had breakfast at Miss Polly's and it was great food and great hospitality. We then did some sight seeing on Beale Street and Brenda had to do some Elvis shopping. We returned back at our hotel in time to rest a little and then catch a late lunch and then head over to the convention center for registration. When we were done registering, we were told Tuesday was a free day and the National Auxiliary was sponsoring a trip on Tuesday to St. Jude's Children Hospital and we could sign up to attend for \$10.00 and that would go as a donation to St. Jude's.

Ed and I signed on and when Tuesday came we loaded onto the bus for the tour. That was probably

the best \$10.00 tour I have ever taken.

We arrived at St. Jude's and were directed to the welcome center and asked to look around and enjoy the architecture and information area until a guide was available to give us a tour of St. Jude's Hospital. I took lots of pictures and I think I read all of the information about Danny Thomas and how he started St. Jude's and why he started St. Jude's. I was really wrapped up in the welcome center when our guide showed up. I have had experience with guides before and I just thought they were all the same, monotone drone-like voices who are only there to get the tour over with and collect their paycheck on pay day. I will never think they are all that way again. We had a guide who, I think, was proud to be a part of St. Jude's Children's Hospital and truly loved what she was doing. She had a vast knowledge of all phases of the operation of St. Jude's. I thanked God for getting this guide, because we passed a few other guides and there it was, the drone and their eyes rolling up, as if saying why do I have to do this job. I am sure our guide did not even consider what she was doing as a job. Well, I will say I learned a lot about St. Jude's that day and in this man's opinion I think any child with a life threatening diagnosis needs to be referred to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Wednesday morning, it was time for us to dress in our suits and patriotic ties and start our business meetings from 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. We then had two hours to go to our room and rest and then dress in casual attire for the banquet at 8:00 p.m. We enjoyed a dinner consisting of Bar-B-Q ribs and chicken with sides and dessert and open bar. The entertainment was an Elvis tribute and the Elvis look-alike did a good job. Brenda was in paradise trying to catch his sweat scarves and finally caught the last one he threw. We left the banquet around 10:30 p.m. satisfied with a good meal being well entertained.

Thursday morning, we were back in our suits and patriotic ties for an awards breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Sons of AMVETS Squadron 7 picked up some awards and Sons of AMVETS Squadron 9 picked up some awards. I heard the remark, I thought you would never stop accepting awards, from someone behind us. I was not awarded National Son of the Year,

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but was very honored to have been nominated.

A deserving Son from Florida received National Son of the Year 2014. We Attended a business meeting at 2:00 p.m. After the meeting, we went back to our room and changed and rested and then went to Westy's for Bar-B-Q ribs and catfish. I think they have the best BAR-B-Q ribs and baked beans I have ever tasted. The catfish was very good, also, but I am partial to SOA Squadron 7's fried catfish.

On Friday morning, we were back in our suits and ties attending business meetings. Afterwards, we rested and then went investigating more of Memphis and its charm. I took a lot of pictures of the parks and building in downtown Memphis and horse and buggies and of Beale Street establishments. I took pictures of sunsets and riverboats and barges and people, but when we visited Graceland, I forgot my camera and did not get any pictures of the mansion or contents therein. I hope Brenda will send me some picture of Graceland and I know she has plenty of them, because I don't think she missed getting a shot.

Saturday morning, Ed and I dressed in our suits and patriotic ties

for our last business session ending with the election of officers being held from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We left the meeting and went back to the room and changed and decided to tour the parks and streets again ending up on Beale Street where got some lunch at Miss Polly's and then made our way back to our room. We took our time getting ready for the Officers Dinner aboard the Riverboat Island Queen to begin at 7:00 p.m.

We had a great meal of Bar-B-Q ribs and chicken with sides and desert, I think that must be the standard banquet type meal in Memphis, and we were entertained by a group of musicians that were very talented. I went to the top deck a short time after I finished eating and enjoyed the night lights along the Mississippi River. After the fantastic meal and riverboat ride, Ed and I went back to the room and packed all our things except what we would need in the morning and loaded them in the car so we could get an early start in the morning.

Sunday morning, we left Memphis a little after 5:00 a.m. and about 13 1/2 hours later we were meeting Dick Fleagle, and after transferring my luggage to my



Jim Houck, Jr. at the National Sons of AMVETS Annual National Convention held in Memphis, Tennessee, August 13-16, 2014.

vehicle and saying goodbyes and have a safe trips, I was on my way home.

I want to thank Ed Stely, Dick Fleagle, Department of Maryland Sons of AMVETS, Sons of AMVETS Squadron 7, and everyone else who made this adventure possible. I had one of the greatest times of my life and met some amazing people while enjoying myself so much. I

am looking forward to next year's National Convention being held in Birmingham, Alabama and I am hoping to take my wife, Joan, along to make up for not having her along to see her favorite star's mansion, Graceland.

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Tickling Our Tastebuds

by Denise Valentine

Hello, everyone. Each year when school starts, it brings back lots of memories of when my daughters were younger. Watching for the school bus has once again become a Monday through Friday event at the farm, as our grandson is getting on and off the bus here this year. He usually has his breakfast before he comes; but, if not, a quick pop-tart, waffle, or cinnamon toast is his choice.

I came across this recipe in a newsletter from our milk processor. It is a simple "Breakfast Burrito," and it comes from the Mid-Atlantic Dairy Association. It goes together quicker than you can drive to the local fast food establishment. Maybe with a little variety, you can get your student to eat a good, quick breakfast. Hope you enjoy it.



Breakfast Burrito

Ingredients:

1 whole wheat flour tortilla	1 tablespoon prepared salsa
1 egg, scrambled	1 tablespoon grated cheddar cheese

Directions:

Heat tortilla according to package directions. Lay tortilla flat and spread the cooked scrambled egg in the middle. Spoon salsa on top. Sprinkle with cheese. Fold, roll and go.

Substitution idea (included with recipe): To reduce the fat, substitute egg white for the egg. To spice it up, use pepper jack cheese instead of cheddar.

****The egg can be prepared in the microwave so you can have this ready to go in just a few minutes.**



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Marty Rochlin Assumes Directorship of Camp Airy

The Olympic torch has been passed, and Marty Rochlin has taken over as director of Camp Airy, a Jewish overnight camp for boys in Thurmont.

Rochlin is a former assistant director and programming director for Camp Airy and returns after ten years as assistant principal in middle and high schools in Frederick and Baltimore counties. He spent the recently-concluded camp season transitioning with Rick Frankle, who retired August 10.

"I'm looking forward to coming back to play," jokes Rochlin, who expects to mix his administrative duties with fun and frolic. "I'm very fortunate that camp has come full circle for me."

Rochlin spent eight summers as a camper, beginning at age ten and culminating with the Counselor in Training (CIT) year. Today, he can still name many of his counselors and bunk numbers. Among his favorite activities were soccer, especially playing with the British counselors, "Strat-o-Matic" baseball, basketball, porch ball, and, of course, the Camp Airy Olympics. He spent six seasons in the old bunks on what was called "Bunk Row," which he describes as "the coolest place ever."

"Where else would you find boys dancing on porches with boom boxes?" he laughs.

Rochlin credits a counselor from his second summer, Tim "Smitty" Smith, and his non-stop enthusiasm for getting him hooked on camp and interested in being a counselor himself. Smitty was known for getting all of the kids involved in activities, from the bunk athlete to the bunk nerd. Rochlin became a counselor in 1992, and spent five years as a unit leader before his promotion to assistant director in 2000. He worked at the camp office from August 2000-June 2001, before returning to the classroom.

Rochlin earned his undergraduate degree from Emory University, master's degree in instructional systems development from UMBC and a certificate in administration and supervision from Johns Hopkins University. He resides in Ellicott City, Maryland.

His family history with camp dates back to the 1950s. His parents attended Camp Airy and Camp Louise (Airy's sister camp) and his grandfather, Dr. Sol Smith, was a camp doctor at Airy for several years. His sister, Karen Shuster, also attended and worked at Camp Louise. Currently, his wife, Pam, works at Camp Louise and their daughter, Lilly, age ten, is a camper. Noting the importance of camp history, Rochlin plans to work closely with camp alumni to bolster their involvement as part of a plan to strengthen the camp network all over the country.

"We are grateful that Marty was willing to return to camp, to a place that was still special to him," says Jonathan Gerstl, executive director of Camps Airy and Louise. "His teaching and administrative background gives him a solid foundation in the education arena and with his camp experience, he is the obvious choice to take the helm at Camp Airy. We look forward to many fun-filled summers under Marty."

In 1924, Baltimore philanthropists Lillie and Aaron Straus founded Camp Airy as a fresh-air retreat for young Jewish immigrants from Baltimore. Camp Airy has grown from 11 campers on 16 acres in 1924 to over 800 boys each summer on over 450 acres of land in the Catoctin Mountains. Camp Airy is affiliated with Camp Louise in Cascade, Maryland, which was established by the Strauses in 1922 to offer Baltimore's immigrant women a week's respite from crowded working conditions.

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Almost Blue Mountain City Premieres



Don't miss this glimpse back in time with the premiere of The Thurmont Documentary: *Almost Blue Mountain City*, on Sunday, October 26, 2014, at 2:00 p.m., at the Springfield Manor, located at 11836 Auburn Road in Thurmont. Lite fare will be served at intermission.

This documentary has been ten years in the making by Producer Christopher Haugh.

It is a celebration for Thurmont and surrounding area, and to honor Christopher Haugh for all he has done for Northern Frederick County!

Tickets will be on sale at Ace Hardware and Hobbs Hardware stores in Thurmont and online at www.eventbrite.com (search Almost Blue Mountain City). Tickets are \$50.00 per person.

Presented by the Thurmont Historical Society, Thurmont Main Street, Town of Thurmont, and Frederick County Tourism.



'Til Fall by Francis Smith

Listen to the birds
twilling in the trees;
Hear their happy voices,
their secret melodies.
Can't you just imagine
all the earth at peace
All nations in accord,
aiding each to each.

We know that sunny summer
soon will turn to fall
When the honking geese
repeat their autumn call
As they wing their way
across the even skies;
We look to see their V's
while hearing their harsh cries.

Meanwhile let's rejoice!
After all, it is God's voice
calling to His child.
Let us hear this call!

Philippians 4:8 & 9

by Francis Smith

Whatever is beautiful:

a golden sunrise
bright blue skies
dappled with snow
silver moon and starlight
sparkling dewdrops
on a morning lawn
gently splashing rain
upon a window pane or
tapping on tin roof
warning breath of spring
cooling breeze of fall
brilliant crystal limbs
on winter evergreens.
Think of these things!

Whatever is lovely:

lilies at Eastertide,
roses in bud and bloom,
dogwood and cherry blossoms,
brides in wedding gowns
new-borns
in their mothers' arms,
little tots at play,
grandmas and grandpas,
full of pride.
Think of these things!

Whatever is good:

Morning coffee
wafting up the stairs,
your job, your home, your needs
health and happiness,
time to rest,
understanding neighbors;
our gracious God,
our saving Lord,
our Blessed Mother,
angels and saints,
past and present,
future?
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Whatever is gracious:

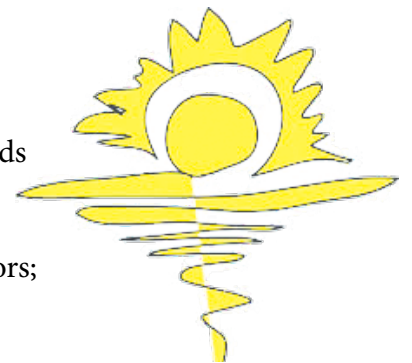
people,
kind and gentle,
politeness and civility,
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in or out of church.
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Whatever has excellence:

is worthy of praise,
is honorable and pure,
is true and virtuous,
whatever is a gift of God:
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In this world

of tears and toil,
listen to Paul
if you desire
the peace of Christ
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To our Kelly

by Linda Elaine Calhoun

To our Kelly ~

Our little girl who is a Mom
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Once so tiny with pink toes,
Who smiled, only several hours old.
You came to us, your daddy and me
To show how much love there could be.
We wouldn't change you in anyway.
Be you, 'cause we love you that way.

love you for eternity plus a day ~

Momma and Daddy



Remembering What Once Was

by Linda Elaine Calhoun



When life was easy and the days were endless.

The world was my play ground I was the best.
Imagination on overtime, me with no limits.
Each day a new adventure not once did I sit.
Many things to do, many things I did.
Explored all that was, so felt like a kid.
Endless energy I had day in and day out.
Turn back the time I so want to shout.

My worlds much smaller, many limits I have.
Most days are so hard, sometimes I'm just sad.
Limitations are many and adjustments I'll make.

Rethink my strategy for my very own sake.
I still have my goals but changed they are.
Back to the simple days I've progressed thus far.
To when things were easy and time stood still.
I've modified my plans and recaptured the hill.

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by Erin Dingle, Administrator, Thurmont Regional Library/Emmitsburg Branch Library, edingle@frederickcountymd.gov

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Special Owl Program

Owls in Art, Owls in Nature bring live owls to the library on Saturday, October 18, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. The program is part of a partnership between the library and Cunningham Falls State Park. You will enjoy hearing information about where owls live, what they eat, and what they do. A local artist will teach a drawing lesson using the owl as a live model. Space is limited, so register today at www.fcpl.org.

Local Film Discussion: *Almost Blue Mountain City*

Join award-winning filmmaker, Chris Haugh, on November 12, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. for a free presentation of his new film about the Thurmont area: *Almost Blue Mountain City*. Sponsored by Frederick County Public Libraries Center for Agricultural History and The Maryland Room, this film features interviews, footage, and stories about the local area never before heard. Over the last ten years, Mr. Haugh researched archives and interviewed local citizens sharing memories and stories about the significant manifestations of the town since its founding in 1751. Mr. Haugh recently won a local Emmy for the film "Heart of the Civil War." He will share portions of the three-hour documentary, share stories, as well as answer questions about the project. Copies of the film will be available for sale.

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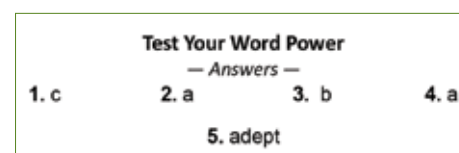
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Think Pink! The library is joining other Thurmont businesses and organizations to raise awareness of breast cancer. Look for information and lots of pink books to pick up when you visit the Thurmont Branch in October.

New book club for adults! Sponsored by the Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library, this community book club is for adult readers interested in discussing books. All are welcome to join. Call 301-898-9033 for more information. Club meets at the library the second Monday of every month through May 2015 (except January).

Winter Computer Class now taking registration and will be held on the first Wednesday night of January, February, and March, starting at 6:00 p.m. Registration is required for the series and is limited to eight participants who will learn about computer parts, effective searches, online safety, email, housekeeping a computer, using the library computers and printers and how to use a USB device. Hands-on experience with a computer during class. Call 301-600-7212 to register.

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Carriage House Inn is looking for Server Assistants and hostesses. Apply within. 200 S.Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD.

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Yard Sale Spaces for Rent Colorfest Weekend, \$15/day, or 3 days for \$40. Saturday ONLY, \$20.00. Victory Tabernacle Church. Route 806, turn onto Kellys Store Road. Call 240-288-8007 for info.

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GARAGE/MOVING SALE: Friday, October 10, at 108 Sunhigh Dr., Thurmont. Everything must go.

27,28.Pippenfest, Fairfield, PA. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. 717-642-5640.

28....Cash Bingo, Guardian Hose Company, Activities Bldg., Thurmont. Doors open 11:00 a.m.; Bingo 1:00 p.m. Lunch served. \$25/advance; \$30/door.

28....Gospel Music featuring Keystone State Quartet, Deerfield U.M. Church, 16405 Foxville Deerfield Rd., Sabillasville. 6:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. Free. 301-241-3158.

28.....Target Shoot, Indian Lookout Conservation Club, Riffle Road, Emmitsburg. 1:00 p.m.

29....Mackenzie's Light Bereavement and Drug Addiction Education Program, Thurmont Regional Library, Moser Rd., Thurmont. 6:30 p.m. Free. 301-524-8064.

29 Absolute Real Estate Auction, former bank building, 4 West Main St., Thurmont. 1:00 p.m. www.auctionEbid.com.

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1 NorthWestern Frederick County Civic Association Meeting, Sabillasville Elementary School, 1621-B Sabillasville Rd. (Rt. 550), Sabillasville. 6:30 p.m. Mountain Fest planning to be finalized. Everyone welcome.

1 Fraud Prevention Seminar by Thurmont Police Department, Thurmont Senior Center, Thurmont. 10:30 a.m. All welcome.

2 Community Volunteer Fair, Thurmont Regional Library. 4:00-6:30 p.m. Your organization is invited to participate. Email edingle@frederickcountymd.gov to reserve your table and send you further information.

3 Light the Park Community Fall Fest, Emmitsburg Community Park, Emmitsburg. 6:00-9:00 p.m. Free event. Inflatables, outdoor movie, obstacle course, design your own scarecrow, free dinner (hot dogs, chili, soup, & more), popcorn, hot chocolate & more! Special treat for every child attending. Sponsored by Christ's Community Church.

3 "Angels Above" Alumni Golf Tournament for Mother Seton School, Mountain View Golf Club, 4099 Bullfrog Rd., Fairfield, PA. Benefits the Jack and Shirley Little Scholarship Fund. \$85/golfer; \$340/foursome (Includes lunch, green fees, cart fee, dinner, & great door prizes). 12:00 p.m. lunch; tee time 1:00 p.m. Tony Little 301-748-5856; littlemoore@littlemoore.com.

4 15th Annual Poker Pub Crawl, American Legion Post 121, Thurmont. Tickets \$20/ person. 11:00 a.m. Information or to purchase tickets: 301-447-2274 or stop in to Post 121.

4 Emmitsburg Lions Club BBQ/Yard Sale, Rt. 15 (across from Getty Mart). Yard sale: 6:00 a.m.; BBQ: 11:00 a.m.

4 All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet & Meat Sale, Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, 10926 Simmons Rd., Emmitsburg (off Rt. 140 on Tom's Creek Church Rd., between Emmitsburg & Taneytown). 6:00-10:00 a.m. \$8/Adults; \$4/ ages 5-10; Free/ ages under 5. Meat Orders due Sept. 28. Ernie Staub 443-605-2995; Dottie Davis 301-447-2403; Rose Glass 443-605-2675.

4 Meet and Greet, Thurmont Regional Library, Moser Rd., Thurmont. 2:00-4:00 p.m. Sponsored by The Northern County Democrats and Friends. Public invited; refreshments served. Bill O'Toole 240-439-7218; otoole@msmary.edu.

4 Oyster, Turkey and Country Ham Dinner (buffet style), Lewistown Fire Hall, 11101 Hessong Bridge Rd., Thurmont. 12:00-5:00 p.m. \$17/Adults; \$7/ages 6-12. \$18/ Carryout. 301-898-9988.

4 Yard Sale & Chicken BBQ, Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Association, 3009 Waynesboro Pike, Fairfield, PA. Spaces \$10; rent table \$5. Lisa 717-642-6989; Bonnie 717-794-5443.

4,5 ... Fall Festival, Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 N. Market St., Frederick. (Fred. Co. Div. of Parks & Rec.) Oct. 4: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Oct. 5: noon-4:00 p.m. Fees for some activities. Parking donation \$1. 301-600-1650; www.rosehillmuseum.com.

5 Lewistown Ruritan Chicken BBQ, US 15 North & Fish Hatchery Road.

5 Turkey Shoot, Graceham Vol. Fire Co. Inc., 14026 Graceham Rd., Thurmont. 11:00 a.m. Type of Gun: 12 Ga. & 4-10, \$2/Shot (10 rounds), \$5 per 50/50 (1-50/50), Brian 301-639-1515.

5 Cash Bingo, Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Association, 3009 Waynesboro Pike, Fairfield, PA. Doors open 11:00 a.m.; Games 12:45 p.m. 717-794-5404. www.brsportsmenscom.ipage.com.

6 Cash Bingo, Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Co., 10307 Coppermine Rd., Woodsboro. Doors open 5:30 p.m.; games 7:00 p.m.

6 Free Community Meal (served first Monday of each month), Graceham Moravian Church, 8231A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. 5:30-7:00 p.m. All are welcome. 301-271-2379.

6 Thurmont Community Clothes Closet, Thurmont United Methodist Church, Long Rd., Thurmont. Open to public. 6:00-7:30 p.m. Clothing, linens, & shoes as available. Donations gladly accepted. Oct./ Nov. only: toys/household goods accepted in anticipation of Christmas. 301-271-4511.

7 Fraud Prevention, Emmitsburg Library, 300 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Seton Center's Pa\$\$port To Wealth program. Free & open to public; no need to pre-register. 301-447-6102.

9 Annual Fire Prevention Open House, Vigilant Hose Company, 25 West Main St., Emmitsburg. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

9-11... FallFest at Harriet Chapel, Harriet Chapel, Catoctin Episcopal Parish, 12625 Catoctin Furnace Rd., Thurmont. 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Yard sale, homemade baked goods, homemade apple butter, & great food. Craft vendors Saturday. www.harrietchapel.com.

10&11 Community Yard Sale!, Graceham Vol. Fire Co. Inc. Station, 14026 Graceham Rd., Thurmont. 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Table Rentals: \$15/table (inside the station), \$10/ table (outside the station). Food Stand will be provided. Ed Woods 301-573-9026.

11 Colorfest Breakfast & Lunch, AMVETS Post 7 Ladies Auxiliary Unit 7, 26 Apples Church Rd., Thurmont. 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

11 Fall Fest Dinner, St. John's Lutheran Church, 8619 Blacks Mill Rd., Creagerstown. 12:00-5:00 p.m. Served family-style. \$14/ Adults; \$7/ages 7-10; Free/ages 6 & under. \$15/Carryouts. Quarts of Pot Pie/\$5. Bake and Fancy Table.

11 Yard Sale, Monocacy Church of The Brethren, 13517 Motters Station Rd., Rocky Ridge. 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Proceeds go to help with catastrophic medical expenses for Ricky Baker and Donn Elsey.

11 Graceham Moravian Church's Yard Sale, 8231 A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Includes "Fill a bag with clothes for \$5." Rain or shine. Sandwiches/ soups available 9:00 a.m.

11,12.Catoctin Colorfest, Thurmont. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

11,12. Ridgefest, Mt. Tabor Park, Motters Station Rd., Rocky Ridge, MD. Apple butter boiling demonstration (Sat. only), food stands, & flea markets. Sponsored by the Willing Workers of Mt. Tabor Church. Free flea market spaces 301-447-6387.

11,12.Mountain Fest, Northwestern Frederick County Civic Association Scholarship Fundraiser. Sabillasville Elementary School, 1621-B Sabillasville Rd. (Rt. 550), Sabillasville. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Free parking, food, crafts, local music.

11,12Fall Festival, Guardian Hose Company Carnival Grounds, East Main St., Thurmont.

12 Car Show, Northwestern Frederick County Civic Association Scholarship

Fund,Sabillasville Elementary School, 1621-B Sabillasville Rd. (Rt. 550), Sabillasville. 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

12 Target Shoot, Indian Lookout Conservation Club, Riffle Road, Emmitsburg. 1:00 p.m.

15 Meet the Candidates Event, Department of Aging, 1440 Taney Ave., Frederick. Sponsored by Frederick County Commission for Women. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free, registration not required. www.Facebook.com/FCCFW or 301-600-1066.

15 Slippery Pot Pie Dinner, Lewistown United Methodist Church, 11032 Hessong Bridge Rd., Lewistown. 12:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$11/ Adults; \$6/ages 6-12; \$12/Carryout. 301-898-7888.

17 Catoctin FFA Chapter hosting Crab Cake Dinner, Emmitsburg Fire Hall. 4:30-7:00 p.m. \$15/person. Amy Jo Poffenberger 301-676-6732 or Sandy Umbel 240-285-6695. Benefits National FFA Trip.

17 Meat Raffle & Buffet, Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Association, 3009 Waynesboro Pike, Fairfield, PA. 717-794-5404. www.brsportsmenscom.ipage.com.

18 Lacie's Legacy 9th Annual Memorial Walk, Carroll Valley Park, Fairfield, PA. Registration 10:00 a.m.; walk 11:00 a.m. Silent auctions, raffles, door prizes, and more! \$10/participant (lunch included). All proceeds to NTSAD for research/education of Tay Sachs Disease in memory of Lacie Wivell. 717-642-6989; email: lisawivell@yahoo.com.

18 "The Coat Closet," Germantown Church of God, 16924 Raven Rock Rd., Cascade. 9:00 a.m.-noon. Coats, gloves, hats, scarves for families in need. Items are free. Limit: one coat per family member. 301-241-3950.

18 Cash Bingo, Lewistown Fire Hall, 11101 Hessong Bridge, Thurmont. Doors open 4:30 p.m.; bingo 6:00 p.m. \$20/advance; \$25/ door. Food & bake table. Proceeds benefit Faith UCC. 301-788-2427 or 301-271-7573.

18 Ladies Night Out Jewelry, AMVETS Post 7 Ladies Auxiliary Unit 7, 26 Apples Church Rd., Thurmont. 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Mary McKinnon 717-968-8026; Diane Kelly 301-748-6894; Ruth Joy 301-305-2859.

18 ESP Annual Fall 5K Fundraiser, Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg. 9:00 a.m. Portion of proceeds go to Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund. www.sites.google.com/site/espautaumrun. 240-315-4379.

18,19.Woodsboro Days, Yard sales, flea markets, farmer' market, pumpkin painting contest, book sale, 5K run/walk (starts 8:00 a.m.) & lots of food. 301-676-5312.

19 Formal Farewell Service, St. John's UCC, 16923 Sabillasville Rd., Sabillasville (route 550 & Harbaugh Valley Rd.). 11:15 a.m., Joan Fry 301-241-3295.

19 Gospel and Hymn Sing, Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Foxville (15116 Foxville Church Rd., Sabillasville, MD). 7:00 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship.

20 Red Cross Blood Drive, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 103 N. Church St., Thurmont. 2:00-7:30 p.m. Terry 301-271-7872 to schedule appt. Walk-ins welcome.

20 Cash Bingo, Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Co., 10307 Coppermine Rd., Woodsboro, MD. Doors open 5:30 p.m.; games 7:00 p.m.

21 Thurmont Community Clothes Closet, Thurmont United Methodist Church, Long Rd., Thurmont. Open to public. 10:00-11:30 a.m. Clothing, linens, shoes as available. Donations gladly accepted. Oct./Nov. toys/ household goods accepted in anticipation of Christmas. 301-271-4511.

24 Family-style Turkey and Oyster Dinner, Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. 3:00-7:00 p.m. \$16/ Adults; \$8/ages 5-10. \$17/Carryout.

24-26.Youth Fall Retreat, Morning Star Family

Church, 14698 Albert Staub Rd., Thurmont. Speaker: retired pro-football player- Rev. Harold Sutton. 301-271-3633.

25 Massacre in the Park, Community Park, Thurmont. 6:30 p.m. Snacks & treats for kids, along with haunted park theme.

25 Back from the Dead Cemetery Walk in St. Joseph's Cemetery, The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in partnership with Mount Saint Mary's. 7:00-10:00 p.m. Dramatization teaches spiritual principles of the Communion of Saints and angels. \$5/ contribution per person. Recommended for ages 14 and up. www.setonheritage.org.

25 1st Annual Catoctin High School Baseball Alumni Vinny Healy Memorial Golf Tournament, Carroll Valley golf course, Fairfield, PA. Registration 9:00-9:45 a.m., start 10:00 a.m. Sponsored by The Vinny Healy Memorial Christian Outreach Fund and Catoctin High School Baseball Alumni. \$360/foursome. Vince Healy at vinnysride@hotmail.com.

25 St. John's/St. Mark's send-off gathering with refreshments, St. John's Parish Hall, 16923 Sabillasville Rd., Sabillasville (Rt. 550 & Harbaugh Valley Rd.). 3:00-6:00 p.m. Drop in any time. Joan Fry 301-241-3295.

26 Pastor Comings' Final Worship Service, St. John's UCC, 16923 Sabillasville Rd., Sabillasville (route 550 & Harbaugh Valley Rd.). 11:15 a.m. Joan Fry 301-241-3295.

26 Premiere of The Thurmont Documentary: *Almost Blue Mountain City*, Springfield Manor, 11836 Auburn Rd., Thurmont. Produced by Christopher Haugh. 2:00 p.m. Lite fare at intermission. Tickets: Ace & Hobbs Hardware; online at Eventbrite. Presented by Thurmont Historical Society, Thurmont Main Street, Town of Thurmont, & Frederick County Tourism.

26 1st Annual Farm Fundraiser in Memory of Jan, Lawyer's Farm. 12:00-7:00 p.m. www.lawyersfarm.com.

26 Kids Halloween Party, Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Association, 3009 Waynesboro Pike, Fairfield, PA. 717-794-5404. www.brsportsmenscom.ipage.com.

26 Target Shoot, Indian Lookout Conservation Club, Riffle Road, Emmitsburg. 1:00 p.m.

26 1st Annual Farm Fundraiser in Memory of Jan Lawyer, Lawyer's Farm & Moonlight Maze, 13001 Creagerstown Rd., Thurmont. 12:00-7:00 p.m.

31 Trick-or-Treat Through History, Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 N. Market St., Frederick. (Frederick Co. Div. of Parks & Rec.) 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring a bag to fill with goodies during walk through history. Free; all ages. Sponsored by the Rose Hill Museum Council. 301-600-1650; www.rosehillmuseum.com.

31 Club Costume Halloween Party, Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Association, 3009 Waynesboro Pike, Fairfield, PA. 717-794-5404. www.brsportsmenscom.ipage.com.

31 Halloween Parade, Emmitsburg Lions Club, DePaul St., Emmitsburg. 7:00 p.m. Halloween Party immediately follows at Vigilant Fire Co., W. Main St., Emmitsburg. 301-447-2401.

31 TRUNK or TREAT at Lewistown Untied Church, 11032 Hessong Bridge Rd., Lewistown. 6:30 p.m. Hot dogs, s'mores, followed by Treats from our Trunks. Costumes are optional.

november

1Basket Bingo, Woodsboro Lutheran Church, Woodsboro American Legion, 101 W. Elizabeth St., Woodsboro, MD. Doors open 12:00 p.m.; Bingo 1:30 p.m. \$20. 20 games, 2 spec, basket King Tut, & more. Robin 301-271-3309.

1 Oyster, Turkey and Country Ham Dinner (buffet style), Faith United Church of Christ, 9333 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD. 12:00-5:30 p.m. \$16/Adults; \$8/ages 6-12; Free/ ages under 6. \$17/Carryout. 301-271-7573.



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