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## “Rocket” the Giraffe Becomes Star Attraction at Catoctin Wildlife Preserve & Zoo

by George W. Wireman

He might be the newest addition to the Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo, but he has become a heart-warming attraction and enjoys the attention he is receiving from the visitors—both young and old alike. His name is “Rocket.” He is a 3-year-old giraffe, currently residing at the zoo, located along U.S. Route 15, just a few miles south of Thurmont.

Carole Brown, president of the Global Wildlife Trust, the organization that governs the zoo said, “Rocket came to the Catoctin Zoo from a private zoo in the north. The zookeeper there, together with her husband, raised Rocket from a baby. Unfortunately, the zookeeper

died suddenly, as a result of a house fire. Her husband has loaned Rocket to the Catoctin Zoo, and we are delighted to have such a beautiful animal.”

The zoo was quick to build a home for Rocket, but he cannot stay for the winter unless the building is heated. The heating system will cost about \$60,000. The zoo has already begun fundraising efforts for the heating project to be able to keep Rocket permanently.

The first in a series of fundraisers was held recently and was a big success. For additional fundraising events, visit the zoo’s website at [cwpzoo.com](http://cwpzoo.com).

Currently, the zoo is selling

buttons and magnets to raise money for Rocket. These are available at \$2.00 each, and can be obtained at the zoo gift shop.

If you haven’t had the opportunity to meet Rocket, by all means make plans to attend the next big fundraiser: “Date Night in the Wild,” scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2011, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Catoctin Zoo. The public is invited to attend this special event

(adults only) for an evening of dancing, gourmet hors d’oeuvres, “zoo-tinis,” exotic animals, and great fun and company. Cash wine and beer are available (Identification required). Wear your best walking/dancing shoes and experience the Catoctin Zoo at night. And Carole Brown says, “Necking is allowed.”

Visit [cwpzoo.com](http://cwpzoo.com) for more information and tickets.



PHoto by Kelly Hahn Johnson  
Shown here is Rocket whispering in Wireman’s ear, “I want to stay in Thurmont and make my home at the zoo.”

## Tropical Storm Irene Breezes Through Northern Frederick County

As Hurricane Irene approached, there was talk by a television newscaster about the psychology of a storm. In anticipation of threatening weather, a range of thoughts play out in our minds when considering the preparation and consequences of a potential disaster. Do I stay or do I go? Am I prepared? Will my house withstand the wind and water? Is there anything that can fly around? What is the best way to keep my family safe? How will I communicate if the power goes out?

While Hurricane Irene tossed

some head games our way on August 27 and 28, 2011, we were merely touched by her tentacles which only resulted in some pesky winds and rain, as her strength was reclassified to ‘Tropical Storm Irene’ in our area -- in the outer limits of her 300 mile reach. Our residents and properties suffered relatively little damage or impact compared to the properties on or near our popular beaches and bay areas.

Storm psychology aside, the bottom line when warned about a potential disaster is, are we prepared?

This storm turned out to be a training exercise in preparedness. According to Judy Peterson, the Executive Director for the Frederick County Chapter of the American Red Cross, there were no service calls in Northern Frederick County from the effects felt from Hurricane Irene.

Seventeen chapter disaster services volunteers participated in servicing area communities—eight serving in Frederick County, with the remaining nine assisting in shelters in Baltimore.

Aside from the local community donating manpower, the Frederick County chapter also served as home base for the Emergency Response Vehicles (ERV) to re-supply and

coordinate locations where affected residents may require assistance.

The ERVs serve as first responders to disaster zones. ERVs would be used to distribute food, water, and blankets to those affected by the hurricane.

ERVs from as far away as Nebraska and Florida arrived in Frederick County, ready to assist at a moments notice to affected areas, such as Baltimore, the Eastern Shore, and as far north as Delaware. This was the first time the Frederick Chapter served in this role for the ERVs, Judy Peterson said.

If you don’t have property around the beaches (and even if you do), in the midst of the storm, you may have realized that you could focus on better thoughts like, “Those dudes surfing those hurricane waves on television seem a little crazy, but they’re really having fun.” Or perhaps another thought like, “Those

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Corrections to Last Issue:

In the August 2011 issue, the “Who Am I?” Kevin Troxell had his business phone number listed incorrectly. The correct number is 301-524-8439.

Correction in the Cross-Eyed Cricket article in August’s issue. Jean and Tim Little are the owners of Little’s Tavern/Cross-Eyed Cricket. Rolanda and Ernie Smith have been leasing it since January, with an option to buy.



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From the Publisher

Dear Reader:

As *The Catoctin Banner Newspaper* continues to improve and grow, we’re experiencing some of those ‘good’ problems. One of those problems is having too much content and not enough space. This month, several columns and stories were left out due to space restraints. Don’t worry, we will include them next month, of course. With each issue, there has to be balance between the advertising support, a.k.a. revenue, and the size of the issue, a.k.a. expenses. Some of you may know that we have not had the staff resources to recruit advertisers. This is about to change.

Today, we are hiring a dedicated professional to handle distribution and advertising sales. You may see her in the coming weeks as she passes through neighborhoods and businesses to determine an expanded map of distribution and invite all of you to advertise in this good-news publication. I don’t know if you’ve noticed, but we’ve had a steady group of consistent advertisers who create the financial foundation of this newspaper. I cannot thank them enough for their consistent support and advertising outreach. I cannot thank our readers enough, either. Without your noticing and utilizing advertiser’s services, newspapers -- including this one -- would not be published.

Please continue to note our NEW phone number for our contest line. It is 240-288-0108. We hope you enjoy our ever-changing good-news publication and we invite your comments and suggestions.

As always, I urge you to patronize the advertisers who reach out to you through *The Catoctin Banner*. Many of our advertisers change the content of their ads from month to month, so look closely. You may even find some discount coupons. Tell them you saw them here! *The Catoctin Banner* exists due to the advertising support of those featured in each publication.

Deb Spalding,  
Publisher

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About The Catoctin Banner & The Catoctin Banner Incentive Program

Here at *The Catoctin Banner*, the majority of the content is information that community members submit in paragraph briefs and photos. The rest of the content is created by column contributors who are, for the most part, volunteers. We have a few paid staff members who work for E Plus Copy Center & Promotions as graphic designers and general do-everything gophers. We integrate the work of the paper as a project of the store.

We created *The Catoctin Banner* Incentive Program to reward our supporters. The Incentive Program is a program where any person can sell an ad or ads and earn money by helping to support this little newspaper.

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## 55th Annual Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show

The Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show will be held at Catocin High School in Thurmont, Maryland, on September 9, 10, and 11, 2011.

The time for entering exhibits is as follows: Thursday, September 8, 2011—6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, September 9, 2011—8:00 to 11:30 a.m. (Please note this change on entering of exhibits on Friday). You may also visit the Community Show's website at [www.thurmontemmitsburgcommunityshow.webs.com](http://www.thurmontemmitsburgcommunityshow.webs.com) to view the premium list for 2011 and the community show booklet. The booklet is available in local grocery stores, banks, and restaurants.

Judging will begin at 12:30 p.m. Commercial exhibits may be entered on Friday, September 9, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The show will open to the public at 6:00 p.m. There is no admission charge to the Event; however, a silver offering will be collected.

Over 3,000 farm and garden, household, quilt, livestock, machinery, and commercial displays can be seen during the three-day event.

On Friday night beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium, a bagpipe procession will be performed by Bill and Alexander Douwes at the beginning of the community and civic flag ceremony. This year, the show committee will honor the 75th Anniversary of the Catocin Mountain Park. Also taking place on Friday night will be the announcement of the 2011-2012 Catocin FFA Chapter Ambassador. Immediately following the program (at approximately 8:15 p.m.), an auction of all baked goods exhibited at the show will be held in the

auditorium. All grand champion and reserve champion baked goods will be sold at 9:00 p.m.

On Saturday, September 10, 2011, the show opens at 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Activities include a Market Goat, Beef, Sheep and Swine Fitting & Showing contest from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ag Center, and a pet show at 10:30 a.m. in front of the school. Entries can be entered on the terrace in front of the school. The pet show is also open to area residents. Categories are: Cat with Prettiest Eyes; Cat with Longest Whiskers; Cutest Cat; Best Trained Pet; Dog with Wiggliest Tail; Prettiest Dog (25 pounds and under); Prettiest Dog (26 pounds and over); Best Costumed Pet; Pet with Most Spots; Largest Pet (by height); Most Unusual Pet; Smallest Pet. The petting zoo and pony rides will also be held on Saturday and Sunday.

The Thurmont Library will again have books for sale in the old gymnasium. Persons wishing to donate books for the library sale can drop them off at the school, while entering exhibits at the show on Thursday night or on Friday morning. Also in the old gymnasium, John Kinnaird will have old pictures of Thurmont, and Helen Mackley will have her display of old buttons and emblems. The Community Show will also have on display old photographs and displays of past years in the old gymnasium.

The Thurmont Grange will again serve their Turkey and Ham dinner in the school cafeteria from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday night. Prices are: Adults—\$12.00; children under 12—\$6.00; and children under 5—\$5.00; Carryouts—\$13.00.

The 36th annual Catocin FFA



Courtesy Photo

### Pryor Performs During Community Show

Lester (aka "Les" or "Bill") Pryor is a Thurmont native. He graduated from Thurmont High School in 1959. After graduation, he worked several years for a Thurmont business until July 1963, at which time he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

Since retiring in January 2002, he enjoys spending time with Anita, his wife of 46+ years, his family (three children, six grandchildren), and friends. Lester and his wife own a Victorian home, built in 1906, in Elkridge, Maryland, and while it requires a lot of work, they consider it to be a labor of love. Lester's love of and appreciation for music began at a very early age. Music remains an important part of his daily life and is an integral part of regular family get-togethers. He enjoys playing guitar and piano, traveling, likes to participate in various games, is actively involved in several hobbies, and still enjoys outdoor sports.

Visit his performance at the Show on Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Alumni Goat, Beef, Sheep & Swine sale will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday night in the Ag Center area. Entertainment will be performed by the Gospel Travelers at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. There is no admission charge.

Activities begin on Sunday, September 11, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., with the Goat Show, followed by the Dairy Show and Decorated Animal Contest. The decorated animal contest will begin at noon, and \$50.00 in prize money will be awarded. Categories are: Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbits, and Goats. At 12:00 p.m., the Catocin FFA Alumni Chicken Bar-B-Que will be held in the cafeteria. Prices are: Adults—\$8.50; children under 12—\$6.00; Carryouts—\$9.50. The 32nd annual horseshoe pitching contest will begin at 1:00 p.m.

The Barnyard Olympics for children will again be held on Sunday afternoon beginning at 1:00 p.m. Age Groups are (5-6), (7-8), (9-10), and (11-13). The event will be expanded because of increased participation by the children, and premiums will be awarded. The Log Sawing Contest will begin at 1:00 p.m. under the show tent in the Ag Center area.

A martial arts demonstration will be given in the old gymnasium

beginning at 1:30 p.m. Also on Sunday afternoon, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., Lester "Bill" Pryor will be performing musical selections in the school auditorium. Mr. Pryor is a 1959 graduate of Thurmont High School.

Farm machinery will be displayed throughout the event and the famous "Cane and Abel" Brown Swiss cattle will be exhibited at the show. Whispering Meadows Alpaca Breeders will have on display their Alpacas and Emu's will be exhibited by Old Orchard Emu and Jim and Peggy Royer. There will also be a petting zoo and pony rides, with various animals for children to pet and take pictures of.

Exhibits must be removed on Sunday, September 11, 2011, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Community Show is sponsored by the Thurmont Grange, Catocin FFA Chapter, Catocin FFA Alumni, and the Maryland State Agricultural Fair Board.

Come and see the many farm, garden, household, canned goods, flowers, baked products, quilts, sewing exhibits, and animals exhibited by the residents of the Catocin High School area. There is no admission charge, and there will be plenty of good food, entertainment, free parking, and door prizes, all donated by area businesses.

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## Emmitsburg, September 2011

### State Mandates Sewer Upgrade

The State of Maryland has mandated that the town upgrade its sewer facility. The State Flush Tax will pay for 75 percent of the project, but the town has to fund the remainder. The Flush tax was implemented in January 2005 to collect a tax of \$2.50 per month on each septic system owner. The funds are collected by the County and turned over to the State to support the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Restoration Fund. The program aims to help reduce nitrogen discharge that harms the aquatic life of the bay. The Emmitsburg project is estimated to cost about \$20 million, with the town supporting \$5 million of the cost. Town officials estimate that they will need to collect an additional \$400,000 to \$450,000 a year in sewer fees in order to fund this required upgrade. Unfortunately, the town will need to increase the sewer rates as a condition for getting the grant funding. Construction is expected to begin in 2012.

### Town Election in September

The town election will be held on September 27, 2011. Two seats will be on the ballot: one for Mayor and one for Commissioner. Mayor Hoover will be running for re-election and Commissioner Staiger will be running for re-election. Emmitsburg has around 1,500 registered voters; however, only about 12 percent of them vote in the elections. For more information, please contact the town office.

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

## Farmer's Markets:

**Emmitsburg** — South Seton Avenue, Fridays from 3:00-6:30 p.m.

**Thurmont** — Thurmont Carnival Grounds on Boundary Avenue, Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

# town hall reports

by Michele Cuseo

## Thurmont, September 2011

### Town Election in October

Two town commissioner seats are up for election on October 3, 2011, at the Firemen's Activity Building. The commissioner seats are currently held by Commissioner Lookingbill and Commissioner Muth. The last day to register to vote is September 6, 2011. The town is looking for support personnel to help with the election. If you are interested, please call 301-271-7313 ext. 204.

### Colorfest Plans

The plans for Colorfest are fast approaching. Mayor Burns is reminding citizens that this is a huge financial bonus to the town. The Fire and Ambulance Services have their booths set up and will benefit greatly from this fundraiser to offset their expenses. For citizens in town wanting to have yard sales or craft sales, please contact the town office to ensure that you have a permit for Saturday and Sunday. Yard sales held before the weekend are OK without the permit.

### Town donates \$20,000 to Local Emergency Services

The town officials are donating \$10,000 each to the Guardian Hose Company and the Thurmont Community Ambulance Service. The town tries to do this each and every year to help support emergency services in northern Frederick County. The donation was taken from the town's general funds.

### Senior Center to Have Grand Re-Opening in the Fall

Construction has started on the Senior Center improvements that were made possible via a \$158,000 grant. Once the improvements have been made, a Grand Re-opening is planned. Watch for news this fall.

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

## Emmitsburg Candidates Night

The Emmitsburg Business & Professionals Association will host a candidates forum on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vigilant Hose Company. See live streaming video on [www.ebpa.biz](http://www.ebpa.biz).

## Thurmont EDC Board of Directors



Courtesy Photo

The Thurmont EDC / Main Street 2011-2012 Board of Directors. Pictured left to right: Director John Nickerson, Chairman John Kinnaird, Treasurer Tammy Green, Director Joanne Patenaude, Director Carol Robertson, and Secretary Virginia LaRoche. Vice Chairwoman Stacie Zelenka was not available for this photo.

The Thurmont Economic Development Committee (EDC) and Thurmont First Main Street, Inc. elected a Board of Directors for the 2011-2012 year. The election was held during the August 17, 2011 membership meeting at the Mountaingate Family Restaurant. The EDC welcomes all businesses and residents within the 21788 zip code area to join us, as we work to improve our community and to strengthen the Thurmont Business Community. Some of our upcoming projects include: a fall parking meter decorating event, Saturday Stroll, Flea & Farmers Market, Christmas in Thurmont, and the much anticipated 2012 Thurmont Business Expo. Visit [www.thurmontfirst.com](http://www.thurmontfirst.com) for information about our organization and events, or you can call Main Street Manager, Cindy McKane-Wagester at 301-271-7313 x212 or Chairman John Kinnaird at 301-606-9458.

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## Regional Earthquake Shakes Things Up in the Catoctins

Motorcycles? A terrorist bomb? Neither. An earthquake!? Yes! In Maryland? Yes! To much amazement, our area residents experienced the effects of an earthquake.

At 1:51 p.m. on the afternoon of August 23, 2011, the area experienced a rare earthquake measured at 5.8 on the Richter Scale. The epicenter was located slightly over one hundred miles south of the Emmitsburg-Thurmont area in the Richmond suburb of Mineral, Virginia.

The quake was felt as far north as the Canadian border.

Nick Howarth from Taneytown was in the Taneytown Library when the earthquake occurred. He said, "Computers and tables started shaking and things started falling off the shelves. Someone shouted, 'Earthquake!'," but no one panicked."

Because the ground on the East Coast is older than the West Coast, seismic tremors tend to travel farther here. This earthquake occurred at a very shallow depth of three miles. Unlike most quakes that occur along fault lines, this quake did not. However, the occurrence was not a complete surprise to geologists, since it occurred in an area known as the Central Virginia Seismic Zone.

Charles Kline of Emmitsburg said he didn't feel the earthquake but was talking to his sister who works at St. Catherine's in Emmitsburg. He said, "I didn't notice it, but my sister works out here and she was in a rocking chair, and the floor started shaking. And she didn't notice it till she stopped rocking the chair, but it [the rocker] kept going."

Earthquakes, while rare, are not completely uncommon on the east coast. In 1997, a magnitude 2.5 quake hit the D.C. region, but it did little to no damage. Last year, on July 16, 2010, a magnitude 3.6 quake shook the region at 5:04 a.m. During the quake of 2010, the epicenter was located in Gaithersburg, Maryland. However, the last magnitude 5 earthquake that hit the state was back in 1897.

According to the Maryland Geological Survey, no major earthquake epicenter has been recorded in Frederick County since record keeping began.

On the day of the quake, one area local at the Sheetz in Thurmont noted, "At first I thought the bass was too loud, then I noticed the sub-woofer wasn't even on. Nothing was damaged, but the cat was very annoyed. She [the cat] was sleeping and did not like being disturbed."

Area residents throughout the region reacted calmly to the situation with relatively few 911 calls made to the county dispatch center.

Tanya Roberts from Fairfield, Pennsylvania, said she was running around the house telling her children, aged 1 to 9 years, to "Get under something." She said, "Everything was shaking. It wasn't normal."

As with any natural disaster, the American Red Cross reminds people to have adequate supplies and a family plan in place for when the unexpected does occur. The American Red Cross Earthquake Preparedness List may be obtained by visiting <http://www.redcross.org/www-files/Documents/pdf/Preparedness/checklists/Earthquake.pdf>.

**"Irene" continued from cover...** people waiting in line for hours for those sand bags or batteries in D.C. and Virginia may be crazier than the surfers. Glad I'm not in those lines." This type of solid rationale helped solidify our collective plan of action, which ultimately, was -- to sit back and relax.

Since surfing our area's waters would not be smart, and we were glad that we were prepared by buying batteries two days before the storm, we heaved a collective sigh of relief and may have even wondered, "Who's having a hurricane party?" Perhaps you hosted one yourself. Regardless, I have a feeling that you made the most of it. Afterall, you were prepared!

## Everybody's Day at Pen Mar Park Cancelled

The Washington County Department of Recreation and Fitness announced that Everybody's Day at Pen Mar Park, originally scheduled for Sunday, August 28, 2011 at 12:00 noon, was cancelled due to the impending weather forecast.

The waltz and jitterbug dance competitions associated with Everybody's Day will be rescheduled for October 2, 2011. More details on the rescheduling of the day's events will be available in the near future at [www.washco-md.net](http://www.washco-md.net).

## Mountain Memories

Mountain Memories Craft Shop owner, Pat Manahan of Sabillasville and associate, Kellie Portner of Catocin Hollow, have been friends forever.

They each have over 20 years of experience in tole painting, sewing and assembling crafts and have operated the Mountain Memories Craft Shop in Thurmont for 14 years. Crafters who don't have the time to get their crafts done and ready in time for a show, seek out Pat and Kellie at Mountain Memories to complete their craft assembly and preparation.

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Mountain Memories items have been shipped all over the world to fulfill custom orders or to mail items purchased by visitors in the Mountain Memories Store which is located at the intersection of Frederick Street and Moser Road in the yellow house near the Cozy Inn. Mountain Memories is open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and by appointment by calling 301-771-9100 or 240-405-4355.



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Pat Manahan, left, and Kellie Portner of Mountain Memories Craft Shop and Services in Thurmont are shown painting an image on a customer-supplied piece of furniture.

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The Mountaintop Community Churches, One Mountain Foundation, and the Fort Ritchie Community Center are hosting A Remembrance Service on Patriot's Day. The service will commence at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 11, 2011, at the Fort Ritchie Community Center on Lake Royer Drive in Cascade, Maryland. The purpose of the service is to remember and reflect on the fallen of September 11, 2001, to honor America and to honor our local community 1st Responders, to unite in patriotic music and with those still grieving, and to collectively join in prayer for our Nation. The public is welcome to join with the mountaintop community on the 10th Anniversary of the day that changed our lives forever.

The community churches participating are Living Word Church and St. Rita Catholic Church, Blue Ridge Summit, PA; Germantown Church of God and St. Stephen's United Church of Christ, Cascade, MD; Jacob's Church, Fairfield, PA; Pen Mar United Brethren in Christ Church, Pen Mar, MD; "Life Changing Ministries" of the Church of God of Prophecy, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, and St. John's United Church of Christ, Sabillasville, MD.

For additional information are Pastor Mark Hosler at 301-241-3050, Pastor Richard Daughtridge at 240-217-3701, or Bill Carter at 301-241-4501.

## A Few Good Men Honor Their Fallen Brother

Twelve active-duty and/or former U.S. Marines ran 100 miles to honor their fallen Marine Brother, Captain Tyler B. Swisher, and to raise funds for the education of Tyler's three children and Operation Gift Cards, a non-profit organization that distributes gift cards to recovering warriors at Bethesda and Walter Reed Hospitals.

Captain Tyler B. Swisher died when his vehicle was struck by an IED while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in AL Amariyah, Iraq, on October 21, 2005.

Tyler was survived by his wife, Stephanie, and his three children—Ashleigh, Madison, and Jacob—who are residents of Boone, North Carolina.

Several U.S. Marines who served alongside Tyler began a 100-mile journey in his combat boots from the Cozy Inn in Thurmont, Maryland, at 0600 hrs on August 11, 2011, and ran through the country-sides of Maryland and Virginia and into the District of Columbia. The Marines stopped briefly at the Marine Barracks 8th & I, where they were joined by a contingent of Marines to finish the remaining 5 miles to Arlington National Cemetery, Section 60, Site 8254. They arrived at Tyler's graveside on August 12, in order to hold a brief ceremony honoring their fallen brother.

Captain Swisher's Marine brothers found out about his death last year and decided to honor him with a physical feat deserving of his respect. The Marines came together and formed a nonprofit organization named Always Brothers. The mission of Always Brothers is to simply serve Veterans and their families with honor and integrity. To learn more about Always Brothers or donate to the cause, please visit us online at [www.alwaysbrothers.org](http://www.alwaysbrothers.org).

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## The 4th Annual Brotherhood Ride to Honor 411 Fallen Heroes

On September 11, 2001, a total of 411 emergency service workers who responded to the Twin Towers died as they attempted to rescue people and fight fires. The New York City Fire Department lost 343 firefighters. The New York City Police Department lost 23 officers. The Port Authority Police Department lost 37 officers, and 8 additional EMTs and paramedics from private EMS were killed.

The 4th Annual Brotherhood Ride 2011 consists of firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency medical personnel, who ride bicycles to honor their memory by bicycling over 1,600 miles in 22 days. The ride will begin in North Naples, Florida, on August 20, 2011, and end at Ground Zero in New York on September 10, 2011. The Brotherhood Ride will be stopping in Emmitsburg on September 7, 2011—the Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company will host the riders for the night. The Vigilant Hose Company and Ott House have agreed to provide supper when they arrive in Emmitsburg.

The riders and support will meet with local fire departments and law enforcement agencies along their route to show the spirit of Brotherhood. There will also be several fundraising events in the Naples-Fort Myers, Florida area. Proceeds will benefit the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and Concerns of Police Survivors.

The Brotherhood Ride provides emotional and financial support to the families of the heroes who have died in the line of duty. Past rides include from Naples, Florida to Charleston, South Carolina, for nine firefighters who died in the line of duty. The second ride encompassed 413 miles to honor a Police Officer whose badge number was 413. The third ride took them to Houston, Texas, to honor two fallen firefighters who died in the line of duty. The Brotherhood Ride has donated over \$68,000 to the families.

If you would like more information regarding the ride or to make a donation, you can visit: [www.brotherhoodride.com](http://www.brotherhoodride.com) or contact Brotherhood Ride President/Founder, Jeff Morse, at 239-633-7098.

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## TMS Student Cultivates Musical Talent

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While many middle-schoolers spent their summer break catching up on sleep, playing with friends, and playing video games, one Thurmont Middle School student put his musical talents to the test. Donovan Gibbs, a 7th grader, spent five days in August at Baltimore's Secret Sound Recording Studio with engineer/producer John Grant, laying down tracks for an album of his own original compositions.

Donovan, who got his first taste of the recording studio during Summer 2010, when he recorded his first song, ".22 Theory," had been itching to get back to the studio to professionally record other songs he has written over the past several years, pursuing his dream of a career in music. He was prepared to forego a trip to Ocean City in exchange for studio time. Fortunately, the recording time was arranged around the beach vacation and a family camping trip.

Donovan, who has an inventory of about 50 songs he has penned, was able to fully record and produce three more songs. The first song he completed was "Avocation Echo," an instrumental that begins with a haunting piano introduction and gradually builds to a crescendo, as keyboards, bass and drums, and finally, guitars, are added to compliment the piano melody. "Revelations," an upbeat instrumental song with an infectious drumbeat and pulsating keyboard rhythm, was the next endeavor. The four-minute song took an entire day

to complete, and features a drum solo and soaring wah-wah guitars. "It's amazing how much time it takes to record just one song," Donovan mused when describing a sequence of events that requires the recording of one track after another, then tweaking and equalizing each track, and finally mixing the individual tracks into the completed song. The budding artist's final recording of the summer, which was as an instrumental along with vocals supplied by a guest vocalist, is "Black Hill."

A self-taught musician, Donovan played all the instruments on "Black Hill," including drums, bass, rhythm and lead guitars, and keyboards. Despite the arduous and time-consuming process, Donovan noted that, "It's fun to look back at the whole [process], playing one instrument after another and bringing them all together to sound like a full band." He described the long hours as "rewarding." Donovan noted that "Black Hill" was more of a challenge and one more step forward, because unlike the previous songs, this one included self-penned lyrics. Proud of his accomplishment, Donovan assessed the 4-song finished product as "incredible" and the self-coined, "supericulously beast-o," a sentiment shared by others.

During one CD listening party, a 25-year-old listener remarked that "Black Hill" -- which in the musical style of English power metal band Dragonforce -- was "better than anything on the radio right now." Donovan's contemporary worship

music team leader at his church, Lewistown United Methodist Church, exclaimed, "He's got way too much talent to waste. We've gotta do something with him." That "something" is already taking form.

With four completed songs on a CD, Donovan is now actively pursuing the marketing end of music, having recently signed on with an A&R talent group based in California, TAXI, which matches musical talent with specific entities. At the age of 12, he has already come to the conclusion that his future is in music.

Over the summer, he was awarded a music scholarship from the Community Foundation of Frederick to attend the Frederick School of Rock. Donovan is also a finalist in a poetry competition sponsored by the World Poetry Movement for lyrics to one of his songs, "Be There."

The young songwriter has been composing music since he was nine years old. He taught himself to play piano, and within a couple of years was not only adept at piano and keyboards, but was also a self-taught guitarist and drummer.



Photo by Rich Gibbs  
Donovan Gibbs, age 12, is shown in-studio working with some of his instruments to record original sound tracks for his album.

Not satisfied with simply learning to play others' songs, he soon started writing his own music and lyrics. With the assistance of his parents and utilizing a 16-track home recording studio and full complement of instruments, Donovan records demo versions of his compositions, returning to Mr. Grant and his studio to record the best of the best.

While Donovan begrudgingly acknowledges that he has yet to achieve the fame of some teen idols, he is optimistic that his songwriting abilities will evolve into a music-oriented career. Donovan's music is featured on Youtube, where a search of "Donovan Revelations" will link a viewer to several videos he has produced featuring his original music. He is also in the process of developing a website for his music.





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[From a Staff Correspondent]—Frederick, Md., Oct. 31.—State's Attorney Walter J. Bann, of Frederick county, was notified this afternoon of the shooting of Mrs. Bessie C. Darling, of Baltimore, at her Deerfield Hotel. Sheriff Cowan, told the prosecutor that he had a "complete confession" from George Schultz, who is in a serious condition at a hospital here.  
[Special Dispatch to The Evening Star]—Frederick, Oct. 31.—Mrs. Bessie C. Darling, of Baltimore, was fatally shot and George Schultz, an employee of the State Health Department, was wounded today at Valley View Manor, a summer hotel Mrs. Darling operated at Frederick, near Salisbury.

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## Fitzgerald's Heavy Timber Construction, Inc.

by Aaron Heiner

Fitzgerald's Heavy Timber Construction, Inc. is a Thurmont-based, full-service structure rehabilitation company whose core business is the application of heavy timber framing techniques for new construction and the restoration of historic landmarks. Using both modern technologies and vintage machinery, Fitzgerald's Heavy Timber Construction, Inc. specializes in barn, log cabin, covered bridge construction and restoration, utilizing a Frick sawmill and other heavy timber equipment.

Dean Fitzgerald has been working with wood for the majority of his life. "There's no better way to build than to put up a building in such (a way) as that it will last longer than we do." Taking much pride in craftsmanship and attention to quality and detail, Fitzgerald goes on to state, "I get pretty passionate about this stuff. It's not easy work, but it's very rewarding work."

A centerpiece of Fitzgerald's operation is the Frick sawmill used by himself and his crew. Fitzgerald purchased the 1900s era Frick sawmill from the Moser family. The sawmill was built in Waynesboro, the same town that Fitzgerald is from. "They were so well made, they were making that same machine until 1980, 1982." The Frick sawmill greatly assists in how Fitzgerald's Heavy Timber Construction is able to restore wooden structures as well as they do.

Aside from timber services, the company can furnish an array of support services, including finished designs, general contracting, and masonry restoration, as well as sheet metal roofing services. Fitzgerald's

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But what really makes Fitzgerald's company shine in Frederick County is that the timber company is a complete historic restoration services contractor, and an EPA Certified Lead-Safe Firm.

By offering masonry services, the company can properly match foundation repairs to the original methods and materials used, maximizing the structure's lifespan. Fitzgerald states that it is extremely important to have a good foundation in place before restoration work on any wooden structure begins.

As president of the Frederick County Covered Bridge Preservation Society, Fitzgerald was responsible



Photo by Aaron J. Heiner

Dean Fitzgerald, Fitzgerald's Heavy Timber Construction, Inc., stands in front of a one hundred year old saw used for cutting small lumber at his shop near Thurmont, Maryland.

for the reconstruction of the Loy's Station Covered Bridge in 1994, which was destroyed by arson several years prior.

Fitzgerald was also responsible for restoration and repainting of the Roddy Road Covered Bridge and extensive restoration of the Utilca Mills Covered Bridge, making him one of the only covered bridge restoration specialists in the world. "We're working on a covered bridge up by Harrisburg at the moment."

"There are just some things you just can't replace, like backbreaking hard-sweat work. There's a lot of technology out there that we incorporated that we embrace." Combined with new technologies such as computer-aided design and other modern skills, coupled with traditional methods, and vintage tools, Fitzgerald's Heavy Timber Construction, Inc. is able to meet the needs of the most discerning client.

Fitzgerald closes to state, "In an effort, we incorporate these new technologies with these old traditional values to make long

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## “Operation Wedding”

Sergeant Michael DeGeorgio, active member of the U.S. Army's 57th Sapper Company out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, won an “Operation Wedding” essay contest sponsored by Shade Trees & Evergreens of Libertytown, Maryland. The prize for his essay was a dream wedding in which Emmitsburg's Carriage House Inn Catering contributed a succulent feast. The members of the Carriage House family in Emmitsburg wish to extend congratulations to Sergeant Michael DeGeorgio and his new bride, Julie were married on Saturday, August 13, 2011. Their dream wedding was made possible by generous donations by many Frederick County wedding vendors, including: venue provided by Shade Trees and Evergreens Event Grounds, catering by Carriage House Inn Catering, wedding cake by Tastefully Ever After, invitations by Organized Bride, photography services by Annabelle Dando Photography, limo services donated by Shade Trees & Evergreens, wedding dress by Local Bridal Shop, tuxedo rentals by Charell's Rentals, hair and make-up by the Frederick School of Cosmetology, linens and china by Premier Party Rentals, florist services by A'Bloom Florist, disc jockey services by Spin Doctors, and fireworks by Creative Pyrotechnics.

Excerpts from Michael's heart-warming essay that he submitted to win the Operation Wedding Contest are included below. Hats off to all of our military personnel and also to all citizens at home who bring supporting our troops to a prominent level. Thank you to all wedding vendors, your generosity makes us proud to be a part of Frederick County. Thank you to

Michael and Julie, your service to our country makes us proud to be Americans.

Excerpts from Michael's essay: *Greetings! My name is Sergeant Michael DeGeorgio and I am currently deployed to Wardak Province, Afghanistan with the U.S. Army 57th Sapper Company from Fort Bragg, North Carolina. I am writing to you on behalf of myself and my fiancée, Julie Prather. Most importantly, we would like to thank you all so much for supporting those of us in the military and providing us with the opportunity for something as great as this. It means more to us than we can properly express. Julie and I recently became engaged on July 4th while I was home in Maryland for R&R leave. ...whilst we were growing up, our families were friends through school function participation and athletics... Julie and I were never really close at all, mainly due to the fact that she is four years older than I. We never really connected until February 2009, after I returned from my first deployment to Iraq.*

*While I was in Iraq, Julie became very supportive to my parents and always asked how I was doing. We were reintroduced to each other by my parents at our church...In total, I have been deployed for 28 months out of the past 48.*

*I believe that we deserve to win this wedding partially because of my service to our wonderful country, but I mainly feel that Julie deserves to win it immensely because of the service she has given, the troublesome times and the sacrifices she has made. Even before she and I got together, she has been a long-time, extensive donor for the National Fallen Heroes Foundation, Bubbas Belly Run (an organization supporting families of lost soldiers) and the USO.*

*She also enjoys volunteering at the*

*homeless shelter. Julie enjoys the Christmas time as she enjoys dressing as an elf and volunteering her time to making kids smile. She and her family volunteer and organize a Christmas program for the community to participate in for free. She has collected food for the poor, had kids write Christmas cards to soldiers, decorated Christmas cookies with the kids and helped kids pick out gifts for their families. Julie has always felt the need to help others. For several years now she has worked with her family in training dogs for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. She is very interested in becoming a dog trainer to train dogs to assist wounded veterans and becoming a foster home for the pets of soldiers going overseas so they don't have to get rid of their pets... Julie is one of the strongest people I know. She has made it very well through some very tough times recently in the past couple years. About a year ago... her car finally called it quits on her. She bought a new car, and just a couple weeks later, she became the victim of identity theft when her credit cards and bank card were stolen. Then to top it all off, due to company downsizing, she was let go from her job... Julie is always thinking about others and making sure they are happy before her.*

*So the true reason that I am writing this is because of the fact that I love this woman with every bit of my heart and soul, and I will do anything just to see her smile and to make her happy. I want to be able to give her the wedding of our dreams to use as a catalyst for the life-long commitment we will be making to each other, and the unbreakable covenant we will consecrate together before God in Holy matrimony...*

*Sincerely,  
SGT Michael DeGeorgio*

## Who will be the Thurmont Volunteer of the Year for 2011?

Nominate someone who is making a difference in the lives of others: working with children in the schools or helping at the food bank, a member of a service organization or church, a special neighbor who is always there to help whenever needed. The only requirement is that the volunteer service must be done in the area of zip code 21788.

Nominations are due October 1, 2011. Forms are available at the Thurmont Regional Library, the Thurmont Town Office, or online at [www.thurmontlionsclub.com](http://www.thurmontlionsclub.com). Coordinated by the Thurmont Lions Club.



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Operation Wedding winners, Julie (Prather) and Michael DeGeorgio, are shown during the fireworks display at their prize wedding on August 13.

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## Scales & Tales Program at Cunningham Falls State Park

by Aaron Heiner

Scales & Tales is an environmental education program provided by the Maryland Park Service at the Cunningham Falls State Park, located off the Catoctin Mountain Highway (US #15).

The program allows visitors of the park to get near many native Maryland species that the general public would not often be able to get close to. With a mixture of outdoor exhibits, live interaction with displays inside the visitor's center and information from knowledgeable naturalists, the Scales & Tales program provides many people with a good opportunity to observe native wildlife in a safe, controlled environment.

Betty Rossie, a park service Seasonal Naturalist for Scales & Tales has been with the park for two seasons now. "We utilize injured birds of prey and reptiles to educate local school children and visitors to the park." Rossie went on to add, "The first part of our job is to take care of our animals."

The program's name originates from the stories that come along with how the birds of prey and reptiles came in to the care of the park service. The stories also educate the public on the details on each animal, what makes them unique in the ecosystem and the impact man has on them, as well as loss of habitat, environmental pollution, resource management, and biodiversity.

"We try to educate that there are things that are normal, natural things for humans, but interact badly for animals," Rossie states.

Most of the birds and reptiles on display are unable to be released into the wild and have come under the



Photo by Aaron J. Heiner  
John Zuke holds a barred owl on a special glove to protect his arm from the bird's talons.

care of the park service due to illness or injury. With the careful attention of park service staff, these animals have been nursed back to health.

Rossie is joined by Naturalist John Zuke and a regular park ranger who assists when needed at the aviary's visitors centers. Zuke, a former Frederick County Public School teacher with 30 years experience, retired and joined the Scales & Tales program a year and a half ago. Zuke regularly handles the birds that reside in the aviary.

According to Zuke, the aviary was built in 2003, when the program started in Cunningham Falls State Park, though the Scales and Tales program dates back much farther at other parks that offer the program. Aside from birds, the program is also home to reptiles, such as a Maryland Terrapin, and several other breeds of turtles. The location also plays hosts to a variety of snakes, as well.

Scales & Tales offers presentations to local parks, community centers, and schools throughout the year.

While Zuke prepares to show one of the birds to a local visiting family, Carter Chambers (age 5) of Baltimore, Maryland, enjoyed seeing the birds on display at the Scales and Tales aviary. "[I like] the color of their wings and their feathers. They're soft." Her mother, chuckling, said that she sometimes likes to play bird. "Tweet," Carter chirps happily.

For information, please visit: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/snt.asp>.

## Hidden Object Game and "Where Am I?" Photo Game

**Congratulations!** August's *Hidden Object* and "Where Am I?" Game Winners were Maddie Weigelt (\$25 Gift Certificate) and Johnny Kempisty (\$10 Gift Certificate). The hidden computer mouse was located on page 9 in the the Drive Your Tractor to School photo.

Last month's "Where Am I?" photo showed the front entrance of the Emmitsburg Community Building which was also the former Emmitsburg School. This month's Hidden Object is a skier.

For the "Where Am I?" photo contest, take a look at the photo directly below this box and tell us where it was taken. It is somewhere in or around our Northern Frederick County Area. Our area is defined as Rocky Ridge to Cascade and Lewistown to Emmitsburg, Foxville to Creagerstown and everywhere in between. Call 240-288-0108 to leave a message or e-mail [news@thecatocinbanner.com](mailto:news@thecatocinbanner.com). Don't forget to leave your name and phone number. Please only leave game messages on the message line. Call our regular number with all other inquiries.

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## Adventure at Sea



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Boy Scout Troop 270 and Cub Scout Pack 270 spent August 6-7, 2011, in Camden, New Jersey, aboard the Battleship U.S.S. New Jersey. The scouts had the opportunity to visit three historic landmarks in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area: the U.S. Mint, Independence Hall, and the Liberty Bell.

After attending dinner aboard the battleship, the group was split into smaller groups and then given a personal tour by a U.S.S. New Jersey volunteer. The scouts experienced the feeling of flight taking turns in a flight simulator, and then slept in the same bunks the soldiers slept in many years before.

The Battleship New Jersey was built in three years and commissioned from 1942 till 1991. This battleship received the title of the "Most Decorated Ship" due to being awarded nineteen battle and campaign stars. The ship is 887 feet 7 inches long from bow to stern and is 108.2 feet wide. Troop 270 & Cub Scout Pack 270 learned much about history on this trip, and it will be a trip not soon forgotten.

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Pictured (to left and above) is Allen Krenzer from Thurmont.

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## Thurmont Police, Part II: Officer Stackhouse

by Aaron J. Heiner

*This is part two of a two part article on the Thurmont Police Department.*

On a balmy summer morning, Officer Joshua Stackhouse of the Thurmont Police Department began his shift in unit 2309, a late model Ford Interceptor cruiser. Logging into the mobile data terminal (MDT), mounted between the driver's seat and the passenger seat, unit 2309 with Officer Stackhouse began a day of public service.

Since he was a child, Stackhouse knew that he wanted to have a career where he could help people. "It was a toss-up between this or the Coast Guard." In the end, becoming a law enforcement officer for local land-based communities won out.

After graduating from Harrisburg Area Community College and then the local police academy, Stackhouse entered his chosen field and began his career in law enforcement, working part-time for the Waynesboro police department.

Stackhouse joined the Thurmont Police Department a little under a year ago. The Thurmont Police

Department offered job stability and benefits that were lacking for part-time police officers in Pennsylvania. Aside from the benefits, Thurmont offers its officers what Stackhouse enjoys most about the department, "We build

that brotherly bond here. We're like a family," Stackhouse states, referring to the relationship shared by the members of the police department.

"It's a very progressive department. My chief is a very good man. My lieutenant is a very good guy. They try to get us the best equipment afforded, and that's just one of the things that best sets this department apart from other departments—we have 99 percent of what we need." Stackhouse said, enthusiastically.

When it comes to the town, Stackhouse likes the people. "We have a really good group of people living in this town. Everybody here knows everyone. It's a very personable town, and the community stands behind the police

department."

The day's patrol was routine and started out with offering assistance to a car that had broken down in a residential area. A few minutes later, Officer Stackhouse stopped to compare notes with Officer First Class Fitzgerald near the ambulance company. Fitzgerald, the other on-duty officer on the street this day, had trained Stackhouse when he started with the force the previous year, and feels Stackhouse has a good future ahead of him in law enforcement.

As the morning progressed, Stackhouse stopped along US #15 North to assist a motorist whose van was stopped on the shoulder; the driver had been stung by a bee. From there, the cruiser headed to Frederick to run several errands including picking up evidence and records from a pawn shop as part of an ongoing investigation, stopping at the Frederick County Law Enforcement Center to have a disabled MDT (the laptop computer used in the cruisers) serviced, and dropping off confiscated tags to the MVA.



Discussing the day's game plan, Officer Stackhouse (left) and Officer Fitzgerald (right) are parked near the Thurmont Ambulance Company.

Returning to Thurmont, Stackhouse performed business checks along Frederick Road before stopping by Rocky's Pizza for lunch. Rocky's, like many other local businesses, has a wonderful relationship with the local police. This fact was further observed throughout the day during foot patrol and meter enforcement in downtown Thurmont. Many of the owners are glad to see the friendly face of Officer Stackhouse. "I pride myself on my relations with the public," Stackhouse noted.

"He's down to earth. He treats everybody fair, that's what I like about him," stated Sheryl Jones, owner of Thurmont Barber & Styling on East Main Street. Jones' statement is shared by most of

the local community business owners around the square. Similar statements are repeated when Stackhouse stops in at the Bank of America and the video rental store nearby.

After lunch, unit 2309 began a daily speed enforcement operation near Apples Church Road. After a while, with no speeders, Stackhouse moved the car under the overpass at US #15 at MD #77. Stopped no more than two minutes, radar captured an eastbound minivan traveling from Pennsylvania moving 41 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The lights came on, and 2309 did a U-turn, stopping the offending minivan on the US #15 North ramp.

However, the speeder caught a break since three short beeps came over the radio calling for all available units to respond to a situation. Stackhouse abandoned the minivan and leaped into unit 2309, lights and siren enabled. The day just got interesting.

From that point—around two o'clock until five o'clock—the radio was non-stop with service call requests. The calls ranged from fighting to vandalism and even a suspect with a knife. It looked like speed enforcement would have to wait until the next shift began. The final call of Stackhouse's shift was a medical emergency.

Officer Stackhouse left the scene of the medical emergency in the ambulance, accompanying the injured party to the hospital. It was unclear as to when Stackhouse's day actually ended. But one thing is clear, Officer Stackhouse would stay on the clock as long as required to get the job done serving the people of



Photos by Aaron J. Heiner

Officer Stackhouse performing routine radar speed enforcement along Apples Church Road.

Thurmont. And as long as the town of Thurmont has dedicated officers such as Officer Joshua Stackhouse on staff, the citizens of the Town are in safe hands.

### Check the Calendar

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## Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball 2011 Season Wrap-Up

by Jeff Little, President, Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball

This past season, we had forty-two 4 to 6 year-old boys and girls. As a former coach, this is one of the most enjoyable and rewarding age groups to coach. At the beginning of the season, there are players that struggle hitting off the tee, and by the end of the season, these same players are hitting coach pitch. We, as a program, achieved our goal by making sure the kids all learned a little about the game and had a good time.

Our two 8U baseball teams—the rookie division in Cal Ripken Baseball—started traveling to take on our Northeast Conference opponents. Playing on the road was a new experience for our instructional level teams. By being part of the Northeast schedule, we had to change from having three innings of machine pitch and three innings of player pitch to all six innings of machine pitch. Both of our teams played very well and showed improvement as the season progressed.

The minor league teams, consisting of our 10U program, experienced great success this past season. Our three teams finished first, third, and fourth out of 11 teams. The Emmitsburg Giants finished 13-0, through the regular season and playoffs. After the regular season playoffs, we selected an All-Star team to represent Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball—and what a fine job they did! They finished second in the Harry O Tournament hosted by Glade Valley; finished second in the Cal Ripken District 1 Tournament, and advanced to the semi-finals in the Maryland State Tournament.

Our major league team, the Emmitsburg Red Sox, had an outstanding season. They began the season with a perfect game, pitched by Kyle Little and Tyler McKenzie, and the team went on to finish the season with a PERFECT 16-0 regular season and playoff record. The team continued their winning ways through the Cal Ripken District 1 Tournament. They captured the

District Championship, a feat that has not been accomplished by an Emmitsburg team for this age group since the 1985 Little League team. The next tournament in their sights was the Maryland State Tournament for the 12U 46/60. There, they ran into a tough Severn team that eventually won the State Title. Our Red Sox ended up finishing third. Our young men took Second Place in the Fairfield Tournament.

This past season, we had two 13-15 teams participating in the Frederick County Babe Ruth Junior division. Our senior league team—16-18 year old men—finished in Third Place out of 11 teams, with a record of 11-4-1. Our Redwings play within the Frederick County Babe Ruth league.

On the softball side of the program, we are on the edge of becoming a force to be reckoned with within the Frederick County Softball League. We have teams at the 8U, 10U, 12U, and 15U levels. This past season, we had teams advance further and at a higher level than we have had in the past. We wanted to report that the 10U Emmitsburg Panthers had an outstanding season, finishing with a record of 7-3 for the regular season, taking third in the North Division of Frederick County Softball. They were 2-1 in the playoffs and went to the Gold Division Semi-final Game. The level of excitement about Emmitsburg Softball is growing within the Frederick County area.

As President of Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball I would like to thank the town of Emmitsburg and all the local businesses for your support. I would also like to send a special thank you to all of the parents of Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball. “As always, thank you for supporting Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball.”

## Choose Songs for the CHS Marching Cougars

As the 2011 Catocin High School (CHS) Football season approaches, the CHS Marching Cougars would like to invite you -- the fans -- to choose songs to be played during halftime at the game. The CHS band routinely plays “The Hey Song,” “On Wisconsin” fight song, and “Louie Louie,” among other traditional songs. Last year, they also introduced more popular songs, such as “Iron Man,” “Poker Face,” “Thriller,” “Don’t Stop Believin’,” and the theme song from the movie “Jaws.”

What songs would you like to hear? Please email your suggestions to CHSmarchingcougars@gmail.com, and we’ll try to accommodate them into this season’s home games. Responses are needed by September 10, 2011.

We appreciate your suggestions and your support!

## Heartbreakers 12U Fast Pitch Softball



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Members of the team included: Caley Arndt, Alisha Barnes, Ashleigh Bisset, Amanda Campbell, Kaleigh Edwards, Dakotah Fraley, Emily Maseth, Annie McClain, Stephanie Miller, Michaela Persinger, and Taylor Stocks. The team was coached by: Rob Maseth, John Bisset, Ted Miller, and Wayne Persinger.

The Heartbreakers 12U Softball team concluded their very successful season with an elite 8 appearance and a 5th Place finish at Pony Nationals in Cary, North Carolina. Prior to attending Pony Nationals, the team finished in the top three in 11 of 14 tournaments. These included: three 1st Place finishes, five 2nd Place finishes, which included a 2nd Place finish in the USSSA Maryland State tournament, and three 3rd Place finishes. The team qualified for a World Series berth in three different sanctions. The team played Class A fast pitch softball and had an overall record of 63-29-2.

The team would like to thank all of their sponsors for helping make their season a huge success. Sponsors included: D&D Drilling, Tristate

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## Joseph C. Joy Celebrates 84 Years

Joseph C. Joy of DePaul House, Baltimore, Maryland, returned to his roots in Emmitsburg to celebrate his 84th birthday. The affair was held at Indian Lookout Conservation Club on Saturday, August 13, 2011. He was surrounded by several family and friends was a beautiful occasion held at the foot of beautiful mountains.

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## Thurmont Little League Wraps Up With Another Great Season



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Thurmont Little League 11-12 Team, MD Champs

The Spring 2011 Baseball Season was a very successful one. The Thurmont Little League Board of Directors would like to extend their thanks to the community, parents, volunteers, and sponsors for helping to make for a fantastic season. We would like to extend a special thank you to the folks at PJ's Roofing for donating the time, labor, and materials for new roofs on the dugouts, sheds, and clubhouse at the Little League complex. They look outstanding and will be enjoyed for years to come. Thank you for such a generous contribution to your community.

Thurmont was proud to host the 2011 District 2 Tournament of Champions at Leisner field. At the conclusion of the three day Tournament, Thurmont's own Little League Cardinals were crowned Champions, after defeating Frederick National in the Championship game. This capped off an undefeated season for the Cardinals, with a final record of 18-0.

In post-season All Star Play, Thurmont represented District 2 extremely well. The 9&10 All Star team battled through five consecutive games, defeating archrival Brunswick handily along the way. However, they fell to Four County in a close Championship game. The 9&10 All Star team players were: Brianna Fowler, Ryan Fisher, Connor Cramer, Gage Randall, Jordan Kelly, Cameron Andrew, Mark Rogers, Austin Reed, Ryan Lucas, Cole Torres, Andrew Doane, and Evan Fraley. Coaches were Les Fisher, Terry Fowler, and Rudy Torres.

The 10&11 team did quite well also, playing four games but losing in a close game to Westminster in the semi-finals. The 10&11 All Star

players were: Dylan Reid, Chase Naff, Colton Clark, Will Smith, Conner Smoak, Thomas Lind, Alex Mayhew, Nicholas Flick, Derek Rivera, Alex Taylor, and Corey Burke. Coaches were Rick Mayhew, Keith Naff, and Rob Reid.

The 11&12 team won the District title by defeating Frederick National in Frederick. This is the first title captured by Thurmont since 2006. They traveled to the State Tournament in Maugansville, Maryland, where they lost to West Salisbury in an elimination game by a score of 10-12. The 11&12 players were: Jared Pawlus, Zack Scott, Jessie Burrier, Michael Tylicki, Justine Stein, A.J. Conley, Justin Hipkins, Austin Cramer, Reid Clingerman, Cory Worth, Thomas Wood, and Cole Mercer. Coaches were Phil Tylicki, Les Fisher, and Jim Stein.

With this being Thurmont's first year being involved with Babe Ruth, the Frederick County All-Star teams were very successful at their respective state tournaments. Frederick County swept the 13, 14, and 15 year-old tournaments. Each team is now proceeding to the Babe Ruth Regional Tournament. The 13 year-old and 15 year-old teams are competing in New Jersey, while the 14 year-old team competes in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The following Thurmont players are members of the all-star teams: 13 year-old team—Josh Little and Landon Wivell; 14 year-old team—Colby Smith; 15 year-old team—Connor Cool and Mark Smith.

Information for fall Baseball will be made available on our website, as soon as details are available. Please keep up-to-date with the league at <http://www.eteamz.com/thurmont/>.

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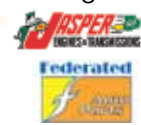
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## Mountaindale General Store & Catfish Nation Bait Shop

by Aaron Heiner



Photo by Aaron J. Heiner

Pictured are Steven Griffin and Tim Hagan of the Mountaindale General Store & Catfish Nation Bait Shop holding a giant catfish in front of the store on Mountaindale Road.

Steven Griffin and Tim Hagan, owners of the Mountaindale General Store & Catfish Nation Bait and Tackle Shop, consider the store a one-stop shop for locals and tourists alike. The location hosts three services in one location: services of a general store, a small BBQ joint, and a bait and tackle shop.

Griffin took over the store last fall, but opened it this past February. The store was originally built in the 1950s. It has served as a general store/bait and tackle shop since it was built -- minus a brief time prior to Griffin's purchase of the property.

Mountaindale General Store offers beer and wine, as well as many general items for sale. Griffin, who primarily owns and runs the store, notes that if people request a particular item to be stocked, he will try to cater to that request.

Griffin prides himself on the Texas-New Orleans blend of BBQ, "I call it a Texas bar-b-que with a New Orleans twist. We do beef, pork, chicken, and ribs." Looking at the menu, the prices for the BBQ are well within reason and certainly worth a try.

Along with BBQ, the store also offers full-service "made-to-order" variety foods—from pizza, wings, burgers, Phillies [cheesesteaks], and fries to breakfast sandwiches. "In the next couple of months, we're going to offer a more southern fare—more red beans and rice and New Orleans type of dishes." The upcoming assortment of foods will be offered once new equipment arrives. Also offered is soft-serve ice cream, milkshakes, and shaved ice.

The store, positioned directly on Mountaindale Road, is conveniently located to area visitors. Griffin notes, "We are a community-orientated store."

Next to Griffin, Hagan holds up a fiberglass catfish to pose for a picture. Hagan primarily owns and operates the Catfish Nation Bait & Tackle Shop. "Catfish Nation is something I started six years ago to bring anglers together on the weekend," Hagan said. The groups of anglers grew and from there he started the bait and tackle store, which includes the shop at Mountaindale Road, as well as an online store.

The online bait and tackle shop ships all over the United States and its territories. With very little local competition, the shop is the only one of its kind in the area. People travel down from Pennsylvania and up from Virginia and West Virginia to buy tackle, as well as bait.

Catfish are primarily in season from early October to May; however, the tournament season runs year-long from January to November, excluding December for the holiday season. According to Hagan, Catfish Nation held 42 tournaments this year in six states, and around 400 anglers took part in the competitions. "There are four different rivers that have catfish," Hagan went on to state, "The Potomac River is pushing out catfish in excess of 80 pounds. I have a 67 pound state record hanging on the wall. There have already been seven or eight 70 pound fish."

Catfish Nation Bait & Tackle Shop is the place to be for local catfish supplies, and while you're there, stop by the general store's counter for some of that Texas bar-b-que with a New Orleans Twist.

Mountaindale General Store and Catfish Nation Bait & Tackle Shop is located at 6322 Mountaindale Road. [www.mountaindalegeneralstore.com](http://www.mountaindalegeneralstore.com).

## Catoctin Pregnancy Center's Run for Life

Catoctin Pregnancy Center's 2011 Run for Life will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2011, at Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, in memory of Father Darin Didier. The times for the race are as follows: 7:30 a.m.—Registration/Package Pickup at Knott ARCC at west entrance; 9:00 a.m.—1 Mile Fun Run/Walk; 9:30 a.m.—5K Run/Walk. The entry fee is \$20, if received by September 10, 2011. If forms are received after September 10 and/or on race day, registration will be \$25. Send completed entry form and check or money order to the Catoctin Pregnancy Center, P.O. Box 1168, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Make checks payable to CPC. Shirt only: \$25, includes mailing.

In lieu of the Registration Fee, runners/walkers may solicit sponsors to support their participation (\$20 minimum sponsorship). We encourage all participants to solicit as many sponsors as possible to assist the women, babies, and families that come to the Pregnancy Center. Prizes will be given to those individuals/families that raise \$150 or more. (See sponsor form for more information). The application can be downloaded from [www.steeplechasers.org](http://www.steeplechasers.org). To volunteer or for more information call Jim Lowrie at 717-642-0196 or email at [jimlow@embarqmail.com](mailto:jimlow@embarqmail.com).

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## pets of interest

### Hanging Out

by Carie Stafford

As you can see from the picture, my owner, Cameron Baumgardner, and I are close buddies. We do everything together—when I am allowed to go along, that is. My name is Spike, and I am a legless lizard. Some people call me a “glass snake,” but I am actually a lizard.

What is the difference? Let me explain. I have movable belly scales and shed like a snake. I can even break off my tail if I need to and re-grow it. Inside my skinny body, I have the remnants of a hipbone and tiny tips of hind legs. Is that cool or what? The neatest thing about me is that I have eyelids. Yes, I do, and if you watch, I will blink just like you. And I do move as fast as a snake, too.

There are about 80 species of different legless lizards in America, and we can help people. But, people think we are snakes, and we all know how people feel about snakes...“a dead snake is a good snake.” We can help farmers by eating insects that may hurt crops, but then we are mistaken for the snake and “splat,” we are no more.

In captivity, I will live about 50 years. That is a long time. I started out about six inches long and I am almost two feet long now and Cameron has only had me for four years. I live in an aquarium with a couple of toads that Cameron found outside. We get along. We don't have much to say, but we do like the same foods—crickets, bugs, and mealworms.

Last winter, I did scare everyone.



Photo by Carie Stafford

Pictured is Cameron Baumgardner “hanging out” with his pet, Spike.

I got out of my cage when someone left the top off, and I got to live in the house for six months on my own. I lived on insects, and when I was done exploring, I went back into my cage. Cameron was upset that I was gone, and his sister was freaked out that I might be in her room. It was comical to hear them talk about me while I was out and about. Next time, I will leave a note when I decide to explore.

### Check the Calendar

Be sure to check the calendar on page 31 for bingos, breakfasts, dinners, programs, benefits and other events of interest.



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In yellow down front, team sponsor Rob Kline of Roy C. Kline; front row left to right are Courtney Scott, Amanda Kline, Syd Reaver, Destiny Powers, Audrey Kordek; back row Coach Cate Erfurdt, Kristy Erfurdt, Brandy Stone, Sam Smith, Kelly Erfurdt, Manager Brian Smith.

### FCGS Thurmont Thunder Wins Big

Pictured above, the Frederick County Girl's Softball Team, the Thurmont Thunder, won the Maryland/DC ASA U-18 Rec Tournament held July 16-17 in Catonsville, Maryland. Thunder went 5-1 in the tournament, beating Shore Attitude 7-6 in the championship game.

Thunder continued their winning streak when they won the 2011 Bengies Chase Summer Sizzler U-18 B Tournament on August 6 and 7 in Baltimore. They went undefeated 6-0 to win the event.



Pictured front Brandy Stone; middle row left to right are Coach Mike Walters, Jade Bowins, Amanda Kline, Destiny Powers, Mackenzie Smith, Kaylee Kreitz. Back row Coach Rob kiln, Madeline Yanrtti, Samantha Smith, Ciara Walters, Audrey Kordek, Manager Brian Smith. Not shown - sponsor Shannon Garver of Keyser-Garver Well Drilling.



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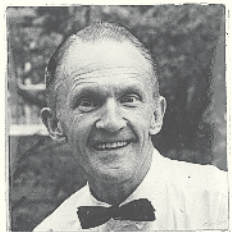
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## This and That

by

George W. Wireman



## 55th Annual Community Show

It is hard to believe that this year's Community Show will be celebrating its 55th Anniversary. It all began back in 1956 at the Thurmont High School, located on East Main Street, which is now the Thurmont Middle School. When the high school moved to Sabillasville Road, it became known as Catoctin High School, and the Community Show followed suit. Catoctin High School provided more space as the Community Show had expanded considerably. Emmitsburg became a part of the Community, and today the Community Show is a joint effort of both communities.

Known today as the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show, its purpose is to Educate, Inspire, and Entertain. From the very beginning, back in 1956, it was designed to furnish information by a display of better production and improvement methods, and to encourage greater care and development of better skills in production. The Community Show is sponsored by the Thurmont Grange, the Catoctin FFA Chapter, the Catoctin Area FFA Alumni, the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board, and the Maryland State Grange. Approximately \$12,000 is being offered as prize money, which will be won by the show exhibitors.

As always, the Community Show opens to the public on Friday, September 9, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. The annual community flag ceremony begins at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. This year, the Community Show is presenting a special program that will honor

the 75th Anniversary of Catoctin Mountain Park. Following the FFA Ambassador program, will be the baked goods auction.

Saturday's activities get underway at 7:00 a.m. with the Thurmont Lions Club breakfast. The Fitting and Showing begins at 8:00 a.m. Other Saturday events include: farm machinery display, petting zoo and pony rides, a pet show, the Thurmont Grange supper, and concludes with special entertainment by the Gospel Travelers Band in the school auditorium.

Sunday is a big day at the Community Show, which gets underway at 9:00 a.m. with the dairy goat show. Other activities include the FFA Alumni chicken bar-b-que, horseshoe pitching, cross cut log sawing contests, barnyard Olympics, martial arts, and music by Lester "Bill" Pryor. For the times of events on Saturday and Sunday at the Community Show, pick up a copy of the Community Show booklet, available at most business places in Thurmont.

September 9, 10, and 11 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) is the 55th Annual Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show, held at Catoctin High School, located at 14745 Sabillasville Road in Thurmont. I have attended every Community Show since it began in 1956, and each show has something to offer everyone, regardless of age. Please join me for the 55th Annual Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show!! I look forward to seeing you there.

## Emmitsburg Senior Center Hosts Picnic



Sylvia and Bo Bushman dance to the vocal music of Harold Staley and Harold Powell at the Emmitsburg Senior Center picnic held recently at Rocky Ridge Park.

The Emmitsburg Senior Center hosted a picnic for Frederick County Seniors at the Rocky Ridge Park in early August. Frederick County Senior Idol winners—Harold Powell and Harold Staley—provided a morning of musical entertainment, followed by a picnic lunch catered by Business Food Solutions and an afternoon of old fashioned bingo. A few brave seniors even ventured down the big slide!

The Emmitsburg Senior Center serves senior citizens in the northern region of Frederick County. The Center is open Monday through Friday, offering a variety of programming and serving lunch daily. In addition, the Center provides home delivered meals to homebound seniors in the Thurmont, Sabillasville, Rocky Ridge, and Emmitsburg areas. For information about programs and services at the Emmitsburg Senior Center, please contact coordinator Linda Umbel at 301-600-6350 or email [lumbel@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:lumbel@frederickcountymd.gov).

## Evelyn Lewis Celebrates 90 Years



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Pictured from left to right are Gary Clabaugh, Evelyn Lewis, Kim Boyer, Rachel Workman, and baby Bryson.

On July 4, 2011, Evelyn Lewis of Thurmont, along with her family and friends, celebrated her 90th Birthday at the home of Guss and Tessa Biser. There she met her great-great grandson, Bryson, making five generations in attendance.

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# Gettysburg Ghost Hunter: Part One

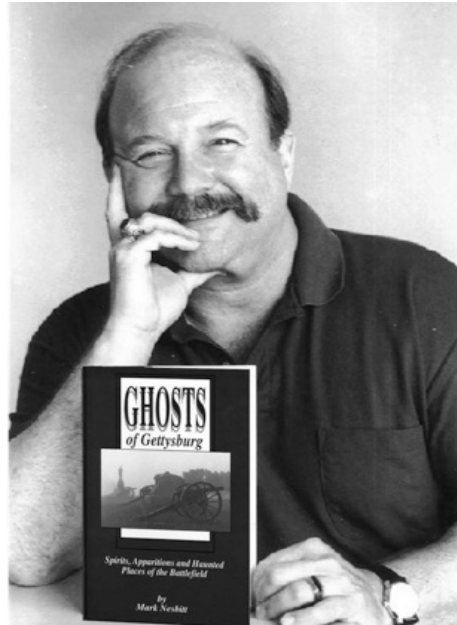
by Aaron Heiner

*This is part one of a two part article on paranormal investigations in Gettysburg, PA.*

With the growing popularity of “ghost hunting” in popular culture brought forth by such television shows as “Ghost Hunters” on SyFy, “Ghost Adventures” on The Travel Channel, and “Paranormal State” on A&E, it would be expected that interest in paranormal investigation in places such as Gettysburg (America’s most haunted town) would grow as well.

Mark Nesbitt, a former National Park Service Ranger and Historian in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, has been studying the paranormal for nearly 40 years. It was during his time as Park Ranger at Gettysburg that he fostered his interest in the paranormal. “I think everybody has a curiosity, but at some point, people blow it off and stop believing in ghosts. My particular interest peaked when I was a Park Ranger at Gettysburg. When I started living at some of the historic homes, I started asking questions,” stated Nesbitt. It was at that time that he started to record the stories that began his collection.

Once Nesbitt started recanting some of these “ghost” stories, he



Courtesy Photo

Internationally renowned paranormal investigator, Mark Nesbitt poses for the release of one of his ghostbooks.

would hear from former residents. This led to the creation of his first book, “Ghosts of Gettysburg,” published in 1992. From that point on, floods of stories started to come in from local residents. “People were afraid to tell their stories, but after the first book, stories started to flood in,” said Nesbitt.

Currently, Nesbitt has written seven books as part of his series on “Ghosts of Gettysburg,” two

manuals on how to properly investigate, four general history books, and a couple of other general ghost story books for a total of fifteen—though not all in current print. At the moment, Nesbitt is working on “Civil War Ghost Trails.”

Nesbitt started the first ghost walk in Gettysburg in 1994 called: The Ghosts of Gettysburg Candlelight Walking Tours. “I was kind of a collector of stories. In 1995, a friend of mine invited me to an investigation, and we went to certain places that were claimed to be haunted,” stated Nesbitt. It was at this time Nesbitt started organizing investigations.

The initial methods used to determine whether a particular location may experience greater than normal phenomena are relatively standard. “First thing we would do is interview the people who had the experience. Sometimes, we would take a medium. We have three [mediums] we would work with, at which a point a full team would come in and look overnight,” said Nesbitt.

Along with mediums, his investigative team would employ the use of quick-read thermometers which are pin-point thermometers, EMF meters used to measure electromagnetic fields and voice-activated sound recorders to capture electronic voice phenomena—referred to simply as EVP.

However, not all recording could be those of ghosts, and some may be simple background noises, or noises that can easily be explained. Nesbitt also continues to state that the best way to confirm an EVP is to ask a question and wait for a response. The investigation team also tries to address by rank or sir. “Research is the key when identifying an EVP. Names and rank are important,” emphasizes Nesbitt. If asked a question and an EVP is recorded with

a name, that name can be looked up and verified, thus validating the EVP as a voice.

At the end of the day, the standard conclusions as to whether a location is haunted can vary. Many suspected incidents of paranormal activity can be scientifically explained. However, often in a location such as Gettysburg that has many reports of paranormal activity, there are things that cannot be explained. That may not make them paranormal, but simply, unexplained.

Nesbitt commented at the end of the day, “I learn something new every time I do an investigation.”

*In part two, the Catocin Banner Newspaper will go on an actual investigation, and speak with locals as we investigate the James Gettys Hotel.*

## Ghosts of Gettysburg

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*Ghosts. Fact or fiction? While the subject may be controversial to some, please make note that the preceding article is reported by observation of fact and is in no way conclusive to the existence of the paranormal, either by the scientific or religious communities.*

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# tickling our taste buds

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

It is just really hard to believe that the Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show is here again. Where has this past year gone?

I always like to promote the Community Show in the September issue because it has meant so much to me and my family for many years. I used to go to the show at the old Emmitsburg High School with my mom when I was young. At that time, the Emmitsburg and Thurmont shows were separate, each held at their respective high schools.

The two shows were then combined and held at Catocin High School after the school opened. I started at Catocin in September 1975. I joined the FFA and was thrown right into Community Show preparations. I remember sitting in our meeting and where volunteers were being recruited to assist with taking entries. I was new, I reasoned. I didn't have to sign up for anything. I thought I'd just see how things worked first. It was then that Mr. Bill Baker pointed a finger at me and said, "Aren't you Jimmy and Sue Sanders' daughter?" "Yes sir," I replied. "I know your mom likes to bake, so you'd probably do well in the Baked Products Department. What do you say?" 'Oookkaaayyy...I'll try it,' I said, as if I really had a choice. Mr. Baker was a wonderful man, and I always think about him during Community Show.

That was 36 years ago (yikes!), and you will still find me in the Baked Products Department. My oldest daughter, Amanda, was very active in the FFA and Community Show and is now one of my assistants. Now that you've had a history lesson, I will share one of my favorite pie recipes with you. I have entered a peach pie in the Show nearly every year, and I am happy to report that I've won several Champion Ribbons with it.

I hope you bring your family up to the Community Show...it's a great weekend full of activities for everyone. Make it a tradition!!!

## Fresh Peach Pie

Pastry for a 9-inch two-crust pie  
5 cups of sliced fresh peaches (about 9 medium)  
1 teaspoon of lemon juice  
1 cup of sugar  
¼ cup of all-purpose flour  
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2 tablespoons of butter or margarine

Heat oven to 425 degrees. Prepare your favorite pie crust recipe. Mix peaches and lemon juice. Stir together sugar, flour and cinnamon; mix with the peaches. Turn into pastry-lined pie pan; dot with butter. Cover with top crust which has slits cut in it; seal and flute. Cover edge with a pie crust shield or a 3-inch strip of aluminum foil to prevent excessive browning; remove shield or foil for the last 15 minutes of baking.

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## The One Mountain Foundation to Host "The Night Is My Enemy"

The One Mountain Foundation will host the Blue Ridge Theater Guild in their production of "The Night Is My Enemy," a mystery by Fred Carmichael. The play will be presented in a dinner theater format to be held at the Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania, Fire Hall on Friday and Saturday evenings—September 30 and October 1, 2011; and Sunday afternoon—October 2, 2011. Doors for the evening performances will open at 6:30 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m., with the show starting at 8:00 p.m. For the Sunday matinee, doors will open at 11:30 a.m.; light fare will be served at 12:00 p.m., with the show starting at 1:00 p.m.

Tickets for the evening performances are \$40.00 per person and include a buffet dinner, provided by the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant. Tickets for the matinee performance are \$30.00 per person and include a light fare. Tickets are available from any One Mountain Foundation Board member or by calling Alice Humphrey at 717-794-5121 or Nina Rouzer at 717-794-0061. Group advance seating is also available by calling either Alice or Nina.

The story of "The Night Is My Enemy" revolves around Roane Shepperley, a blind girl, and her change from a girl into a woman. An accidental death is proved to be murder, and it becomes obvious that a maniac is intent upon getting rid of those who are imperfect—making Roane next. An attempt on her life reveals the murderer to the audience, but not to Roane. Slowly but surely all those in the house are taken care of until Roane faces the murderer alone—a blind girl versus an unbalanced killer. This exciting production is directed by Doris Merson.

This production is the fourth year of sponsorship for the One Mountain Foundation. The Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue Squad donate the use of their building, and Alice and her committee, with the help of the Blue Ridge Garden Club, turn the fire hall into a beautiful theater for the weekend. It's a fun-filled evening, with a major portion of the proceeds going to support the Blue Ridge Theater Guild and the One Mountain Foundation Scholarship Fund.

## Grange Baby Show at the Fair

The Frederick County Pomona Grange is sponsoring a Baby Show on Saturday, September 17, 2011, in the Farm & Garden Building at the Frederick Fair. Entries will be taken in the building from 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The contest will begin at approximately 10:15 a.m.

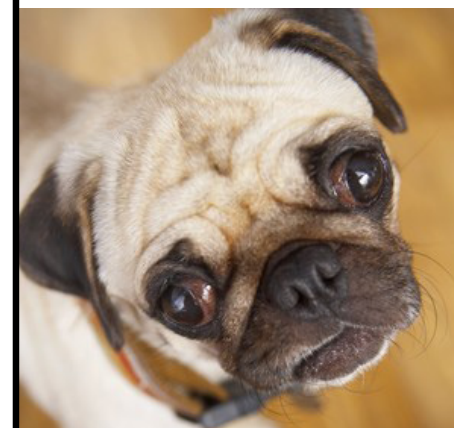
Categories are: Class A – Newborn (child born after July 1, 2011); Class B – Child born between July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011; Class C – Child born between July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010; Class D – Child born between July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009; and Class E – Child born between July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008. Prizes will be awarded for – Prettiest Girl, Cutest Boy; and the Longest Distance Contestant Traveled to the Frederick Fair in each category.

All entrants must bring a completed 3x5 index card with the following information. Please print: class; child's name as you wish it announced; child's date of birth; town of residence; parent's name; parent's phone number. Address questions to: Grange Baby Show, c/o Donna D. Wiles, 5543 Buffalo Road, Mt. Airy, Maryland, 21771 or email: mdstgrange@comcast.net.

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## Local Church Celebrates 140th Anniversary

Germantown Church of God in Cascade, Maryland, will celebrate its 140th Anniversary on Sunday, September 18, 2011. The congregation was started in 1871. For many years, they worshiped in a one-room building, located near the present building. In 1941, they dedicated the beautiful stone structure that now stands along Raven Rock Road, in Cascade. Two major additions have been added to that facility. Known by many as Bethel Church, the Church has joyfully provided ministry to Cascade and the surrounding communities. Fort Ritchie army base was located in Cascade. Many of the current members and attendees were formerly stationed at Fort Ritchie and remained in the community or returned following their retirement from the military.

Our Anniversary Day will include special music, speakers, and a lunch. During the Sunday School hour at 9:30 a.m., we will celebrate our history through testimonies and stories. At 10:30 a.m., we will have a combined Worship Service. Pastor Ed Rosenberry, Executive Director for the Churches of God, General Conference, will be our featured speaker for that service. There will be special programming and activities for children during the Sunday School hour and during the Worship hour. The lunch will be a carry-in lunch. Meat and beverages will be provided. If you are able, you are asked to bring a side dish, a salad, or a dessert to share. The community is cordially invited to join us for this special day.

The Church is located at 16924 Raven Rock Road, Cascade, Maryland. For more information, call the Church office at 301-241-3050.



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## briefs

### From the Family of the Late Gene Rosensteel

The families of the late Gene Rosensteel wish to thank all of our relatives and friends for the many mass cards, sympathy cards, flowers, donations of food and gifts, and especially for all of your prayers. We extend special thanks to the Frederick Memorial Hospital and Dr. Oh and staff for their excellent medical care.

God Bless all of you who helped make my Soul Mate, our Father and Pappy's last days comfortable.

*Joyce, Rick, Mike and Deb,  
Greg, Laura and Jeff,  
Josh, Justin, Alyssa, Nick and Matthew*

## Reserve your 2011 Christmas Ornament Now

The Thurmont Lions Club is pleased to announce the third in a series of Thurmont Christmas ornaments, featuring a winter scene from an original painting by Rebecca Pearl. "Winter on Main Street" features a beautiful view, beginning on East Main with the Catocin Mountains in the background. You can reserve your ornament at the Lions Club display table during the Thurmont-Emmitsburg Community Show or by calling 301-898-7004. Ornaments are \$10 plus tax, and only 350 will be available. The first and second in the series have sold out, so don't wait to reserve your ornament this year.



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## Outgoing Lions Club President Hands Over His Gavel

On July 28, 2011, at the Emmitsburg Lion's Club meeting held at the Carriage House Inn in Emmitsburg, Lion's Club outgoing President Robert Gauss (on the left) handed over the gavel to the club's newly elected President, Cliff Sweeney.



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## Bollinger's Restaurant, Thurmont

This month we visit Bollinger's Restaurant, a quaint family restaurant in Thurmont, located between the train tracks and the CVS on the north side of town. The first thing one will notice when walking in the door is the familiarity between the servers and customers, who all seem to know each other on a first name basis -- a good sign of repeat business.

I arrived shortly after lunch. There were several tables with customers seated in both the main dining area, as well as in the bar area. The bar area was dimly lit as opposed to the main dining area, which was moderately bright and airy. The main dining area decor was reminiscent of a country inn, complete with a fireplace in the corner. Since the main dining area appeared more inviting to a solo diner, I chose to sit there. The bar area may be better suited for a more intimate dining experience.

I was greeted by my waitress, Carrie, who was prompt in serving a menu and bringing my drink, a Coca Cola (\$2.00). For this meal, I started with an appetizer of mozzarella sticks (\$4.75). They arrived promptly and were golden brown, cooked perfectly. My only suggestion would be to serve the marinara sauce at room temperature (it was served cold), as it tends to adhere much better to the mozzarella sticks.

Next, for my main entree, I ordered a country fried steak dinner (\$8.75). Going for the maximum



meat and potatoes dining experience, I went with french fries and mashed potatoes as my sides. The mashed potatoes were standard fare with brown gravy. The french fries were very crispy on the outside with salt, but they were soft and fully cooked all the way through on the inside. The bread with the honey butter was excellent.

Now, for the main attractio -- the country fried steak. Bollinger's uses a chopped steak, which was cooked well and had just the right amount of breading. Their country fried steak is the essence of country cooking.

While they do offer homemade desserts, I was entirely too full to order any. However, judging by how good everything else had been, I am sure the desserts would also be excellent. I just couldn't fit any more food in me -- and I'm not a small guy, mind you!

I found the service to be very good. I would highly recommend Bollinger's to those who enjoy classic country home-style cooking, large portions, and affordable prices.



Bottom left: appetizer, mozzarella sticks and a coke. Top right: fries and a roll, along with mashed potatoes and country fried steak.

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## His Place Car Show

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

For information, call Bill Kuhn at 800-529-5835 or stop by His Place, Inc. at 20 Creamery Way, Emmitsburg. Rain date is Sunday, September 11. See their ad on page 16.

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in a time of worship and fellowship in the indoor horse arena at Andelain Farm, 14740 Mud College Road in Thurmont. Please bring a lawn chair, refreshments will be provided on September 9, 2011, and the second Friday of each month thereafter, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

For further information, please call Pastor Craig at 240-315-7997 or [www.riversedgeministries.org](http://www.riversedgeministries.org).

## Emmitsburg High School Alumni Banquet

The Emmitsburg High School 86th annual alumni banquet will meet on Saturday, October 15, 2011. All graduates of Emmitsburg High and all who attended the school are invited. They are asked to seek out classmates and encourage them to attend.

The event will be held at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, 17701 Creamery Road in Emmitsburg and catered by The Carriage House. Social Hour will begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Cost for the dinner is \$25.00.

Honored classes are 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, and 1966. Stan Hartle has prepared Emmitsburg High School Memories DVDs that will be sold for \$10.00 each to benefit the scholarship fund. The EHS Alumni executive committee is asking for addresses of former EHS teachers to invite. Banquet information may be obtained by contacting Becky Kile at 410-775-2783 or emailing [kilefarm@aol.com](mailto:kilefarm@aol.com).

## Vigilant Hose Company Fundraisers - September 18-24, 2011

The Vigilant Hose Company will be having several fundraising events the week of September 18-24. Usually, during this week the VHC membership is hard work running a food stand at the Great Frederick Fair. However, this year, the membership decided for many reasons to discontinue its stand at the Fair. In lieu of the Fair fundraiser, the VHC has scheduled the following:

The first event will be an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Sunday, September 18 from 7:00 a.m. until noon. The menu will consist of eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, chipped beef gravy, orange juice, milk, and coffee.

The second event will be our annual Sandwich Sale which is held in conjunction with the Great Frederick Fair. This sandwich sale will be held on Tuesday, September 20, from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. The menu will consist of our famous homemade (no filler) crabcakes, fried ham sandwiches (fried in peanut oil), fish sandwich, Maryland Crab Soup, and french fries. We will have limited delivery for orders.

The third event will be an all-you-can-eat Rib & Chicken Feed to be held Saturday, September 24 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. The menu will consist of BBQ Baby Back Ribs, BBQ chicken, hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, soda, water, and canned beer.

We hope that you will be able to attend one or all of the events listed. All events will be held at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall. For further information on these events, please visit the VHC's website at [www.vigilanthose.org](http://www.vigilanthose.org), call the fire station at 301-447-2728, or stop by the fire station on West Main Street.

## Who Am I?



### Who Am I? Next Issue

Your clues are: "Has lived in Thurmont for 51 years; graduated Class of 1971 CHS; first car was a 1963 Buick Riviera; his kids and wife have never seen his face; at work he finds himself between a rock and a hard place; likes to be behind a

camera, not in front of it."

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

Article and Photo by Laura O'Donnell

Your clues were, "Former Grand Knight; started an M.B.A. Program, just Ray, travels alot, Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree."

Those who guessed correctly are: Bob Rosensteel, Sr.

## I am Ray Lauer

For those of you attending Mount Saint Mary's University for your M.B.A, you have Raymond Lauer to thank! Raymond, pictured right, who goes by "just Ray," started out as a student at Mount Saint Mary's, and eventually started teaching there after attending Bucknell and Penn State for his Master's and Doctorate degrees.

Eight years after he started teaching, he became the Chairman of the Business Department at The Mount. In 1975, the President of Mount Saint Mary's asked Ray to create an M.B.A program. Ray not only instituted the program, he was also the first Dean for it! He definitely put a lot of time and effort into Mount Saint Mary's during the 31 years that he worked there. Ray is a very educated man, and he believes a good education is very important for everyone.

He said he was financially lucky when it came to his college education, because he earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degree on a GI Bill. He started out in the Navy and then became a Marine, so he was able to go out on date nights with his wife in both uniforms. From 1967 to 1969, Ray was also a Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus, which is a fraternal organization of the Catholic Church. From 1969 to 1970, he was The Faithful Navigator of the Bishop McNamara Assembly, which is a district Chapter.

Ray also loves to travel and has been on 13 cruises with his wife. They took a month-long trip to Europe, where they visited countries such as Italy, Germany, France and Austria. Ray also went on an



all-inclusive trip to Europe as a chaperone for 30 students at Mount Saint Mary's.

He and his wife are die-hard Penn State fans. They have gone to the Rose Bowl, Sugar Bowl, Orange Bowl, and Fiesta Bowl. Of all the places he has traveled, Ray loved Italy the most because there is so much to see there. He liked the Rome Coliseum, The Vatican, and other historic sites. While traveling, he also really enjoyed the friendly people in Munich, Germany and was amazed with the theater of London.

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## What's Up At the Thurmont Senior Center?

by Helen Deluca

If you weren't among the 74 people who enjoyed the Pen Mar picnic, shame on you. You missed a fun day. The food catered by Cozy was fantastic, the entertainment provided by Rick Hill was enjoyable. The bingo prizes were donated by Catoctin Orchard, Gateway Market, Scenic View Orchard, Harbaugh's Farm, and Bob and Ginny Kline. Just about everyone went home with a bag of fresh local produce—many thanks to these generous folks and all the volunteers who made it possible. It's an annual affair, so mark your calendar for the Pen Mar picnic for next August.

The Senior Center became independent of the Department of Aging on July 1, 2011, and the Center's Board of Directors (BoD) faced the challenge of keeping the Center alive and kicking. On our agenda, the BoD listed in matter of importance: (1) a better lunch program; (2) transportation; (3) a coordinator; and (4) the budget. Since July 1, our emphasis has been on the lunch program, and we are happy to report that it has really turned out well. Cozy Restaurant is serving excellent food, attendance is up, and there are no complaints. If you would like to join us, call a day ahead so we know how many lunches we have to order. The cost is \$5.00—there is a money box, and we use the honor system. Pay what you can afford. A listing of the month's menus and activities is available at the desk. Call 301-271-7911 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. if you have any questions.

In addition to those activities listed on our calendar, some new suggestions have been made: a tea party and fashion show, flower arranging, wood crafts, sewing projects, and calligraphy. There will be a sign-up sheet at the front desk if you are interested. Don't say I don't

know anybody there, or I've never been to the Center before, because it doesn't take long to get acquainted. Everyone is there for the same purpose—to get out of the house, do something different, meet and socialize with other folks, and have a good lunch. We hesitated about scheduling too many activities because of the anticipated remodeling. We are still waiting for a definite starting date, so, again, I say call the Center if you have any questions.

Our second item on the agenda is transportation. We are in need of a van. In the meantime, volunteers are bringing those in need of a ride into the Center. We are planning some fundraisers in the near future. The Thurmont Ambulance Company has offered to have a bingo party to help the Senior Center. Watch for a date in the near future. Also, the Center will feature a table of handcrafted items for sale. For \$10.00 you can purchase handmade "clothing protectors" (bibs for adults)—ladies and gents designs available. Crocheted hats and scarves will also be available.

Our third need is a coordinator. Presently, the front desk is being served by volunteers. Of course, having a different person each day can have its drawbacks. Each individual has a different approach to addressing an issue, and without continuity, problems can arise. Our hope is to have a coordinator from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (except weekends). Unfortunately, we don't have the funds to manage this at the present time. But, we continue to face one challenge at a time.

The next item is the budget. The Frederick County Commissioners gave us a one-time grant of \$13,000. Those monies are divided into quarterly payments and are being used for the food program and any items related

to it. Mayor Burns and the Town Commissioners requested an additional \$6,000 to cover utility expenses, which we also will receive quarterly. These are one-time deals, so we must budget and prepare for the future. We do appreciate your help, and if you need more information regarding financial matters at the Center, please call and ask for Patt Troxell or Roy Clever.

Now to introduce you to two more members of the BoD: meet Lynn Moseley and Shirley (Angel) Riffle.

Courtesy Photos



Pictured is Lynn Moseley.

Lynn was born in Wisconsin. She said it was a culture shock when, in her teens, she moved to Philadelphia. Lynn went to Utah State University for undergraduate studies, got her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Gerontology, and Special Education. She then went on to get her Master's Degree in Education. She taught school in Philadelphia and Virginia Beach, where she met her husband, Bill, who was serving in the Navy. They were newlyweds when they moved to upstate New York, where Lynn continued her teaching career. When they moved to this area, she taught Special Ed in Frederick before retiring in 2005.

Lynn came to the Center to volunteer with home delivered meals, and at that time, the Canaries with Patt Troxell were rehearsing, and she started humming along. Long story short, she's been a member of the Canaries ever since. She leads a Laugh-A-Yoga class every Monday, and also serves as Coordinator on Wednesdays. Bill and Lynn have no children, but she is awfully proud of her four pets—a Siamese cat, two puppies, and a purebred Lab. She does a mean karaoke act and always seems to be having fun.

Another BoD member is Shirley (Angel) Riffle. She and her husband, Frank, are a well-known couple in this area. Shirley was born in Rocky Ridge but moved to Thurmont at a very early age, and Frank has his roots in Thurmont. They met at a party, and it turned out to be a good combination. They recently celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary. They have four children—three girls and one boy. Their son, Dave, lives here in Thurmont;

daughter, Kathy, is in Washington State; and daughter, Karol, lives in Strasburg, Virginia. Daughter, Karen, is deceased. Shirley and Frank have six grandchildren and are expecting a great-grandson in October.

They share their love to travel and have been to many interesting places. They have visited every one of the United States, as well as Germany, Poland, Ireland, Mexico, and England, to name a few, but their favorite place to visit is Hawaii. Frank had his own school bus business and retired in 1997. Shirley drove Frederick County school buses for 34 years and now is retired. They enjoy their spare time with their grandchildren, and enjoy activities at the Senior Center. Besides being an active member of the BoD, Shirley has also been a member of the Red Hat Mamas for 10 years. She's a busy lady.

I must remind you that the Canaries



Pictured is Shirley (Angel) Riffle.

are due to start rehearsing and entertaining very soon. Do you like to sing? Come and join them. Also, the Wii Bowling team is getting organized. Mark your calendars for Flu shots on October 12, 2011, at the Center.

One more thought: Remember that the Seniors are an integral part of our community. Without them, there would be no past, and without a past, you have no present, and without the present, you have no future. Let's not forget the Seniors, think about it.



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## America Celebrates U.S. Constitution



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Frederick Chapter DAR Constitution Week Committee visited Vigilant Hose Company in Emmitsburg, the nation's second most frequently visited Fire house after NYFD Co. 10 located at Ground Zero. Vigilant is prepared to proudly ring the historic bell as a part of Bells Across America on Constitution Day, Saturday, September 17, 2011, at 4:00 EST. To be listed as a participant in Bells Across America, please e-mail [BellsAcrossAmerica2011@gmail.com](mailto:BellsAcrossAmerica2011@gmail.com). The Vigilant Hose Company's participation will reach many people across the nation. Pictured left to right are Steve Neale, Chris McKenna, Roland Sanders, Jim Click, Hugh Boyle, Mike Working, Ed Prendergast, Josh Brotherton, Greg Sterner, Frederick Chapter Constitution Week Committee Chairman Anna Peterson, Dale Fogle, Frederick Chapter Regent Barbara Shealer, Doug Yingling, Wayne Powell, Teresa Fogle, Shane Wivell, Jonathon Glass, John Glass, Chris Ryder.

Saturday, September 17, 2011, is the 224th Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution and the beginning of national celebration of Constitution Week. The week-long commemoration of America's most important document is one of our country's least known official observances. Our Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties and freedom, and to ensure those unalienable rights to every American.

The tradition of celebrating the Constitution was started many years ago by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). In 1955, the Daughters petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into Public Law #915 on August 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The Frederick Chapter DAR is sponsoring Bells Across America Frederick County, where bells are

to be rung simultaneously from coast-to-coast at 4:00 p.m. EST. Local churches, City Hall, firehalls, and individuals are asked to ring bells. Vigilant Hose Company in Emmitsburg, Guardian Hose Company in Thurmont, and the National Emergency Training Center will participate. The Frederick Chapter will sponsor a kick-off event at the new Frederick Visitor's Center at 151 S. East Street, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Home School Chorus, directed by Gwen Grant, will sing patriotic songs from 3:30-3:55 p.m. At 4:00 p.m. bells will be rung for one minute. There will be Special Guests, a Constitution Signing and student proclamations can be given and informative leaflets will be available. People in the community are encouraged to attend and invited to contact Frederick Chapter DAR for information on Facebook at Frederick Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution or by e-mail at [BellsAcrossAmerica2011@gmail.com](mailto:BellsAcrossAmerica2011@gmail.com).

## Donate Your Used Sports Equipment

Do you have used sports equipment taking up space in your home? Girl Scout Troop 81200 would like to have it. The troop is working on their Silver Award project, which entails collecting gently used sports equipment. They are accepting equipment for all sports. This project does not only help the environment, it will help enable local children to participate in sports. Drop-off sites and dates are: September 9-11, 2011, at the Community Show at the Girl Scout booth; September 17, 2011, at Thurmont Carnival Grounds—8:00 a.m.-Noon; September 18, 2011, at Thurmont Senior Center—10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; and October 8, 2011, at Thurmont Middle School—7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Daily collection, during business hours at: Hoffman's Market on E. Main Street in Thurmont and E Plus Copy Center in the lobby of Jubilee in Emmitsburg until October 9, 2011. Thank you for your donations.

## school news

### YOU Can Make a Difference in the Life of a Child

by Theresa Dardanell

More than 25 percent of the students in our local schools are in need of basic necessities that their families cannot provide. Some need medical and dental care, many do not have backpacks and school supplies, and others go to school without winter coats. You can make a difference.

Make A Difference Day was created by USA WEEKEND Magazine and takes place on the fourth Saturday in October every year. Make A Difference Day enables people in communities all across the country to join together to help improve the lives of others. This year, the Thurmont Lions Club has chosen "We Help Our Kids" as the Thurmont Community 2011 Make A Difference Day project. Proceeds from the fundraising project will be provided directly to the following schools: Thurmont Primary, Elementary, and Middle Schools, Sabillasville and Lewistown Elementary Schools, and Catocin High School.

Please join us in helping the children in our schools. Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated. For a donation of \$20 or more, you can choose one of the following gifts: a 24" x 18" sign or two 5" magnets (shown above). The sign can be proudly displayed in your yard or window. The 5" magnets will make a great addition to your car, on your refrigerator, or on the file cabinet in your office.

You can make a donation and receive the sign or two magnets at the following locations:

- The Thurmont Lions table at the Thurmont-Emmitsburg Community Show on September 9-11, 2011, at



Catocin High School;

- The Health Fair on September 24, 2011, at Thurmont Middle School;

- The Thurmont Lions Booth on October 8 and 9, 2011, at Colorfest; and

- You can also call George at 301-898-7119 or contact any Thurmont Lions Club member.

Funds raised will be presented to the school principals at the Make A Difference Day celebration on October 22, 2011. The celebration will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center on Church Street in Thurmont at 2:00 p.m. This very special event is open to everyone in the community. It has been coordinated by the Thurmont Lions Club, supported by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, and underwritten by Bill's Auto Body and Bogley Chevrolet. Please join us for this special celebration day and learn how the donations will be used to help the children in our schools.

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## Sergeant First Class Donald Ray McKinnon

by Jim Houck, Jr.

Lillian and Wayne McKinnon became proud parents on December 21, 1954, when their son Donald Ray, was born at Montgomery General Hospital in Olney, Maryland. The McKinnons took him home to a little farm in the suburbs of Rockville, Maryland, where he spent the first 18 years of his life. Donnie, as he was nicknamed, went to Rockville High School, where he graduated in 1973. He helped his dad on their small farm, where they worked and raised cattle.

Donnie's dad was a Drill Instructor at Camp Polk, (now Fort Polk) Louisiana, during WWII. Working with his dad operating a bulldozer for a local excavating company was the first job Donnie had after graduation. Donnie moved to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in 1974, where he worked a couple of odd jobs here and there, such as at the Cambridge Rubber Company. He also worked for the National Park Service as a YACC (Young Adult Conservation Corps), which was similar to the Peace Corps. He worked there for \$2.00 per hour until 1978.

Donnie joined the U. S. Army on a delayed entry program in February 1978, and went for eight weeks of basic training, and four additional weeks for training in tactical wire operations to serve as a field wireman. He then went to Hanout, Germany, where he was in the 1st 32nd Field Artillery Headquarters. He was in charge of a com-sat vault -- coding and decoding messages -- from 1978 until 1981.

While in Germany, Donnie was an M-60 gunner, a driver for the Battalion Commander and the Battalion Executive Officer, the unit carrier (carrying the mail), and Sp22 switchboard operator. One of the jobs of being in com-sat was in communication security (Donnie had a secret clearance for messages). Also while in Germany, Donnie took a trip to Berlin before the fall of the Berlin Wall and boarded a bus that took him into East Germany for a day. While there, he went to the 1936 Olympic Stadium where Jesse Owens received one of his medals. On the way, the bus had to go through a concrete maze to get into the east sector, through a guarded entrance called Checkpoint Charlie. There, loudspeakers were playing music and the most popular song of the day was Pink Floyd's "Another Brick In The Wall."

Another attraction on the east side of Germany was the Soviet Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Donnie bought an East German flag that he still has today, 31 years later. That trip was one of the best experiences Donnie had while stationed in Germany. He earned a United States Army Vehicle Safety Award while in Germany which meant that he had over twelve thousand miles of safe driving without any accidents.

Donnie came home from Germany and joined the 314th Mechanized Infantry of the U.S. Army Reserves in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Donnie's platoon sergeant was someone many of my readers of my column are familiar with, Bob Dinterman. Bob was Donnie's instructor at two of the schools he had to attend (NCO and ANOC). After being in the 314th Mechanized Infantry, Donnie received four Army Achievement Awards, and his fourth Oak Leaf Cluster.

Donnie's promotions include Spec-4. While in Germany, he became Sergeant in the Reserves. Approximately two years after he got home from Germany, he went from Sergeant to Staff Sergeant in 1984, then he was promoted to his retirement rank of Sergeant First Class in 1991. Donnie retired in 1996.

While in the Reserves, Donnie went to work for the company Dal-Tile (a company that makes ceramic tile) in February 1981. He got married about a month later. Donnie worked at Dal-Tile for over 26 years until he was permanently laid off. He currently works for the Gettysburg Foundation, and has been there since 2009.

He really enjoys being a member of the Honor Guard/Color Guard of AMVETS Post 7 at Thurmont, Maryland. The Honor Guard/Color Guard was started at Post 7 in 2003. Donnie has been a member of AMVETS Post 7 for over 20 years. Donnie was Post 7 Commander from 1998 - 2000 and 2009 - 2010. He is currently Post 7 Quartermaster and has been serving that position since 2000.

He is a member of the House Committee, Executive Committee (15 yrs. +), and 1st Vice Commander. He has been a life member since 1993. When Donnie was elected Post 7 Commander in 1998, he decided to "break the ice" a bit since he was the new kid on the block, so to speak. During a meeting, he went around

the room asking everyone what branch of service they were in. Some people said Marine Corps., some said Air Force, some said Navy, and some said Army. One of the members asked, "What has this got to do with the meeting?" So, Donnie told them a story about his dad and him raising black angus cattle. They were cleaning out the barn and Donnie was complaining, and his dad looked at him and said, "Quit your complaining; we are all in this together and don't forget it." That's what Donnie wanted everybody in that room to remember—we are all in it together and don't forget it. Donnie's entire family has been, or is, a member of the AMVETS.

Donnie enjoys going to Martinburg, West Virginia, to the VA Hospital visiting patients, which he does on a quarterly basis to take "we care kits" that Post 7 purchases from donations. Donnie reminisces about how, many years ago, they were on a quarterly visit to our disabled veterans, and in one of the wards, a patient was following Donnie around. Donnie was the last person going out the door—and patients were not allowed to leave the ward without permission. The patient tried to follow him out. Donnie said, "I am sorry sir, but I can't let you out." The patient stopped and put up his shaking fist and said, "I know how to use these." Donnie said, "I'm sure you do, but I can't let you out," and Donnie closed the door, making sure the patient was on the other side. When Donnie looked back through the glass in the door, there he was with his fist still up. Donnie says that when you visit the patients at our Veterans Hospitals, it makes you thankful for what you have, and he says, "Thank God for all our service men and women, and all they do and have done to make this a free and great nation."

Donnie McKinnon is a hilariously funny, extremely serious, intelligent,



Courtesy Photo

giving, caring human being—and a great singer as well (he does a great Louie Armstrong and Frank Sinatra, plus many others). I am also a big fan of Donnie's "Forrest Gump" impressions. I have a lot of respect for this man as a person.

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## At the Movies

by Valerie Nusbaum

Randy and I like to watch television. I'm not embarrassed to say that, and I won't apologize for it. However, around the end of May this year, we started to panic. There just wasn't anything on TV worth watching. We found ourselves staring at each other, hoping that one of us would do or say something interesting. We were at a total loss for things to do with our evenings.

This turn of events saddened me somewhat, because when Randy and I were newlyweds and there was nothing on television, we found all sorts of ways to amuse ourselves. Even years later, when we became too old and too tired to fool around, we still managed to have intelligent conversations—and when all else failed, we'd pull out the Scrabble game or a deck of cards.

Not so, this time. When the network TV dry-spell hit at the beginning of this summer, we decided to re-subscribe to HBO. We figured that we could find some recent movies worth watching, in turn putting off having to actually talk to each other or, heaven forbid, having to spell words using those little wooden tiles with letters on them.

We like movies, and we hardly ever go to the theater any more. It seems silly to pay good money for a ticket when, inevitably, one or both of us is going to fall asleep as soon as the lights go down. Either that or the fool sitting beside Randy is going to talk and rattle paper through most of the show. Not to mention the abnormally tall person who will sit directly in front of me. Combine that with the unpleasant odor coming from behind us and the sticky residue on the floor that I will most certainly set my purse down in, and it's just not worth it to go out to see a movie. We decided that we'd much rather

sit on our own couch and watch the movies on our big screen. We'd have our own healthy snacks, and no one would care if we slept through half of the film. And my floor isn't sticky.

Our movie marathon began right away, and we greedily devoured every new release on every channel. Some movies were good. Some were not.

I'd like to point out here that, in my opinion, it is categorically impossible for George Clooney to make a good movie. I know some of you would disagree with me, but you'd be wrong. Randy and I watched "Up in the Air," and it was another in the long line of duds starring Mr. Clooney. It's a shame because he's not a bad-looking guy. "The American" had almost no dialogue, and there was absolutely nothing patriotic about it. "The Men Who Stare at Goats" was really, really awful. We turned that one off about a third of the way through it. That's one of the many benefits of watching movies at home. If we'd gone to the theater and bought a ticket, we probably would have punished ourselves and sat through the whole thing.

Since June, we've turned off and tuned out about 50 films. We recently turned off a movie about a group of children who were lab-created in order to become organ donors. I couldn't sleep that night. The whole thing was so horrible and disturbing that we decided to watch the rest of it another time, convinced that it had to have a happy ending. It didn't.

As part of the HBO package, we also received all of the Cinemax channels. This was an added bonus of at least ten more channels, and lots more movies to choose from. Randy briefly became fascinated with the late-night adult programs on

Cinemax after Dark. I haven't seen any of that stuff, because I can't stay awake past ten o'clock.

So far, I've fallen asleep during two separate viewings of "The A-Team." Randy didn't like that one, because he's a fan of the "real" Mr. T. He says there's nothing like the original.

We watched "The Kids Are All Right" the other evening. The title was slightly misleading. The kids were, indeed "all right," but the moms were a mess. I can't talk about it in this venue, but I can say that I did learn a couple of things from this film that totally surprised me. Movies can be informative. It's a bonus when entertainment and education go hand-in-hand.

We've watched every episode of "Game of Thrones" this summer, and we've thoroughly enjoyed all of them, even though neither one of us has read the books. Who needs to read when we can just see it on television? This premium cable package pays for itself in so many ways.

In the last two months, we've watched ten or so romantic comedies or "chick flicks." Movies without all that gratuitous violence and nudity, and minus all the foul language, are so much more pleasant—at least that's what Randy says. Me? I like a little gratuity. I'm kidding. There's nothing better than some romance and a happy ending, right?

Tonight, though, we decided to conduct an experiment. No television. We ate dinner at the table like civilized people, instead of eating off trays in front of the television. It was rough at first, but we finally got a conversation going. It turns out that Randy has a job with an office and a staff, and I run some kind of business. Go figure. We're thinking of dusting off the Scrabble game tomorrow night, and by the weekend, who knows? We're not THAT old!

Maybe I'll just read a book.

## Engagement Announcement



Brian and Laurie (Meegan) Payne of Thurmont announce the engagement of their daughter, Kaitlyn E. Smith to Chad McNair, the son of Dale McNair and Mrs. Pam (Kent) Seabaugh, both of Emmitsburg. Kaitlyn and Chad are both graduates of Catocin High School. Kaitlyn is currently a senior at Mount St. Mary's University, majoring in accounting and marketing. Chad is pursuing a career in firefighting/emergency medicine through Frederick County Maryland DFRS and is currently employed by the Daughters of Charity in Emmitsburg. They are both residents of Thurmont.



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## 2012 Safe and Sane Events

The 2012 Safe and Sane Committee has a full slate of events scheduled:

- September 10, 2011, the committee will be holding a Golf Tournament at Maple Run Golf Course in Thurmont. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., with a 9:00 a.m. start time. Golfers, volunteers, and sponsors are needed for this event. For more information, go to [www.catoctinsafeandsane.com](http://www.catoctinsafeandsane.com) or contact Keith Delauter at 301-788-6417.
- October 29, 2011, there will be a Gun Raffle and Dinner at the Vigilant Hose Company in Emmitsburg at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 each. For more information, contact Julie Davis at 301-447-6811.
- November 6, 2011, the committee will hold a Cash and Vera Bradley Bingo at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance, and \$20.00 at the door. For more information, contact Denise Shriver at 301-447-3640.

Planning meetings for the Safe and Sane Committee are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center at Catoctin High School. Please join us at one of our meetings to find out more or check us out at [www.catoctinsafeandsane.com](http://www.catoctinsafeandsane.com).

## The Mount Announces Partnership

Mount St. Mary's University is excited to announce its corporate partnership with PNC Bank and the naming of the Mount's athletic facilities as the PNC Sports Complex.

Mount St. Mary's President Thomas H. Powell said, "We are extremely proud that PNC chose our university to demonstrate its corporate stewardship, and we look forward to continuing our mutually beneficial relationship."

PNC has had a longstanding, 100-year relationship with The Mount. During this time, they've supported athletic programs, provided personal banking services, financial education workshops, and more to students and faculty. Construction of the PNC Sports Complex marquee and Maryland highway directional signage is complete.

## the health jeanne

by Jeanne Angleberger, *Shaklee Associate for a Healthier Life*

Want to hear about a power-packed whole food? Hearing about it is a start. Your next step is to try it!

"Quinoa" pronounced (keen-wah) includes all nine essential amino acids that our body must get via the diet. It has everything that your body needs—fiber, vitamins, minerals, healthy fat, carbohydrates and protein.

It's a complete protein because it contains lysine—essential for cellular repair—making it unique for a vegetarian protein. You may know someone who has wheat intolerance, even they can enjoy cooking quinoa—it is a gluten-free food.

Historically, the ancient Incas considered quinoa a sacred food and referred to it as the "mother seed."

A cup of cooked quinoa provides 5 grams of fiber, 8 grams of protein, and is 220 calories. It has a fluffy, creamy, slightly crunchy texture and has somewhat of a nutty flavor when cooked. Jillian Michaels, author of "The Master Your Metabolism Cookbook," relates how quinoa may actually help people fight migraines. She credits this to the magnesium in quinoa, which works to relax the blood vessels.

Yours truly is posting a quick side dish using quinoa on Facebook. It goes well with any meal and is similar to rice. So, get ready to serve your family a wholesome, delicious food. Remember, eating healthy is a family affair! They will love you for it!

## imagination zone

*Children and Teens at the Thurmont Regional Library*

by Janet Vogel, Children's Services Supervisor, Thurmont Regional Library

It's hard to believe, but summer is over and school is back in session. When homework assignments call, remember that the library has a variety of books, DVDs, and magazines to help you with your work. We're also available online 24/7 at [www.fcpl.org](http://www.fcpl.org), with many digital books and encyclopedias at your fingertips. Just click on "Research" and then "Resource Guides" to see our many resources listed by subject. Need to research a famous person? We have an online encyclopedia with almost anyone imaginable.

All Frederick County Public Libraries are celebrating One Maryland One Book this year, and the Thurmont Regional Library and Emmitsburg Branch Library have many great programs scheduled in September and October. This year's book is "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" by Sherman Alexie. This teen title will appeal to adults, as well, so reserve your copy today! Author Sherman Alexie will be at the Weinberg for a free event on September 23, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. He is dynamic, engaging, and funny, and an author visit that you are sure to enjoy.

Other free events include many programs for teens. In Thurmont, register for a beading workshop at 6:00 p.m. on September 29, 2011; a Native American Drum circle on October 15, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.; and a book discussion on October 27, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. In Emmitsburg, the book discussion will be held on October 20, 2011, at 3:45 p.m., followed by the beading program at 5:00 p.m. Please register for these teen programs at both branches.

Children's events for One Maryland One Book at the Thurmont Regional Library include

a special edition of The Storytime Show with Miss Jenni on October 13, 2011, at 10:30 a.m., as well as a Native American History and Art program presented by Rose Hill Manor Park & Museum. Kids ages 6-11 can register for this program, where they will create their own artwork to take home. One Maryland One Book is a program of the Maryland Humanities Council.

Are you a LEGO® builder? Join us in Thurmont on Friday, September 23, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. for our LEGO® Block Party. We bring the blocks, you bring the imagination. Look for more LEGO® programs throughout the fall and winter. If you have any LEGO® blocks you would be willing to donate to the library for our programs, we would be happy to have them! If you can't make it to the Thurmont program this month, the Emmitsburg Library will also have LEGO® programs for children at 2:00 p.m. and tweens & teens at 5:00 p.m. on September 29, 2011.

Do you miss Lunch & A Movie now that summer is over? Never fear, Bieber is here! School is out on September 29th, so we will have a special showing of Justin Bieber's "Never Say Never" on the big screen at noon. Bring your lunch and a blanket or pillow for this fun, free event.

This is just a sampling of the many programs we have to offer. Visit our website (<http://www.fcpl.org/information/branches/thurmont/>) or call the Children's Department at 301-600-7214 for more information about upcoming programs. Our online calendar already has programs scheduled through November, so take a look at the new book clubs, ZumbAtomic for kids, and other exciting programs we have planned this year.

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## Scotty's Ride Children's Benefit Poker Run

The 6th Annual Scotty's Ride Benefit Poker Run will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2011 (Rain or Shine). Sponsored by My Fathers Footsteps Hair Design, Emmitsburg, and SAL / American Legion Post 121. The ride will start at Jubilee parking lot (Rt. 140 & Rt. 15 Emmitsburg). Breakfast sandwiches will be available for purchase. Register from 7:30-9:45 a.m. Ride begins 10:00 a.m. sharp. Ride will finish at Kerry & Valerie's house, 11322 Harney Rd., Emmitsburg, MD, at 3:00 p.m. (food, drink, and entertainment to end your Ride, featuring the band "Red Line." Visit [www.scottysride.org](http://www.scottysride.org) for more info.

## CHS Sports Boosters to Hold Halloween Dance

Catoctin High School (CHS) Sports Boosters Inc. will hold a Halloween Dance on Saturday, October 29, 2011, at the Thurmont American Legion. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m., and "The Cry Wolf Band" will entertain from 8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Check out their website for a preview at [www.crywolfband.com](http://www.crywolfband.com).

Tickets are \$10 per person in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at home sporting events through October 25, 2011, or you can contact Jessica at 301-788-0976 or Denise at 301-447-6816 for tickets. There will be a cash bar available, tip jars and a 50/50 drawing. No one under 21 will be admitted. Costumes are encouraged but not required. This fundraiser is to help raise money for the new sound system in the stadium at Catoctin High School. CHS Sports Boosters Inc. is a non-profit organization that currently helps with the purchase of team uniforms, two scholarships each year to graduating seniors, clinics for our coaches, and funds for equipment as we are able. A Capital Improvement Fund has been established to earmark monies for the sound system and future projects.

## Saturday Stroll to Feature "Furmont Days"

Thurmont First, Inc.'s last summer Saturday Stroll is going to the dogs... and cats, that is!!! The annual Furmont Days celebration in conjunction with Saturday Stroll will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. – noon, at the Thurmont Carnival Grounds. Visitors bring their pets, large or small, to participate in the all-day event starting with "Furmont Days" activities in the morning, followed by more activities on Main Street until 4:00 p.m. Sit and listen to live entertainment and an open mike from noon-4:00 p.m. J & J Catering will provide BBQ and there will be free popcorn, cotton candy and other treats.

Furmont Days is being sponsored this year by The Catoctin Vet Clinic. Cat events include: longest whiskers, longest tail, and "meow-iest" kitty. Dog events include: smallest pup, biggest bruiser, waggiest tail, "barkiest" buddy, best pooch trick, doggie musical chairs, and best costume. A minimum of 10 entries per category is required for each event to take place. Cat registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with cat events starting at 9:30 a.m. Dog registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with all dog events starting at 10:00 a.m. Contact Cindy McKane-Wagester at 301-271-7313 ext. 212 or [cindy@thurmontstaff.com](mailto:cindy@thurmontstaff.com).



Photo by John Kinnaird

During the Thurmont 50s & 60s Night at the Thurmont Carnival Grounds in August, Kyle Stine, Cora and Chloe Coblentz, enjoyed shade in the trunk of a 1939 Plymouth Road King owned by Bill Eckenrode.

## Nancy Dutterer Named 2010-2011 Lion of the Year

Nancy Dutterer joined the Thurmont Lions Club (TLC) in 2008. Since that time, she has been a living, working example of the club's motto, "We Serve," due to her contributions she has stood out as the epitome of service to our organization and others as well. Her devotion and care for the TLC members demonstrated by her special attention and dedication in her position as chairman of the Sunshine Committee—constantly sending cards, making phone calls to members in need, delivering care packages of food and flowers, sending well wishes—all done directly from her heart!

She was assistant chair person on the Thurmont LEOs for the Thurmont Middle School, working with the chairman until, due to health issues, Nancy willingly moved into the chairman's role not skipping a beat and doing what needed to be done. For example, she encouraged and motivated the young students by organizing monthly meetings and fundraisers, which netted \$906.00, of which \$850.00 was donated by the LEOs to seven different non-profit organizations in the spirit of the Lion Club mantra of "We Serve." She has devoted many hours lining up exhibitors, entertainment, and prizes for the ART Festival held at the Memorial Park—not to mention all the peanut butter fudge, peach and blueberry cobblers, strawberry shortcakes, and various homemade cookies that she has made for the various TLC events throughout the year, including the ART Festival, Community Show, and the Pit Beef Sandwich sales. She has been active in almost every TLC project and event held during the year, along with a positive attitude and willingness to help out wherever she can.



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## VFW Post 6658 Holds Open House

During the Emmitsburg VFW Post 6658's Open House on August 21, 2011, members and guests were able to meet the club's new bar manager, Ali Shriver, and new bartenders, Missy Houck Saylor, Jen Wivell, Lynn Orndorff and Tony Wivel. Post 6658 provides a positive social atmosphere where you can relax and reminisce.



Pictured left to right front are Sharon Williams, Bar Committee Member with Ali Shriver, Bar Manager. In the back are Bar Committee Members, Martin Williams and Bruce Weatherly.

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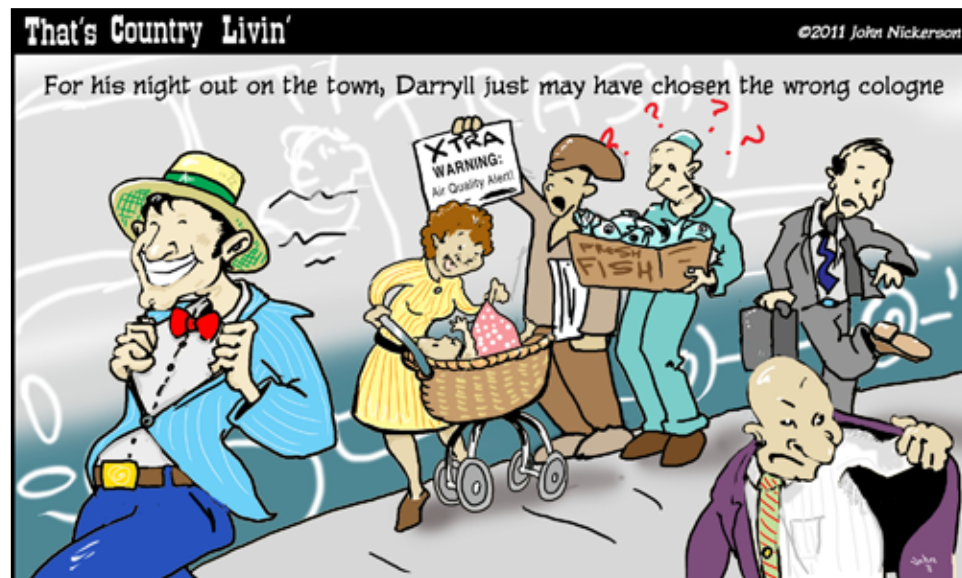
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## CYA Basketball Announcements

Travel Team Tryouts for JV and Varsity Middle School Teams (Mid-Maryland League) will be held: Thursday, September 29 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School (Boys), Friday, September 30 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School (Girls), Saturday, October 1 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School (Boys), October 1 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School (Girls), Sunday, October 2 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School (Boys) and October 2 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School (Girls).

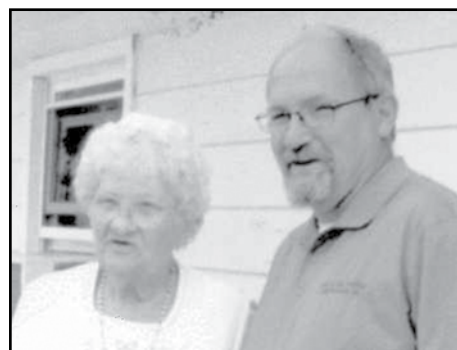
Travel Team Tryouts for Under 12 Year Old Teams (MYBA League) will be held: Wednesday, October 12 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School (Boys), Thursday, October 13 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School (Girls), Saturday, October 15 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School (Boys), October 15 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School (Girls) and Sunday, October 16 TBD.

Sign-Ups for Grades 1-5 Non-Travel Intramural Elementary League will be held on Tuesday, October 18 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Thurmont Elementary School Lobby and Wednesday, October 19 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Thurmont Elementary School Lobby.

For additional details or questions contact Dwight Baumgardner at 301-271-1154 or Dwight.Baumgardner@gmail.com.

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## Rita Stahley Turns 90

Rita Stahley of Emmitsburg turned 90 years old on July 10, 2011. She is shown here with Emmitsburg's Mayor Jim Hoover.



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## Notices

**VENDORS:** The Sabillasville Church of God of Prophecy, located in Sabillasville, MD, is opening their grounds for vendors during the Thurmont Colorfest, slated for the second weekend in October. Cost will be \$10 for a 10 sq. ft. space. Call Arietta Grimmett at 301-241-3707.

**NOTICE:** Home and Garden Party and Home Interiors have joined together to become "Celebrating Home" bringing families together. To request a new catalog, host a show, schedule a fundraiser, or learn more about starting your own business, please e-mail MaryLou Little at hgpartygirl62@aol.com or call 301-447-2073. Host your party in my home. Call me to set your date and I will do the rest. Celebrating Home Bingo, Wednesday Oct. 11, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. - \$25 order to me is your paid admission. Call Mary Lou for more details @ 301-447-2073.

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**YARD SALE** Saint Anthony Shrine Yard Sale and Flea Market, 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month May thru October. Corner of US 15 and St. Anthony Road, Emmitsburg. \$10/spot. 240-529-2737.

**TRICK or TREASURE SALE** Thurmont Primary School 9 a.m.-5 p.m. October 8. TEPS PTA accepting donations of items to sell until October 1, large items until October 8. Rent tables for \$10/each. 301-898-0299 or email kylesmom03@verizon.net.

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**FOR SALE:** Solid Oak 5 ft. Rectangular Dining Table with 4 chairs and a bench. Three leaves extends table to 8 ft. \$400. Call 301-271-7584.

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**LOT LEASE** w/option to buy: Beautiful Lot with Catocin Mountain View, 25311 Gardner Avenue, Cascade, MD. City Sewer & Water Hook-up. 12,845 Square Feet (Perfect for a doublewide trailer or modular home). Contact Dan @ 240-674-4121 or dan@lavellesurvey.com.

## Services

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## september

- 2.....First Friday Fun, The Children's Museum of Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 N. Market St., Frederick, MD, 9:30-10:30 a.m. The Red Barn program for ages 3 & up, including story and activities. \$4/child. 301-600-1650 or www.rosehillmuseum.com.
- 3.....Summer Sandwich Sale, Thurmont Lions Club at Bell Hill Farm, 1 1/2 miles north of Thurmont along US #15. 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (or until sold out). 301-271-0558.
- 7,8...Show Choir Tryouts, Catocin High School's (CHS) "Standing Room Only" Show Choir, in the auditorium at Catocin High School. 5:30-7:00 p.m. Open to all students entering Grades 9 through 12.
- 9.....Opening School Mass, Mother Seton School (MSS), 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. Invites you to celebrate the beginning 10:15 a.m. All are welcome. 301-447-3161.
- 9.....River's Edge Church for Cowboys, Andelain Farm, 14740 Mud College Road, Thurmont. 7:00-9:00 p.m. 240-315-7997.
- 10....2nd Annual His Place Car Show, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. Sponsored by His Place, Inc. to benefit Mother Seton School and the Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center. \$10.00/Car, truck, hot rod, motorcycle, or tuner car. Registration 8:00 a.m. - noon; Judging noon - 2:00 p.m.; and Awards presented at 3:00 p.m. Bill Kuhn 800-529-5835. Rain date: Sunday, September 11.
- 10....Safe & Sane Golf Tournament, Maple Run Golf Course. Start time 9:00 a.m., registration 8:15 a.m. Cost \$75/person; \$300/foursome. Lunch and door prizes included. The committee is currently looking for "hole" sponsors, as well as donations. Keith Delauter 301-788-6417 or Tina Delauter 301-748-8553. Registration forms available at www.catocinsafeandsane.com.
- 10....Family Fun Day, Cunningham Falls State Park, William Houck Area, Thurmont. Registration 9:30-9:55 a.m.; Fun begins at 10:00 a.m. Hiking, Fishing (MD Fishing license required > over 16 years of age), Camping, Lake Ecology, Scales & Tales, Bird Watching. Registration includes lunch. \$5/Person (child and adult) or \$20/family of 5 or more. Park entrance fee \$3/vehicle. Melodys@verizon.net or OWLife@aol.com. Sponsored by Outdoor Women's Life, Pheasants Forever, and Quail Forever.
- 10....Taneytown History Museum Artists on Display at the Windsor State Bank, Taneytown, MD. The exhibit hours will be Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00

p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - noon.

- 11....9/11 Remembrance Service, Fort Ritchie Community Center on Lake Royer Drive in Cascade. Service will commence at 2:00 p.m. The Mountaintop Community Churches, One Mountain Foundation, and the Fort Ritchie Community Center are hosting A Remembrance Service on Patriot's Day. Pastor Mark Hosler 301-241-3050, Pastor Richard Daughtridge 240-217-3701, or Bill Carter 301-241-4501.
- 11....Lewistown Ruritan Chicken Barb-B-Q, U.S. 15 North & Fish Hatchery Road.
- 14....Membership Social, EBPA at Stavros Pizza, Emmitsburg. 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 15....Open House, Mothers of Preschoolers International (MOPS) Group, Victory Tabernacle Church, 6710 Kellys Store Rd., Thurmont. 6:00 p.m. Refreshments, games, and prizes awarded and a free membership to MOPS International (\$23.95 value). Moms are invited to come see what MOPS is about and to network with other moms in the area.
- 17....Thurmont's Main Street Saturday Stroll. Noon-4:00 p.m. Theme will be "Furmont Day/Fall Harvest." Scavenger hunt throughout the main streets.
- 17....Catocin Pregnancy Center's 2011 Run for Life, Mount Saint Mary's University, Emmitsburg. In memory of Father Darin Didier. 7:30 a.m. Registration/Package Pickup @ Knott ARCC at west entrance. 9:00 a.m.—1 Mile Fun Run/Walk; 9:30 a.m.—5K Run/Walk. \$20/if received by September 10th/ \$25/after September 10th and on race day. Application can be downloaded from www.steeplechasers.org. Lowrie at 717-642-0196 or email at jimlow@embarqmail.com.
- 17....Peach Festival & Albert's Yard Sale, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 17015 Sabillasville Road, Sabillasville. 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 301-241-3287.
- 18....Shoot Match, Graceham Volunteer Fire Co. Inc., 14026 Graceham Rd. Thurmont. 12 Ga. starts 11:00 a.m. with 10 rds. + 1- 50/50, 4-10 starts at 12:30 p.m. with 5 rds. + 1- 50/50. \$2.00 per round and \$5.00 per 50/50. Brian 301-639-1515.
- 18....All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast, Vigilant Hose Company, West Main Street, Emmitsburg. 7:00 a.m. - noon. 301-447-2728.
- 20....Annual Sandwich Sale, Vigilant Hose Company, West Main Street, Emmitsburg. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The menu will consist of our famous homemade (no filler) crabcakes, fried

ham sandwiches (fried in peanut oil), fish sandwich, Maryland Crab Soup, and french fries. We will have limited delivery for orders. 301-447-2728.

- 21....World Peace Day Celebration, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. 1:15 p.m. The public is invited. 301-447-3161 or www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 23....Grandparents Day, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Grandparents and elders are treated to a special program by students, followed by classroom presentations and an early dismissal at 12:30 p.m. www.mothersetonschool.org or 301-447-3161. 24 ..Scotty's Ride Children's Benefit Poker Run, begins in Jubilee Grocery Store parking lot, Emmitsburg. Registration 7:30-9:45 a.m., ride begins 10:00 a.m. sharp. www.scottysride.org.
- 24....Health Fair, Thurmont Middle School (Summit Avenue Entrance). 6:30-9:30 am. No registration required for the following tests: thyroid (\$10), diabetes (\$15) and vitamin B12 (\$20) and prostate cancer screening (\$15). Free blood pressure check, oxygen level check, and adult vision screening. Health and wellness information and therapeutic massage chair. Donate used eyeglasses. Sponsored by the Thurmont Lions Club and Gettysburg Hospital.
- 24....Rib & Chicken Feed, Vigilant Hose Company, West Main Street, Emmitsburg. 2:00-5:00 p.m. BBQ Baby Back Ribs, BBQ chicken, hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, soda, water, and canned beer. 301-447-2728.
- 24....Sportsman's Drawing, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge. Doors open 5:30 p.m. Tickets \$25/each. 301-271-4682.
- 25....Thurmont Historical Society Annual Picnic, Thurmont Town Park, Small Pavilion. Social hour 4:00-5:00 p.m., dinner following. Guest speaker: Elizabeth Scott Shatto, with the Tourism Council of Frederick County. Event is FREE (please bring a covered dish to share). The Historical Society will provide the paper products and meat for the dinner. RSVP to Carol Ford 301-271-7608 or by emailing candjford1@verizon.net.
- 25....Civil War Church Service, Eyler's Valley Chapel, 6629 Eylers Valley Flint Road, Sabillasville. 7:00 p.m. Evangelistic preaching by Chaplain René and Rommi Kinard with camp meeting style music. Eylersvalleychapel.com.


- 27....Feast of St. Vincent DePaul Mass, Mother Seton School, Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. 10:15 a.m. 301-447-3161.
- 28....Open House, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. 301-447-3161 or www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 30....Dinner Theater, The One Mountain Foundation at the Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue Squad Hall on Monterey Lane in Blue Ridge Summit, PA. Hosting the Blue Ridge Theater Guild in their production of "The Night is My Enemy."

## october

- 1,2....Dinner Theater, The One Mountain Foundation is hosting the Blue Ridge Theater Guild in their production of "The Night is My Enemy," at the Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue Squad Hall on Monterey Lane in Blue Ridge Summit, PA.
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- 6.....The 6th Annual 'Angels Above' Golf Tournament, Mountain View Golf Club (located in nearby Fairfield, PA). Light lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tee time is 1:00 p.m. Benefit the Mother Seton School (MSS) Scholarship Fund. Tony Little at 301-644-2671 or LittleMoore@LittleMoore.com.

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